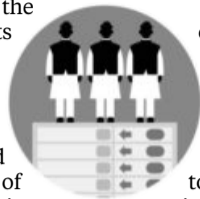


# MVA allies to fight on 85 seats each

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After days of stalemate, Maha Vikas Aghadi of Congress, NCP (SP), and Shiv Sena (UBT) on Wednesday announced they would contest 85 seats each in Maharashtra Assembly elections. The three allies are discussing the sharing of the remaining 33 seats out of the total 288 among themselves and smaller parties. Addressing a press conference in Mumbai, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said consensus had been reached on 270 out of a total of 288 seats for the November 20 elections. "We will include Samajwadi Party, PWP, CPI(M), CPI, and AAP. Discussions are still on for the remaining seats. We have amicably arrived at a consensus on 270 seats. MVA stands united to defeat the Mahayuti government," Raut said. State Congress Chief Nana Patole said the remaining seats would be left for smaller parties. Speaking separately to reporters, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Anil Desai explained

the division of seats so far. "The three MVA constituents have arrived at a consensus on 85 seats each (totalling 255). Among the remaining 33 constituencies, the allies are discussing 18 seats among themselves, while the rest segments (15) will be allocated to smaller parties," Desai added. The seat-sharing talks among opposition members dragged on for weeks due to a bitter dispute between Sena (UBT) and Congress on certain seats, especially in the Vidarbha region and Mumbai. The Congress is not keen to cede ground in Vidarbha owing to its strong showing in the recent Lok Sabha polls. As the impasse on the sharing of seats continues, minor parties within the opposition bloc, including the Samajwadi Party (SP), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Left parties, and the Peasants and Workers Party (PWP), were growing increasingly restless. Notably, the Akhilesh Yadav-led SP had demanded 12 seats from the MVA quota and declared candidates in five constituencies.



## Priyanka declares assets worth ₹12 cr

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, who on Wednesday made her electoral debut by filing a nomination as a Congress candidate for Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll, has declared assets worth over ₹12 crore. In her nomination papers, Priyanka declared a total income of over ₹46.39 lakh in 2023-2024 which includes rental income and interest from banks and other investments. She is also facing income-tax reassessment proceedings for the assessment year 2012-13, according to which she has to pay over ₹15 lakh as taxes, her affidavit said. Additionally, there are two FIRs and a forest department's notice against her, the affidavit stated. Her immovable assets are worth over ₹7.74 crore, which includes two inherited half shares of agricultural land in Mehrauli area of New Delhi and a half share in a farmhouse building located therein, together are now worth over ₹12 crore. PTI



## Shiv Sena, NCP release first list for Maha polls

The Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Wednesday released their first list of candidates for the November 20 Maharashtra assembly polls. Of 45 candidates in its list, the Shiv Sena has nominated Chief Minister Eknath Shinde from Kopri-Panchpakhandi in Thane city and more than half a dozen cabinet members from their respective seats. In its list of 38 candidates, the NCP has fielded Deputy Chief Minister and party head Ajit Pawar from Baramati seat in Pune district. Both the parties have renominated all sitting MLAs who supported Shinde and Pawar. PTI

# 'Artificial rainmaking still under research'

India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General MRUTYUNJAY MOHAPATRA said the Mission Mausam programme, approved by the Union Cabinet last month with a budget outlay of ₹2,000 crore over two years, will not just improve weather forecasting in the country but also study the potential to enhance or suppress rain. In an interview with Ramani Ranjan Mohapatra in New Delhi, the IMD chief spoke about the improved forecasting system, global warming impact, and artificial intelligence (AI) applications. Edited excerpts:

### Can you elaborate on the Mission Mausam programme? Many experts have called for caution in developing artificial cloud chambers.

