



AFTER THE STORM

Two days after Cyclone Fani hit Puri, people jostle for relief material on Sunday. The toll has gone up to 34. *Partha Paul* REPORTS, [PAGE 9](#)

MODI CALLS SP-BSP ALLIANCE 'OPPORTUNIST'

Gloves off, heat turned up: Stage set for Phase 5 today

PM questions Rahul on ties with UK firm

MAULSHREE SETH & MILIND GHATWAI
LUCKNOW, BHOPAL, MAY 5

SEEKING TO drive a wedge in the SP-BSP alliance in Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday referred to BSP chief Mayawati and the SP's Akhilesh Yadav as "mauka-paras" (opportunists) arch-rivals, who have formed a "mahami-lawati" (highly adulterated) alliance to increase their wealth. Modi also targeted Rahul Gandhi, alleging that the Congress president's former business partner got a defence offset contract during the UPA's tenure when the two had previous "experience only in dalali and liaisoning".

Addressing a rally in Bhadohi, which adjoins his Varanasi constituency, Modi said: "When *bua* (Mayawati) and *babua* (Modi)...

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51 Lok Sabha seats across **7** states to vote today
■ With this phase, elections will be over in **424** seats; the remaining seats will vote on May 12 and 19
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BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Maya hits back: Our voters will back Cong in Amethi, Rae Bareli

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, MAY 5

COUNTERING PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's claims that the Samajwadi Party and Congress were part of a "big game" against her, BSP chief Mayawati Sunday said the gathbandhan had made several sacrifices and the alliance would continue well into the future.

And maintaining that the gathbandhan had no understanding with the Congress, Mayawati said that the SP and BSP had decided not to field candidates in the Amethi and Rae Bareli Lok Sabha seats to weaken the BJP.

While Congress president Rahul Gandhi contests Amethi, his mother Sonia Gandhi is the Rae Bareli candidate and both constituencies, which are Gandhi family bastions, go to

EXPLAINED E.

Bid to bridge the divide

MAYAWATI'S MESSAGE on the eve of polls in Amethi and Rae Bareli is a bid to bridge the divide in the anti-BJP camp. She seeks to assure the Congress and ease concerns within the alliance in the wake of speeches by BJP leaders to drive a wedge through the gathbandhan.

polls Monday.
"Even today, my party...
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Justice D Y Chandrachud

SEXUAL HARASSMENT PANEL

Justice Chandrachud met Justice Bobde, calls for full court

SUSHANT SINGH
NEW DELHI, MAY 5

IN HIS letter written on May 2 to the three-judge inquiry panel headed by Justice S A Bobde looking into allegations of sexual harassment against Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, Justice D Y Chandrachud has demanded a full court to consider the issues raised by him.

The letter also argues for inclusion of an external member to broadbase the committee, and suggests names of three retired women Supreme Court judges to choose from. They are retired Justices Ruma Pal, Sujata Manohar and Ranjana Desai

Indian Express that Justice Chandrachud had met Justice Bobde on May 2 to discuss the contents of his letter.

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SC SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

ON SUNDAY, the Supreme Court's Secretary General said, in a reference to *The Indian Express* report, that it was "wholly incorrect" to state, as the report had, that "Justice R F Nariman and Justice D Y Chandrachud together met Justice S A Bobde on Friday evening."

The statement added: "The in-house committee which is deliberating on the issue concerning the

Honourable Chief Justice of India deliberates on its own without any input from any other Hon'ble Judge of this court."

It has been learnt that Justice Chandrachud met Justice Bobde on Thursday, May 2, to discuss the contents of his letter on the probe into the sexual harassment allegations.

The Indian Express regrets the error.

Day after, Kejriwal says attack bid to silence him

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, MAY 5

DELHI CHIEF Minister Arvind Kejriwal Sunday said the "message" behind his assault during a roadshow on Saturday was that voices critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi will "not be spared".

The attempts to "suppress, silence, kill" all criticism were symptomatic of a "dictatorship", Kejriwal said, adding that Modi was "responsible" for the attack on him.

Addressing a press conference at the AAP headquarters,




Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia Sunday. *Abhinav Saha*

Kejriwal said of late he has repeatedly questioned the "relationship" between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

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Arid Chitrakoot fertile for 'Superman, Saviour'

ACROSS A NATION
LENGTH &
KARGIL KANYAKUMARI

BREADTH
PORBANDAR PASIGHAT
2 LINES, OVER 7000 KM
30 DATELINES, 15 STATES

VANDITA MISHRA
CHITRAKOOT, MAY 5

STARRING IN this election in Banda-Chitrakoot, which goes to polls Monday: Candidates of the BJP, Mahagathbandhan and Congress, each of whom has changed parties; a dead dacoit, Shiv Kumar Patel alias Dadua, whose legend overhangs the fray and whose brother is the Congress candidate.

And at least four minor dacoits, carrying cash rewards on their heads and trying to establish their writ, especially in the villages that border the jungles in this sparsely populated rocky terrain.



BJP candidate R K Singh Patel. *Express*

Chitrakoot, which straddles the border between UP and MP, is a no-government's land with a claim to holy fame — it is believed that Lord Ram spent more than 12 years of his 14-year *vanvas* (exile) here.

In 2014, this region voted overwhelmingly for change — the Modi BJP took all four Lok Sabha seats of Bundelkhand, and in the 2017 Vidhan Sabha polls, all its 19 seats. In 2019, the push-back from the Mahagathbandhan of the SP and BSP, visible elsewhere in the state, is less tangible in Chitrakoot.

Chitrakoot, denuded of political norms and institutions that can be found at least in bare

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GOVT & POLITICS

PM'S RAJIV JIBE: RAHUL, PRIYANKA DEFEND FATHER, OPP STANDS BY THEM

BJP RAISES BOFORS, ANTI-SIKH RIOTS
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WORLD



LANKA EXPELS 600 FOREIGNERS [PAGE 13](#)

Year after he died in firing, Dalit youth's sculpture a rallying point in Alwar

SHALINI NAIR
ALWAR, MAY 5

SWATHED IN a blue cloth, the sculpture sits in wait against the barren landscape of Jadoli village in Alwar. Beneath the swaddle is a bust of Pawan Kumar Jatav, the 27-year-old killed in police firing during the Dalit protest on April 2, 2018. Set to be unveiled at a public ceremony after the Lok Sabha elections are over, the bust of the youth, who was studying for the civil service exams, has become a rallying point for the community that accounts for



Jallaram Jatav with the bust of his son. *Shalini Nair*

almost a quarter of the electorate in Alwar Lok Sabha constituency which votes Monday.

"He is a martyr for our cause."
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Battling stereotypes in volatile Kashmir, women pave own way

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Masrat Naz at her school in Bandipora. *Shuaib Masoodi*

ADIL AKHZER
SRINAGAR, MAY 5

FOR THE last five years, 25-year-old Ifra Yousuf and her two sisters stitched garments at their home. As business and demand grew, the trio realised they needed to expand but required a separate

manufacturing unit.

Last month, the sisters took a loan and 15 days ago, opened a small garment unit, manufacturing gowns, lehengas and other clothes, in the Chattabal area of the Srinagar city. "Earlier,
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