

At 65%, Maharashtra clocks better turnout than in 2019

Urban centres such as Mumbai and Thane register a low turnout; minor skirmishes reported in Beed; Naxalism-affected Gadchiroli logs 73.68%; wait begins for counting of votes on Saturday

Abhinav Deshpande
MUMBAI

Maharashtra recorded a voter turnout of 65.11% in the single-phase Assembly election on Wednesday, as per provisional data from the Election Commission at 11.50 p.m.

The turnout in the 2019 Assembly election was 61.6%.

While urban centres such as Mumbai and Thane recorded a low turnout, Naxalism-affected Gadchiroli district saw 73.68%.

Voters will decide the fate of 4,136 candidates contesting in 288 Assembly constituencies. Votes will be counted on November 23. "Polling went off peacefully in the entire State, except for one or two incidents in Beed district,



Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar and family leaving a polling booth in Mumbai on Wednesday. EMMANUEL YOGINI

where there was some commotion in the polling stations as a result [of which] we had to replace the EVMs," Chief Electoral Officer S. Chockalingam said.

In Beed's Parli, where Minister Dhananjay Munde of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP was contesting, a polling

booth was vandalised, and a worker of the rival Sharad Pawar-led NCP(SP) was assaulted. Madhav Jadhav, a local leader from the Sharad Pawar faction, was attacked in the Bank Colony area of Parli town.

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Maharashtra sees better turnout than 2019

A video of the assault went viral on social media, which was followed by the vandalism of a polling booth in Ghatmandur, according to an official, who reported that a group of people stormed the polling booth, damaged furniture and threw an EVM on the ground.

Despite extensive voter outreach and ease-of-voting measures carried out by the Election Commission, urban centres like Mumbai and Thane reported low turnout on Wednesday. Mumbai City recorded a turnout of 52.07%, while Mumbai Suburban saw a slightly better 55.77%. Pune registered a polling rate of 61.05%, and Thane 56.05%.

In contrast, the Left-Wing Extremism-affected Gadchiroli district recorded 73.68% turnout, Kolhapur 76.25%, and Bhandara 69.42%. In Nanded, where a Lok Sabha bypoll was also conducted, 64.92% of voters turned up.

Mr. Chockalingam added that the voter experience in Mumbai, the country's financial capital, was significantly better than during the Lok Sabha election earlier this year, crediting improved arrangements and the deputation of municipal commissioners as election officers. "Complaints of long queues and inadequate facilities were absent this time," he said.

Sporadic violence and EVM glitches mar Maharashtra polls

In Nandgaon seat, a case was registered after a scuffle broke out between ruling Shiv Sena nominee and Independent candidate; incidents related to electronic voting machines were reported in Beed district, Nandgaon and Mangalwar Peth

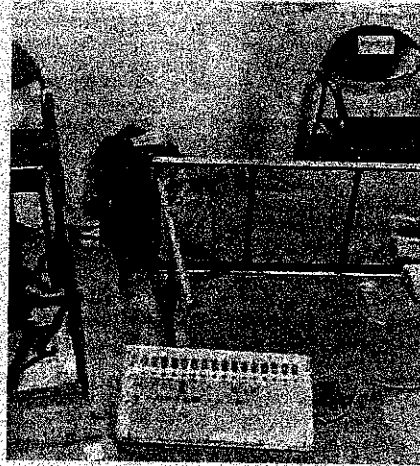
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MUMBAI

Sporadic incidents of violence and intimidation, conflicts between workers of parties and technical glitches in electronic voting machines (EVMs) marred the polling for the Maharashtra election on Wednesday.

In the Nandgaon constituency in Nashik district, a scuffle broke out between Subhas Kande, nominee of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and Independent candidate Sameer Bhujbal, nephew of Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar) leader Chaggaan Bhujbal, at a polling centre.

Mr. Kande was seen giving death threats. Later, he dismissed the allegations and said, "I did not take Mr. Sameer's name, instead I was shouting at one of my workers to stop beating the other party workers."

Clarifying, Mr. Kande said, "Mokadam [contractor] held a lunch for all sugar cane cutters who came for voting to the polling booth, but they were man-handled and abused by Sameer's people. When I complained to the Election Commission, I told them, 'You detain them if they were not voters, but if they



A polling booth vandalised in the Parli Assembly constituency during the Maharashtra election at Ghatbandur village in Beed. ANI

are, let them vote."

The Nandgaon Police have registered a case. Nashik Collector Jalaj Sharma confirmed the incident and said, "Action has been taken; the clash emerged over the identity of voters. The identity of voters has been checked before they were allowed to vote." In another incident in Nandgaon, a vehicle in Sakore village was attacked and the police detained one person.

Similar incidents were

reported in Wardha and Baramati. Sharad Pawar-led NCP spokesperson Nitesh Karale was assaulted in Mandwa village in Wardha district.

