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## Bihar Ex- Deputy CM Passes Away | Bihar | 14 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Senior Political leader and **former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi passed away** in New Delhi at the age of 72. He was suffering from cancer.

### Key Points

- He was a Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar as well as the Finance Minister of Bihar from 2005 to 2013 and 2017 to 2020.
- He was a lifelong member of the [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh](#).
- He was appointed the **Chairman of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers** for the Implementation of [Goods and Service Tax](#) in July 2011.

### Deputy Chief Minister

- The post of Deputy Chief Minister in India is **not a constitutional post**, but a political **arrangement to appease allies** or factions within a party.
- He is **equivalent to a Cabinet Minister** in terms of rank and perks but **does not have any specific financial or administrative powers**.
- The Deputy CM has to report to the Chief Minister and seek his or her approval for any decision related to his or her portfolio.
- The Deputy CM does not have access to the files or matters that are meant for the Chief Minister.
- Neither **Article 163** nor **Article 164(1)** explicitly mentions the position of Deputy Chief Minister.
  - **Article 163(1)** establishes a Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister at the head to aid and advise the Governor.
  - **Article 164(1)** outlines the appointment process, with the Chief Minister appointed by the Governor, and other Ministers appointed by the Governor on the advice of the Chief Minister.

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## Bihar Lok Sabha Elections | Bihar | 14 May 2024

### Why in News?

Bihar recorded over **54% of voting across five constituencies** in the **fourth phase of Lok Sabha elections 2024**.

### Key Points

- **Begusarai** registered the highest polling percentage at 58.40, followed by **Samastipur** at 58.10,

**Darbhanga** at 56.63, **Ujiarpur** at 56% and **Munger** at 55%.

- The fate of 55 candidates was decided by over 95.85 lakh voters in 5,398 polling stations during the fourth phase of the polls in the state.

## Facts and Figures by Election Commission of India (ECI)

- The Lok Sabha Election 2024 will happen in **seven phases**.
- The Lok Sabha 2024 election will witness a **total of 96.8 crore electors**.
- There are **1.8 crore first-time voters** and 19.47 crore voters between the ages of 20-29 for the Lok Sabha election in 2024.
- In 12 states, the **ratio of female voters is higher than that of male voters**.
  - Over 85 lakh **first-time female voters will participate** in the 2024 general election.
- This will be the first general election after landmark events such as the [abolition of Article 370](#), the creation of the Temple of Lord Ram in Ayodhya and the implementation of the [Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019](#).
- The Legislative Assembly elections in the states of **Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Sikkim** will be held simultaneously with the general election, along with the by-elections for 35 seats among 16 states.
- The **result of the 2024 general elections**, also known as the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, will be **announced on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

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