

‘In 2027 Assembly polls, winnability is critical for both Congress and SP’

IN A major reshuffle of its Uttar Pradesh unit less than five months before the Assembly elections, the Congress has named Aradhana Misra as its state unit chief. A three-term MLA from Rampur Khas in Pratapgarh, Misra is the daughter of Rajya Sabha MP Pramod Tiwari. In an interview with *The Indian Express*, she speaks to **Maulshree Seth** about a range of issues including her experience of working with Priyanka Gandhi, her immediate priorities and the expected alliance between the Congress and the Samajwadi Party (SP) for the upcoming polls. Excerpts:

You have taken charge of the UP Congress very close to the 2027 elections. How do you see your challenges?

It is a very big challenge. I am grateful to my leadership — Khargeji, Sonia ji, Priyanka ji and Rahul Gandhi ji — for giving me this responsibility.

I come from a legacy of four generations in the Congress. My great-grandfather and grandfather were freedom fighters. My father, Pramod Tiwari, had a political career spanning 47 years. But I was not brought directly into electoral politics. My journey began at the grassroots.

I became a panch in 1998, when I was around 19. In 2001, I became a block pramukh. Alongside this, I worked in the Congress organisation at the state level. So, I have seen politics

from the grassroots upwards.

You travelled extensively with Priyanka Gandhi across UP during 2019-2022. How did that experience shape you?

When Priyanka ji came to UP in 2019, I accompanied her extensively. She already had an old association with me because she used to be in-charge of Amethi and Rae Bareilly, which are close to my constituency. We had a strong bond.

Between 2019 and 2022, I travelled across the state with her. It gave me the opportunity to see the Congress organisation closely — its strengths, its weaknesses and the work that needs to be done at the grassroots.

I became the Congress Legislature Party leader after that. So this responsibility is also a continuation of the organisational work I have been doing for several years.

As a woman leader heading the UP Congress, what would be your roadmap?

Challenges always come with responsibility. There is nothing new about that for me. Being a woman in politics does not bother me anymore. But yes, women have to work a little more because there are so many responsibilities.

I have been fortunate that my party leadership, particularly Priyanka ji and Sonia ji, understood these challenges. They



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ARADHANA MISRA
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promoted me and protected me.

Congress has always believed in women's participation and empowerment. The party gave the country its first woman Prime Minister, its first woman President and Uttar Pradesh its first woman chief minister. I am yet another example of that tradition.

When Priyanka ji launched the “Ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon” campaign in UP in 2022, these were not merely words. We gave 40% reservation to women candidates in the polls. BJP can make promises, but Congress has shown through its history that it gives women the opportunity to lead.

Saharanpur MP Imran Masood has been appointed the working president of the state Congress

alongside you. How do you see the two of you working together?

Imran ji is an experienced leader and has worked extensively in UP. It is a big state and there is a lot to be done, so we need many hands. I see his appointment as strengthening the team. We have to work together to reach workers and strengthen the organisation at the grassroots. The responsibility is not of one person. We need to work collectively — with the working president, new vice-presidents, senior leaders, district and state leaders and the entire cadre.

What are your immediate organisational priorities?

I would like to connect with every Congress worker and go as deep as possible, right down to the booth level. The booth has to

be strong to win an election. With so little time left for the polls, it may not be possible to do everything I want. But my agenda is to strengthen the existing organisational structure at the booth level and involve everybody — district and state leaders and all those who want to work.

Do you think the alliance between the Congress and the SP could be another major challenge for you?

Winnability is the most important factor because we are contesting an election to win and form the government. Our objective and mission for 2027 is to form the government and oust the BJP government. So, winnability is a major marker — not only for the SP but for the Congress as well.

But I want to clarify one thing. The INDIA alliance was not formed in UP or at the state level. It was formed at the central level through the initiative of our central leadership. Therefore, how many seats there will be, seat-sharing and when the alliance will be announced — all of that will be decided by the central leadership.

My responsibility as the UP Congress team leader is clear: to ensure respect for Congress workers, strengthen the organisation and ensure victory in as many seats as possible. These considerations will be important when the alliance is worked out.

RSS mouthpiece: ‘Protests over EC row, IIT suicide new bids of Communist-Islamist cabal’

Deeptiman Tiwari
New Delhi, October 3

“UNDERMINING BRAND Bharat in the name of democratic rights and agitations has become a fashion,” the RSS-affiliated magazine *Organiser* has said, linking current protests over various issues — ranging from an IIT Bombay student's suicide and the Election Commission (EC)'s controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls to Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on UPI transactions — to what it called the activities of a “Communist-Islamist cabal”.

In an editorial in the latest issue of the magazine, *Organiser* editor Prafulla Ketkar said: “Fuelling protests, invoking caste sentiments in every issue, creating alienation towards the Government and discrediting institutions is the new modus operandi of a Communist-Islamist cabal.”

He also alleged that “anti-Bharat forces from outside” were “encouraging and funding these

agitations” and that some Opposition parties were “falling prey to this game for short-term political ends”.

