Wheels within wheels in Uttar Pradesh

The BJP was ahead in the run-up to the Assembly elections but it has to contend with newly popular Mukesh Tiwari and Mayawati's ambitious Samajwadi Party.

Stalin at the helm

The election results of the recent Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh were a mixed bag for the ruling party. While the BJP emerged victorious in several districts, it faced stiff competition from the Samajwadi Party (SP) led by Akhilesh Yadav, who has been instrumental in galvanizing the Muslim vote. The SP's strategy seems to have paid off, with the party capturing several seats that were traditionally held by the BJP. This has led to a shifting power dynamics in the state, with SP and BSP emerging as formidable rivals to the BJP.

The SP's success can be attributed to its effective use of social media and its ability to connect with the masses through rallies and public meetings. The party has also been successful in mobilizing the Muslim vote, which is traditionally a crucial factor in Uttar Pradesh elections. The SP's latest elections strategy seems to have resonated with the Muslim community, particularly in the region where the party had a strong base.

In contrast, the BJP's performance has been mixed, with some districts witnessing a decline in their vote share. The BJP's candidate list had a mix of established political leaders and new faces, but the party seems to have struggled to connect with the electorate on a personal level. The BJP's campaign strategy was also criticized for its heavy reliance on traditional election tactics, which failed to engage the younger voters.

Bengaluru's night of horror

The recent night of horror in Bengaluru has brought to light the issue of safety and security in the city. The incident, which resulted in the death of several people, has highlighted the need for improved infrastructure and a robust security system in the city. The incident has also led to a call for better coordination between the police and other authorities, to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens.

For a level playing field

The recent incident in Bengaluru has also underscored the need for a level playing field in the state. While the BJP has traditionally held sway in the region, the recent elections have shown a shift in the power dynamics, with the SP emerging as a formidable rival. The party's ability to mobilize the Muslim vote has been a key factor in its success, and this has posed a challenge for the BJP.

The elections in Uttar Pradesh have been a bellwether for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, and the performance of the BJP and the SP will go a long way in shaping the political landscape of the state. The elections have also highlighted the importance of social media in contemporary politics, with both parties using it to connect with the electorate and mobilize support.

In conclusion, the recent elections in Uttar Pradesh have shown a significant shift in the power dynamics in the state, with the SP emerging as a formidable rival to the BJP. The elections have also underscored the need for a level playing field and a robust security system in the state, to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens.
“Mass Molestation (छेड़छाड़)”

- Bengaluru- Silicon Valley of India- Garden City
- Thousands of revellers (मौजी) had gathered in and around Mahatma Gandhi Road and Brigade Road to ring in 2017, as is something of a tradition in the city- New Year’s-eve
- Reports- large number of women were sexually assaulted around midnight.
- While no complaint had been filed- Bengaluru police have taken up an investigation based on the reports of women being groped and physically attacked- CCTV footage
- Karnataka Home Minister violence on “western culture”- wear “western” dress
- Need an administrative ethos- asserts a woman’s right to bodily integrity no matter where she is and what she is doing- mirror up to Indian society.
Leadership change in the United States will make challenging in India’s security.

Donald Trump - “twitter words”, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) would be history

U.S.-China- Russia- India-Relation in new phase

UN Security Council resolution on Israeli.

China rising

Aggressiveness of China- “peaceful” rise- South China Sea- East China Sea- Bashi Channel(Q-1)- India-China border dispute

If Mr. Trump gets on the front foot with China, then it (the U.S.) would require India to be firmly with it-major defence partner and the Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) in place.

The Pakistan factor

Support to terrorism would continue- Pathankot and Uri attacks

New Pak Army Chief(Q J Bajwa)- sends out a feeling of hope that the civilian leadership.

China and Pakistan & Russia new relationship

Chabahar port in Iran gains importance.(Q-2 TAPI)

Budgetary support before 2019

Demonetisation- extra money in the government’s Hand- allocation for the defence-building up of a defence industrial base
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Figure 1 Countries Participating in the TPP Negotiations
On December 30, China’s decision to veto India’s proposal to ban Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar at the UN.

Chinese block on Nuclear Suppliers Group membership for India, and the rumblings over the South China Sea all added to tensions between the two countries.

Seems unbelievable- 15 years later-despite his complicity in everything from the Parliament attack to the Pathankot attack and everything in between, Azhar hasn’t yet been added to that list, largely due to China.

Impact of U.S.-Russia Ties

In 2001, Russian President Vladimir Putin was one of the first foreign leaders to speak to President George W. Bush, expressing full support for the U.S. fight against alQaeda.- That relationship no longer exists.

Russia’s other moves - a new closeness with China, and growing ties with Pakistan-China’s high stakes ‘One Belt, One Road’ plan.

P-5- U.S., U.K. and France co-sponsored India’s resolution against Azhar, China vetoed it but Russia, India’s traditional backer, did nothing at all

Heart of Asia conference(Q-3)- Russian envoy who told India not to use “multilateral forums for bilateral issues”
Sushil Kumar bronze 2008 Beijing Olympics, wrestling- leaps and bounds. A series of successes- Yogeshwar Dutt to the Phogat sisters to Sakshi Malik.

Ramayana and Mahabharata -then to the Mughals and Maratha kings, who were huge patrons of the sport.

Independent India’s first individual Olympic medal- wrestler: K D Jadhav- bronze in the 1952 Helsinki Games- Prominent place of game both in the minds + ecosystem in country for sports.(Q-4-Para olympics)

Aamir Khan-starrer Dangal-Main fight by Mahavir Singh Phogat

Sakshi and the Phogats- Haryana, Gender ratio (879/1,000)

Battle of perception

Men’s freestyle wrestling -introduced - St. Louis Olympics-1904 but it took a whole century for the women’s competition to be included.

In 2013 -wrestling was dropped from- Olympic programme- prime reasons was that it discriminated against women.

Wrestling, in general, has had to fight a battle of perception- ultimate symbol of masculinity- Geeta have to first defeat the boy.

Robert L. Simon-book Fair Play: The Ethics of Sport, raises question acts of violence on a sporting field don’t necessarily render the sport violence
The **Bashi Channel** is a waterway between Y'Ami Island of the Philippines and Orchid Island of Taiwan. It is a part of the Luzon Strait in the Pacific Ocean.

The Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India Pipeline, also known as Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline, is a natural gas pipeline being developed by the Asian Development Bank.

6th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia summit was held in **Amritsar, India**, from December 3 to December 4, 2016. The meeting was inaugurated by president of Afghanistan, **Ashraf Ghani** and Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi**.

The theme of this edition of the conference was “Addressing Challenges, Achieving Prosperity”

The 7th Ministerial Conference will be held in **Azerbaijan** in the year 2017. **Azerbaijan** will be co-chairing the process.

4 medals won till now (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze) with **Devendra Jhajharia** breaking the World Record to win a gold medal at the Paralympics.