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#### Adityanath drops Rajbhar from Cabinet

LUCKNOW  
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday sacked ally-turned-rebel Om Prakash Rajbhar, head of the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party, from his Cabinet. Mr. Rajbhar had been on the warpath after the BJP denied him ticket on his own symbol and insisted that he contest from Ghosi in Purvanchal under the lotus symbol.

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## India cuts off UN panel after J&K report

HRC lists 13 cases in 2018 alone, including of 4 children killed by security forces

SUHASINI HAIDAR  
NEW DELHI

Reacting angrily to a submission from the Geneva-based Human Rights Council (HRC) on the alleged violations in Jammu and Kashmir, India has informed the United Nations body that it will no longer entertain any communication with the HRC's Special Rapporteurs on its report.

The report from the UN body came at the same time a report from two NGOs in the State on the alleged cases of torture was released in Srinagar, which was endorsed by a former UN Special Rapporteur.

#### Queries on action taken

The current Special Rapporteurs on Extrajudicial Executions, Torture, and Right to Health — Agnes Callamard,

#### Spat over reports

**June 2018:** OHCHR publishes report on 'Human Rights Situation in Jammu and Kashmir' and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir  
■ India slams report, says it shows individual bias of Commissioner of Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein

**January 2018-March 2019:** UN says Special Rapporteurs sent 34 communications (27 in 2018 and 7 in 2019 to date), 20 pending requests for Special Rapporteur visits, including to Jammu and Kashmir  
■ India doesn't reply, declines to clear visits by Special Rapporteurs

**March 2019:** Three UN Special Rapporteurs send submission to India, ask for action taken on human rights violations  
■ India rejects submissions, says it will no longer engage with them on the issue

Dainius Puras and Nils Melzer — had referred to a June 2018 report of the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) and written to the government in March 2019, asking about steps taken by New Delhi to address the alleged human rights violations listed in the report.

In addition, the Special Rapporteurs had listed "13 cases of concern" from 2018 alone, in which "four children were among eight civilians killed by members of the security forces."

Rejecting all the claims, the Indian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva replied to the

OHCHR on April 23, saying that "India... does not intend to engage further with these mandate-holders or any other mandate-holders on the issue," whom it accused of "individual prejudice".

India had also rejected the OHCHR's report on the 'Situation of Human Rights in Kashmir' — the first-ever such report on Jammu and Kashmir that came out in June 2018 — and accused the High Commissioner of Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein of "clear bias" in bringing it out.

When asked, the Ministry of External Affairs clarified that India's stand on not engaging with the Special Rapporteurs was only for those wishing to refer to the OHCHR report.

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## Oppn. takes stock after exit polls favour NDA

Akhilesh Yadav meets Mayawati, Naidu calls on Mamata

SANDEEP PHUKAN  
NEW DELHI

A day after exit polls gave a clear mandate to the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Opposition leaders on Monday took stock of the political situation.

While Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav called on Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati at her residence in Lucknow, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader N. Chandrababu Naidu headed to Kolkata for a meeting with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Despite the exit poll forecasts, Mr. Naidu is continuing with his efforts to create a united block of non-NDA Opposition parties. In case of a hung verdict, Mr. Naidu told other leaders that the Opposition parties could approach President Ramnath Kovind to stake claim as a single entity.

In Lucknow, neither party spoke of what transpired at the meeting, but Mr. Yadav tweeted a photo of himself with Ms. Mayawati and posted a cryptic message. "*Ab agle kadam ki tayari* [Now, getting ready for the next move]." Sources said the two leaders met to arrive at a consensus before holding



Unceasing efforts: N. Chandrababu Naidu with Mamata Banerjee at her residence in Kolkata on Monday. ■PTI

any further talks with other Opposition parties.

#### Mayawati drops plan

The BSP chief dropped her plan to go to Delhi for a possible meeting with other leaders, including former Congress president Sonia Gandhi. There was never an official confirmation of the Mayawati-Sonia meeting, but sources had confirmed to *The Hindu* the BSP chief's plan to fly to Delhi.

The possibility of the meeting had emerged soon after Mr. Naidu met Ms. Mayawati and Mr. Yadav in Lucknow last Saturday. But the exit poll results seemed to have forced a rethink on the strategy as the BSP chief

is in a "wait and watch" mode.

In Kolkata, Mr. Naidu met Ms. Banerjee at her residence for about 45 minutes in the evening but didn't reveal what he discussed as he left for the airport. A Trinamool Congress leader, however, said both sides discussed "various scenarios" that might emerge once the results are declared on Thursday.

(With inputs from Omar Rashid in Lucknow and Suvojit Bagchi in Kolkata)

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## Modi helped BJP buck anti-incumbency

PM's leadership of govt. was a decisive factor that swayed voter choices

LOKNITI TEAM

Narendra Modi was not only the most popular choice for the post of Prime Minister during the course of the 2019 Lok Sabha election — his leadership of the government was a key if not the most decisive factor that swayed voter choices, according to Lokniti's post-poll survey.