BJP workers allegedly attacked him when he was returning from voting. A complaint has been filed at the Sawangi police station. The assault video has gone viral on social media.

Tensions in Baramati

In Baramati, tension erupted outside a booth where

Campaign by phone on polling day, say voters

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Voters from Mumbai and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region have complained of receiving phone calls from various political parties seeking votes even on election day.

A resident of south Mumbai shared screenshots of messages that she received displaying her details, name of a candidate from her constituency and a party symbol, and urging her to vote for the party.

"It is shocking to learn that our phone numbers are leaked, and our details are available for access by anyone," said the resident.

Another voter said, "The phone calls were not from a recorded bot, it was a person speaking, telling me my details and asking me to press their party symbol."

Kiran Kulkarni, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, said no campaigning that could influence voters during the 48-hour period was permitted.

NCP(SP) candidate Yugendra Pawar's mother, Sharmila Pawar, accused rival NCP (Ajit Pawar faction) workers of issuing death threats to party workers.

She told the media, "When I came to the spot, I saw voter slips bearing their party symbol being distributed. I plan to file a complaint with the Election Commission."

In the Karjat constituency, NCP-SP candidate Rohit Pawar complained that a black mark was put on the

EVM next to his name.

Violent incidents related to EVMs were reported in Beed district of Marathwada.

EVM-related complaints also came to light in the New English School booth in the Nandgaon constituency as well as in Pune's Mangalwar Peth constituency at the Atal Bihari Medical College booth. The EVMs stopped working at the polling centres for a brief time, causing inconvenience to voters.

Bypolls held for 15 seats across four States; five U.P. police officers suspended

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Five police officers were suspended in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday after Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav complained that they behaved indecently and used rough language with burkha-clad women to prevent them from voting. He demanded repolling in the Kundarki constituency.

Apart from the nine Assembly constituencies in U.P., byelections were held to four Assembly seats in Punjab and one each in Kerala and Uttarakhand. Stray incidents of violence were reported in one constituency in Punjab and another in Uttar Pradesh.

The Uttar Pradesh byelections are seen as a critical barometer to assess if the SP has maintained its gains from the Lok Sabha election.

'Police checking IDs'

Posting a video on X showing Muslim women complaining that they had not been allowed to vote, Mr. Yadav called for the immediate suspension of a station house officer in Ibrahimpur who allegedly "used indecent behaviour and language with women to prevent them from casting their votes". In another post, he said, "All police of-



Tight security: A security official checks a voter during the Sisamau Assembly byelection in Kanpur district on Wednesday. PTI

ficers who are checking voter cards and Aadhaar IDs should be immediately suspended on the basis of video evidence. Police have no right to check Aadhaar ID cards or identity cards."

The BJP sought the intervention of the Election Commission to check the identity of women voters in burkha, claiming their IDs did not match with their faces.

BJP spokesperson Manish Shukla said the SP and its chief are scared of losing the bypolls.

The voter turnout in each constituency till 11:55 p.m. was Ghaziabad (33.30%), Katehari (56.89%), Khair (46.36%), Kundarki (57.72%), Karhal (54.07%), Majhawan (50.42%), Meerapur (57.12%), Phulpur (43.45%), and Sisamau (49.13%). A confrontation between two groups led to stone throwing in Kakroli village

in Meerapur. Senior Superintendent of Police Abhishek Singh said the police promptly reached the spot and dispersed the crowd using "mild force".

In neighbouring Uttarakhand, a voter turnout of 57.64% was recorded in the Kedarnath Assembly constituency till 11:55 p.m.

In Punjab, the turnout till 11:55 p.m. in four constituencies was Gidderbaha (81.90%), Dera Baba Nanak (64.01%), Barnala (56.34%), and Chhabewal (53.38%).

A minor clash took place between supporters of the Aam Aadmi Party and the Congress at Dera Pathana village in the Dera Baba Nanak constituency.

In Kerala, Palakkad, which saw a triangular contest between the CPI (M), Congress, and BJP, recorded a 69.80% turnout at 11:55 p.m.

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68.45% voter turnout in Jharkhand

Amit Bhelari
RANCHI

The second and final phase of the Jharkhand Assembly election concluded peacefully on Wednesday with a better voter turnout than in the first phase.

Polling was held for 38 seats in the second phase, which saw a turnout of 68.45%, as per provisional data from the Election Commission at 11.50 p.m. The first phase on November 13 recorded a turnout of 66.65%.

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68.45% voter turnout recorded in Jharkhand

Polling was held in 12 districts. Jamtara district topped the chart with 77.29% polling, while Bokaro district recorded the lowest at 63.22%.

The Nala seat in Jamtara recorded the highest turnout of 80.3%, followed by Maheshpur seat at 79.82% and Sarathi at 77.94%.

