



Electoral roll purge raises the stakes in India election

India's national electoral commission has purged almost 10 per cent of Bihar state's 74mn voter registrations from the roll since June, which opposition parties say has disenfranchised many poor people in an election this month. A defeat for prime minister Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata party would undermine his ruling coalition. The cuts, denounced by the opposition Congress party as 'theft', have become a flashpoint in the BJP's heartland. **Modi dominance at stake ► PAGE 8**