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BJP wins Delhi, gets 48 seats; AAP 22, Delhi is now 'AAP-da' free, Cong Congress draws blank

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: The BJP will form its government in Delhi after a gap of more than 26 years as it won 48 of the 70 seats in the Assembly polls, the results of which were announced on Saturday, while the AAP secured victories from 22 seats and the Congress drew a blank for a third

AAP candidate from Matia Mahal Aaley Mohammad Iqbal registered the highest victory margin of 42,724 votes in the polls, defeating BJP's Deepti Indora, according to the Election Commission's (EC) data.

BJP's Chandan Kumar Choudhary won the Sangam Vihar seat by the lowest margin of 344 votes.

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) vote share was 45.56 per cent, while the AAP secured 43.57 per cent votes and the Congress's poll percent-

age was 6.34. In the 2020 Delhi Assembly polls, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) got a 53.57-per cent vote share and bagged 62 seats. Despite a 38.51-per cent vote share, the BJP could win just

eight of the 70 seats. In the 1993 Assembly polls, the



TOTAL

4 568 votes

70

Sisodia from the New Delhi and

Jangpura constituencies respectively.

seat, Verma secured 30,088 votes,

while Kejriwal trailed behind with

25,999 votes. Congress's Sandeep

Dikshit finished a distant third with

In another major upset, Marwah

defeated Sisodia from Jangpura by a

narrow margin of 675 votes. Marwah

polled 38,859 votes, while Sisodia

secured 38,184 votes. Congress can-

didate Farhad Suri garnered 7,350

In a fierce contest in the New Delhi

70

BJP won 49 seats in Delhi, while the Congress got 14 and the Janata Dal four. Three independent candidates had also secured victories in that elec-

The BJP will form its "doubleengine" government in the capital as there is a party-led government at the Centre.

Parvesh Verma and Tarvinder Singh Marwah emerged as the biggest giant-slayers, defeating AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and former deputy chief minister Manish

Amid the BJP's sweeping victory, Chief Minister Atishi and three ministers in the outgoing AAP government -- Gopal Rai, Mukesh Ahlawat and Imran Hussain -- managed to secure wins.

Atishi emerged victorious in Kalkaji, defeating BJP's Ramesh Bidhuri by a margin of 3,521 votes. Rai retained the Babarpur seat with a margin of 18,994 votes against BJP's Anil Kumar Vashisht.

Hussain, the food and civil supplies minister, won from Ballimaran with the highest margin among the AAP's prominent faces, defeating BJP's Kamal Bagri by 29,823 votes. Hussain's victory provided one of the few bright spots for the AAP in the Old Delhi region.

Outgoing health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj was defeated by BJP's Shikha Roy by a margin of 3,188 votes from Greater Kailash.

BJP's Mohan Singh Bisht won the Mustafabad seat by 17,578 votes, while his colleague Kapil Mishra secured victory in Karawal Nagar with a margin of 23,355 votes. AAP's

STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Projecting BJP's win in Delhi Assembly polls as no ordinary victory, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that the people have got rid of "AAP-da" after a decade and promised the entire national capital region the country's best urban infrastructure.

Addressing joyous BJP workers at its headquarters here, Modi delivered a warning to the outgoing Aam Aadmi Party government saying that the CAG reports, which have reportedly highlighted its alleged financial irregularities, will be tabled in the first assembly session and all cases of corruption probed by the new dispensa-

"Those who have looted will have to pay back. This is also Modi's guarantee," he said, describing former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and his party colleagues as "most corrupt", without taking

End to reign of lies, deceit: Amit Shah

NEW DELHI: Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday hailed the Delhi poll results as the beginning of a new era of development in the national capital and an end to the reign of lies, deceit and corruption.

In a series of posts on X, Shah -- who is credited for shaping the details of the party's poll strategy -- said Delhi would become an ideal capital under Modi's leadership.

The BJP is determined to fulfil all its promises and make Delhi the number one capital of the world, he said.

Residents of Delhi have shown that repeated false promises cannot mislead people, he said, asserting that they answered through their votes to the problems of a polluted Yamuna, dirty drinking water, broken roads, overflowing sewers and liquor shops in every street.

Be it respect for women, self-respect of unauthorised colony residents or the immense possibilities of self-employment, Delhi will now become an ideal ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

Jammu BJP celebrates party's performance in Delhi polls

want "corrupt leaders".

