

Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024:
India Votes: 7th Phase June 1, 2024
May 28, 2024

May 28, 2024: **Delhi, India:** In the **seventh phase**, 57 constituencies across 5 States (**Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Karnataka** and **Himachal Pradesh**) and one Union Territory will participate in electing **Members of Parliament (MPs)** to the **Lok Sabha** (*the lower house of Parliament*).

The 2024 general elections is being held in seven phases, from April 19 to June 1, to elect the **543 members of the 18th Lok Sabha**. The results will be announced on **June 4, 2024**.

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 24, 2024: **Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India:**
PM Narendra Modi at an Election Rally for **Kangana Ranaut**, the **BJP** candidate

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.

Overall, there are **543 parliamentary constituencies** across **36 States** and Federally-governed **Union Territories**.



MAY 21, 2024: Women Rally at Baba Vishwanath's city: KASHI, India

---- The KEY CONSTITUENCIES in the 7th PHASE ----

In the **seventh phase**, 57 constituencies across 4 States and one Union Territory will participate in electing **Members of Parliament (MPs)** to the **Lok Sabha** (*the lower house of Parliament*).

KEY CANDIDATES in LOK SABHA ELECTIONS PHASE 7:

1. Varanasi, UP: **Narendra Modi** (BJP); **Ajay Rai** (INC)
2. Patna Sahib, Bihar: **Ravi Shankar Prasad** (BJP); **Anshul Avijit** (INC).



Ravi Shankar Prasad



Anshul Avijit

Ravi Shankar Prasad (b. 30 August 1954) was a Union Cabinet Minister from 26 May 2014 to 7 July 2021. He was Union Minister of State from 1 September 2001 to 22 May 2004.

Ravi Shankar Prasad won the Lok Sabha seat of Patna Sahib in 2019. He was a Member of Rajya Sabha from 3 April 2000 to 30 May 2019.

Anshul Avijit is the son of former Lok Sabha speaker Meira Kumar. He is Ph.D. from **University of Cambridge** (2018), M.Phil from **University of Cambridge** (2012) .

2019 Lok Sabha Elections: BJP candidate **Ravi Shankar Prasad** won from the Patna Sahib garnering 607506 votes. BJP defeated INC's **Shatrughan Sinha** who got 322849 votes. **The BJP secured 61.85 %**.

2014 Lok Sabha Elections: BJP candidate **Shatrughan Sinha** won from the Patna Sahib garnering 485,905 votes. BJP defeated INC's **Kunal Singh** who got 220,100 votes. **The BJP secured 55.04 %**.

3.Baramulla, J&K: Omar Abdullah (NC); Sajad Gani Lone (PC)

Omar Abdullah, 54, is a former Chief Minister of J&K State from 5 January 2009 to 8 January 2015. He has also been a Union Minister of India.

His father Dr. Farooq Abdullah was Chief Minister of J&K from 9 October 1996 to 18 October 2002, from 7 November 1986 to 18 January 1990, and, from 8 September 1982 to 2 July 1984. Dr. Farooq Abdullah also worked as a Union Cabinet Minister for some time.

Omar Abdullah's grand-father Sheikh Abdullah was also the Prime Minister of J&K State from 5 March 1948 to 31 October 1951 and from 31 October 1951 to 9 August 1953. He was the Chief Minister of J&K State from 25 February 1975 to 26 March 1977 and from 9 July 1977 to 8 September 1982.

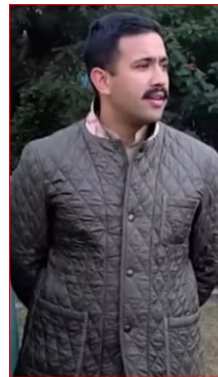
4. Jadavpur, West Bengal: Saayoni Ghosh (TMC); Dr. Anirban Ganguly (BJP)

5. Khadoor Sahib: Amritpal Singh, Independent, supported by SAD (Amritsar), (Jailed under NSA, chief of 'Waris Punjab De'); Laljit Singh Bhullar (AAP), (Cabinet Minister, Punjab); Manjit Singh Manna Mianwind (BJP); Kulbir Singh Zira (INC), (former Congress MLA); Er Satnam Singh Tur (BSP)

6. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh: Kangana Ranaut (BJP); Vikramaditya Singh (INC)

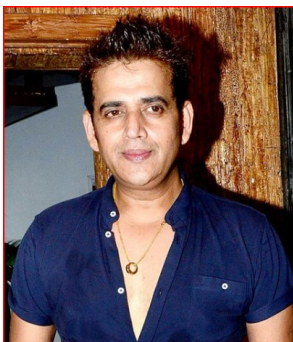


Kangana Ranaut
Renowned actress of Hindi
movies



Vikramaditya Singh
(b. 17 October 1989)

7. Gorakhpur, UP: Ravi Kishan (BJP); Kajal Nishad (INC), supported by I.N.D.I. Alliance. Both are well-known actors in the TV series and Bhojpuri film industry.



Ravi Kishan



Kajal Nishad

8. Diamond Harbour, West Bengal: Abhishek Banerjee (TMC); **Abhijit Das alias Bobby (BJP); Pratik Ur Rahaman (CPM)**

9. Udupi Chikmagalur, Karnataka: K. Jayaprakash Hegde (INC); K.T. Radhakrishna (BSP); Kota Srinivas Poojary (BJP)

---- 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 Thiruvanthpuram 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 read "Festival of Democracy: India: Elections: Gandhi Family sends Panic Signals" dated May 3, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/india-elections-gandhi-family-sends-panic-signals/> . www.DiGiNews360.com brings to its Readers,

who are from all the 5 continents, a complete and unique perspective, not available in any other news-media.

Note 2.: Please read "India Votes: 5th Phase May 20, 2024: Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024" dated May 17, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/india-votes-5th-phase-may-20-2024/> . www.DiGiNews360.com brings to you a readable and complete picture of the **most competitive and vibrant democracy of the world**. Please read "India Votes: 6th Phase May 25, 2024: Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024" dated May 22, 2024 at <https://diginews360.com/india-votes-6th-phase-may-25-2024/> . The largest democracy of the world, with 969 Mn registered voters, is **the most vibrant democracy, which continues to become more competitive and more useful for its citizens**, as brought out by www.DiGiNews360.com.

Note 3.: 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 4.: 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/>.