



BJP loses byelection after youth Cockroach protests

Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) lost a byelection in a seat it had held for three decades. The contest had been closely watched in the aftermath of nationwide Cockroach movement student protests.

Prashant Kishor (above), a high-profile electoral strategist turned politician, scored a breakthrough win for his Jan Suraj (Good Governance) party in the Bankipur constituency in Patna, the capital of the eastern state of Bihar.

The Cockroach Janata party began as an online joke after a judge described unemployed young Indians as cockroaches and parasites. It is now a nationwide movement with 26.6 million Instagram followers, more than the BJP and Congress combined.