

Nitish, Nitin win Rajya Sabha seats as NDA sweeps Bihar

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New Delhi: Rajya Sabha elections Monday accentuated the opposition's inability to hold its ranks, with absentee legislators costing the Grand Alliance a seat in Bihar, and cross-voting delivering a bonus seat to BJP in Odisha.

In Bihar, all five NDA candidates — outgoing CM Nitish Kumar, new BJP president Nitin Nabin, Union minister Ram Nath Thakur, Rashtriya Lok Morcha president Upendra Kushwaha and state BJP general secretary Shivesh Kumar — won the biennial elections to fill five Upper House berths that will be vacated on April 9.

Mahagathbandhan's lone candidate, RJD's Amarendra Dhari Singh, lost after four opposition legislators — three from Congress and one from RJD — stayed away from the election. Had they voted, Singh would



Bihar BJP chief Sanjay Saraogi (R) felicitates party's national chief Nitin Nabin after the Rajya Sabha election on Monday

have secured 41 votes against the required threshold of 40, instead of the 37 he polled. In Bihar, all five NDA candidates — outgoing CM Nitish Kumar, new BJP president Nitin Nabin, Union minister Ram Nath Thakur, Rashtriya Lok Morcha president Upendra Kushwaha and state BJP general secretary Shivesh Kumar — won the biennial elections to fill five Rajya

Sabha berths that will be vacated on April 9.

All 202 NDA MLAs voted, and no cross-voting was reported. Among the NDA candidates, Nitish and Nitin each polled 44 votes while Ram Nath and Upendra received 42 each. Shivesh had 30 first-preference votes, crossing the threshold on second-preference counting.

In Odisha, 11 instances of cross-voting — eight by BJD members and three by Congress — handed BJP-backed Independent Dilip Ray the fourth Rajya Sabha seat, defeating BJD and Congress's joint candidate Datteswar Hota. BJP nominees Manmohan Samal and Sujeet Kumar won comfortably, as did BJD's Santrupt Misra.

BJD, with 50 MLAs — including two suspended members — had the required strength in the assembly to win one seat on its own and had tied up with Congress's 14 to secure a second. Cross-voting upended that arithmetic.

BJD president and former CM Naveen Patnaik accused BJP of horse-trading, saying most non-BJP MLAs who backed the governing party had "criminal backgrounds". CM Mohan Charan Majhi termed the remarks "immature" and said Patnaik had "insulted not just the MLAs by calling them criminals, but also the voters who elected them".

Odisha PCC president Bhakta Charan Das described the defection of three Congress MLAs — Sofia Firdous, Ramesh Jena and Dasarathi Gamango — as "unexpected". He said the matter had been referred to the party high command.

For Ray, the script was a familiar one. The former Union minister won a Rajya Sabha seat in 2002 under near-identical circumstances. On that occasion, he was contesting as an Independent after being expelled from BJD and was carried through by large-scale cross-voting.

Naga student body holds rally against govt's Vande directive

Dimapur: The Naga Students Federation (NSF) organised a mass rally in Kohima Monday to oppose the singing or playing of Vande Mataram at govt events and educational institutions in Nagaland, reports Bhadra Gogoi.

Students, church members and civil society representatives gathered at Old MLA Junction in the state capital to express opposition to the Union home ministry's Jan 28 notification, which mandates the singing/playing of the national song.

Participants marched to the Lok Bhavan to submit a memorandum to President Droupadi Murmu through governor Nand Kishore Yadav. The memorandum, signed by NSF, Naga Peoples Movement for Human Rights and Nagaland Joint Christian Forum leaders, urged the Union govt to nullify or withdraw the directive.

The memorandum, said the revised Vande Mataram contains devotional imagery associated with the worship of a particular deity.

Veteran Dilip Ghosh in BJP list, 41 MLAs too get tickets

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A dhikari had switched from TMC to BJP in 2020, barely three months before elections the following year.

Among the fresh faces is Soumitra Chattopadhyay, seventh-generation descendant of Vande Mataram author Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Chattopadhyay will contest from Naihati, a Hooghly river town north of Kolkata that is also Bankim Chandra's birthplace.

Party veteran Dilip Ghosh returned to familiar turf in Kharagpur Sadar, a railway town about 120km west of Kolkata in West Midnapore district.

Ghosh had represented the constituency from 2016 to 2019, defeating 10-time MLA Gyan Singh Sohanpal as a first-time candidate.

Journalist-turned-politician Swapan Dasgupta, a Padma Bhushan awardee and former Rajya Sabha member, will fight from Rashbehari in south Kolkata. Kolkata Municipal Corporation councillor Sajal Ghosh has been fielded from Baranagar, an industrial suburb north of Kolkata, while actor Rudranil Ghosh will contest from Shibpur in Howrah district.

The list retains 41 sitting MLAs, including assembly chief whip Shankar Ghosh, who will contest again from Siliguri in north Bengal.

Three former MLAs — Jitendra Tiwari from Pandabeswar in Paschim Bardhaman district, Samarendranath Ghosh from Karimpur in Nadia district, and Saikat Panja from Manteswar in Purba Bardhaman district — are also on the list.

The list includes 11 wom-

en, among them are Agnimitra Paul from Asansol South in Paschim Bardhaman district, Malati Rava Roy from Tufanganj in Cooch Behar district, and Chandana Bauri from Saltora in Bankura district.

The professionally diverse slate features 23 teachers, six advocates, five doctors and three retired soldiers. Three spiritual figures also appear on the list — Utpal Maharaj, Swami Mangalananda Puri, and Nikhil Banerjee. Former Kurmi Samaj state president Rajesh Mahato, who joined BJP weeks ago, will contest from Gopiballavpur, a tribal-majority constituency in Jhargram district. Mahato has long campaigned for scheduled tribe status for Kurmi community and inclusion of Kurmali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

89-yr-old dies after 'rat bite' in Maha govt hospital ICU

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Mira-Bhayandar: An 89-year-old woman undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit (ICU) of the Pandit Bhimsen Joshi Govt Hospital in Bhayandar (West) was allegedly bitten by a rat on Sunday night. A few hours after the alleged rat-bite, the patient, Suhasini Matekar, died.

A medical officer and a nursing staff member were transferred to Thane civil hospital with immediate effect. The elderly woman was admitted to the hospital on March 12. She was kept on ventilator support in the ICU on the fourth floor.

The incident came to light Monday morning when the patient's family members noticed that there were injuries to the

patient's hand that looked like a rat had gnawed at it. The relatives noticed loss of blood from the injuries. The family claimed the doctors and nursing staff on duty were unaware of it until they pointed it out.

Locals raised questions about the management and hygiene standards at the govt-run hospital. Milan Desai, daughter of the patient, who is an office-bearer of the Shiv Sena (UBT), said she had noticed the presence of rats earlier as well in the ICU and seen rat footprints.

She alleged her mother died because of loss of blood due to rat-bites. She alleged that the last check-up was done by the staff nurse around 2.30 am on Monday. Dr Jafar Tadv, dean of the hospital, blamed the ongoing construction in the vicinity for the rats.



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