

Rajasthan By-Elections: Major Shifts Ahead

The election campaigns for the by-elections in seven assembly seats of Rajasthan—Jhunjhunu, Dausa, Tonk's Deoli-Uniyara, Nagaur's Khinvsar, Dungarpur's Chaurasi, Salumbar, and Alwar's Ramgarh—officially ended at 6 PM on Monday. After the campaign's closure, candidates will now approach voters door-to-door to win their support. The voting for these seats is scheduled for November 13, and the results will be announced on November 23.

On the final day of campaigning, Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and BJP state president Madan Rathore campaigned in southern Rajasthan's tribal regions of Salumbar and Chaurasi. On Sunday, former Deputy Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot also participated in an intense campaign in Dausa and Deoli-Uniyara. Political analysts believe the electoral landscape in these seven seats is becoming clearer. Observing ground reports, rally attendance, and caste dynamics, they are speculating on who is ahead and who is lagging, though the true results will only be known on November 23.

Editorial

In Alwar's Ramgarh constituency, BJP's Sukhwant Singh is in direct competition with Congress's Aryan Khan. Congress appears to have an edge here, aided by sympathy for the family of the late MLA Zubair Khan. However, the BJP is attempting to shift the balance through Hindu consolidation in this region, which shares a border with Haryana.

In Dausa, one of Eastern Rajasthan's most notable constituencies, a fierce contest is underway between BJP's Jagmohan Meena (brother of senior minister Dr. Kirori Lal Meena) and Congress's DC Bairwa. Given the caste dynamics, BJP seems to have an advantage, but the impact of Sachin Pilot's rallies could shift the tide in Congress's favor.

In the Shikhwati region's Jhunjhunu seat, the contest is a tough battle for Congress's veteran leader Shishu Ram OLA's seat. The three-way fight includes BJP's Rajendra Bhambu, Congress's Amit OLA, and independent candidate Rajendra Gudha. Muslim voters are expected to play a significant role, with Gudha campaigning heavily in their favor. The outcome is expected to depend on how Gudha manages to capture Muslim, Rajput, and other community votes.

In Nagaur's Khinvsar, BJP's Revant Ram Danga, Congress's Ratan Choudhary, and Kanika Beniwal (wife of RLP leader Hanuman Beniwal) are engaged in a triangular fight. However, the main contest seems to be between BJP and RLP. If internal discord does not affect BJP, Danga might secure a win. But for Hanuman Beniwal, this election is a battle for survival, and he is pouring all his energy into the race. The margin of victory here could be narrow.

In Tonk's Deoli-Uniyara, BJP's Rajendra Gurjar, Congress's KC Meena, and independent candidate Naresh Meena are in a three-way contest. However, the rallies of Congress rebel Naresh Meena suggest he might disrupt Congress's prospects, potentially benefitting BJP. The final outcome here is still uncertain.

In southern Rajasthan's Salumbar, BJP's Shanta Devi (wife of the late MLA Amrit Lal Meena) is facing competition from Congress's Reshma Meena and BAP's Jitesh Katara, with a three-way contest. The sympathy factor for Amrit Lal Meena's family seems to be benefiting BJP, but BAP is attempting to disrupt both parties' chances.

On the nearby Chaurasi seat, BJP's Karilal Noma, Congress's Mahesh Roth, and BAP's Anil Katara are vying for victory, with a key contest expected between BAP and BJP. Current ground reports suggest BAP might hold an edge here. These dynamics in Rajasthan's seven assembly constituencies suggest significant shifts in the electoral landscape. Prior to these elections, Congress held four seats, while BJP, RLP, and BAP each held one. It remains to be seen which party the voters of these constituencies will favor in the upcoming election on November 13.

Hombale Films and South Star Prabhas Join Hands for Three Major Films!

South star Prabhas and Hombale Films have entered into a special agreement to produce three high-budget films together, which has become the talk of the town. This significant deal includes "Salaar Part 2" along with two other films, all set to release consecutively. It is being hailed as the biggest collaboration between any actor and production company so far, opening up new and exciting opportunities for both Prabhas and Hombale Films.

Hombale Films is building a strong lineup of high-quality projects, demonstrating their commitment to bringing top-level cinema to Indian audiences. Starting as a small entity, Hombale has now emerged as a leading production house known for its successful and culturally significant films. After global hits like "KGF Chapter 1", "KGF Chapter 2", "Kantara", and "Salaar 1", they now have an exciting slate of films, including the much-awaited "Kantara 2", "KGF Chapter 3", and new projects starring Prabhas.

