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Elections to 12 RS seats to be held on September 3

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Elections to 12 Rajya Sabha seats will be held on September 3. The votes will be counted the same day.

The Election Commission notified the polls on Wednesday.

The BJP, which now has 87 members in the Upper House, is likely to gain four seats at the cost of the Congress, the RJD, and the Biju Janata Dal.

Ten Rajya Sabha seats fell vacant as the sitting members, including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Jyotiraditya Scindia, were elected to the Lok Sabha.

Two members, K. Keshava Rao and Mamata Mohanta, resigned.

The BJP is likely to gain the seats vacated by Congress leaders Deepender Hooda and K.C. Venugopal.

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance is likely to win the seat vacated by the RJD's Misa Bharti, who won the Lok Sabha election from the Patliputra constituency.

Tribal vote trends reshape LS election results

Priyanka Jarkiholi's historic win in Chikkodi shows a broader trend in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, where tribal votes shifted significantly

DATA POINT

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Priyanka Jarkiholi, a tribal woman, made history in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Not only did she win as a Congress candidate from the unreserved Chikkodi Lok Sabha seat in the Belgavi district in Karnataka, but she also became one of the youngest parliamentarians in India. She secured 51.2% of the votes, defeating the incumbent MP and BJP candidate, Annasaheb Jolle by a margin of a little more than seven per cent votes (Actual vote count).

Chikkodi is a non-reserved seat with a tribal population of only five per cent, about 15% Dalit population, and nearly 10% Muslim voters. The constituency has a large proportion of OBC and upper caste voters. In a constituency with such demographics, securing 51% votes for a candidate from a tribal community especially - a woman - against a candidate from the dominant Lingayat community is a remarkable achievement. The votes polled by Ms. Jarkiholi indicate that she garnered significant support from a broad cross-section of communities, not just the Adivasi community.

Several prominent tribal leaders were elected to the 18th Lok Sabha, including Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor from Dahod in Gujarat, Parbhubhai Nagarbhai Vasava, from Bardoli Lok Sabha constituency in Gujarat, Faggan Singh Kulaste from Mandla Lok Sabha constituency in Madhya Pradesh, Jwal Oram from Sundargarh Lok Sabha seat in Odisha and Murari Lal Meena from Dausa Lok Sabha seat in Rajasthan. These MPs, representing various States and parties, were elected from ST reserved constituencies. Against this backdrop, it is important to analyse the tribal factor in the 2024 Lok Sabha election. Did the tribal vote overwhelmingly in favour of one party,

or was it more fragmented across different parties?

Out of 47 Lok Sabha seats reserved for tribals, the BJP won 25 seats, six seats less compared to 2019. Its vote share remained more or less the same, i.e. 42.6% in the 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Meanwhile, the Congress gained both in terms of votes and seats compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha election. The Congress polled 30.1% votes in 2024, nearly 1.5 points higher compared to its vote share in 2019. Compared to its tally of four ST reserved seats in 2019, the Congress won 12 ST reserved seats in 2024. These gains came at the expense of the BJP, which lost six seats, and other regional parties which altogether lost five of the ST reserved seats (Table 1).

The Congress indeed made gains among ST reserved seats both in terms of seats and votes, but these gains were not uniform across all States. In some States, the Congress received more votes amongst tribal voters compared to its rivals, but in others, it was less popular among tribal voters.

Findings from the post-poll survey conducted by CSDS-Lokniti indicate, that tribal votes were largely in favour of the Congress in States like J&K, Goa, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh. In several States, tribal votes were evenly split between the Congress and the BJP. For example, in Gujarat, both parties received 49% of the tribal votes, and the same was the case in Uttarakhand and Jharkhand. However, in States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and West Bengal, the tribal vote was tilted in favour of the BJP, and, in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, there was significant support for the BJP amongst the tribal voters (Table 3).

