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#### MUSTREAD

Tharoor takes jibe at Congress as INDIA bloc falters in Bihar



Thiruvananthapuram: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, on Friday, took pointed jabs at his own party as early vote-count trends show a dismal performance for the INDIA alliance in Bihar. While the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is seen leading by a significant margin, Tharoor while speaking to the media questioned key aspects of the electoral outcome. "It's a question of leading at the moment... let's wait for the Election Commission to discuss and disclose the results," he told reporters, adding that all parties — including Congress and RJD — must study their performance in detail.

#### IAF Aircraft on routine sortie crashes, Pilot ejects safely

Chennai: An Indian Air Force (IAF) Aircraft 'Pilatus PC-7,' which was on a routine training mission, crashed near Tambram this afternoon. The pilot ejected himself safely, defence sources said. A Court Of Inquiry (COI) has been ordered to ascertain the cause, it said. Reports from the accident spot said the aircraft crashed following a technical snag soon after it took off from the IAF Tambaram Airbase. As the pilot notiched the snag, he ejected himself out safely using a parchute before the trainer aircraft crashed near a salt pan at Tiruporur in adjoining Chengalattu district near Mahabalipuram.

#### Five members of a family found dead inside locked room in Shravasti

Shravasti: Five members of a family were found dead inside their locked bedroom in Shravasti on Friday morning. The deceased included a husband, wife, and their three children. The incident took place in Manihar Purwa village under the Ikauna police station area. According to relatives, the family did not wake up even after 8 am, prompting other family members to check on them. When repeated knocking on the bedroom door went unanswered, they became alarmed. A look through the window revealed all the five family members lying unresponsive inside the room. The door was then forcibly opened and all the five were found dead. The deceased were identified as Roj Ali, his wife Shehnaz, their daughters Gulnaz (11) and Tabassum (10), and their 1.5-year-old son Moin. The family had been living in Mumbai and had returned to the village only five days earlier.

### Army engineers build indigenous Mono Rail System at 16,000 ft to keep



**New Delhi:** In a major breakthrough for high-altitude military logistics, the Indian Army's Gajraj Corps has indigenously developed and operationalised a High Altitude Mono Rail System at an elevation of nearly 16,000 feet in Arunachal Pradesh's Kameng sector - one of the most inhospitable and weather-prone frontiers along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

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# NDA sweeps Bihar: Modi-Shah strategy, Nitish's leadership, Chirag's vote bank prove decisive

The strategic campaign crafted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, CM Nitish Kumar's undisputed leadership, and Chirag Paswan's ability to shift the Paswan vote bank (5-6%) to alliance partners together fashioned the ruling NDA's landslide win in the Bihar Assembly elections Assembly elections.

Out of the 243 assembly seats, the NDA looks set to win over 200 with the BJP winning 89, JD(U) 84, LJP(RV) 19, HAM 5 and RLM 4.

In recent months, PM Modi's announcement of several major infrastructure projects set the stage for an energetic campaign by him, Amit Shah, and other BJP leaders. The BJP's invocation of "jungle raj" and Nitish Kumar's contrasting image as "Sushasan Babu", the leader credited with pulling Bihar out of that era, also seem to have played key roles in the

Good governance and two decades of development under Nitish Kumar emerged as significant factors as well. Bihar has made progress in road expansion (over 1,00,000 km), electricity coverage (95%), and education. Development initiatives such as smart city projects and new expressways have helped boost the rural economy.

The results reaffirmed Nitish Kumar's broad acceptability across communities. While keeping the Ex-tremely Backward Classes (36%) united through reservation and welfare schemes, he also built a distinct and influential constituency among women, who constitute nearly 48% of the electorate. Although questions were raised about his age and health during the campaign, he convincingly disproved every narrative against

After the NDA's victory, Nitish Kumar posted a message on social media: "By giving us a massive majority in the Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections 2025, the people of the state have shown confidence in our government. I salute and sincerely thank



#### CM Nitish Kumar thanks Bihar for 'Massive Mandate'

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has publicly thanked the people of Bihar for delivering a massive mandate to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the recent Assembly elections.

