

Amixed bag of results

The results of the October 30 byelections have stung the BJP government in Himachal Pradesh, a year before the hill state goes to the polls. The ruling party drew a blank as the Congress regained the Mandi parliamentary seat and also won Arki, Fatehpur and Jubbol-Kotkhai Assembly seats. This was the first election in the state after six-term Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, by far Himachal's tallest Congress leader, passed away in July. His rich legacy lives on, with the sympathy vote largely helping the Congress turn the tables on the BJP. Virbhadra's widow Pratibha Singh outclassed Kargil war hero and BJP nominee Brig Khushal Thakur (ret'd) to wrest the Mandi seat.

Editorial

Not surprisingly, Arki, from where Virbhadra had won in 2017, also went the Congress' way. While the outcome has given a fillip to the Himachal Congress, which has been struggling to regroup after Virbhadra's demise, it's an embarrassment not only for CM Jai Ram Thakur but also for BJP's national president JP Nadda, who is a Rajya Sabha MP from the state. Both Thakur and Nadda need to assess how big a part anti-incumbency played in the bypoll and how the BJP can get its act together ahead of the 2022 elections.

In Haryana, Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) candidate Abhay Singh Chautala retained the Ellenabad Assembly seat. The victory offers a ray of hope to the INLD, which has been reduced to a fringe player in the state. Resentment against the BJP-led state government and the prolonged unrest over the three Central farm laws seem to have influenced the result.

The verdict in Himachal and Haryana is at variance with the general trend in most other states, where the ruling party/alliance fared well in the byelections. The BJP and its allies gained ground in Assam and other northeastern states, while the Trinamool Congress swept the board in West Bengal. The Congress came up trumps in Rajasthan, even as the BJP had the upper hand in Madhya Pradesh. On the whole, it's a mixed bag of results that hasn't given the BJP much to gloat

Integra Telecommunication & Software to Launch Sports (Cricket) Software Would benefit substantially

Udaipur: BSE listed, Integra Telecommunication & Software Ltd., (Intelsoft) an IT solutions provider providing a full range of IT services for Indian businesses from desktops, data security and help-desk support, through to servers, backups, network administration, etc. has informed BSE that it is in process of developing an sports Software viz Cricket Fantasy which will be launched in March 2022. The final decision in this regard will be made at the next board meeting. The beta version would be launched initially.

The domestic revenue of the IT industry is estimated at US\$ 45 billion and export revenue is estimated at US\$ 150 billion in FY21. According to Gartner estimates, IT spending in India is estimated to reach US\$ 93 billion in 2021 (7.3% YoY growth) and further increase to US\$ 98.5 billion in 2022.

JK Tyre Revenue up by 31%

Udaipur: Indian tyre industry major, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. (JK Tyre) announced its un-audited results for 2nd Qtr. of FY21-22.

Commenting on the results, Dr. Raghupati Singhania, Chairman and Managing Director, said, "JK Tyre has been attaining continuous sales growth despite partially disrupted market place. The sales in the replacement market registered healthy growth whereas institutional sales recorded a quantum jump during the quarter. JK Tyre's continued thrust resulted in 35% rise in Exports.

The rising inputs costs impacted operating margins. This could be partially mitigated through enhanced volumes and selective price increases".

The Company's subsidiary - Cavendish Industries Ltd continues to contribute to revenue growth.

JK Tormel, the subsidiary in Mexico has also performed well with significant growth in revenues and profitability.

Good efforts on vaccinating the population of the country has led to economic recovery which indeed augurs well for the tyre industry in the coming period

HDFC Bank MSME loan book in Rajasthan crosses Rs. 13,000 crores in Advances

Udaipur: HDFC Bank's MSME loan book in Rajasthan has crossed the milestone of Rs. 13,000 crore. As of September 30, 2021, the bank's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) loan book for Rajasthan stands over Rs. 13,000 crore.

HDFC Bank's MSME loan book in Rajasthan has grown 27 per cent in September 30, 2021, vis-à-vis quarter-ended September 30, 2020.

Under Government's ECLGS scheme, HDFC Bank has disbursed advances to over 4,900 MSME units in the state of Rajasthan.

