

Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024:
India Votes: 4th Phase May 13, 2024
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May 13, 2024: **Delhi**, India: India is currently in the midst of its weeks-long General Election, and, the voting for the **fourth phase** is taking place today. In this phase, a total of 96 constituencies across 10 States and Union Territories will participate in electing **Members of Parliament (MPs)** to the **Lok Sabha** (*the lower house of Parliament*). The two main contenders for power are Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** governing **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** and the **Indian National Developmental Inclusive (I.N.D.I.) Alliance**, a coalition of 26 parties led by the main opposition party, **Indian National Congress (INC)**, the Grand Old Party, which had ruled over India for 54 years, after independence on August 15, 1947.



May 12, 2024: **Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP) State, India:**
Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a Roadshow

The decision makers in INC are a family of three persons, led by **Sonia Gandhi**, a naturalized Indian of Italian origin. Her son **Rahul Gandhi** and daughter **Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra** are the other two. Nominally Shri **Mallikarjun Kharge** is President of INC since October 19, 2022.

The voter turnout in the first three phases was **66.1%**, **66.7%**, and **61%**, respectively, which is lower than that in the 2019 elections. Overall, **969 million people** are registered to vote in **543 parliamentary constituencies** across **36 States** and Federally-governed **Union Territories**.



May 12, 2024: **Patna, Bihar State, India:**

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**

---- The KEY CONSTITUENCIES in the 4th PHASE ----

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All the 25 constituencies in the coastal state of Andhra Pradesh and all the 17 constituencies in the State of Telangana are participating in today's polling.

In Hyderabad, State of Telangana, **Union Minister and Telangana BJP chief G Kishan Reddy** and 'Pushpa' fame actor **Allu Arjun** were among the early voters as polling in the State got underway.



*May 11, 2024: **Nandyal** Assembly constituency, State of Andhra Pradesh: Superstar **Allu Arjun** and his wife **Sneha Reddy** Greet massive crowd of their fans at the residence of YSRCP candidate **Shilpa Ravindra Kishore Reddy***

The **Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party** (means “**Youth, Labour, and, Farmer Congress Party**”) is an Indian regional political party based in the state of Andhra Pradesh. YSRCP is the ruling party in the State since May 30, 2019. Its President, **Yeduguri Sandinti Jagan Mohan Reddy** (born 21 December 1972) is serving as the 17th Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen (means “*All India Council for Unity of Muslims*”) President **Asaduddin Owaisi**, who is seeking re-election from the Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency, and his BJP rival from the seat **Maadhavi Latha** also cast their votes.

AIMIM is based primarily in the old city of Hyderabad. AIMIM has held the Lok Sabha seat for the Hyderabad constituency **since 1984**.

Pasupuleti Maadhavi Latha is an Indian actress and politician who appears in films in Telugu language and in Tamil language.



***Nationalist Congress Party extends its support to the
BJP candidate Maadhavi Latha***

The following are some of the constituencies in the **4th Phase**:

1.Kannauj (UP State): The leading candidates are: **Subrat Pathak** of BJP and **Akhilesh Yadav**, President, Samajwadi Party, which was the ruling party in UP

- i. From 4 December 1993 to 3 June 1995
- ii. From 29 August 2003 to 13 May 2007
- iii. From 15 March 2012 to 19 March 2017

2. **Asansol** (Bengal State): The leading candidates are: Ex Union Minister **SS Ahluwalia** (BJP) and veteran actor **Shatrughan Sinha** of **All India Trinamool Congress** (AITC or TMC).

3. **Guntur** (Andhra Pradesh State): The leading candidates are: Dr **Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar** (TDP) and **Jangala Ajay Kumar** (Communist Party Of India), and **Kilari Venkata Rosaiah** (YSRCP).

Dr **Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar** is the richest candidate during the 4th Phase.

Telugu Desam Party (means “*Party of Telugu language-speaking people*”) has ruled over Andhra Pradesh through *three Chief Ministers*:

- A. Chief Minister: **Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao** (b. 28 May 1923 – d. 18 January 1996):
 - a. From 9 January 1983 to 16 August 1984
 - b. From 16 September 1984 to 9 March 1985
 - c. From 9 March 1985 to 2 December 1989
 - d. From 12 December 1994 to 1 September 1995
- B. Chief Minister: **Nadendla Bhaskara Rao** (b. 23 June 1935)
 - i. From 16 August 1984 to 16 September 1984
- C. Chief Minister: **Nara Chandrababu Naidu** (b. 20 April 1950)
 - a. From 1 September 1995 to 11 October 1999
 - b. From 11 October 1999 to 13 May 2004
 - c. From 8 June 2014 to 29 May 2019

4. **Baharampur** (Bengal State): The leading candidates are: **Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** (INC) and **Yusuf Pathan**, ex-Cricketer (TMC). **Chowdhury** is a five-time MP from the seat. He is Leader of the INC group of MPs in Lok Sabha.

