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Actress Trisha Krishnan celebrates her 43rd birthday as actor-turned-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) registers a strong performance in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections.

In a dramatic political development, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin suffered a rare electoral defeat in his Kolathur Assembly constituency, losing by nearly 9,000 votes to Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) candidate V.S. Babu.

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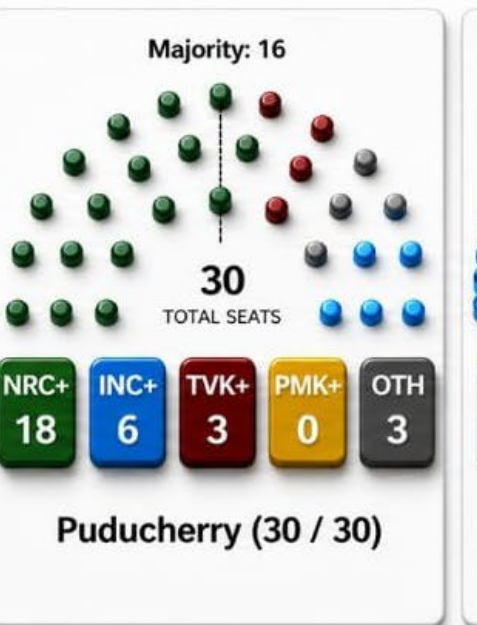
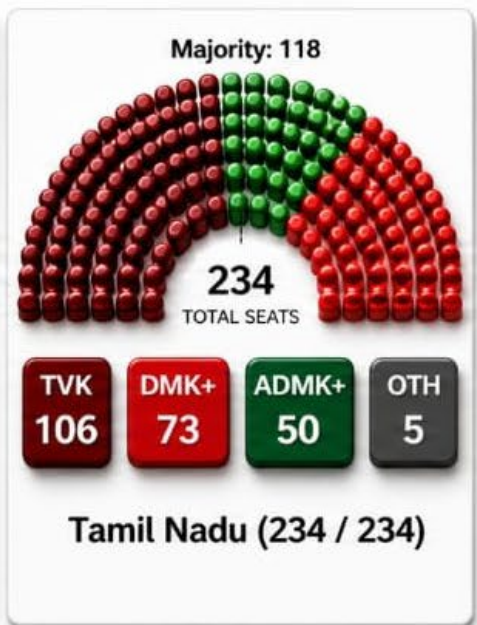
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Suwendu Defeats Mamata in Bhabanipur

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee suffered a major setback in the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency, losing to BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari by a margin of 15,114 votes after 20 rounds of counting.
According to official counting trends, Adhikari maintained a steady lead throughout the final rounds. After the 18th round, he was ahead by 10,994 votes, which further increased after subsequent rounds before the final result confirmed his victory.
With this win, Suwendu Adhikari has reportedly secured victories in both Bhabanipur and Nandigram constituencies, marking a significant political development in West Bengal. The result is being seen as a major blow to the ruling Trinamool Congress.
Bhabanipur, considered a stronghold of Mamata Banerjee, **PG2**

Vijay's TVK Makes Stunning Debut Win

> Vikrama Vahini | Chennai
Actor-turned-politician Vijay has made a spectacular entry into electoral politics, leading his Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) to a major breakthrough in its maiden Assembly election contest in Tamil Nadu.
In a dramatic political outcome, TVK emerged as the single largest party, **PG2**

Himanta Leads BJP to Assam Landslide

> Vikrama Vahini | Guwahati
The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has registered a massive victory in the Assam Assembly elections, securing a decisive mandate and returning to power with a landslide win. The NDA won 102 out of the 126 Assembly seats, reaffirming its **PG2**

NDA Retains Power in Puducherry

> Vikrama Vahini | Puducherry
The ruling All India N.R. Congress (AINRC)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), along with the BJP and AIADMK, has secured a clear majority in the 30-member Puducherry Assembly and is set to form the next government, according to counting trends on Monday. **PG2**

UDF Sweeps Kerala, LDF Routed; NDA Wins 3

> Vikrama Vahini | Thiruvananthapuram
The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) has registered a landslide victory in the 2026 Kerala Assembly elections, winning 102 seats in the 140-member House and returning to power with a clear majority.
The ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) suffered a major defeat, **PG2**

Good morning
New Day, New Blessings.
Don't let yesterday's failures ruin the beauty of today.
Because each day has its own promise, of love, joy, and forgiveness.

