

WELL PLAYED CAPTAIN!



India's captain Sunil Chhetri acknowledges fans after a FIFA World Cup 2026 Qualifier football match between India and Kuwait, at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (Salt Lake Stadium), in Kolkata, on Thursday. Chhetri retired from international football as the sport's fourth highest goal-scorer. Full report on Page 13 >>

NDA MPs to meet today to elect Modi as their leader

Swearing-in is likely to be held on Sunday; Modi to take oath as PM for the third time

PTI, NEW DELHI: Newly elected MPs of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance are expected to meet on Friday, June 7, to elect Narendra Modi as their leader, paving the way for him to take oath as prime minister for a third time. The swearing-in is likely to be held on Sunday.

After Modi's election as the leader of NDA MPs, senior members of the alliance like TDP's N Chandrababu Naidu and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar will join the prime minister for a meeting with President Droupadi Murmu to present her the list of parliamentarians supporting him, some alliance members said.

He may be sworn-in over the weekend, possibly Sunday, they add-

ed. The NDA has 293 MPs, comfortably above the majority mark of 272 in the 543-member Lok Sabha.

Senior BJP leaders, including Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, held deliberations through the day on Thursday as the party set in motion government formation efforts amid a demand by a senior Janata Dal (United) leader that his party

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should receive respectable representation in the Union Council of Ministers.

“The matter of cabinet berths will be decided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our party chief Nitish Kumar ji. But, it should be respectable,” Shrawan Kumar, JD(U) leader and Bihar Rural Development Minister, told PTI in Patna. There should be three ministerial berths for his party, another JD(U) leader demanded. Another BJP ally and LJP(R)

leader Chirag Paswan, who is seen as a contender for a Cabinet berth, said his party's support to Modi is unconditional, stressing that it was under his leadership that the NDA has won a majority.

Shiv Sena sources said that instead of his son and three-term MP Shrikant Shinde, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde wants other senior MPs to be considered for ministerial roles.

Viriato scores big in Salcete despite strong BJP presence

INDIA Bloc sees this as a major political achievement

Team Herald

MARGAO: The BJP's inability to secure a lead and targeted percentage of votes in the eight constituencies of Salcete taluka, despite support from two rebel MLAs from Congress, an independent candidate and two MLAs from BJP, is a significant political achievement for the INDIA Bloc.

Conversely, the INDIA Bloc's substantial lead in seven out of the eight constituencies indicates their strong foothold and widespread support within Salcete taluka.

The only constituency that the BJP party managed to get the lead was in Margao, shockingly, that too with just 1,323 votes. INDIA Bloc South Goa can-

AMONKAR BLAMES 'INTERNAL SABOTAGE' FOR DEFEAT OF BJP IN MORMUGAO

VASCO: Two Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLAs Sankalp Amonkar and Krishna 'Daji' Salkar have expressed their disenchantment with the result of the Lok Sabha polls over the low lead to party candidate Pallavi Dempo, who lost the election. While acknowledging the mandate of the people, Mormugao MLA Amonkar rued that internal betrayal within the party ranks was responsible for polling less votes. “Though we secured a lead in the Mormugao Assembly segment, I am not entirely pleased with the outcome of the result. It is apparent that some BJP loyalists had been working against the party's interests here in Mormugao,” he said. Amonkar said that he will now document all instances of disloyalty and backstabbing that came to his attention and submit a detailed report to the party leadership for necessary action against those who undermined collective efforts.

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didate from the Congress party, Capt Viriato Fernandes, got a total lead of 61,000-plus votes in the Salcete taluka.

In Nuvem, Capt Fernandes

garnered a total of 16,365 votes, whereas Pallavi Dempo of the BJP received only 2,677 votes, despite the vigorous campaigning efforts

of Nuvem MLA and Minister Alexio Sequiera, who had switched his allegiance from Congress to BJP.

In Margao, the BJP candidate secured 11,474 votes, while Capt Fernandes received 10,151 votes. Interestingly, this constituency is also represented by Digambar Kamat, who also had defected from the Congress party to the BJP. Despite Kamat's presence and support, the BJP candidate failed to gain a significant lead.

