

## **CHAPTER 5**

### **DATA PRESENTATION**

This chapter provides a detailed overview of the sample of the study, “So Sorry” politoons. The chapter encompasses two sections. The first section provides the details of the sample size i.e. name of episodes, main political characters of the episodes, and time duration. The second section gives a detailed description and context of the sample size, 33 episodes of the “So Sorry” politoons from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> Aug. 2019.

## 5.1 Sample size

Name of Episodes	Narendra Modi	Amit Shah	Rahul Gandhi	Akhilesh Yadav	Mayawati	Arvind Kejriwal	Mamata Banerjee	Time duration
1. Modi, Rahul ka Happy New Year (Modi and Rahul's Happy New Year)	✓		✓	✓	✓			00:01:42
2. Karnataka ke shole (Karnataka's Shole)		✓						00:01:27
3. Gardish mein ho taare na ghabrana pyare (stars at risk, but dear, do not worry)	✓		✓	✓	✓			00:02:02
4. Modi ka master stroke (Modi's masterstroke)	✓	✓	✓					00:01:43
5. Hum sab PM hai (we all are PM)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	00:01:14
6. Bengal ka baval (Bengal Commotion)							✓	00:01:38
7. Behna haath badhana (sister forward your hand)			✓					00:02:07
8. Ab aai Priyanka ki bari (now Priyanka's acquittal)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	00:01:10
9. Imran ki notanki sar par aa tanki (Imran's gimmick on the head)	✓							00:01:11
10. Jung-e-Uttar Pradesh	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			00:01:20

11.	Tum sabot doge ya nahi (will you give proof or not)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	00:01:15
12.	Hamari tum suno (you listen to us)	✓	✓	✓				00:02:07
13.	Chunavi mohhobaatein (election love)	✓	✓	✓				00:02:10
14.	Patna shahib ki jang (battle of Patna)							00:01:36
15.	Abki baar chowkidar (now it's a turn of watchman)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	00:01:41
16.	Shaheb humme bhi sath le chalo (Sir, take me with you)			✓	✓	✓	✓	00:02:03
17.	Election race	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	00:02:03
18.	Political salon	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	00:02:21
19.	Tension bhara hai sama (time is full of tension)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	00:02:20
20.	Saara zamaana Modi ka deewana (the whole world is crazy about Modi)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	00:02:05
21.	Kamal ki tsunami (tsunami of lotus)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		00:01:00
22.	Didi ka dard na jane koi (no one knows sister's pain)		✓				✓	00:01:41
23.	Koi toh adhyaksh ban jao (somebody become the president)			✓				00:01:51
24.	Modi ko discipline pasand hai	✓	✓					00:01:33

(Modi likes discipline)								
25. Operation kamal (operation lotus)								00:01:41
26. Modi ka junoon (Modi's passion)	✓	✓						00:02:01
27. Tera budget ayega (your budget will come)	✓	✓						00:01:59
28. VIP security				✓				00:01:35
29. MP ko na dekhana, yaha chalti hai meri (do not look at MP, it works according to me)								00:00:36
30. Phele ek tha tiger, ab tiger zinda hai (earlier there was a tiger, now the tiger is alive)	✓							00:00: 41
31. Tension nhi leneka Modi ji, Amit bhai hai (do not take tension Modi, brother Amit is here)	✓	✓						00:00: 44
32. Man V/S Wild	✓							00:01:32
33. 73 Independence Day 2019	✓	✓	✓			✓		00:01:22
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>00:53:52</b>

**Table: 5.1: Details of Sample Size**

## 5.2 Context and the themes of the episodes

Month	Name of Episodes	Context	Themes
January	Modi-Rahul ka Happy New Year	Demonetisation, 2017 Happy New Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political Alliance</li> <li>Depiction of BJP leaders</li> </ul>
	Karnataka ke shole	Karnataka 2018 assembly elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Important state/ constituency for the elections</li> </ul>
	Gardish mein ho taare na ghabrana pyare	PM's Foreign trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> </ul>
	Modi ka master stroke	2018 State elections, Upper caste reservation bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>Depiction of BJP leaders</li> </ul>
	Hum sab PM hai	Mamata Banerjee and Tejashwi Yadav welcomed the "gathbandhan"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> <li>Political Alliance</li> </ul>
February	Bengal ka bawal	IPS officer Rajeev Kumar controversy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> <li>Important state/ constituency for the elections</li> </ul>
	Behna haath badhana	On 23rd Jan. 2019, Priyanka Gandhi officially entered politics, appointed the Congress' General Secretary in charge of the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 Lok Sabha Elections', Political Alliance</li> <li>Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> <li>Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> <li>Noteworthy topics illustrated in the episodes (Miscellaneous)</li> </ul>
	Ab aai Priyanka ki bari	Priyanka Gandhi took charge of Eastern Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Imran ki notanki sar par aatanki	Pulwama Attack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noteworthy topics illustrated in the episodes (Miscellaneous)</li> </ul>

	Jung-e-Uttar Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh election projection by BSP and SP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>• Political Alliance</li> </ul>
March	Tum sabot doge ya nahi	Opposition leaders demand proof that the Balakot air strike carried	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of BJP leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Hamari tum suno	BJP and Congress party schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>• Depiction of BJP leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
April	Chunavi mohhobaatein	BJP manifesto 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>• Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> <li>• Depiction of BJP leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Patna shahib ki jung	Fight between Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP) and Shatrughan Sinha (Congress)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important state/ constituency for the elections</li> </ul>
	Abki baar chowkidar	Chowkidar hi Chor hai and Main Bhi Chowkidar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>• Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> <li>• Political Alliance</li> </ul>
	Shaheb humme bhi sath le chalo	The controversy between the Congress party and Aam Adami Party alliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> </ul>
	Election race	Election 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 Lok Sabha Elections</li> <li>• Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> <li>• Political Alliance</li> <li>• Depiction of BJP leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> </ul>
May	Political salon	Hairstylist Jawed Habib joined the Bharatiya Janata Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political Alliance</li> <li>• Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal</li> <li>• Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> </ul>
	Tension bhara hai sama	Lok Sabha constituency, Amethi elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aspiration to become the Prime Minister of India</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Saara zamaana Modi ka deewana	BJP's Victory, Mulayam Singh Yadav's controversial speech on 13th Feb. 2019 in Lok Sabha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of BJP leaders</li> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Kamal ki tsunami	BJP won the election with a vast majority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
June	Didi ka dard na jane koi	Two Trinamool Congress MLAs and more than 50 councillors joined the BJP in 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Mamata Banerjee</li> <li>• Important state/ constituency for the elections</li> </ul>
	Koi toh adhyaksh ban jao	After the Congress party's defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Rahul Gandhi offers resignation from the post of Congress party president.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depiction of Indian National Congress party leaders</li> </ul>
	Modi ko discipline pasand hai	BJP organised a two-day training programme event called <i>Abhyas Varga</i> to 'discipline' the party members and all of its MPs, with mandatory attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Modi government 2.0 (second tenure)</li> </ul>
July	Operation kamal	HD Kumaraswamy resigned from the post of chief minister in the state of Karnataka in 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important state/ constituency for the elections</li> </ul>
	PM Modi ka junoon	Modi's goal of making the Indian GDP \$5 trillion (£3.6 trillion) by 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noteworthy topics illustrated in the episodes (Miscellaneous)</li> </ul>
	Tera budget ayega	2019 budget and success of Bollywood film "Gully"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noteworthy topics illustrated in the episodes</li> </ul>

		Boy.”	(Miscellaneous)
	VIP security	The centre government terminated the VIP security status of various leaders of different political parties across India	• Important state/ constituency for the elections
August	MP ko na dekhana, yaha chalti hai meri	Kamal Nath challenged the BJP to destabilise his Government during the India Today Rocks 2019 event	• Important state/ constituency for the elections
	Phele ek tha tiger, ab tiger zinda hai	The Tiger population increases in India according to the 2019 census	• The Modi government 2.0 (second tenure)
	Tension nhi leneka Modi ji, Amit bhai hai	Article 370	• Noteworthy topics illustrated in the episodes (Miscellaneous)
	Man V/S Wild	Modi’s appearance with Bear Grylls, the host of the famous Discovery Channel show Man vs Wild	• The Modi government 2.0 (second tenure)
	73 Independence Day 2019	Independence Day	• The Modi government 2.0 (second tenure)

**Table 5.2: Context and the themes of the episodes**



### **5.2.1 Description and Context of the episodes**

In this section, I have provided the description and context of each episode selected under the study for analysis.

#### **1. Modi-Rahul Ka Happy New Year**

The episode was broadcast on 1st Jan. 2019. The episode shows that BJP leaders and Congress party leaders were celebrating New Year's Eve with their alliance party leaders. The song which was playing on the Congress's marquee was *when I was a little kid, I used to make lots of mischief, now that I'm grown up, I make extensive mischief*. Rahul Gandhi, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Kamal Nath, and others were dancing to that song. While dancing, Rahul Gandhi took out his telescope and asked Scindia to see through the telescope how Modi and Shah were dancing together in their marquee. After seeing them, Rahul Gandhi and Scindia started laughing over them. At BJP's marquee, Modi asked Shah where are other alliance party leaders.

Only Ram Vilas Paswan (former member of the Lok Sabha) was present there, and he also slept on the chair. Other party members were absent, such as Shiv Sena party and Apna dal party leaders. The song played at BJP's marquee was *a beautiful girl made us fool*. Both of them started thinking about where the other leaders were. Then Modi took out his telescope and saw at the congress party marquee that all leaders were present, enjoying and dancing together. After seeing this, Modi and Shah get stressed out. Shah puts an ice pad, and Modi puts a hot water bag on their head and starts thinking about what to do next. Besides that, Rahul Gandhi and Kamal Nath still made fun of Modi and Shah. Suddenly Rahul and other leaders saw Modi and Shah going somewhere in their Mercedes and laughing loudly. On the road sign board was written *All India Radio* (national public radio broadcaster) and *Rajiv Chowk* (name of the place in Delhi).

