

Election Commission releases absolute number of votes polled in Phase 6

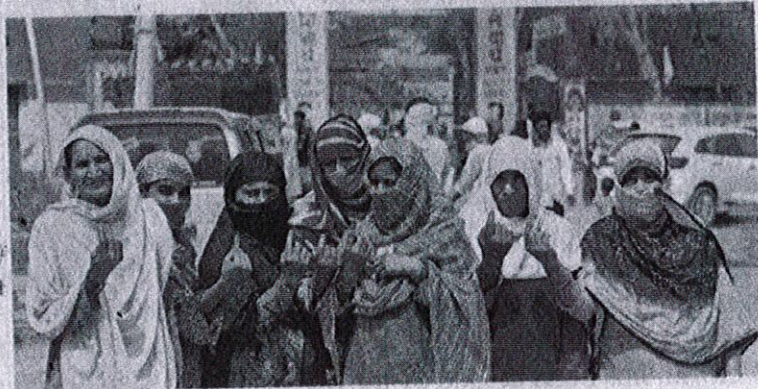
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NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday came out with the absolute number of votes polled in the sixth phase of the Lok Sabha election and the final turnout, which it pegged at 63.37%.

The absolute number of voters was released just three days after the voting for the sixth phase took place on May 25, while the numbers for the first five phases were released by the poll body 36 days after the first phase.

The highest turnout for the sixth phase was recorded in West Bengal at 82.71%, while the lowest of 55.4% was recorded in Jammu and Kashmir. However, the turnout for J&K was the highest in 30 years.

The total number of votes polled was



Women after casting their votes for the sixth phase of the election in Nuh district in Haryana on May 25. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

7,05,44,933 in 58 constituencies as against the total registered electors of 11,13,16,606, the EC said in a statement.

The EC had shared the absolute polling figures for the first time on May 25, a day after the Supreme Court refused to direct the poll body to disclose details of Form 17 C, which contains this data at the booth level and is handed out to all the polling agents of the candidates.

In an affidavit filed before the top court last week, the commission expressed concern that there was a "design, a pattern" that was at play in the petitioners' approach. In its statement on May 25, the EC reiterated this. "The commission notes the pattern of false narratives and mischievous design to vitiate electoral process", it said adding any alteration in the number of the votes polled was not possible.

EC orders suspension of Special Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister

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BHUBANESWAR

The Election Commission has placed D.S. Kutey, Special Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, under suspension, and directed Ashish Kumar Singh, Inspector-General of Police (CM Security) to undergo medical examination over charges of influencing the simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the State.

The two senior IPS officers were among a few key bureaucrats overseeing official operation of Odisha Chief Minister. The decision has been taken on basis of information forwarded by the Chief Electoral Officer of Odisha who indicated that the two officers were directly exerting "undue influence" on conduct of election work.

"This was further corroborated by various other inputs received from the field from time to time," the EC said in its order.

"Mr. Kutey should be placed under suspension under relevant service rules for unduly interfering in conduct of election. His headquarter is fixed at the Office of Resident Commissioner Odisha, New Delhi where he will report by 3 p.m. on May 29," the order says.

The shifting of Mr. Kutey is seen as significant step as the BJP had alleged that he was directly involved in election management for the Biju Janata Dal.

Mr. Singh, who has been on medical leave since May 4, should present himself for detailed medical exam, no later than May 30, the order said.

According to order, the Odisha CEO would ensure that the Director of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar constituted a special medical board to ascertain the illness and treatment being undergone.

"Report on this shall reach the commission latest by May 31," it said.

Mizoram MP urges EC to let policemen away on poll duty vote

The Hindu Bureau

NEW DELHI

A Mizoram MP has written to the Election Commission (EC) seeking its intervention to allow 1,047 police personnel from the State to vote as they were away on election-related duties in other States. The polling for the lone Lok Sabha seat in the State was held on April 19.

K. Vanlalvena, Rajya Sabha member, said in a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner that currently 15 companies of the Mizoram Armed Police comprising 1,047 personnel were on election duty in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. He said the State police nodal officer had requested the Chief Electoral Officer, Mizoram to make arrangements for voting, but they were informed that the request could not be processed for "technical reasons."

