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NDA retains power in Bihar, decimates Mahagathbandhan

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PATNA: The ruling NDA on Friday secured a thumping majority in the Bihar Assembly, winning 202 seats in the 243-member House, as results for all the constituencies were declared by the Election Commission.

The BJP emerged as the largest party, winning 89 seats. Its ally, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar-led JD(U), won 85 seats, while Union minister Chirag Paswan-led Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) bagged 19 seats.

Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), headed by former chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, won five seats, while Upendra Kushwaha-led Rashtriya Lok Morcha bagged four seats.

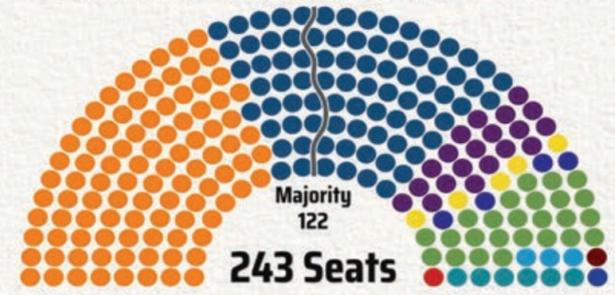
Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, and state ministers Prem Kumar, Maheshwar Hazari and Sanjay Saraogi, and BJP's Maithili Thakur were among prominent winners from the NDA camp.

RJD leader and INDIA

bloc's CM face Tejashwi Yadav, the late Mohammad Shahabuddin's son Osama Shahab and CPI(ML) Liberation's Sandeep Saurav were among prominent winners from the opposition camp. Tejashwi Yadav won from Raghupur seat by a margin of 14,532 votes, defeating BJP's Satish Kumar.

The INDIA bloc managed to win only 34 seats. The

BIHAR ELECTION 2025



NDA: 202		MGB: 35		Others: 6	
PARTY	SEATS	PARTY	SEATS	PARTY	SEATS
BJP	89	RJD	25	AIMIM	5
JDU	85	INC	6	TPP	-
LJP(RV)	19	IIP	1	BSP	1
HAM(S)	5	CPI(M)	1	IND	-
RLM	4	CPI(ML)(L)	2		

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Devyani Rana wins Nagrota bypoll, beats Harsh Dev

PDP wins Budgam assembly bypoll



Newly elected MLA Devyani Rana being honoured at BJP headquarters in Jammu. (Pic by Ashok Anand)

JAMMU: The BJP retained the Nagrota assembly constituency after its 30-year-old candidate Devyani Rana won with a lead of 24,647 votes, carrying forward the legacy of her late father and senior party leader Devender Singh Rana.

Devyani Rana, who has been leading from the beginning, secured 42,350 votes, defeating Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP) candidate Harsh Dev Singh, who polled 17,703 votes.

National Conference's Shamim Begum finished third with 10,872 votes. As the news of her victory spread, Rana received a rousing reception from BJP workers at the counting centre complex.

Rana, who was garlanded on her arrival at the centre, said she thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP president J P Nadda and other party leaders for depositing faith in her. "My victory goes to all the

Assembly Constituency 77 - Nagrota

WON 42350 (+24647)
DEVYANI RANA
BHARATIYA JANTA PARTY

LOST 17703 (+24647)
HARSH DEV SINGH
JAMMU & KASHMIR NATIONAL PANTHERS PARTY

LOST 10872 (-31478)
SHAMIM BEGUM
JAMMU & KASHMIR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Assembly Constituency 27 - BUDGAM

WON 21578 (+4478)
AGA SYED MUNTAZIR MEHDI
JAMMU & KASHMIR PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC PARTY

LOST 17098 (-4478)
AGA SYED MAHMOOD AL-MOSAVI
JAMMU & KASHMIR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Victory of every Bihari: Shah

NEW DELHI: Terming the Bihar poll results a "victory of every Bihari", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the overwhelming mandate for the NDA is people's stamp of approval on its work for development, women's safety and the welfare of the poor.

In a series of posts on X in Hindi, Shah said the people of Bihar have conveyed the mood of the entire nation that the purification of voter lists is essential, and there is no place for politics against it.

The NDA camp has won at

least 97 of the 243 Bihar Assembly seats. The BJP won 55 seats and was leading in 35 other constituencies, while its ally JD(U) secured 33 seats and was ahead in 51 other constituencies, according to the Election Commission.

The opposition INDIA bloc, on the other hand, has won only 11 seats so far. RJD bagged eight seats and was leading in 17 other constituencies, while Congress won one seat and was ahead in five. CPI(ML) Liberation won one seat and was leading in one other constituency.

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NDA destroyed 'communal MY formula' of 'jungle raj people': Modi

Thanks voters of Nagrota, Nuapada Odisha; congratulates Devyani Rana, Jay Dholakia for win

NEW DELHI: Hailing the NDA's massive win in the Bihar Assembly polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the victory has given a new 'MY -- Mahila and Youth' formula with the people destroying the "communal MY formula of the jungle raj people".

Addressing party workers and supporters at the BJP headquarters here, Modi said Bihar is the land which gave India the pride of being the mother of democracy, and the same land has ensured that the people attacking democracy "bite the dust".

"Bihar has shown again that lies are defeated and people's trust wins," Modi said. This victory has strengthened people's confidence.