Securing three consecutive projects with a star as busy as Prabhas is a significant achievement, reflecting the strong trust between the actor and the production house. Prabhas is currently one of the most popular actors, having single-handedly bridged the gap between all South Indian film industries. He has brought tremendous business from the Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada markets, a feat that no other actor has accomplished.

Prabhas' film slate includes several major projects, such as "Salaar 2", "Raja Saab", "Spirit", "Kalaki 2", and "Fauji", all under the banner of Hombale Films. His deal with Hombale Films further strengthens his association with the top-tier production house.

Vijay Kiragandur, the founder of Hombale Films, spoke about this major partnership: "At Hombale Films, we believe in the power of storytelling that touches hearts and transcends boundaries. Our partnership with Prabhas is a step towards creating timeless films that will inspire and entertain generations to come."

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'Singham Again' Becomes the Highest-Grossing Film in Indian Cinema History

Produced by Jio Studios, Rohit Shetty Pictures, Reliance Entertainment, Synergy, and Devgn Films, the action-packed drama "Singham Again" has taken the box office by storm since its release on Diwali. With an outstanding occupancy in single screens and national multiplex chains, the film has earned ₹65 crores worldwide on its opening day, with ₹43.7 crores from India alone. This is considered the biggest opening in the collaboration between Rohit Shetty and Ajay Devgn.

The film's strong advance bookings and widespread praise from audiences have thrilled viewers across the country, promising an even bigger weekend. "Singham

Again" now stands as the second biggest opening of the year, after "Stree 2", which was also produced by Jio Studios. With a global reach of over 2,000 screens, the film has made a remarkable international impact. Its award-breaking occupancy in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji with 197 screens, over 760 screens in North America, and 224 screens in the UK and Ireland. In Canada, the film is being showcased in top cinema chains, with Cineplex alone contributing 80% of the country's box office revenue.

The film features a star-studded cast, including Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, Kareena Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Akshay Kumar,



Tiger Shroff, Arjun Kapoor, and Jackie Shroff, with a special cameo by Salman Khan. "Singham Again" has made a powerful debut both domestically and internationally. Critics and film trade analysts have praised the film, with Taran

Adarsh calling it a "superb and massive film," and Komal Nahta describing it as a "super-hit." National dailies such as "The Times of India" have hailed the film for its "highly entertaining" content and "hard-hitting action," while

"Dainik Bhaskar" has appreciated Ajay Devgn's portrayal of Bajirao Singham, particularly Ranveer Singh as Simmba, Akshay Kumar as Veer Sooryavanshi, and Salman Khan as Chulbul Pandey, whose performances were met with continuous applause and high-octane entertainment.

Major entertainment portals have also joined in the praise. "Bollywood Hungama" referred to "Singham Again" as "a big Diwali blast for the masses," while "Pinkvilla" called it "packed with entertainment and surprises," and trade analyst Miss Malini described it as "a Diwali spectacle of rage, family, and unforgettable heroism." News channels have also showered the film with

accolades, with "Times Now" calling it "family-friendly entertainment" full of action and comedy, and "Zee News" declaring it a "masterpiece that lights up Diwali." "ABP Live" referred to it as the "perfect Diwali watch."

The film is also being screened on IMAX across India, further enhancing the cinematic experience for viewers. "Singham Again", directed by Rohit Shetty, has now become the highest-grossing film in Indian cinema history, with an estimated box office collection of ₹124 crores. This achievement not only solidifies Jio Studios' leadership in the film market but also reflects their ongoing efforts to expand the overall size of the film trade.

Škoda Auto India Inaugurates New 3S Dealership in Udaipur

Udaipur: European automobile giant Škoda Auto today inaugurated its new 3S dealership at Shanta Motors, located at Amberi Chauraha, Udaipur. The dealership was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Škoda Auto India Brand Director Petr Jeneva, Head of Sales Jen Prochazka, Business Head & Brand Development Anila Pendse, and Director of Shanta Motors Rajeev Namjoshi. On this occasion, five customers were handed over their vehicles, and a new car launched by the company was unveiled to the attendees.

Speaking at a press conference, Petr Jeneva highlighted that this is Škoda Auto India's ninth touchpoint in Rajasthan, with plans to establish six more in the region. With the launch of the Kalyak model, the company is progressing towards its goal of setting up 320 touchpoints in India. Jeneva also emphasized that the opening of the Udaipur dealership is part of the company's ongoing commitment to strengthen and expand its presence across the country. The dealership was established in partnership with Shanta Motors.

