

Heartland Charged Up For 2023 Thriller

Multiple CM hopefuls in BJP; Cong backs Nath

Should I Be CM? Shivraj Asks Voters

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Bhopal: For the first time in nearly four decades, the ruling BJP is going into an assembly election in Madhya Pradesh without a chief ministerial face.

In the historic 2003 polls, BJP had named Uma Bharti as the party's CM candidate as early as 10 months before voting day. In subsequent elections, the saffron party never shied away from projecting incumbent chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and giving him a free hand in deciding candidates and campaigning. The party stood rock-solid behind him. He even had an opinion in deciding the state BJP chief — in December 2012, a year before the assembly polls, then state BJP chief and twice Rajya Sabha MP Prabhat Jha was removed and Narendra Singh Tomar made the organisational head on Chouhan's recommendation.

However, after BJP's defeat in the last assembly polls, the party seems to have changed its strategy for 2023. At a press conference here on August 20, when Union home minister Amit Shah was asked if Shivraj would be the BJP's CM face again, he said, "Shivraj Singh Chouhan is the chief minister and we are in to the elections. But it is our party's job (to decide who will be the next CM) and the party will decide."

Additionally, Shah brought a clutch of senior leaders from New Delhi for election management in MP — including Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar, Bhupendra Yadav and Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Many Aspirants

The second list of BJP candidates, it appears now, came as a surprise to many senior state leaders. Seven MPs,



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including three Union ministers — Tomar, Prahlad Singh Patel and Faggan Singh Kulaste — were fielded, along with BJP national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya. At least four of them are potential CM faces.

Also, there is Union aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, without whom BJP wouldn't have returned to form the government in March 2020. He may well be fielded in the assembly polls and is a strong contender for the top post.

Sources in the party explained that to counter anti-incumbency, the central leadership has fielded big leaders, hoping that they will not only win their seats but also influence at least 10-15 adjoining assembly segments. Who will be CM, depends on the election results and the work put in by each of the heavyweights.

However, Shivraj Singh Chouhan is not one to leave the battlefield. He is the state's longest serving CM — at 16 years, a record that is unlikely to be broken.

Shivraj's Trump Card

Chouhan is now playing the emotional card with voters. In tribal-dominated Dindori on Sunday, the CM said, "I want to ask you, am I running a good government or a bad government... Should Mama (Chouhan's popular name among the people) become chief minister or not?" Not stopping here, Chouhan threw the challenge much higher and asked, "Shouldn't Narendra Modiji continue to be the Prime Minister? Should BJP retain power in the state and in the Centre?"

The chief minister's comments threw the party off-guard but the state leadership remained tight-lipped. On October 1, at a public meeting on his home turf in Sehore, the CM said, "Aisa Bhaiyya nehi milega. Jab mein chala jaunga, tab bahat yaad aunga. (You will not get a brother like me. When I go away, you will remember me a lot)."

