

*Festival of Democracy: General Elections 2024:*

## **Narendra Modi: 3<sup>rd</sup> Term as PM on June 9**

June 9, 2024

June 9, 2024: **Delhi**, India: President **Draupadi Murmu** administered the oath of office to **Narendra Modi** as the **Prime Minister of India** at 7.15 PM at **Rashtrapati Bhavan** (“*The President House*”) in the presence of 8,000 invitees. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Government of **National Democratic Alliance** (NDA), that Modi will be heading, albeit with a reduced number of MPs.



*June 9, 2024: Delhi, India: National War Memorial:  
Narendra Modi, with the Defense Minister of India*

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

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.

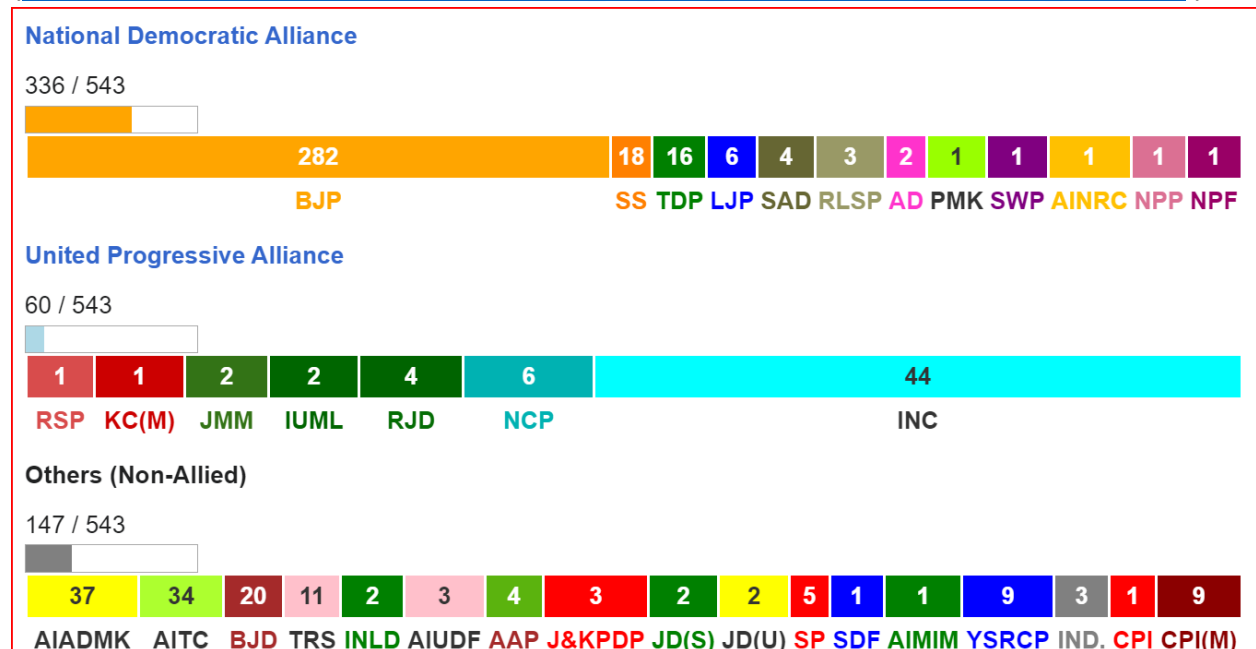
The decision makers in INC are a family of three persons, led by **Sonia Gandhi**, a naturalized Indian of Italian origin. Her son **Rahul Gandhi** and daughter **Priyanka Gandhi-Vadra** are the other two. Nominally Shri **Mallikarjun Kharge** is President of INC since October 19, 2022.

In a Parliament of 543 Members, NDA has won 293 seats (out of which **Bharatiya Janata Party** (BJP) has 240 seats). The opposition Indian National Developmental Inclusive (INDI) Alliance has bagged 233 seats (out of which **Indian National Congress** (INC) has 99 seats). Other parties have secured 17 seats in **Lok Sabha** (“the lower house of Parliament”).

In 2019, NDA had won 353 seats (out of which BJP had 303 seats). The opposition **United Progressive Alliance** (UPA) had bagged 91 seats (out of which INC had 52 seats). Other parties had secured 98 seats in **Lok Sabha**.

In 2014, NDA had won 336 seats (out of which BJP had 282 seats). The opposition UPA had bagged 59 seats (out of which INC had 44 seats). Other parties had secured 148 seats in **Lok Sabha**.

In 2014, the party (BJP), leading an alliance (NDA), had a majority of its own. This had happened after a gap of 30 years. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Results\\_of\\_the\\_2014\\_Indian\\_general\\_election](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Results_of_the_2014_Indian_general_election) )