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In a first, J&K to have four women MLAs

SRINAGAR: BJP's Devyani Rana on Friday broke a new glass ceiling by winning the assembly bypoll from the Nagrota constituency, as Jammu and Kashmir will now have four elected women legislators for the first time.

The Jammu and Kashmir assembly had elected three women MLAs in 2008, 2014, and 2024, marking the highest female representation until now.

The share of elected women in the assembly was 3.4 per cent in the 2008 and 2014 polls, when the strength of the House was 87. It dropped marginally to 3.33 per cent when the delimitation exercise in 2022 raised the number of elected seats to 90.

However, Devyani's decisive win from Nagrota has increased women's share in the legislature to 4.44 per cent.

The other elected women members of the current assembly are National Conference (NC) leader Sakina Masood Ittoo, who is also a Cabinet minister in the Omar Abdullah

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Three IAS officers get additional charge

JAMMU: The government of Friday assigned additional charge to three IAS officers.

According to the order issued by M. Raju, Commissioner/Secretary, General Administration Department, Niraj Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2010), Administrative Secretary, Public Grievances Department, shall hold the charge of the post of Administrative Secretary, Hospitality & Protocol Department, and Ramesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT:2011), Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, shall hold the charge of the post of Resident Commissioner, J&K Government, New Delhi, in addition to

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37 District Judges among 71 judicial officers transferred

JAMMU: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh on Friday transferred of 71 judicial officers, including 37 district judges.

According to order issued by M.K Sharma, Registrar General (Officiating), Yash Paul Bournay, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu has been transferred and posted as Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Jammu on deputation basis; Ravinder Nath Wattal, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Samba as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Jammu; Mohinder Kumar Sharma, Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice is as Registrar General, High Court of J&K and Ladakh. He shall also hold the additional charge of Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice.

Jeema Bashir, Presiding Officer MACT, Srinagar has been repatriated from deputation and posted as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bandipora; Haq Nawaz Zargar, Special Judge Anti Corruption, Jammu as Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Tasleem Arief, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Srinagar as Special Judge Anti Corruption, Srinagar; Sonia Gupta, Director, J&K Judicial Academy as

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SDPO suspended, attached to PHQ

JAMMU: The Government on Friday ordered the suspension of Sunil Singh, DySP who was serving as the then SDPO Gandhi Nagar, Jammu, pending an inquiry into the matter.

According to the Government Order No. 541-Home of 2025, the suspension has been initiated under Rule 31(1) of the J&K Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1956.

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NC will analyze reasons for defeat in Budgam, Nagrota: Omar

JAMMU: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday termed Lok Sabha MP Aga Ruhullah's absence from the recent Budgam bypoll campaign as "political suicide" and also said that the National Conference would soon analyse the reasons for defeat in Budgam and Nagrota.

Abdullah's comment came while talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function following the NC's electoral set-back in Budgam. He contested from the Budgam and Ganderbal seats during the 2024 elections and won both, later vacating the Budgam seat.

The chief minister announced a comprehensive internal review of the results, but did not mince words in discussing the political ramifications of the Budgam results and Ruhullah's decision to abstain from campaigning.

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WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)
Max: 25.8°C Min: 10.0°C

Humidity
Max: 77 Min: 66

Temperature (Srinagar)
Max: 17.0°C Min: -1.9°C

Humidity
Max: 88 Min: 60

Sunset : 17:30 Hours
Sunrise : 07:00 Hours

Valedictory function of Ph-1 of 150th year commemoration of 'Vande Mataram'

J&K witnessing historic infrastructure growth since 2019: LG Sinha

JAMMU: "The going has never been as good for Jammu Kashmir in the past as it has been since 2019," the Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said on Friday. He said, Jammu Kashmir's economy has grown at an impressive pace since 2021 and rapid growth in infrastructure since 2019 is unprecedented in J&K UT history.

"Our effort for industrialization is showing impressive growth. We have taken bold decisions taking Jammu Kashmir into a brighter future and ensuring far greater prosperity for our people," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor was speaking at the valedictory function of 1st phase of 150th year of the national song 'Vande Mataram' at MA Stadium in Jammu.

The event witnessed a massive gathering with more than 20,000 students and citizens participating in the mass singing of 'Vande Mataram' on the occasion. The second phase will start from 9th January 2026.

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LG Manoj Sinha speaking at the valedictory function of 1st phase of 150th year commemoration of 'Vande Mataram'.

CB files chargesheet in land fraud case; swindling lakhs

SRINAGAR: The Economic Offences Wing (Crime Branch Kashmir) on Friday filed a chargesheet in case FIR No. 30/2023 under Sections 420 and 120-B IPC, before the Court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Kangan, against two accused Abdul Hamid Dar, son of Abdul Ahad Dar, resident of Ariguripora Shadi Gund, Tehsil Kangan, and Abdul Qayoom Sheikh, son of Mohammad Sultan Sheikh, resident of Chak Akhal Guri Mohallah, Kangan.

The CBK said that the case was originated from a written complaint alleging that the accused Abdul Hamid Dar and Abdul Qayoom Sheikh fraudulently sold 4 kannals 16 Marlas of land situated at Kachnambal, near Baba Nagri Road, Kangan to the complainants for a consideration amount of Rs. 27,00,000. The accused persons also received additional sums of Rs. 96,000 for obtaining a No Objection Certificate (NOC), Rs. 52,000 for "Intikhab" (extract of record), and Rs. 10,000 towards the preparation of legal documents.

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