

Lok Sabha elections 2019 phase 6

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The voting in the sixth and penultimate phase of the seven-phase election is taking place today in 59 Lok Sabha constituencies across 7 states going to polls.

In the sixth phase, the BJP will have the maximum at stake as it will be looking to defend 45 seats that it had won in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

More than 10.17 crore voters will cast their votes to decide the fate of 979 candidates at 1.13 lakh polling stations.

Among the 59 Lok Sabha constituencies will be the seven key Lok Sabha constituencies of Delhi which the BJP had won in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

In Uttar Pradesh, 14 Lok Sabha seats will go to vote while 10 Lok Sabha seats will go to vote in Haryana. Eight seats will cast their votes in West Bengal, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh each, with four seats in Jharkhand also voting on May 12.

Apart from the seven key constituencies of the national capital, the more interesting electoral battles will take place at Morena, Guna, and Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. In Uttar Pradesh, Sultanpur, Allahabad and Azamgarh will be the key seats to look out for with East Champaran in Bihar and Hisar, Sonapat and Rohtak in Haryana.

The BJP had won seven of the eight seats in Bihar, eight in Haryana, all four in Jharkhand, seven of the eight seats in Madhya Pradesh and 12 of the 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh apart from the seven Lok Sabha seats in Delhi. In West Bengal, the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress had won all the eight seats that are going to polls on May 12 in the sixth phase.

In Madhya Pradesh's Morena, the key contest will be between Narendra Singh Tomar of the BJP, who will go up against Congress's Niwas



Rawat. Tomar is the sitting MP from Gwalior, but has been fielded from Morena replacing sitting MP Anoop Mishra. Tomar and Rawat have gone up against each other earlier in 2009 with Tomar defeating the Congress candidate with more than one lakh votes. The BJP is hoping for a replay of the 2009 results in Morena.

In Guna, the citadel of the Scindia family, Congress general secretary Jyotiraditya Scindia will go up against BJP's KP Yadav, a former Congress member who was close to Scindia. Yadav jumped ships in 2018 after the Congress denied him a ticket for the bypolls.

In Bhopal, veteran Congress leader Digvijaya Singh will go up against the BJP's controversial candidate Sadhvi Pragya Thakur, an accused in the 2008 Malegaon bomb blasts case.

In Uttar Pradesh, the contest in Sultanpur is a keenly watched one with BJP's Maneka Gandhi contesting from here against Congress's Sanjay Singh. Maneka Gandhi and her son Varun Gandhi have swapped seats this time. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, she had contested and won from Pilibhit, while Varun had contested and won from Sultanpur.

Sultanpur was once a

Congress stronghold, however, the party has won it back only once in 2014. Since 1991, Sultanpur has voted the BJP to power four times, with the BSP coming in second with two victories and the Congress winning it only once.

In Allahabad, the contest is between the BJP's Rita Bahuguna Joshi who will square off against Congress's Yogesh Shukla, and Samajwadi Party's Rajendra Pratap Singh. Joshi will be looking to carry forward the legacy of BJP veteran Murlidhar Manohar Joshi, who was denied a ticket by the BJP.

Azamgarh, a Samajwadi Party bastion, is witnessing a Yadav versus Yadav battle with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav will be testing his luck against the BJP's Dinesh Lal Yadav 'Nirahua'. Azamgarh is among the handful of Lok Sabha seats in Uttar Pradesh that the BJP did not manage to win in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections with SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav winning from here.

In Haryana's Hisar, a triangular contest of dynasts is on the cards as Dushyant Chautala of the JJP goes up against Bhavya Bishnoi of the Congress and Brijendra Singh of the BJP. Chautala, who leads the JJP, is struggling to retain his seat, even as the other two look to wrest the

seat from him.

In Rohtak where Jat voters have a sizeable presence, Congress's Deepender Singh Hooda will go up against BJP's Arvind Sharma. The contest here is being seen more as a direct fight between the Congress and the BJP even though INLD's Dharamvir and BSP's Kishan Lal are also in the fray.

In Delhi, three-time Delhi chief minister Sheila Dikshit has been brought back into electoral politics by the Congress in a bid to wrest the northeast Delhi seat from the BJP which has fielded sitting MP Manoj Tiwari.

In Chandni Chowk, veteran leaders Harsh Vardhan of the BJP is going up against Congress's Jai Prakash Agarwal. Sealing, GST and demonetisation are the key issues in Chandni Chowk, the city's biggest wholesale market.

