

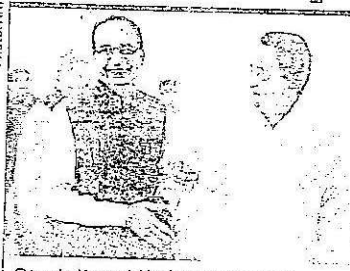
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**MP govt falls as Nath quits before floor test**

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 Bhopal: After two weeks of political drama, triggered by the shock defection of Jyotiraditya Scindia which eventually led to the collapse of the Congress government, Kamal Nath handed in his resignation as MP chief minister on Friday, saying betrayal by "Maharaj" and "political greed" had defeated the hopes and belief of MP.



Cong's Kamal Nath (R) with BJP's Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday

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**Chouhan favoured to return as CM**

Three-time MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan is the front runner to have another stint. BJP's return comes as a major boost after Jharkhand and Maharashtra slipped out of its grasp. The likely return of "mama" is also expected to bring a greater degree of cohesion to the state BJP. **THN**

Hitting out for the first time at Scindia, Nath said: "One Maharaja and his 22 accomplices (rebel Congress MLAs), together with BJP,

murdered democratic values. People will never forgive these greedy persons."

At 1.15pm, with the clock ticking on the Supreme Co-

urt-ordered floor test, the CM's convoy rolled into Raj Bhavan, where Nath handed his resignation. Nath's parting message was: "We need

to remember that after today, tomorrow comes. People will give a fitting reply."

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**Kamal Nath: Fight for freedom over, we'll return in 6 mths**

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In 40 years of public life, I have always practised politics of cleanliness and given priority to democratic values. Whatever happened in the past two weeks in Madhya Pradesh is a new chapter in the devaluation of democratic tenets," he said in his resignation letter, adding that he would support the next CM in development of the state.

As soon as Nath, 73, resigned, celebration broke out in the BJP camp. Leaders and workers distributed sweets and burst firecrackers. "If a government topples due to their own internal conflict, then we can't do anything. You can see we were not in the game to form or topple a government," said former CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan, believed to be in the lead for a fourth term as CM.

Scindia tweeted: "I have always believed that politics should be the medium of public service, but the state government had deviated from this path. Truth has won again. Sarvaamahi Evam!"

Nath indicated that the opposition...

After handing his resignation to the governor, Nath tweeted: "Today, the hopes and beliefs of Madhya Pradesh have been defeated. The gluttonous and avaricious have won. No one can win by crushing the self-respect of Madhya Pradesh. I will continue to work for the state with all my determination."

The Congress government that came to power after defeating the 15-year-old BJP government lasted 15 months. "BJP got 15 years. I got 15 months, two and a half months of which went in the model code of conduct," Nath said before he headed for Raj Bhavan. He said that in this short period, his government fulfilled 400 promises made in the Vachan Patra.

"I have decided to give my resignation to the governor. And there is just one reason — the principles and values that I follow don't permit the politics of horse-trading," he said, adding: "People gave me five years to take the state on the right path. My efforts were to ensure that the state is no longer compared to smaller states of the country with the Vignanam."

Nath ended off with a note of well-wishes...