**National Narrative Recommendations**

**June 3rd, 2023 (Evening)**

| Issue 1 | **Balasore train accident** |
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| Brief | At least 261 passengers were feared dead and around 650 injured in a major rail accident involving two express trains in Balasore district of Odisha on June 2 evening. |
| Actionable | **Narrative Stance**   * **Ashwini Vaishnaw** is **busy doing his PR - he must resign.** * The government’s **priority is only to cater to the rich** who travel in fancy **Vande Bharat** trains, while they can’t look after basic security in regular trains, where the **poor travel in crammed bogies and suffer such tragedies**. * Jitna **samay aur paisa ye Sarkar prachar me Kharch karti hai** agar uska **aadha bhi railway ke maintenance pe kharch karti toh ye durghatana nhin hoti** jisme saikadon logon Ki Jaan chali gayi. * Pahle ke **rajneta durghatna ko apni naitik zimmedari mante** huye **isteefa dete the** aur **aaj ke bhajpayi neta durghatna ke baad apna photo-op kar rahe hain.** * This is **not an act of God**, this is an **act of fraud.**   **Visit**   * **PG** should **visit Balasore to meet the injured** and the **families of deceased people.**   **Letter by SG**   * **SG** should write a letter to the **PM giving the following policy suggestions on the relief and rehabilitation**:   + **Utilise the trains** used during **COVID to treat patients** with minor injuries and those who do not require hospitalisation   + Highlight that **10 lakh for the family of deceased is not enough,** the compensation amount should be increased to **Rs. 50 lakh**   **Joint Statement by former Railway Ministers (MK, Lalu Yadav, Nitish Kumar, Mamata Banerjee)**   * Highlighting that before Modi, the **priority of the Railway Ministry** was to **help the** **poor**. * The Modi government **cannot handle** the **serious responsibility** of running the **largest railway network** in the world, **it can only do PR**. * Modi **discontinued the railway budget**, shows that railways for the poor is not his priority. It was an opportunity for the country to see the finances allotted for their travel.   **Press Conference**   * **MK** should hold a press conference in Delhi to **pay condolence to the deceased.** * Highlight that this is a **systemic failure and those responsible for this tragedy should be held accountable.** * Demand immediate **resignation of Ashwini Vaishnaw.** * Announce **Balasore Relief Fund** and urge all **INC CMs, MPs and MLAs to donate** their **one month salary.** * Highlight that the **government is busy spending money on vanity projects** while there i**s no maintenance being done for trains or tracks** that are essential for common people. * Highlight that more than **1.4 lakh rail safety staff posts are vacant** in the country. * How will the **common people travel in trains if there is no safety?** What is the assurance that the PM can give to the common people of the country? * Highlight the **photos of crowded trains and ask the government why has the BJP government failed to provide better railway infrastructure** to the poor.   **Actionables for all INC CMs**   * **Call Naveen Patnaik to** highlight that they are ready to **provide any kind of support that he requires.**   + Highlight that there is a **team of specialised doctors and emergency medical kits ready that can be sent to Odisha** * **Announce compensation to the families of the deceased** from their respective States **from the CM Relief Fund**. * **Visit the families of those who died from their State** in the accident and give their condolences.   **Party, On-Ground**   * **IYC, NSUI and Seva Dal** should be present in **hospitals and relief camps to help families identify and locate their family members.** * All INC **leaders and cadres** of Odisha should **donate blood.** * INC cadres should be present at the Howrah railway station to provide assistance to the families that require help.   **Party, Social Media**   * All party leaders should post the **incompetence of the BJP government** and demand the **resignation of the Railway Minister.** |

| Issue 2 | **Day after Amit Shah’s visit to Manipur, militants engage in fire exchange with security forces** |
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| Brief | Gun battles between security forces and insurgents were reported on Friday in various parts of Manipur. These incidents occurred just a day after Amit Shah concluded his visit to the ethnically troubled northeastern state, where he had appealed for peace and the restoration of normalcy. |
| Actionable | **Narrative Stance**   * **Amit Shah** went to Manipur **as a tourist,** his vacation is over but the state is **still burning.** * Those who **divide people and instil hate for votes can not unite people.** * Amit Shah is **incapable and useless Home Minister**. He is responsible for all the crimes and violence prevalent in the country. * If he **can not handle Manipur,** how can we expect him to maintain the law & order in the entire country?   **MK Press Conference with AICC Fact Finding Committee for Manipur**   * Highlight that **while Amit Shah** was in **Manipur** there was **on-going violence and fresh violence erupted after his visit.** * It took **1 month for Amit Shah to visit the violence affected areas**, his visit was just a **political formality.** * Amit Shah has **failed to bring resolution** between the two communities. * Amit Shah is incapable of bringing peace in Manipur as they are the **creators of violence,** they have **no willingness to resolve the issue.** * Amit Shah **visited the relief camps of both the communities** and the highest **officials from the ‘rival’ communities were absent**. How will he find a resolution when **he can not take the officials of both communities to the relief camps of each other?** * The visit to Manipur was a vacation for him. There has bee**n no change there is on-going violence in Manipur.** * The people in the relief camp **lack water, food and medicine,** Amit Shah promised adequate supply but **people still are struggling to get basic necessities in the camps.** |