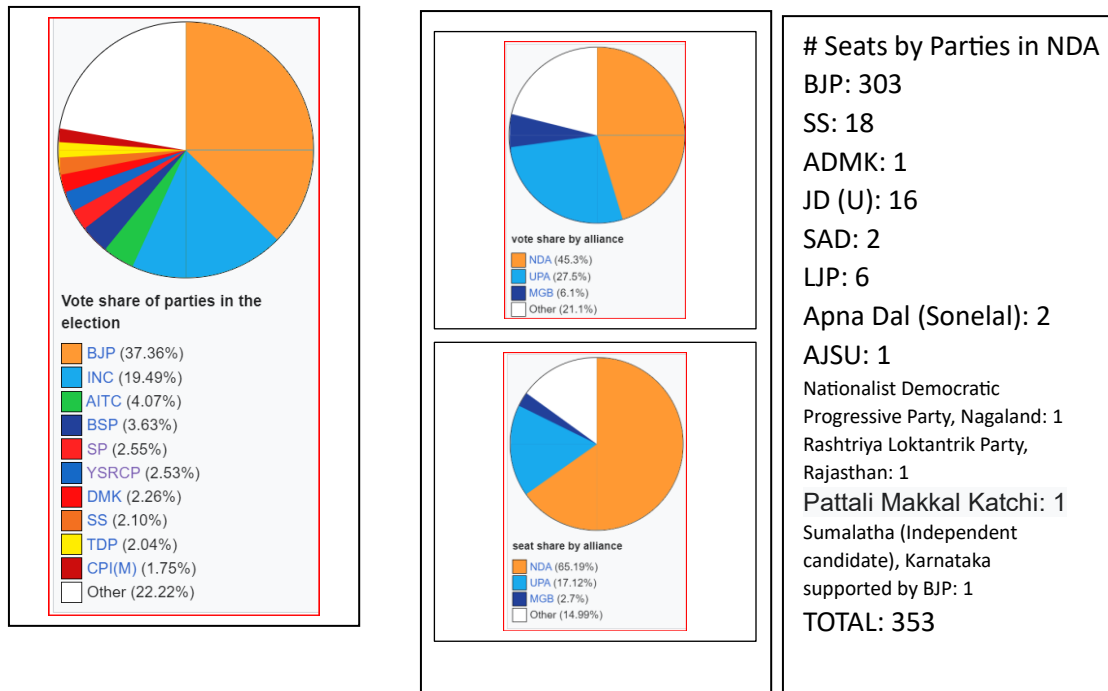


In 2019, BJP continued to have a majority of its own.

However, in 2024, while NDA continues to have a majority in Lok Sabha, BJP, on its own, is only the largest party in the Lok Sabha. But, BJP does not have a majority on its own, unlike in 2014 and in 2019. The other major parties in NDA, without

whom NDA will not have the majority are: Telugu Desam Party has secured 16 seats and Janata Dal (United) won 12 seats. Both fought 2024 election jointly with BJP, as a part of NDA.

According to the party's regulations, a leader can hold only one position. Therefore, **Annamalai's** appointment to the **Modi 3.0** cabinet is not happening. However, **L Murugan** of Tamil Nadu will continue as Union minister of state for information & broadcasting and fisheries, animal husbandry & dairying.



Out of the 26 cabinet ministers, seven have been dropped. These ministers are

1. Arjun Munda (Minister of Tribal Affairs; and Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare);

2. Parshottam Rupala (Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying);

3. Smriti Zubin Irani (Minister of Women and Child Development and Minister of Minority Affairs);

4. Narayan Tatu Rane (Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises);

5. Raj Kumar Singh (Minister of Power and Minister of New and Renewable Energy);

6. Mahendra Nath Pandey (Minister of Heavy Industries) and

7. Anurag Singh Thakur (Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports).

Of these seven ministers, **Munda**, **Smriti Irani**, **Mahendra Nath Pandey**, and **RK Singh** lost Lok Sabha polls, while **Rupala**, **Thakur**, and **Rane** despite winning from their respective seats could not find a ministerial berth in the **Modi 3.0**.



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

---- The KEY CONSTITUENCIES in the FINAL 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).



**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.

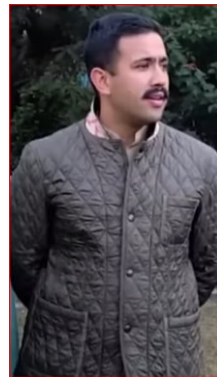
4. Jadavpur, West Bengal: Saayoni Ghosh (TMC); Dr. Anirban Ganguly (BJP)

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)

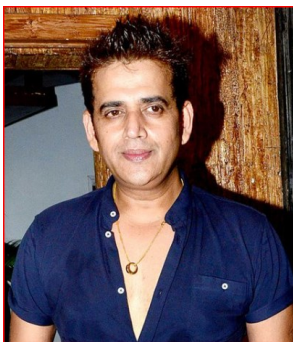


**Kangana Ranaut**  
*Renowned actress of Hindi  
movies*



**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.

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---- DATA of the RESULT of NDA Parties at the General Election 2024 ----

Party name	Abbreviation	Party leader	Lok seats	Sabha
All Jharkhand Students Union	AJSUP	Sudesh Mahto	1	
Apna Dal (Soneylal)	AD(S)	Anupriya Patel	1	
Asom Gana Parishad	AGP	Atul Bora	1	
Bharatiya Janata Party	BJP	Jagat Prakash Nadda	240	
Hill State People's Democratic Party	HSPDP	K P Pangniang	0	
Hindustani Awam Morcha	HAM	Jitan Ram Manjhi	1	
Jana Sena Party	JSP	Pawan Kalyan	2	
Janata Dal (Secular)	JD(S)	H D Deve Gowda	2	
Janata Dal (United)	JD(U)	Nitish Kumar	12	
Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)	LJPRV	Chirag Paswan	5	
Nationalist Congress Party	NCP	Ajit Pawar	1	
Rashtriya Lok Dal	RLD	Chowdhry Jayant Singh	2	
Shiv Sena	SHS	Eknath Shinde	7	
Sikkim Krantikari Morcha	SKM	Prem Singh Tamang	1	
Telugu Desam Party	TDP	N. Chandrababu Naidu	16	
United People's Party Liberal	UPPL	Pramod Boro	1	

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](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 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/>.