

PASAP - 1**Passage 1**

Unmoved by the drubbing it faced in the Uttar Pradesh bypolls last week, Congress leaders say the party will contest the upcoming assembly elections solo and not as part of any alliance.

Of the seven seats in the state that went to bypolls on 10 November, the Congress failed to win any of the six it contested. It even lost its deposit on four. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won six while the Samajwadi Party (SP) won one – Malhani.

Later in the week, former UP chief minister and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said doors are open for an alliance with smaller parties in the 2022 state elections, but ruled out the possibility of trying up with bigger parties.

“Adjustment will be done with smaller parties, but there will be no alliance with larger parties,” Yadav said at a press conference. While he did not explicitly mention any party, his statement was seen hinting at the Congress and Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party.

However, multiple Congress office-bearers in UP said Yadav’s statement won’t have any bearing as the party has already decided to go it alone in the assembly elections.

Speaking about the bypolls performance, UP Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu said the party has grown its vote share even if it didn’t win any seat.

“We came number two on two seats, where BSP came on third. So we are putting up a fight, and we plan on building on it in the assembly polls,” Lallu told ThePrint.

Of the six seats the party contested in the bypolls, it came second on two – Bangarmau and Ghatampur. It also lost its deposit on the other four.

While Lallu refused to comment on Yadav’s statement, UP Congress general secretary Rakesh Sachan said the party plans to contest the 2022 assembly elections alone.

“We have no plans on approaching any party for an alliance. We will contest the 2022 elections alone, under the leadership of Priyanka Gandhi ji,” Sachan said.

“The results show that the people are warming up to Congress to a certain extent. Once Priyanka ji hits the field in campaigning, the people of UP will open their hearts to us,” he added.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is the party’s general secretary in-charge of UP, did not campaign in any of the seats ahead of the bypolls. This came even as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath of the BJP campaigned in every constituency, for each of BJP’s candidates.

Priyanka hasn’t been to the party’s state headquarters in Lucknow since December 2019, and has visited the state only twice since then – once in February to meet activists injured in the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act protests in Azamgarh, and once in October to meet the family of the Dalit woman allegedly gang-raped and murdered in Hathras.

“His (Yadav’s) statement holds no bearing. We are not in touch with any smaller or bigger party for an alliance. We will anyway fight the elections solo,” said Badruddin Qureshi, another state Congress general secretary.

The Congress currently has seven MLAs in the 403-member UP assembly. The SP has 49, while the BSP has 18 members.

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1. What role does the phrase, "We came number two on two seats, where BSP came on third, so we are putting up a fight, and we plan on building on it in the assembly polls" plays for congress point of about going into the election in context of the passage?
 - (a) It acts a fact on which the congress party will form a coalition with smaller parties.
 - (b) Its argument on which strengthens the main idea set out in the passage.
 - (c) It as premise on which other parties will probably not form a collation with congress party.
 - (d) None of the above.

2. If all the above statement true which of the following, which following assumption, will also be implicit?
 - (a) Congress party won't be able to win this election on its own.
 - (b) Congress party needs to rethink over the way they fought the last election.
 - (c) Congress party needs to rethink over the way they should rely over decision of their party chief.
 - (d) Congress party would certainly be ensured of the fact that other smaller parties will join hands with them.

3. Multiple office bearers of UP responds to the former UP CM by
 - (a) Partially agreeing with his view on larger parties while disowning his view on smaller parties.
 - (b) Suggesting new alternative for collation, with primary view of denting his vote share.
 - (c) Arguing that congress party would not even consider his statement, as the former has already decided what needs to be done.
 - (d) Arguing that congress party would not even consider his statement, as the later has already decided what needs to be done only about former.

4. What can be inferred from Rakesh sachan statement about Priyanka Gandhi?
 - (a) Public will accept her as their leader.
 - (b) Public will accept her as a leader because they have no other option.
 - (c) The public in UP still have doubt over her leadership abilities.
 - (d) All of the above.

5. Which of following must be true if all the above statement are true?
 - (a) Their seems a inner rift in the congress party over the decision on alliance with smaller parties.
 - (b) Their seems a inner rift in the congress party over the issue of office bearers giving decision over party decision.
 - (c) The congress party will probably go in upcoming election without any alliance.
 - (d) Off late Priyanka Gandhi has been working at ground level.

Passage 2

The word "Amchi" means mother of all living beings. As part of a centuries-long lineage, my family has been using Sowa Rigpa (traditional Tibetan medicine) as a method of treatment and well-being, and we have preserved this knowledge.

