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WHY IS INDIA PM MODI'S BJP PARTY NOT CONTESTING THE ELECTION IN KASHMIR?

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Recent politics have changed the region and eventually led to the prominent absence of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which is gunning for a landslide win nationwide.

Voting began on Monday (May 13) in Kashmir, with capital Srinagar the first of the three Kashmiri seats to go to the polls in the fourth phase of India's six-week-long general election.

Notably absent from the electoral fray is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has not fielded any candidate to contest the Kashmir seats for the first time in three decades.

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