

# SP-BSP alliance may cost BJP 25-30 LS seats in UP: Athawale

**LUCKNOW, MARCH 30**—Union minister and chief of NDA ally (A) Ramdas Athawale today said the SP-BSP tie-up in Uttar Pradesh might cost the BJP and its partners 25 to 30 Lok Sabha seats in next year's general elections, but asserted that "no one can challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi".

Uttar Pradesh has 80 Lok Sabha seats, of which the BJP and its allies had won 73 in the 2014 parliamentary elections. The Congress had won Amethi and Rae Bareilly, while the Samajwadi Party (SP) bagged five seats. After the recent bypolls, SP's tally in the Lok Sabha went up to seven.

"The SP-BSP may damage the BJP and its allies by winning some 25-30 (Lok Sabha) seats. But, the BJP will get more than 50 seats. However, this will not prevent the BJP-led NDA from returning to power at the Centre after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls," he told a press conference here.

In the same breath, the Republican Party of India (A) leader said, "No one can challenge Prime

Minister Narendra Modi—neither Congress president Rahul Gandhi, nor SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, nor BSP supremo Mayawati."

The SP wrested the prestigious Gorakhpur and Phulpur Lok Sabha seats from the BJP in the recent by-elections after reaching an understanding with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP).

A consolidation of OBC, Dalit and Muslim votes catered to the Samajwadi Party candidates to victory in Gorakhpur, a seat represented by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for five successive terms, and Phulpur, from where his deputy Keshav Prasad Maurya was elected in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Amid Mayawati's ongoing efforts to cobble together non-BJP parties for the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the RPI(A) president asked the BSP supremo to join the NDA for their concern for Dalits was genuine. Seeking to drive a wedge into the new-found bonhomie between the SP and the BSP, Athawale claimed that the BSP candidate lost the Rajya Sabha election in Uttar Pradesh as the

Akhilesh Yadav-led party had "betrayed" Mayawati's nominee by not backing him in return for her support during the Lok Sabha bypolls.

Atrocities were still being committed on Dalits, but the BJP-led government at the Centre was not responsible for it, the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment said, adding there was need to give more teeth to the law to protect the Dalits.

Athawale welcomed the Uttar Pradesh chief minister's announcement of exploring the possibility of reservation to the most backward communities and Mahadalits (most deprived) and that a committee in this regard will be set up to look into the issue which will submit a report soon.

The announcement made by the chief minister on the floor of the state Assembly was being viewed as an attempt to counter the changed caste equations which have emerged following new-found SP-BSP closeness and its debilitating effect for the BJP in 2019 Lok Sabha election.

The Union minister also hailed the decision of the Yogi Adityanath government to introduce B R Ambedkar's middle name "Ramji" in all references to him in official correspondence and records, and said there should be no politics over such issues.

"The government order did not go down well with the opposition ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, with the BSP and the SP seeing vote-bank politics behind it. Hours after the decision, Mayawati had said, "The state government's move to change the name of Ambedkar is a drama aimed at getting cheap popularity. The BJP and its government has been taking the name of Babasaheb these days for the selfish motive of gaining the votes of Dalits and indulging in all kind of dramas." The government's decision also drew flak from the SP and the Congress.

As the matter got embroiled in political hullabaloo, UP Cabinet Minister Swami Prasad Maurya had said there was no politics in

the government decision and no motive should be attached to the order.

Another senior state minister and spokesperson of the Uttar Pradesh government Sidharth Nath Singh said the BJP has only seen to it that the name of Baba Saheb is written correctly.

Today, Athawale, who is from Maharashtra, said in his state, father's name is mentioned in the middle of the son's name.

In December last year, a campaign to write Ambedkar's name "correctly" was initiated by Uttar Pradesh Governor Ram Naik, citing the manner in which Ambedkar signed on the pages of the Constitution.

The spelling of Ambedkar in English will remain unchanged, but in Hindi it will be spelt as 'Aambekar'.