In my time as an Amchi, I have seen many new illnesses like peptic ulcer, kidney stones, hypertension, etc – which were not prevalent or diagnosed earlier in Spiti Valley – cured by local herbs and plants. I have also seen an increase in common health conditions like acidity and gastric and digestive ailments. These are primarily caused by excessive alcohol consumption, overeating, high amounts of spice in food, and consumption of deep-fried dishes.

In our practice, these conditions can be cured by a special stone called Chug Jhi (Cong Zi – Coloitum) that is commonly found across most regions of Spiti. This stone is shiny, and usually white in color. Two varieties of this stone are found in my high-altitude village of Demul. These two varieties are addressed as Pho Chong (male) and Mong Chong (female), but when it comes to treatment, the male stone is used to treat female patients and vice versa.

This stone is pounded by hand into a fine powder, and people consume 1/4th teaspoon twice a day for two weeks. This treatment is so effective for acidity that locals as well as people from other areas prefer it to newer methods of treatment. People get relief after consuming it for two weeks, and the best part is that there are no side effects.

The stone has many special properties, and it is also combined with other herbs to make powders to treat various ailments such as peptic ulcers, epigastric burning pains, gastrointestinal swellings, indigestion, dyspepsia, etc. These have proven to be so effective that people make and consume their own formulation. In addition to the Chug Jhi stone, Spiti is home to many indigenous plants and herbs that may be considered Sanjeevani herbs (the lifesaving herb mentioned in mythology) of our age!

The people of Spiti have sought treatment from Amchis since ancient times when no modern medicine was accessible here. Natural medicine has cured diseases in these communities. Hence, they have greater trust in this system of medicine than in any other.

If you were to learn this practice at an educational institution, it would take you five years. However, I learned the Bhoti language script from my father and grandfather. Then I studied Gyud-Zi, the foundational four-part textbook of Sowa Rigpa, and Ashtanga Hridaya, the ancient root texts of Ayurveda. I took the oral and written examinations, and consulted patients under the supervision of the Amchi from the neighboring village. It has been a life-long learning since my childhood, and after I cleared that stage, I was able to pursue advanced studies.

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6. Which of the following one of the inference that can be drawn from above passages?
 - (a) If it has not took 5 years, then you had not learnt this from an educational institution.
 - (b) If you have spent 5 years to learn this, you have definitely learnt it from educational institution.
 - (c) Learning is all about practice rather than theory.
 - (d) if you have not learnt this from an educational institution, it will definitely take atleast 5 year.

7. How do the overall arguments set out in the passage proceeds?
 - (a) by giving the details of specific thing to validate the main conclusion.
 - (b) By drawing analogy to refute the authors mains argument.
 - (c) By defining a special phenomenon to enhance the acceptance of contemporary method treatment.
 - (d) By examining a particular instance to give preference to new alternatives.

8. Which of the following if true strengthen the overall argument set out in the passage?
 - (a) People who trust Sowa Rigpa method of treatment over contemporary may suffer in case of serious ailments.
 - (b) Ayurveda is similar form of treatment which can be preferred over sowa rigpa in case of serious disease.
 - (c) To treat seasonal disease, traditional method of treatment is preferred over new method as it has side effect.
 - (d) None of the above.

9. What role does the phrase "The stone has many special properties, and it is also combined with other herbs to make powders to treat various ailments such as peptic ulcers, epigastric burning pains, gastrointestinal swellings, indigestion, dyspepsia, etc. These have proven to be so effective that people make and consume their own formulation. In addition to the Chug Jhi stone, Spiti is home to many indigenous plants and herbs that may be considered Sanjeevani herbs (the lifesaving herb mentioned in mythology) of our age" plays in the overall argument set out in the passage.
 - (a) It act as analogy on which main conclusion is drawn.
 - (b) It as an instinctive evidence on which man conclusion is drawn.
 - (c) It act as an main conclusion of the argument.
 - (d) It act as an explanation to validate circular reasoning set out in the argument.

10. The pattern of reasoning displayed in the argument above is most closely paralleled by that in which one of the following arguments
- (a) Bollywood movies of 60's and 70's were not properly filmed as compared to current lot. So public prefers later over former
 - (b) When it comes to retro reggae music, it is meaningful and point out drawbacks of society with no offensive lyrics as compared to current Caribbean music so people prefers the former.
 - (c) All property on Patna will be reassessed for tax purposes by the end of the year and the income tax office is in heart of the city, so Patna's property tax will be higher next year.
 - (d) All of the above

