

# Modi enters Bihar election campaign with EBC outreach

Says NDA will return to power under Nitish Kumar's stewardship

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Samastipur, 24 October

Reminding Mitthilanchal and North Bihar of the horrors of "Jungle raj" during the rule of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-Congress combine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it was the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) that was the most inclusive and most dedicated to "sushashan" (good governance).

Launching his formal election campaign ahead of the Assembly polls in Bihar, he promised more industrial and policy initiatives in the state if the NDA returned to power. Addressing a big gathering in Doodhpura, Samastipur — about which Modi himself quipped, that though "I have spent my life in Gujrat, I would not have been able to get such a large crowd for a big gathering there so soon after Deepawali" — Modi launched a strong appeal to the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs), assuring them that the NDA alone would be able to secure their interests. He paid glowing tributes to Karpoori Thakur, former chief minister of Bihar, after visiting his birthplace just outside the town, renamed Karpoorigram, and reminded the crowd that it was the NDA that bestowed the Bharat Ratna on the "jana nayak" (leader of the masses).

In public perception, Thakur, born into the nai (barber) community and whose life and political career were defined by his advocacy for the marginalised and social justice, is seen as a socialist more attuned to parties like the RJD. Getting support from the EBCs, which constitute nearly 36 per cent of Bihar's population, according to the 2023 Caste Census, is crucial for the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) success in the Assembly elec-



The Prime Minister pays tribute to 'Jannayak' Karpoori Thakur at Karpoorigram, the village named after the leader

## 51K get appointment letters for govt jobs at Rozgar Melas

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the BJP-led NDA government is working to empower the youth and has created avenues to connect candidates, who have narrowly missed government jobs, with prospective employers in the private sector. In a recorded message at the 17th Rozgar Mela, Modi said India's foreign policy was also being shaped keeping the interest of the youngsters in mind. More than 5,000 candidates received appointment letters for government jobs at Rozgar Melas held across India.

tions. Spread across 112 sub-castes — from the Nishads and Mallahs in the Mitthilanchal and Kosi regions to the Kumbhars in urban Patna — they influence around 120 Assembly seats in regions such as Mitthila, Magadh, and Seemanchal. In his speech Modi listed the steps the Bihar government under the NDA had taken for empowering the EBCs, like extending the Kisan Credit Card scheme to those engaged in fishing. He reminded the audience that not so long ago, because fishing was not viable, Bihar used to

buy fish from neighbouring states. "Fish production in Bihar has doubled in the last 10 years and now Bihar is in a position to sell fish to other states," he said. He cited the steps the government had taken to promote makhana, cultivated and produced by the Mallah community, and said his dream was that of reaching every corner of the globe as the go-to health snack. "I presented makhana to a delighted Prime Minister of Mauritius when he visited India. Makhana producers will

benefit from the Makhana Board, which we have constituted," he said. The PM listed other measures for the small farmer. "They (small farmers) had no recourse to credit. They could not even cross the threshold of banks in times of need. The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has ensured ₹28,000 crore in the bank accounts of small farmers in Bihar," he said. "In Samastipur alone, ₹300 crore has reached the accounts of small farmers."

Modi also reminded listeners of all the steps the NDA government had taken for low-income groups: Free food, free electricity, toilets, subsidised housing, clean water, but "above all, a sense of self respect". The government has extended to per cent reservation to the economically backward EBCs, Mahadalit, and socially deprived; it has extended reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for another 10 years; it has given statutory status to the OBC (Other Backward Classes) Commission; a demand pending for years; it has extended reservation in medicine to the EBCs. Most of all, the New Education Policy enables Hindal speakers to study any subject in their own language. But the "hand" and the "lantern" (the election symbols, respectively, of the Congress and the BJP) were out to stymie all this. Their leaders were out on ball charges of embezzling hundreds of crores of public money, he said. Asking people suddenly to turn on the torchlight on their mobiles to salute "I can see a sea of lights. In the middle of all this, do you really need a 'lantern'?" Other states had voted for the NDA/BJP and "under Nitish Kumar's stewardship, we will return to power here too," he said.

# Kesri and Karpoori: Congress, BJP spar over two Bihar icons

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New Delhi, 24 October

At 24, Akbar Road, where irate Congress workers had roughed him up more than a quarter century back after he was ousted as the party's president, and his contribution to the empowerment of backward classes largely forgotten in later years, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi led the way on Friday morning to remember former party chief Sitaram Kesri on his 25th death anniversary.

The Congress' rediscovery of Kesri is reminiscent of the time when in 2020 the party's leadership honoured the memory of former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao in the year of his birth centenary after years of ignoring his place in the pantheon of party's notable leaders.

It also comes at a crucial juncture as Kesri hailed from Bihar, which is poll-bound, and belonged to a caste that is on the list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the state. After VP Singh announced in August 1990 his government's decision to implement the Mandal Commission report, it was Kesri as minister for social justice and empowerment in Rao's government who implemented the report.

Rahul Gandhi, who in recent years has spearheaded the Congress' demand for a caste census and championed the politics of social justice, paid floral tributes to a black-and-white portrait of Kesri, along with other party leaders,



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and Kesri's grandson, Rakesh, who is a businessman. It was significant that the ceremony took place at 24, Akbar Road, the party's former national headquarters, and not at its new office in Kotla Road. For it was at 24, Akbar Road on March 14, 1998, that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) ousted Kesri as Congress president. Pranab Mukherjee and some others had engineered that coup. Some party workers jeered at Kesri and even tugged at his dhoti as he left the party office in his car, which had been damaged. Kesri was Congress president from 1996 to 1998, with Sonia Gandhi succeeding him. At another CWC meeting held a year later to expel Sharad Pawar and others when they raised the issue of Sonia Gandhi's "foreign origin", party workers manhandled Kesri again as they suspected that he supported the rebels. Kesri had to return home to change his torn

clothes. Author Rashid Kidwai has written in his book 24 Akbar Road that "Kesri died a disturbed and disillusioned man. He could not reconcile himself to his unceremonial removal. There was much that he wanted to say, but he suffered an asthma attack and then slipped into a coma. Kesri's end came on October 24, 2000. He was eighty-one. His faithful dog Ruchi died the same evening."