After that, Modi appeared in the Radio broadcasting room and was about to address the people. When other people knew that Modi was going to address, they all got scared of what new shocking announcement he would make today. Modi started his speech in the episode with *mid-night, that is, after midnight in the night, 2018 will go and 2019 will come*. After this, when Modi finished his speech, everyone listening to him took relief to breathe. Everyone present at the Congress party marquee also got relief and started laughing. The motive of Modi here is to disturb Congress leaders and members so that

they cannot enjoy New Year's Eve because, on BJP's marquee, not many people were present to celebrate with them.

### ***Context***

This episode's context is Modi's sudden announcement about addressing people on New Year's Eve. The same kind of event happened on 2017 New Year's Eve when Modi decided to address people at 7:30 pm on 31st Dec. 2016. When people got to know this, they started thinking: What will Prime Minister Narendra Modi address? Since the announcement of his address on 29th Dec., netizens have been pondering this subject. All New Year's Eve party planning took a backseat, and people continued guessing what this address might reveal. In 2016, Modi made surprisingly announced demonization in a midnight speech. At that time, "it was 50 days since the announcement of demonetisation, and there was much speculation about the speech's contents," (Indian Express, 2016). The Indian people, however, breathed a sigh of relief following Modi's speech on 31st Dec. and gave god praise that he did not reveal any more surprises.

### ***2. Karnataka Ke Sholay***

The episode title is "Karnataka Ke Sholay" which means cinder in Karnataka. This episode has tried to recreate the famous scene of the film Sholey, and Amit Shah was portrayed as '*Gabar*' the favourite Bollywood villain asking Karnataka BJP leader YS Yedurappa about the failure of Operation Kamal in Karnataka. At the same time, Amit Shah was portrayed as *Gabar* trying to warn Rajasthan CM Ashok Gahlot and MP CM Kamal Nath that he would topple their governments too. This episode strengthens the perception and image of Amit Shah as propagated by opposition parties and the media as the mastermind behind 'Operation Kamal', who always tries to de-establish opposition parties' governments in states.

### ***Context***

This episode depicts the political crisis of Karnataka. Only seven months after HD Kumaraswamy was sworn in as chief minister of Karnataka, the two independent MLAs, H Nagesh and R Shankar, who had offered their support to the administration, resigned, throwing the southern state's politics into disarray, (Shekhar, 2019). The situation got more panic When the BJP decided to keep its MLAs in a hotel in Haryana; many people began to worry that the Congress-JDS coalition government in Karnataka would fall.

Nevertheless, the alliance managed to survive. And parties blamed BJP for this unrest, alleging ‘Operation Kamal’ was launched by BJP to de establish congress-led governments in several states. However, things quickly became intriguing when Kamal Nath, the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, expressed his alarm over the BJP’s attempts to lure his MLA away by offering them money.

### ***3. Gardish Mein ho taare na ghabrana na pyaare***

The episode shows that Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, Modi, and Rahul Gandhi went to a political astrologer to learn about their future. All of them dream about becoming India’s Prime Minister in 2019. First of all, Akhilesh Yadav went inside the tent for crystal gazing. He saw in the crystal that he was wearing the clothes of a king in some palace and on the red carpet paddling the gold colour cycle (a cycle is Yadav’s party symbol). He was paddling hard, but still, his bicycle was not moving. Soon he discovered that one person was holding his bicycle from the back, stopping him from progressing further. On the other side, a person was assembling the part of a different cycle.

After seeing all this in crystal, Akhilesh gets angry and escapes the astrologer marquee. Mayawati was in the queue next, and she saw Yadav coming outside, mad from the marquee. She went inside the tent to get to know about her future fortune. Mayawati sees in a crystal that she is with her elephant (her party symbol) walking on the red carpet at the palace. While walking, she got an idea, painted on the elephant, wrote ‘PM chair’ and sat on the elephant happily. After seeing this in crystal, she got happy and walked outside the marquee. The following person who was coming for the crystal gazing was Narendra Modi. Modi was walking inside the tent very calmly. Modi saw in a crystal that he was wearing clothes like a king and going on a foreign trip in the aircraft. After seeing this, he realised he had made a mistake by pressing the past button, which is why he only saw his past. Then Modi pressed the future seeing button and saw that he was still dressed up like a king, but Rahul Gandhi was also running with him and dressed like a king. Both ran to catch the aircraft so they could go on a foreign trip. They have a competition to reach first. After seeing this, Modi got shocked and agitated and walked backed the marquee.

The last person who came to see his fortune was Rahul Gandhi. Gandhi was very excited to see his future. He walked inside the tent and sat on the chair. Gandhi saw in the crystal that there was a golden colour Prime Minister chair, and he dressed like a king and sat on

it. But soon, he found out that on that chair, other leaders like Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, and Mamata Banerjee were also sitting on it. It was getting jammed on the seat because many people wanted to sit on it simultaneously. In the end, Gandhi screamed out loud. Seeing himself like this made him cry. Gandhi got shocked and fainted over a crystal ball.

### *Context*

In this episode, cartoonists tried to focus on PM Narendra Modi's foreign trip. When Modi mistakenly pressed the past button that time, he saw only a foreign trip. When Modi pressed the future button then, Modi and Rahul Gandhi were contesting to get in the aircraft for a foreign trip.

#### *4. Modi ka masterstroke*

The episode is based on the "Indian Premier League (IPL)," a men's professional Twenty 20 cricket competition featuring ten clubs from ten different Indian cities. The league was founded in 2007 by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (Wikipedia). The Indian Premier League's twelfth season was referred to as IPL 12 or just IPL 12. Several nations were once considered to host the event due to the Indian general elections. Nonetheless, the matches were only held in India, and the season started on March 23.

The Congress and BJP parties competed in the stadium "election 2018" match. Raman Singh, the former chief minister of Chhattisgarh, and Modi entered the game as the BJP party batted first. Rahul Gandhi of the congress party was bowling, and Singh was confidently prepared to take the strike. Singh received the bowl of Chhattisgarh from Rahul. The striker (the batsman facing the bowler) is out if a bowler's valid (i.e., non-No-ball) delivery strikes the wicket and puts it down. Out came (Wikipedia), and his bad also snapped.

Following Singh, the former chief minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje, entered the game. She received the Rajasthani ball from Gandhi. Gandhi outs Raje by "catching the ball before it touches the ground" (Wikipedia) if the batter strikes the ball from a genuine delivery (i.e., not a No-Ball) with the bat (or with the glove while the glove is in contact with the bat). The Congress party followers applaud as Raje expresses sadness.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the “chief minister of Madhya Pradesh,” entered the fray after Raje. He received the Madhya Pradesh ball from Gandhi. He was “run out” (a batsman is out while the ball is in play if no part of his body or bat is grounded behind the popping crease) and the wicket nearest to him was “pretty put down by the opposition side.” (Wikipedia).

Modi receives the hit at this point, and Shah pursues Chouhan. Due to the underwhelming play of the other players, Modi became pretty upset. Gandhi seemed anxious after Shah showed up. Gandhi requested the umpire and handed Modi the ball from the “ram mandir” (Ram temple). A no-ball will be called and signalled if, in the view of the umpire, an unlawful delivery has been thrown down. (Wikipedia). Modi exhaled sighs of relaxation and regained his self-assurance. Modi eventually scored several sixes when Gandhi handed him the reservation ball, which is a stroke that guarantees the ball falls just beyond the rope and awards the player six runs (Wikipedia). Modi made a “masterstroke (completely planned and executed)” about reservations (Wikipedia). All of the BJP supporters present in the crowd applauded Modi and Shah as they appeared to be having a great time.

### **Context**

The “2018 Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly election was held to elect members” to the Indian state of Chhattisgarh’s Legislative Assembly. After a landslide result, the Indian National Congress (INC) “formed the Government after 15 years as an opposition party,” winning 68 seats to the ruling BJP’s 15. On 11<sup>th</sup> Dec., the day of counting and declaring the results, “incumbent Chief Minister Raman Singh resigned,” accepting responsibility for the defeat. INC leader Bhupesh Baghel, elected to the Assembly from Patna, became the state’s third Chief Minister on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Congress won the Chhattisgarh state election in 2018 with massive votes. In Chhattisgarh, Congress received a larger mandate than it had ever received in any prior election, including under the combined Madhya Pradesh. As a result, Congress might reasonably argue that there was a wave in its favour, even if it is more likely that it benefited the most from a *parivartan* (change) wave. After 15 years, it’s just as likely that the BJP was hampered by voter fatigue than a clear anti-incumbency sentiment (Mishra, 2018).

Rajasthan’s Chief Minister is Ashok Gehlot, preceded by Vasundhara Raje. The “Rajasthan Legislative Assembly election was held” on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018, in the “Indian

state of Rajasthan to elect members of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.” In 2018, the “Indian National Congress became the state’s single-largest party,” while the “Rashtriya Loktantrik Party became the state’s third-largest party.” The BJP secured a majority in the 2013 elections. The Congress won 99 seats in the elections, while the ruling BJP won 73. The Congress saw its ally Rashtriya Lok Dal gain one seat, falling just shy of the halfway mark of 100 of the 199 seats where elections were held. Six seats went to the BSP and two to the “Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M).”

On 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018, members of the 230 seats of MP were ‘elected to the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly.’ The election is thought to have been a direct political confrontation between the BJP and the INC. The duel between Congress heavyweight Arun Yadav and then-CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan was one of the key attractions. While the Chouhan government attempted to win a fourth term in a row, the INC sought to retain power in the state after 2003. With the INC emerging as the single largest party and the BJP receiving the popular vote, the election resulted in a hung assembly. Kamal Nath was the 18<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of MP for around 15 months before resigning due to political turmoil.