The Bokaro seat witnessed the lowest voting with just 52.06%. In Dhanbad, it was 52.31% and in Jharia 55.25%. In the rest of the constituencies, the turnout was above 60%.

Sealed in strong room

Jharkhand Additional Chief Electoral Officer Neha Arora said 63 ballot units, 45 control units and 186 VVPATs were replaced during voting.

She said the voting percentage was likely to increase as voters were standing in queue at some places and the final figures would be available by Thursday afternoon.

Chief Electoral Officer K. Ravi Kumar said that with the cooperation of everyone, the second phase of polling was completed peacefully. He said EVMs would be sealed in the strong room after scrutiny by Thursday afternoon.

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Palakkad records 69.80% voter turnout

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PALAKKAD

The Palakkad Assembly constituency went to the polls on Wednesday to elect a replacement for Shafi Parambil, who vacated the seat after his election to the Lok Sabha from Vadakara in April this year.

Although polling started at 7 a.m., the 184 booths spread across Palakkad municipality and the panchayats of Mathur, Pirayiri and Kannadi witnessed an



Women await their turn to vote at the school at Vennakara in Palakkad on Wednesday. K.K. MUSTAFAH

underwhelming voter turnout of 69.80% according to a data at 11.55 p.m. Those already in queues

were allowed to vote after the deadline. The polling was complete by 8 p.m. in all the booths, according to

officials. The polling percentage was 75.2% in the previous elections.

United Democratic Front's Rahul Mamkoottathil, Left Democratic Front's P. Sarin and BJP's C. Krishnakumar fought it out vigorously in a high-stakes triangular battle that drew the attention of the entire State.

The poll percentage will change slightly as postal ballots are to be accepted until 7.59 a.m. on Saturday, the counting day.

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70.18% voter turnout in Palakkad bypoll till 6 pm

PALAKKAD (KERALA): An estimated 70.18 percent of voters have exercised their franchise till the completion of polling at 1800 hours in the byelection to Palakkad Assembly Constituency on Wednesday.

The voting percentage was less than the 2021 assembly election when it recorded 75.44 percent. The polling started at a snail pace in the morning and 53.33 percent polling was recorded till 1500 hours. However, brisk polling was reported and the voter turnout has increased in the last hours.

"In a few polling booths,

the voting process continued after the scheduled time at 1800 hours. The official figure of voter turnout will be available later from the Election Department.

Palakkad Municipal area reported 70.12 percent, while Mathur 69.76, Kannadi 68.42 and Pirayari panchayath 69.26 percent. Kannadi is the stronghold of LDF, while Palakkad Municipality is the stronghold of BJP and Pirayari is the stronghold of UDF and Mathur is the equal stronghold of LDF and UDF.

BJP camp is confident considering the increase in the voting percentage at Palakkad municipal area by five percent from 65 percent to 70 percent.



In the 2021 election, UDF's Shafi Parambil won a margin of 3850 votes against BJP candidate Mathoman E Sreedharan.

BJP president K Surendran said, the saffron party will

win the seat after Suresh Gopi won from Thrissur Lok Sabha seat in Kerala in 2024.

UDF candidate Rahul Mamkoottathil said they will surely win even if the polling percentage was decreased.

While LDF candidate P Sreen said, this time its party candidate will surely win and the UDF will come in the third spot.

In the last hour, a confrontation was reported between the UDF candidate Rahul Mamkoottathil and the workers of BJP and LDF, following the former's visit to 49 number polling booth at Government High school, Vennakkara in Palakkad Municipal area. The police intervened and removed Rahul Mamkoottathil from the booth. Later an altercation was also reported outside the booth.

Ten candidates are in the fray and the counting will be held on November 23.

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Exit polls predict edge for Mahayuti in Maha

■ Jharkhand can go either way with advantage INDIA

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NEW DELHI, NOV 20

With Maharashtra and Jharkhand sealing the fate of BJP-led NDA and the INDIA alliances on Wednesday, most exit polls predictions gave the NDA an advantage in both states even as a few predicted hung Assembly in Maharashtra and the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (Congress-Shiv Sena (Thackeray)-NCP (Sharad) in the winning seat in Maharashtra. In Jharkhand, while most exit polls gave the NDA an edge, some have predicted the JMM-led incumbent government retaining power.

While the voting ended on Wednesday in both states, verdict will be out on November 23 with leaders of both alliances claiming victory.

In Maharashtra where the incumbent Mahayuti (Shiv Sena (Shinde)-BJP-NCP(Ajt) has been heavily banking on the development plank and the government's schemes, including the much hyped 'Ladli Bahen', most exit polls have predicted the alliance retaining power. After its dismal performance in Maharashtra in the Lok Sabha polls, the BJP had concentrated its focus mainly on the development plank while its allies Shiv Sena (Shinde) and NCP (Ajt) were fighting for the 'original' tag with their other faction led by Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar, respectively.

