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Jolt to BJP as Sena & Co sweep Maha MLC polls

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The Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi has given a major blow to the BJP defeating it in all the seats including its stronghold, Nagpur, in the biennial elections to five seats of Maharashtra Legislative Council.

The MVA has snatched away from BJP the prized seat of Nagpur division graduates' constituency. The Congress won the seat for the first time in 58 years after the Jana Sangh and the BJP dominated this prestigious seat.

Congress's Abhijit Warjari defeated Sandeep Joshi of BJP, the Mayor of Nagpur Municipal Corporation. Nagpur is the headquarters of BJP's ideological parent RSS.

NCP supremo Sharad Pawar, the chief architect and mentor of the MVA, said the results are a reflection of the performance of the three-party alliance. "Clearly the picture has changed... the Congress has won the Nagpur division seat," said Pawar, adding that people have shown faith in the new government. "We have just won one seat, the result is not as

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NCP supremo Sharad Pawar seemed to be critical of the leadership of Congress scion Rahul Gandhi.

"There appears to be a lack of consistency, it will have to be seen if there is acceptance (of Rahul Gandhi) within the (Congress) party organisation," said Pawar.

per our expectations... the three parties have contested together and we have misjudged their combined strength, we will have to work hard," said Fadnavis.

The BJP was claiming that the MVA government will collapse post these elections, the first in a year's time in the state. MVA either has bagged or is leading in four seats, while an Independent won one seat. The BJP won just one seat, that too in bypolls, the result of which was much on expected lines. The Shiv Sena lost the lone seat it contested.