Shah, Kejriwal spar over welfare, Delhi voter rolls

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Union home minister Amit Shah addresses a gathering in Delhi on Saturday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal and Union home minister Amit Shah launched scathing attacks at each other's camps on Saturday, with the former doubling down on the party's allegations of voter list manipulation in a letter to the poll panel and the latter reiterating allegations of corruption against the ruling party in the city.

Addressing a 'Jhuggi Basti Pradhan Sammelan' in New Delhi, Shah attacked the AAP government, targeting Kejriwal over the controversial renovation of his former official residence, which the BJP has dubbed 'Sheesh Mahal'.

Kejriwal, in a letter to the Election Commission, accused the BJP of attempting to manipulate electoral rolls in the New Delhi constituency by transferring voters from across the country using addresses of party MPs and ministers.

"The BJP is transferring votes from across the country to the New Delhi Assembly using addresses of its own Members of Parliament (MPs) and ministers," Kejriwal wrote, calling the practice "even worse than the booth-capturing practices of the past."

He specifically alleged that 33 votes were transferred to BJP candidate Parvesh Verma's official residence. "Are we expected to believe that overnight 33 people from across India have shifted their residence to that of Mr Verma? If so, then he must be disqualified from contesting elections for indulging in corrupt practices," Kejriwal alleged, adding that it was "inconceivable how such a high number of voters could have suddenly applied to be transferred to these properties without planning by the highest levels of BJP leadership." Verma rejected Kejriwal's charges and said that he was making baseless allegations in the face of an "impending poll defeat".

"Kejriwal is scared. The fear of losing has gripped him. That's why he is now using the voter list issue as an excuse. Soon, he will start blaming EVMs for his defeat. It is clear that Kejriwal is aware of his declining popularity. His hold over the voters in this area has weakened, and to divert attention, he is making baseless accusations," he said.

At the slum development event, the Union home minister accused the AAP leadership of betraying its anti-corruption roots and failing Delhi's citizens. "People living in slums of Delhi are getting dirty water. People living in slums are asking us why Delhi is the most polluted city in the world. What did Arvind Kejriwal do in Delhi in the last 10 years? If you are not able to do anything Arvind Kejriwal, then you should leave the government," Shah said.

He added the BJP will continue welfare schemes "when it comes to power in Delhi". "Arvind Kejriwal has told slum dwellers that their homes will be demolished (when BJP comes to power in Delhi), but we (BJP) are the ones who care about the poor...today, the time has come to respond to Arvind Kejriwal, who has instilled fear among slum residents. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has guaranteed that if the BJP comes to power, no welfare scheme will be stopped in any way."

He then used the brought up the former CM residence. "The toilet in his 'sheesh mahal' is more expensive than the slums," Shah said, promising that the BJP's manifesto would address the concerns of Delhi's slum dwellers. "The BJP has listened to the pain, inconvenience and anger of the slum dwellers against the broken promises... The BJP manifesto is the guarantee of Prime Minister Modi... The BJP manifesto is not like the manifesto of 'AAP-Da'. We do what we say."

In a separate press conference, Kejriwal claimed information from "reliable sources" that the BJP would announce Ramesh Bidhuri as its chief ministerial candidate within "the next one or two days." He challenged Bidhuri to a public debate "to strengthen democracy" and allow voters to assess candidates' accomplishments and visions for Delhi.

"Once Bidhuri's candidacy is officially announced, I propose that to strengthen democracy, there should be a public debate between the AAP's candidate and the BJP's candidate, Ramesh Bidhuri, in front of the people of Delhi, the nation, and the media," Kejriwal said.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva countered by questioning Kejriwal's own eligibility. "Kejriwal should consult legal experts and understand that as per Supreme Court bindings, he cannot even be sworn in as chief minister," Sachdeva said, adding that the BJP's elected MLAs would decide the party's leader.

The campaign has become increasingly personal, with Bidhuri, the BJP's candidate from Kalkaji against Chief Minister Atishi, recently drawing flak for controversial remarks. He had commented on Atishi "changing her father" by changing her surname from Marlena to Singh, and faced criticism for comparing road quality to "Priyanka Gandhi's cheeks," remarks for which he later expressed regret.

Shah painted a stark picture of Delhi under AAP's governance: "Open a tap, and dirty water comes out; open a window, and there's a foul smell; step outside, and you're greeted by broken roads. Even during Chhath Puja, people couldn't bathe properly because of the polluted Yamuna. Garbage heaps on the streets and filth everywhere--this AAP-da has turned Delhi into a living hell."