HDFC Bank started offering advances to MSMEs in Rajasthan in the year 2006. In the last 15 years in the state, the Bank has offered advances and supported growth plans of close to 50,000 (50,040) enterprises. These enterprises demonstrate the spirit of entrepreneurship that form the backbone of economic growth in more than 141 cities and towns covering 33 districts, of the state of Rajasthan.

Dr. Latif received Mirza Ghalib Award

Udaipur: In the 30th felicitation ceremony organized by the Tamir Society, Dr. Latif of Akbar Abadi was honored with the Mirza Ghalib Award. Society Sadar Iqbal Sagar said that apart from this, many people working in different fields were honored.

Seventh Revised Basic Curriculum Workshop organized

Udaipur: Seventh Revised Basic Curriculum Workshop was organized at Geetanjali Medical College and Hospital. Dr. Bhavesh Jarwani from Smt. NHL Medical College Ahmedabad

Hate Platforms Disintegrating the Nation



Nowadays, such content is being served on social platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, which is obnoxious, indecent, violent, misleading and anti-national, whose purpose is not to unite the nation, but to break it. Such people are active on these social forums, who believe in the policy of sabotage, they are ready to do petty acts like character assassinations, abuse and create a chaotic environment by adopting disorderly and destructive policy. Such violence, hatred and misinformation should have no place in a progressive, civilized and decent society, but the irony is that the government is not able to control these chaotic situations due to the Freedom of Expression Act.

Conspiracies to break the country are spreading on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube

and these conspiracies create a nuisance environment in society. There has been a competition to celebrate these anti-national subversive designs, hate speeches, distorted developments, violence and communalism and dissemination of misleading information. This fact has been revealed by Facebook itself and some American media organizations after their study. The researchers opened accounts on Facebook two years ago and continuously monitored what content was being served on the platform in India. They were surprised to see that they were full of misinformation and hate ideas. Although Facebook claims that it does not publish any objectionable content, it immediately sends warnings and blocks the content to those who do. The question is, why did this system of Facebook spread here? Is Facebook

itself responsible for making such a storm of hatred ubiquitous?

Twitter, YouTube, Facebook are said to be the platforms of social interaction, but the amount of political, religious and social hatred being spread on these platforms is worrying. Facebook is unable to stop misleading information, hate speech and celebratory content about violence in India, according to internal documents of Facebook, but the big question is why it is not able to stop? Is this a sign of a conspiracy against India? The question is also whose interest is being served by this kind of misleading, disorderly, destructive and hate-mongering policy? It is strange that such trends have increased rapidly in India.

The fact is that only five out of twenty-two languages in India have been screened and analysed by Facebook through artificial intelligence. Even in big languages like Hindi and Bangla, it has no way of analysing the content served. Obviously, this has given an open ground to the rowdy and narrow minded people, who want to break the conditions of peace and harmony of the country or give shape to their narrow interests. There has also been a conspiracy to influence elections through this misleading information.

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder-CEO of Facebook, said that "India is of great

importance in the history of Facebook. When the company was going through a bad phase and was on the verge of closure, my mentor Steve Jobs (founder of Apple) advised me to visit a temple in India. After returning from there, I gained self-confidence and the company became successful. That's why India is at the top of their 'list'. Just a year ago, again during his visit to India, Zuckerberg indicated that he intended to bring the Internet to the poor. Facebook has set a new example of popularity in India. But India that gave new life to Facebook, would it like to be responsible for breaking the integrity of that country?

Social platforms like Twitter, YouTube, Facebook were developed with the aim of helping people to communicate with each other, express healthy and free thoughts and establish mutual harmony. Powers and political parties envious of India's progress made it the medium of their propaganda and the fulfillment of so-called narrow interests. There is hardly any political party in India which does not have official accounts on Facebook. There is no error in having official accounts, but when his supporters, activists started expressing their party's aggressive views by creating accounts in fake names, the atmosphere became polluted and violent. Then not only did party differences start to

emerge there, political interests started coming to the fore.