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Breaking down the ST vote

Tables 1 and 2 are based on election results from the Election Commission. Table 3 is based on the national election study 2024 conducted by the CSDS-Lokniti



Table 1: The table shows the performance of different parties in ST reserved constituencies

Election Year	Congress		UPA		BJP		NDA		Others	
	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)	Won	Vote (%)
2014	5	27.5	7	31	27	36.4	27	38.5	13	30.5
2019	4	28.7	5	37.5	31	42.7	32	44.7	10	22.8
2024	12	30.1	16	35.1	25	42.6	26	44.8	5	20.1

* Of the 47 Lok Sabha seats reserved for the STs, the BJP won 25 seats which is 6 seats less compared to its tally of ST reserved seats in 2019

Table 2: The table shows the performance of alliances in ST reserved constituencies across regions

Region	Year	INDIA		NDA		Other	
		Won	Vote %	Won	Vote %	Won	Vote %
East	2014	2	44.7%	1	20.71%	4	34.6%
	2019	1	30.36%	4	39.9%	2	29.74%
	2024	2	31.19%	5	40.95%	0	27.86%
Hindi heartland	2014	2	37.8%	16	49.42%	0	12.79%
	2019	3	41.11%	15	50.56%	0	8.33%
	2024	7	45.55%	11	47.36%	0	7.09%
North east	2014	5	42.16%	1	19.06%	1	38.78%
	2019	1	27.45%	4	34.89%	2	37.65%
	2024	2	27.52%	3	38.78%	2	33.71%
West	2014	0	36.13%	9	54.17%	0	9.7%
	2019	0	32.82%	8	53.03%	1	14.14%
	2024	3	40.94%	6	50.27%	0	8.79%
South	2014	2	30.96%	1	33.73%	3	35.29%
	2019	1	32.27%	3	35.94%	2	31.79%
	2024	4	43.38%	1	37.27%	1	19.36%

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Table 3: The table shows how tribal voters voted in 2024 Lok Sabha election

State	Proportion of tribal population	INDIA	NDA	Others
Andhra Pradesh	7%	3%	56%	41%
Assam	12.5%	24%	51%	24%
Goa	10.1%	51%	45%	4%
Gujarat	14.8%	49%	49%	2%
Jammu and Kashmir	12%	76%	17%	7%
Karnataka	7%	46%	54%	0%
Madhya Pradesh	21.1%	24%	71%	5%
Maharashtra	9.4%	61%	29%	10%
Odisha	22.9%	23%	40%	37%
Rajasthan	13.5%	39%	48%	13%
West Bengal	6%	2%	63%	29%
Jharkhand	27%	36%	38%	26%
Chhattisgarh	31%	59%	40%	1%
Uttarakhand	3%	50%	50%	0%

* Post poll survey findings indicate that tribal votes were largely in favour of the Congress in States like J&K, Goa, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

Bypolls to 12 RS seats on September 3

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ECI team in J&K for Assembly poll talks

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SRINAGAR, AUG. 7

The entire body of the Election Commission of India (ECI) comprising Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and election commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu will be arriving here on

Thursday on a two-day visit of Jammu and Kashmir for threadbare discussions with the stakeholders before deciding the Assembly election dates in the Union territory.

The last Assembly elections in the erstwhile state of J&K were held in 2014. ■ P7

■ Poll team to arrive in Srinagar today to discuss schedule EC sets ball rolling for J&K election

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The state was brought under Governor's rule following the PDP-BJP coalition government collapse in June 2018. J&K was split into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in August 2019 when its special status envisaged in Article 370 was also withdrawn by the Union government.

A constitution bench of the Supreme Court had on December 11 last year while upholding the power of the President to abrogate Article 370, reasoning that the provision was a temporary measure meant to ensure J&K's integration into India, set a deadline of September 2024 for the ECI to hold

Assembly elections in the UT.