Titled “Protest Season — IIT Bombay, Election Commission & UPI: Saving Gandhi and Ambedkar from Marx and Mao”, the *Organiser's* September 28 editorial argues that a new cycle of protests has begun in the wake of what it called the “Constitution under threat” narrative used during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. It claims that “identity-based machinations” are now using youth by combining issues of education with caste identities, adding that the trend could continue until the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls or even the 2029 Lok Sabha polls.

Citing the recent suicide of an IIT Bombay student, the editorial questioned attempts to link his death to caste discrimination. It said alleged cheating in an examination and subsequent disciplinary action had been turned into “a caste-based discrimination issue”.

“If IIT students, irrespective

of caste, are unable to handle the mental pressure and resort to an extreme step like suicide, it requires introspection, not agitation,” Ketkar wrote.

He argued that the questions of family and social pressure and mental health should also be examined and said “ideological activism” should not be allowed to “undermine the IIT brand that symbolises excellence”.

The editorial similarly targeted the questioning of the EC's functioning and the SIR. It alleged that representing internal conversations between the Election Commissioners in a manner that discredited electoral democracy was “part of the same machinations”. Referring to questions raised over the EVMs and the SIR, it asked: “Is it a coincidence, or a pattern we need to decode?”

Significantly, the editorial also defended the proposed MDR on UPI transactions — an issue on which another RSS affiliate, Swadeshi Jagran Manch (SJM), has taken a conflicting position.

At J&K hospital, burqa ‘restriction’ sparks protest, inquiry ordered

Express News Service
Jammu, October 3

A PROTEST this week by nursing interns over alleged restrictions on wearing burqas inside the Gynae Department's labour room at Government Medical College and Hospital in Doda, Jammu and Kashmir, has prompted the hospital administration to set up a seven-member inquiry panel.

Trouble erupted on Wednesday when scores of nursing interns held a demonstration inside the hospital premises against Dr Madhu Chib, head of the gynaecology department at Doda Medical College, alleging that she had objected to their wearing of the burqa.

Protesters boycotted work and gathered outside the hospital building. One protester said that a day earlier, Dr Chib had moved a student out of the labour room because she was wearing a veil. Dr Chib has not commented on the allegation.

“We saw two more students made to stand outside the labour room on the same grounds,” she said, calling it an interference in their religious matters.

The protest was called off after the hospital administration intervened and Dr Chib clarified that her objection to the burqa

was confined to ensuring hygiene compliance in sensitive areas such as labour rooms and operation theatres.

The hospital management also set up a panel to look into the circumstances leading to the protest. Dr Irfan Tassadduq, the in-charge medical superintendent of Doda GMC Hospital, confirmed the development and attributed the protest to a “miscommunication”.

“She [the doctor] had asked them to tighten their loose gears and wear a gown (apparel) over them according to the protocol in the labour room and operation theatre,” he said.

“In such sensitive areas, where the risk of infection to patients runs high, even doctors have to observe these protocols.”

The protest has drawn reactions from political leaders.

While Doda MLA Mehraj Malik took up the matter with Health Minister Sakina Itoo, ruling National Conference chief spokesperson Tanvir Sadiq expressed concern, saying that the Constitution of India guarantees citizens the right to freely practise their religion. “Whether a woman chooses to wear a hijab or not is a matter of her personal choice and autonomy, and no one should impose restrictions on it,” Sadiq said.

5 new Centres of Excellence to support classical languages: Govt

New Delhi: The Ministry of Education Saturday approved the establishment of five Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for studies in five Classical languages, namely Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit.

“The establishment of these five Centres marks a significant step towards strengthening the institutional ecosystem for the study, research and preservation of India's Classical Languages,” the Ministry said in a statement. ENS

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2	M/s Moon Plastic product Partners: Mr. Dhananjay Prasad Mr. Sonu Kumar, Address: H3 50/5/New, Jote Shibrampur Pool, Sukanta Park, Sarkarpool, Kolkata-700143 Guarantor: Mrs. Umarawati Devi W/o Mr. Dhananjay Prasad Address: Gopalpur, Sarkarpool, Dist- South 24 parganas, WB-700143	All that piece and parcel of a Bastu land measuring about 2 Kottah 30 sq. ft. equivalent to 3 decimals along with two storied building thereon situated at mouza Gopalpur, P.S.- Behala (previously- Mahestala), Parganas- Balia, J.L. No. 1, (as per LRROR-101), RS No-86, Dist Collector Touzi no- 346, RS Khatian No- 519, LR Khatian No- 9343, Dag No- 2719 under Mahesthala Municipality, Ward No-13, Municipal holding no- H3/50/5/New, Jote Shibrampur Road., Ward No-13, Dist- south 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700143, in the name of Smt. Umarawati Devi, W/o- Mr. Dhananjay Prasad. The property is butted and bound by: On the North- 16 ft wide common passage, On the South- part of Dag No 2719, On the East- 10 ft wide common passage, On the West- part of Dag no 2719	Rs. 62,74,867.99 + Unapplied Interest + other charges w.e.f. 31.10.2025	07.11.2026 Time 2.00 pm to 6.00pm with unlimited extension of 10 minutes	Rs.42,30,000/- Rs.4,23,000/- Rs.10,000/-	Physical	From 05.10.2026 to 06.11.2026 11.00 am to 2.00 pm Concerned Officer Sudhir Kumar Gupta 7992297792 with prior appointment

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