## **INTRODUCTION:**

## 1.1 Overview

- 1. Narendra Modi (BJP): Incumbent Prime Minister Narendra Modi contested from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, and also campaigned extensively across the country.
- 2. Rahul Gandhi (INC): Rahul Gandhi, the leader of the Indian National Congress, contested from two seats Amethi, Uttar Pradesh, and Wayanad, Kerala.
- 3. Amit Shah (BJP): Amit Shah, the President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, contested and won from Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- 4. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra (INC): Priyanka Gandhi Vadra campaigned for the Congress party but did not contest as a candidate.
- 5. Mamata Banerjee (AITC): The Chief Minister of West Bengal and leader of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC), Mamata Banerjee, played a significant role in the elections in her state.

## 1.2 Purpose:

- 1. To Represent Constituents: Candidates aimed to represent the interests and concerns of the people residing in their respective constituencies in the Lok Sabha.
- 2. To Formulate and Pass Laws: Once elected, candidates become Members of Parliament (MPs) and play a crucial role in the legislative process, including the formulation and passage of laws that affect the entire nation.
- 3. To Contribute to Governance: Winning candidates had the opportunity to contribute to the governance of the country by participating in parliamentary debates, discussions, and decision-making.
- 4. To Uphold Party Ideologies: Candidates from political parties aimed to uphold and promote the ideologies and policies of their respective parties. Winning candidates helped their parties gain seats in the Lok Sabha.
- 5. To Represent Minority Interests: Some candidates represented specific minority groups or communities and sought to address their unique issues and concerns