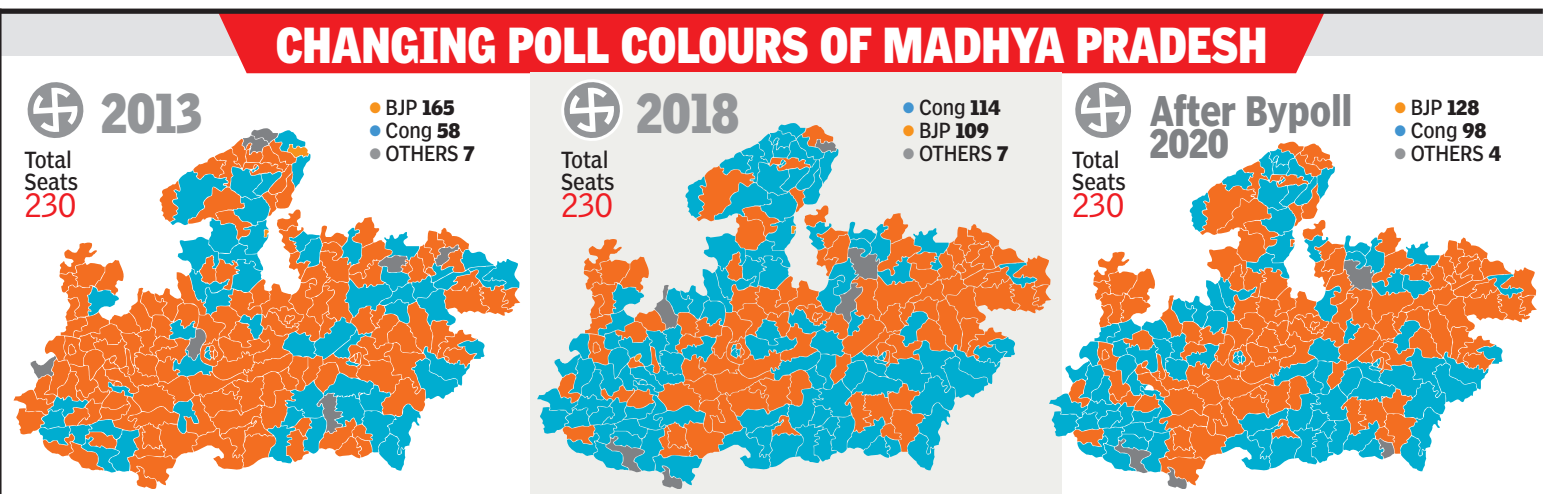
With Chouhan ruling for over a decade-and-half, his party colleagues have been waiting patiently for their turn. Most hopefuls have crossed 65 years of age by now. And with the central leadership keeping mum over the chief ministerial candidate, it's a free-for-all. BJP now has too many chief ministerial aspirants, just like Congress used to have in the 2008 and 2013 assembly elections.

My Turn, Perhaps?

On October 5, Vijayvargiya said, "I have not come to Indore-1 seat just to become an MLA. I will be given a bigger responsibility by the party." Was Vijayvargiya hinting at becoming the CM?

PWD minister and six time MLA Gopal Bhargava, has also thrown his hat in the ring. He feels it is God's wish that he contest the assembly election "one last time". "My religious guru has advised me to contest. BJP is fighting the election without a chief ministerial face, so I decided to contest," he said.

In a way, the 2023 assembly elections are a reversal of roles for the BJP and Congress. It was the Congress which was usually faction-ridden, where the party would not name the CM face and argue that its tradition was to democratically elect the leader after election results. This happened even in 2018 when the high-command sent Kamal Nath as state Congress president six months before the elections. This time, however, the Congress seems united behind Nath, and AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala has reiterated more than once that Nath is the party's CM face. Even stalwarts like Digvijaya Singh, former Union minister Suresh Pachauri, former PCC chiefs Arun Yadav and Kantilal Bhuria have accepted Kamal Nath as their leader. It's BJP that has too many chief ministerial aspirants and says the party will decide the CM after the elections. Whether the strategy pays off remains to be seen.



Women hold key to victory on seats that matter the most, first-time voters set to take poll position

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Bhopal: Women and first-time voters will play the pivotal role in the upcoming assembly elections.

Sex ratio has increased from 917 in 2018 assembly elections to 945 in this assembly election, women voters outnumber males in at least 29 constituencies. This was only in 19 constituencies till August 2 this year when draft electoral rolls were published and in 2018 assembly elections there were only 10 constituencies where female voters outnumbered men.

Similarly, if young or first-time voters are considered, while overall difference between the vote share per-

WOMEN POWER

GENDER RATIO
917 in 2018 945 in 2023
Sex ratio of Madhya Pradesh: 933
Female voters outnumber male voters: 29 constituencies
Gender ratio above 950: 77 constituencies
Gender ratio above 1,000: 19 constituencies



FIRST TIMERS' SAY MATTERS

First time voters in MP: 22.36 lakh
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centage of BJP and Congress was only 0.13% in 2018 polls, first time voters aged between 18-19 years constitute 3.98% of the electorate. Overall, there are a total of 22.36 lakh first time voters in the state and the differ-

ce of votes of BJP and INC was only 47,827 in 2018 assembly elections. These factors could be at-

tributed to the prominence of women and youth centric schemes and pre-poll announcements by both the opposition as well as the ruling party. Like the cash strapped government has announced freebie of Ladli Behna Yojana a scheme where Rs 1000 was provided to the women, then increased to Rs 1,250 with a promise of increasing to Rs 3000. Similarly schemes like opposition parties announcing unemployment allowances as pre-poll promises and ruling party launching schemes like 'Seekho Kamao Yojana' a scheme aimed at state sponsored paid internship for youth, could be attributed to the importance of the young voters in the upcoming assembly elections.