The 70-member Delhi Assembly will go to polls on February 5, with vote counting scheduled for February 8. The AAP, which won 67 seats in 2015 and 62 in the 2020 polls, is seeking a third consecutive term. The BJP, which secured three seats in 2015 and eight in 2020, is mounting an aggressive campaign to wrest control of the capital, while the Congress has drawn a blank in the last two elections.

BJP names 29 more candidates in 2nd list

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BJP looks to crack Delhi elections



OTHER BIG NAMES IN THE MIX:
- **Neeraj Basoya, Kasturba Nagar,** former Congress MLA
- **Karnail Singh, Shakur Basti,** up against Satyendar Jain
- **Abhay Verma, Laxmi Nagar,** sitting MLA who has been retained
- **Pawan Sharma, Uttam Nagar,** former BJP MLA, returns to fold

NEW DELHI: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday evening announced its second list of candidates, naming 29 contestants, for the Delhi Assembly elections that are scheduled for February 5.

Prominent faces among the list include former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) minister and BJP leader Kapil Mishra, who resigned in 2017 and has since turned into a bête noire of the AAP, from Karawal Nagar constituency that he won in 2015.

Delhi BJP secretary Harish Khurana, who is the son of former Delhi chief minister Madan Lal Khurana, will contest from Moti Nagar, former Congress MLA Neeraj Basoya, who joined the BJP during the Lok Sabha elections, was allotted the Kasturba Nagar seat and Delhi BJP temple cell (Mandir Prakoshth) chief Karnail Singh will take on AAP's Satyendar Jain in the Shakur Basti constituency.

With the second list, the BJP has so far announced 58 candidates for the 70 seats, with leaders saying the rest of the names will be announced in the next few days.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said all the candidates BJP has announced so far have been picked on the "winnability" factor as well as their popularity in the area.

"We have so far announced 58 candidates, which will help us intensify our preparations for the assembly elections. The second list also has the right mix of experience and popularity which is a winning combination as they will complement the BJP's organisational efforts in the elections. We are confident that they will defeat the Aam Aadmi Party and help the BJP form its government in Delhi," said Sachdeva.

According to the list, the BJP has retained its sitting MLA from Laxmi Nagar, Abhay Verma, but dropped Mohan Singh Bist, its sitting MLA from Karawal Nagar. The BJP currently has seven MLAs in Delhi. Among them, the party retained five and dropped two.

The party fielded councillor Neelam Pahalwan from Najafgarh, the constituency of former AAP minister Kailash Gahlot, who quit the AAP and joined the BJP in November 2024.

Some others among the 29 candidates are former MLA Pawan Sharma, who has been fielded from Uttam Nagar, which he won in 2013. Former MLA Pradyuman Rajput has been fielded from Dwarka, which he won in 2013, and former South Delhi mayor Shyam Sharma has been fielded from Hari Nagar.

The list of 29 candidates is a mix of several sitting and former councillors, former MLAs, and five women candidates.

Assembly elections for the 70 seats of Delhi are scheduled for February 5 and the votes will be counted on February 8.

RAHUL GANDHI TO START POLL CAMPAIGNING ON MONDAY

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NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, will kick off Indian National Congress' campaign battles ahead of Delhi elections on Monday, by addressing a "Jai Bheem-Jai Samvidhan" public meeting in Seelampur, east Delhi, All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge of Delhi Congress Qazi Mohd. Nizamuddin announced in a press conference on Saturday.

The Congress, in a statement on Thursday, reiterated its commitment to securing justice for Dalits, minorities, OBCs, Adivasis, and other marginalised groups, accusing the Kejriwal-led Delhi government of neglect.

Nizamuddin emphasised Congress' renewed strength in Delhi, citing Gandhi's continued interactions with diverse groups across Delhi and success of the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Devender Yadav's month-long Nyay Yatra.

The AICC Delhi in-charge also framed the Seelampur rally as a significant step in Congress' campaign to challenge the ruling AAP. "Congress will be fighting to throw out the corrupt and incompetent AAP from power. Rahul Gandhi's rally will set the tone and tenor of Delhi Congress' campaigns," said Nizamuddin.

