

Festival of Democracy: **General Elections 2024:**
India Votes: 3rd Phase of May 7
May 8, 2024

May 7, 2024: **Ahmedabad**, Gujarat, India: When **Narendra Modi** came out of the polling booth, he found that a big crowd had assembled, with slogans of Modi, Modi, Modi. On the day of polling, no electioneering is permitted. So, he walked towards the crowd. An old woman tied a "Raksha Bandhan" (expressing her BEST WISHES) and a young girl asked for his autograph. Then someone brought a hand-held microphone to him. Modi said," Let each of us vote. In addition, please take care of your health in this hot season. Please take a lot of water."



May 7, 2024: Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India:
*Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, after voting*

The local newspaper 'Sandesh' carried an article titled – "**Today is a Sacred Day for a Resolve to Build an India of the Future**" by Dr. **Ajit Singh Rana**, a popular columnist. The article said that the ten years of Modi's Prime-Ministership were a period of Empowerment, Social Justice and Inclusion. Dr. **Rana** said that Modi had

worked for uniting people in National Interest and had worked to weaken the forces, which try to break the society on the basis of caste or identity. He said this had **strengthened democracy in India and made it more vibrant**.

---- A Brief SUMMARY of THREE PHASES of **Indian** GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024----

Phase 1: During this phase, of April 19, 2024, voters in 102 constituencies spread across 12 States and Union Territories cast their ballots.

Odisha, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh completed their election to all their MP's constituencies.:

The following are some of the constituencies in the 1st phase:

1. Coimbatore: The leading candidates are: Tamil Nadu **Bharatiya Janata Party** (BJP) Chief **K Annamalai**, facing off against **Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's** (DMK's) **Ganapathy P Rajkumar** and **All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam's** (ADMK's) **Singai G Ramachandran**.
2. Nilgiris (Reserved): The incumbent DMK's **A. Raja** faces **L Murugan** from the BJP and **Logesh Tamilselvan D** from ADMK.
3. Ramanathapuram: It is a coastal constituency with dominant Muslims, Christians, and the fishing community. **Indian Union Muslim League's** (IUML's) **K Navas Kani** won from this constituency in 2019. In 2024, **K Navas Kani**, from **IUML** backed by **DMK**, sees **OP Panneerselvam**, contesting as an **Independent with BJP support**, **P Jeyaperumal** from **ADMK** as the main competitors. The BJP has raised the issue of **handing over Katchatheevu islet to Sri Lanka** as a campaign issue.
4. Pilibhit: This constituency of **Uttar Pradesh** (UP) is represented, at present, by **Varun Gandhi** of BJP. For 2024, the candidates are: **Jitin Prasada** from BJP, **Bhagwat Saran Gangwar** from **Samajwadi Party** (SP), **Anis Ahmed Khan** from **Bahujan Samaj Party** (BSP)
5. Nagina, located in UP at the border with **Uttarakhand** (UK): The candidates for the General Election are: **Chandrashekhar Azad** from **Azaad Samaj Party-Kanshi Ram** (ASP-KR), **Surendra Pal Singh** from BSP, **Om Kumar** from BJP, and **Manoj Kumar** from SP. The seat was held by BSP's **Girish Chandra** in 2019.

6. Cooch Behar in West Bengal: **Rajbanshi leader Nisith Pramanik** of BJP is defending his seat from the challenger candidate of **All India Trinamool Congress** (AITC or TMC).
7. Chhindwara, located in **Madhya Pradesh** (MP): Chhindwara, a Congress stronghold represented by **Nakul Nath** since 2019, faces a formidable challenge from **Bunty Vivek Sahu** of BJP. Chhindwara is the stronghold of **Kamal Nath**, the father of **Nakul Nath**.
8. Gaya, located in Bihar State: Gaya will witness a battle between **Jitan Ram Manjhi**, 80, of **Hindustani Awam Morcha** (HAM) and **Kumar Sarvjeet Paswan**, 49, of RJD. Former CM **Manjhi** seeks reelection against the son of **Rajesh Kumar** (late), his first opponent in Gaya.
9. Haridwar: Candidates: former CM **Trivendra Singh Rawat** of BJP and **Virender**, son of **Harish Rawat**, former CM of **Indian National Congress** (INC).

Phase 2: The second phase took place on April 26 at 88 constituencies across 13 States and Union Territories.

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.



Thiruvananthapuram candidates:

Shashi Tharoor (INC), *Rajeev Chandrasekhar* (BJP) and *Pannyan Raveendran* (CPI) BJP candidate has won the Bangalore South Lok Sabha constituency of Karnataka State in 2009, 2014, and 2019. Will **Tejasvi Surya** be able to win it for BJP against **Sowmya Reddy** of INC?

Similarly, Hema Malini had won the Mathura constituency of UP in 2014, and 2019. Will Hema Malini be able to retain it for BJP against **Mukesh Dhargar** of INC and Suresh Singh of BSP?

BJP's Arun Govil is campaigning for the Lok Sabha constituency of Meerut in UP. The Samajwadi Party's Atul Pradhan, who is currently the MLA from Sardhana Constituency in Meerut district, is the candidate fighting against him.



Arun Govil (in the car) with his photograph as Ram in *Ramayan*

Govil shot to fame for enacting the role of Lord Ram in **Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan** of 1987.

The former Karnataka chief minister **HD Kumaraswamy** is contesting from the **Mandya constituency** as an **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)** candidate. **Venkataramane Gowda** alias '*Star Chandru*' is the INC candidate against him.

Kerala State voted for all its MP constituencies during the 2nd phase.

Phase 3: The third phase of voting occurred on May 7, 2024, in 93 constituencies spread across 11 states and Union Territories. Some of the high-stakes battles, during the 3rd phase are as follows:

- **Amit Shah** in **Gandhinagar**: The Union Home Minister contested from Gandhinagar.
- **Dimple Yadav** in **Mainpuri**: Dimple Yadav, **wife of former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav**, contested from Mainpuri.

- **Jyotiraditya Scindia** in **Guna**: Jyotiraditya Scindia, who recently switched from the Indian National Congress to the Bharatiya Janata Party, contested from Guna.
- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** in **Vidisha**: The **former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh** contested from Vidisha.
- **Supriya Sule** in **Baramati**: Supriya Sule, daughter of **Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)** leader **Sharad Pawar**, contested from Baramati.

Two major States of Karnataka and Gujarat completed the elections of all their Parliamentary constituencies in Phase 3.

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 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/>.
