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Owaisi defeats Madhavi Latha with a margin of 3.38L votes



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Mamata dashes BJP hopes in West Bengal

TMC stuns poll pundits, registers its second-best performance in the State



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I.N.D.I.A. bloc resonates in Hindi heartland

In a nutshell
Bloodbath on Dalal Street
MUMBAI: In the biggest single-day fall in four years, benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty plunged by nearly 6% on Tuesday as vote counting trends showed the BJP may not have a clear majority in Lok Sabha polls. Reversing its Monday's sharp gains of over 3 per cent, the 30-share BSE Sensex nosedived 4,389.73 points or 5.74 per cent to close at a more than two-month low of 72,079.05.
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Missing TS student in US traced
HOUSTON: A 23-year-old Indian student who went missing in the US State of California last week has been located and "is safe." Nitheesha Kandula, a California State University, San Bernardino student, went missing on May 28 in Los Angeles. John Gutierrez, Chief of Police, CSUSC, said in a post: "#MissingCSUSCUpdate: The missing student has been located and is safe!" PTI

NEET-UG results declared
NEW DELHI: Sixty-seven candidates have bagged the top rank in medical entrance exam NEET-UG, a majority of them from Rajasthan, the National Testing Agency announced on Tuesday. The top rankers in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test also include 14 girls. It said the 56.4 per cent of the candidates have qualified the exam, which was conducted on May 5 at centres across country.
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T20 WC: India to take on Ireland
NEW YORK: Sceptics call them 'old wine in new bottle' but a clutch of superstar Indian cricketers would leave no stone unturned to break away from their archaic template when they take on a plucky Ireland in their opening game of the T20 World Cup on Wednesday. The team knows that it is a touch undercooked with a lot of confusion still persisting about what could be the best combination on a drop-in virgin strip.
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CHICKEN RATES IN HYDERABAD

Farm.....	Rs. 147
Retail live.....	Rs. 169
With skin.....	Rs. 245
Skinless.....	Rs. 279
Egg Rates (12 eggs).....	Rs. 65

400 PAAR HITS 'INDIA' BLOC

BJP WINS 240 SEATS, FALLING SHORT OF THE 272 MAJORITY MARK; NEEDS SUPPORT OF ALLIES FOR GOVT FORMATION

MODI PLEDGES TO WORK WITH ALL STATES, REGARDLESS OF PARTY IN POWER, TO BUILD A DEVELOPED INDIA

CONGRESS CHIEF KHARGE TERMS POLL OUTCOME AS "VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE AND THAT OF DEMOCRACY"

PTI
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Tuesday poised to form the government for a third consecutive term with the BJP-led NDA getting a majority in the Lok Sabha, notwithstanding crushing losses in three Hindi heartland States after a bitterly fought election that was projected as a referendum on his popularity.

The BJP, whose candidates had contested in the name of Modi, won or was ahead in 240 seats, falling short of the 272 majority mark and needing the support of allies in the party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for government formation, a far cry from the 303 and 282 seats it had won in 2019 and 2014 respectively to have a majority on its own.

With support from BJP's key allies N Chandrababu Naidu's TDP and Nitish Kumar's JD(U), which were leading or winning 16 and 12 seats in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar respectively, and other alliance partners, the NDA crossed the halfway mark and appeared to be on course to bag around 290 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha.

Preparing to take office for a record-equaling historic third term, Prime Minister Modi pledged to work with all States, regardless of the party in power, to build a developed India. India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had served three consecutive terms. In his first speech after the results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Modi laid out his vision for the third term saying it would be a tenure of big decisions and key emphasis would be on uprooting corruption.

It is the first time that 73-year-old Modi will be dependent on allies to be in the government since he came into politics. "The fight against corruption is becoming tougher by the day. Corruption is being shamelessly glorified for political interest. In our third term, NDA will focus a lot on rooting out corruption of all kinds," Modi said.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge termed the poll outcome as the "victory of the people and that of democracy". "We had been saying that this battle is between public and Modi... This mandate is against Modi. This is his political and moral defeat. It is a big defeat for a person who sought votes in his own name. He has suffered a moral setback," Kharge said at the AICC headquarters flanked by Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi after the good showing by Congress.