"Whatever the technical reasons may be, the fact of the matter is that 1,047 citizens of India have been denied their legitimate right to exercise their franchise. Such disenfranchisement of legitimate voters is totally unconstitutional. It is indeed unfortunate and ironic that this injustice has been served upon these Mizoram police personnel due to their deployment on election duty. Denial of voting opportunity to a voter simply on technical grounds is totally unacceptable," he said.

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63.37% turnout recorded in Ph-6 of LS election: EC

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The Election Commission on Tuesday put the voter turnout in the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections at 63.37 per cent. Female voters in this phase too, like the fifth phase, were higher than men as 64.95 per cent women voted compared to 61.95 per cent men.

The total electorates in the 58 constituencies that went to poll last Saturday were 11,131,6606 out of which 70,544,933 voted.

West Bengal had the highest polling percent-

age 82.71 per cent followed by Odisha (74.45 per cent), Jharkhand (65.39 per cent) and Haryana (64.80 per cent). Among the lowest polling states were Uttar Pradesh (54.04 per cent), Jammu and Kashmir (55.40 per cent), Bihar (57.18 per cent), and Delhi (58.69 per cent).

In Bihar highest polling was in Pashchim Champaran, in Haryana it was Sirsa, in Delhi it was North East, Odisha had Sambalpur, UP had Ambedkar Nagar and West Bengal had Bishnupur as high polling areas.

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EC transfers 3 WB cops ahead of Ph-7

Kolkata: With only three days left for the seventh and the final phase of polling for the ongoing Lok Sabha polls, the Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday transferred three police officers in West Bengal, an official said. The poll panel on Tuesday removed the superintendent of police of Sunderban police district Koteswar Rao, Minakhan SDPO under Basirhat police district Aminul Islam Khan and IC of Rahra police station Debashis Sarkar to non-election related posts, he added.

"Suggestions for the replacements in these three posts were sought from the state secretariat by Wednesday," he said.

Polling for final phase of the Lok Sabha elections is scheduled to be held in nine Lok Sabha seats of Dum Dum, Barasat, Basirhat, Jaynagar, Mathurapur, Diamond Harbour, Jadavpur, Kolkata Dakshin, Kolkata Uttar on June 1. — PTI

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Women outpace men again in voter turnout in Phase 6

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New Delhi: Women once again outshone men in terms of turnout in Phase 6, clocking nearly 65% voting as against 61% among their male counterpart. After Phase 5, which was the first round to see a higher polling percentage among women, Phase 6 is only the second of the six completed to witness better female participation.

EC on Tuesday released not only the overall and gender-wise turnout data for all states and parliamentary constituencies where polling was held in Phase 6 but also the absolute electors data and the absolute count of votes cast in the phase. While the absolute figures for Phase 6 have been shared by EC just three days after polling, it had put out the corresponding data for all the first five phases only on May 25, a day after Supreme Court had declined to direct the poll body to place Form 17C voter details in the public domain.

As per data for the six phases released by EC, 173 of the total 486 parliamen-



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tary constituencies, where the votes lie sealed in EVMs, saw female voters beat their male counterparts in terms of polling percentage.

While Surat is excluded as it did not see any contest, the gender-wise poll percentage for Outer Manipur could not be worked out as voting there was split between Phase 1 and 2, with Phase 1 showing the turnout higher among female electors and Phase 2, among the male voters.

So far, Bihar has the highest share of its PCs with better women participation. Barring Aurangabad, Gaya and Nawada, women beat men in terms of turnout across the state's 32 constituencies where voting has concluded.

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ECI suspends Odisha CM's spl secy for poll interference

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IN a significant development, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday ordered suspension of DS Kutey, special secretary to the chief minister's office (CMO), on charges of unduly interfering in the conduct of election.

The ECI fixed Kutey's headquarters at office of the resident commissioner in New Delhi. The 1997 batch IPS officer in the additional DG rank has been asked to report by 3pm on May 29, a letter by ECI secretary Rakesh Kumar to Odisha chief electoral officer said.

Similarly, the poll panel

asked IG (CM security) Ashish Singh to present himself for detailed medical examination by a special medical board constituted by the director of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar not later than May 30.

Singh has been on medical leave since May 4. The CEO has been directed to coordinate to ensure that the director of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar constitutes the special medical board to ascertain illness and treatment being undergone by Singh. The report on Singh by the CEO will have to reach the ECI by May 31.