Addressing the gathering, Škoda Auto India Brand Director Petr Jeneva shared that earlier this week, the com-

pany premiered its all-new compact SUV, the Kalyak, which is expected to significantly increase their market share in India. He also mentioned that India continues to be the most important market for Škoda Auto outside of Europe, and they plan to bring the Škoda brand closer to customers by entering new cities and reaching new customers. "This dealership is not only an important milestone in our progress but also showcases our commitment to delivering an unparalleled ownership

journey with global standards. We are excited to embark on this journey with Shanta Motors and are eager to strengthen our engagement with customers in the region," Jeneva added.

Jen Prochazka further shared that bookings for the Kalyak SUV will begin on December 2, with deliveries set to start on January 27.



BCI Tourism to Write a New Chapter in Rajasthan's Tourism



Business Circle India (BCI), an emerging business networking group in the country, will officially launch its tourism chapter, BCI Tourism, on November 11.

According to Mukesh Madhvani, founder of BCI, the launch event will take place at 4 PM on November 11 at the renowned Chunda Palace Hotel in Udaipur. The event will be presided over by District Collector Arvind Ji Poswal, who will be the chief guest. BCI members, the BCI Tourism team, prominent hoteliers, travel agents, and key stakeholders from the tourism industry will also participate in this special occasion.

The launch ceremony will include discussions on BCI Tourism's achievements, future plans, and objectives, officially marking the start of the new chapter.

Madhvani further stated that under the leadership of BCI Udaipur President Vipul Kumar Jain and BCI Tourism Charter President Yashvardhan Ranawat, the organization will play a significant role in promoting tourism in Udaipur and across Rajasthan.

He emphasized that BCI's aim is to unite stakeholders from the tourism industry and, with the support of the administration, position the city as a global tourism destination. Since its inception, BCI has made significant contributions to Udaipur's business community, and now, it is strengthening its presence in the tourism sector.

TRP Queen Sanjana Pandey's Film "Maiya Aili More Angna" Breaks Records!

Bhojpuri film industry's TRP queen, Sanjana Pandey, has once again taken the spotlight with her latest release "Maiya Aili More Angna", which shattered records during the Diwali festivities. Following her previous hit "Har Ghar Ki Kahani", this new film has achieved phenomenal TRP ratings, marking a significant milestone in television TRP history.

Known for her captivating performances, Sanjana's popularity continues to soar, and she has become a favorite among viewers. With her genuine and expressive acting, she has built a strong connection with her audience. Sanjana credits her success to her loyal fans and her choice of roles that resonate deeply with them.

Having starred in over a dozen superhit films, "Har Ghar Ki Kahani" recently won the Best Television TRP Film Award at the Sabrang Film Awards 2024 in Mumbai, further cementing Sanjana's place in Bhojpuri cinema history.

Produced by Pradeep Singh and Vinay Singh under the Enter 10 banner, "Maiya Aili More Angna" was written by Dharmendra Singh and directed by Sanjay Srivastava. The film broke records during the Chhath Pujya celebrations, showcasing the growing demand for content-driven cinema in the industry.

This update was shared by Sanjana Pandey's publicist, Sanjay Bhushan Patiala.



Sur Sadhaks Enchant with Melodious Tunes at Fatehsagar Lake - Madhvani

Udaipur: Suron Ki Mandali's Sur Sadhaks captivated morning walkers and music enthusiasts at Fatehsagar Lake on Sunday as part of the Sur-Prabhaati-1 program. Their soulful voices created a musical atmosphere, spreading joy across the city's iconic location.

Dr. Kirti Jain, CEO of GBH American Hospital, joined in and hummed along. Inspired by Mumbai's weekly Juhu Beach performances, the Sur Mandali has introduced this new tradition in Lake City. Every second Sunday of the month, Sur Sadhaks will perform in public spaces to give the city a melodious start.

The event featured performances by Arun Chobisa, Rajendra Chittoda, Mukesh Madhvani, Mahavir Prasad Jain, Chetna Jain, Pushkar Gaud, Lalit Kumar Jain, Ajitsingh Khinchi, Kaustubh, Vishnu Vaishnav, Kamal Juneja, Dilip Jain, and Ambalal Sahu. Local singers like Kailash Kaivalya, Khushboo Jain, Mahendra Chawla, and other music lovers joined to enjoy the beautiful setting and the music. Madhvani thanked all participants and promised to continue the musical journey next month.