While some Kashmir watchers and also certain political parties are pessimistic towards the intent of the Union government, Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy who was in Jammu earlier this week to address a BJP rally organised on the fifth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 37 confirmed that J&K Assembly elections would be held in September. Mr. Reddy, who is the election in-charge of the BJP in J&K, said he and his party were sure that the people will vote for it to form a government of its own for maintaining the "development tempo and rooting out terrorism."

■ OFFICIAL SOURCES

here said the EC will hold a meeting with the representatives of political parties here on Thursday

The official sources here said that apart from reviewing the preparations being made for the Assembly polls at its meetings with the J&K government functionaries including chief secretary Atal Dulloo and chief electoral officer (CEO) Pandurang K. Pole, the ECI will hold a meeting with the representatives of recognised national and regional political parties here on Thursday.

This would be followed by a meeting with the district deputy commission-

ers and superintendents of police which would be attended also by some other senior police officers.

In the evening, the ECI will hold discussions in a separate meeting with senior officers of the J&K police, Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Central Paramilitary Forces (CPMFs).

On August 9, the ECI will meet the chief secretary and the director-general of police Rashmi Ranjan Swain before relocating to Jammu where it will hold a meeting with law enforcement agencies to review the preparedness for the elections and after addressing a press conference return to Delhi in the evening.

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Elections to 12 RS seats from 9 states on Sep 3: EC

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K Keshava Rao from Telangana resigned recently from the House after quitting the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to join the Congress while Biju Janata Dal (BJD) MP Mamata Mohanta resigned from her Rajya Sabha seat and primary membership of the party. Besides Goyal, Sonowal and Scindia, the other Rajya Sabha members who won the parliamentary polls and moved to the Lok Sabha are Kamakhya Prasad Tasa (BJP), Misha Bharti (RJD), Vivek Thakur (BJP), Deepender Singh Hooda (Congress), Udayanraje Bhosle (BJP), K C Venugopal (Congress) and Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP). The notification for the Rajya Sabha elections will be issued on August 14 and the last date for filing of poll papers is August 21, the commission said.

The separate elections for each Rajya Sabha seat will be held on September 3 and the results will be announced the same day.

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மாநிலங்களவையின்

12 காலியிடங்களுக்கு

செப்.3-ல் தேர்தல்

●புதுடெல்லி

ஓடிசாவிலிருந்து மாநிலங்களவைக்கு பிஜு ஜனதா தளம் சார்பில் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்ட எம்.பி. மமதா மொகந்தா கடந்த மாதம் 31-ம் தேதி தனது பதவியை ராஜினாமா செய்து பாஜக.வில் இணைந்தார். அவருடன் சேர்த்து 9 மாநிலங்களைச் சேர்ந்த 12 மாநிலங்களவை உறுப்பினர்கள் இடங்கள் காலியாக உள்ளன. இந்த இடங்களை நிரப்ப செப்டம்பர் 3-ம் தேதி தேர்தல் நடத்தப்படும் என தேர்தல் ஆணையம் அறிவித்துள்ளது.

இதற்கான அறிவிப்பு வரும் 14-ம் தேதி வெளியிடப்படுகிறது. மனுக்கள் வரும் 22-ம் தேதி ஆய்வு செய்யப்படும். தேர்தல் செப்டம்பர் 3-ம் தேதி காலை 9 மணி முதல் மாலை 4 மணி வரை நடத்தப்படும். ஓட்டு எண்ணிக்கை அன்றைய தினம் மாலை 5 மணிக்கு மேல் நடைபெறும்.

பல்வேறு மாநிலங்களில்

காலியாக உள்ள 12 மாநிலங்களவை இடங்களுக்கு இடைத்தேர்தல்

அடுத்த மாதம் 3-ந்தேதி நடக்கிறது

புதுடெல்லி, ஆக.8-
பல்வேறு மாநிலங்களில்
காலியாக இருக்கும் 12
மாநிலங்களவை எம்.பி.
பதவிகளுக்கு அடுத்த
மாதம் (செப்டம்பர்)
3-ந்தேதி இடைத்தேர்தல்
நடைபெறுவதாக தேர்தல்
கமிஷன் அறிவித்து உள்
ளது.

