

SPOTLIGHT ELECTION 2024

CAA fuels poll season hopes in Pilibhit's mini-Bengal

In 10 gram panchayats with a population of 70,000 Bangladeshi Hindus, most are making a beeline to register as Indian citizens as their cause finds poll-time resonance

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PILIBHIT: A cluster of 10 gram panchayats in Pilibhit district's Purnapur tehsil with a population of 70,000 Bangladeshi Hindus is abuzz with activities these days.

Keen to shed the Bangladeshi tag and become Indian nationals, many members of the community can be seen filling up application forms, collecting photocopies of documents and assembling at cyber cafes in village markets to collect details about the Indian Citizenship portal launched after the notification of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rules by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on March 13.

These 10 gram panchayats — Kundannagar, Bidhipur, Najaulia Natka, Gabia, Maharajpur, Nagoria Lalpur, Ramnagra, Sela and Dhuria — are all located near the Sharda Sagar dam in Pilibhit which goes to polls in the first phase of the Lok Sabha election on April 19.

Almost a mini-Bengal, a small market has come up in the middle of Ramnagra village dotted with cyber cafes, provision stores, medicine stores, eating

joints serving Bengali dishes and various shops to serve the demand of the local people.

The locals' cause found poll-time resonance when Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing a public meeting in Pilibhit on April 9, said the people who fled due to atrocities abroad, are Hindus and Sikhs, "they are our own people and should be given citizenship" even as he attacked the Congress and Samajwadi Party for opposing CAA due to their "appeasement policies".

The families staying in Pilibhit, who have come from other countries will benefit from CAA, the prime minister said.

Less than a week later, Dipankar Mistri, 24, resident of Ramnagra village in Purnapur tehsil of Pilibhit, was seen scanning the applications submitted by villagers for uploading on the Indian Citizenship portal. A Class 12 passout, Mistri set up a makeshift cyber cafe near Sharda Sagar Dam that touches the border of Uttarakhand and Nepal.

"I have been uploading the applications of villagers on the portal. I know the eligibility norms and documents required to apply for Indian citizenship. A majority of the villagers' applications have been uploaded. Initially, there were some hiccups due to extra documents sought by MHA, but the matter has been sorted out. We are eagerly waiting for Indian citizenship to get rid of the Bangladeshi tag," he said.

Mentioning his roots, he said, "My grandfather migrated from Bangladesh, then known as East Pakistan, during the 1971 Indo-Pak war to seek refuge in India. We were allotted land near the



Villagers at a cyber cafe in Ramnagra village in Pilibhit district to submit applications for uploading on the citizenship portal. HT



Harshit Mahto, 78, who migrated from Faridpur district in Bangladesh, is one of those awaiting registration as an Indian citizen. HT

Sharda river in Pilibhit. My father started agriculture there. I was born in Ramnagra village. Though we have been living in the area for three generations, the local administration treats us as outsiders. We have to run from pillar to post to get the benefit of government schemes. The Indian government's announcement about granting us citizenship has come as a ray of hope. We will be treated on par with Indian citizens and India will be our homeland."

A majority of the settlers have Aadhaar cards, voter identity cards and ration cards. Their children are enrolled in local schools. "We have all the documents provided by the government. Once we are registered as genuine citizens, we will live comfortably without harassment by the local police," said Vishnu Mandal, a villager.

Harshit Mahto, 78, who came from Faridpur in Bangladesh, said, "We have been staying in Pilibhit for three decades. My children were born and grew up in Ramnagra village, but our grievances are not disposed of by officers of Purnapur tehsil, under which the village is

located. For jobs abroad, we require passport, but our application was rejected during police verification."

Suval Das, 80, came to the village from West Bengal but is treated as a Bangladeshi by the local administration. His son Sameer Das runs a sweet shop in the market. "Our name has been deleted from the voters' list," Das said and added, "I have submitted documents to officers, but the names of my family members have not been registered in the electoral rolls. Our children are denied government jobs." Suchitra Das, 55, who migrated from Jessore district in Bangladesh, said, "The documents submitted for registration are required to be attested by local resident. A Sikh farmer Manjit Singh had attested my documents and is the witness in my case. I deposited Rs 200 at the cyber cafe for uploading the documents on the portal whereas the government has fixed a charge of Rs 55 per form." The CAA amends the Citizenship Act of 1955 to pave the way for providing Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis who migrated from neighbouring Muslim-majority countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan before December 31, 2014.