Taking to X (formerly

Twitter), Mr. Kumar expressed his gratitude, stating, "The people of

the state have shown faith in our government by giving us a huge majority in the Bihar Assembly Election 2025." The message under-scores the Chief Minister's acknowledgment of

the strong support and confidence placed in his government by the Bihar electorate.

Party	Leading	Wins	Total
NDA	37	165	202 (+77)
Grand Alliance	11	24	35 (-75)
Janswarraj	0	0	0 (0)
Others	1	5	6 (-2)

all the respected voters of the state." He added, "I bow to and sincerely thank the Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for his cooperation. The NDA alliance has shown complete unity in this election and has achieved a huge majority. For this massive victory, I also thank and express gratitude to all NDA partners. With everyone's cooperation, Bihar will progress further and will be in-cluded among the most developed

states of the country."

Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan also played a crucial role in the NDA's impressive performance. He strengthened the alliance by consolidating the Paswan vote bank and successfully transferring it to partner parties. His wide acceptance within a significant section of the Dalit community (16%) has further boosted his political stature.

In the 2020 Assembly elections, Chirag Paswan's LJP had contested independently and secured 11% of the vote. Due to tensions with Nitish Kumar, the party fielded candidates against JDU nominees, contributing to JD(U)'s defeat in around 33 con-

#### WON Maheshwar Hazari won by 38,586 votes

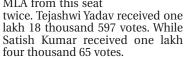
Maheshwar Hazari of JDU registered a victory from the Kalyanpur assembly seat. Hazari defeated CPI (ML)'s Ranjit Kumar Ram by a huge margin



of 38,586 votes. Maheshwar Hazari received a total of 1,18,162 votes. 73.68 percent voting had taken place on the Kalyanpur assembly

#### Tejashwi won by 14,532 votes

Tejashwi Yadav registered a victory from the Raghopur seat by 14,532 votes, against him was BJP's Satish Kumar. Tejashwi Yadav has been the MLA from this seat



#### 25-year-old Maithili Thakur became an MLA

25 - year - old Maithili Thakur, who turned from folk singer to politician, has now become the youngest leader to be elected to the Bihar Assembly after defeating

RJD veteran Vinod Mishra by 11730 votes from the Alinagar constituency. In the 25th and final round of counting in Alinagar, Maithili Thakur emerged victorious by securing 84,915 votes.

#### Tej Pratap Yadav lost by 51 thousand votes

From the Mahua seat, Tej Pratap Yadav has been defeated by Chirag Paswan's party's Kumar Singh by a huge margin of 51,938 votes. Sanjay Ku-

tion with 42,644 votes.

mar Singh received 87,641 votes while Tej Pratap Yadav received 35,703 votes. RJD's Mukesh Kumar Roshan remained in the third posi-

#### Khesari Lal Yadav lost by 8 thousand votes

candidate Bhojpuri singer Khesari Lal Yadav lost the election from the Chapra assembly seat. He was defeated by the BJP candidate Chhoti

Kumari by approximately 8 thousand votes. There was a tough fight between Khesari Lal Yadav and Chhoti Ku-

#### Veena Devi faces defeat

The noteworthy thing is that Anant Singh, who maintained lead from the very beginning, registered a big victory from



Mokama, one of the most high profile seats in the Bihar Assembly Election 2025. He defeated RJĎ candidate Veena Devi by a large margin of votes. The lead had strengthened until the end.

### House of Red Fort blast key accused demolished in J&K's Pulwama

Authorities blew up the residence of Dr Umar Nabi, who is accused in the Red Fort blast case, in South Kashmir's Pulwama district during the intervening night of Thursday and Friday. Officials said the structure was demolished using a controlled explosion.

