ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS LIVE UPDATES: BJP+ RETAINS TRIPURA, NAGALAND, MEGHALAYA; FOCUS NOW ON GOVT FORMATION

ELECTION RESULTS - TRIPURA, MEGHALAYA, NAGALAND - 2023 LIVE UPDATES: AS THE COUNTING OF VOTES ENDED, PM MODI THANKED TRIPURA, NAGALAND AND MEGHALAYA FOR THE MANDATE, AND VOWED TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR THE NORTHEAST STATES.

Assembly Election 2023 Results Live Updates, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland: As the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and allies retained Tripura and Nagaland, and will be forming the government in Meghalaya with the ruling National People's Party seeking support for majority, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday thanked the people of the northeast states for the winning mandate and also congratulated the party workers for their efforts. Addressing party workers at the BJP headquarters during the party's victory celebrations, PM Modi said: "Today's results show there is full faith in democracy and democratic institutions."

As the counting of votes came to an end on Thursday, the BJP and allies comfortably crossed the halfway mark in Tripura and Nagaland. In Nagaland, the NDPP+BJP raced into the lead right from the word go and maintained the pole position throughout. This was in keeping with **exit poll projections.**

It was a close fight in Tripura where the BJP+ went only slightly above the majority mark of 31 winning 33 seats. The Left+ Congress was down to half the BJP+ number, with the Tipra Motha bagging 13 seats. The BJP local leadership still reached out to the TIPRA Motha, saying it is open to all their demands except the one for 'Greater Tipraland'. In Meghalaya, the NPP ended up winning 26 seats, which is four short of the majority mark of 30. Both the Congress and TMC won 5 each, while the BJP could finish with 3. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma called Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking his support. With results in for all 60 Assembly seats in Nagaland, the NDPP-BJP alliance with 37 legislators is in a comfortable position to form the government.In the final count, the NDPP won 25 seats and the BJP 12, putting the only pre-poll alliance in the state in a position to comfortably

INDIA VS AUSTRALIA, 3RD TEST, DAY 3 HIGHLIGHTS: AUSTRALIA CONFIRM WTC FINAL BERTH WITH 9-WICKET WIN OVER INDIA

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India vs Australia, 3rd Test, Day 3 Highlights: Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head made a cakewalk of the 76-run chase as Australia defeated India by 9 wickets in the third Test of the four-match series. Ravichandran Ashwin struck early on Friday to dismiss Usman Khawaja, but India failed to maintain the pressure on the visitors. On Thursday, Nathan Lyon took eight wickets as Australia bundled India out for 163 runs, getting a 76-run target. Cheteshwar Pujara top-scored with 59, but Lyon's figures of 8 for 64 overshadowed the effort. In India's first innings, Lyon had scalped three wickets. Australia needs 11 more runs to win this game. They were in the driver's seat ever since the start of this chase, but no one would have hoped them to be so imposing in the final innings. Credit for the performance goes to Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head, the duo simply dominated the Indian bowlers. An 11-run over from R Ashwin and Australia are almost there. They need another 20 to win the game.

APPLE BLOCKS UPDATE TO EMAIL APP WITH CHATGPT TECH - WSJ

The dispute shows the broad concerns about whether language-generating artificial intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, are ready for widespread use.

Apple took steps last week to block an update of the email app BlueMail because of concerns that a new AI feature in the app could show inappropriate content, according to Ben Volach, co-founder of BlueMail developer Blix Inc., and documents viewed by The Wall Street Journal. BlueMail's new AI feature uses OpenAI's latest ChatGPT chatbot to help automate the writing of emails using the contents of prior emails and calendar events. ChatGPT allows users to converse with an AI in seemingly humanlike ways and is capable of advanced long-form writing on a variety of topics.