"This victory is people's

win... the national capital

will see massive development

with a double engine government under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Sharma said.

MLA Vikram Randhawa

said the voters of Delhi exer-

cised their democratic right

wisely to say goodbye to

"This is the victory of

nationalism. Winning the

national capital is a big thing

MLA Shagun Parihar said

the party's triumph in Delhi

marks an end of AAP's

"deception and dishonesty".

tations of the people who have given their blessings to

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"BJP will fulfil all its prom-

for the party," he said.

ises and will live to the

the party candidates,"

"AAP-Da".

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BJP workers led by senior party leaders on Saturday thronged the party headquarters here to celebrate the saffron party's performance in Delhi assembly

Amid bursting of fire crackers and distribution of sweets, the party workers were also seen dancing on the tunes of the drums to celebrate the victory.

"The people of Delhi rejected corruption by voting for BJP. We salute the party leadership and workers for their hard work," J-K BJP president Sat Paul Sharma

He said the defeat of AAP national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal from his seat is a clear message from the people that they do not

Soldiers on

patrolling fired

upon near LoC

RAJOURI: Soldiers on

patrolling duty were fired

upon from a forest across the

Line of Control (LoC) in the

Rajouri district on Saturday.

prompting retaliation by the

Indian troops, security offi-

There was no casualty in

the brief firing but an alert

has been sounded to main-

tain strict vigil, the officials

said. They said the Indian

troops were on patrolling

duty in a forward village in

the Keri sector when a few

rounds were fired by suspect-

ed terrorists hiding in a for-

est across the border, appar-

ently waiting for an opportu-

The Army troops also fired

grid was

Min: 35

a few rounds in retaliation, and subsequently the anti-

strengthened to keep a tight

vigil in the area, the officials

infiltration

Max: 84

nity to sneak into this side.

cials said.

STATE TIMES NEWS

BIG FM's third edition of Big Impact Awards, celebrating change makers of Jammu

Awards ceremony graced by presence of CM Omar Abdullah



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: BIG FM, one of India's leading radio net-

works, successfully hosted the third edition of the BIG IMPACT AWARDS Jammu,

celebrating industry leaders and their contributions to the



Chief Minister Omar Abdullah exchanging pleasantries with Editor-In-Chief STATE TIMES Raj Daluja during Big Impact

Award 2025 event in Jammu Recognizing

dards in innovation

note put out by the Commission on its ■ CONTD ON PAGE 9

UPSC extends date to apply for civil services

prelims exam till Feb 18

NEW DELHI: The Union

Public Service Commission

(UPSC) has extended the last date to apply for civil

services preliminary exami-

nation 2025 till February 18.

The civil services examina-

tion is conducted annually by

the UPSC in three stages --

preliminary, mains and

interview --" to select officers

of the Indian Administrative

Service (IAS), Indian

Foreign Service (IFS) and

Indian Police Service (IPS),

The last date for registra-

tion for Civil Services

(Preliminary)-2025 exams

18.02.2025 (6 pm)," said a

extended till

(Preliminary)-2025 Indian Forest Service

among others.

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Another gang war averted; 2 arrested

Gangsters open fire on police party, injured in retaliation

STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: A notorious gangster was injured in retaliatory police fire while his accomplice was also apprehended at Ring Road near Miran Sahib area. Acting on reliable sources, the Jammu Police set up a naka to intercept the gangsters identified as Daliot Singh alias Daljot Punjabi, resident of Dashmesh Nagar, Satwari, and Aman Singh alias Anu, resident of Kathua. The duo was reportedly armed and enroute from Samba to Jammu with the intent of targeting rival group members. The timely police action averted another rival gang war in Jammu.

When the police signaled the suspects to stop at Naka, they opened fire from their Bolero vehicle, prompting the police to retaliate in self-defense. In the



Police collecting evidences at site of incident near Ring Road, Miran Sahib.

ensuing exchange, Daljot Singh sustained injuries and was immediately shifted to GMC Jammu for medical treatment. His accomplice, Aman Singh, was also apprehended.

Police said these gangsters are linked to a recent firing incident in the Phallain Mandal area, where miscreants had targeted the vehicle of Arun Chaudhary before fleeing from the

During the operation, the police recovered two firearms and ammunition from the crime scene. FIR 19/25 has been registered under relevant sections at Police Station Miran Sahib, and further investigations are underway to track down other members of the gang.