Model poll code comes into effect

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state, he added.

Bhopal: With the announcement of poll schedule for the state, the model code of conduct came into force with immediate effect from Monday. "There are a total of 64,523 polling booths in the state and on an average there are 869 voters per booth. Of these booths around 17,000 are identified as sensitive polling booths and besides webcasting and live telecast, central armed forces will also be deployed at these booths," chief electoral officer, Madhya Pradesh Anupam Rajan said.

Orders for removing posters, banners from government, public and private parties have been given, he said. Pictures of politicians from government websites have been removed, use of loudspeakers remained banned between 10 pm to 6 am in the

"The ECI has also issued some other instructions like no minister could combine his/her government tour with election tour and no government machinery could be used for election purpose, there will no monopoly in use of public places by political parties, there would be no political activity at any government property like rest house, etc, there would no advertisements on state expenditure, no representative can grant funds under his discretionary funds," he said. There would be a complete ban on transfers, if anyone is transferred but it is not executed then it would be on hold. Transfers, if necessary, could only be done with EC's permission. If any work order has been issued but work has not started then it will not start, he said.

Follow The Code: Sec 144 In City, Band-Bajas To Go Silent

Flag march with Rudra & Vajra, cops issue traffic advisory

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Bhopal: It would be the first assembly elections after the implementation of the Police Commissioner system in Bhopal. City police have started making elaborate arrangements to maintain peace, law and order during the elections. As the model code of conduct came into effect, senior city officials held a meet to discuss security arrangements. A flag march was taken out in 35 four-wheelers of police including Rudra and Vajra riot control vehicles. A force of around 300 police officers and personnel took part in the flag march.



Flag march in Bhopal on Monday

Hooters, party symbols to go off vehicles

Bhopal: City traffic police have issued an advisory to people to remove hooters or sirens if installed by them on their vehicles. Police also advised those vehicle owners, who have written anything except registration number on their vehicle number plates like any political post or any political party sign which is not authorised under the Motor Vehicles Act, to remove it without delay otherwise appropriate action will be taken against them under the provisions of the act.

Political posters & banners removed, no DJs without nod

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Bhopal: Posters, banners, hoardings and other materials were removed since the Model Code of Conduct was enforced here on Monday. Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) took down hundreds of government advertisements across the city.

As the election model code of came into effect on Monday, permissions from the SDM would be required before playing DJ music. Bhopal collector also issued orders under section 144. Playing 'band-baja' and DJ without permission will be confiscated. All the arms licenses of the district have been suspended. Those spreading rumors through social media and other means during elections will be dealt with strictly. IT department team of the district election will keep a watch on social media. Candidates and leaders will have to take permission from the additional collector if they hold vehicle rallies, processions or public meetings at more than one place.



Posters being removed in Bhopal

CODE DECODED

- ▶ No DJ music without SDM permission
- ▶ No leaves for govt employees
- ▶ Govt offices to remain open even on public holidays
- ▶ Info on new tenants & public events must be shared with cops
- ▶ Hotel & lodges to provide daily visitors' record
- ▶ Photos of public representatives to be removed from all govt websites & apps
- ▶ Complain about alcohol, money distribution can be made on Cvigil app and 1905; Action will be taken within 100 minutes

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP No.01/CE/2023-24, Dated: 06/10/2023
Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TSIC), the nodal agency of Government of Telangana for development of industrial & other allied infrastructure in the State, invites Bids from reputed Developer firms with relevant experience for "Development of 5-Star Luxury Hotel with Trade Centre at Raidurgam (V), Serilingampally (M), Rangareddy (D), Telangana on Joint Development Basis". The RFP can be downloaded from www.tsic.telangana.gov.in. The Pre-bid conference is scheduled on 26 October, 2023 at 12:00 Hrs (IST). Last date for submission of Bids: 13 November, 2023 before 15:00 Hrs (IST).
Sd/- Vice Chairman & Managing Director
R.O. No.:01-09-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2023-24, Date: 09.10.2023

