

## Kamal Nath is Congress' pick for MP



One done, two more to go. As Congress struggled picking the chiefs after returning to power in three of the heartland states. The party chose Kamal Nath to head Madhya Pradesh and next up is the task to choose respective chief ministers for Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

After winning the polls in three states, Congress was crippled by a tussle between the young and older candidates of the party, especially in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh - for who will become the chief minister of the respective states. However, the wait for decision on who will become the CM of one of the three states is finally over as "Kamal bloomed" during the late-night meeting of MLAs in Bhopal on Thursday night. Congress has picked the old guard of the party - Kamal Nath as the choice for Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, while the Jyotiraditya Scindia, the rival claimant seconded his name.

Following the party's official announcement about Kamal Nath, the to-be chief minister of MP finally called Governor Anandiben Patel to claim stakes for government formation in the wee hours of today morning. However, there is still no word on who will claim the top job for Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, and a recent tweet from party president Rahul Gandhi said that "two most powerful warriors are time and patience", indicating that the wait for the declaration of new chief ministers of Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh might be extended by few hours.

For Rajasthan one of the frontrunners and senior candidate Ashok Gehlot might seal the deal, but the victory in the state was helmed by Sachin Pilot and both the claimants met Gandhi at his Tuglaq Road residence in New Delhi. The potential ministerial leaders for Chhattisgarh are Bhupesh Baghel and TS Singh Deo, and the decision is most likely to be taken today.