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Train to check EVM 'rigging', a spooked Cong tells state units

AICC Seeks Intensive Training Of Members For Upcoming LS Polls

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New Delhi: Going beyond political rhetoric about electronic voting machines, Congress has asked its state units to carry out "intensive training" of leaders to be deputised for Election Commission-mandated checking of EVMs in the run-up to elections.

According to an AICC directive to Congress state presidents, they should focus on checking of EVMs that the EC allows to political parties in four stages, the first being well ahead of voting and the last being an hour before polling.

"An intensive training needs to be organised to select Congress leaders who will be deployed to each of the EVM checking events," it says.

The training being referred to by Congress would focus on what aspects of the machine should the agents look at to ensure that the machines are tamper proof.

Sources said state units



BITING THE BALLOT: The training of Congress members is likely to be held for every booth for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls

have been asked to engage "master trainers" who would educate the polling agents. It is likely to be held for every booth for Lok Sabha polls. Among other things, the machines would be checked for "proper sealing" that is done before and after polling, and "unsealing" done for voting.

The enhanced focus on polling machines comes in the backdrop of the attack by opposition parties including Congress on the use of EVMs in elections, with repeated

requests to the EC that they revert to ballot papers.

AICC spokesman Manish Tewari said, "The issue is not whether EVMs can be rigged or not. There is a perception that machines can impinge upon the integrity of the voting process. If majority of stakeholders feel we should revert to paper ballots, what is the difficulty for the EC in accepting the demand?"

While the EC has refused to revert to the old system, Congress and allies have sug-

gested an alternative — the EC count 50% of paper ballots attached to the machines, known as VVPAT, in every constituency.

After polling concluded in MP, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh in December elections, Congress picked on news reports about "mishandling" of machines to allege attempt by the then-BJP state governments to rig the polls.

Congress won in all three states, which led to strong criticism by BJP that the rival was only trying to muddy the waters by making motivated allegations about the machines.

Crucially, Congress has also directed the state units to "take the updation of voter lists seriously". The party made much noise about "fake voters" in the three states that went to polls last month, even taking its allegations to the Supreme Court. Later, revelations about alleged 22 lakh missing voters in Telangana led to a slanging match between the Congress and the EC.

Amid row, PM lavishes praise on EC

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New Delhi: At a time when EVMs are again in the news following fresh hacking claims, PM Narendra Modi on Sunday praised the Election Commission for its "meticulous organising abilities" and adherence to "free and fair polling".

"I appreciate the Election Commission for relentlessly striving to ensure the strengthening of our democracy. I hold in high esteem the ECs of all states, security personnel and other staff members who contribute in ensuring strict

'Left govt disrespecting Kerala's culture'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday again raked up the Sabarimala temple issue and said the communist government in the state has been disrespecting all aspects of Kerala's culture. He also lambasted both Congress and the Communists for having no regard for women's empowerment, best exemplified by their opposition to the NDA government's efforts to end triple talaq. "Neither Congress nor the communists have any concern for women's empowerment. India has had many women CMs, but is there any communist CM?" he asked.



adherence to free and fair polling," Modi said in his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.

Opposition parties recently sought to bring alleged

hacking of EVMs into focus after a self-proclaimed cyber expert, Syed Shuja, claimed in London that the machines could be hacked and the 2014

Lok Sabha polls were rigged. The EC, however, rubbished such claims.

Besides lauding the EC, the PM also spoke about the importance of casting votes adding how young people would exercise their 'right to vote' for the first time in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. He urged eminent people to come forward and jointly contribute in "campaigning for spreading awareness on voter registration and casting one's vote on the day of polling". He also urged the youth to register themselves as voters if they were eligible.

Govt: Can't act against CVC in graft cases, no guideline for it

New Delhi: The government cannot act on two complaints, received by it over a year ago, against Chief Vigilance Commissioner K V Chowdary as there is no guideline to handle such grievances, according to the personnel ministry.

It said a process to frame such guidelines has been initiated by the government.

