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Pawar, Athawale among 37 elected unopposed to RS

New Delhi: NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Union minister Ramdas Athawale and Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Hariwansh Narayan Singh were among 37 candidates elected unopposed on Wednesday to Rajya Sabha as the deadline for withdrawal of nomination ended.



Nominations had been filed for 55 Rajya Sabha seats in 17 states for the March 26 election. Out of these, candidates were declared elected unopposed to all seven seats in Maharashtra, six seats in Tamil Nadu, two seats each in Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Telangana; four seats in Odisha, five seats each in Bihar and West Bengal; three seats in Assam and one seat in Himachal Pradesh by the returning officers as no other candidates were in the fray.

Priyanka Chaturvedi, who had quit the Congress last year and joined the Shiv Sena, AIADMK leader and

Ex-CJI Gogoi to take oath today

Former Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi will take oath as Rajya Sabha member on Thursday morning, sources said. He is

scheduled take oath at 11am as soon as the House resumes.

Meanwhile, in an administrative error on Wednesday, the Rajya Sabha website showed that former CJI had signed the attendance. "It was an error and now the website with details of attendance shows who were present," said a source. TNN

former Lok Sabha deputy speaker M Thambidurai, Tamil Maanila Congress president G K Vasana, veteran lawyer K T S Tulsi and Congress party's Deepender Singh Hooda were among other prominent candidates elected to the Upper House. EN