Congress may fail to secure leader of the opposition post again

Ashok Gehlot’s master plan for Uttar Pradesh derails SP, BSP

Chief minister Ashok Gehlot’s son and Congress Jodhpur candidate Ghatlot lost to BJP in Jodhpur assembly seat in 2018. It was a major setback for Gehlot’s political career as he had been instrumental in the Congress party’s victory in the 2018 assembly elections. The Congress party had won 72 seats in the 2018 assembly elections, whereas the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had won 103 seats. The defeat in Jodhpur seat was the first major defeat for the Congress party in the state assembly elections.

How Opposition failed to stop the Modi wave, despite unity effort

The Congress party, which was considered the main opposition party in India, failed to stop the Modi wave in the 2019 general elections. The BJP won a clear majority in the elections, winning 303 seats in the Lok Sabha, while the Congress party won only 52 seats. The Congress party had focused on the issues of unemployment, corruption, and institutional reforms, but it failed to connect with the voters.

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