The situation in Curtorim constituency mirrors that of Margao, where despite active campaigning by independent MLA Alexio Reginaldo Lourenco, the party candidate he supported failed to secure a lead.

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Model code of conduct for Lok Sabha polls withdrawn

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PANJIM: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday lifted the model code of conduct (MCC) which was in force since the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections.

In a communication to the Union Cabinet Secretary and State chief secretaries, the Election Commission said as results of Lok Sabha elections and Assembly polls in Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, along with some Assembly by-polls have been declared, model code of conduct has ceased to be in operation with immediate effect.

A direction has been issued to States to withdraw the model code of conduct which had come into force from March 16, 2024.

Two Lok Sabha constituencies in Goa had gone for polls on May 7, 2024, the third phase of the elections.

Putin warns of striking West by giving long-range weapons to others

AP, ST PETERSBURG: President Vladimir Putin warned Wednesday that Russia could provide long-range weapons to others to strike Western targets in response to NATO allies allowing Ukraine to use their arms to attack Russian territory.

Putin also reaffirmed Moscow's readiness to use nuclear weapons if it sees a threat to its sovereignty.

The recent actions by the West will further undermine international security and could lead to “very serious problems,” he said, taking questions from international journalists — something that has become extremely rare since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine.

“That would mark their direct involvement in the war against the Russian Federation, and we reserve the right to act the same way,” Putin added.

The United States and Germany recently authorised Ukraine to hit some targets on Russian soil with the long-range weapons they are supplying to Kyiv.

On Wednesday, a Western official and a US senator said Ukraine has used US weapons to strike inside Russia under newly approved guidance from President Joe Biden that allows American arms to be used for the limited purpose of defending Kharkiv. Pg 11 >>

CISF constable slaps Kangana

PTI, CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI: Actor and BJP MP-elect Kangana Ranaut said she was hit in the face and abused by a woman CISF constable during security check at the Chandigarh airport on Thursday, the ugly fracas breaking out two days after she was won from the Mandi Lok Sabha seat in Himachal Pradesh.

Constable Kulwinder Kaur, who appeared to be upset with Ranaut over her stance on the farmers' protests, was suspended and an FIR lodged against her, officials said.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), tasked with providing security at airports, has also ordered a court of inquiry into the incident. Pg 8 >>

Intrusion of trawlers despite fishing ban alarms Goan fishermen

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MARGAO: Amid the 61-day annual fishing ban that commenced on June 1, traditional fishermen in Goa are raising an alarm about the shocking intrusion of trawlers from neighbouring States into their territorial waters.

Despite the ban applying to all motorised boats and trawlers along the western coast, local fishermen claim authorities are failing to take adequate action against these rampant violations.

Fishermen from the Salcete and Mormugao coastal belt lament having to alert the coastal police themselves about boats from

Maharashtra and Karnataka illegally plying their waters.

They pointed out that in the few instances where these trespassers were apprehended in the recent past, it was only with the assistance of local fishermen providing their boats or guiding the authorities to the trawlers' locations.

They alleged that the influx of outside trawlers has

severely impacted the livelihood of Goan fishermen, as they suffered from significant decline in this year's catch. Olencio Simoes, General Secretary of the Goenchea Ramponnkarancha Ekvott (GRE), expressed dismay over how these trawlers from outside Goa have been plundering their fishing grounds unchecked.

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

JOAQUIM (JACAO) RODRIGUES

-: PEDDA, VARCA :-

Born: 28th August 1947
Died: 5th June 2024

"Today you will be with me in paradise"
- Luke 23:43

Beloved husband of Monica.
Affectionate father / father-in-law of Johnson / Marina, Jovita / Joshua, Jeff / Saphne.
Loving brother / brother-in-law of late Jasmine / late Camilo, Felix / Kitty, Clara / Anju, Menino / Sabina.
Dearest grandfather of Jade, Zack, Kezia, Reesa, Dawson, Zyrach.
Passed away peacefully.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Friday, 7th June 2024 at 9:30 a.m. to Our Lady of Gloria Church, Varca, for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.

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