

At Cong's big meet after poll defeat, Rahul Gandhi's next move is the focus

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The top Congress leadership and including its president Rahul Gandhi and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi are attending the party's Working Committee meeting in Delhi on Saturday to review the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections where it won only 52 seats. Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, P. Chidambaram, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mallikarjun Kharge and Punjab CM Captain Amarinder Singh are among others attending the meeting of the party's highest decision making body. The Congress tally in the general elections is marginally better than its worst performance in the 2014 elections when it won 44 seats. Ahead of the meeting, the Congress firmly rejected speculation that its president Rahul Gandhi has offered to resign. The party said these reports "are mischievous and



incorrect". A Congress leader said that even if Gandhi makes an offer to quit as some expect it is likely to be rejected because he had taken all views on board when the party finalized its strategy and decided candidates. The Congress which did not get the post of the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha in 2014 may not get it this time also. A party should get 55 out of the 543 Lok Sabha seats to get the post of the Leader of Opposition.

Rahul Gandhi has already taken responsibility for the party's performance in the Lok Sabha elections but hasn't elaborated on the next step yet. Three senior Congress including Uttar Pradesh unit chief Raj Babbar, HK Patil, who was tasked to oversee the Karnataka Congress campaign and Odisha Congress chief Niranjana Patnaik have resigned in the aftermath of the election debacle. Asked at a press conference after the election results on

Thursday whether he would step down, Gandhi said that "the decision will be between me and the working committee." At the CWC meeting, the party is expected to take a hard look at its performance, analyse the reasons for its humiliating defeat and find a way to move forward. Rahul Gandhi had indicated Thursday that he would not want the electoral setback to pull down the party's morale.

Felicitation ceremony to encourage meritorious Kashmiri students

From a Correspondent
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To encourage and motivate the children of displaced Kashmiri Pandit families, Sonu ORZU gym organized a stellar event today. The main aim of the event was to felicitate the meritorious children of class X and XII who had performed exceptionally well in the recent board exams.



The felicitation ceremony was exclusively organized by the leader of the youth Organisation at Sonu Orzu Gym, which is a center of physical and social activities for children of displaced Kashmiri Pandit families at Jagti township in Jammu. Many students and their family members were present at the highlighting event. Present on the occasion were Chief Guest Dr Sameer Kaul, Nationally renowned cancer specialist and Chief National Spokesperson of National Conference, along with guest of honor Relief Commissioner migrants Mr TK Bhat, Mr Yogi,

Mr Raina and other prominent dignitaries. The felicitation of the meritorious students was done by Dr Sameer Kaul. He further addressed the enthusiastic crowd of students and their parents, congratulating them on their success achieved under dire financial and other constraints. "It is a very happy and proud moment for all of us, that even under such ominous circumstances; many students have secured good scores. I congratulate each and every parent and student

for achieving such feat and would want to keep the success story going. It is now important for the students to choose the right career from wide variety of options. In such situations follow your heart and mind while choosing a diverse career. You shall rise again and claim yours and your community's rightful place in the future J&K, India and the world" said **Dr Sameer Kaul, Nationally renowned cancer specialist and Chief National Spokesperson of National Conference.**

Such felicitation ceremonies are organized every year to provide some kind of hope, motivation and fill passion among the youth to come up in the society. **Sonu Subhash, the leader of this youth organization and convener of this sensitive event said** "We hold this function every year to encourage our youth traumatized by exodus from their homes in the trouble torn valley, so that they do not lose hope. Instead we goad them to focus on their studies, remain physically and mentally fit"

Blocked heart valve treated without surgery at SKY Hospital

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SKY Hospital, Imphal West yet again saved the life of a patient Mr. Lamzasuan Guite, 45 years male resident of Churhandpur District. He has been suffering from Rheumatic Heart Disease, Severe Mitral Stenosis (blocking of blood flow through the main valve of the heart called Mitral Valve). He was advised to undergo open heart surgery for the replacement of the blocked valve. On careful cath study and angiogram in the highly specialised cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory (Cath Lab) of SKY Hospital on 4th May, 2019. Dr. L. Shyamkishore and his teammates found that this patient's heart valve stenosis could be treated with Balloon Dilatation of the stenosed (blocked) valve and open heart surgery could be avoided. After obtaining an informed consent, Mr. Guite was treated with Balloon Dilatation of the stenosed mitral valve (Mitral Stenosis). In the Cath Lab with additional help of Echocardiography machine, the Balloon (made in Japan) in deflated state was inserted in the right femoral vein at the



