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Khattar set to be back with Dushyant as his deputy CM

BJP & New Jat Outfit To Stake Claim Today

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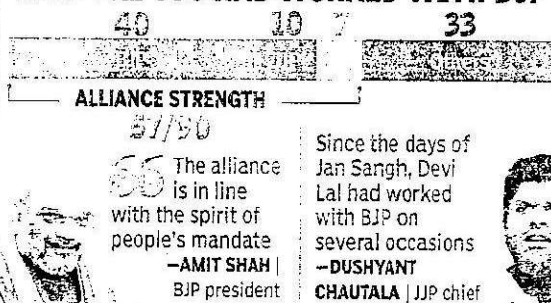
New Delhi: BJP is set to return to office in Haryana with Manohar Lal Khattar as

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chief minister after sealing a power-sharing deal with the 10-member Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) headed by Dushyant Chautala, the new Jat star who will join the government as deputy CM.

The two parties will stake

'DEVI LAL TOO HAD WORKED WITH BJP'



claim to form the government on Saturday after Khattar's election as leader of the BJP legislature party in Chandigarh.

Their deal was concluded after Chautala was "authorized" by his party to negotiate

its participation in the state government on the basis of a programme that includes employment quotas for locals and a hike in the pension scheme for the elderly.

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Uma cautions BJP against Kaula support

A sense of disquiet descended on BJP on Friday after controversial independent MLA Gopal Kanda's offer of "unconditional" support to the party to form the new government in Haryana. It led veteran party leader Uma Bharti to caution the leadership against forgetting "moral values". Several other BJP leaders disowned Kanda, who is out on bail in a case of abetment to suicide of a airhostess, after Bharti's tweet. P 15

As Sena clamours for CM post, BJP asserts it is non-negotiable

Shah Calls Uddhav; Talks After Diwali

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Mumbai: On a day BJP chief Amit Shah called up Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray to congratulate him on the BJP-Sena's win in the Maharashtra polls and said they would discuss power-sharing after Diwali, BJP sources said



Newly elected Sena legislators insist Aaditya Thackeray should be Maharashtra chief minister

the question of chief ministership was not on the table despite Uddhav's insistence on the "50:50" formula, which means equal distribution of portfolios and sharing of the CM's post for 2.5 years each.

Sources close to CM Devendra Fadnis said BJP wouldn't accept Sena's demand for sharing of the top post as it had won 105 seats and "secured the support of 10 Independents".

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Cong, Left agree to fight 3 Bengal bypolls together

Congress and Left Front have struck a deal over fielding common candidates for Kaliyaganj, Kharagpur and Karimpur assembly bypolls to be held on November 25. Though state Congress chief Somen Mitra said on Friday Congress would field candidates from the first two seats and LF from Karimpur, CPM's S K Mishra said there had been talks, but left it to the LF leadership to make the announcement. P 15

JJP coalition BJP's attempt to accommodate Jat concerns

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Accepting the mandate, BJP and JJP have decided to form a coalition government, in which the CM will be from BJP and the JJP leader will be the deputy CM," BJP chief Amit Shah said at his residence soon after a meeting with Chautala.

Khatkar, BJP working president P. Madhok, general secretary minister Anurag Thakur, and party vice-president Anil Jain stood alongside Shah.

The development ends the uncertainty in Haryana after BJP finished six short of a majority. Earlier in the day, several Independent MLAs had met Nadda to offer support. Controversial MLA and former minister Gopal Kanda also separately offered to back BJP.

The Independents included Nayan Pal Rawat (Prithia).



JJP's Dushyant Chautala with BJP's P. Madhok, general secretary, after the meeting at the party headquarters.

Randhir Singh Gollen (Pundri), Sombir Sangwan (Dadri), Balraj Kundu (Meham), Congress rebel Ranjit Singh (Rania), Dharam Pal Gonder (Nilokheri) and Rakesh Daulatabad (Badshahpur), Kundu, Rawat, Gollen, Sangwan and Gonder are BJP rebels. Khatkar told reporters that the Independents would support the soon-to-be-formed coalition.

A coalition with JJP will

spare BJP the hassle of striking individual deals with Independents who might seek to drive hard bargains. More importantly, it will lead to a social reconciliation between the myriad non-Jat castes who form the mainstay of BJP's support and the dominant caste that turned against BJP with a vengeance in this election. Just after the election, Nadda had announced a social pact, as PM. To that extent, the move for a coalition marks an acknowledgement of the restiveness among Jats and appears to be a step towards accommodating their concerns.

Shah said the decision to give the deputy CM post to Chautala was taken by respecting the spirit of the mandate. Both parties will work in cohesion to give stable governance over the next five years, he added.

Full report on www.bhaskar.com

No plan with NCP to support Sena to form govt: Congress

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If Sena (58 seats) asked for the post of CM for the first 2.5 years of the new government, BJP would rather not enter into a deal with it at all, sources close to Fadnavis said.

Sena, however, took a jibe at BJP with its mouthpiece Saamna saying "power and largescale defections cannot crush the spirit of Sena". BJP's executive editor Sanjay Raut posted on Twitter a cartoon of a smiling tiger with a clock (the NCP symbol) adorning its neckline and a lotus in its hand. Raut's comment with it was "Bura na maano Diwali hai".

Newly elected Sena MLAs, who visited the Thackeray residence Matoshree on Friday, insisted that Aaditya Thackeray, who won his debut poll from Worli on Thursday, should become the CM. Sena's Prakash Surve, who retained his Magathane seat, told TOI, "We demanded Aadityaji should lead the state cabinet."

Reports in a section of the media on the likelihood of Congress and NCP extending support to Sena to form the government too created a flutter in the state's political circles on Friday afternoon before they were dismissed by state Congress chief Balasaheb Thorat.

BJP sources said CM Fadnavis, who led the party's campaign in Maharashtra, had taken the view that the party had won more than 100 seats for the second consecutive time, so there was no question of giving in to Sena's demands.

Sources said that at the most, the question of distribution of ministerial berths could be discussed and settled. "Sena may demand portfolios held by BJP between 1995 and 1999, when the two were in office. BJP then held the home, irrigation, finance, public works and energy departments. Except for home, the CM might be willing to looking into it," the sources noted.