Under the 2019 amendment of the Act, migrants who entered India till December 31, 2014, and had suffered "religious persecution" in their country of their origin would be made eligible for accelerated citizenship. As the polling day drew near, majority of the Bengali community members welcomed the PM's assur-

BATTLING OUTSIDER TAG FOR GENERATIONS

- The Bangladeshi Hindu migrants are settled in 10 gram panchayats — Kundannagar, Bidhipur, Najaulia Natka, Gabia, Maharajpur, Nagoria Lalpur, Ramnagra, Sela and Dhuria in Pilibhit.
- A majority of the settlers have Aadhaar cards, voter identity cards and ration cards and their children are enrolled in local schools but, without citizenship, they feel their fate hangs in the balance as they are treated as outsiders.
- Many villagers' applications have been uploaded on the citizenship portal that was launched after notification of the CAA rules in March.
- There are 6.5% Bengali voters in Pilibhit Lok Sabha constituency, according to a BJP leader.
- After the Lok Sabha election, district administration teams will visit villages to collect details of people who have applied on the citizenship portal, according to an official.

ance regarding citizenship and expressed support for the BJP.

Dr Mukund Biswas, who runs a medical centre, said his forefathers migrated from Khulna in Bangladesh to Ram Nagara in Pilibhit district.

"In 1989, we were relocated near Sharda Sagar Dam after our village was eroded due to a change in the river course," he said. A Pilibhit district administration officer said the administration had conducted a survey in 2019 in the 10 gram panchayats to collect details of those who migrated from Bangladesh.

"After the Lok Sabha election, the district administration team will visit villages to collect the details of people who have applied on the citizenship portal," he said. Sunil Gangwar, a BJP district unit leader said, there are 6.5% Bengali voters in Pilibhit Lok Sabha constituency.

"The BJP government is committed to their welfare and the community will support the party candidate in the Lok Sabha election," he said.

BAN ON CASTE-BASED RALLIES: HC SEEKS REPORT ON NOTICES SERVED TO 4 POL PARTIES

LUCKNOW: The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court sought fresh service report from its office by April 29 on the notices issued to four political parties earlier on a plea related to the ban on caste-based rallies.

The order was passed by a division bench comprising Justice Rajan Roy and Justice Om Prakash Shukla on April 10, in response to a PIL filed by a local lawyer Moti Lal Yadav in 2013. The petitioner sought directives from court to ECI to derecognise political parties that hold caste-based rallies. On March 18, 2024, court issued fresh notices to four political parties - BJP, SP, BSP, and Congress. It also granted last opportunity to counsel of Union of India to file reply, if any, as the plea was pending since 2013. HTc

Jaunpur battle hots up as Dhananjay's wife Shrikala throws hat in the ring

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LUCKNOW: The battle for Jaunpur Lok Sabha seat has taken an interesting turn with the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) reviving the Dhananjay Singh factor.

Despite his recent sentencing by MP/MLA court to seven years in prison, the BSP has placed its faith in his local popularity, nominating his wife Shrikala Dhananjay Singh nee Shrikala Reddy as its candidate from Jaunpur for the 2024 general elections.

Dhananjay Singh has been two-term MLA —from Jaunpur's Rari assembly seat as an independent and as Janata Dal United candidate from Malhani assembly seat in 2002 and 2007 respectively. He also remained MP between 2009 and 2014 on BSP ticket. Shrikala hails from a prominent business family in Telangana and the only daughter of the owners of the Nippon battery group.

Married to Dhananjay Singh in 2017 after his two previous marriages, Shrikala has been



Shrikala Dhananjay Singh

actively involved in politics in Jaunpur for the past three years. She ascended to the position of Zila Panchayat chairman in 2021. Notably, her late father, Jitendra Reddy, had a political background, having served as chairman of the Cooperative in Nalgonda and as an independent MLA from Huzur Nagar assembly seat of Nalgonda.