Senior police officials have reached the spot and are actively monitoring the situation. This marks the second such firing in the area within the past ten days, raising concerns

Massive fire breaks out in Sonmarg market

across diverse sectors, the

event honoured organiza-

STATE TIMES NEWS

SRINAGAR: A massive fire broke out in the market of the famous resort town of Sonmarg in Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said.

The fire, which started from a restuarant quickly spread to the adjacent shops in the Sonmarg market, they

Fire tenders are on the spot, working to bring the fire under control, officials

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said he was in constant touch with the administration ensure all possible

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No files, documents, electronic records to be moved out of Delhi Secretariat: GAD

■ STATE TIMES NEWS

NEW DELHI: Secretariat, the seat of the city government, was sealed to ensure the safety of official files, documents and computers, with Assembly poll results showing a regime change on Saturday, officials

On the instruction of Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena, $_{
m the}$ General Administration Department (GAD) of Delhi government has issued an order directing all the departments, agencies, and camp offices of the Council of Ministers not to remove any records or files without the prior permission

from the department.

As per the latest trends, the BJP is all set to stage a comeback in Delhi after more than 26 years, sweeping the AAP away from the national capital in another big win to extend its saffron footprint in the country.

The GAD order issued to various department heads and in-charges said that no files, documents, computer hardware etc. can be taken outside the Delhi Secretariat complex without the department's prior permission.

"It is therefore directed that necessary instructions may be issued to the

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Gandhi -Rahul



election Demi cresults are out. BJP has swept the polls, made a history of sorts. This is vindication of the party's strong and future-looking leadership led by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi. This also has established quite firmly that BJP is the most trusted party in the country, and so is the leadership of Modi.

There, however, is the other side of this oicture- the ridiculous lengths to which Rahul Gandhi conducted himself and led his party Congress to the political suicide in the Indian politics. Delhi elections have reconfirmed his poor knowledge of India, aspirations of its people who want to see their nation on top of

the world. And Rahul Gandhi has nothing but anti-Modi and anti-Hindu rhetoric to offer. The people have summarily rejected it.

In a democracy, there always is need of a strong government led by politically strong leaders, which also needs strong opposition that is responsible and the one that makes the government accountable on the issues of importance. As far as the Government is concerned, Modi, since his assumption of the office as Prime Minister in May 2014, demonstrated the qualities of a leader who led the country out of morass and depression caused by the lack of political will, corruption and overall mood of despondency all across.

Modi infused confidence among the countrymen who had given up hope about the future prospects, as they had to confront high-corruption at every step. The poor were getting poor and the rich were running away with their wealth to other countries. He stabilized the nation and made the people have confidence about themselves and their future. He took this as a mission to bring

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changes in the country, enhance their prestige by the sole mission of 'nation

It was expected that the Congress that had been dumped by the people for its arrogance and corruption would have learnt lessons from its electoral defeat. The party displayed its lessons to the contrary. It became more arrogant and corrupt. Its party system started crumbling and as a result of which the party

lost election after election in states. Even in Jammu and Kashmir, its tally was reduced to 12 in 2014, which in 2024 further dipped to six.

Rahul Gandhi started leading the party to make it look like a patch. He was chosen to lead the party solely because he was a scion of the Nehru-Gandhi family. The family believes in entitlement in all spheres, without looking at the flaws that made it to rest in opposition. It lost 2014 elections badly, and 2019 poll brought still bitter results. The party could not touch even the figure of 50 in Lok Sabha. This was the worst-ever performance of the party in Lok Sabha polls ever since it came into political arena of electoral

Instead of reflecting on losses, Rahul Gandhi reveled in his own thinking -

travelling to foreign countries, bad mouthing India and the BJP leadership , forgetting all the while that Narendra Modi was elected by the people and his party BJP was on ascendency. The hard work, devoted to rebuilding the nation and taking it to new heights made the people to trust and vote for him and the BJP time and again.

During Delhi elections, Rahul Gandh intoxicated by his self-obsession wrecked boat of the opposition. Believing himself to be the sole leader of INDIA bloc, he told all other parties to quit the field. He took on AAP and its leader Arvind Kejriwal. The opposition unity which was already under shadows lost to itself INDIA bloc is finished. And the only man responsible for making opposition irrelevant is Rahul Gandhi. He is wrecker-in -chief of opposition.

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