5. **Krishnanagar** (Bengal State): The leading candidates are:

Mahua Moitra (TMC): Mahua Moitra is the sitting Member of Parliament (MP) from Krishnanagar; Rajmata **Amrita Roy** (BJP); **M. Saadi** (Communist Party of India Marxist, CPI-M)

---- The Vibrant Democracy of India ----

A Democracy runs well when the Parties **compete hard** with one another **to put forward their ideology and programs**, and, when the leaders of the parties **respect one another as patriots and as good human beings, who are working to create a better world for all**. Please see the following photograph of three candidates from

3 different parties from an important constituency of Thiruvanthapuram in Kerala State, India:



Thiruvananthapuram candidates:

Shashi Tharoor (INC), Rajeev Chandrasekhar (BJP) and Pannyan Raveendran (CPI)
Will the electorate of **Thiruvananthapuram**, through a fair process, defenestrate (means “to throw somebody out of a window”) **Shashi Tharoor** (INC) and elect the Union minister **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** (BJP)? A **Communist Party of India** (CPI) candidate is also in the fray.

Voter turnout remained robust, reflecting citizens’ commitment to democracy.

Note 1.: Please see “*A Festival of Democracy: India: General Election 2024: Geo-Political Considerations & Interference*” dated May 5, 2024 at

<https://diginews360.com/india-geo-political-considerations-elections-2024/> for
Title #1: “Voices from Pakistan: The Most Vexing Test for India-Pakistan Relations”
Title #2: China’s Attempt to influence Elections through Leftist Media; “NewsClick: Arrests, Allegations, and Press Freedom”

Note 2.: Please see “*A Festival of Democracy: Geo-Political Considerations: India: General Election 2024: Interference by Canada*” dated May 5, 2024 at

<https://diginews360.com/india-general-election-2024-interference-by-canada/> for
Title #3: Canada: Foreign Interference in the Election to the Federal Parliament – **the initial Report** by the *Honourable Marie-Josée Hogue*, the Judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal: Judge **Marie-Josée Hogue** refused to mention India, when there is

no evidence whatsoever against India, in spite of the efforts by the *Khalistani Leader in Canada*.

Title #4: Canada: Killing of a terrorist, living in Canada and responsible for terrorism in India: On May 3, 2024, **the worst that Canadian Government**, in spite of the efforts by the Khalistani Leader of Canada, could say was as follows:

REGARDING INDIA: *Assistant Commissioner David Teboul*, the *RCMP Commander for the Pacific region*, said he wouldn't comment on the alleged links between these men and Indian officials.

When the Canadian Government's Title #3 and Title #4 proved to be a damp squib, Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** himself chose to **smile** at the **public shouting of the slogan of Khalistan Jindabad** in **Toronto** on the soil of Canada wants to emphasize that it is a miniscule minority from the Sikhs of Canada that supports Jagmeet Singh. He has captured the Leadership of the New Democratic Party by using a *well-organized, and, funded campaign*.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: www.DigiNews360.com notes that the slogans were shouted through a microphone, put near the stage, so that the eloquent silence of the Sikhs and Punjabis in the audience could be hidden. www.DigiNews360.com calls on Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** to clearly separate his stance from that of Jagmeet Singh and to come forward as the Statesman, who re-established close relations with the fellow Commonwealth country of India, which is the most vibrant and the largest democracy of the world.

Title #5: **Interference by Khalistanis**: PART 1.: *Amritpal's entry to the Lok Sabha polls causes a big flutter in Punjab* at <https://diginews360.com/india-general-election-2024-interference-by-khalistanis-amritpals-entry/>

with a Brief BACKGROUNDER on Shiromani Akal Dal (Amritsar) on pages 2-3

Notes: 1. Please read about the great **success stories of India and Senegal**, two vibrant democracies at <https://diginews360.com/senegal-and-india-great-democracies-of-the-world/> dated April 2, 2024.

2. Please refer to "Canada: China Interferes in Elections; Relations with India" dated April 7, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/canada-china-interferes-in-elections-relations-with-india/>.
3. Please read "Canada: China Interferes; Celebration of Indian Democracy" dated April 11, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/canada-china-interferes-celebration-of-indian-democracy/>.