

End of SP-BSP alliance may help BJP strengthen position in Uttar Pradesh

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The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) on Monday announced that it will not continue its 2019 alliance with the Samajwadi Party (SP) in Uttar Pradesh. A series of tweets by BSP president Mayawati held the SP's "post-poll behaviour", which she said raised doubts on whether it can defeat the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as the main factor behind the decision. She also claimed the high moral ground for the BSP, which she said, allied with the SP in "people's interest" in spite of the latter's poor track record and anti-Dalit politics during its tenure between 2012 and 2017. The BSP had earlier accused the SP of failing to ensure transfer of its core voters to BSP candidates during the 2019 elections. An IIT analysis of election statistics suggests that the BSP's decision might further strengthen the BJP in Uttar Pradesh at the cost of both the SP and the BSP, especially the latter. The BJP won 62 out of the 80 seats in Uttar Pradesh in the



2019 elections with a vote share of 49.6%. Compared to 2014, this is a decline of nine seats despite an increase of seven percentage points in vote share. A long-term analysis of BJP's performance in Uttar Pradesh shows that the BJP's seat share to vote share ratio in 2019 is the lowest among the four times (1996, 1998, 2014 and 2019) it has won majority of seats in the state. Seat share to vote share ratio is a useful metric to measure a party's ability to convert popular support into seats. This analysis excludes the five parliamentary

constituencies which were carved out after the creation of Uttarakhand. These numbers suggest that the SP-BSP alliance was a crucial factor in reducing the BJP's seat tally in Uttar Pradesh despite the party getting its highest-ever vote share. An assembly constituency (AC)-wise disaggregated analysis can explain this more clearly. There were 373 ACs in Uttar Pradesh, which had BJP candidates in the 2014, 2017 and 2019 elections. The BJP won 310, 302 and 262 of these in the 2014, 2017 and 2019 elections. The trends are completely opposite for the SP and the BSP. Of the 143 ACs, which the SP contested in each of these, it won 33, 27 and 37 in the 2014, 2017 and 2019 elections. There are 192 ACs that had BSP candidates in 2014, 2017 and 2019 elections, and it won 65 of these in 2019 against just seven and 13 in 2014 and 2017. This can be seen from the comparison of strike rates - seats won as a percentage of seats contested - of the three

parties. To be sure, the fact remains that the SP-BSP alliance has failed to live up to its expectations in the 2019 polls. The main reason for this is a decline in the combined vote share of the SP and BSP in 2019 compared to 2014 and 2017, even as the BJP increased its vote share to almost 50%. However, any such analysis must not ignore that the 2019 performance of the SP-BSP alliance is the best against the BJP since SP's assembly victory in 2012 in terms of seats, even with a lower vote-share. It is also noteworthy that the SP and the BSP had performed much better in the 2017 assembly elections than the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. This suggests that an alliance could have performed better in the 2022 assembly elections in the state. Of the 192 ACs that had candidates from the BJP, the BSP and the SP in 2014 and 2017 elections and BJP versus SP-BSP candidates in 2019, the combined vote share of the SP and BSP was more than 50% in 2017 elections.

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Rubber Board's Effort to enhance Rubber production in Manipur

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As a part of planting rubber extensively and to increase the production of rubber in Manipur, Rubber Board of India organized sensitization & demonstration program at Imphal and Moreh. As a part of the program Rubber board and National Institute of Agriculture Marketing, Jaipur jointly organized an expo called "Vibrant North-East" for rubber plantation and marketing from 19 to 21st June at Central Agriculture University (CAU). During this expo, a sensitization program for rubber grower and rubber marketing for entrepreneurs was held at CAU on 19th June and on 21st June the same



program was held at Moreh. The program at CAU and Moreh was attended by 36 & 30 growers and entrepreneurs respectively. In the program at Moreh, experts gave lectures and demonstration, how to plant rubber and tapping and marketing. The program was attended by Dr. Ramesh Mital, Director, National Institute of Agricultural Institute, Jaipur, Shri Cecil

Varkey, Deputy Rubber Production Commissioner, Rubber Board, Gauhati, Dr. Vinoy Kuren, Deputy Director, Marketing, Rubber Board, Kotayam and Shri Laishram Yaiphaba, Field Officer, Rubber board Jiribam. Shri Sanjenbam Sher Singh, Field officer, Rubber Board Kolasib, Mizoram demonstrated the scientific cultivation and management of rubber while Arup

Sport News

India's junior women pugilists win 7 medals including 5 golds at 5th Black Forest Cup in Germany

Ambeshori Devi from Manipur has won Gold in 57Kg

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India's junior women's boxers captured a healthy haul of seven medals that included five gold and two silver to finish their campaign on a high at the 5th Black Forest Cup 2019 Championship in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany held from June 19-23. Tamanna (48kg), Kh. Anju Devi (50kg), Neha (54kg), H. Ambeshori Devi (57kg), and Preeti Dahiya (60kg) returned with the gold out of the 13-member Indian squad that had participated.

While Tamanna faced some stiff resistance from Daria of Ukraine before she registered a 4-1 win in the 48kg final, Neha, her statemate from Haryana though was absolutely dominant in the 54kg final and beat Lithuania's Kara Korneljabys RSC in Round 1. Her stellar performance also



ensured that she won the Best Boxer award at the end of the tournament.

Upcoming talent and Karnataka boxer, Kh. Anju Devi demolished Fatima of Germany 5-0 in the 50kg final and deservedly won the Best Promising Boxer award. Ambeshori Devi and Preeti Dahiya were equally impressive in the 57kg and 60kg summit showdowns respectively. While the former blanked Varga Beata of Hungary 5-0, the latter outsmarted Tutal Lutfiye of Germany by a similar scoreline.

In 52kg, Tannu narrowly went down fighting 2-3 to Lara of Germany to settle for the silver medal. Aashreya Dinesh Naik, however, could not do much in 63kg against local hope Heck Jenin who proved too strong in a 5-0 result. 10 countries including India, Ukraine, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, Mongolia, Greece, and Poland had taken part at this tournament. India's powerful performances helped the contingent to win the Best Team Trophy as well.

A R organized inter tang women's volleyball Tournament at ukhrul and inter village youth Volleyball championship



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The Inter Tang Women's Tournament was organised from 20- 24 June 2019 by Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) in association with Hao Services at Ukhrul. In an interesting final match played between Khampasom Tang and Seipet Tang, Khampasom Tang defeated Seipet Tang in a thrilling five set (3-2) at Tahao ground in Ukhrul. The tournament was organised to give a platform to the women of Ukhrul and to empower them in the field

of sports. Commandant Somsai Battalion gave away the prizes to the winner team. Hundreds of volleyball lovers and supporters came forward to cheer and support their respective teams. The programme was also attended by Chairmen and Secretaries of various Tang (localities). A total of 8 Tangs participated in the event. The inter village youth volleyball championship 2019 was conducted at Awangkasom post by Somsai Battalion of 10 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of IGAR (South) from 20-24 June 2019. The matches conducted over a period of four days saw immense participation of youth comprising of six teams from

different villages near Indo-Myanmar border of Ukhrul District. The final match was played between teams of Khampasom and Chingai village, in which Chingai defeated Khampasom in a power gripped five set match by 3-2. The tournament helped promote sports culture in the border villages and encourage the youth. This event received appreciation by the elders and youth of the villages as a platform for interaction between the villagers and Assam Rifles. The matches were witnessed by the Chairmen, secretaries and residents of the nearby villages.