

Challenges before Democracies:

UK, INDIA and NIGERIA: Days of Festivals or Days for Reflection?

June 4, 2024

June 4, 2024: **London, UK:** At the head-to-head debate between **Rishi Sunak** and **Sir Keir Starmer**, broadcast by ITV on Tuesday 4 June at 21:00 BST, **Rishi Sunak** emerged as the winner,



Rishi Sunak and **Keir Starmer** clashed over the NHS, cost of living, education and immigration in the first head-to-head TV debate of the election.

Starmer said he did not offer gimmicks and unfunded promises, and that there was "no magic wand" but that Britain "can do and must do better".

Sunak pledged lower immigration, lower taxes, and protected pensions and said voters "know what I stand for".

EDITORIAL COMMENTS: www.DiGiNews360.com notes that the opinion poll by The Independent shows that the British citizens trust **Starmer** much more than they trust **Sunak**. Till the British are able to win over this intangible factor, the debates may not help clinch the issue on July 4, 2024.

June 4, 2024: **Delhi, India:** 642 Mn, out of 969 Mn registered voters, came to polling booths in a **Festival of Democracy** over the last few weeks. On 4th June 2024, it was discovered that a good number of poor had been enticed by **offer of freebies** by candidates, who knew they were offering sweet pills of poison, which had driven hundreds of thousands of **Venezuelans** to its borders with poor countries **in search of food for their starving children**.

Venezuela is a country having the **world's largest known oil reserves** and used to be one of the world's leading exporters of oil. It used to help all its poor neighbours with financial aid.

India's economy till March 2024 was the fastest-growing large economy of the world, even though it shared long borders with two nuclear-powered enemies – Pakistan and China. Narendra Modi, its Leader, was not cowed down by Xi Jinping, the most powerful Leader in the world. Modi strengthened national defenses, through a policy of '**Make in India**' for self-reliance in arms for the world's 3rd largest armed forces of India.



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Indian National Congress (INC) and many strong regional Political Parties have been in opposition for 10 years and are keen to acquire power.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS: www.DiGiNews360.com notes that former cabinet ministers of Pakistan, working as agents of the Deep State of Pakistan, have issued open appeals to Indian Muslims to ensure that Modi does not return to power after the election.

www.DiGiNews360.com also notes that some prominent media houses like "The Hindu" from Chennai preach against investing in manufacturing and depend on the World's Workshops in China for efficient and lower -cost production. Some Political

Parties, aligned with INC have turned **peaceniks** and want India to unilaterally give up nuclear arms and missiles etc.

Khalistani mafia, led by Jagmeet Singh in Canada, provides crucial support to the minority government of Liberal Party of Canada to remain in power. The Khalistanis are making a major effort to increase their support in Punjab, where they have had till now only a miniscule support among the people.

www.DiGiNews360.com believes that China, Pakistan and the Khalistani elements in Canada, USA, UK and Australia are working jointly to make India a powerless and helpless giant, which would have to become a client-state of China.

The leftists, Khalistanis and radical Islamists, which have acquired influence in important organs of the State in Canada and USA, are working to sabotage the Indo-Pacific policies of Canada and USA.

www.DiGiNews360.com asks the people and political parties of India to ensure that the designs of anti-**Modi** forces do not succeed so that **India remains a bastion of democracy for the world.**

June 3, 2024: Abuja, Nigeria: **Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU)**, **Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN)** and 30 others joined the **Nigeria Labour Congress's (NLC's)** nation-wide indefinite strike. The 2024 Nigerian general strike began on May 31, 2024, when the NLC and **Trade Union Congress (TUC)** called for an indefinite strike. They demanded an increase in the monthly minimum wage from ₦30,000 to ₦494,000 due to the cost-of-living crisis. The strike led to the shutdown of the national grid, airports, banks, hospitals, and schools.



During the strike, workers shut down the national electricity grid and disrupted airport operations in Abuja and Lagos. Hundreds of passengers were stranded as local airlines suspended flights.

The government increased its initial offer of N57,000 by adding N3,000 to make it N60,000. This proposal was rejected by labour during the meeting.

President **Bola Tinubu**'s economic reforms, including ending fuel subsidies, had inadvertently led to surging inflation—a 28-year record high. This strike marked the fourth since Tinubu assumed office a year prior.

Expensive Lifestyle: Labor unions pointed to the lavish lifestyles of Nigeria's public officials, emphasizing the need for fair wages.

Government's Response: President Tinubu's administration responded by warning striking workers of a six-month jail term. However, the strike persisted.

As the strike continued, concerns grew about its impact on the economy. While workers sought a living wage, the delicate balance between economic stability and fair compensation remained a challenge for Nigeria.