G20 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING | DIVISIONS BETWEEN WESTERN COUNTRIES, RUSSIA-CHINA DERAIL JOINT STATEMENT

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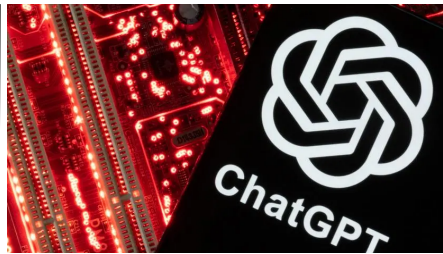
Deep divisions between the United States-led Western countries and the Russia-China combine upended India's attempt to forge consensus at the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting on Thursday. The meeting in Delhi, that brought together the world's 20 most developed economies, saw sharp words exchanged by U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and a number of other Foreign Ministers, despite an appeal from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the start of the meeting to "rise above [their] differences"."We should not allow issues that we cannot resolve together to come in the way of those we can," said PM Modi in a reference to the divide over the Ukraine war, adding that he hoped that their meeting "in the land of Gandhi and the Buddha" would inspire the G20 delegates to "focus not on what divides us, but on what unites us". In an indication of the continuing divide since Russia's attack on Ukraine from February 2022, the delegates, who met PM Modi together on Thursday evening, did not agree to a joint "family" photograph of the grouping. "Our task was not an easy one given the state of polarisation in the world and we were not able to reach a complete consensus as we and a group of countries were able to do in Bali", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said, disagreeing with the formulation of questions from journalists who asked if he was "disappointed". "Our task was not an easy one given the state of polarisation in the world and we were not able to reach a complete consensus as we and a group of countries were able to do in Bali",

RS 6 CRORE RECOVERED FROM K'TAKA BJP MLA'S HOME AFTER SON HELD FOR ACCEPTING RS 40 LAKH BRIBE

Lokayukta officials recovered Rs 6 crore from sitting BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa's residence after his son, Prashanth Madal, was arrested for taking Rs 40 lakh bribe.

The son of Karnataka BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa was arrested on Friday morning after Lokayukta--the anti-corruption watchdog of the Karnataka government, caught him taking a bribe of Rs 40 lakh. The officials recovered Rs 6 crore cash from the MLA's residence. BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa's son Prashanth Madal was caught red-handed receiving a Rs 40 lakh bribe on Thursday. Following this, the Karnataka government's anti-corruption watchdog conducted searches at his residence and offices. The Lokayukta found Rs 6 crore at the BJP MLA's residence. The anti-corruption watchdog is likely to summon the MLA too for questioning. Apart from 40 lakh bribe, the Lokayukta also found Rs 1.7 crore in Prashanth Madal's office.

They are also most affected by global warming caused by richer countries. This is why India's G20 presidency has tried to give a voice to the global south," the Prime Minister said.

PM Modi urged world leaders to find "common ground" on divisive issues.

"We are meeting at a time of deep global divisions. We have a responsibility to those not in this room," said the PM. "We should not allow issues that we cannot resolve together to come in the way of those we can." Accordingly, the Lokayukta officials laid a trap and caught Prashanth red-handed when he was accepting a bribe of Rs 40 lakh.
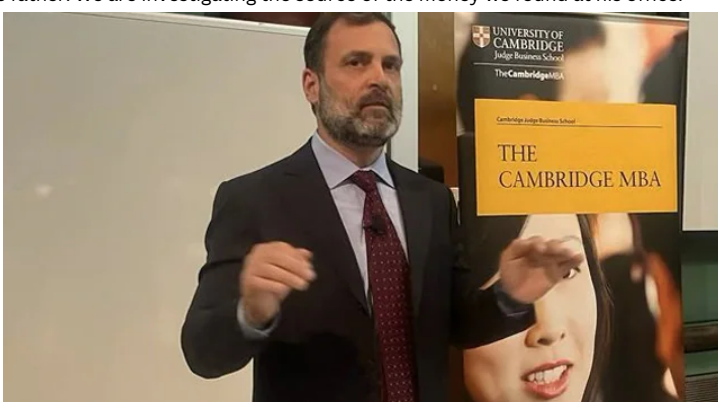
An official from Lokayukta said, "We conducted searches at his office and found Rs 1.7 crore. We suspect Prashanth was receiving bribes on behalf of his father. We are investigating the source of the money we found at his office."