In the episode, Gandhi delivered the reservation ball to Modi. Modi took a masterstroke. On 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019, the Rajya Sabha approved a Bill that allowed people from the general category who are members of economically disadvantaged sectors to get a 10% quota in employment and education. After a marathon over 10-hour debate, the Bill hailed as PM Narendra Modi’s “masterstroke” just months before the 2019 Lok Sabha election, gained 165 votes in favour of seven Upper House members voting against it (India TV News desk, 2019).

### ***5. Hum sab PM hai***

The episode starts with the conference where Mamata Banerjee is giving a speech. She said, *it is a new start, and we will work together; it is our promise.* At the conference, Arvind Kejriwal, Akhilesh Yadav, Mayawati, and Tejashwi Yadav were also present and decided to form an alliance and work together. After this sentence Banerjee, the other leader stood up and welcomed Banerjee’s decision. After that, Banerjee gave one card, and Prime Minister wrote it to every other leader. After seeing the PM card, everyone was happy because they thought they would be the next PM candidate without knowing that others also got the same. After that, everyone went to their place and started

preparing to become the PM of India. All of them began to fix their chair as Prime Minister. When all of them were fixing their PM chair, they all started to imagine. In their imagination, they reached into the sky. Now, all of them are presented in the sky in their vision. They all were happily walking towards the chair of PM, which was present there. When everyone was about to sit on the chair then, Modi suddenly bumped and sat on the chair PM and started teasing them all. With this, the dream of becoming PM breaks. They all woke up angry and agitatedly. In the end, it is revealed through the episode that Banerjee was sitting on the PM chair. She was laughing at others.

### ***Context***

The episode of *hum sab PM hai* is based on a few events in early January 2019, when Mamata Banerjee and Tejashwi Yadav welcomed the SP-BSP alliance (Times Now Digital, 2019). Mayawati, the Bahujan Samaj Party leader, and Akhilesh Yadav, the leader of the Samajwadi Party, formally declared their plans to ally ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Mayawati, speaking at a joint press conference on 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2019, said the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the centre is concerned about the coalition but necessary for the Indian people.

### ***6. Bengal ka Bawal***

This episode tries to establish famous allegations regarding the credibility of the CBI made by political parties and Courts from time to time that the Central Bureau of Investigation is a “caged parrot which only speaks in its master’s voice” (Nath, 2021). The episode also depicts the political rivalry between Narendra Modi Led Central Government and Mamata Banerjee, CM of West Bengal. The episode tries to establish that Bengal CM is not afraid of central agencies and gives them a tough time and a solid message to Modi.

### ***Context***

This episode of “So Sorry” takes the Central Bureau of Investigation’s (CBI) and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s disagreement over Kolkata Police Commissioner Rajeev Kumar in a humorous direction. “The Kolkata Police squad stopped the CBI representatives who had come to Rajeev Kumar’s home in a high-stakes scenario outside” (HT Correspondent, 2019). It is “alleged that the Kolkata Commissioner was involved in the chit fund issue” (Legal Correspondent, 2019).

After the late-night coup in West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee “staged a dharna to protest the Modi administration” (Ghosal, 2019). The Supreme Court’s decision ordering Kolkata Police Chief Rajeev Kumar to join the CBI investigation into the “chit fund scams brought an end to the three-day battle between the CBI and Kolkata Police” (Mathur, 2019).

### **7. *Behna Haath Badhana***

The episode’s title is “*behna haath badhana*,” which means Sister Forward your Hand. The title shows that the media organisation wants to tell the audience that Rahul Gandhi was asking for his sister Priyanka Gandhi’s help. The episode starts with India’s Parliament, and political parties present there to participate in a chariot race. It shows that all leaders participated in the race to win the 2019 general elections. In the episode, Modi and Amit Shah appear on their horses and chariot, and then Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati come on their chariot and horse. The sequence of entry of political parties shows their power.

After a few minutes, from the backside, a few leaders (Mamata Banerjee, Mukul Roy, Arvind Kejriwal and another) of All India Trinamool Congress and Aam Aadmi Party were running to catch the chariot of Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati’s one. When all of them tried to get into the chariot, Mamata Banerjee left there that time. With the help of another leader, she could fit into the chariot, and because it was small, it was difficult for all of them to fit into it. That’s why when Mamata Banerjee came inside, Arvind Kejriwal fell out. Looking at Kejriwal, all of the leaders started laughing. In the end, he sits on the chariot wheel because there is no space.

On the other side, after looking at all these scenes, Modi and Amit Shah started laughing at them. After some time, Rahul Gandhi arrived with his sidecar and fixed it with that same chariot.

After that, both parties were ready for the race. When the race started, Modi felt other party chariot horses coming near them in the middle. Suddenly one idea came into his mind, and he took out a box from his pocket. The label on the box was upper-class fodder, and horses started running faster after fodder. Seeing Modi’s chariot horses running after Mayawati also put pressure on the horse rope halters. Both parties’ horses were running fast together, then suddenly Kejriwal fell and somehow managed to stick with the chariot. Because of this, Kejriwal drew Mayawati’s attention from the race.



Akhilesh Yadav took advantage of the moment and snatched the rope from the hand of Mayawati. Then both of them started snatching rope from each other's hands. Because of all this snatching, the chariot got misbalanced and Rahul Gandhi's sidecar detached from the chariot.

After this, Mayawati did not stop for Rahul Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi left behind all of them. Gandhi started moving his sidecar with his hand. While he was doing this then heard some sounds of the vehicle. Priyanka Gandhi appeared in front of him with her high-class motorcycle. After looking at her, he got so happy. She wisely fixed Rahul Gandhi's sidecar with her motorcycle without wasting a moment and joined the race. In the end, they all reached the finish line, and Modi again got upset and started trying hard to win.

### ***Context***

The episode is based on the event when Priyanka Gandhi officially joined the National Congress party. After her joining, mainstream media of India and BJP leaders portrayed that "the Congress party has little faith in Rahul's abilities as a leader that they had to bring in Priyanka" (Singh, 2019). In this episode, the cartoonists reflected the same narrative also led by other mainstream media, that when Rahul Gandhi was in trouble, his sister came to help him in the 2019 elections.

### ***8. Ab aayi Priyanka ki bari***

The episode's title, "*Aayi Ab Priyanka Ki Bari,*" means Priyanka's turn has come. This episode came after Priyanka Gandhi joined the Congress party. The episode starts at Lucknow airport, where Rahul Gandhi received his sister Priyanka Gandhi, who recently joined the Congress party. Rahul Gandhi came with his shining red car. After that, they happily started their journey toward the Congress party office. On the way, there was traffic, and Rahul Gandhi narrowly escaped from the collision with an SUV. Some elephants were also walking on the road along with other Vehicles. They were not allowing Rahul Gandhi to overtake them, but he overtook them with a few tricks. Rahul Gandhi got so happy after this, but Priyanka Gandhi gave him a signal to look forward and be careful. Then he saw a giant elephant sitting on the road to block his way. He tried hard to push the elephant off the road but failed and got annoyed over this. Then Priyanka Gandhi asked Rahul to let her try. When Priyanka Gandhi tried, she successfully pushed the elephant away from the road. Now Priyanka Gandhi has started

driving, showing that she changed the wave of Lucknow. Ultimately, they reached their destination, which was the congress office. After coming out of the car, they noticed that the party's election symbol banner was incorrectly placed on the gate. Priyanka Gandhi ran and fixed it and then entered the office.

### ***Context***

This episode reflects the scenario of the election race in Uttar Pradesh, where Congress, BJP and BSP were in the queue to win the election. When Priyanka Gandhi joined the Congress party and took the in-charge of Eastern Uttar Pradesh, at that time, all the parties in UP came in stressed and started thinking, what if she won the seat from UP? This episode reflects the dilemma in the mind of BJP and BSP leaders.

### ***9. Imran Khan ki notanki sar par aatanki***

The episode starts with the speech of Indian PM Narendra Modi, where he addresses people. On the other side, Pakistan PM Imran Khan was watching Modi's speech on television and giving his views on that speech. Narration starts with

*“Modi: Terrorists have made the biggest mistake and now have to pay a considerable price. The security forces have been given a free hand to retaliate against the attack.*

*Khan: If India gives us proof, we are ready for investigation.*

*Modi: The time for talk has passed. Now, this is a time to take strict action.*

*Khan: We want to talk with India about terrorism. If India gives us proof, then we will take guaranteed action.*

*Modi: Today, I came here to take the blessings of god Kashi Vishwanath so that we can get the energy to repay the sacrifices of the soldiers' blood.*

*Khan: In Pakistan, there is no place for terrorism. India gives us proof.*

*Masood Azhar: I am the proof.”*

This episode came after the Pulwama attack when Indian PM Modi indicated to Pakistan through his speech that we would not stay silent this time and we would retaliate back. Over this statement Modi, Pakistan PM Imran Khan released an episode on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019 that Pakistan had no role in the attack. If India gives us proof, then we will investigate. In the episode, Khan said Pakistan does not support terrorism. On the other

side, he tries hiding Masood Azhar under his chair. At the end of the episode, Masood Azhar appears in a monster avatar and says I am the proof then Khan gets embarrassed because his lie gets caught. He got confused about what I should do now. He started smiling awkwardly.

### ***Context***

This episode imitates Imran Khan's video, which the Pakistan government broadcasts in response to India the Pulwama attack. In that video, Imran Khan said Pakistan had no role in the Pulwama attack. The episodes reflect the views of the Indian Government, which claimed that Pakistan is supporting the Jaish-e-Mohammed group and that Pakistan and the Jaish-e-Mohammed group planned the Pulwama attack.

