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Spot the others

First election since 2001, Narendra Modi is not a candidate in Gujarat. Does the absence of the Prime Minister matter in his home state?

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'Now, be ready to dance'

How do elections touch daily life? In a Dalit slum in Gulbarga, the bigger festival is Ambedkar Jayanti; time to be seen, heard



Among the many slogans in this election is the promise of azaadi. How has this idea changed over the years, through music, song, poetry? Freedom is a Revolution

'Voters are no more hostage to leaders, so drawing-room deals don't work on the ground'



Isn't Pragya Thakur a citizen? She is not eligible for fighting elections? AMIT SHAH BJP PRESIDENT

FORMER STAFFER ALLEGES ACTION AGAINST HER, FAMILY

Plot against me, says CJI after sexual harassment complaint

'Two offices — one of PM, CJI. Those behind allegation want to deactivate office of CJI,' says Justice Gogoi



On the bench Saturday (from left) Justice Arun Mishra, CJI Ranjan Gogoi, and Justice Sanjiv Khanna. Archive

Fired for seeking seating change, taking day off for child: complainant names nine officials of the court

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

IN HER complaint detailing allegations of sexual harassment against Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, the 35-year-old junior court assistant has said that the two grounds cited by the inquiry officer that led to her services being terminated were: approaching an official of the Supreme Court to influence the branch officer to change her seating in the admin material section, and being absent from duty for a day because she had to attend an exhibition in her daughter's school.

as a junior court assistant, has mentioned nine officials posted at the court, a driver who dropped her to the nearest metro station on the directions of CJI Gogoi after work, and two neighbours who informed her about a police officer inquiring about her family.

She has annexed with the complaint medical evidence from the time she was taken to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the inquiry, and her consultation with a neurologist at

COMPLAINANT ALLEGES FAMILY FACING BRUNT FULL COVERAGE, PAGE 15

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

CHIEF JUSTICE of India Ranjan Gogoi Saturday convened an "extraordinary" sitting of the court at 10.30 am to address the controversy of which he was at the centre.

the judiciary and deactivate the office of the CJI.

"This is unbelievable. I should not stoop low even in denying it," the CJI said at a hurriedly convened "special sitting" of the court at 10.30 am to address the controversy of which he was at the centre.

The reference was to reports that appeared Saturday in The Wire, Scroll, Leaflet and Caravan, about contents of a representation

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Like Jan last year, all eyes on what SC does: will its in-house gender panel act?



KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

ON JANUARY 12, 2018, four senior judges of the Supreme Court, including Justice Ranjan Gogoi, had warned that unless the institution was preserved, "democracy will not

survive" in India. On Saturday morning, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Gogoi said the allegations of sexual harassment against him were part of a wider attempt to undermine the independence of the judiciary and to "deactivate" the office of the CJI.

Supreme Court of India has pushed the institution into uncharted waters — again.

This time, however, the institution has a compass: the Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee (GSICC) of the court, headed by Justice Indu



Mamata Banerjee addresses a rally in Panighata, West Bengal, on Saturday. Express

Bengal like Bihar 10 yrs ago, says poll officer; TMC wants him out

SWEETY KUMARI KOLKATA, APRIL 20

THE TRINAMOOL Congress on Saturday sent a letter to the Election Commission of India, demanding the removal of its special observer for the state for comparing the situation in West Bengal today to what it was in Bihar 10 years ago.

Speaking to reporters at the Chief Electoral Office in Kolkata, Ajay V Nayak, a 1984-batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre who was recently sent to the state to oversee the last five phases of polling, said, "The condition in West Bengal is quite similar to what it was in Bihar around 10 to 15 years ago. During that time in Bihar, total deployment of Central forces at the booths was required. Now it is required in West Bengal as the people of West Bengal have lost faith in the state police..."

Speaking in the presence of state Chief Electoral Officer Ariz Aftab, Nayak went on to say, "People in Bihar wanted change and now, the state needs only 20 per cent deployment of Central

WIFE OF MISSING POLL OFFICER DENIES 'RUMOURS'

Two days after a West Bengal nodal election officer went missing in Nadia district, his wife wrote a Facebook post dismissing "rumours of personal issues". Nadia Deputy Collector Arnab Roy was reported missing while on duty in Ranaghat. "We have no personal issues and are a very happily married couple... All I want is my husband to be back," his wife Anish Jash wrote on Facebook. ENS, KOLKATA

forces... Then why is this not happening in West Bengal?"