groin level. It was negotiated into the heart through right atrium then through the already punctured interatrial septum into left atrium, then through the stenosed mitral valve into the left ventricle. The final position of the Balloon was precisely adjusted across the mitral valve under fluoroscopy screening (Fig.1). All precautionary measures including Defibrillator, Ventilator, Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump were kept ready for any eventuality during balloon inflation. During such inflation, the circulation through heart stops and also throughout the body. During this momentary arrest of circulation cardiac arrhythmia (VT/VF) can occur.

For Mr. Guite, no untoward complication occurred and he tolerated procedure well. Echocardiogram done just after the procedure revealed that the stenosed (blocked) mitral valve has successfully opened up very well allowing blood to flow freely. Notably, Dr. L. Shyamkishore was one of the team of cardiologists of AIIMS who started this procedure (Mitral Valve Balloon Dilatation) at AIIMS, New Delhi in 1986. He appealed to the people of Manipur to be aware of the recent and modern treatment of heart valve stenosis with balloon without open heart surgery. Such facility is available in the state of Manipur at SKY Hospital.

Post results, Muslim bodies urge community to not worry

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A day after BJP-led NDA's landslide win in the Lok Sabha elections, two Muslim religious outfits have urged upon the members of the community to not take the defeat of the 'so-called secular forces' personally and expressed hope the new government at the Centre would adopt an inclusive approach. "Elections are fought between political parties, who win and lose. Communities should not feel threatened. The public mandate is respected in a democracy. We urge all to look forward and hope for peace, communal harmony and progress of the

nation," said the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) in a statement on Friday. Asking Muslims to not worry, organisation's general secretary Maulana Wali Rahmani said the coming days could pose some problem but the community should face the same with courage and be optimistic. "The Muslims should maintain courage, passion and encourage others to meet the situation. Our elders had decided to remain in this country with some objective. Earlier too, we have faced several critical situations and this time too we will tide over it," the cleric said in an open letter. The Jamaat-e-Islami Hind

(JIH), another Muslim religious body, which has a significant following in Uttar Pradesh, also expressed hope that the newly-elected members of Parliament and the ruling class would work for the welfare and development of all Indians irrespective of their caste, class and religion, and execute their constitutional duties seriously and honestly. "We hope that now that the elections are over, the charged atmosphere that was created during the elections and differences, if any, would be forgotten and the elected representatives would discharge their duties in the best traditions of this country," said Syed Sadatullah Husaini, the national president of the JIH.

BJP reverses bypoll defeats in 2019

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In the winning streak of the Bharatiya Janata Party in Uttar Pradesh despite formidable Mahagathbandhan of the SP-BSP the party also reversed its embarrassing loss of 2018 bypolls in three Parliamentary constituencies in the state which included chief minister Yogi Adityanath Nath's bastion - Gorakhpur. The long list of winning constituencies of the BJP also includes Gorakhpur, Phulpur and the Kairana parliamentary seats. The party had lost these three seats in May 2018 bypolls after BJP formed the government in UP. For this bypoll, the SP, BSP and the Rashtriya Lok Dal of Ajit Singh had entered into an alliance. It was victory in the bypoll that gave shape to the 2019 Mahagathbandhan. From the Gorakhpur

constituency, considered to be most prestigious as it is pocket-borough of the chief minister Yogi Adityanath, BJP candidate and Bhojpur actor-singer Ravindra Shyammarayam Shukla 'Ravi Kishan' defeated Samajwadi Party candidate Sambhul Nishad. The Gorakhpur seat fell vacant after sitting MP Yogi Adityanath was appointed chief minister. This loss was a major setback not only for the BJP but also for the chief minister. In the bypoll, SP candidate Praveen Kumar Nishad had defeated BJP candidate Upendra Shukla. In fact, it was this loss that formalised the concept of Mahagathbandhan of the SP-BSP for the 17th lok sabha poll. From the Phulpur constituency, BJP candidate Keshari Devi Patel defeated Samajwadi Party candidate Pandhari Yadav. This seat fell vacant after sitting BJP MP Keshav Prasad Maurya was made deputy CM and in the bypoll SP candidate Nagendra Prapat