### ***10. Jung-E-Uttar Pradesh***

The episode title, "*Jung-E-Uttar Pradesh*", means war to win Uttar Pradesh. This episode came before the UP 2019 Lok Sabha election when Priyanka Gandhi joined the Congress party. The episode started in Uttar Pradesh, where the members of BSP and SP (Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party) were sitting in the office room. They were doing the vote share projection of the BJP (Bharatiya Janta Party) and the conference hall Congress party for the 2019 general elections. The analysis showed that the Pulwama attack and Airstrike became an advantage for the BJP to get votes. After seeing the projection, Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav and all the other leaders get stressed. They made a strategy to destroy the BJP, and each took a missile named farmer's issues, employment, Dalit concerns, Rafael, and corruption from the weapon room.

After that, everyone with their missile rocket sat in the van and prepared to leave. After a moment, they saw a scooter with a sidecar coming in the front. Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders sat in the scooter with sidecar Priyanka Gandhi. Priyanka Gandhi stopped the scooter in front of the van and tried to get inside the pre-loaded van. They somehow fit in the truck, but Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav felt congested. Mayawati pushes Priyanka and Rahul Gandhi out of the truck. Because of this act of Mayawati, both feel bad and get angry. After this moment, all leaders of BSP and SP got angry over Congress party leaders and attacked each other with the same missiles. At that moment, they heard the noise of aircraft passing from that area. Modi and Amit Shah were sitting in the helicopter and saw those people fighting. They were making fun of them. In the

end, Amit Shah attacked them with a missile named Nationalism, and they all got shocked.

### ***Context***

This episode was broadcast after the “Pulwama attack and Balakot Airstrike.” The BSP and SP decided to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in an alliance. The episode shows that in Uttar Pradesh, where the member of BSP and SP (Bahujan Samaj Party and Samajwadi Party) were making the future vote share projection of the BJP (Bharatiya Janta Party) and Congress party for the 2019 general elections. They analysed how the Pulwama attack and Airstrike became advantageous for the BJP to get votes.

### ***11. Tum Sabot Doge Ya Nahi***

The episode’s title, “*tum sabot doge ya nahi*” means will you give evidence or not? The episode starts with the scene in the room where Rahul Gandhi is portrayed as a police inspector. Mayawati, Mamta Banerjee, Akhilesh Yadav, and Digvijaya Singh sat on the couch. Everyone was waiting for Modi. When Modi entered the room, he was surprised to see everyone present. Rahul Gandhi started asking questions to Modi;

*“Rahul: Mr Modi, I have received a news*

*Modi: Tell me clearly, what?*

*Rahul: It is heard that only trees fell in the Airstrike, not terrorists?*

*Modi: Now, what can I do about it?*

*Rahul: We need evidence*

*Modi: Evidence? Which evidence?*

*Rahul: Mr Modi, do you give evidence of Airstrike or not?*

*Modi: Evidence of Airstrike?*

*Rahul: Mr Modi, we all need evidence of Airstrike. Tell me, do you give evidence or not?*

*Modi: Evidence? I give evidence, but first, you bring proof from Pakistan that it will not provide shelter to the terrorists. Go, first get evidence from Imran (Pakistan PM Imran Khan) that he will take action against Hafiz (Mastermind of the Mumbai terror attack and Chief of the banned Jammāt-ud-Dawah (JuD), Hafiz Saeed) and Dawood (Dawood*

*Ibrahim). First, bring evidence that Masood Azhar was killed in the Airstrike or not. Then I will give you proof as you want.”*

### ***Context***

This episode was broadcast after the “2019 Balakot Airstrike,” India conducted in the “early morning” of 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019. India confirms that “Indian warplanes crossed the de facto border and dropped the bombs in the vicinity of the town of Balakot in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province in Pakistan” (BBC, 2019). The Indian Government said that a “preemptive Airstrike directed against a terrorist training camp and causing the deaths of a ‘large number’ of a terrorist.” According to the analysis of open-source satellite imagery by the Atlantic Council Digital Forensic Laboratory, San-Francisco-based Plant labs, European Space imagery, and Australian Strategic Policies Institute, India did not hit any significant target on the Jaba hilltop site in the vicinity of Balakot. The narrative is based on the queries raised in the mind of people after the Indian Government’s confirmation about the Airstrike that a “preemptive airstrike directed against a terrorist training camp, and causing the deaths of a ‘large number’ of a terrorist.” Rahul Gandhi and many other opposition leaders asked the Modi government to provide proof of the strike.

The whole plot of the episode is based on the famous dialogue of a Bollywood film called “Deewar (1975).” The film “tells the story of two brothers,” Vijay (Amitabh Bachchan) and Ravi Verma (Shashi Kapoor), “who follow different career paths: Vijay is a smuggler and Ravi, the policeman who is asked to hunt Vijay down,” (IMDb). In one dramatic scene on which this episode is based (Dasgupta and Datta, 2018, p. 64),

“When Ravi asks his brother to sign the police papers, he declares he will sign but only after Ravi can get all the offenders to sign the documents- the man who framed his father, the man who evicted his mother, and the man who forced the tattoo on his hand.”

### ***12. Humari Tum Suno***

The episode’s title is “*Hamari Tum Suno*,” which means listen to us. The title taken from the song *Garibo kee suno* means to listen to poor people. The lyrics are; *listen to the poor, He will listen to you, will you give a penny, He will provide a million*. The connotative meaning is that Modi and Rahul Gandhi were telling to tempt people and saying give us your one vote. We will provide millions of advantages and opportunities.

The episode started with a colony where Modi and Amit Shah were present. Modi carries a harmonium with him to sing a song. On the other side, Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi were also in the same colony with a harmonium to sing a song. Both parties want to tempt the people through their songs to get votes in the election. The songs started by Modi

*“Modi: Gas cylinders were also delivered, and we also provided 2000 INR to farmers, electricity and toilet to the poor. Listen to us, and we will listen to you. You will vote for us, and we will give you good days.*

*Rahul: Listen to us. We will listen to you. You will give a vote to us, and we will provide you with 72,000 INR.*

*Modi: Listen to us. Congress people come before the election to make false promises. They get you tempted with loan waivers and minimum income schemes.*

*Rahul: These BJP leaders, they lie so much. Rahul Gandhi was telling BJP leaders that they should pity people. Okay, put 15 lakhs in the account of people.*

*Modi: You will get the proof of strike in this election.”*

Through the help of song, both parties try to accuse each other and tell people they do not believe them. Modi told people that Congress leaders only come to you before the election. They tempt you with their schemes. Rahul Gandhi was telling people that BJP leaders are a liar.

### ***Context***

In the episode, Modi first mentions the toilets which they have provided. Under the *Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)*, the Modi government stated that “all rural families have access to toilets and are open defecation-free (SBM).” On 2nd Oct. 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi revealed that the “SBM had resulted in 699 districts and 599,963 villages declaring themselves free of open defecation.” According to the Centre, the “flagship rural sanitation programme began in October 2014 and expanded sanitation coverage from 39% to 100% in five years.” However, according to the “National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5, 2019-20), a household-level demographic and health survey, rural households in only five states (Kerala, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Sikkim) had 100% toilet access out of the 18 states/Union territories for which NFHS-5 state reports

are available. Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Maharashtra had less than 80% toilet access in rural regions” (Paliath, 2021). Modi also focused on the gas cylinder because “*Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana*” was one of the main points in the BJP manifesto. This scheme ensures the LPG gas cylinder connection to all poor rural households.

Besides that, Rahul Gandhi mentions the 15 lakhs INR scheme, which Modi promised during the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Gandhi also asked people to vote, and they gave them 72,000 INR. In 2019, Congress president Rahul Gandhi made a “ground-breaking” promise and a final assault on poverty. He announced that if his party won the 2019 election, then Gandhi would provide INR 72,000 per year to the poorest families in the country, which is 20 percent, under the *Nyuntam Aay Yojana* (NYAY), or minimum income guarantee (Phukan, 2019).

### ***13. Chunavi Mohabbatein***

The episode’s title is “*Chunavi Mohabbatein*”, which means love and election. The episode started in the garden in front of the parliament, where the wind was blowing, and gardeners were working. Rahul Gandhi was playing the violin, and Modi enjoyed his morning tea by reading the BJP manifesto. The conversation starts with

“Rahul Gandhi: Congratulations Mr Modi. Now your manifesto has also arrived with the same worn-out things. Maybe you do not like change, so you should bring an apology letter than a manifesto. Mr Modi, perhaps you are afraid of our power because you are losing.

*Modi: Prince, what we have to do in our manifesto was decided only after the arrival of your manifesto. As a matter of change, the public also does not like changes because they want to see me becoming PM again. Prince, remember one thing, the public will win in a fight between you and me, and the public is with us.*

*Rahul Gandhi: No... Mr Modi, you have seen only the power of your false promises. You have not seen the power of my 72,000 INR scheme that I will show you with lakhs of employment.*

*Modi: Prince, I would like to see such a kind of power. The public will show you the power of the person who stands against corruption. Your manifesto will blow you away like these leaves. Look, the wind is still on my side.*

*Rahul: the wind is changing. This time there will be justice, full justice.*

*Modi: Prince, let's see who will win."*

### ***Context***

The episode is based on the Bollywood film “*Mohabbatein*” (Love). The film is about the battle between two stubborn men, Narayan Shankar (Amitabh Bachchan) and Raj Aryan (Shahrukh Khan), who both have opposite beliefs. One follows discipline and a strict principal of the educational institute, and another stands for love. Both want to impose their opinion on the students. Three men and women fall in love which is the deciding triumph.

The “*Chunavi Mohabbatein*” episode imitates dialogue in the movie “*Mohabbatein*”. The film’s dialogue is a conversation about love and fear between two opposite-belief men. Modi is portrayed as Narayan Shankar and Rahul Gandhi as Raj Aryan.