The ECI letter said action on

the two IPS officers was taken basing on a communication from the CEO on May 27 in which he had made certain averments indicating undue influence being exercised by the two officers directly connected with conduct of poll work.

The ECI said this was also corroborated by various other inputs received from the field from time to time.

The BJP had earlier alleged Kutey's involvement in poll process and sought that his cell phone be seized for verification of call detail records. A memorandum was submitted to the ECI in this regard.



DS Kutey

EC: 3% more women voted than men in phase VI

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India on Tuesday released the total voter turnout of 63.37% in the sixth phase of Lok Sabha polls in 58 seats in eight states and Union Territories (UTs).

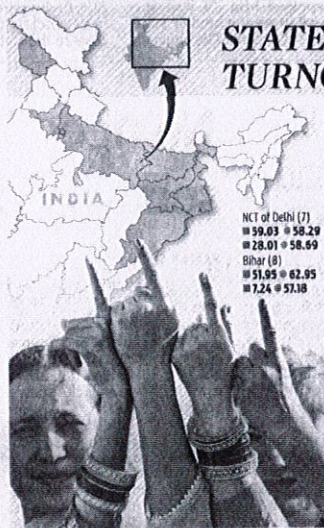
The states where the polling took place on May 25 included Bihar (8), Haryana (10), Jammu & Kashmir (1), Jharkhand (4), NCT of Delhi (7), Odisha (6), Uttar Pradesh (14) and West Bengal (8). According to the data released by the poll panel, men voters' turnout was 61.95%, while 64.95 percent women voters cast their votes. The third gender turnout stood at 18.67%.

As per the statewide voter turnout, West Bengal reported the highest voter turnout of 82.71%. The voter turnout in 14 constituencies across Uttar Pradesh stood at 54.04%.

Delhi recorded a voter turnout of 58.69%, while Haryana recorded a 64.80% polling. Odisha and Jharkhand recorded a voter turnout of 74.45% and 65.39% respectively.

In the absolute numbers in the sixth phase out of 11,13,16,60 voters, 7,05,44,933 exercised their franchise, the ECI said in a statement.

Significantly, in the sixth phase more women voted than men: in Bihar 62.95% women voted against 51.95% men.



Similarly in Uttar Pradesh 57.12% women participated in the electoral exercise against 51.31% and in West Bengal also 83.83% women came out to vote against 81.62% men.

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the polling stations to cast their votes.

"Form 17C is also provided for every polling station in a constituency to candidates through their polling agents. Actual data of Form 17C shall prevail, which is already shared with candidates on the day of poll itself. Final turnout

will only be available post-counting with counting of postal ballots and its addition to total vote count," the ECI noted in its statement.

India has the largest electorate in the world at 96.88 crore. The citizens, who are enrolled in the rolls, are described as electors while those who actually cast their votes are called voters. In the 2019 general elections, the turnout in the sixth phase (59 seats in seven states that went to the polls) was 64.4%. According to the Election Commission, the voter turnout in the fifth phase of the ongoing polls held on May 20 was recorded at 62.2%.

The turnout in the fourth phase stood at 69.16%, 3.65 percentage points higher than the corresponding phase in the 2019 general elections. The voter turnout figure for the third phase of polling was 65.68%. In the third phase of the 2019 polls, the turnout was 68.4%.

In the second phase of the 2024 elections, the turnout was recorded at 66.71% as against the 69.64% in the second phase of the 2019 polls.

In the first phase of the ongoing polls, a 66.14% turnout was recorded. In the 2019 polls, the turnout in the first phase was 69.43%.

The final phase of the polls will be held on June 1, where 57 seats in eight states will go for vote.

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6th phase: 63% voting recorded, over 70.5 cr exercised franchise

NEW DELHI: The penultimate phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections recorded 63.37 per cent voter turnout with 7.05 crore out of 11.13 crore eligible voters exercising their franchise, the Election Commission of India on Tuesday said.

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Female voters outnumbered male voters for the second consecutive time in the sixth phase of Lok Sabha elections by 3 per cent, according to data released by the Election Commission on Tuesday.

In the fifth phase too, more women had turned up at polling stations as compared to men.