Five-State Polls: Big Win for Modi Leadership

> Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
The results of the 2026 Assembly elections in five states have marked a significant moment in India's political landscape, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) securing notable victories across key regions. Party leaders attributed the success to the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party's focus on governance, development, and national security. **PG2**

Congress Sweeps Karnataka Bypolls, Wins Both Seats

> Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru
The ruling Congress recorded a decisive victory in the Karnataka Assembly bypolls on Monday, retaining Bagalkot with a massive margin and wresting Davanagere South from the BJP, marking a significant political setback for the opposition.
The bypolls were held following the deaths of Congress legislators H.Y. Meti in Bagalkot and Shamanur Shivashankarappa in Davanagere South and were seen as an important test for the Siddaramaiah-led government.
In Bagalkot, Congress candidate Umesh Meti secured a landslide win, defeating BJP's three-time MLA Veerabhadrayya Charantimath by 21,866 votes. **PG2**

Editorial
Border Verdict Message

The results of the five state Assembly elections announced on Monday have delivered a striking political message, particularly from West Bengal. The outcome has been interpreted in many quarters as a decisive response to concerns surrounding national sovereignty and border management. For years, illegal migration—especially from Bangladesh and involving Rohingya groups—has been cited as a growing challenge with implications for internal security, demographic balance, and welfare systems. Critics have argued that gaps in border infrastructure and alleged administrative lapses enabled unchecked inflows, turning the issue into a significant electoral concern.

Allegations have long been raised against the previous dispensation in West Bengal for not facilitating timely completion of border fencing along the India-Bangladesh frontier, thereby indirectly aiding illegal migration. Claims of organised networks that helped undocumented migrants obtain identity documents have also surfaced in political discourse. Notably, the issue has drawn attention beyond India's borders; discussions in Bangladesh's parliamentary circles over potential reverse migration scenarios, especially involving Rohingya populations, highlighted the seriousness of the matter. Such developments underscored how regional dynamics and domestic governance intersect in shaping migration challenges.

In this backdrop, the electoral setback for the ruling establishment in West Bengal is being seen as a turning point. The new mandate places the onus on the central government to act decisively. Strengthening border infrastructure, improving surveillance, and ensuring strict identification mechanisms will be crucial steps in addressing illegal migration. A coordinated national approach—balancing humanitarian considerations with security imperatives—will be essential. Ultimately, the verdict signals that voters expect firm governance, clarity in policy, and a proactive stance in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty.

-Editor



Leader of Opposition (KLC) Mr Chhalawadi Narayana Swamy and Legislator (MLC) Mr C T Ravi seen, curiously viewing the live TV result at BJP Headquarters in Bengaluru on May-4.

Siddaramaiah Hails Congress Wins, Hits BJP Politics

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday thanked voters for supporting Congress candidates in the by-elections held in Bagalkote and Davanagere Assembly constituencies, stating that the mandate reflects both the government's achievements and the enduring strength of the party's ideology.



In his reaction to the election results, Siddaramaiah said that despite misinformation campaigns and the influence of money power, voters reaffirmed their trust in the Congress and its governance. He expressed confidence that this support would continue in the

upcoming Assembly elections. Congratulating voters in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, he said the results indicate a rejection of divisive politics. He attributed the Congress victory in Kerala to strong leadership, effective candidate selection, and a well-executed campaign, while also acknowledging the efforts of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi.

He said the Congress Legislature Party in Kerala would soon elect its next Chief Minister and expressed confidence that the state would witness governance setting a national benchmark. The victory, he added, would further strengthen the party in Karnataka.

Congress Sweeps K'taka Bypolls, Wins Both Seats

From PG: Umesh Meti received 97,941 votes, while Charantimath polled 76,075. The Congress maintained a steady lead throughout counting, which widened significantly in the later rounds. The victory is being seen as a strong endorsement of the ruling party in the region.

In Davanagere South, Congress candidate Samarth Shananur Malikarjun staged a strong comeback after trailing in early rounds and defeated BJP candidate Shrinivas Dasakariyappa by 5,708 votes. The dual wins are expected to boost the Congress government's position in Karnataka and strengthen its political momentum ahead of future electoral challenges.

UDF Sweeps Kerala, LDF Routed; NDA Wins 3

From PG: securing only 35 seats, while the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) managed to win 3 seats.

The UDF's decisive win was driven by strong performances from its key allies. The Indian National Congress won 63 seats, while the Indian Union Muslim League secured 22 seats. Other partners, including Kerala Congress factions and the RSP, contributed to the alliance's strong tally.