Kejriwal: BJP's 'CM face' Bidhuri must debate me

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Arvind Kejriwal along with AAP leader Sanjay Singh at a press conference in Delhi on Saturday. HT PHOTO

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday sought a debate with the Bharatiya Janata Party's yet unannounced pick for chief minister, predicting that the BJP may field former minister Ramesh Bidhuri as its CM candidate.

In response, BJP Delhi chief Virendra Sachdeva said that Kejriwal should realise that BJP's CM face will be decided by party MLAs and national leadership.

Kejriwal said the decision might have been made during the BJP Central Election Committee meeting, and an official announcement could be made within the next two days, citing an unnamed source.

Kejriwal's remarks came a day after Delhi CM Atishi speculated that Bidhuri may be BJP's CM face.

"Yesterday, their (BJP) Central Election Committee held a meeting. According to sources, it has been learnt that the BJP may have decided in that meeting to nominate Ramesh Bidhuri as their chief ministerial candidate. It is being said, as per sources, that an official announcement about Ramesh Bidhuri's name will be made within a day or two," Kejriwal said during a press conference at AAP headquarters.

Kejriwal then proposed a public debate between him and the BJP's CM candidate to enable Delhi voters to assess their track records and plans.

"Once his candidacy is officially announced, I propose that to strengthen democracy, there should be a public debate between the Aam Aadmi Party's candidate and the BJP's candidate, Ramesh Bidhuri, in front of the people of Delhi, the nation, and the media," Kejriwal said. He questioned Bidhuri's accomplishments during his tenure as south Delhi MP from 2014 to 2024, urging voters to evaluate candidates based on their vision and work.

On Thursday, the party launched its campaign, "Kejriwal vs. Whom in the BJP," challenging the BJP to name its chief ministerial candidate. Billboards across the city feature Kejriwal's image with the question, "Who will be Delhi's CM?"

Voting for the Delhi assembly elections is scheduled for February 5, with results to be declared on February 8. The BJP, which has announced candidates for 29 of the 70 seats, has yet to name its CM candidate. In the 2020 elections, the BJP contested without a CM face and won only 8 seats, while in 2015, its decision to project Kiran Bedi as CM candidate also ended in defeat.

GRIM SHADES OF CLIMATE CRISIS

World Meteorological Organization updated its visual temperature map, adding another dark red stripe for 2024



OCEAN HEAT AT RECORD TOO: STUDY

- New study finds oceans recorded hottest temperatures, both at surface and upper 2,000 meters in 2024
- Record heat in six major ocean basins: Indian Ocean, Tropical Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, North Atlantic, North Pacific, and Southern Ocean
- Global sea surface temperature surpassed 2023's record by 0.05°C–0.07°C
- Ocean heat content has risen steadily over past five years, despite El Niño-La Niña cycles.

THE CONSEQUENCES

- Hotter seas sent extra heat and moisture in atmosphere making storms more severe with heavier rainfall
- Ocean warming drives over 1/3 of global sea level rise
- Widespread marine heatwaves threatening ocean ecosystems
- Storms showing more rapid intensification and slower decay after landfall
- Rising ocean temperatures causing deoxygenation, endangering marine life

IN DEEP RED

- The colour was first introduced in 2023, when all previous temperatures records were shattered
- The year 2024 was the first year to break 1.5°C warming threshold above pre-industrial levels
- It now marks ten-year streak of record-breaking temperatures
- Human activities remain primary driver, with El Niño contributing to unusual temperatures

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Sale notice for sale of immovable properties APPENDIX-IV-A Under the provisions of Rule 8(6) / 9(1)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) / 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is given to the Public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantors(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of India the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

The last date for submission of EMD/Documents is 15.02.2025, 03:00 PM

Date and Time of E-Auction 15.02.2025, (11:00 AM to 04:00 PM)

