

● BJP INVOKES CANDIDATE'S TIES IN INDORE, CONG FOCUSES ON LOCAL ISSUES

Vijayvargiya settles in for fight in MP

BJP will count on general secy's help Malwa Nimar

ANAND MOHAN J Indore, OCTOBER 27

BJP NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY Kailash Vijayvargiya is preparing for the unexpected Assembly election he finds himself in, armed with fistfuls of mithai. Party workers gathered at a Dussehra Milan event in Indore's Mahavir Bagh Wednesday are greeted personally by the 67-year-old with a sweet placed in their mouths. The six-time MLA knows the virtue of patience, as he feeds the sea of workers, listens to their grievances, even cracks a joke. Now, he needs this forbearance more than ever.

After the BJP named Vijayvargiya along with three Union ministers and four MPs for the Madhya Pradesh Assembly elections, the 67-year-old admitted he was "shocked". Some of it presumably linked to the fact that the ticket to him closed the door on his son, Akash, the sitting MLA from Indore-3.

Vijayvargiya seems to have reconciled since. The leader, credited with playing a crucial role in BJP win in several states is now plotting his own and, via that, reclaiming the Malwa Nimar region for the party.

Whoever holds sway in the region's 66 seats generally goes on to form the government. In 2013, the BJP had won 57 seats in the region. But in 2018, when the Congress won with a thin majority, 36 of the 66 seats went to the party. The BJP won 28. While Vijayvargiya clearly



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hopes his feats will carry him through, sitting Indore-1 MLA Sanjay Shukla of the Congress is telling voters that

the BJP leader is a guest and positioning himself as the son of Indore. Scoffing at this, Vijay-

vargiya says to The Indian Express: "I have been the mayor of Indore, a six-time MLA. If he (Shukla) doesn't know that I am from Indore, there can't be bigger ignorance."

He has indicated that his larger political ambitions remain intact. "I will get other important responsibilities from the party," Vijayvargiya says at events, and adds that it won't be fun if he wins by a mere 500-1,000 votes. "I am a horse that runs the more you feed it," he says, adding that he enjoys the faith of both the party workers and public.

Around 3 km away, at Shakti Nagar temple, Shukla's Jan Sabha is a much quieter affair. Sitting on the ground, Shukla is having puris. This down-to-earth demeanour and personal connect with voters are Shukla's USP. Before Vijayvargiya was given the ticket, he had touched the

elder BJP leader's feet when sharing the stage with him. "There is no challenge," Shukla insists. "I am the son of Indore. I've served for five years... Beta hi jitega, neta nahin (The son will win, not the politician)."

The Congress van in the area blares the Bollywood hit "Tum toh thehre pardi, saath kya nibhaoge (You are a stranger, how long will you be around)". Shukla is hoping the focus on hyperlocal issues clicks, and recently sought a halt to Indore's nightlife. "After 12, nothing should be open," he says.

In the Banganga area, most residents have their own Sanjay Shukla story. Shyam Solanki, 70, a tailor, admires "Shuklaji" for how approachable he is. "He passes by my shop and greets me every morning." But, he adds: "We are Sanghi... My vote will always be for the BJP."

Cong names 19 more for Rajasthan; win some, lose some for Gehlot

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THE CONGRESS ON Thursday declared its third list of candidates for Rajasthan, announcing 19 names, including that of a sitting minister, and some independent and former BSP MLAs who have helped the Ashok Gehlot government through several crises.

Of the 19, Congress or its allies have sitting MLAs on 14. There are BJP MLAs in the remaining five seats. Incidentally, three Gehlot loyalists and heavyweights who are considered the architects of the 2022 defiance by the CM of a high command directive do not figure in the party's third list either. The three include minis-

ter Shanti Dhariwal and Mahesh Joshi, and Dharmendra Rathore, the Chairman of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation.

With Thursday's list, the Congress has announced 95 candidates out of the total 200.

In an echo of the continuing undecurrent of tension in the state unit, Congress leader Sachin Pilot Thursday said the collective objective was to win the Assembly polls, and that the high command would take a

decision on who would lead the government.

He was addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters in Delhi, held in the wake of the Enforcement Directorate action against senior Congress leaders in Rajasthan, including Gehlot's son. Asked about Gehlot's statement last week indicating that he expected to return as CM should the Congress win, Pilot said: "What he said would have been on the basis of his experience of decades... After the party wins, AICC leadership will speak with the MLAs that are victorious and whatever decision will be taken will be acceptable to all."

Asked about the 2022 incident specifically, Pilot said that it should be analysed, but

asserted that it was in the past. "I was told by (Congress president Mallikarjun) Khargeji, 'Sachin we have to move forward, so forget the past, forget whatever has happened and let us move forward... I have moved forward.'"

The 19 names announced Thursday include Cabinet minister Ramesh Chand Meena, who has been retained from Sapotra. Wajib Ali and Lakhman Singh, who had joined the Congress from the BSP, have been retained from their Assembly seats of Nagar and Karauli, respectively.

MLA Shobharani Kushwah, who joined the Congress just a day earlier, has retained her Dholpur seat. Kushwah was expelled by the BJP in June 2022. —WITH ENS, DELHI

A bitter repeat of 2019? Farmers threaten to enter field against KCR



Sitting MLA from Gajwel, CM also in race from Kamareddy

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BHARATA RASHTRA SAMITHI (BRS) supremo and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao may find himself facing T Srinivas and K Rameshwar, among other farmers from Lingapur, in his Kamareddy constituency come November 30.

Srinivas and Rameshwar are members of the Kamareddy Farmers' Joint Action Committee (JAC), which is angry over a master plan of the Kamareddy municipality which envisaged a project under which farmers would have lost their land.

The draft plan has already been scrapped. However, at least a hundred farmers who are with the JAC have said they are ready to contest against the CM to ensure there is no such future development plan causing loss of land to farmers. In January, as part of the draft master plan of the Kamareddy municipality, an industrial zone was proposed, taking over at least 1,210 acres of agricultural land spread over seven villages. "KCR says 'Abki baar kisan sarkar', but his government is making plans taking farmers' land," Srinivas says.

The JAC is demanding that the CM announce at a public meeting at Kamareddy that the plan has been shelved and give an assurance that there will be no new master plan. If KCR gives the assurance, they have said, they will support the BRS.

Sitting BRS MLA Gampa Govardhan accused the Congress of inciting the farmers, saying: "There is no proposal and no one's land is being taken." For the BRS, the threat by the farmers invokes unpleasant memories. In the May 2019 Lok Sabha elections, BRS leader and KCR's daughter K Kavitha, seeking re-election from the Nizamabad seat, had faced the might of turmeric farmers.

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