

A Festival of Democracy:

India: General Election 2024: Geo-Political Considerations & Interference

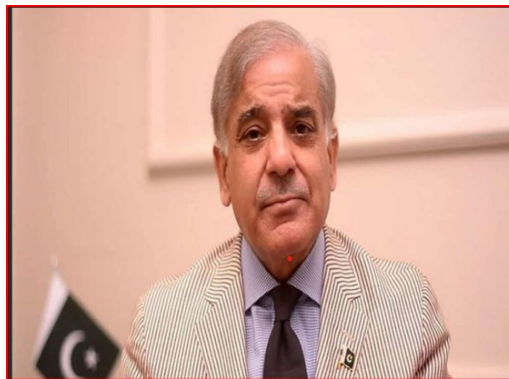
EDITORIAL COMMENTS: The Prime Ministerial system developed in **the small island nation of Great Britain** is being used by **1450 million-strong India** during the **General Election of 2024**. While the **969 registered voters of India**, the **world's most diverse country**, are electing their next Government, the rest of the world is trying to influence the elections in their own interest.

The 5th May of 2024 is referred as the 12th day of the **month of Vaishakh-Krishan Paksh** in the **Vikrami Samvat** (meaning "Calendar") 2081, falling in the Kaliyug (meaning th "epoch of Kali") Year 5126.

Title #1: "Voices from Pakistan: The Most Vexing Test for India-Pakistan Relations":

May 4, 2024: Fawad Ahmed Hussain Chaudhry, the former Federal Minister of Information and Broadcasting in Pakistan in the Imran Khan cabinet, asserted that people of Pakistan would support any one, who can stop Narendra Modi from becoming the Prime Minister again. Earlier he had shared a video clip of **Rahul Gandhi's** speech at an election rally, captioning it with "**Rahul on fire...**".

www.DiGiNews360.com believes that **Fawad** is speaking on behalf of the **Pakistan's establishment and Army**, which believe that Indian **Muslims**, who constitute 14% of India's population, **would not care for their own or India's interests, and, would vote as asked by Pakistan.**



Pakistan's Prime Minister: Shehbaz Sharif

Fawad's daily Tweets against Modi are in spite of the fact that as the Prime Minister of Pakistan, **Imran Khan** had praised Modi on multiple occasions. **Shehbaz Sharif**, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, is from the Sharif family. This family, particularly elder brother **Nawaz Sharif**, has consistently sought breakthroughs in India-Pakistan relations.

Leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), including **Amit Malviya** (BJP IT Cell Chief), criticized the Congress over Chaudhry's endorsement of **Rahul Gandhi**. Malviya questioned whether the Congress was planning to contest elections in Pakistan.

Narendra Modi is a Leader of BJP.

Prime Minister Modi's response: "**Making India a developed country by 2047**": Prime Minister accused the Congress party of being a 'mureed' (meaning "the follower") of Pakistan, claiming that the neighboring country was eager to see the Congress leader, whom he referred to as 'shehzada' (meaning "the Prince"), become the next prime minister of India.



*Crowds at a recent Poll Rally of **Narendra Modi***

During a **poll rally in Anand, Gujarat**, PM **Modi** also criticized the Congress party for opposition leader **Salman Khurshid's** niece **Maria Alam's** call for 'vote jihad'. He emphasized that this statement came from an educated Muslim family member, not someone who studied in a madrasa, and expressed his disappointment that no Congress leader had condemned it.

The Prime Minister further alleged that the Congress party aims to amend the country's Constitution to provide **reservation on the basis of religion** to provide benefit to Muslims, taking away the opportunities from the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities. He challenged

the Congress to put in writing that they would not give **backdoor quota to Muslims** in states where they and their allies are in power.

www.DiGiNews360.com draws the attention of the Readers to the agenda followed by Liaquat Ali Khan, the finance minister in the November 1946 cabinet of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru.

The **Cabinet Mission plan** was to govern India through a cabinet of Indian National Congress and Muslim League. If the effort were successful, it could have avoided a partition of India.

INC wanted the British to grant independence to India, at the earliest. The Muslim League wanted the British to partition India, to create a new country of Pakistan for the Muslims of India.

In his budget, Liaquat Ali Khan budget asked for an **excess profits tax, a wealth tax** etc to rein in business men, since all the big business men were non-Muslims.

The Manifesto of INC asks for a mapping of the wealth of Indians, presumably to have a proper distribution of wealth. Some constituent parties of the Alliance, formed by INC have asked for getting rid of atomic weapons, when both China and Pakistan are nuclear powers.

Title #2: China's Attempt to influence Elections through Leftist Media; "NewsClick: Arrests, Allegations, and Press Freedom"



Anurag Thakur, India's Information and Broadcasting Minister

Charges against NewsClick's founder, **Prabir Purkayastha**, were filed and he has been arrested. The website's **head of human resources, Amit Chakravarty**, has become the Approver in the case.

Press Freedom Concerns: Critics argue that these actions represent an intentional attack on press freedom. However, **Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur** maintains that investigative agencies are merely doing their job¹.

Journalists Questioned and Impact: Among those questioned were journalists like **Abhisar Sharma, Paranjay Guha Thakurta, Urmilesh, and Bhasha Singh**, along with satirist **Sanjay Rajoura** and **historian Sohail Hashmi**. The raids extended beyond Delhi, with activist **Teesta Setalvad's** house in Mumbai also searched.

----BACKGROUND: NEWS-CLICK and CHINA'S INTERFERENCE----

AUG 1, 2023: a New York Times investigative report claimed that NewsClick, funded by **Neville Roy Singham**, an **American tech mogul**, sprinkled its coverage with "Chinese government talking points".

FDI from a Non-Existent US Company: In April 2018, NewsClick received FDI of Rs. 9.59 crore by way of subscription of shares from a non-existent company called **Worldwide Media Holdings, a Delaware Limited Liability company**. The shares were subscribed at a premium of Rs. 11,510/- per share (face value of Rs. 10/- per share).

Foreign Inward Remittance through export of fictitious services to **Neville Roy Singham of Worldwide Media Holdings LLC**.

Neville Roy Singham is reportedly affiliated with the **Communist Party of China (CPC)** and lives in Shanghai, China.

Fresh Summons to **Neville Roy Singham**: These summons were sent via the Indian **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** by the Investigative Agencies of India asking **Singham** to present himself before the Agencies.

NewsClick reportedly distributed to several controversial journalists, including **Gautam Navlakha** and associates of **Teesta Setalvad**. **Gautam Navlakha** is a professor, on whose laptop were found e-mails referring to plans for killing **Narendra Modi**. **Teesta Setalvad** is the daughter of a highly reputed Supreme Court advocate of 1960s and is an important anti-Modi activist.

This investigation and report will continue in tomorrow's Report.