### ***14. Patna Sahib Ki Jung***

The episode title “*Patna Sahib ki Jung*” means war to win Patna. Patna is the capital of the state of Bihar in India. The episode is based on the imagery voting day scene in Patna. The episode is about a fight between two candidates that is Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP) and Shatrughan Sinha (Congress).

The episode starts with one of the voting centres in Patna, where people were coming to give a vote to the represented parties. Inside the polling centre where people were voting, on one side of the room, Shatrughan Sinha was sitting and on the other side Ravi Shankar Prasad. After seeing each other in the same room, they both get upset. Outside the centre, people were waiting in a queue to give vote. Then a person entered the room, and Sinha called him.

*“Sinha: Munna, come here*

*Person: Coming, Sir*

*Prasad: Munna, Vote for me*

*Person: Okay*

*Sinha: Baby, first I called you, vote me only*

*Prasad: first I asked for a vote, so vote for me only*



*Sinha: wait, Munna, who has contested elections from this seat?*

*Person: Yes, you have been contesting*

*Sinha: Who is winning from here?*

*Person: You have been winning*

*Sinha: So, vote for me only*

*Prasad: Munna, I am a minister in Government, vote me only*

*Sinha: Munna, I have been an MP from this seat, vote me only*

*Prasad: Munna, this seat is empty now, vote me only*

*Sinha: Munna, this is the first time when he is contesting an election, vote me only*

*Prasad: I am already in politics, vote me only*

*Sinha: Munna, I will change your fortune, vote me only*

*Prasad: Munna, he changed the party, vote me only.”*

### ***Context***

Shatrughan Sinha was a member of the BJP from 2003 to 2019. Sinha quit BJP when he did not get the seat from the Patna constituency to fight the election. BJP president Amit Shah decided to give the seat to Ravi Shankar Prasad. After that, Sinha joined the Congress party. He got a seat from the same constituency. Sinha has been contesting elections from the Patna constituency only. When BJP refused to give him a seat, he got angry and left BJP. In the conversation, the cartoonist tried to reflect the sentiments of Sinha. He said I have been contesting and winning the election from this seat. I have been an MP from this seat. Which means he wants to say that I deserve the votes.

### ***15. Abki Baar Chowkidar***

The episode “*Abki Baar Chowkidar*” title means it’s the watchman’s turn. The episode’s title is taken from the slogan used by BJP during the “2014 Lok Sabha Election.” That was “*Abki Baar Modi Sarkar*”, which means “This time Modi Government”. The episode starts with the watchman, Narendra Modi, playing the watchman role. The watchman was guiding the colony at night. First, he saw the door open of the house of Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav. He goes there and tries to find out what is going on

there. Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav came and started yelling over him and shut the door. The watchman moved further and saw a window open in the house of Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi. The watchman closed the window then Rahul Gandhi came aggressively. Rahul Gandhi started shouting over him and asked the watchman who are you and showed him a placard.

On the placard, it was written that “*Chowkidar hi Chor Hai*”, which means “the watchman is a thief.” The watchman moved further and saw the door open of the house of Mamata Banerjee. He went to check it out then Mamata Banerjee came. She was outraged and started shouting at him. After that, all the people from the previous house whom the watchman had checked. They all came together and surrounded the watchman. The watchman somehow manages to run away from them. All the people run behind the watchman to catch him. The watchman reaches the place where he stops running, turns back and starts dancing to a Bollywood film song. At the end of the episode, other security guards came, and all of them began to dance together in front of other people.

### ***Context***

This episode came after the controversy over “*Chowkidar*”, which means watchman. During the “2014 Lok Sabha Election campaign,” Modi, in his speech, called himself a “*Chowkidar*” so that “he would not allow any corruption in the country.” During the “2019 Lok Sabha Election campaign,” Rahul Gandhi said in his speech that “*Chowkidar hi Chor hai*” means the watchman is a thief, after” raising allegations of favouritism and price escalation in the Rafael Deal.”

On 14th Mar. 2019, “Modi responded to the jibe by launching a campaign with the slogan *Main Bhi Chowkidar*” “‘I am a watchman too’ for his supporters, implying that everyone is a fighter against corruption and social evils.” “Modi even changed the name of his official Twitter handle title ‘Narendra Modi’ to ‘*Chowkidar Narendra Modi*’.” After this, many BJP leaders and supporters changed their names accordingly.

The watchman checks out three houses representing three political parties in this episode. These three parties are the Indian National Congress, the All-India Trinamool Congress, and an alliance of BSP and SP. These three parties are in opposition to the BJP. That is why it is shown in the episode when the watchman (Modi) goes to check out the doors of houses, and those people do not support the watchman’s actions. Instead of appreciation, they start yelling watchman.

## ***16. Saheb Humko Bhi Saath Lele***

The “*Saheb Humko Bhi Saath Lele*” title means, Sir, take me with you. It starts with the dream of Rahul Gandhi in which Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav were on the train and going somewhere. They were teasing other people while leaving. Because of a bad dream, Rahul Gandhi suddenly wakes up. Then the doorbell rang. He gets up and opens the door. He opened the door, but there was no one; he saw a flower bouquet on the floor. He took the flowers. There was a man (Kejriwal) in front of Gandhi’s house. The Kejriwal was hiding his face and brooming the street. Gandhi took the flower inside his house, and Kejriwal started staring at Gandhi’s action from Gandhi’s house window. Gandhi smells the fragrance of flowers and got sneezes. Because of a sneeze, all flowers fell, and the broom came out. He gets upset to see a broom and throws it out of his window without seeing Kejriwal standing there. Kejriwal collects the broom and fixes it.

Rahul Gandhi came out of his house and sat in his car. Kejriwal runs behind Gandhi’s car to give him a flower bouquet again. Gandhi saw a speed breaker and suddenly pushed the break. The car stopped, but Kejriwal got hit by the backside because he was running behind the vehicle. When the car stopped, he couldn’t be able to control his speed and hit the car. After crashing, he got hanged over the signal lights. Then signal lights changed into the broom symbol. Gandhi saw the logo and Kejriwal with a bouquet. Gandhi felt irritated and ran away in his car.

Gandhi drove the whole day, but his car’s one-wheel flat at night. Then Kejriwal came with flowers and raised the car with a broom. Rahul saw him and again got angry. He kicked and left his car and went away.

After all this, Gandhi reached to house and tried to relax. Suddenly he heard the sound, and he went to the roof of the house to check it out. He saw Kejriwal hiding his face. Gandhi removes the muffler from his face of Kejriwal so that he can see Kejriwal face. After that, Kejriwal proposed to Gandhi with a flower bouquet. Gandhi got angry and threw flowers.

### ***Context***

In the episode, there are two people AAP (Aam Adami Party) leader Arvind Kejriwal and ex-president of the Congress party Rahul Gandhi. The episode’s title explains that Kejriwal is asking Rahul Gandhi (Sir) to take me with him. This episode came in April

2019 when the controversy occurred between both parties' alliances. Kejriwal states (India Today Web Desk, 2019),

“AAP wanted to form an alliance with Congress for 33 seats in Punjab, Haryana, Goa, and Delhi... After agreeing to all conditions (Congress Party), they suddenly said they don't want to form an alliance with us.”

### ***17. Election Race***

The episode title is *election race*, which means all political parties were in the race to win the 2019 Lok Sabha election. The episode started with the racing track where Modi, Rahul Gandhi, and Akhilesh Yadav were ready for the race. The episode is shown as the bicycling race to win the election. When the race started, Modi and Rahul Gandhi overtook Akhilesh Yadav. Akhilesh Yadav sees Mayawati in the middle of the racetrack, and she signals to Yadav that she will help him win the race. She placed the big elephant in the middle of the track, and Modi and Rahul crossed the elephant with their trick. But Yadav could not cross the elephant placed by Mayawati to help Yadav only. Yadav hit the elephant, and the elephant bounced in the air and fell over Yadav. Yadav's bicycle breaks, and Mayawati feels terrible for him. Then Modi overtakes Rahul, and he signals Amit Shah by thumbs up. Amit Shah was hidden in the tree bushes, and after getting a signal from Modi, he threw nails on the road. Gandhi's bicycle tyres got flat, and he was about to fall from the hill. Priyanka Gandhi suddenly came and fixed Rahul Gandhi's bicycle in a few minutes. She renovated the bicycle and made space for herself to sit on the backside of the bicycle to boost the speed. Now Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi overtake Modi and reach the bridge. After crossing the bridge, Priyanka Gandhi pulls the lever, and the bascule bridge gets split.

Modi could not cross the bridge, and Amit Shah came to help him. Amit Shah sits on the backside of the bicycle, and with the help of a speeding device, Shah accelerates the bicycle's speed and crosses the bridge. After that, Modi again overtook Gandhi. On the back side, Yadav was also coming on his bicycle. The elephant was paddling the bicycle. Then all three parties reached the stadium, and someone came from the backside at the end. Mamata Banerjee was paddling fast and running near the other three parties. In the end, all four parties struggled to win the race.

## *Context*

In this episode, cartoonists show the preparation by different political parties for the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections. For example, the BSP-SP alliance and Priyanka Gandhi joined the Congress party.

### *18. Political Salon*

The episode started with the salon of a famous hairstylist named Jawed Habib. The price list of haircuts was hanging on the wall. The most expensive haircut among all was Kamal cut, which cost 999 Indian Rupees (INR), Panja cut, which cost 599 INR, Jhadu cut of 350 INR, Cycle cut of 450 INR, and Hathi cut of 350 INR. In that salon, some politicians were present and sitting over a couch. All those leaders were waiting for their turn to get hair styling done.