MAHARASHTRA (288 SEATS)

	Mahayuti	MVA
Exit polls	152	926
Matrice	150-170	110-130
BJP	147-157	110-130
Lok Sabha		
Marathi		
Rudra	128-142	125-140

JHARKHAND (81 SEATS)

	India	NDA
Exit polls	35	39
AXIS: My India	53	25
BJP	37-40	31-40
Matrice	25-40	42-47



Former cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and his family display their inked fingers after casting votes for the Maharashtra Assembly elections in Mumbai on Wednesday. — PTI

Maha cities show poor turnout, villages rush in

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NEW DELHI, NOV. 20

Urban voter apathy continued to bog down Maharashtra, particularly the Mumbai, Pune and Thane regions but the rural and semi-urban areas compensated to keep the overall poll percentage dignified during the voting for 288 seat assembly on Wednesday. Maharashtra, which voted in a single phase, recorded 63.00 per cent turnout. In 2019 it was 60.56%. Jharkhand, which voted in the second phase for 81 seats, had a voter turnout of 68% surpassing the 67.04% voting in the

EC SUSPENDS 5 COPS IN UP ON SP PLAINT

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, NOV. 20

Bypolls in nine Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday saw confrontation between police and voters, and rival groups. Samajwadi Party chief Mr. Akhilesh Yadav accused police personnel

of deterring people from a particular community from casting votes while the BJP alleged that the faces of some burqa-clad women voters are not matching with their IDs. Both the SP and the BJP called for the Election Commission (EC) to intervene.

corresponding assembly seats in 2019. By-polls in 15 assembly constituencies (AC) and that of Nanded parliamentary seat also concluded on Wednesday.

Polling was conducted in nine Assembly constituencies in Uttar Pradesh, four in Punjab and one each in Uttarakhand and Kerala on Wednesday.

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68% turnout in J'khand, 63% in Maha; Mumbai sees low voting

Byelections in 15 Assembly constituencies, Nanded LS seat conclude

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NEW DELHI, NOV. 20

Urban voter apathy, particularly in Mumbai, Pune and Thane regions, continued to bog down the overall Maharashtra poll percentage. However, the rural and semi-urban areas compensated to keep a dignified turnout as voting for the 288-seat Assembly ended on Wednesday. Maharashtra, which voted in a single phase, recorded a 63 per cent turnout. In 2019 it was 60.56 per cent.

Jharkhand, which voted in the second phase for 81 seats, had a voter turnout of 68.21 per cent, surpassing the 67.04 per cent voting in the corresponding Assembly seats in 2019.

Bypolls in 15 Assembly constituencies and that of the Nanded parliamentary seat also concluded on Wednesday. In Uttar Pradesh, polling was conducted in nine constituen-



An elderly voter being assisted to a polling booth to cast her vote during the Kedarnath Assembly constituency bypoll in Rudrapur on Wednesday. — PTI

cies and four constituencies in Punjab. One Assembly constituency each in Uttarakhand's Kedarnath and Kerala also went to bypolls.

In Mumbai, celebrities spurred on voters to show up at the polling booths and fulfil their responsibilities. Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar also voted along with his fami-

ly Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Union minister Nitin Gadkari were also among the early voters. NCP leader Ajit Pawar and his wife cast their vote at Katwadi in the Baramati area. Lok Sabha MP and NCP(SP) leader Supriya Sule

and her daughter also cast their votes in Baramati.

However, most of the voters in Mumbai stayed indoors. The EC lamented that despite a range of measures for ease of voting, besides motivational campaigns.

Exit polls give NDA edge in Maha & Jharkhand, but will results match?

Caution After LS, Hry Outcomes Upset Forecasts

After the debacle for Indian pollsters in the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year and the recently concluded Haryana elections, most TV channels refrained from commissioning exit polls for the Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly elections. That apart, exit polls released on Wednesday evening after close of polling in Maharashtra and the second phase in Jharkhand hinted at an advantage for NDA in both states. Counting of votes for both states will take place on Nov 23.

The list of polls compiled by TOI from news media and posts on X from their official handles showed that six of the 10 exit polls in Maharashtra gave a clear advantage to the incumbent NDA (Mahayuti), one predicted a near-equal show while

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the remaining three gave the opposition INDIA bloc (Maha Vikas Aghadi) the edge.

In Jharkhand, three of the seven polls gave a clear edge to opposition NDA in the 81-member House, one indicated a close fight, and two gave INDIA majority. One poll gave neither alliance a majority.

Among the polls in Maharashtra that put NDA ahead, the maximum number of seats for the combine in the 288-member assembly varied by around 40 seats — from 157 as predicted by P-Marq to 195 by Peoples Pulse. 'Poll Diary', that predicted a maximum of 186 seats for NDA, kept the range at 122-88 — a margin of 64 seats. The same pollster predicted 68-124 seats for INDIA bloc, again a margin of 56 seats.