The LDF's performance marked a significant setback. The Communist Party of India (Marxist)

won 26 seats, and the Communist Party of India secured 8 seats, with several smaller allies failing to win representation.

The NDA recorded a limited presence in the Assembly. BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar won from Nemom, while B.B. Gopakumar and V. Muraliedharan secured victories from Chathamur and Kazhakkuttam respectively.

The results indicate a strong anti-incumbency wave against the LDF government and mark a major political shift in Kerala, with the UDF set to form the next government with a comfortable majority.

K.C. Reddy Was a Capable, Honest Administrator

Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru
Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday paid tribute to former Chief Minister K. C. Reddy, describing him as a capable and honest administrator who upheld integrity in public life.



Speaking to the media after garlanding Reddy's statue near the west entrance of Vidhana Soudha on the occasion of his birth anniversary, Siddaramaiah said that K. C. Reddy played a key role in shaping the state after independence.

He noted that Reddy was the first Chief Minister of the erstwhile Mysore State and had actively participated in the freedom struggle.

Highlighting his contributions, the

Chief Minister said Reddy, a native of Kolar, was instrumental in building the Congress party in the state and strengthening its foundation. He added that the administrative legacy of K. C. Reddy continues to serve as a guiding light. Siddaramaiah also credited Reddy for laying the groundwork for the establishment of major institutions such as ITI, HMT, and ISRO in Karnataka, which later contributed significantly to the state's industrial and technological growth. Expressing confidence ahead of the by-elections, the Chief Minister said the Congress is likely to win both Davanagere and Bagalkot seats, though the margin in Davanagere may be narrower.



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah congratulates Sadvi Satish Sail, daughter of Karwar Congress MLA Satish Sail, for winning the 61st Femina Miss India-2026 crown held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Also seen are MLAs Rizwan Arshad and Yaseer Khan Pathan, Karnataka Legislative Council Chief Whip Saleem Ahmed, and MLC Ivan D Souza.

Suvendu Defeats Mamata in Bhabanipur

From PG: had witnessed a massive victory for her in the 2021 by-election, where she won by nearly 60,000 votes after returning to contest the seat.

The constituency is politically significant due to its diverse voter base, comprising a mix of Bengali and non-Bengali communities, including Gujaratis, Marwaris, Punjabis, and Odias, along with a substantial minority population.

The outcome is expected to have wider political implications for the TMC leadership in the state, while strengthening the BJP's position in West Bengal politics. Political observers say the result could reshape power equations within West Bengal politics ahead of future elections.

The outcome is also expected to intensify political debates between the BJP and TMC in the state.

NDA Retains Power in Puducherry

From PG: The NDA has won 12 seats and is leading in five more, taking its total to 17 seats—well above the 16-seat majority mark. The Congress-led INDIA bloc has won 2 seats and is leading in 4 more, while the TVK alliance led by actor-politician Vijay has secured 1 seat and is ahead in 2 more constituencies.

continue as Chief Minister. Rangasamy registered a comfortable victory from his stronghold Thattanchavady, defeating his nearest rival by a margin of 4,441 votes. He also performed strongly in Mangalam constituency.

Independents and others have won 4 seats. With the outcome becoming clear, NDA leaders are expected to meet and formalise government formation. AINRC founder and Chief Minister N. Rangasamy is widely expected to

Key winners include BJP leader A. Namasivayam from Mannadipet and AIADMK's A. Anbazhagan from Uppalam. The results mark another term for the NDA in Puducherry, strengthening Rangasamy's leadership and continuing the coalition's governance in the Union Territory.

Vijay's TVK Makes Stunning Debut Win

From PG: pushing the ruling DMK to a major setback and relegating the AIADMK to third place. The results mark a significant shift in the state's political landscape, long dominated by Dravidian parties. One of the biggest surprises of the election was the defeat of Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin in Kolathur constituency, where he lost to TVK candidate V.S. Babu by over 9,000 votes.

Several senior DMK ministers also suffered defeats in their respective constituencies.

Himanta Leads BJP to Assam Landslide

From PG: strong political dominance in the state. The BJP alone secured 82 seats, while its allies Bodo People's Front (BPF) and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) won 10 seats each.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma achieved a significant personal milestone by winning from Jalukbari for the sixth consecutive time, defeating Congress candidate Bidisha Neog by a massive margin of 89,434 votes.

The result is being seen as a strong endorsement of his leadership and the BJP's governance model in the state.

The Congress put up a weakened performance, winning 19 seats.