Modi and Amit Shah were sitting on one couch, where Modi was reading the newspaper. Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav, Kejriwal, and Tejashwi Yadav were seated on another oversized couch. After that, hairstylist Jawed Habib appears from the dressing room with all hairstyling instruments. After that, Habib quickly went to the other room where politicians were sitting and carried Tajashwi Yadav in his arms. After seeing this, Kejriwal started laughing. Habib took Yadav to the dressing room, made him sit on a chair, and put an apron on his shirt. Habib began cutting and styling Yadav's hair. Habib made a light lamp of his hair. After seeing this, Yadav got happy and moved outside the room. Kejriwal started laughing again after seeing Yadav's hairstyle and quickly went to the dressing room. Kejriwal sits over a chair like a boss and orders Habib to cut his hair.

On that, Habib intentionally ties the apron to Kejriwal very tightly for a second which chokes Kejriwal, but later lose the apron, which relieves Kejriwal. Habib cuts Kejriwal's hair and makes a boomer of it, but Kejriwal does not like the hairstyle, so he asks Habib for changes. Habib then took out gigantic scissors, which scared Kejriwal. After listening to Kejriwal screaming outside the room sitting, Akhilesh Yadav gets tense. Akhilesh Yadav checks from the edge of the dressing room what is happening to Kejriwal. He sees that Habib is over Kejriwal and cutting his hair. Habib changed his hairstyle, according to Kejriwal. Kejriwal liked his hairstyle and happily walked outside the room. When Akhilesh Yadav gets more scared, he tries to run away from the salon. Mayawati catches Akhilesh Yadav and drags him inside the dressing room.

Habib started cutting and dressing the hair of Akhilesh Yadav and Mayawati. Habib makes an elephant of Yadav's hair and a cycle of Mayawati's hair. First, Yadav gets shocked after seeing his hair, then Mayawati's hair, and starts laughing. Yadav and Mayawati walked out of the dressing room angrily and made fun of each other. Seeing all this, Modi and Shah started laughing loudly over Yadav and Mayawati.

Now, Modi and Shah confidently walk inside the dressing room and sit on the chairs. Modi asked Jawed Habib to cut their hair then Shah expressed that he does not have much hair over his head. Habib started smiling, showing that Modi and Shah had come outside the dressing room. Modi and Shah imitate the hair-cutting process and make fun of it. Modi and Shah left the salon, and Habib sat wearing an apron on the dressing room chair. In the end, it showed that Modi and Shah made a lotus flower hairstyle of Habib's hair, which Habib liked.

### ***Context***

The episode of '*political salon*' was broadcasted in June 2019. The video came after the famous "Indian Hairstylist Jawed Habib joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in New Delhi" on 22nd Apr. 2019. Habib said, "until today, I was the watchman of hair." Today I have become the watchman of the country (Express Web Desk, 2019) after joining the BJP. Habib decided to join BJP "one day before the third phase of the Lok Sabha elections in 2019."

### ***19. Sara Jamana Modi ka Deewana***

The episode starts with Modi's entry on the stage in a lotus flower from the roof. Modi sang a song and gave a dance performance. The song's lyrics explain Modi and Shah's happiness after winning the 2019 general elections. Through his performance, Modi showcased opposition party members that looked at me; I won and became the PM of India again. Modi and Shah danced together and addressed the audience (opposition party members were watching the performance). After overcoming many difficulties and huddles, Modi said I won the elections. The opposition insulted, commented, and blamed me, but I still won because the public was with me. Because the public supported me, I won, and the enemy lost in the elections.

### ***Context***

The episode is based on one of the famous Indian Bollywood songs titled “*sara zamana haseeno ka deewana.*” This song is well-known for Amitabh Bachchan’s (Widely recognised as one of the most prominent actors in Indian cinema history) dance with clothes fitted with electric bulbs that he manipulated from beneath his apparel while dancing, keeping flawless synchronisation. In this video, Modi plays the role of Bachchan with the same attire and dance steps.

At one place in the episode, Mulayam Singh Yadav has depicted. He was cheering Modi and Shah. Sonia Gandhi was sitting beside him and was surprised after seeing Yadav cheering Modi. She was trying to stop Yadav, and she felt so embarrassed. This incident reflected the real-life event when Yadav praised Modi in his Lok Sabha speech before the 2019 general elections. Mulayam Singh Yadav, the leader of the Samajwadi Party, surprised the Lok Sabha when he stated on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2019 that he wanted Narendra Modi to stay Prime Minister. During the house’s valedictory addresses to mark the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha, Yadav expressed his wish for all house members to be re-election, which would mean a clear majority for the BJP once more. Sonia Gandhi, seated next to Yadav, smiled and turned to face her party’s members.

### ***20. Tension Bhara Hai Sama***

This episode is based on the Amethi 2019 Lok Sabha elections, where before the result declaration, member of the congress party and their alliance and the BJP leaders were tense. The lyrics of the song in the episode are

*“Modi: Tension is complete, who knows what will happen tomorrow, the heartbeat has increased here.*

*Rahul: my life is in trouble. Does fortune say to go ahead? My mother kindly boosts my courage*

*Modi: we will win, we are the news, yet why do we feel scared?*

*Rahul: we do not know what would be the result*

*Priyanka: Know where to take the result, dear, don’t worry.*

*Modi: For whose account we are here, the tension is complete.*

*Rahul: Whatever little work will be adjacent, we will all meet.*

*Modi: you will see, we on our own will come clear.*

*Rahul: your dream will break, my mother, boost my courage.*

*Everyone: tension is complete, who knows what will happen tomorrow, the heartbeat has increased here.”*

### ***Context***

Lok Sabha constituency, Amethi. Why is Amethi so important for the 2019 general elections? Amethi is full of symbolism. It's in central Uttar Pradesh, the state with the most members of Parliament in the Lok Sabha (80). The state is home to 16 per cent of India's population and is crucial to the national Government's creation. During the Lok Sabha elections, the Amethi constituency in Uttar Pradesh was in the spotlight due to a high-voltage electoral contest between “Congress president Rahul Gandhi and BJP's Smriti Irani.” In 2014, Rahul defeated Irani by 1 lakh votes to retain the seat. Since 2004, Rahul has been the longest-serving member of Parliament. His mother, Sonia Gandhi, the current UPA chairperson, his father, Rajiv Gandhi, and his uncle Sanjay Gandhi, all held the seat. It's also critical for Congress to keep Amethi, one of only two seats it's won since 2004 (the other being Sonia Gandhi's Rae Bareli). The “Bahujan Samaj Party and the Samajwadi Party,” which are in an alliance in the state, had not contested the seat as a show of support for Rahul Gandhi. But, Smriti Irani of the BJP defeated Rahul Gandhi of the INC in the “Amethi Lok Sabha constituency by a margin of 55,120 votes.”

### ***21. Kamal Ki Tsunami***

The episode starts with a small fishermen's village near the seashore. During the day, dark clouds suddenly spread in the sky while everyone was resting at home. The thunderstorm started, and big waves from the sea began coming. In the end, the big waves converted into a tsunami and vanished from the village. And at last, one big ship comes over the tsunami where two persons enjoying the weather and scene.

### ***Context***

BJP won the 2019 Lok Sabha election with a vast majority. The tsunami was associated with the voters because BJP won the election with a vast majority which is why the seawater is full of lotus flowers. Cartoonists tried to show that BJP vanquished Congress



and other national parties. In the end, the big ship came over the sea, and Narendra Modi and Amit Shah sailed the ship. It reflects that Narendra Modi and Amit Shah are the prominent leaders of the BJP, and Amit Shah is a sailor of the Narendra Modi ship. Their relations reflect that they are like good friends – supportive and loyal to each other.

### ***22. Didi Ka Dard Na Jana Koi***

The episode starts with the television screen, where PM Modi was giving a speech, then suddenly someone came and broke the television. That was Mamata Banerjee with a baseball bat in her hand. It was a scene at her office where she was in a meeting with all the MLAs and other leaders of the TMC party. One of the leaders was making the statistics of seats in West Bengal, and all leaders were scared of Mamata Banerjee because she was in a bad mood. Then suddenly, one of the leader's cell phones rang, and the name displayed on the cell phone screen was BIG BOSS. After seeing this, everyone started passing that cell phone to each other. When Mamata Banerjee saws this, she threw away the cell phone and the person who had that phone outside the balcony. Then Amit Shah came in a jeep and took that person into it. One by one, Mamata Banerjee threw away all the leaders from her balcony, and Amit shah took all the leaders with them. After seeing all this, Mamata Banerjee gets angrier.

### ***Context***

This episode came after the “Lok Sabha election results,” where the “BJP made substantial inroads into West Bengal. Two Trinamool Congress MLAs and more than 50 councillors joined the BJP” in 2019. Subhranshu Roy of Bijapur and Tushar Kanti Bhattacharjee of Bishnupur, both of the Trinamool Congress, joined the saffron camp. Devendra Roy, a CPI(M) representative from Hemtabad, was the other MLA who applied for BJP membership. In addition, in the “presence of Vijayvargiya and BJP leader Mukul Roy,” more than 50 councillors joined the BJP (Express Web Desk, 2019).

### ***23. Koi Toh Adhyaksh Ban Jao***

This episode shows the scene at the Indian National Congress party headquarters in New Delhi after Rahul Gandhi resigns from the post of Congress party president news. In that office room, all the senior leaders of Congress were sitting. When Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi came, they saw Rahul Gandhi's resignation letter in the president's chair. Priyanka Gandhi took the crown and tried to give Rahul Gandhi back, but he

refused. Priyanka Gandhi kept the crown on the table, and Rahul Gandhi started thinking about his replacement. He was staring at other leaders present there. One by one, he began to please everyone and tried to convince leaders to become president. No one gets agreed with him to become the next congress party president. In the end, Rahul Gandhi got disappointed.

### ***Context***

The episode “*Koi toh adhyaksh ban jao*” means someone, please become the president. After the “Congress party’s defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha election, Rahul Gandhi offers resignation from the post of Congress party president.” After his resignation, Congress leaders were worried about the next president. After losing the election, no other leaders from the congress party wanted to become the president.