In East Delhi, its a battle of Congress veteran Arvinder Singh Lovely will go up against the AAP's Atishi and BJP's Gautam Gambhir, both of whom have been referred to by the Congress as "political tourists". The counting of votes will take place on May 23, four days after the seventh phase of Lok Sabha elections gets over on May 19.

Minerva Punjab FC to select players from Manipur for its Youth Team s

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Minerva Punjab FC is conducting trials for its youth teams in 6 different places in Manipur from today till May 17. After selecting from all the 6

places, the final round will be held at Imphal on 18th & 19th May 2019. The trials will be for Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-18 players who are eligible as per the mentioned criteria. A team of experienced Minerva coaches and scouts

will be traveling to 6 different places in Manipur before conducting the final trials in Imphal on 18th and 19th May 2019. A large number of football players are expected in the trials as around 2000+ players turned up in total for last year's trials.

Manipur Trials		
Venue	Date	Venue
Ukhrul	13-May	TNL Ground, WINO BAZAAR
Imphal	14-May	Turf ground, Near Lamlong
Kangpokpi	15-May	Taphao Kuki Village Ground
Bishnupur	16-May	Thangalawai Sabal Leikal Ground
Sadar Hills	17-May	Saikul
Imphal (Finals)	18 & 19 May	Turn ground, Near Lamlong

Age Category		
Category	Reporting Time	Criteria
Under-11	6:00 AM	DOB after 01.01.2008
Under-13	7:00 AM	DOB after 01.01.2006
Under-15	4:00 PM	DOB after 01.01.2004
Under-18	3:00 PM	DOB after 01.01.2001

Friendly Football Match between Traffic Police and City Police



A friendly football match between the City Police and the Traffic police was held today morning at Polo ground. City Police team defeated the Traffic Police team by 4-2.

Kiki Bertens beats Simona Halep to win Madrid Open

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Kiki Bertens beat Simona Halep 6-4, 6-4 to win the 2019 women's title in the Madrid Open tennis tournament. In the men's competition, Novak Djokovic will face Stefanos Tsitsipas in today's men's final. Barbara Strycova and Hsieh Su-Wei won the women's doubles title, beating Dabrowski and Xu Yifan 6-3, 6-1 in the final.



Abandon silence on Uighur Muslims: Popular Front

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Popular Front of India Chairman E Abubacker has urged world leaders, human rights organizations, and world Muslim community to abandon their silence on the injustice and gross human rights violations being committed by the Chinese government against Turkic Muslims and other ethnic minorities in China. Shocking reports have been emerging from China of systematic attempts by the government for ethnic cleansing of Muslim minority communities, especially the Uighur Muslims, from East Turkistan. People are led to live a life that is completely devoid of their liberties. They are sent to concentration camps if they are found to be involved in anything that is remotely

religious like greeting Salam, abstaining from alcohol or even speaking their mother tongue. Nearly two million people are reported to be detained in such camps that are reminiscent of Nazi concentration camps. In these camps which Chinese government advertises as "Vocational Training Centers", detainees undergo inhuman torture during the interrogations and are subjected to brutal indoctrination tactics. Information regarding the inmates is not allowed to the media and even to their own family members, and after death, bodies of the inmates are not sent home.

Bowing to Chinese pressure, the world leaders including leaders of neighboring Muslim countries are largely silent on the issue. When it comes to the issue of torturing

Uighur Muslims, the US their western allies are reluctant to impose any sanctions against China. It is ironical that Pakistan which is always vocal on issues of fate Muslims in some other countries are maintaining a criminal silence on the issue in order to appease the Chinese government, one of its strategic allies. Popular Front Chairman calls on all people across the world who respect human rights and freedom to condemn Chinese government's inhuman treatment of minorities and to demand their respective governments to put pressure on China to end the shameful oppression. He also questioned the silence on the part of civil liberties movements and political left in India when it comes to the matter of exposing Chinese government.

IPL: Chennai to clash with Mumbai in final

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Hyderabad, May 12,

In the IPL Cricket, Chennai Super Kings will clash with Mumbai Indians in the final at Hyderabad today. The match will begin at 7.30 PM. Mumbai entered the final outplaying Chennai in the first qualifier. Chennai reached the summit clash by beating Delhi Capitals by six wickets in the second Qualifier at Visakhapatnam. Chennai, who will be locking horns with Mumbai for the fourth time in the ongoing IPL, are yet to beat their familiar foes this season. Mumbai have won three out of the four finals they have been part of, including the two against Chennai in 2013 and 2015. For three-time champions and 2018 title winners Chennai, who have entered their eighth final, it has been another remarkable season when they made a triumphant return last year after serving a two-year suspension.

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