Sl No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/Amount Outstanding	Description of the Property	Reserve Price (RP) / Earnest Money (EMD) (₹)
	Branch: Asset Recovery Branch, Lucknow, Senior Manager, Amit Yadav, Mob.: 9415389015		
1	**Borrower: M/s Eirene,** Prop. Mrs. Tina Mehra, **Add.** G-58, Industrial Area, Agro Park-2, UPSIDC, Phase-2, Kursi Road, Barabanki, (U.P.). **Proprietor: Mrs. Tina Mehra** W/o Late Amit Mehra, **Add. 1.** A-401, Himratan Residency, 5 Balmiki Marg, Lalbagh, Lucknow, **Add. 2.** B-102, Fortuna Hari Shankar Apartments, 16, Jopling Road, Lucknow. **Demand Notice Dated: 17.09.2022, Amount** ₹ **1,06,93,787.38** + Interest + other expenses	Property at Plot No. G-58, Industrial Area, Agro Park, Phase-II, UPSIDC, Village-Guggour, Kursi Road, Pargana & Tehsil Fatehpur, Barabanki, (U.P.), **Area:** 600.00 Sq. Mtr., **Owner: Mrs. Tina Mehra & Proprietor M/s Eirene, Boundaries (as per deed): East:** Plot No. K-51, **West:** Road, **North:** Plot No. G-57, **South:** Plot No. G-59. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **56,70,000.00** / ₹ **5,67,000.00**
2	**Borrower: M/s Hygie Cera Chem,** Prop. Nitin Upadhyay, **Add. 1.** Plot No. 331SAA, Dhanwa, Telco Industrial Area, Deva Road, Chinhat, Lucknow. **Add. 2.** Plot No. I-55, Industrial Area, Sandila Phase-1, Village Som, Pargana & Teshil-Sandila, District, Hardoi. **Proprietor: Mr. Nitin Upadhyay,** Add. 39/2, Kathauta Ka Purwa, Vijayant Khand-1, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. **Demand Notice Dated: 19.12.2023, Amount** ₹ **1,20,92,460.36** + Interest + other expenses	**1.** Plant and Machinery erected on the secured asset **2.** Land and Building situated at Plot No. I-55, Industrial Area, Sandila Phase-1, Village Som, Pargana & Teshil-Sandila, District, Hardoi, **Area:** 600.00 Sq. Mtr., **Owner: Mr. Nitin Upadhyay, Boundaries: East:** Plot No. I-56, **West:** Plot No. I-54, **North:** 12.00 Mtr. wide Road No. 6, **South:** Plot No. F-1 & F-2. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	**Property-1** ₹ **5,53,000.00** / ₹ **56,000.00**; **Property-2** ₹ **32,50,000.00** / ₹ **3,25,000.00**
3	**Borrower: M/s Lala Fateh Chandra Harish Chandra & Sons, Add.** 24, Kulbhaskar Complex GB Marg, Lucknow-226018. **Proprietor: Smt. Meena Singhal** W/o Mr. Harish Chandra Singhal, **Add. 1.** 108/53, Gagani Shukul Ka Talab, Model House, Aminabad, Lucknow-226018. **2.** Shop /Hall No. 01 Built on House No. 529/597, situated at First Floor of Sky Castle Tower, Picnic Spot Road, Rahim Nagar, Lucknow-226006. **Guarantor: Mr. Kamlesh Kumar** S/o Mr. Raj Kumar Verma, **Add.** 108/53, Gagani Shukul Ka Talab, Model House, Aminabad, Lucknow. **Demand Notice Dated: 25.05.2022, Amount** ₹ **62,12,906.92** + Interest + other expenses	Shop/Hall No. 01 Built on House No. 529/597 situated at First Floor of Sky Castle Tower, Picnic Spot Road Rahim Nagar, Ward Mahanagar, District Lucknow, **Area:** 109.665 Sq. Mtr., **Owner: Smt. Meena Singhal** W/o Mr. Harish Chandra Singhal, **Boundaries: East:** Lift & Stair space, **West:** Open Parking and there after Road, **North:** Shop/Hall No. 2, First Floor, **South:** Plot/House of Om Prakash Maurya. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **65,00,000.00** / ₹ **6,50,000.00**