Bhojpuri Film Artists Welcomed in Udaipur by Roshni Barot



Udaipur: Bhojpuri film artists arrived in Udaipur late on Tuesday evening. At the Dabok Airport, Bhojpuri film actor, producer, and former MLA Sanjay Yadav, actresses Gunjan Pant, Sanyukta Roy, Kirorilal Meena's niece Pratibha Meena, and social worker Rajnish Verma were warmly welcomed by model, social media influencer, and social worker Roshni Barot with a traditional turban and garland.

After the welcome, the group departed for Bhilwara. In Bhilwara, they will perform at an event organized by the Purvanchal Jan Chetna Samiti at the Mansarovar Ghat on the occasion of Chhath Pujya. The event will also honor 100 meritorious students, and will feature performances of the Ujjain Bhasma Aarti, the Ram Darbar, Lord Hanuman's leelas, and various tableaux.

Hindustan Zinc Supports Over 4,000 Students in Shiksha Sambal Diwali Camp 2024

Udaipur: 08th November 2024: Hindustan Zinc Limited successfully concluded its Shiksha Sambal Diwali Camp 2024, impacting over 4,000 underprivileged students across Rajasthan.



This initiative, part of the company's CSR program since 2008, supports first-generation learners with academic assistance in subjects like mathematics, science, and English. The camp aimed to strengthen foundational learning and improve academic performance through structured sessions, workbook exercises, and practical lab work, focusing on Class IX and X students during the Diwali break.

Hindustan Zinc's education-driven CSR programs, including Nand Ghars and initiatives like Unchi Udaan and Jeevan Tarang, uplift rural children and marginalized groups. The company recently committed ₹36 crores to enhance educational development in Rajasthan. Hindustan Zinc, a Vedanta Group company, is a leader in sustainability, committed to water conservation, healthcare, and rural empowerment. Its initiatives reflect a dedication to building a self-sufficient and inclusive Rajasthan.

Hindustan Zinc Invests ₹36 Crore for Rural Education in Rajasthan

Jaipur: Hindustan Zinc Limited has signed an MoU with the Rajasthan Education Department to invest ₹36 crore over five years to enhance rural education. The agreement was signed during the Rising Rajasthan Education Pre-Summit, with notable dignitaries such as Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma and Education Minister Madan Dilawar in attendance. The initiative focuses on improving learning through teacher training, modern school facilities, and career guidance in line with the National Education Policy 2020. The investment will impact 72 schools, benefiting over 200,000 students annually. This is part of Hindustan Zinc's commitment to sustainable development and rural empowerment, which has already benefited over 2.5 lakh women and children through its Nand Ghars initiative.



Nexus Celebration Mall Launches 'The Gloss Box' Second Edition

Udaipur: Nexus Celebration Mall announces the return of "The Gloss Box," starting 11th November. This exclusive Cosmetics, Grooming, and Wellness event features top beauty brands like Nykaa, Bath & Body Works, and Colorbar. Enjoy personalized makeovers, exclusive offers, masterclasses, and exciting giveaways for an unforgettable beauty experience.

HDFC Bank Celebrates 25 Years of Growth in Rajasthan

Udaipur: HDFC Bank marks its 25th anniversary in Rajasthan, with 495 branches across the state. Since its first branch in Jaipur in 1999, the bank has expanded its presence, especially in semi-urban and rural areas. As of June 2024, it holds a 17% market share in total advances and a leading position in MSME and priority sector lending. HDFC Bank's CSR initiative, Parivartan, has impacted 42.84 lakh lives across Rajasthan. The bank continues to focus on customer experience and is committed to furthering Rajasthan's growth.



OnePlus Unveils Festive Deals for Diwali on Top Products

Jaipur: OnePlus has launched exciting offers under its #MakeItSpecial Diwali campaign, offering discounts on top smartphones and IoT products. The deals, valid until November 5, 2024, are available on OnePlus.in, OnePlus Experience Stores, Amazon.in, and offline partner stores like Reliance Digital and Croma. The new OnePlus Nord 4, featuring a 5,500mAh battery, Snapdragon 7+ Gen 3 processor, and 100W SuperVOOC, is available with up to ₹5,000 off, including a ₹2,000 bank discount and no-cost EMI options.