### ***24. Modi Sir Ko Discipline Pasand Hai***

The episode showed that BJP MPs were staying in a hostel, where they slept at night. At 9 am, the alarm clock of Modi’s head over rang. Everyone sleeping in their bed woke up suddenly and started getting ready for school. All of them were afraid of getting late for Modi’s class. Everyone tried their best to reach into the class, where Manoj Tiwari was having breakfast on the way to school, and Shushma Swaraj was making her hair way to school. Modi was shown as a strict headmaster, and Shah assisted the headmaster. After reaching the class, the headmaster checked the attendance register, got upset after finding some absentees, and left the class. All the student MPs got confused after seeing this.

### ***Context***

The episode is based on the event called “*Abhyas Varga*.” To “discipline” the party, the BJP “organises a two-day training programme for all of its MPs,” with mandatory attendance. On Saturday, BJP legislators began a two-day mandatory “orientation training” focused on maintaining discipline and good manners while attending parliamentary procedures. The video is based on this training program. The “Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has organised a two-day training programme called “*Abhyas Varga*” for all of its MPs in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the Parliament Library Building in New Delhi to “discipline” the party.” Prime Minister Narendra Modi had slammed his ministers for missing Parliamentary sessions earlier this month and “instructed party leaders to compile a list of absentees.”

### ***25. Operation Kamal***

The episode's title is "*operation kamal*," which is operation lotus. The episode started with the room where Kumaraswamy was in a deep sleep. In his dream, he saw that he was sleeping in CM's chair, but someone was disturbing his sleep. Then he sees that Amit Shah is hitting his chair's leg with a big hammer. Kumaraswamy falls from the chair of CM, and B.S. Yediyurappa takes his chair and starts laughing at him. With this scary dream, Kumaraswamy woke up from his sleep. After waking up, he just ran away to prepare for the office. When he reached his office, he first counted all the MLAs. He found that 15 MLAs were not there, which confused him. He saw from the window that other MLAs were having a good time and tea at the tea stall. After seeing this, Kumaraswamy got angry and ran toward those people to catch them red-handed. During that time, those MLAs saw Kumaraswamy and run away before Kumaraswamy reached them. When Kumaraswamy arrived at the tea stall, he found only the resignation letters of all those MLAs and started crying. Then he saw HD Deve Gowda (father of H. D. Kumaraswamy and former CM of Karnataka) passing from there, and Kumaraswamy went to them and lay on his feet for help. In the end, B. S. Yediyurappa watched Kumaraswamy through a telescope from the state assembly building. Yediyurappa started laughing over his condition of Kumaraswamy.

### ***Context***

This term was introduced during the collapse of the state's Government of UPA after being unable to win the trust vote in the state assembly in July 2019. "Operation Lotus, the name the opposition gave to the BJP's game plan to lure MLAs, has been resurrected. All the MLAs who resigned have been promised ministerial berths and tickets to contest in the same seats they had held before submitting their resignations" (Letters, 2019). The episode is based on the incident when HD Kumaraswamy resigned from the "post of chief minister" in the state of Karnataka in 2019.

### ***26. PM Modi ka Junoon***

The episode starts with Modi's dream, where he climbs the poles of the Indian economy. First, he climbed the 2.2 trillion economy pole, then shifted to the 2.5 trillion economy one, then the 2.9 trillion economy pole. From the 2.9 trillion economy pole, he started looking at the 5 trillion economy pole with passion. Then from 2.9 trillion poles, he tried to jump to 5 trillion bars and started the climb to reach the top. When Modi was about to

reach the top of the 5 trillion bar, the pole suddenly got shaken, and the sky turned red. After that, Modi woke up and ran toward his remote workstation. At the workstation, the emergency alarm was beeping high. When he reached the main working room, he found the computer screens were showing the message of 5 trillion economy with the warning sign beeping. The graph of the Indian GDP was falling on the big system screen.

Modi tried hard to stabilise the economy, but nothing worked before he pulled up the handle of “improvement in agriculture” and “more investment.” After pulling up two handles, the GDP got stable. Modi takes a relief breath. But after a few minutes, the screen started to show the warning sign of falling GDP. Once again, Modi put his effort into stability until Amit Shah comes to help him. Shah pressed the red button of “lesser government expenses”, which helped stabilise the GDP. After this, both got happy. Then Nirmala Sitaram, 2019 India’s finance minister, came to boost the GDP by pulling up the handle of “Budget 2019” and “Zero Budget Farming.” By this, GDP started getting high, and all three of them were excited to see this. But soon again, another time, GDP contracted unstable and started falling. This time none of them could do anything to make it stable.

### ***Context***

The episode is based on India’s GDP. India’s GDP fell to a decade-low of 4% in 2019-2020. India is Asia’s third-largest economy. Modi’s stated GDP goal of \$5 trillion (£3.6 trillion) by 2025, or around \$3 trillion after inflation, is a pipe dream. Pre-Covid predictions for 2025 ranged from \$2.6 trillion to \$2.7 trillion. Another \$200-300 billion has been lost due to the pandemic, (Inamdar and Alluri, 2021). GDP rose 5% in the first quarter of FY20 (financial year), according to government figures, the weakest rate of growth since the fourth quarter of FY13. The previous quarter’s GDP growth was 8%, while the last quarter's was 5.8%.

### ***27. Tera budget Ayega***

The episode is based on the famous song from the Bollywood film “*Gully Boy*” called “*apna time ayega*” (our time will come). In the episode, PM Modi is playing the role of the protagonist Murad and singing the song “*tera budget ayega*” (your budget will come).

The lyrics of the song were like that:

*“Modi: Your budget will come; listen to me carefully. If you search for a budget, you will not be disappointed to get the budget. Your budget will come. You will not be able to find a capable PM like me.*

*Common man: This vegetable bag will take my life; tax exemption will make my life easy. I dream that I will be able to get a cheap loan. Will you also provide me cheap Kitchen ration?*

*Modi: There is a chance in the budget, Sitharaman is in Finance, We Will Eliminate Difficulties, we will make a budget for you, we have formed the Government with hard work of sweat, there is fun in living this life, why? Because now your budget will come, you came empty-handed, you will go full of the bag. Your budget will come, you came empty-handed, and your good day will come.... No one’s hand was on my head. I became the PM with my hard work, I did not panic at all, and I am happy with my luck. Still, I am surprised that I do not have any difficulty. The need is for trust or respect, tax, health, rations, farm, railway ticket, education, home loan, wealth, and fame; no one is greedy. There is no one hardest than your PM. Now, if Modi is there, everything is possible. Why? Because now your budget will come, you came empty-handed, you will go full of the bag. Your budget will come, you came empty-handed, and your good day will come.”*

### **Context**

The episode is based on the famous song from the Bollywood film “Gully Boy” called “*apna time ayega*” (our time will come). In the episode, PM Modi is playing the role of the protagonist Murad and singing the song “*tera budget ayega*” (your budget will come). The film “Gully Boy” is based on Indian street rappers, and in the song “*apna time ayega*”, Murad raps about his life struggle, class discrimination, and frustration, saying our time will come, a good time will come. On the other side, in the episode, Modi is addressing the budget issue and tells the people that do not to worry and their budget will come.

### **28. VIP security**

The episode started at Akhilesh Yadav’s house, where Z+ VIP security guards guard Yadav’s house. That was the morning when the newspaper came, and security forces guards helped Yadav to get the newspaper. The newspaper headline was “VIP security to

be taken back: Akhilesh Yadav set to lose his VIP security.” After reading this headline, Yadav gets shocked, and unexpectedly guards disappear. One day, when Yadav was sleeping in his room during the night, then with the noise of the cat, he got scared. On the other side, Shatrughan Sinha was going somewhere in his jeep with the security forces guard. A newspaper blows in his face with the headline “Shatrughan’s VIP status clipped.” After reading this news, he was left alone in the middle of the way in the jeep by the security forces guards.

The next day, Yadav was travelling on public transport bus and was agitated by the crowd on the bus. Besides, Sinha was travelling by taxi and getting disturbed by traffic and noise. Somehow both managed to reach the airport and confront each other while dragging the luggage trolley alone. They display sorrow through their facial expression after seeing each other conditions. During a security check at the airport, Sinha was pushed back into the queue by the other man when he tried to go before others by cheating. After seeing this incident with Sinha, Yadav gets scared. Yadav got an idea for passing security checks faster. He squeezed himself into the bag security beat and fell with other bags too. In the end, they got a stamp of “okay security checks” on his head cap.

### ***Context***

During the Modi government’s second term in office, the Union home ministry conducted the first full-scale evaluation of VIP protectees. Security cover for various leaders from across party lines was reduced and, in some cases, removed from the central list, removing approximately 1,300 individuals from the details of 350 VIPs. Most of those involved were Central Industrial Security Force members, including black cat commandos from the National Security Guard, an elite anti-terrorist unit. After evaluating over 130 cases, the centre has terminated the VIP security cover of various politicians and parliamentarians, including RJD chairman Lalu Prasad and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, former BJP MP Shatrughan Sinha, and many more, according to official sources. In July 2019, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) conducted a comprehensive security examination of 350 VIPs and dignitaries. State police forces will protect a handful of persons who have been removed from the ‘central list’ of VIP security. More than 1,300 security personnel from the CRPF, CISF, NSG, and Delhi Police are expected to be freed as a result of the evaluation. According to them, the

newest evaluation is a routine procedure carried out after considering threat perception reports issued by central security and intelligence agencies (PTI, 2019). A senior-level ministry of home affairs (Sharma, 2019) official said;

“In the review, it was seen that many dignitaries were being given security from two ends. Due to this, large manpower was wasted, so some security was pruned and some modified.”