It has become common for one party to oppose the other party, to degrade it, to hinder its progress and to demoralize the parties which set new records of success. If this artificial, misleading and false information of theirs is exposed, then not a single issue is found which touches the factual, theoretical and practical aspect. This is deliberately becoming a means of spreading anarchy and workers of different political parties were seen getting confused in this, rather they started taking pride in spreading excitement by spreading misinformation and hate ideas. Many times its bad results have also been seen, when people under the influence of such thoughts were found committing violence in the form of a mob. People who understand how heinous and anti-national is such an attempt made only with the aim of character assassination and anarchy.

Governments are creating new chapters for the unity and integrity of the nation, communal harmony and progress - this country has a culture, a heritage; it cannot be defeated by such tricks.

It is surprising that despite the intensity and length of opposition, the existence of institutions, political parties, ideologies, and leaders could not come under any threat and those who wrote and presented opposing dialogues

could not succeed in their objective. Sometimes it seems that opposition is the destiny of these so-called anti-national elements and political parties. It is strange that no political party gives any explanation on such rumors, information, ideas spread by its workers and no one has taken any measures to discipline and restrain them.

Platforms like Facebook are seamless, where anyone is free to open their account without paying any fees. Nowadays, the Smartphone has come in every hand, due to which many people have become addicted to using this platform unbridled. But this addiction causes harm to the nation. The central government had tried to discipline these social forums in the past, but the constitutional system of freedom of expression is a major obstacle in this. However, these platforms of social media have also been seen playing a positive role for a healthy democracy. They also run the risk of severely undermining the rights of many people who express their views in a healthy manner and bring attention to many pressing issues. But the way in which a large number of unruly, violent, disruptive elements of national and social harmony have become active there, it is natural to be worried. It is necessary to curb them and take strict action against them.

-Lalit Garg

Hindustan Zinc hosts MEAI Rajasthan Chapter at Zawar Mines on Indian Mining Day

Udaipur: On Indian Mining Day, Hindustan Zinc, India's largest mining business, hosted the MEAI Rajasthan Chapter on November 1, 2021, at Zawar Group of Mines. "ESG strategy for Indian Mining Industry" was the theme for this year's Indian Mining Day. The event explored the current scenario, technical advancements, and numerous concerns associated with ESG-based mining, as well as potential future innovations and advancements. Many dignitaries attended the mega event, including Mr. B. L. Kotriwala, Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Mr. Praveen Sharma, COO Mines, Hindustan Zinc, Mr. Y. C. Gupta, Chairman MEAI Rajasthan Udaipur Chapter and Mr. M. S. Paliwal, Secretary MEAI Rajasthan Udaipur Chapter, Mr. Kishore Kumar S., Director - Zawar Mines, Hindustan Zinc and Mr. Sanjay Khator, Director - Dariba, Hindustan Zinc.

Indian Mining Day (IMD) is recognized and commemorated every year on November 1st. The Mining Engineers' Association of India (MEAI), a national body with over 5000 members distributed over 25 regional chapters across the country, spearheads the celebration of Indian Mining Day. MEAI actively represents and honours all professionals in India's minerals and mining sector on this day. To keep the mining professionals motivated and make the event more productive, a variety of talks and conversations were held at multiple locations across India. The mining industry



experts address a wide spectrum of technical advancements, as well as current and future concerns in the mining sector through knowledge sharing. The mining sector in India is a key economic activity that contributes immensely to the economic growth and development of the country. The mining industry offers the resources for tomorrow's innovations and technologies.

MEAI adopted 'ESG Strategy for Indian Mining Industry' as the theme this year where metal and mining industry is progressively addressing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues and challenges as a matter of priority. ESG presently integrates all environmental, social, and corporate governance topics into a comprehensive framework with a cohesive strategy that has the potential to enable a mining business to navigate the advantages and gains to the planet, people, and community more efficiently.

In response to hosting the MEAI Rajasthan Udaipur Chapter, Hindustan Zinc, CEO, Mr. Arun Misra stated, "We are honoured to host MEAI Rajasthan Chapter at our Zawar Mines. At Hindustan Zinc, we are dedicated to

implementing the best mining practices and ensuring environmental sustainability at the core. This year's subject was especially intriguing, as it highlights the importance of focusing on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards. At the helm of transition towards sustainability companies should keep a key focus on ESG standards and framework which will enhance their operations, performance and investment possibilities".

