

# CONGRESS DARPAN

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**“A transparent, accountable, people friendly and welfare oriented Govt will be formed by the Congress party in Telangana.”**

-Shri Mallikarjun Kharge







## India has a Choice of Embracing "Open Ballot Democracy" if Continuing with Electronic Voting for Transparent Elections

### Dr. Danish Lambe

In recent years, Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in India have been at the center of a crucial debate regarding their reliability and integrity. This discussion has been marked by several high-profile court cases. Each of these cases reflects the underlying apprehension of Indian voters concerning the potential tampering of EVMs and the integrity of the electoral process. This article delves into four significant cases, highlights their objections, and explores the innovative idea of an Open Ballot Voting System and the possibility of declaring election results on the same day.

1. Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) The ADR's plea in the Supreme Court was a significant move to ensure electoral integrity. They demanded that the vote count from EVMs should be tallied with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails (VVPATs). Their argument centered on the principle of voter verification, ensuring each vote is accurately recorded and counted. The ADR case reflects a broader concern about the transparency and reliability of EVMs.

2. Rajendra Satyanarayan Gilda In a PIL filed by Rajendra Satyanarayan Gilda, there was a call for modifications to EVMs to provide a printed slip with the symbol of the party for which the vote was cast. This suggestion aimed to enhance voter confidence and provide tangible evidence of the vote cast, thereby addressing concerns about the potential manipulation of EVMs.

3. Dr. Subramanian Swamy Dr. Swamy's case against the use of EVMs in their current form led to a landmark directive for the use of

### EVMs can Also enable Same-Day Election Results



VVPATs with EVMs. His primary concern was that EVMs are not "tamper-proof." This case highlighted the need for additional measures to ensure the authenticity of the voting process.

4. Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) The AGP expressed apprehensions about EVMs, particularly their potential for tampering. They urged the Election Commission to revert to traditional ballot boxes, citing practices in developed countries. This case echoed a sentiment that EVMs might not be the most infallible method for conducting elections.

Conclusive Concerns These cases collectively underscore a significant concern among

Indian voters: the fear that EVMs could be susceptible to tampering. Despite assurances and technological safeguards, the trust in EVMs has been shaky, leading to these legal challenges.

INNOVATIVE SUGGESTIONS  
Open Ballot Voting System One innovative suggestion is the implementation of an Open Ballot Voting System. This system would involve transparent voting processes where the casting and counting of votes are visible and verifiable by the public and representatives of political parties. This method could enhance trust and transparency in the electoral process. Same-Day Election Results With the use of EVMs, another possibility is the declaration of election results on the same day. EVMs, due to their electronic nature, allow for quicker tallying of votes compared to traditional ballot papers. This could lead to more efficient election processes and immediate results, reducing the waiting period and potential anxiety associated with delayed outcomes.

Conclusion The journey of EVMs through the corridors of Indian courts highlights a crucial aspect of democracy – the undying quest for transparency and fairness in elections. While EVMs offer efficiency and quick results, the concerns raised in these cases point to the need for constant vigilance and improvement in electoral systems. The suggestions of an Open Ballot Voting System and same-day results provide innovative avenues for enhancing the credibility and efficiency of India's electoral process. As technology evolves, so must the mechanisms that safeguard the most fundamental act of a democracy: voting.

## Central government should continue the concession given to senior citizens in railways : Dr. Chandrika Prasad



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The concession in rail travel that was being provided to senior citizens across the country continuously since the rule of the Congress Party was stopped by the present Central Government at the time of the Covid disaster, which remains closed till date. Therefore, due to abolition of concession for senior citizens in rail travel, senior citizens from middle class families have reduced traveling by railways to a great extent.

Therefore, the Prime Minister of India, Honorable Narendra Modi, should intervene in this matter and take steps to resume the concession given to senior citizens in rail travel. These things were said by Dr. Chandrika Prasad Yadav, a member of the Political Affairs Committee of Bihar Pradesh Congress and a renowned educationist. He said that if we look at the figures, in the year 2018\_19, about 7.4 crore senior citizens traveled by railways, which number will come down to 1.7 crore in 2022.