Kesri, a freedom fighter, was elected president of the Bihar Congress in 1973 and treasurer of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in 1980. He served as AICC treasurer for a decade.

Over the past few years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought up the incident of Kesri's insult in his speeches to attack the Congress' "dynastic" politics, and as evidence of that party's "disrespect" for a leader who hailed from the marginalised sections. On Friday, during his speeches in Bihar, Modi again spoke of the incident. "Kesri hailed from a backward class and rose to become Congress president. But at the instance of the parivar (Nehru-Gandhi family), he was humiliated. He was locked inside a bathroom before being kicked out on the streets and his top party post was also stolen," Modi said.

However, there have also been occasions when he has spoken about Kesri's stint as party treasurer to ridicule the Congress. At a public meeting in Kanpur in 2017, he spoke

about how the Congress managed its accounts. "Na khata, na bahi, jo Sitaram Kesri jahaen wahi sahi," he had said. But if Modi took potshots at the Congress for its rediscovery of Kesri, Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh posed questions for the PM for his efforts to appropriate the legacy of Karpoori Thakur, a socialist leader and an icon of backward-class assertion.

On Friday, the PM launched his poll campaign after visiting Thakur's ancestral village. In this context, Ramesh said it was an acknowledged fact that the Jan Sangh, from which the BJP emerged, had brought down Karpoori Thakur's government in Bihar in April 1979, when Thakur introduced reservation for the OBCs. "Is it not a fact that Karpoori Thakur ji was subjected to the vilest abuse by RSS and Jan Sangh leaders that I can remember?" He also said that the PM, on April 28, 2024, called those demanding a caste census "urban Naxals" and that both in Parliament (July 20, 2021) as well as in the Supreme Court (September 21, 2021), his government categorically rejected a caste census?

At his public meeting in Samastipur, the PM took exception to the "stealing of the epithet 'Jannayak' (people's hero) of late used for Rahul Gandhi by Congress workers, when it was largely associated with Thakur. The Union government conferred the Bharat Ratna posthumously on Thakur in January 2024, as it did on PV Narasimha Rao.

## ALL IN A DAY

### NC wins 3 seats, BJP one in J&K's Rajya Sabha polls

The results of Jammu and Kashmir's first Rajya Sabha polls after becoming a Union Territory followed each other in the lines, with the ruling National Conference securing three seats on Friday and the BJP clinching the final one, largely due to a possible strategic cross-voting by a few independents and the Peoples' Conference's abstention.

Polling for the four Rajya Sabha seats was held on Friday, and the entire process was divided at 24 three non-affiliated constituencies. Chowdhry Mohammed Ramzan of the NC had a direct contest with Ali Mohammed Mir of the BJP in one of the seats. The NC candidate, Mir, secured 58 votes, while the BJP managed only the party strength of 28.

### UN's work 'gridlocked' in absence of urgent reforms: Jaishankar

India on Friday cited Pakistan's attempts to protect at the UN Security Council the terror group that claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack to point out that the global body's work has been "gridlocked" in absence of urgent reforms. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also criticised those equating victims and perpetrators of

terrorism in the name of globalisation, in an apparent reference to hypenation of India and Pakistan in the context of the dastardly terror strike. Jaishankar was speaking at a event that celebrated the 80th anniversary of the United Nations (UN). He said "all is not well" with the UN as its debates have become "increasingly polarised".

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Manish Kakral  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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Place: Mumbai  
Date: October 24, 2025

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**UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

The Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results of Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited ("the Company") along with the Limited Review Reports of the Statutory Auditors of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their Meetings held on October 24, 2025, in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The aforementioned Financial Results along with the Limited Review Reports of the Statutory Auditors thereon are available on the website of BSE ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and NSE ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and on the Company's website at <https://mutualfund.adityabirlacapital.com/shareholders/financials>. The same can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code provided below:

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Managing Director & CEO  
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**Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Six months ended 30th September 2025 (₹ in Lakhs)**

Particulars	Quarter ended	Year to date	Quarter ended	Year to date	Year ended
	30.09.2025 (Unaudited)	30.09.2025 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	30.09.2024 (Unaudited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
Total Income from Operations	11471	17843	9810	15849	37141
Net Profit for the period (before tax and Exceptional items)	1554	749	1378	1471	2804
Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1704	1390	1378	1471	2804
Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	1456	1188	1153	1234	1928
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(3122)	669	856	4847	(1377)
Equity Share Capital	860	860	860	860	860
Other Equity (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	52353
Earnings Per Share (Face Value ₹10/- each) -					
Basic:	16.93	13.81	13.41	14.35	22.42
Diluted:	16.93	13.81	13.41	14.35	22.42

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Half-yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Full format of the Quarterly and Half-yearly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Company at [www.ponnisugars.com](http://www.ponnisugars.com) and Stock Exchanges - BSE ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and NSE ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)). The same can be accessed by scanning the QR Code given below:

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24.10.2025

For Ponni Sugars (Erode) Limited  
N.Ramathan  
Managing Director