Polls that gave an edge to NDA suggest most seats will be divided between the two alliances, with other parties reduced to single-digit tallies. **TNN**

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SUSPENSE BUILDS AHEAD OF COUNT ON NOV 23

MAHARASHTRA 288	INDIA	Others
ADVANTAGE NDA		
Peoples Pulse	175-195	85-112
Poll Diary	122-186	69-121
Matrize	150-170	110-130
Times Now-JVC	150-167	107-125
Chanakya Strategies	152-160	130-138
P-Marq	137-157	126-146

NECK-AND-NECK

Lokshahi Marathi-Rudra	128-142	125-140
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ADVANTAGE INDIA

Dainik Bhaskar	125-140	135-155
Electoral Edge	118	150
SAS	127-135	147-155

► Maoist-hit Gadchiroli district recorded 73.7% turnout (as of 11:30pm), while Mumbai City finished at the bottom with 52.1% voting. Mumbai Suburban logged 55.8%.

► Highest turnout in Maharashtra was recorded in Kolhapur district, at 74.3%. In Jharkhand, it was Jamtara, at 77.3%.

► Of nine assembly seats in UP where bypolls were conducted, Ghazabad registered the lowest turnout — at 33.3%. This was the district's worst performance since 2007, when turnout was 33.03%.



Three generations of a family, including a first-timer, voted in Randra West, Mumbai

JHARKHAND 81	INDIA	Others
ADVANTAGE NDA		
Peoples Pulse	44-53	25-37
Chanakya Strategies	45-50	35-38
Matrize	42-47	25-30
Times Now-JVC	48-44	30-40
NECK-AND-NECK		
Dainik Bhaskar	37-40	36-39
ADVANTAGE INDIA		
Ajix My India	17-27	48-59
P-Marq	31-40	37-47

Maharashtra at 65% & Mumbai (55%) post best turnout in 30 yrs

Mumbai: Voters of Maximum City shed their reputation for being Minimally Interested in actually voting, polling a three-decade record turnout of 54.8% according to EC's 11:30pm update. Maharashtra as a whole also recorded a 30-year high of 65.1%, reports Priyanka Kakodkar. The last time the number was higher for both Mumbai and Maharashtra was in 1995, when Mumbai had seen a final 58.7% turnout and Maharashtra had recorded 71.7%. Wednesday's numbers are likely to slightly go up further once the EC revises the figures.

To just give an idea of the change in voter behaviour, Mumbai had seen 54.1% polling in the April-May Lok Sabha polls and Maharashtra had seen a 61.8% turnout.

► **Colaba lowest, P 10**

Final phase in Jharkhand closes at 68.5%

Ranchi: Jharkhand saw a vibrant conclusion to its assembly elections on Wednesday, with tribal women in bright saris singing and dancing on their way to polling booths, reports Dhritiman Ray. EC reported a turnout of nearly 68.5% across 38 constituencies at 5pm in the final phase, marking a marginal increase from 67% in these seats in 2019. Maheshpur (ST) in the minority-dominated Pakur district led with over 79%. The first phase on Nov 13 across 43 constituencies recorded a turnout of nearly 67%. Votes for the 81-member assembly will be counted Nov 23.

► **No disturbances, P 10**

EC action against UP cops after complaints of voter intimidation, arbit checks

New Delhi: Five police personnel were suspended and many others taken off poll duty in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, Kanpur and Moradabad districts on the Election Commission's directions after complaints alleged arbitrary checking and prevention of electors from voting during bypolls.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, who was among the key complainants, posted videos on his X handle and tagged EC and the Chief Election Commissioner's accounts, while pressing them to take strict action.

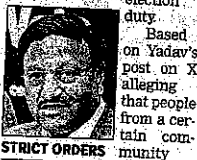
Two sub-inspectors were suspended in Muzaffarnagar for non-compliance of EC guidelines on checking of voters. Only poll officers can check IDs of voters, as per the poll panel's guidelines. In Moradabad, EC, after a thorough investigation into complaints, suspended a police officer after it found that he had entered a polling booth to inquire about the smooth conduct of polling in violation of norms. Departmental proceedings will be initiated against the erring police officer. **TNN**

► **Publicise action, P 10**

CEC Rajiv Kumar: No eligible elector should be stopped from voting

► **From P 1**

Acting on cases reported from Bhikampur and Milak Siri, the poll body removed a sub-inspector, two head constables, and two women constables from election duty.



STRICT ORDERS

Based on Yadav's post on X alleging that people from a certain community were being prevented from voting, EC suspended two police personnel in Sisamau assembly constituency in Kanpur. CEC Rajiv Kumar, taking

cognisance of Yadav's complaints, had earlier issued strict directions to the UP chief electoral officer and district election officers to ensure free and fair polls.

They were told not only to act on social media complaints, but also publicise the action taken on social media itself.

