In U.P., a missing tango and the BJP's waltz

If an SP-Congress tie-up fails to materialize, both parties might come to rule the price to pay next year and in 2024

In many ways, the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Uttar Pradesh are at an impasse. The SP, led by Akhilesh Yadav, has been in power for the past five years. The BJP, led by Yogi Adityanath, has been the main opposition party in the state. The recent bypolls in the state have seen a decline in the SP's support, while the BJP has gained in popularity. The SP's inability to form a government in the state has led to a decrease in its support base, while the BJP has been able to gain ground. The upcoming Assembly elections in 2022 will be a key test for both parties, with the BJP aiming to consolidate its position and the SP trying to regain its lost ground.

Incentives for a link

So there is the one fundamental question to ask: why are two unequals parties so hesitant to commit to a potentially mutually beneficial alliance? The answer to this quandary might help make the state of Opposition politics in both the states and the country, shaped in fundamental ways by the BJP-dominant system. First, let us evaluate the case for the alliance from the point of view of both the parties.

The incentives for the Congress are relatively straightforward. If the last two elections in U.P. are anything to go by, the SP has been reduced to a 6% vote share party, with barely any pockets of strongholds. The evidence from Assembly bypolls and recent bypolls suggests that the SP is facing a significant challenge in retaining its stronghold. The Congress, on the other hand, has been able to consolidate its strength in the state, particularly in urban areas.

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