

*Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024:*

## **Helping Rahul Gandhi in the name of Debates on the US pattern**

May 11, 2024

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### ***Rahul Gandhi leading Congressmen***

**Narendra Modi** is the incumbent Prime Minister of India. He is also the Prime Ministerial candidate of **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**.

Rahul Gandhi is a leader of **Indian National Congress (INC)**.

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#	Opinion Poll	Bharatiya Janata Party		Indian National Congress	
		Popularity of Narendra Modi	No. of Seats	Popularity of Rahul Gandhi	No. of Seats
1	India TV-CNX (Apr 10, 2024)	58.6%	342	32%	38
2	India TV-CNX (Apr 16, 2024)		393		Less than 100 for I.N.D.I.A
3	News18's Mega (March 15, 2024)	*	350	*	49
4	Moneycontrol Survey	69%	*	31%	*
5	Oneindia Opinion Poll	59%	*	32%	*

Rahul Gandhi, along with his mother Sonia Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra are said to be the decision-makers in INC, even though is nominally the Shri Mallikarjun Kharge is President of INC since October 19, 2022.

**Solillada Saradara** (means a “*Leader without Defeat*”) Mallikarjun Kharge (b. July 21, 1942) joined the Congress Party and was first appointed as President of **Gulbarga City Congress** in 1969. He won the election to Karnataka State Legislative Assembly **nine times from 1972 to 2008**. He has been a Parliamentarian since 2009 and has served as Union Minister, Leader of the Congress Party in the Lok Sabha and the Leader of the Opposition, Rajya Sabha. He was elected as the President of the All India Congress Committee on October 19, 2022.

He is a strong believer in Buddhist philosophy and has been the guiding force to building the **Buddha Vihara in Kalaburgi**, Karnataka. It is one of the largest viharas in South Asia and is now a major pilgrimage centre for people from across the country.

A lawyer by education and an avid reader, he takes a keen interest in reading about matters of constitutional law, current affairs and history.

Neither INC nor the **Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance** (I.N.D.I. Alliance) has decided about its Prime Ministerial candidate since, besides INC, the Alliance includes many strong regional parties. Many of the regional leaders also aspire to become the Prime Minister, even though none of them may have worked outside the area of influence of the regional party.

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*Prime Minister Narendra Modi,*

*in the midst of the campaign for General Election 2024*

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: [www.DigiNews360.com](http://www.DigiNews360.com) notes that the debate, sought by the Committee of 3 will make Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi on an equal footing, when Rahul Gandhi is neither an Office-bearer of INC nor a declared candidate for Prime Ministership.

[www.DigiNews360.com](http://www.DigiNews360.com) also notes that the Committee is leftist in nature with the Hindu, under N. Ram, espousing China's point-of-view. Hence feels that such debates should be organized under a more balanced Committee between candidates for Prime Ministership of major national parties only.

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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)*

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**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](http://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](http://www.DigiNews360.com) calls on Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** to clearly separate his stance from that of Jagmeet Singh and to come forward with initiatives, which establish him 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/>.