Locals said that the area had been sealed by security forces and that residents were asked to vacate the house before the demoli-

Investigators have so far revealed that Dr Umar drove the i20 car that exploded near Red Fort. claiming several lives on Monday

Although the J&K Police has not issued an official statement on the demolition, top officials said that such actions are aimed at discouraging local youth from joining militant ranks. According to them, the measure is intended



to send a strong message that involvement in terror activities carries grave repercussions, not only for the individuals concerned but also for their families.

Srinagar Member Parliament Aga Ruhullah condemned the demolition, saying the measure won't deliver "punishment" it only inflicts "collective suffering."

"Making an entire family Kashmir

homeless during the harsh winter evidence/court order or any law linking them to the incident is an act of cruelty. It doesn't bring justice to the innocent lives that we lost in the terror attack, and it doesn't achieve the ends of justice," the office of MP said on X.

## BJP wins on two seats, Cong wins one

Assembly by-elections held on eight

AAP's Harmeet Singh Sandhu wins from Tarn Taran seat

New Delhi: Alongside the Bihar election, results have been announced for eight crucial Assembly by-elections held across seven states and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. The results show a fragmented mandate, with BJP securing two seats and Congress also winning two.

#### **Key victories for** national parties

The BJP claimed victory in Nuapada (Odisha) and Nagrota (J&K). In Nuapada, BJP's Jay Dholakia secured a

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massive win over the Congress candidate by 83,748

The Congress successfully retained Jubilee Hills (Telangana), where Naveen Yadav won by 24,729 votes, and Anta (Rajasthan), where Pramod Jain Bhaya triumphed.

#### Regional players hold ground

Regional parties also registered significant wins:

Jharkhand: The ruling JMM's Somesh Soren won the Ghatshila seat, defeating the BJP by a margin of

38,601 votes.

PUNJAB: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, Harmeet Singh Sandhu secured the Tarn Taran seat, beating his Shiro-mani Akali Dal rival by 12,091 votes.

These by-poll results reflect varied political dynamics across the country following the November 11 voting.

## Bihar verdict gives wings to development

### NDA win rewrites political future

By Pravesh Kumar Mishra

New Delhi, November 14: The spectacular victory of the NDA alliance in the Bihar Assembly elections, coupled with the crushing defeat of the INDIA bloc, is poised to reshape the state's political landscape. The decisive mandate delivered by the voters clearly signals that in the future, no party should attempt to destabilize the government by abandoning declared alliance partners.

#### Voters reject 'Vote Theft' narrative

Political observers concur that Bihar's electorate outright rejected the "vote theft" allegations leveled by Congress and RJD leaders. Instead, voters validated the NDA's campaign, which was focused squarely on development and good governance. The election was significantly influenced by the massive turnout of women voters, whose participation not only boosted the overall percentage but also appears to have smoothed the path for the NDA.

Experts note that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's timely implementation of the Chief Minister Women Employment which deposited Scheme. ?10,000 into women's accounts just before the polls, directly impacted the election results.

#### Cohesion triumphs over internal strife

A marked difference was visible in the campaign strategies. While the INDIA bloc suffered from internal bickering-including last-minute tussles over the declaration of chief ministerial and deputy chief ministerial candidates—the NDA presented a unified front with the Modi-Nitish partnership. The Opposition's failure was

compounded by internal dis-

sent, including open accusations of ticket selling within the

Bihar Congress, which weak-

ened an already fragile grassroots organization. Further-more, the 'friendly fight' experiment attempted by the INDIA bloc in some seats confused voters and ultimately proved detri-

#### Mandate for stability, not third front

The voters thoroughly dismissed the RJD-Congress's strategy built on slogans like "Vote Thief, Leave the Throne." Their massive rejection has further weakened both parties. Critically, the strong verdict also buried the prospects of a third front in Bihar politics, as strategist Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraj Party was completely rejected by the electorate.

The results carry a clear message for both sides: the NDA must live up to the voters' high expectations for development, while the numerically weaker Opposition must abandon its self-absorption and engage in genuine introspection.

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