காலியான 12 இடங்கள்

சமீபத்தில் நடைபெற்ற
நாடாளுமன்ற பொதுத்
தேர்தலில் மாநிலங்களவை
எம்.பி.க்கள் சிலரும்
போட்டியிட்டனர். அதில்
வெற்றி பெற்று மக்களவை எம்.
பி.யான அவர்கள் மாநிலங்க
ளவை எம்.பி. பதவியை துறந்த
னர். இதன் மூலம் மாநிலங்கள
வையில் சில இடங்கள் காலி
யானது.

அந்தவகையில் அசாம்,
பீகார், அரியானா, மத்திய பிர
தேசம், மராட்டியம், ராஜஸ்தான்,
திரிபுரா ஆகிய 9 மாநி
லங்களில் இருந்து 10 இடங்கள்

காலியாகின.

மத்திய மந்திரிகள் ஜோதிரா
தித்ய சிந்தியா, சர்பானந்தா
சோனாவால் மற்றும் காங்கி
ரஸ் பொதுச்செயலாளர் கே.சி.
வேணுகோபால் ஆகியோர்
மாநிலங்களவை பதவியை
துறந்தவர்களில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்
கவர்கள் ஆவர்.

14-ந்தேதி முதல் வேட்புமனு

இவர்களை தவிர தெலுங்கா
னாவை சேர்ந்த டாக்டர் கேச
வராவ், ஒடிசாவை சேர்ந்த
மமதா மொகந்தா ஆகியோர்
கடந்த மாதம் தங்கள் பதவியை
ராஜினாமா செய்திருந்தனர்.

இவ்வாறு மாநிலங்களவை
யில் காலியான 12 இடங்க
ளுக்கு தேர்தல் கமிஷன் நேற்று
இடைத்தேர்தல் அறிவிப்பை
வெளியிட்டது.

அதன்படி இந்த 12 இடங்க
ளுக்கும் அடுத்த மாதம் (செப்
டம்பர்) 3-ந்தேதி தேர்தல் நடக்
கிறது. இதற்கான வேட்புமனு
தாக்கல் வருகிற 14-ந் தேதி
தொடங்கி 21-ந் தேதி வரை

நடைபெறுகிறது.

பின்னர் 22-ந்தேதி மனுக்கள்
பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படுகின்
றன. வேட்புமனுக்களை திரும்
பப் பெறுவதற்கு 26 மற்றும் 27-
ந் தேதிகள் கடைசி நாளாக
மாநிலங்கள் வாரியாக நிர்ண
யிக்கப்பட்டு உள்ளது.

வேட்பாளர் தேர்வு தீவிரம்

இந்த பதவிகள் போட்டி
யின்றி தேர்வாகும் என கருதப்
படுகிறது.

அதேநேரம் போட்டி ஏற்பட்
டால் 3-ந்தேதி தேர்தல் நடத்தப்
படும். அவ்வாறு தேர்தல் நடந்
தால் அன்று மாலையே வாக்
குகள் எண்ணப்பட்டு முடிவு
கள் அறிவிக்கப்படுகிறது.

இடைத்தேர்தலில் வெற்றி
பெறும் எம்.பி.க்களின் பதவிக்
காலம் 14-6-2025 முதல் 7-7-2028
வரை பல்வேறு காலக்கட்டத்
தில் நிறைவு பெறும் என்பது
குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

மாநிலங்களவை இடைத்
தேர்தல் அறிவிக்கப்பட்டு உள்
ளதை தொடர்ந்து, அந்த
இடங்களுக்கு வேட்பாளர்
தேர்வை அரசியல் கட்சிகள்
தீவிரப்படுத்தி உள்ளன.