


Fake news, letter bombs, sex tapes: All is (un)fair in Punjab poll arena

India, Jan. 31, 2017 -- With barely five days to go for the high octane assembly polls, campaigning has touched its crescendo in Punjab. Parties in the fray are not leaving any chance to pin each other down. The result: Barbs are flying thick and fast, and so are allegations. It's free for all on social media that has turned into a virtual battlefield. Parties are churning out fake IB reports, concocting secret letters...

Election Commission plans 'curfew-like' security on February 3, 4 in Punjab


India, Jan. 24, 2017 -- The Election Commission (EC) has planned "curfew-like" security arrangements on February 3 and 4, the day Punjab goes to polls. "We will step up security and it will be curfew-like situation," Punjab chief...

Punjab, polls, crime and its currency: The contest of crores
CONTEST OF CRORES

| Party | No of candidates | Avg assets declared |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|
| Congress | 264 | ₹8.4 crore |
| BJP | 52 | ₹8.6 crore |
| SAD | 213 | ₹7.5 crore |
| AAP | 14 | ₹3.8 crore |

India, Sept. 18, 2016 -- Is it just a perception that money, criminal heft and political success are closely linked? Or, does documentary evidence support this theory? Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and...

PARTIES' POLICIES
Punjab elections: All you need to know about the electoral landscape here


India, Jan. 4, 2017 -- The way elections are fought in Punjab, which has traditionally seen a straight contest between the BJP-Akali alliance and the Congress, will change this year with Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party fighting for the first time.

Punjab will vote in a single phase on February 4 and counting of votes will take place on March 11.

As a three-horse race gets fiercer by the day, here's a 360-degree look at the electoral landscape in the northern state. Main parties in the fray:

Shiromani Akali Dal

The SAD has fought 10 assembly elections from 1966-2012 and ruled...

Manmohan Singh releases Cong manifesto, promises better future for Punjab

New Delhi, Jan. 9, 2017 -- Former prime minister Dr Manmohan Singh, who today released the Congress' manifesto for the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls, trained his guns on the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) alliance for damaging the state's economy and said the grand old party under...

Jaitley releases BJP's manifesto for Punjab, says alliance with SAD to continue

Jalandhar, Jan. 22, 2017 -- Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, who today released the BJP's manifesto for the Punjab Assembly polls, said the alliance with Shiromani Akali Dal will continue like before and added that his party would expand developmental activities if given another term in the state. Jaitley said that the major focus...

Big AAP promises in Punjab: Rs 5 meal, free WiFi, 25 lakh jobs and 'power to the people'

India, Jan. 27, 2017 -- Aam Aadmi Party today released its manifesto for Punjab Assembly Elections 2017. Arvind Kejriwal-led party has made a number of big promises to people of the state. The biggest of them, probably, is to give power to the people of the state.

Punjab polls: Deputy CM Sukhbir Badal releases SAD manifesto, promises more jobs for youth

Chandigarh, Jan. 24, 2017 -- Releasing the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)'s manifesto for the upcoming Assembly elections in Punjab, Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal today promised one skill centre each for every five villages in the state. While speaking to the press, state's deputy CM added that in continuation of the focus on youth empowerment in Punjab...

MODI LASHES OUT

Narendra Modi calls Congress a thing of the past at Punjab election rally



New Delhi, Jan. 27, 2017 -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a public meeting in Jalandhar on Friday, renewed his commitment to fighting corruption, and said it affected the financially...

Narendra Modi says AAP humiliated Anna Hazare, it will never do good for Punjab



New Delhi, Jan. 29, 2017 -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting Punjab to lead the election campaign of the Shiromani Akali Dal-BJP coalition ahead of the upcoming assembly...

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▶ Punjab elections 2017: a cliffhanger on the cards

India, Jan. 13, 2017 -- Across north India, 'Magh', the 11th month of the Hindu and Sikh calendars, marks a change of seasons. In Punjab, the westerly winds, colloquially called 'pacchhon', gently sweep...

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India, Feb. 1, 2017 -- Driving through Majha's Panthic belt into Doaba across the river Beas and finally to Malwa past the Sutlej, the narratives one heard on the ground were varied, even conflicting.

▶ It's anybody's game in Punjab

India, Jan. 31, 2017 -- As assembly elections are round the corner, this is the time to reflect on the long-term electoral trends that have been visible in Punjab and whether the coming election confirms them or whether...

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AAP Members during an election rally at Belongi in Mohali

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