As many as 44% of the



respondents preferred Mr. Modi, who established a clear lead over Congress president Rahul Gandhi (24%). Support for Mr. Modi was more pronounced among the youth and graduates and was higher in the

Hindi heartland. In these States (barring Uttar Pradesh), voters also gave a higher preference to the "prime ministerial candidate" over other options (party and local candidate, etc.), when asked what factor determined their choice.

The "Modi factor" helped the Bharatiya Janata Party overcome voter dis-

satisfaction with the party's re-nominated candidates in several seats as well.

#### Rahul's popularity

Mr. Gandhi's popularity, despite being lower than Mr. Modi's, has increased considerably since 2014, the data showed.

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## IRDAI for hike in third-party premium rates

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD

A day after voting in the last phase of the general election, the insurance regulator IRDAI has proposed a sharp rise in motor third party insurance premium rates. It is over 14% for cars, up to 21.11% for two-wheelers and over 11% for trucks.

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## Post-exit polls, Sensex rockets 1,422 points

ASHISH RUKHAIYAR  
MUMBAI

Investor wealth swelled by ₹5.24 lakh crore on Monday as equity benchmark indices registered their second-highest single day gain in terms of absolute points after exit polls gave the government a comfortable majority, exceeding market expectations.

The 30-share Sensex gained 1,422 points or 3.75% to close at 39,352.67. This was the second-highest sin-

gle day gain for the Sensex after May 18, 2009, when the benchmark rose 2,111 points. In percentage terms, Monday's gain was the highest since September 10, 2013, when it gained 3.77%. The broader Nifty gained 421.10 points, or 3.69%, to close at 11,828.25.

#### 'Rise may be limited'

Naveen Kulkarni, head-researcher, Reliance Securities, said a further rise could be limited as markets rallied

significantly over the last two days because of the exit poll numbers.

"The market is likely to rally further but the rally may not be significant as there are challenges of not so encouraging earnings growth, lower liquidity, slowing economy and global challenges. There could be sector-specific rallies like in infrastructure and banking that could do well," he said.

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## Delhi Police sub-inspector dies after attack by bootlegger



SI Raj Kumar's wife with his framed photograph.

SAURABH TRIVEDI  
NEW DELHI

A 58-year-old Delhi Police sub-inspector died after he was allegedly attacked by a bootlegger in the Vivek Vihar area of Shahdara district on Sunday night.

The sub-inspector, Raj Kumar, was reportedly filming illegal liquor trade on his mobile phone when the accused, Vijay alias Bhuri, assaulted him following an argument. The accused has

been arrested.

Police said a PCR call was received at 10.06 p.m. regarding a quarrel at Kasturba Nagar in Vivek Vihar. Both Kumar and Vijay lived in the same area.

"Kumar, out on a post-dinner walk, saw Vijay illegally supplying liquor to a person. He started filming the act on his mobile phone," said a police officer. Vijay saw Kumar recording the video and asked for his mobile phone.

"Kumar refused and this led to a scuffle between them," the officer said.

#### Taken to hospital

Kumar felt uneasy after reaching home and left for Garg Hospital nearby with his daughter on his two-wheeler, said the officer. The hospital authorities referred him to Max Hospital in Patparganj instead. Kumar was declared dead on arrival at the second hospital.

Meghna Yadav, DCP (Shahdara), said that an examination of the body prima facie revealed "a cut injury below the chin and a blunt injury mark on the chest". The preliminary post-mortem report suggested that he died of a heart attack; a detailed report is awaited, she said.

"We have registered a case under IPC Section 302. The accused has been arrested," she said.

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## Did not meet Priya Ramani at hotel: Akbar

Ex-Minister examined in defamation case

STAFF REPORTER  
NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister M.J. Akbar, who is being cross-examined in a local court here in the defamation case filed by him against journalist Priya Ramani, on Monday denied meeting Ms. Ramani at Mumbai's Oberoi Hotel in 1993 for a job interview.

Mr. Akbar had resigned as Minister of State for External Affairs in October last year after Ms. Ramani accused him of sexual harassment when he was the editor of a newspaper she had worked in.

During his cross-examination, Mr. Akbar denied asking Ms. Ramani to come to the Oberoi Hotel in December 1993. He also denied having an offered alcoholic drink to Ms. Ramani in the hotel room and that the conversation between them was "more personal than professional".

"Since there was no meeting, therefore, it is wrong to suggest that I did not ask Priya Ramani about her writing skills, her knowledge of current affairs, or her ability to enter the world of journalism," Mr. Akbar replied.



M.J. Akbar

The cross-examination took place in a packed courtroom which including senior journalists, who had come in support of Ms. Ramani, apart from reporters and lawyers. It also saw fierce exchange of arguments between the former Minister's counsel and senior advocates Geeta Luthra and Rebecca John representing Ms. Ramani.

Mr. Akbar said he was "not sure whether Ms. Priya Ramani was offered a job in *Asian Age* newspaper in January 1994 in the Delhi office... as it is a 25-year-old matter". He, however, said that to the "best of his knowledge, she was working in the Bombay office". As the cross-examination could not be completed, Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Samar Vishal posted the case for further hearing on July 6.

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