Expressing her gratitude to BSP chief Mayawati for the opportunity, Shrikala embarked on her political journey by seeking blessings at the Gauri Shankar Dham Mahadev temple in Sujanganj. Her candidacy has made Dhananjay Singh's supporters sit up, as was evident in the sizeable turnout at the tem-

ple. Shrikala now faces formidable opponents in the upcoming elections. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has fielded Kripa Shankar Singh, a former Congress home minister of Maharashtra, while the Samajwadi Party has nominated Babu Singh Kushwaha, a former minister in the BSP government.

Interestingly, both Singh and Kushwaha have played mentorship roles in Dhananjay Singh's political journey.

Kripa Shankar Singh, who quit the Congress in 2019 and joined BJP in 2021, is said to have provided patronage to Dhananjay Singh during his initial days while Kushwaha helped him to get MP ticket from BSP.

Initially eyeing the Jaunpur seat under the JD (U) banner, Dhananjay Singh shifted allegiance to the Samajwadi Party after Kripa Shankar Singh's BJP candidacy. However, his plans were disrupted by the court's verdict, sentencing him and his associate Santosh Vikram Singh in a kidnapping and extortion of the Namami Gange project manager, Abhinav Singhal, in 2020.

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Wooden handicraft industry: A casualty of political neglect

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SAHARANPUR : Once a part of highly profitable micro, small and medium-scale enterprises, India's wooden and iron handicraft industry is crying for urgent political attention to survive. Decades of neglect and the disastrous impacts of demonitisation and Covid-19 pandemic have only escalated its ordeal.

In Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur Lok Sabha constituency, known for its hand-carved artefacts, the industry employs two lakh voters directly and another four lakh indirectly.

"No political party or leader has bothered to address our concerns but expect that we will vote for them in the name of caste and religion. In Saharanpur, artisans and affiliate industries are upset because of the failure of every political party to save this dying industry," says Sabir Ali Khan, a patron of Saharanpur Wood Carving Manufacturers' Association.

He claims that Saharanpur's woodcarving, handicraft and cast-iron industry is fast dying as youngsters are refusing to adopt it. Lack of market linkages, financing options by banks and technological advancement is crippling this once flourishing industry, which predates the Mughals. "We need market linkages and special zones with single window export clearances in Saharanpur since it is the hub of wooden and iron handicrafts," says Khan, adding upskilling of artisan families is also needed.

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Declining exports

While it is a major foreign exchange earner through exports, the woodcarving industry's popularity is steadily falling. According to a Press Information Bureau report, the export of wood and wooden products has registered a negative 7.82% growth. Major countries importing wooden prod-



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ucts and artefacts from India are Europe, USA, and Canada.

Majhar Islam, a handicraft exporter, says more than 90 per cent artisans associated with the industry are Muslims and the industry contributes a major share in the district's economy. He said his export output has declined to barely 30 per cent. He attributed this to the Ukraine war, global recession, and low consumer spending.

'Artisans turning to furniture-making'

Khan points out that local leaders are yet to come up with a concrete plan to redeem the industry. "They probably have not even realised that most artisans have shifted to furniture-making. No doubt it is helping them to meet their needs, but a major handicraft industry of India is dying," rues Khan.

On January 24, 2018, Uttar Pradesh launched the One District One Product (ODOP) programme that aims to identify and promote one unique product from each of the 75 districts of the state. "The programme has not helped the woodcarving industry," he says.

The top three candidates in Saharanpur this time are Imran Masood from the Congress, Majid Ali from the BSP, and Raghav Lakhnawal from the BJP. None have spoken about the struggling industry so far.

BJP DROPS SITTING MPS IN DEORIA, FIROZABAD

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LUCKNOW: The BJP on Tuesday named two more candidates for the Lok Sabha from Uttar Pradesh. In Deoria, it replaced sitting MP and former UP BJP chief Ramapati Ram Tripathi with former MP (ret'd) lieutenant general Prakash Mani Tripathi's son Shashank Mani Tripathi.

In Firozabad, the BJP has named former BSP leader Thakur Vishwadeep Singh in the place of sitting MP Chandra Sen Jadon. Vishwadeep, whose father was an MP from the Samajwadi Party, had contested the 2014 Lok Sabha polls on a BSP ticket but lost the contest.