The objective of Mission Mausam is to improve the IMD's forecast services. Through this initiative, we aim to improve our observation, communication, modelling, forecasting, and warning dissemination systems. Artificial rainmaking is still under research. It has not been told that we will go for operations. The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, has been conducting research on this for many years. Under this mission, there is a component aimed at further enhancing research on clouds and artificial rainmaking. To this end, there may be a need to establish cloud chambers. The IITM study will not only help us understand clouds better but also explore how this research can be integrated into our modelling systems to improve forecasts. It will also study the potential to enhance or suppress rain.

### How did IMD fare in forecasting the monsoon this year?

The southwest monsoon in 2024 was quite good. Rainfall for the country was 87 cm, or 107.6 per cent of the long-period average, which was above normal. This matched our prediction that the rainfall would be above normal, with a variation of plus or minus 4 per cent. In terms of spatial distribution, we had predicted that many parts of the country would experience normal to above-normal rainfall, except for parts of the Northeast, some areas in eastern India, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, and adjoining regions of Himachal Pradesh. Almost 80 per cent of these spatial predictions were also accurate. This accuracy can be attributed to the multi-model ensemble prediction scheme introduced in 2021, which provides forecasts spatially, monthly, and seasonally. The adverse impact of El Niño was not seen during this monsoon. The monsoon began with El Niño conditions but shifted to neutral



conditions in the middle of the season. In June, rainfall was deficient but returned to normal or above normal in the next three months.

### What are the reasons for extreme weather conditions and their longer durations, particularly in Delhi and northern states? Do you think global warming plays a role?

There is a trend of delayed monsoon withdrawal from northwest India, which occurred this year as well. Earlier, monsoon withdrawal from Rajasthan used to be on September 1, but now it begins around September 15-17. At the same time, the withdrawal date remains the same over peninsular India, and it has decreased by about a week in central India. Regarding temperature, 2024 was an El Niño year,

and more intense, longer than normal heatwave conditions were observed, as predicted. Global warming plays a role worldwide. Due to global warming, there are noticeable changes in rainfall patterns amid the rising temperatures.

### Have cyclones become more frequent recently?

The overall number of cyclones has decreased, both in India and globally. However, there is an increasing trend in the number of intense cyclones (extremely severe storms with wind speed of more than 150 kmph) in certain basins, such as the Arabian Sea, since the 1990s. This trend can be attributed, with low confidence, to climate change, based on various studies.

### How is AI helping IMD?

At present, AI applications in IMD are limited. We sometimes use AI to estimate cyclone intensity, assess the impact of heatwaves, and make decisions on thunderstorms. We are also developing AI capabilities in collaboration with various institutes. Many research and development initiatives are being undertaken by IMD and the Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with other organisations. There are small developments so far, but I am sure that AI and machine learning applications will be enhanced in the next couple of years.

## Cyclone Dana: 1 mn people to be evacuated in Odisha

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Bhubaneswar, 23 October

As Cyclone 'Dana' barrels toward the Odisha coast, threatening to impact nearly half the state's population, the government is racing against time to execute a massive evacuation plan aimed at relocating around 1 million people in 14 districts to safety. The West Bengal government has also evacuated more than 114,000 people from vulnerable areas, including Sundarbans and Sagar Island, to safer shelters, according to an official statement. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the cyclone may make landfall between Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park

and Dhamra port, located around 70 km away from each other, early Friday. It said that the landfall process will start from the night of October 24 and will continue till the morning of October 25. "Therefore, heavy rainfall, wind and storm surge will reach the peak during the landfall time which is between October 24 night and October 25 morning," he added. Meanwhile, the Kolkata airport authorities have decided to suspend flight operations for 15 hours from 6 pm on Thursday in view of the possible impact of cyclone Dana, an official said. The Eastern Railway will not operate 190 local trains in its Sealdah division from 8 pm on Thursday till 10 am on Friday in view of the cyclonic storm.