"No eligible elector should be prevented from voting. No partisan approach will be tolerated and anyone found guilty upon investigation shall face action," Kumar had directed.

On Wednesday, bypolls were held in nine assembly seats in UP — Karhal, Katehari, Ghaziabad, Sisamau, Meerapur, Majhawan, Khair, Phulpur and Kundarki.

Dr. Next

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Harassment of voters in UP: EC orders suspension of 5 cops

NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW: Five police personnel were suspended and many others removed from poll duty in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday for flouting Election Commission guidelines and stopping electors from casting votes in the ongoing assembly bypolls, officials said.

The action by the poll authority came amid complaints by opposition parties, mainly the Samajwadi Party, that people from a particular community were being prevented from casting their vote.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav urged the EC to suspend all police officers who were checking voter cards and Aadhaar IDs, based on video evidence.

Acting on the commission's directions, district election officers and superintendents of police, after verifying the complaints, suspended the police personnel for their conduct.

EC officials said that in Muzaffarnagar, two sub-inspectors were suspended for "non-compliance" with EC guidelines for voter checking.

In view of complaints received regarding the checking of identity cards of voters by police personnel in Moradabad, a thorough investigation was conducted, the officials said. The cases pertained to Bhikanpur Kulwara and Milak Siri villages.

In this regard, one sub-inspector, two head constables, and two women constables have been removed from poll duty and sent to the police lines.

In another complaint regarding police personnel entering a polling booth, the investigation found that he had entered the booth to inquire about the smooth conduct of the polling process.

However, as this is against EC guidelines, the erring police official has been suspended and department proceedings will be initiated, the poll panel said.

Similar suspensions were ordered in the Sisamau assembly constituency of Kanpur district.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Election Officer Navdeep Riwla said five police personnel on poll duty have been suspended taking note of complaints.

Dr. Next

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Over 50% voter turnout in four states' bypolls

NEW DELHI: A voter turnout of over 50 per cent was recorded in the bypolls to 16 assembly seats spread across Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala and Uttarakhand on Wednesday amid stray incidents of violence and complaints of irregularities against police officials and misuse of government machinery.

Poll officials said nearly 50 per cent voters exercised their franchise by 5 pm in Uttar Pradesh.

The Election Commission's update at 5 pm showed the voter turnout at: Ghaziabad (33.30 per cent), Katehari (56.69 per cent), Khair (46.43 per cent), Kundarki (57.32 per cent), Karhal (53.92 per cent), Majhawan (50.41 per cent), Meerapur (57.02 per cent), Phulpur (43.43 per cent), Sisamau (49.03 per cent).

The SP claimed that in some places the police personnel were checking the IDs of people and deterring them from voting. The BJP also sought the intervention of the EC for checking

identity of burqa-wearing women voters, claiming their IDs did not match with their faces.

An incident of stone pelting was reported in Kakrol village during voting for the Meerapur assembly bypoll following a confrontation between two groups.

In neighbouring Uttarakhand, a voter turnout of 56.78 per cent was recorded in the Kedarnath assembly bypoll till 5 pm.

The Kedarnath assembly seat in Rudrapur district fell vacant after the death of BJP MLA Shaila Rani Rawat in July.

In Punjab, a voter turnout of 59.67 per cent was recorded till 5 pm in the bypolls to four assembly segments.

The Gidderbaha seat recorded 78.10 per cent polling, Dera Baba Nanak 59.80 per cent, Barnala 52.70 per cent and Chabbewal 48.01 per cent.

In Kerala, polling in the Palakkad assembly by-election saw a turnout of 54.64 per cent.

Votes will be counted on November 23.

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15 தொகுதிகளில் இடைத் தேர்தல்

உத்தர பிரதேசம், பஞ்சாப், கேரளா மற்றும் உத்தராகண்ட் ஆகிய 4 மாநிலங்களில் உள்ள 15 சட்டப்பேரவை தொகுதிகளில் நேற்று இடைத் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. உத்தர பிரதேசத்தில் காஜியாபாத், கதேஹரி, கையர், குண்டர்கி, கர்ஹல், மஜ்ஹாவன், மீராபூர், புல்பல், சிசாமா ஆகிய 9 தொகுதிகளில் நேற்று இடைத் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. உத்தராகண்டின் ருத்ரபிரயாக் மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள கேதார்நாத் சட்டப்பேரவை தொகுதி, பஞ்சாப்பின் தி கித்தர்பஹா, தோரா பாயா நானக், பர்னாலா, சபேவல் சட்டப் பேரவை தொகுதிகள், கேரளாவின் பாலக்காடு ஆகியவற்றிலும் நேற்று இடைத் தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. உத்தர பிரதேசத்தில் நேற்று மாலை 5 மணி வரை 50 சதவீத வாக்குகள் பதிவாகியிருந்தன. உத்தர பிரதேசத்தில் புகார் காரணமாக தேர்தல் பணியில் ஈடுபட்ட 5 போலீஸார் பணியிடை நீக்கம் செய்யப்பட்டதாக உத்தர பிரதேச தேர்தல் அதிகாரி நவ்தீப் ரின்வர் தெரிவித்தார். உ.பி. மீராபூர் சட்டப்பேரவை தொகுதியில் நடைபெற்ற இடைத் தேர்தலில் கக்ரோலி கிராமத்தில் இரு குழுவினர் இடையே ஏற்பட்ட மோதலில் கல்வீச்சு சம்பவம் நடைபெற்றது. அவர்களை போலீஸார் தடியடி நடத்தி விரட்டினர்.

சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல்
அமைதியாக நடந்தது

மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில்

விறுவிறுப்பான வாக்குப்பதிவு



நாளை மறுநாள் ஒட்டு எண்ணிக்கை

மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட்
ஒட்டு எண்ணிக்கை மாட்டியம்?
மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது. மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது.

மாநிலம்	சட்டமன்ற தொகுதி	பெரிய கட்சி	சிறிய கட்சி	பெரிய கட்சி	சிறிய கட்சி
மாட்டியம்	1	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	2	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	3	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	4	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	5	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	6	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	7	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	8	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	9	123	45	123	45
மாட்டியம்	10	123	45	123	45

விறுவிறுப்பான...

மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது. மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது.

மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட்
ஒட்டு எண்ணிக்கை மாட்டியம்?
மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது. மாட்டியம், ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலங்களில் நடைபெற்று வரும் சட்டமன்ற தேர்தல் இரண்டாம் நேர வாக்குப்பதிவு நேரம் தொடங்கியது.

சாதகம்!

- மஹாராஷ்டிரா, ஜார்க்கண்டில் பா.ஜ.,வுக்கு...
- தேர்தலுக்கு பிந்தைய கணிப்புகள் தகவல்

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மஹாராஷ்டிரா, ஜார்க்கண்ட் சட்டசபை தேர்தலுக்கான ஒட்டுப்பதிவு, அமைதியான முறையில் நேற்று முடிந்தது. ஒட்டு எண்ணிக்கை, நாளை மறுதினம் நடக்க உள்ள நிலையில், இரு மாநிலங்களிலும், பா.ஜ.,வுக்கு சாதகமான முடிவுகள் வரும் என, தேர்தலுக்குப் பிந்தைய கணிப்புகள் தெரிவிக்கின்றன.

மஹாராஷ்டிரா

மஹாராஷ்டிராவில் முதல்வர் ஷின்டே தலைமையில் சிவசேனா, பா.ஜ., மற்றும் அதிர்ஷ்ட பவார் தலைமை மிலான தேசியவாத காங்., அடங்கிய, மஹாயுதி கூட்டணி ஆட்சி அமைந்துள்ளது. மாநிலத்தில் உள்ள, 288 சட்டசபை தொகுதிகளுக்கும் நேற்று ஒரே கட்டமாக தேர்தல் நடந்தது.

காங்கிரஸ், எத் பவாரின் தேசியவாத காங்., பிரிவு மற்றும் உத்தவ் தாக்க ரேமின் சிவசேனா பிரிவு ஆகியவை அடங்கிய மஹா விகாஸ் அகாடி கூட்டணி, பெரும் தெ ம பூடன் கணிப்புகியது.

லோக்சபா தேர்தலில், இந்தக் கூட்டணி அதிக இடங்களில் வென்றதால், பெரும் எதிர்பார்ப்பு இருந்தது.

மேலும், சிவசேனா மற்றும் தேசியவாத காங்., கட்சிகள் பிரிவு பட்டப்பின் நடைபெறும் முதல் சட்டசபை தேர்தல் என்பதால், தங்களுடைய செல்வாக்கை நிரூபிக்க இக்கட்சிகளின் தலைவர்கள் கடுமையான பிரசாரத்தில் ஈடுபட்டனர். நேற்று ஒட்டுப்பதிவு அமைதியாக நடந்தது. இதில், 60 சதவீத ஒட்டுகள் பதிவாகின.

ஒட்டுப்பதிவுக்குப் பின் வெளியான கணிப்புகளில் பெரும் பாலானவை, மஹாயுதி கூட்டணி மீன்

டும் ஆட்சியை பிடிக்கும் என்று கூறியுள்ளன. அதே நேரத்தில், மஹா விகாஸ் கூட்டணி அதிக இடங்களில் வென்று கடும் போட்டியை அளிக்கலாம் என்று கூறப்பட்டுள்ளது. பெரும்பான்மைக்கு 145 இடங்கள் தேவை என்ற நிலையில், மஹாயுதி கூட்டணி, 48 சதவீத ஒட்டுகளுடன், 150 - 179 இடங்களில் வெற்றி பெறும் என, 'மேட்ரிஸ்' நிறுவனத்தின் கணிப்பு தெரிவிக்கிறது.