Jadon had won against SP's Akshay Yadav in Firozabad but with SP renaming Akshay on the seat, Vishwadeep would now be tasked with defeating Akshay, the son of Samajwadi Party veteran Ram Gopal Yadav. Ram Tripathi had defeated the SP-BSP alliance candidate Vinod Kumar Jaiswal from Deoria.

The BJP has so far named 73 candidates, denying tickets to 21 including 19 sitting MPs. The party hasn't still named candidates on the Kaiserganj and Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha seats.

Rae Bareilly is a Congress bastion from where former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi won in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. This time, the Congress has still not named candidates for Aمةthi and Rae Bareilly. Speculations are rife that the BJP is delaying announcement on the seat to factor in the Congress' move.

In Kaiserganj, its heavyweight MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh has been in the eye of the storm following allegations of sexual misconduct levelled on him by some of country's celebrated athletes. Some leaders, including those in the BJP, believe that the delay in naming party's candidate on the seat is a tactical move.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

To know all men that information Smt. Saroj Devi W/o Shri Omprakash R/o Village Bharatpur Po-Kunda, Kashipur Distt. Udham Singh Nagar (U.K.) is owner of a property situated at House No.-B 182, Avas Vikas Yojna No.-3, Tehsil Sadar Distt. Rampur, Area-43.74sq. mtr. vide registered sale deed dated 16-08-1999 having document No. 2748. The original link sale deed dated 16-08-1999 having document No. 2744/2745 has been executed in favour of Mr. Kishan Lal Bhatnaya S/o Chiman Lal Bhatnaya resident of 182 Avas Vikas Nikat Noomahal, Rampur U.P. the said sale deed is registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Registration Tehsil Sadar Distt. Rampur in Bahr No.-1, Zild No-293, Pages-229 to 244 at serial no. 2744/2745. Above original link sale deed was lost on 10-04-2024 in District Court Rampur while gating done the photostate of the same. The said original link sale deed was vehemently searched and but the same was not traceable yet. The said sale deed dated 16-08-1999 having document No. 2744/2745 was neither mortgaged with any bank of financial institution nor the same was misused by any one. Know the above property is to be mortgaged with any branch of S.B.I, Bank or any other bank Distt. Rampur. If any person, Bank or any Financial Institution has any objection in this regard then the said person, Bank or Financial institution can object the same with 15 days from the publication of this Public Information. No objection or claim in any manner what so ever shall be entertained after the expiry of above period. A Police information was also registered in Police Station Civil Lines on 12-04-2024 regarding lost of above original Link Sale Deed dated 16-08-1999 having document No.-2744/2745.

Date 16/04/2024

Informant
Jitender Pradhan (Advocate)
Chamber No.-100
Distt. Court Rampur U.P.

PUBLIC NOTICE

[Under the provisions of Section 102 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and as per the Directions of the Hon'ble NCLT, New Delhi Bench, Court-II]

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MS. BRIJESH KUMARI (PERSONAL GUARANTOR TO M/S. RGV INFRA PVT. LTD.)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Personal Guarantor to Corporate Debtor	Ms. Brijesh Kumari
2. Address of Personal Guarantor	227/23, Gali No. 1, Ansari Road, Aryapuri, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh - 251002
3. Name & CIN of Corporate Debtor(s)	M/s. RGV Infra Pvt. Ltd. CIN: U70101DL2011PTC219603
4. Registered office of Corporate Debtor	B-9/6243, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, India
5. Resolution Process Commencement Date	April 4th 2024 (Copy of the order received on April 12th 2024)
6. Last date for submission of Claims	May 3rd, 2024
7. Name and Registration Number of the Insolvency Professional acting as Resolution Professional	Name: Mr. Gaurav Katiyar Regn. No: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P00209/2017-18/10409 AFA valid till: 05.11.2024
8. Address and E-mail of the Resolution Professional, as registered with the Board	Address: D-32, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 Email: cagauravkatiyar@gmail.com
9. Relevant Forms	Relevant Forms for the submission of the claims can be downloaded from https://www.ibbi.gov.in/

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi, Court II, in the matter of insolvency resolution process under section 95 of the Code has ordered the commencement of the insolvency resolution process against **Ms. Brijesh Kumari** on **April 4th 2024** (Copy of the order received on April 12th 2024).