The governor had written to the prime minister, the chief minister and also Babasaheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Mahasabha, expressing concerns over the prevalent "incorrect spelling" of Ambedkar. (PTI)

# Next up from PM, book on stress relief after lives destroyed by paper leaks: Rahul

**NEW DELHI, MARCH 30**—Congress president Rahul Gandhi today kept up his attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the CBSE leaks, saying he would now write a sequel to his book "Exam Warriors" to teach students stress relief after their lives were "destroyed" due to paper leaks. Mocking the Prime Minister on Twitter, Gandhi attached a photograph of Modi playing with children. "PM wrote Exam Warriors, a book to teach students stress relief during exams. Next up: Exam Warriors 2, a book to teach students and parents stress relief, once their lives are destroyed due to leaked exam papers," he tweeted. The prime minister had also talked about fighting exam stress in his "Mann Ki Baat" programme ahead of the board exams. The Congress has been attacking the prime minister on the CBSE announcing a repeat of the Class 10 mathematics and Class 12 economics papers after reports that they were leaked. It has demanded the sacking of HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and CBSE chairperson Anita Karwal and a judicial probe by a high court judge. In another tweet on the occasion of Good Friday, Gandhi hoped peace and love fills everyone's hearts and homes. "On this Good Friday, let us forgive those who have sinned, let peace with those with whom we are at war; let peace and love fill our hearts and our homes," he said. Yesterday, Gandhi had targeted Modi over the series of leaks, including CBSE board papers, to say that the "chowkidar" was weak. (PTI)



Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu lighting the lamp at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Mahila Dakshata Samiti, in Hyderabad

# Amit Shah continues to reach out to Lingayat seers

**MYSURU, MARCH 30**—Continuing BJP's bid to reach out to the prominent Lingayat community, party national president Amit Shah today began his fourth leg of Karnataka visit with a visit to the community prominent pontiff at Suttur Mutt here.

"Took blessings of Sri Shivarthri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji of Sri Suttur Math in Mysuru." Shah tweeted after his meeting with the seer, who, he noted, had made significant efforts towards propagating the values of Indian culture and tradition worldwide.

Shah also said he admired the mat's role in providing education to the poor in rural Karnataka. He has already covered parts of coastal and Malnad, north, and central regions of the state. The BJP president had begun his third leg of tour on March 26 by seeking blessings of 111-year old Sri Shivakumar Swami of Sidhadagga Mutt in Tumakuru, a revered seer of the Lingayat community.

The meeting with the Lingayat seers is being seen as an attempt to reach out to the Lingayats/Veeshavah, who are numerically and politically powerful in the state and form a major voter base for the BJP. The visit assumes signifi-

cance as it comes in the backdrop of the Siddaramaiah government's move to recommend to the Centre to accord a religious minority tag to Lingayats and Veerashavha Lingayats, in an attempt to wean away a section of them from the BJP.

A prominent Lingayat seer had early this week recommended the Siddaramaiah government's decision to recommend grant of religious minority tag to Lingayats and Veerashavha Lingayats, in an attempt to wean away a section of them from the BJP.

Besides visiting mats associated with Lingayats, Shah is also visiting with Dalit communities.

He had selected pontiff of Madara Chenniah matt, which has been traditionally associated with Dalits, in his first round of visit. The BJP is making an all-out effort to reach out to the Congress from the only big state where the grand old party is in power. (PTI)

# PM hails role of Kutchi Leva Patel community

**NEW DELHI, MARCH 30**—Prime Minister Narendra Modi today lauded the role of Kutchi Leva Patel community in the development of East Africa, saying Indians living abroad are the country's "permanent ambassadors".

Addressing the silver jubilee celebrations of the "Shree Kutchi Leva Patel Samaj" in Nairobi, Kenya via video conferencing, he lauded the contribution of the community in various welfare activities and the development of East Africa.

He also recalled the role of members of Indian community in Kenya's freedom movement, an official statement said.

Addressing the gathering in Gujarati, he said Indians living abroad are "permanent ambassadors" of the country and help strengthen bonds between nations.

The prime minister appreciated the contribution of Kutchi samaj towards the rural development, especially their role in the reconstruction and rehabilitation after the earthquake in Kutch in 2001.

He said, "Kutch which was once considered a deserted place, has been converted into a prime tourist destination".

Modi also highlighted the double engine strength of the Centre and the state government in carrying out the development activities in the region.

"The region has received thousands of crore rupees of investment in last few years," he said.

He pointed out that the engagement of India and African countries has been on the rise.