This clearly shows that crores of senior citizens of the country have drastically reduced their rail travel as the Railway Ministry has abolished the concessions in rail travel. In this regard, Shri Yadav demanded from the Prime Minister of the country and the Railway Minister that the concessions given in Railways should be restarted keeping in mind the senior citizens of the middle class and poor families of the country. So that they can avail the benefits of rail travel in a convenient manner like before.





## Today I witnessed the miracle of the Chiranjeevi project at the Mahatma Gandhi Hospital in Jaipur!

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With this, the relief and joy on the faces of patients and their families is evident. This initiative of India's best free treatment has changed the lives of lakhs of people. As announced by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Khelata, as promised in our election manifesto, the subsidy for treatment under this revolutionary scheme has been increased from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh. It is the responsibility of the state government to provide the largest and most expensive treatment free of charge to the poor and middle class families of Rajasthan. Congress again Long live Rajasthan.

- Mr. Rahul Gandhi



**Held review meetings with leaders and AICC observers to assess the campaign in the erstwhile Adilabad, Medak & Nizamabad districts. Our guarantees are reaching every household and receiving great support. No doubt, we will form the next government in Telangana!**





## The voice of the people against the British imperialism, has been suppressed by the present rulers

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During the Indian freedom struggle, the National Herald, which was published by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the voice of the people against the British imperialism, has been suppressed by the present rulers. The National Herald, which fought against the oppression of the British rulers, will surely defeat the vindictiveness of today's rulers.

After being the leader of Indian National Congress for more than 20 years, he joined BJP in 2004. No one can deny that the government was removed and the central Congress coalition government led by Dr. Manmohan Singh took India on the path of development. However, the Modi government made desperate efforts to implicate Mother Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in corruption



cases, who were instrumental in running such a regime. Using the complaint given by Subramania Samy in 2014 without any basic evidence, National Herald is being attacked for revenge. A case has been registered under the Anti—Money Laundering Act and the Enforcement Directorate has taken steps to freeze assets worth Rs 750 crore belonging to the National Herald. I strongly condemn this.

The Enforcement Directorate's freeze on the assets of National Herald—linked Associated Journal Limited reflects the BJP's desperation to divert attention from its impending defeat in the 5 state assembly elections. Anti—money laundering measures can only be taken as a result of some foreshadowing or major crime. Immovable property is not changed. There is no cash transaction in this case. No criminal activity. In fact, there is not a

single complainant who claims to have been cheated. This is a pre—planned and fabricated act of diversion, deception and lies while the election is underway.

Any coalition like CBI, Enforcement, Income Tax Department etc. has defeated BJP in 5 state assembly elections. Failure to achieve cannot be prevented. There is no justification for freezing the assets of the National Herald Company, which is the traditional voice of the Indian freedom struggle, when the loan was obtained by mortgaging immovable property and there were no irregularities in the exchange of money. This is a blatant illegal act of retaliation. The Indian National Congress cannot be threatened in any way with such a petty vindictive strategy. Congress party will face this legally.

— Chairman Mr. KS Alagiri



**World Investors Conference 2024 held today at Virudhunagar District Industry Center in Virudhunagar district level field event Hon'ble Minister of Revenue and Disaster Management Mr. K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran, I also participated and gave a special speech. Along with Virudhunagar District Governor Mr. Jayaseelan, Sivakasi Assembly Member Mr. A.M.S.G. Asokan, Virudhunagar Assembly Member Mr. A.R.R. Srinivasan, Virudhunagar Nagar Council President Mr. Madhavan, Virudhunagar Panchayat Union Committee President Mr. Sumathi Rajasekhar, PCC Member Mr. Krishnamurthy, DCC members Mr. Sivagrunathan, Mr. Veil Muthu, City Council Member Mr. Jesuskani, District Congress Spokesperson Mr. Meenakshi Sundaram, and administrators attended.**



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## Change is imminent in Telangana!



**The people will put an end to the family rule of the BRS. Nalgonda**