The creditors of **Ms. Brijesh Kumari**, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **May 3rd, 2024**, to the Resolution Professional through electronic means, or by hand or registered post or speed post or courier.

Note: Submission of false or misleading claims with proof shall attract penalties or imprisonment in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and any other applicable laws.

Sd/-
Gaurav Katiyar
Resolution Professional

Date : 15.04.2024
Place : New Delhi
Regn. No. IBBI/PA-001/IP-P00209/2017-18/10409

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MR. ARUN SINGH @ ARUN KUMAR (Personal Guarantor to M/s. RGV Infra Pvt. Ltd.)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Personal Guarantor to Corporate Debtor	Mr. Arun Singh @ Arun Kumar
2. Address of Personal Guarantor	H.No. 132, Bhoparoad Dakshini 1, PS Mandi, Kotwali, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh - 251001
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Date : 15.04.2024
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Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and In exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, The Bank Issued demand notices on the date mentioned against account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 Days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the Amount, notice is hereby given to Borrowers and the Public in general the undersigned has taken the Possession of property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rule on dated. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property, and dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Branch Ruhelkhand University, Bareilly** for the amounts and interest thereon.

Name & Addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account and Branch Name	Outstanding Amount of SARAFESI ACT 2002/ Notice Date	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged
Borrower: Mr. Faeek Abbas S/o Mr. Mahboob Ahmad 4, Ejaj Nagar Gautiyya Near Dominar Masjid, Old City Bareilly UP 243001.	Rs. 13,86,761.98 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One & Ninety Eight Paise Only) + Interest & Other Charges.	EM of Residential House at No. 214 of Khasra No. 32 situated at Jagatpur Lala Begum, Pargana Tehsil District Bareilly. Owned By Mr. Faeek Abbas S/o Mahboob Ahmad. Total extent of property is 66.23 sq.mtr., Property Bounded As: East: Road 10 Feet wide, West: Land of Rafeeq, North: House of Ashfaque, South: House of Others.
Guarantor: Mr. Mohd. Anees Khan S/o Mr. Rais Ahmad Khan, 1248, Ward No. 67, Purana Kabristan, Ejaj Nagar Gautiyya Bareilly UP 243006.	Mr. Mohd. Sadiq S/o Naushe Bux, 194/14A, Ejaj Nagar Gautiyya, Near Chand Masjid Bareilly UP 243006.	Note: Without prejudice to the Bank's Right, earlier 13(4) demand notice issued under Sarfaesi Act 2002, if any, shall be treated as withdrawn. Bank Reserve the Right to further proceed under Sarfaesi Act, 2002.

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Date: 17.04.2024 **Place: Bareilly** **Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India**

'Will win with a bigger margin': Dimple Yadav seeks reelection from Mainpuri

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AGRA: Sitting MP from Mainpuri Dimple Yadav on Tuesday filed her nomination papers for the Lok Sabha seat. She was accompanied by her husband and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav and party national general secretaries Ram Gopal Yadav and Shivpal Yadav, who targeted the BJP for making false promises.

Before filing her papers, Dimple paid her respects to her father-in-law and SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav at his 'samadhi' in Etawah's Safai.

"Our supporters are very enthusiastic because they know that the Samajwadi Party will win the seat with even a bigger margin this time," she said after filing her papers. Speaking to the media, the SP



Dimple Yadav filing her nomination paper. Akhilesh Yadav, senior SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav, and Shivpal Yadav also accompanied her in Mainpuri on Tuesday. HT PHOTO

president claimed the BSP changed its candidate for the seat after "getting a phone call from the BJP", and promised to declare the party's pick for Kanauj soon.

"The chief minister of Madhya Pradesh was here in Mainpuri on Monday to see the development here. I can assure him that we will help him in case he wants to replicate in his state

what has been done in Mainpuri: four-lane roads, a runway and an expressway," Akhilesh said.

Slamming the BJP over its 'unkept' promises, Akhilesh said, "The BJP has a habit of lying and making false promises. Their members of parliament are unable to tell their achievements of ten years... Inflation and unemployment are at an all-time high."