Earlier in January 2019, “Shatrughan Sinha’s VIP status” was trimmed at “Patna airport.” Shatrughan Sinha, a former BJP MP, has lost his status as a VIP at airports after the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) questioned the Airports Authority of India (AAI) about how he was allowed to drive up to the tarmac of the Jay Prakash Narayan International (JPNI) airport here after his permission had expired about five months ago (Kumar, 2019).

The episode is based on incidents when the various leaders across different political parties in India got removed from the central list of VIP security. The reactions had shown when Akhilesh Yadav and Shatrughan Sinha’s VIP security was terminated.

### ***29. Man vs Wild***

The episode started with a comprehensive view of the wild nature of the jungle, where different kinds of animals were present, like parrot, elephant, zebra, deer, and monkey. At that time, one safari jeep appeared in the middle of the jungle where Bear Grylls and PM Modi were sitting. After coming out of the jeep, Grylls took out his telescope to see wild animals. Modi was standing with twisted arms. When Grylls sees elephants, he asks Modi, “is this an Asian Elephant?” Modi, in reply, quickly stands over an elephant, changes the colour of the elephant from grey to blue and writes BSP on it. Grylls got it and suddenly heard the roar of a tiger. Grylls got scared of the roar and jumped on his arm of Modi. Grylls asks Modi, “is this an Indian Tiger?” and the tiger starts laughing over this question. Modi placed Grylls aside and ran towards the tiger. Modi tiger stood near to each other and started dancing. Modi shows the pledge card in reply to the question in which Shiv Sena was written.

Grylls smile at that and says terrific. After this, they were walking in the forest, and Grylls got surprised after seeing the tri-colour plant. Grylls tried to find the name of that plant in his electronic device through scanning, but he could not succeed. Grylls

asked Modi, “is it a flower?” then Modi took out his mobile phone and showed him the same plant on his phone screen. TMC was written there with the flower picture. Then after checking the sharpness of the arrow, Grylls handover the arrow to Modi and says, it is for your safety. Modi takes out the bow with confidence and shoots the arrow with the bow. In the end, Modi shot “Triple Talaq and article 370” with the arrow in the tree.

### ***Context***

On 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appeared in a never-before-seen avatar when he travelled to the Uttarakhand jungle with “Bear Grylls, the host of the popular Discovery Channel show” “Man vs Wild.” The Man Vs Wild episode was broadcasted on Discovery’s network of channels on 12th Aug. 2019 and was shown in more than 180 places worldwide. The “Man Vs Wild” show featured Modi. It was produced to raise awareness about animal protection and environmental change. In his remark, Prime Minister Modi (Express Web Desk, 2019) said:

“For me, this show presents a great opportunity to showcase India’s rich environmental heritage to the world and stress the importance of environment conservation and living in harmony with nature. It was a great experience spending time in the jungle once again, this time with Bear, who is blessed with indefatigable energy and a quest to experience nature at its purest.”

Days after Prime Minister “Narendra Modi’s appearance on the survival TV show Man Vs Wild, the host Bear Grylls said the broadcast set a new record for the most trending televised event” in the world. With “3.6 billion Twitter impressions,” the show surpassed the previous high of 3.4 billion set by Super Bowl 34. Grylls expressed himself on (Express Web Desk, 2019) Twitter, said

“Officially the world’s most trending televised event! With 3.6 BILLION impressions!’ (Beating ‘Super Bowl 53 which had 3.4 billion social impressions.) THANK YOU, everyone, who tuned in!”

### ***30. Tension nhi leneka Modi ji, Amit bhai hai na***

In this episode, the director tried to show the beautiful, deep friendship between Modi and Shah. Modi was riding a bike with a sidecar, and Shah was sitting on a sidecar, as shown in the film “Munna Bhai MBBS.” The conversation style of Modi and Shah



was similar to Munna and Circuit. Modi starts the conversation by saying this to Circuit;

*“Modi: Man Amit, people voted me a lot in the election*

*Shah: Yes, brother*

*Modi: It has been assured that Apun will fix the Kashmir issue.*

*Shah: exactly brother*

*Modi: I made you the home minister because you are solid enough man*

*Shah: Thank You, big brother*

*Modi: But I’m getting too stressed out wondering how you would do it*

*Shah: But brother, don’t take tension brother, I will all take care, I will get out of this valley all the extravagance*

*Modi: Yes, excellent*

*Shah: Elections will also take place, Pandits will also return, terrorists, will also be eliminated, I will make Kashmir shine so that world will give an example*

*Modi: laughing”*

### ***Context***

In the episode, Modi and Shah played the role of Munna and Circuit of a very famous 2003 Bollywood film named “Munna Bhai MBBS.” In this film, Sanjay Dutt plays Munna, a warm-hearted thug who desires to get an MBBS degree and become a doctor to fulfil his father’s wish. Still, it is also the essential part of Munna’s friend Circuit, played by Arshad Warsi, that has achieved tremendous popularity among fans. This character became almost as famous as Munna himself. Each character is still remembered fondly by Bollywood fans. The relationship of friendship shared between Munna and Circuit was very beautiful.

### ***31. Phle ek tha tiger, ab tiger zinda hai***

The episode starts with the tiger sitting in the forest on a big rock side by the river. Tiger began to laugh and initiated by saying

*“The skin was filled with trash, and the showpiece hung. Medicines were also made from teeth, moustaches, and claws. Nails hanging around the neck also shone his luck. I danced in a circus cage and didn’t have any mercy. Whatever is there now, only you, India, is the support. This heart is beating for you, India.”*

After expressing his emotion to the world about how badly humans have treated them, he expresses gratitude to India for saving them. Modi suddenly came next to the tiger when the tiger finished his talk. Modi was wearing the dress of a forest guard and started saying;

*“Earlier there was one Tiger, Now the tiger is alive that to 2,967. If Modi is there, then it is also possible.”*

In the episode, Modi’s appearance is confident and proud. His body language reflects that the Modi administration is friendly with tigers and other wild animals. That is why he said if Modi is there, it is also possible.

### **Context**

The episode’s title is based on the Bollywood film series *“Ek Tha Tiger”* and *“Tiger Zinda hai.”* This episode was based on the news that came on 29<sup>th</sup> Jul. 2019, when “Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the results of the 2018 Tiger Census” on International Tiger Day. India is now officially one of the Royal Bengal Tiger’s most extensive and safest habitats (Big Cats News, 2019). Modi said that India is “now one of the biggest and most secure habitats of the tiger” (BBC, 2019). According to the Tiger Census 2018, the total population of Royal Bengal Tigers in India is 2967, which is more than double the 2006 figure. PM Modi issued the four-yearly tiger census report last year, revealing that the country’s “tiger population has increased from 1,400 in 2014 to 2,967 in 2019.” Union Minister Prakash Javadekar claimed that “India is home to 8% of the world’s biodiversity, including 70% of the world’s tiger population.” According to government estimates, India now has almost “3,000 Bengal tigers in the wild,” a rise of 33% since 2014. Better safety monitoring and stricter wildlife rules, according to wildlife specialists, have helped the “tiger population grow to its highest level in nearly two decades.”

### **32. MP ko na dekhna, yaha chalti hai meri**

The episode started with the stage where Kamal Nath was present. He was in handling the arm of two people and started his song with this;

*“Say Kamal Nath, listen Amit Shah, I stand. Not seeing the MP, that works my way. Whatever eyes you put on my state, you will be left happy then you will give to your MLA the clap of your regrets. You have seen my game well of making Government, listen dear; your plot will remain. You were not seeing the MP that works for me.”*

#### **Context**

The episode is based on an event on 29th Jun. 2019 called India Today Mind Rocks 2019 (Indore). At this event, Kamal Nath was a guest, and during his talk, he gave noteworthy points. During the event, Kamal Nath challenged the “BJP to walk the talk and try to destabilise his government.” He also warned BJP leaders in Madhya Pradesh against bold claims about toppling the state’s Congress government. He said, “If the BJP has guts, it should try and topple my government. Why is it resorting to mere tall talk?” (India Today Web Desk, 2019). When asked about previous MP “Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP leader Kailash Vijayvargiya’s statements that they can overthrow Kamal Nath’s government at any time,” he said this. “Are they (BJP leaders) showing mercy on my government?” Kamla Nath responded. The “people of Madhya Pradesh had made their choice by choosing a Congress government,” according to Kamla Nath. “They (BJP leaders) say stuff like these to bolster the spirit of their party’s workers” (India Today Web Desk, 2019), he explained.

### **33. 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day 2019**

The episode starts with the Indian National flag and the entry of Modi and Shah in the black car (same as the original song). On the number plate of the vehicle, Happy Independence Day was written, and other opposition party leaders were also present there to celebrate Independence Day. Modi started to sing a song with this passage;

*“Modi: I remember those childhood things when article 370 applied to Kashmir.*

*Shah: Since that time, it is smouldering today in me, Kashmir is not anyone’s fiefdom.*

*Modi: The terrorists of the count were killed, and the Kashmir valley became a haven again.*

*Shah: This freedom is rarely found, we all make happiness together.*

*Modi: 15th Aug. is a chance, the flag holds it's high.*

*Shah: everyone has to move ahead together.*

*Kejarival: no more we have to wait.*

*Modi: If someone breaks any law, punch. Whoever gives triple talaq, then punch.*

*Shah: if anyone fights with my India, then punch.*

*Modi: The evil eye that has arisen is said to be the punch.”*

### ***Context***

The episode came on the occasion of India's 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day 2019. The episode is based on the Bollywood film song called “*toh dishoom*” (it means punch), where two film protagonists come together and sing this song. The song lyrics were motivated to punish people involved in corruption, wrongdoing, terrorism, etc. In the episode, Modi and Amit Shah played the role of two protagonists and sang the same song but with twisted lyrics.