The assertion assumes significance as the PM Modi-led panel had on January 10 removed CBI director Alok Verma from the post considering a probe report by the Central Vigilance Commission among other factors.

"Presently no guidelines to handle complaints of corruption and other misconduct against Chief Vigilance Commissioner/Vigilance Commissioners are in place," the personnel ministry said in response to an RTI query filed by whistle-blower Indian Forest Service officer Sanjiv Chaturvedi. Chaturvedi had in 2017 written to the President asking him to take action against Chowdary for recommending closure of probe in alleged corruption cases at All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

Will put in dock all those who looted India: PM

Madurai: Prime Minister Modi on Sunday said his government would come down hard on corruption and act against those who "looted" the country. "Any person who cheated or looted the country shall be brought to justice. This is regardless of whether they are in India or abroad," the PM said while addressing a rally in Chennai.

Modi's statement comes amid efforts by the Indian government to bring back economic offenders who have fled the country.

In Marathwada, dead insects fill the little water that's left

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Beed: "You go to Mumbai and tell your Shahrukh about our Shahrukh. He is the asli hero," says Mannabi Shaikh as one stares down the precipice of a cavernous well. There is only a patch of water at the bottom, green with sludge.

Shahrukh Anees Shaikh (18) scrambles down the sheer wall with a rope, placing his feet on a few metal stirrups. He scoops the water into a plastic paint can, which is hoisted up by the women of Nigudi village and poured into steel pots.



Dead insects, mud and stones swim in the water that emerges. "We strain this with our dupatta, then boil and drink it," says Mannabi Shaikh. "What choice do we have?" Locals cannot afford to bathe more than twice a week.

As the drought intensifies, villages in the parched belt of Marathwada face a spiralling water crisis. As many as 42% of the state's talukas have been scorched by the drought, the third such calamity in five years.

VILLAGERS SPEND UP TO ₹800 A WEEK ON TANKER WATER



> 40% of the 112 Maha talukas affected by severe drought are in Marathwada
> Several dams in that area at dead storage level
> Of the 1,786 tankers supplying water in state, 1,076 are in Marathwada
> The region has 58 factories for the water-guzzling sugarcane crop

LOCAL 'HERO': Shahrukh Shaikh (18) descends into the almost dry well in Nigudi (inset) The dirty water scooped up

The region has received only 64% of average rain this year. Beed, where Nigudi village is located, received only 50% of average rain. Dam water levels are now at 13% of capacity compared to 52% at this time last year.

"If you get up by 4am, you can get two pots of water by 6am. The later you begin your day, the less water you get," says Shamim.

Families across the region say they have no choice but to buy water. "We spend at least

Rs 800 to Rs 900 on water each week," says Bambhai Khen-gre from Chumbali village.

Not surprisingly, the water trade is thriving. "Money-lenders are involved in selling water. A 1,000-litre tanker sells for Rs 400," says Ganesh Kawde from Patoda taluka.

Cultivation of water-guzzling sugarcane has boomed here. "The rampant cultivation is leading to the major depletion of ground water," says expert Pradeep Purandare.

Full report on www.toi.in

No Indian team coming to pick up Choksi, says Antiguan govt

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New Delhi: The Antiguan government has said it does not know of any law enforcement team coming from India to pick up economic fugitive Mehul Choksi, heightening the suspense over the destination and human cargo of an aspecial long-range Air India flight which is learnt to have

been readied to fetch a high-value target from abroad.

"I have not been informed of any team coming to Antigua from India," said Lionel 'Max' Hurst, chief of staff in PM Gaston Browne's office. Responding to recent speculation regarding a flight apparently bound for Port of Spain, Hurst said, "My government would wish him gone. He brings nothing to Antigua but

unwanted publicity."

Choksi, he said, "brought a matter before the high court, but he lost. He, however, has a right of appeal which am sure he will exercise. If the matter is still before the courts, he cannot be extradited."

Choksi's application for Antiguan citizenship was granted after he received a clean chit from the Indian government.

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