Singh Patel had defeated BJP candidate Shailendra Singh. In Kairana constituency of the Shamli district, BJP candidate Pradeep Kumar defeated sitting MP and Samajwadi Party candidate Tabassum Begum. This seat went for bypoll after senior BJP leader and sitting MP Hukum Singh died. In the bypoll, Mriganka Singh, daughter of Hukum Singh, lost to Tabassum Hasan, who was then Rashtriya Lok Dal candidate. "Loss of BJP candidates in three bypolls in the state gave shape to the Mahagathbandhan of the SP-BSP. However, the Modi factor proved too strong for the alliance," said Prof KK Mishra, political science department, BHU. "The alliance failed to transfer its vote to each other and the concept of social engineering failed before the Modi factor," he added.

AIMIM's lone Lok Sabha victor from Maharashtra

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For Intiaz Jaleel, to be a story himself was not new. After all, the former television journalist was first in the spotlight when he won the Maharashtra assembly elections during his debut political inning in 2014. Five years later, Jaleel, 46, has hit national headlines as he wrested a difficult Aurangabad seat from four-time Shiv Sena MP Chandrakant Khaire by a slim margin of 4,000+ votes. The correct caste combination and precautions not to split votes on religious lines helped Jaleel win the Lok Sabha seat that he fought on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Aurangabad seat from four-time Shiv Sena MP Chandrakant Khaire by a slim margin of 4,000+ votes. The correct caste combination and precautions not to split votes on religious lines helped Jaleel win the Lok Sabha seat that he fought on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Aurangabad seat from four-time Shiv Sena MP Chandrakant Khaire by a slim margin of 4,000+ votes. The correct caste combination and precautions not to split votes on religious lines helped Jaleel win the Lok Sabha seat that he fought on the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Aurangabad seat from four-time Shiv Sena MP Chandrakant Khaire by a slim margin of 4,000+ votes.

smaller outfits. Independent candidate and former Sena MLA from Kannad, Harshwardhan Jadhav, made Jaleel's victory easier as he cut into Khaire's votebank. The VBA lost most seats, including Akola and Solapur which it's founder Prakash Ambedkar had contested from. Jaleel's victory therefore was a major consolation for the alliance which garnered around 35 lakh votes and contributed in the defeat of Congress candidates at multiple places by splitting votes. In Aurangabad, Jaleel's campaign touched local issues such as garbage management, traffic and road infrastructure. "By not raking up national issues and shunning criticism of Narendra Modi, Jaleel avoided polarisation of votes on religious lines. And a split

in the votes going to Khaire, and AIMIM's alliance with VBA ensured that he gets votes from Dalits and deprived communities," said Chitra Lele, professor, political science, SNDT University. Jaleel polled 3,89,042 votes while Khaire got 3,84,550 votes in a bitterly-fought contest. The presence of Harshwardhan Jadhav, son-in-law of BJP state unit chief Raosaheb Danve, in the poll fray, ensured there was a split in the saffron votes. Jadhav, who had resigned as Shiv Sena MLA from Kannad during the Maratha reservation agitation, polled 2,83,798 votes. Most votes that Jadhav got, according to observers, were from Marathas as he actively participated in the Maratha reservation protests. These votes, in Jadhav's absence in the fray, would have gone to

Khaire, said observers. "I got votes from all the communities as I contested on issues concerning people. The voters in Aurangabad were fed up with their MP (Khaire) as he failed to solve basic issues," said Jaleel. Khaire on his part had sensed immediately after the polling was over that victory may not be easy for the fifth time. Khaire even wrote to BJP national president Amit Shah saying Danve worked for his son-in-law during the campaign, an allegation that the BJP state unit chief denied. For Jaleel, it was a deja vu moment as he defeated heavyweight Khaire, five years after his victory over then sitting Shiv Sena legislator Pradeep Jaiswal by a margin of around 20,000 votes during the assembly polls