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1) High states a rejuvenated congress takes on a more resourceful and better funded BJP

- a) There is a tendency to equate elections, scheduled for next month as a “semifinal”.
- b) But it is wrong to do so as most have populations that rival that of major countries.
- c) In North central Indian states with a large Hindi- speaking population the BJP sought to cash the popularity.
- d) In Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot remain popular on account of his government welfare measures, but MLA do not enjoy same confidence.
- e) In Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel managed dissidence within congress party.
- f) The grand old party now expects to provide tough fight for ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi with the BJP.

2) Local sentiments the center must heed the political message of voters in Kargil

- a) National Conference (NC) congress alliance has pulled off a thumping victory in Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Kargil.
- b) This way the first statement made in Kargil since it came under the direct rule of the center in 2019.
- c) In Kargil the NC won 12 seats and the congress 10, in the 26-member council.
- d) Kargil has a total of 74,026 registered voters, spread sparsely in mountains.
- e) Last four years, Buddhists and Shi Muslims jointly protested for special status.
- f) Present, Leh and Kargil together form one Lok Sabha seat.

3) S.C sets October 31 for hearing electoral bonds case. (Krishana Das Rajagopal)

- a)" We are here to decide the case", Chief Justice of India D.Y Chandrachud observed.
- b) The scheme decided by the top court before the 2024 Lok Sabha election.
- c) Having this timeline in mind court agreed to petitioners focus primarily on two issues.
- d) The two issues concern violation of Articles 19,14,21.
- e) Sadan Farasat (advocate) for a petitioner. The point is the purchaser of the bounds enjoys anonymity.
- f) If there is a tax deduction availed by the donor, then it may be a money bill.
- g) The court said it would hear final arguments on October 31st and continue November 1st if the submission spill over.