4	**Borrower: M/s Maa Seravali Entt. Udyog, Add.** Village & Post Umapur, Faizabad. **Partners: 1. Mr. Anil Dev Verma** S/o Ashok Verma, **Add.** Vill. Rechh, Post Umapur, Dist. Faizabad. **2. Mr. Ram Suresh Verma** S/o Shiv Baran Verma, **Add.** Vill. Jamuniyabag, PO-Pilkhanwa, Dist. Faizabad. **Guarantor-Mortgagor: 1. Mr. Ghirrau Prasad** S/o Madhav Ram, Add. Village & Post Umapur, Faizabad., **2. Mr. Ashok Kumar Verma** S/o Shiv Karan, Add. Vill. Rechh, Post Umapur, Distt. Faizabad. **Demand Notice Dated: 06.07.2021, Amount** ₹ **51,00,168.26** + Interest + other expenses	Land and building situated at Plot No. 575 at Vill-Rechh, Mawai Within the registration sub District Rudauli, Distt. Ayodhya, U.P., **Area:** 0.343 Hectate, **Owner: 1. Mr. Ghirrau Prasad** S/o Madhav Ram & **2. Mr. Ashok Kumar Verma** S/o Shiv Karan, **Boundaries: East:** Khet of Jag Prasad, **West:** Khet of Ram Lallan Yadav, **North:** Khet of Lallan Mirza, **South:** Khet of Ram Sagar. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **54,68,000.00** / ₹ **5,46,800.00**
5	**Borrower: 1. Mr. Parmanand Sharma, 2. Mr. Ram Preet Sharma, Both Add.** 189, Shivpuri Colony, Kamta Faizabad Road, Lucknow. **Guarantor: Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh,** Add. 11/637/1, Indiranagar, Lucknow. **Demand Notice Dated: 11.01.2008, Amount** ₹ **24,75,667.12** + Interest + other expenses	House property at Khasra No. 189, Shivpuri Colony, Kamta, Faizabad Road, Lucknow, **Area:** 7104.00 Sq.Ft., **Owner: 1. Mr. Parmanand Sharma, 2. Mr. Ram Preet Sharma, Boundaries: East:** House of Shri Vijay Bahadur Chauhan bearing Nagar Nigam No. 632/20, **West:** Appr. 20.0 Ft. wide Road, & Three House of others and one house belong to Sri Kamaichha Lal, bearing Nagar Nigam No. 632/172, **North:** Appr. 15.0 Ft. wide Road, & along the house of other then house belong to Sri Kamaichha Lal, bearing Nagar Nigam No. 632/172, **South:** Appr. 15.0 Ft. wide Road, & House of Sri Gupta **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **85,00,000.00** / ₹ **8,50,000.00**
6	**Borrower: M/s RP Nail Industries, Add.** E-112, Industrial Area Kursi Road, Village Guggaur, Lucknow. **Proprietor: Mr. Ram Preet Sharma, Add.** 189, Shivpuri Colony, Kamta Faizabad Road, Lucknow. **Guarantor: 1. Mr. Parmanand Sharma, Add.** 189, Shivpuri Colony, Kamta Faizabad Road, Lucknow., **2. Mr. Mahendra Pratap Singh,** Add. 11/637/1, Indiranagar, Lucknow. **Demand Notice Dated: 11.01.2008, Amount** ₹ **51,46,143.00** + Interest + other expenses	Property at Plot No. E-112, UPSIDC, Industrial Area, Kursi Road, Village Guggaur, Tehsil Fatehpur, Distt. Barabanki, **Area:** 4842.00 Sq.Ft., **Owner: Ram Preet Sharma, Boundaries: East:** Plot No. E-125, **West:** 24 Mtr. Road, **North:** Plot No. E-111, **South:** Plot No. E-113. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **37,25,000.00** / ₹ **3,72,500.00**
7	**Borrower: M/s Shiv Green Solar Systems Pvt. Ltd.** Add. 1/172 C, Priyadarshini Colony, Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226024. **Mr. Sanjay Goswami** S/o Lt. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bharti (Director/Legar Heir of Lt. Ramesh Kumar Bharti), **Mrs. Maju Devi** W/o Lt. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bharti (Director/Legar Heir of Lt. Ramesh Kumar Bharti), Both Add. 1/172 C, Priyadarshini Colony, Sitapur Road, Lucknow-226024. **Demand Notice Dated: 08.05.2023, Amount** ₹ **1,57,01,075.73** + Interest + other expenses	Property at Plot No. B-3 which is part of Khasra No. 705, 706, 708 & 711 Ka Minzumla, Village Allunagar, Diguria, Near HP Petrol Pump IIM Road, Pargana, Lucknow, **Area:** 2033.00 Sq.Ft., **Owner: Lt. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bharti** (Through his Legal Heir Mrs. Manju Devi W/o Lt. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bharti and **Mr. Sanjay Goswami** S/o Lt. Mr. Ramesh Kumar Bharti, **Boundaries: East:** Plot No. B-4, **West:** 9 to 12 Mtr. wide Road, **North:** 25 Ft. wide Road, **South:** Land of Others. **(Possession - Symbolic)**	₹ **74,00,000.00** / ₹ **7,40,000.00**

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