Malda North, Malda South, Jangipur, Murshidabad and Balurghat are set to vote in the third phase of elections on April 23, for which 324 companies of

BCCI fines Pandya, Rahul Rs 20 lakh each for talk show comments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

IMPOSING FINES on K L Rahul and Hardik Pandya for their comments on a talk show earlier this year, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ombudsman Saturday directed the two India cricketers to donate Rs 20 lakh each to widows of constables in paramilitary forces and to a fund to promote cricket for the blind.

The ombudsman, D K Jain, in a detailed order, has asked the two cricketers, in the dock for inappropriate comments on women on the TV show 'Koffee With Karan' in January, to donate Rs 10 lakh for the promotion of cricket among the visually challenged and "Rs 1 lakh to each of the most deserving widows of ten Constables in paramilitary forces who have lost their lives while on duty, through the medium of 'Bharat Ke Veer App'."

The players have been told to pay the fine within four weeks and that any delay will result in the BCCI deducting the amount from their respective match fee. The ombudsman, however, does not mention how the players will identify "the most deserving widows" or if they need to submit to the BCCI proof of these donations.

Jain, a retired Supreme Court judge, who is also BCCI's ethics officer, evoked "justice and fair play" and said that since the players had repeatedly apologised for their conduct and missed five ODIs, there was no need for further sanctions that could keep the World Cup-bound players out of more

48 pages account for half the political ads of over Rs 50,000 on Facebook

KARISHMA MEHROTRA NEW DELHI, APRIL 20

A GROUP of 48 pages accounts for more than half the political advertisements in all the purchases above Rs 50,000 on Facebook. Most of these pages are labelled "community", "news" or "personal blog", and they are not directly linked to political parties. A majority of the ads promoted content to favour the BJP.

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pages bought 18,000 of the 35,000 ads spending Rs 5.3 crore of the total Rs 12.7 crore, an analysis of all ad purchases above Rs 50,000 on Facebook by The Sunday Express has found. In total, Rs 14.7 crore was spent on 72,694 ads on Facebook and ads of above Rs 50,000 account for

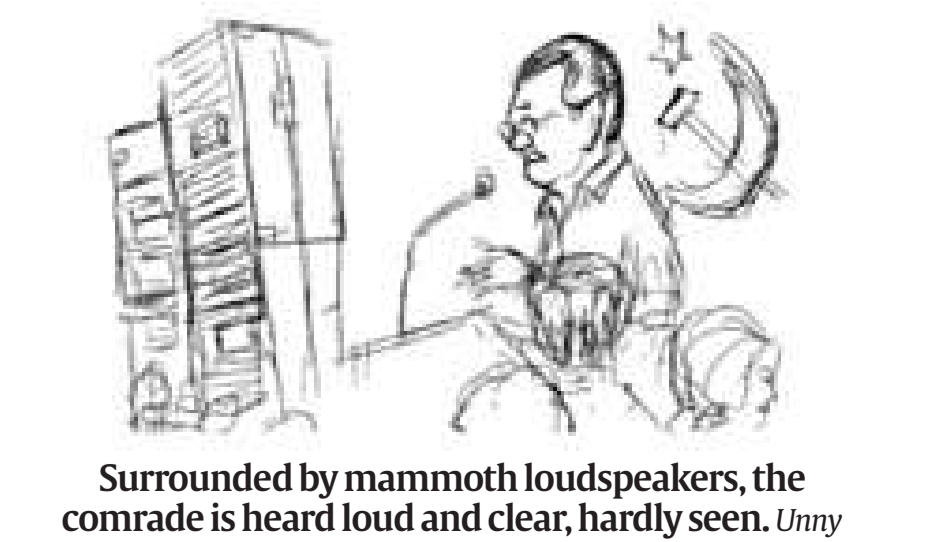
Amid portable votes and a new challenger, Vijayan campaigns for two polls

EPUNNY NORTH MALABAR, APRIL 20

THE COLD, clear voice from the outsized loudspeakers is the lone big defence of Left politics this side of the Himalayas. Across evening meetings though, Pinarayi Vijayan's gatherings seem hardly conscious of history

being made or unmade — much like their ancestors who in 1957 quietly voted in a Communist government in Kerala, arguably the first ever electoral endorsement of Marxism. This is the kind of latent motivation the comrade would love.

Vijayan, all of 13 when the state made this left turn, has



Surrounded by mammoth loudspeakers, the comrade is heard loud and clear, hardly seen. Unny

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