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Karnataka election throws up hung assembly

Both the BJP and Congress-JD (S) combine have staked claims to form government.

Bengaluru: All eyes were on Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala on Tuesday after hotly-contested elections threw up a hung Assembly, forcing the BJP and a hurriedly stitched alliance of the Congress and the JD-S to stake claim to form a government.

The BJP, which appeared confident of returning to power in its only southern bastion, emerged as the single largest party but failed to cross the half-way mark in the 224-member Assembly where two constituencies didn't vote on Saturday.

The Election Commission data showed that the BJP could end up with 105 seats -- eight short of

Karnataka election results

Party	Seats Won
Bharatiya Janata Party	104
Indian National Congress	78
Janata Dal (Secular)	37
Others	3
Total	222

simple majority. Congress party, set to win 78 seats, quickly announced its *Continued on page 4*

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Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, who represented the President at the embassy opening ceremonies, taking a selfie with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara.

USA opens its Embassy in Jerusalem

"Israel is a sovereign nation with the right to designate its capital," President Trump stated.

Jerusalem: The US opened its embassy in Jerusalem on May 14 under a controversial move by President Donald Trump, amid violence right on the border with Gaza where Israeli soldiers shot dead many Palestinians in clashes.

Trump announced the decision to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in December, when he formally recognized the holy city as the capital of Israel, breaking away from decades of US neutrality on the sensitive issue.

"Today, we officially opened the United States embassy in Jerusalem. Congratulations. It's been a long time coming." President Trump said in a pre-recorded video screened at the US

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N. Korea threatens to call off Trump-Kim meet

Pyongyang: North Korea on Wednesday said it may reconsider attending a summit with US President Donald Trump if Washington unilaterally insists upon Pyongyang giving up nuclear weapons, media said.

North Korean news agency KCNA quoted Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye-gwan as saying that if the US "corners us and unilaterally demands we give up nuclear weapons we will no longer have an interest in talks and will have to reconsider whether we will accept

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Mahavir Jayanti celebrated at the Indian Consulate in NY

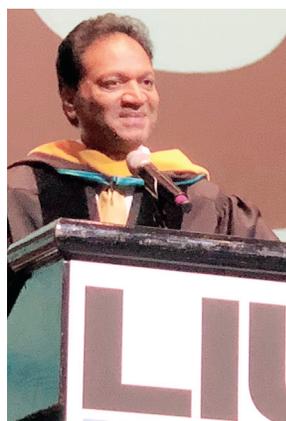
Several elected officials participated in the May 6 event, which aimed to spread the Jain message of peace and nonviolence. It was organized by the International Ahimsa Foundation, spearheaded by Dr. Neeta Jain.

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Doctorates conferred on Rao Anumolu & Chintu Patel



Rao S. Anumolu (second from left), President & CEO of ASR International Corporation, was conferred the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by LIU Post on May 11.



Chintu Patel, co-CEO and Chairman of Amneal Pharmaceuticals, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from LIU Pharmacy last weekend.

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