பிரதமர் மோடியின் வாரணாசி தொகுதி உட்பட

57 தொகுதியில் நாளை பிரசாரம் ஓய்கிறது

புதுடெல்லி, மே 29: வரும் ஜூன் 1ம் தேதி கடைசி கட்ட வாக்குப்பதிவு நடக்கும் 57 தொகுதியில் நாளை பிரசாரம் ஓய்கிறது, பிரதமர்

மோடி போட்டியிடும் வாரணாசியில் நேற்று ராகுல் தீவிர பிரசாரம் மேற்கொண்டார்.

18வது மக்களவைக்கு கடந்த ஏப். 19ம் தேதி தொடங்கி 6 கட்டமாக வாக்குப்பதிவு நடைபெற்று முடிந்தது. மொத்தமுள்ள 543 தொகுதிகளில் 486 தொகுதிகளுக்கு தேர்தல் முடிந்தது. மீதமுள்ள 57 தொகுதிகளுக்குமட்டும் 7ம் கட்ட மற்றும் கடைசி கட்ட வாக்குப்பதிவு வரும் ஜூன் 1ம் தேதி நடைபெறுகிறது. பீகாரில் 8 இடங்கள், சண்டிகரில் 1, இமாச்சல பிரதேசத்தில் 4, ஜார்கண்டில் 3, ஒடிசாவில் 6, பஞ்சாபில் 13, உத்தரபிரதேசத்தில் 13, மேற்கு வங்கத்தில் 9 இடங்கள் என 8 மாநிலங்கள் மற்றும் யூனியன் பிரதேசங்களில் உள்ள 57 தொகுதிகளில் வாக்குப்பதிவு நடைபெறுகிறது.

பஞ்சாப் மற்றும் இமாச்சலப் பிரதேசத்தில் உள்ள அனைத்து தொகுதிகளிலும் ஒரே கட்டமாக தேர்தல் நடக்கிறது. 57 எம்ப் பதவிகளுக்கும் மொத்தம் 904 வேட்பாளர்கள் போட்டியிடுகின்றனர். இவர்களில் முக்கிய விஜய் வேட்பாளரான பிரதமர் மோடி 3வது

ஜூன் 1ல் கடைசி கட்ட ஓட்டுப்பதிவு

அருணாச்சலம், சிக்கிமில் ஜூன் 2ல் வாக்கு எண்ணிக்கை நாடாளுமன்ற தேர்தலுடன் சிக்கிம், ஆந்திரா, அருணாச்சலப் பிரதேசம், ஒடிசா ஆகிய மாநிலங்களுக்கான சட்டப் பேரவை தேர்தலும் நடைபெற்றது. அருணாச்சலப் பிரதேசம், சிக்கிம் மாநிலங்களின் சட்டப் பேரவை பதவிகளும் ஜூன் 2ம் தேதி முடிவடைகிறது. எனவே அங்கு சட்டப்பேரவைக்கு பதிவான வாக்குகள் முன்கூட்டியே வரும் ஜூன் 2ம் தேதி வாக்கு எண்ணிக்கை நடைபெறும் என்று தேர்தல் ஆணையம் அறிவித்துள்ளது.

6வது கட்ட தேர்தலில் 63.37 சதவீத வாக்கு பதிவு

மக்களவை 6ம் கட்ட தேர்தலில் 58 தொகுதிகளில் ஓட்டுப்பதிவு நடந்தது. இங்கு 63.37 சதவீத வாக்குகள் பதிவாகி உள்ளதாக தேர்தல் ஆணையம் தெரிவித்துள்ளது. 7.05 கோடி பேர் வாக்களித்துள்ளனர் என்று தெரிவித்து உள்ளது. மேலும் இந்த 6 கட்டங்களிலும் பதிவான வாக்குகளில் 4ம் கட்டம் பதிவான 69.16 சதவீத வாக்குகள் தான் அதிகபட்சம். மே 20 அன்று நடைபெற்ற ஐந்தாம் கட்ட வாக்குப்பதிவில் பதிவான 62.20 சதவீத வாக்குகள்தான் மிகக்குறைவான ஒன்று தேர்தல் ஆணையம் தெரிவித்து உள்ளது.

முறையாக உத்தரபிரதேச மாநிலம் வாரணாசியில் போட்டியிடுகிறார். அவரை எதிர்த்து காங்கிரஸ் சார்பில் அஜய் ராய் போட்டியிடுகிறார்.