At Hindustan Zinc, sustainability is an integral part of the business and has embarked on an ambitious sustainability journey, led by the Sustainability Goals 2025. Hindustan Zinc is taking all possible efforts to limit climate change, mitigate its catastrophic effects, and ultimately save lives. In addition to setting ambitious targets to achieve sustainability in the business, the company has established a stronger governance structure, for increased transparency. Protecting and enhancing biodiversity is also an integral part of Hindustan Zinc's commitment to sustainable development. The goals undertaken by Hindustan Zinc include GHG emissions reduction, water

stewardship, circular economy, biodiversity conservation, zero harm, positive impact on local communities, diversity and equality and responsible sourcing. Hindustan Zinc strives to conserve natural resources and adopt greener technologies wherever possible to ensure its environmental footprint shrinks year on year.

Speaking on the occasion of Indian Mining Day Mr. AK Kothari, Former President Mining Engineers Association of India said, "In the mining sector ESG has to become the cornerstone of operations and sustainability has to be incorporated at all levels. I am happy that big companies like Hindustan Zinc are stepping up and bringing sustainability at the core of all their operations. It was indeed a day to remember, and I salute the mining fraternity for their efforts in nation building".

The event was commemorated at Hindustan Zinc's flagship Zawar mines, one of India's oldest Lead Zinc mines which has been the center of silver, lead, and zinc mining for over 2500 years. The mines are quite testaments to the country's extractive prowess in ancient times. Zawar remains one of Hindustan Zinc Limited's oldest and primary Zinc - Lead producing operations, with best-in-class technological advancements. Zawar Mines comprises of four mines: Mochia, Balaria, Zawar Mala, and Baroi. With on-going additions to its reserve and resource base, the Zawar group of mines are a mark of the Hindustan Zinc's rich heritage and legacy.

Development was organized under the joint aegis of Pacific Medical College and Hospital and Johnson & Johnson.

The workshop was inaugurated by PMCH Chairman Rahul Agarwal, Executive Director Aman Agarwal, CEO Sharad Kothari, Pacific Medical University Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.P. Gupta, Head of the Department of Surgery, Dr. M.M. Mangal, Dr. Rajrani Sharma, and Dr. Vishwas Johri head Gynecology and Obstetrics Department.

On this occasion, Dr. M.M. Mangal informed that to explain the details of surgery to PG students in medical colleges of northern India, 12 endo suturing simulators have been made in Volvo bus by Johnson & Johnson, through which trainee doctors have been trained.

In this workshop, PG resident doctors were taught various methods of surgery using laparoscopy on endo suturing simulators by senior doctors to instill confidence in these young doctors.

A 15-year-old, undergoes Heart Transplant at CIMS

Udaipur: A 15-year-old from Junagadh has undergone successful heart transplant surgery at CIMS Multi Super Specialty Hospital in Ahmedabad, becoming the youngest person in Gujarat to receive a heart transplant. This is the 18th Heart Transplant to be performed at CIMS Multi Super Specialty Hospital.



The transplanted heart belonged to 14-year-old Surat resident Dharmik Kakadiya, whose family donated his heart and other organs after being declared brain dead. We are very sorry for their loss, but would like to thank the family for contributing to such a noble cause for saving lives.

Recipient Mohit, who studies in class 11, was suffering from dilated cardiomyopathy, a heart muscle disease that makes it harder for the heart to pump blood to the rest of the body for the past two years. He waited for nine months for a heart transplant and underwent the heart transplant surgery on October 30th at CIMS Multi Super Specialty Hospital, Ahmedabad.

"Mohit is the youngest patient in Gujarat to have received a heart transplant and is stable at present. It is always difficult to get the right match heart for a paediatric patient, as the size of the body and heart has to match. Luckily, Mohit was able to get an exact match heart," said Dr. Dhiren Shah, Director and Chief of cardiothoracic and heart transplant department at CIMS Multi Super Specialty Hospital, who led the surgery.

Moreover, Mohit comes from a financially weak family, and funds for the operation were raised by crowdfunding along with CIMS Multi Super Specialty Hospital.

The heart transplant procedure was completed in three hours and 45 minutes, which included one-and-a-half hours to transport the heart from Surat to Ahmedabad via a chartered flight.

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