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BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER
On behalf of President of India, online item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering mode for the following works:
Name of work: Providing & fixing AI. Semi Glazed partitions in the SCC building at MCF Bhopal, ISRO.
NIT No: MCF/CMG/BH/eTN-06/2023-24/1-1232 Dtd: 09.10.2023
Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,67,284/-
EMD: Rs. 17,346/-
Period of Completion: 01 Month
Period during which tender document can be downloaded: From: 10.10.2023, 10:00 hrs. To: 17.10.2023, 10:30 hrs.
Period for Bid clarifications: From: 10.10.2023, 10:01 hrs. To: 17.10.2023, 12:30 hrs.
Last date & time of reply to Bid clarification: 17.10.2023, 15:30 hrs.
Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 17.10.2023, 17:30 hrs.
Due date & time of opening of tenders: on 20.10.2023, from 11:30 hrs. onwards
Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website: www.isro.gov.in. The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from website: www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO. All corrigendums, addendums, clarifications etc., will be uploaded in the tenderwizard portal only and will not be published in newspapers. Bidders may regularly visit the above websites for any updates.
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E-Auction Sale Notice under IBC, 2016. Notice for Sale of Assets Power Televetures Private Limited
CIN : U51395MP2005PTC017738
Regd. Office : D-254, Rajat Vihar Colony, Hoshangabad Road, Bhopal 462043
Liquidator's Office: A D B & Company, Chartered Accountants, 1st Floor, Mahavir Gauhala Complex, Moudhapara, Raipur (C.G.) - 492001
Sale of Assets of M/s Power Televetures Private Limited (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate by the Liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Indore Bench at Ahmedabad vide order I.A. 222 of 2019 dated 18 November 2021. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform (<https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>)
Auction Description of the Property EMD/Documents Submission Deadline Reserve Price EMD Amount Bid Incre. Value
1. All that piece and parcel of Land together with Structures standing thereon situated at Land bearing Area: 0.101 Hect. in Survey No. 7,8/22/3/1 in Gram Ahmadpur Kala Patwari Halka No. 20, Tehsil- Hujur, District- Bhopal (MP). Date & Time- 27th Oct. 2023 till 02:00 PM 90.00 Lakh 9.00 Lakh 1.00 Lakh Date & Time of E-Auction : 27th Oct. 2023 Time - 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM with unlimited extension of 05 minutes each.
Terms & Conditions of the E-Auction are as under: 1. E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis. As such sale of assets of the company is without any recourse or any kind of warranties and indemnities and is being conducted through approved E-Auction Service Provider M/s. E-Procurements Technologies Limited. 2. The complete E-Auction Process Documents containing overview of the Company along with eligibility Documents and other supporting documents to be submitted by the Bidders including general terms and conditions of the E-Auction Process and the technical procedure for submission of Bids are available on website of the E-Auction Service Provider (<https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>). 3. The Qualified Bidders will be identified by the Liquidator and only the Qualified Bidder can participate in E-Auction process on the E-Auction Platform (<https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net>) after payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD). The E-Auction service provider (M/s. E-Procurement Technologies Limited) will provide User ID and Password by emails to the qualified bidders on registration at the E-Auction platform. 4. The Qualified Bidders, prior to submitting their Bid, should make their independent enquiries regarding the Company, Assets, Claims and Liabilities, Commercial and Financial Commitments, Operational and Maintenance Charges and other recurring and incidental business costs, if any, at their own expense and satisfy themselves. 5. The Successful Bidder will be responsible for the applicable stamp duties, legal cost, transfer charges and fees, GST and other taxes related to the sale unit under this E-Auction and for completing the documentation and obtaining the permission relating to the sale of assets of Company. 6. The sale shall be subject to the provisions and regulation of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016. 7. The Liquidator has the absolute right to accept & reject or modify any or all the Bids or adjourn/postpone/cancel the E-Auction at any stage without assigning any reason therefor.
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