"WAS TOLD 'WE'RE RECORDING YOU, BE CAREFUL'": RAHUL GANDHI AT CAMBRIDGE

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Cambridge: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack at the Centre during a lecture at Cambridge University, alleging that an attack has been unleashed on the basic structure of Indian democracy while also claiming that Israeli spyware Pegasus was being used to snoop into his phone.

Mr Gandhi claimed that he had been warned by the intelligence officers to be "careful" while speaking on the phone as his calls were being recorded. Congress leader and ex-advisor to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Sam Pitroda shared the YouTube link of Rahul Gandhi's address to MBA students at Cambridge Judge Business School on the topic of 'Learning to Listen in the 21st Century', on Twitter. "I myself had Pegasus on my phone. A large number of politicians had Pegasus on their phones. I have been called by intelligence officers who told me, 'Please be careful about what you are saying on the phone because we are sort of recording the stuff. So this is the constant pressure that we feel. Cases on the Opposition. I have got a number of criminal liable cases for things that should under no circumstances be criminal liable cases. That's what we are trying to defend," the Congress leader said in his address.

HATHRAS CASE: SOLE CONVICT SANDEEP SISODIA SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT BY UP COURT

A Court in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras District today sentenced the sole convict (Sandeep Sisodia) in September 2020 alleged Gang Rape and Murder case (concerning a 19-year-old Dalit Girl) to life imprisonment.

The court of Spl. J. (SC/ST, Pev.of Atroci Act) Hathras, Judge Trilok Pal Singh pronounced the verdict today convicting Sandeep Sisodia for the offence under the SC-ST Act.

The other three accused – Ravi (35), Luv Kush (23), and Ramu (26) – who faced the trial in the case, have been acquitted of the charges. However, none of the four accused has been found guilty of offence of Gangrape, or Murder by the Special Court.

It may be recalled that the victim in the case was allegedly abducted and gang raped by four men in UP's Hathras district on September 14, 2020, and she was subjected to brutal torture by breaking her bones and cutting off her tongue.

BANDRA'S METRO STATION SHIFT: SNEAKY MMRDA GETS JOLT FROM CM

In the wake of mid-day's extensive reportage on the MMRDA discreetly shifting a station on the Metro 2B corridor to a new location, without informing any stakeholders, Ashish Shelar, MLA of Bandra West and president of the BJP's Mumbai unit, met Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Metropolitan Commissioner S V R Srinivas. Shelar has demanded that the National College station be re-shifted to its previous location. Shinde has directed the MMRDA chief to take appropriate action in this regard.

The meeting was held in the presence of former Bandra West BJP corporators Swapna Mhatre and Hetal Gala. As per the earlier plan for the Metro 2B corridor, there will be two stations in Bandra West—Bandra, which was to come up near the Lucky restaurant signal and National College, which was planned near Jivan Kiran Bungalow opposite Western Railway Employees Colony. According to residents, the latter had been shifted opposite Tata Blocks Parsi Colony, starting from Grace Galaxy hotel and extending up to the Maruti Auto Vista showroom on SV Road in Bandra. The residents, under the aegis of the Varde Marg Residents' Association recently submitted an objection letter to the MMRDA seeking an explanation after the shift. Shelar has submitted a letter to the CM, stating that neither locals nor he was consulted by the MMRDA about the significant change, which will not only inconvenience the locals but will also affect the area's only green space, Sadhu Vaswani Garden. The MMRDA told mid-day that the Metro station was being shifted as it clashed with the BMC's segmental sewer tunnel construction work. Shelar told mid-day, "I made a representation today to the MMRDA commissioner and chief minister.