## IIFL Finance posts ₹93 crore net loss

IIFL Finance Ltd reported a consolidated net loss of ₹93 crore in the quarter ended September 2024 (Q2FY25) as the non-banking finance company (NBFC) made a 100-per cent provision of ₹586.5 crore for security receipts (SRs) in the quarter. These SRs were issued to the NBFC for sale of investments in alternative investment funds to an asset reconstruction company (ARC). It had posted consolidated net profit of ₹525 crore in the Q2FY24. Its income (revenue) from operations for the reporting quarter was flat at ₹2,318 crore as against ₹2,357 crore in Q2FY24, according to the company's filing with BSE. BS REPORTER

## Karnataka Bank Q2 net profit up 1.82% at ₹336 cr

Karnataka Bank on Wednesday reported that its net profit increased marginally by 1.82 per cent to ₹336.2 crore, compared to ₹330.3 crore in the corresponding period of last year. The lender's total operating income rose 10.24 per cent to ₹2234.13 crore. The bank's gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio came in slightly lower at 3.21 per cent compared to 3.47 per cent in Q2FY24. AGENCIES

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CORRIGENDUM  
This Corrigendum is issued to E-Auction Sale Notice dated October 23, 2024 published in Business Standard All Edition. In the said notice please note following to be read correctly as below:  
1) 1st Para For Offer or 2) Name and Address of the For Bank of India  
Read Offeror Borrower/Mortgagor Read Bank of India  
3) Outstanding Debt of Secured Creditors For As per sec.13(2) notice dated 03.08.2018, the outstanding dues...  
4) Signing Date (Sd/-) For October 23, 2024 Read October 22, 2024  
All other details mentioned in the said E Auction notice published on October 23, 2024 remain unchanged. Sd/-  
Mr. Subhash Kumar, Chief Manager  
Authorized Officer  
Bank of India  
Place : Mumbai  
Date : October 23, 2024

Sealed quotation in W.B. Form No. 2911(ii) are invited by the Executive Engineer, Bankura Division, P.W.D. from Bonafied outsider having 40% credential of quoted amount in a single work of similar nature of P.W.D for SHORT N.I.Q. No. 01 of 2024-2025 for 04 (Four) nos. works for Formation and Deployment of QRT (Quick Response Team) West Bengal on & from 24.10.2024 to 26.10.2024 under Bankura Division, PWD during the year 2024-2025. circulated vide this office memo no. 2268 dated, 23.10.2024. detailed may be seen at <http://www.pwdwb.gov.in> and from the notice board of the office of undersigned. Last date of Application & Permission and Receipt of tender documents are 24.10.2024, 24.10.2024, and 24.10.2024 respectively. For more information, the interested agencies may contact the office of the undersigned on any working day at working hours.  
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**Extract of standalone and consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2024**  
(₹ in Crores except for earnings per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended September 30, 2024	Six months ended September 30, 2024	Quarter ended September 30, 2023	Quarter ended September 30, 2024	Six months ended September 30, 2024	Quarter ended September 30, 2023
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1.	Revenue from operations	6,671	12,500	6,733	6,672	12,910	6,737
2.	Net profit for the period (before exceptional items and tax)	447	850	417	460	1,113	415
3.	Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	447	850	448	460	1,113	446
4.	Net profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	335	634	341	341	826	339
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period	335	634	336	345	829	335
6.	Equity share capital	145	145	145	145	145	145
7.	Other equity	7,102	7,102	6,374	7,487	7,487	6,665
8.	Earnings per share (of ₹ 2/- each) [Refer note (b) below] Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.61	8.72	4.69	4.80	11.63	4.78

Notes:  
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other Disclosure Requirement) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of the stock exchange(s) at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and also on the Company's website at [www.diageoindia.com](http://www.diageoindia.com).  
b) In calculating the weighted outstanding equity shares during all the periods presented under Consolidated Statement of results, company has reduced its own shares held by USL Benefit Trust (of which the Company is the sole beneficiary).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
**Hina Nagarajan**  
Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

Place : Goa  
Date : October 23, 2024