Other opposition parties, including the AIUDF and Rajior Dal, secured two seats each, while the Trinamool Congress managed one seat. In a major setback for the Congress, its state president Gaurav Gogoi lost in Jorhat to BJP's Hitendranath Goswami by 23,181 votes.

Among key BJP winners were ministers Ajanta Neog (Golaghat), Ranaj Pegu (Dhemajji), Pijush Hazarika (Jagiroad), Prasanta Phukan (Dibrugarh), and Bimal Bora (Tingkhong), among others, who retained their seats comfortably.

NEWS

BAGALKOT LOSS UNEXPECTED: VIJAYENDRA

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Karnataka BJP President B. Y. Vijayendra on Sunday said the party did not expect a setback in the Bagalkot bypoll, while expressing confidence of victory in Davanagere South.



Speaking to reporters at the BJP state office, Jagannath Bhavan, Vijayendra said the party's performance in states like West Bengal, Assam, and Puducherry has strengthened the leadership of Narendra Modi. He also noted that the election marked the first major test for the party's national president Nitin Nabin, calling the results a strong message in favour of the

BJP. Praising Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Vijayendra said his electoral strategies played a crucial role in the party's victories. He also lauded BJP workers in West Bengal for their resilience despite facing challenges over the years.

Referring to the Karnataka by-elections, he said BJP workers had put in significant effort in both Davanagere South and Bagalkot constituencies. "We are confident of winning Davanagere South, though the margin may be narrow. However, we did not anticipate the loss in Bagalkot," he admitted.

Five-State Polls: Big Win for Modi Leadership

West Bengal: Strong Mandate Against Incumbency

In West Bengal, the BJP's performance signalled a major political shift, with voters expressing dissatisfaction against the government led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Issues such as governance, law and order, and political violence were key factors influencing the outcome, according to party leaders.

Assam: BJP Secures Third Consecutive Term

In Assam, the BJP returned to power for a third consecutive term under the leadership of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

The party credited welfare schemes, infrastructure development, and improved law and order for its continued electoral success.

Puducherry: Consolidation of Support in Union Territory

In Puducherry, the BJP and its allies strengthened their position, with leaders highlighting the benefits of coordinated governance between the Centre and the Union Territory administration as a key

Tamil Nadu: Changing Political Dynamics

In Tamil Nadu, the election results indicated shifting political trends, with the BJP improving its vote share and presence.

The outcome is being viewed as a sign of evolving voter preferences in the state's traditionally Dravidian political landscape under Chief Minister M. K. Stalin.

Kerala: BJP Makes Electoral Inroads

In Kerala, the BJP registered gains by winning seats, marking a notable development in a state where it previously had limited electoral success. The party described this as the beginning of a broader political shift.

National Outlook and Political Implications

Political observers noted that the results reflect voter emphasis on governance, development, and leadership. BJP leaders said the mandate reinforces public confidence in the party's national agenda and strengthens its position ahead of future elections.

HEALTH & Lifestyle

Sunscreen vs Vitamin D?

Vitamin D deficiency is becoming increasingly common in modern lifestyles, raising concerns about its causes and prevention. While sunlight is the primary natural source of Vitamin D, experts say that several factors may still lead to deficiency even among people who spend time outdoors.

Vitamin D Deficiency on the Rise

In recent years, Vitamin D deficiency has emerged as a widespread health issue. Many individuals are found to have low Vitamin D levels despite regular exposure to sunlight.

Doctors point out that factors such as skin colour, age, body condition, and the body's ability to absorb nutrients play a crucial role in determining Vitamin D levels.

Modern indoor lifestyles, reduced sun exposure, and poor dietary habits are also contributing significantly to the problem.

Does Sunscreen Block Vitamin D Production?

A common concern is whether excessive use of sunscreen can lead to Vitamin D deficiency. Experts suggest that while sunscreen does reduce the skin's ability to produce Vitamin D by blocking UVB rays, it is not the sole cause of deficiency.

Environmental pollution, limited outdoor activity, and lifestyle changes also reduce effective sun exposure. Therefore, relying only on sunlight is often not sufficient to maintain adequate Vitamin D levels.

Other Key Causes of Deficiency



Apart from sunscreen usage, Vitamin D deficiency may also occur due to poor dietary intake and the body's reduced ability to absorb nutrients. Irregular exposure to sunlight during optimal hours further reduces the natural production of Vitamin D in the body.