அதேபோல் உத்தரப்பிரதேசத்தில் கோரக்பூரில் நடிகர் ரவி விஷன் (பாஜ), மிர்சாபூரில் அபனா தனம் கட்சி தலைவரும்,

ஒன்றிய அமைச்சருமான அனுப் ரியா பட்டேல், சண்டவுலியில் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் மகேந்திர நாத் பாண்டே (பாஜ), பீகார் மாநிலம் பாட்னா சாஹிப்பில் முன்னாள் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் ரவிசங்கர் பிரசாத் (பாஜ), பாடலிபுத்தராவில் லாலு மகானா மிசா பாரதி (ஆர்ஜேடி), இமாச்சலப் பிரதேசம்

மேற்கு வங்காளத்தில் 3 போலீஸ் அதிகாரிகள் அதிரடி இடமாற்றம்

மக்களவை தேர்தல் கடைசி கட்ட வாக்குப்பதிவு நடைபெற இன்னும் 3 நாட்களே உள்ள நிலையில் மேற்கு வங்காளத்தில் முன்று காவல்துறை அதிகாரிகளை இடமாற்றம் செய்து தேர்தல் ஆணையம் உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளது. கந்தர்பன் காவல் மாவட்டத்தின் காவல் கண்காணிப்பாளர்கோடேஷ்வர் ராவ், பாசிர்ஹாட் காவல் மாவட்டத்தின் கீழ் உள்ள மின்கான் எல்பிடி ஒயினால் இஸ்லாம் கான், ரஹ்ரா காவல் நிலைய ஐசி தேபாவில் சர்க்கார் ஆகியோரை தேர்தல் பணியில் இடுந்து நீக்கி அதிரடி உத்தரவு பிறப்பித்து உள்ளது.

காங்கிராவில் முன்னாள் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் ஆனந்த் சர்மா (காங்கிரஸ்), மண்டியில் நடிகை கங்கராணாவத் (பாஜக), அவரை எதிர்த்து மாநில அமைச்சர் வீக்ரமாதிய சிங் (காங்கிரஸ்), ஹமிர்பூரில் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் அனுராக்கர் (பாஜ), பஞ்சாப் மாநிலம்

அமிர்தசரளில் இலங்கை, அமெரிக்கா வித்கான் இத்தியாவின் முன்னாள் தாதர் தரன்ஜித் சிங் சந்து (பாஜ), ஜலந்தரில் முன்னாள் முதல்வர் சரன்ஜித் சிங் சன்னி (காங்கிரஸ்), பத்தினிடாவில் முன்னாள் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் ஹர்சிமர்த் கவுர் பாதல் (சிரோன் மணி), பாட்டியாலாவில் முன்னாள் முதல்வர் அமர்ந்தர் சிங் கிள் மணவி பிரனீத் கவுர் (பாஜ), மேற்குவங்க மாநிலம் டயமண்ட் ஹார்பரில் மம்தாவின் மருமகன் அபிஷேக் பாளர்ஜி இரிணாமுல்), ஜார்கண்ட் மாநிலம் தும்காவில் முன்னாள் முதல்வர் சிபு சோரனின் மருமகன் சீதா சோரன் (பாஜ), சண்டிகரில் முன்னாள் ஒன்றிய அமைச்சர் மணீஷ் திவாரி (காங்கிரஸ்) உள்ளிட்டோர் முக்கிய வேட்பாளர்களாக களத்தில் உள்ளனர். கடைசி கட்ட தேர்தல் நடக்கும் 57 மக்களவை தொகுதியுடன், ஒடிசாவில் உள்ள 41 சட்டப்பேரவை தொகுதிகளிலும் வாக்குப்பதிவு நடக்கிறது.

இங்கு நாளை பிரசாரம் ஓய்வதால், தேர்தல் ஆணையமும் வாக்குப்பதிவுக்கான ஏற்பாடுகளை செய்து வருகிறது. ஜூன் 1ம் தேதி வாக்குப்பதிவு நடக்கிறது. ஜூன் 4ம் தேதி ஓட்டு எண்ணிக்கை நடைபெறும்.

Last phase election campaign ends tomorrow. This last phase election will be conducted among 57 constituencies in 8 states.