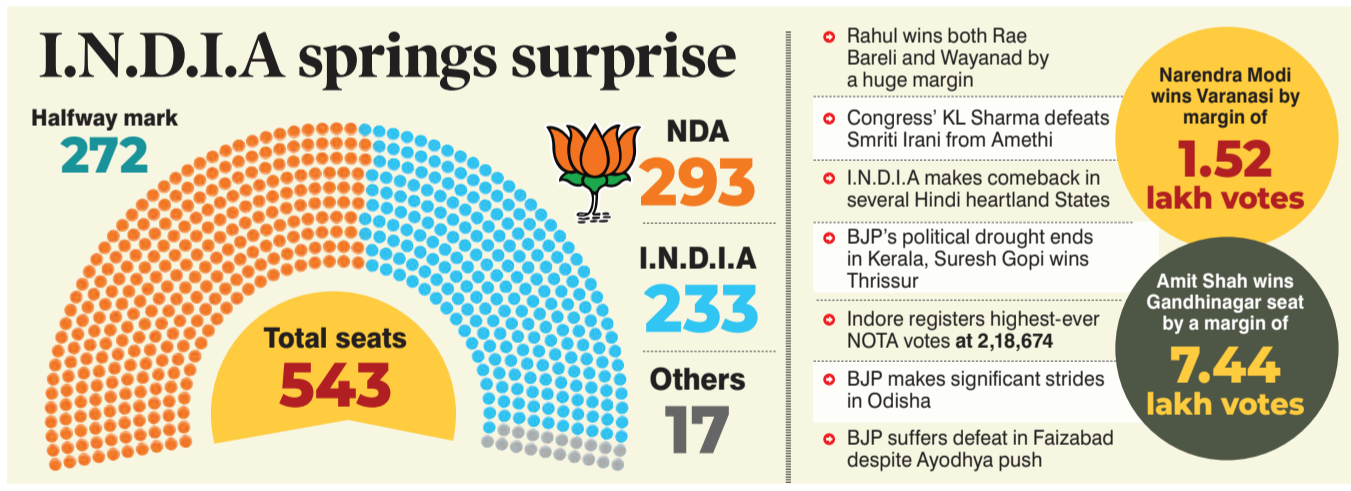
The elections also highlighted the revival of the main opposition Congress party under Rahul Gandhi, and the unexpected role of the Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh — under Akhilesh Yadav — as a giant slayer. The trends and results did not throw up a landslide victory the NDA had hoped for and what was projected by the exit polls. (SEE PAGE 2)



Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. — Photo:PTI



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addressing the media at the party headquarters in New Delhi on Tuesday. — Photo:AP



I bow to the 'Janata Janardan' for this affection and assure them that we will continue the good work done in the last decade to keep fulfilling the aspirations of people. BJP will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling people's dreams
— NARENDRA MODI,
 Prime Minister



This is democracy's victory. We had been saying that this battle is between public and Modi. The voters did not give a complete majority to any single party, particularly BJP that sought votes on basis of 'one person, one face'
— MALLIKARJUN KHARGE,
 Cong chief



Modi has lost all credibility, he should immediately resign. The PM broke many parties and now people have broken his morale. Modi is now falling at the feet of TDP and Nitish (Kumar) to form the government
— MAMATA BANERJEE,
 West Bengal Chief Minister



BJP ends Patnaik's two-decade rule



Naveen Patnaik

BHUBANESWAR

The BJP got majority in the Odisha Assembly by winning 74 seats in the 147-member House on Tuesday, according to the Election Commission of India. Till 11 pm, the BJP won 74 seats and was leading in four more constituencies, it said.

The BJD, which is in power in Odisha since 2000, won 50 Assembly seats and was leading in one constituency. The Congress has

won 14 Assembly seats. The BJP in the 2019 Assembly elections had won 113 seats while BJP got 23 seats and Congress 9 seats. BJD supremo Naveen Patnaik retained the Hinjili Assembly seat by defeating BJP's Sisir Kumar Mishra by 4,636 votes.