The India-Africa Summit and a meeting of African Development Bank were held in India and the President, the Vice President, and himself as the PM have visited various African countries on more than 20 occasions, during the tenure of the present government, he said.

During his address, the PM also invited persons in the gathering, especially who have not visited India, on the occasion of Kumbha Mela in January 2019 to experience the cultural and spiritual tradition of India. (PTI)

# Satav named Cong in-charge in Guj, Jitendra Singh in Odisha

**NEW DELHI, MARCH 30**—Congress president Rahul Gandhi today appointed MP Rajeev Satav as in-charge of the party's affairs in Gujarat and former union minister Jitendra Singh as its man in charge of Odisha. Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot was entrusted the responsibility as AICC general secretary in charge of Gujarat, ahead of assembly polls in the state late last year. "Congress President Rahul Gandhi has appointed Rajeev Satav, MP as the AICC in-charge of Gujarat with immediate effect," said a statement by AICC general secretary Jaganandan Dwivedi.

Congress President Rahul Gandhi has appointed Jitendra Singh, ex-union minister as AICC in-charge of Odisha, in place of B K Hariprasad, "said a second statement. The second order also said the party appreciates the hard work and contribution of

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# TN Govt will move SC on Cauvery issue

**MADURAI/CHENNAI, MARCH 30**—The Tamil Nadu government will move the Supreme Court on the issue of constituting the Cauvery Management Board (CMB), Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami said today. Asked what kind of petition the state intended to file in the apex court, he told reporters in Madurai. "All that is still being discussed with legal experts," Palaniswami had yesterday chaired a meeting here with his senior cabinet colleagues, including Deputy Chief Minister O Panerselvam, and officials, to discuss legal steps to be taken in this regard.

Thursday's meeting was held following the end of a

six-week deadline given by the Supreme Court to the Centre to formulate a scheme on the Cauvery dispute.

Tamil Nadu's stand is that the Centre must constitute the CMB and Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee (CWRC) within six weeks from the day the apex court gave its verdict, which would be March 29.

The Supreme Court had on February 16 pronounced its verdict on the vexed dispute between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

Underlining his government's commitment towards setting up of CMB and the CWRC, Palaniswami pointed out that his party MPs had vociferously taken

up the matter in Parliament leading to the proceedings being stalled for over two weeks.

"They (MPs) have been doing so to reflect the aspirations of the people of the state and armers," he added.

Fisheries Minister D Jayakumar said in Chennai that the government has decided to approach the apex court on the matter.

"We are going to approach the Supreme Court... the government is holding discussions," he told reporters here. Jayakumar said the government was committed to uphold the rights of the state and welfare of the farmers in the Cauvery issue. He, however, indicated the state might ap-

# Goondas can't claim human rights, public parade justified: MP CM

**BHOPAL, MARCH 30**—Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today sought to justify instances of public parade of criminals by the police, asserting "goondas" have no human rights and that the state government had zero tolerance for crimes against women.

He said that those who evades and harass girls and women and make it difficult for them to step out of their homes cannot claim human rights. "There are no human rights for goondas (anti-social elements),"

Chouhan told reporters here. "The state government has zero tolerance for crimes against women." On March 25, the police had arrested and publicly paraded four men for allegedly raping a collegian here and several women by bystanders had also slapped the accused. The chief minister today said that 92 per cent of rape cases had involvement of relatives, family members or acquaintances.

Replying to a query on implementing a strict operation against sand mafia,

Asked about the police allegedly dilly-dallying a case related to the suicide of a woman, whose kin had claimed she was married to the son of PWD Minister Rampal Singh, Chouhan said, "Law will take its own course." He also announced the state government would set up an agency to promote the export of farm produce.

"Agricultural production has gone up in the state and the government is now making efforts to provide beneficial prices to farmers. We are planning to set up an agency to explore the export of agricultural produce."

He said there was no anti-incumbency against the government in the state and that recent defeats of the BJP in bypolls could not be taken as an indicator of it. "But we have taken the outcome of these polls seriously." "Wherever I visit, I see the response of the people. They love me and appreciate the state government. There is no anti-incumbency," he claimed.

Earlier in the day, Chouhan participated in a police event on women's safety and security. (PTI)

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