மஹா விகாஸ் அகாடி கூட்டணி, 42 சதவீத ஒட்டு களுடன், 110 - 130 இடங்களில் வெற்றி பெறும் என, அது கூறியுள்ளது. மற்ற கட்சிகள், 10 சதவீத ஒட்டுகளுடன், 8 - 10 இடங்களில் வெல்லும்.

'பிபுள்ஸ் பல்ஸ்' என்ற அமைப்பு, பா.ஜ., கூட்டணிக்கு 175 - 195 இடங்கள் கிடைக்கும் என்றும், காங்., கூட்டணிக்கு 85 - 112 இடங்களும், மற்ற கட்சிகளுக்கு 7 - 12 இடங்களும் கிடைக்கும் என, கூறியுள்ளது.

இதுபோலவே, மற்ற அமைப்புகள் வெளியிட்டுள்ள கணிப்புகளும், பா.ஜ., தலைமையிலான மஹாயுதி கூட்டணி ஆட்சி அமைக்கும் என்றும், காங்., தலைமையிலான கூட்டணி அதிக இடங்களில் வென்று, கடும் போட்டியை கொடுக்கும் என்றும் கூறியுள்ளன.



ஈ ஜனநாயக கடமையாற்றியதை பெருமையுடன் வெளிப்படுத்திய வாக்காளர். இடம்: மும்பை.

ஜார்க்கண்ட்

ஜார்க்கண்டில் முதல்வர் ஹேமந்த் சோர்ன் தலைமையிலான ஜார்க் கண்ட் முக்தி மோர்ச்சா, காங்கிரஸ், லாலு பிர சாத் யாதவின் ராஷ்டிர ஜனதா தளம் கூட்டணி ஆட்சி அமைந்துள்ளது. மொத்தமுள்ள, 81 தொகுதிகளுக்கு இரண்டு கட்டங்களாக தேர்தல் நடந்தது.

கடந்த 13ம் தேதி 43 தொகுதி களுக்கும், மீத முள்ள 38 தொகுதி களுக்கு நேற்றும் தேர்தல் நடந்தன. 68 சதவீத ஒட்டுகள் பதிவாகின.

ஆளும் 'இண்டி' கூட்டணிக்கு எதிராக, பா.ஜ., தீவிர பிரசாரத்தில் ஈடுபட்டது. பெரும்பான்மைக்கு 41 இடங்கள் தேவை என்ற நிலையில், பா.ஜ., கூட்டணி ஆட்சியைப் பிடிக்கும் என, அது கூறியுள்ளது.

தேர்தலுக்குப் பிந்தைய கணிப்புகள் கூறுகின்றன. 'மேட்ரிஸ்' நிறுவனத்தின் கணிப்பின்படி, பா.ஜ., தலைமையிலான தேசிய ஜனநாயக கூட்டணி, 42 - 47 இடங்களிலும், இண்டி கூட்டணி, 25 - 30 இடங்களிலும் வெற்றி பெறும் என தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

'பிபுள்ஸ் பல்ஸ்' நிறுவனம், பா.ஜ., கூட்டணிக்கு 44 - 53 இடங்களும், காங்., கூட்டணிக்கு 25 - 37 இடங்களும் கிடைக்கும் என, கணித்துள்ளது.

அதே நேரத்தில், இண்டி கூட்டணி, 53 இடங்களில் வென்று மீண்டும் ஆட்சி அமைக்கும் என, 'ஆக்சிஸ்' மை இண்டியா' நிறுவனத்தின் கணிப்பு கூறுகிறது. பா.ஜ.,வுக்கு 25 இடங்கள் கிடைக்கும் என, அது கூறியுள்ளது.

மஹாராஷ்டிரா			
மொத்த தொகுதி - 288	வரும்பாங்கம் - 145		
நிறுவனம்	மா.க. (அ)	காங். (அ)	மத்தவன்
ரிபப்ளிக் - பிமாரிக்	137 - 157	125 - 146	2 - 8
ரிபப்ளிக் - மாரிக்	150 - 170	110 - 130	8 - 10
பிபுள்ஸ் பல்ஸ்	175 - 195	95 - 112	7 - 12
டைனிக் பல்ஸ்க்	125 - 140	135 - 150	20 - 25

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நிறுவனம்	மா.க. (அ)	காங். (அ)	மத்தவன்
ரிபப்ளிக் - மாரிக்	42 - 47	25 - 30	1 - 4
ரிபப்ளிக் - பிமாரிக்	31 - 40	37 - 47	1 - 6
டைனிக் - ஜே.வி.சி.	40 - 44	30 - 40	1 - 1
பிபுள்ஸ் பல்ஸ்	44 - 53	25 - 37	5 - 9