Meanwhile, the BJP won nine Lok Sabha seats and was leading in 10 other constituencies in Odisha. The BJD was leading in the Jajpur Lok Sabha seat while

the Congress won the Koraput Lok Sabha constituency, it said. Odisha has 21 Lok Sabha seats. Union Minister and BJP candidate Dharmendra Pradhan won the Sambalpur Lok Sabha seat with a margin of 1,19,836 votes while party candidate Malavika Devi won the Kalahandi Lok Sabha seat with a margin of 1,33,813 votes. BJP nominee Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi won the Kandhamal seat by 21,371 votes. PTI

Congress, BJP bag 8 seats each in TS

STATE BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a closely contested battle in Telangana, the Congress and the BJP secured eight seats each in the Lok Sabha elections of the total 17 Parliamentary constituencies in the State. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi maintained his hold over Hyderabad, while the BRS did not win a single seat and was confined to the third position in at least 14 parliamentary constituencies.

Telangana saw a 65.67 per cent voter turnout from its 3.32 crore electorate during the May 13 polling, as part of the fourth phase of the Lok Sabha polls. This marked an increase of 2.83 per cent compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when the BRS secured 9 seats, the BJP 4, Congress 3, and AIMIM 1. In all, 525 candidates competed in 17 Parliamentary constituencies. The counting of 2.17 lakh postal ballots commenced at 8 am and was completed within the first 30 minutes, followed by the counting of votes from EVMs. The initial trends

Will continue to fight, rise from ashes like Phoenix: KTR

HYDERABAD: Dubbing the electoral setback for the BRS in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections "very disappointing", BRS working president KT Rama Rao said the party would "continue to toil and rise from the ashes again like a Phoenix". He stated that the party accepted the people's verdict with all humility. With the BRS not winning even a single Parliamen-

mentary seat, the party working president stated that in the last 24 years since the TRS (now BRS) was founded, the party and its cadre had seen it all. "Stellar achievements, successes and also many setbacks. The greatest glory: formation of Telangana State will remain our biggest achievement," the BRS working president said. (SEE PAGE 2)

Naidu back in AP, Jagan decimated

AMARAVATI

The NDA comprising TDP, BJP and Jana Sena won 101 Assembly seats and four Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh. According to the latest information disseminated by the Election Commission, TDP won 85 Assembly seats and is leading in 49, Jana Sena won 16 (and is leading in 5 segments) and BJP emerged victorious in five and is leading in three constituencies.

YSR Congress won three Assembly seats and is leading in nine others. Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan

Reddy and TDP leader Nara Lokesh are among the winners. The NDA has won five Lok Sabha seats and is leading in 17 more out of the total 25 in the State. Meanwhile,

except one Minister, all the other members of the Jaganmohan Reddy Cabinet are trailing. Meanwhile, the outgoing Andhra Pradesh Chief Min-

ister YS Jaganmohan Reddy said he failed to understand the reason for YSR Congress party's debacle in the Assembly polls, despite implementing several welfare

measures "without any trace of corruption".

Jagan thanks people
 In a media briefing, Jagan, who won from the Pulivendula Assembly segment by a majority of over 61,000 votes, said the party will rise from here to be with the people to do good. "I didn't imagine that the results would come in this fashion. I don't know what happened to the love shown (on YSRCP) by the aged people for whom we hiked their welfare pensions which was a pittance earlier," he said. (SEE PAGE 2)



KCR, KTR wish Chandrababu, Pawan

HYDERABAD: BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao on Tuesday congratulated TDP president N Chandrababu Naidu and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan who won the Assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh. BRS working president KT Rama Rao also extended his wishes to Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan on securing a huge victory in the Assembly elections. He wished that they also succeed in serving the people of Andhra Pradesh.

recorded by Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy of the Congress in Khammam with 4.67 lakh votes against BRS candidate Nama Nageswara Rao. Other Congress winners include Dr Mallu Ravi (Nagarkurnool), Kadiyam Kavya (Warangal), P Balram Naik (Mahabubabad), Suresh Kumar Shetkar (Zahirabad), and Gaddam Vamsi Krishna (Peddapalli). (SEE PAGE 2)