How to Improve Vitamin D Levels

Health experts recommend maintaining a balanced diet that includes milk, curd, eggs, fish, and fortified foods. In some cases, Vitamin D supplements may be required under medical supervision.

Regular physical activity and an active lifestyle also help improve overall health and support better nutrient absorption.

Experts Advise Early Attention

Doctors warn that ignoring Vitamin D deficiency can lead to long-term health complications.

A combination of proper diet, controlled sun exposure, and medical guidance is essential to maintain healthy Vitamin D levels. Experts further advise routine health check-ups to detect deficiency early and prevent related bone and immunity issues.

SCIENCE & Technology

India to Launch First Orbital AI Data Centre

Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi
Pixxel and Sarvam have announced a partnership to develop India's first orbital data centre satellite, aiming to process Earth observation data directly in space using indigenous artificial intelligence models.

The pathfinder mission, expected to launch as early as the fourth quarter of 2026, will combine satellite engineering with AI capabilities. Pixxel will design, build, launch, and operate the approximately 200-kg satellite, while Sarvam will provide the AI infrastructure, enabling real-time data processing and analysis onboard.

The satellite will be equipped with data centre-grade GPUs and Pixxel's hyperspectral imaging technology, allowing it to capture detailed Earth imagery and analyse it instantly in orbit. This approach eliminates the need to transmit raw data to ground stations for processing, significantly reducing delays.

Experts say the technology could have wide-ranging applications, including early detection of wildfires, monitoring agricultural stress, tracking environmental changes, and identifying infrastructure issues such as pipeline leaks more efficiently.

Pixxel CEO Awais Ahmed said orbital data centres could address challenges faced by traditional data centres, such as energy consumption, land constraints, and scalability. Sarvam CEO Pratyush Kumar emphasised that AI infrastructure is increasingly tied to national sovereignty and technological independence.

PM Modi Calls Verdict 'Day of Trust'



Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday described the recent election results as a "day of trust," saying the verdict reflects the people's strong faith in India's democracy, governance model, and performance-driven politics.

Addressing party workers and the nation, the Prime Minister said the mandate signals a "bright future" and reinforces the vision of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat." He added that he shares the joy of every party worker, calling the outcome a result of collective effort at all levels.

"Today, I respectfully bow to the people of Bengal, Assam, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Kerala," PM Modi said, while congratulating BJP workers for what he described as their dedicated performance in the elections.

Highlighting voter participation, the Prime Minister said turnout levels reached new benchmarks across several states, with West Bengal recording around 93 per cent polling. He particularly appreciated the high participation of women voters, calling it "the brightest picture of Indian democracy."

Emphasising the strength of India's

democratic system, PM Modi said winning and losing are natural parts of democracy, but the people have once again shown why India is considered the "mother of democracy."

"Democracy is not just a system, it is our culture. Today, not only democracy has won, but our Constitution and democratic institutions have also won," he said, while also praising the Election Commission, polling staff, and security forces for conducting the elections smoothly.

Referring to the BJP's governance record, he said the party-led NDA is currently in power in over 20 states. "Our mantra is 'Citizen is God.'"

We are committed to serving the people, and that is why trust in the BJP is continuously increasing," he said, adding that citizens associate BJP rule with good governance and development.

He said the results reaffirm the people's endorsement of stable governance and development-oriented leadership across states.

The Prime Minister also urged party workers to continue working with dedication to further strengthen democratic institutions and public trust.

DIRECT TIRUPATI TRAIN FROM 5 DISTRICTS WITH 20+ STOPS

Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

Devotees travelling to Tirupati from South Karnataka will soon benefit from a direct daily train service connecting five key districts, offering improved convenience for pilgrims visiting the temple town.

The train will originate from Chamarajanagar and reach Tirupati in approximately 12 hours. It is scheduled to depart Chamarajanagar at 3:50 pm and arrive in Tirupati at around 4:05 am the next day. The service will run on all days of the week.

The train will pass through major



districts including Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagara, and Bengaluru, halting at more than 20 stations across the state. Key stops include Nanjangud, Mysuru, Pandavapura, Mandya, Maddur,

Channapatna, Ramanagara, Bidadi, Kengeri, KSR Bengaluru, Cantonment, Baiyappanahalli, KR Puram, Whitefield, Malur, Bangarapet, and Kamasamudram.

The return journey will commence from Tirupati at 9:40 pm daily, reaching Chamarajanagar at around 9:20 am the following day. The train is expected to arrive at KSR Bengaluru at approximately 4:25 am during the return trip.

This new rail service is set to significantly ease travel for devotees from five districts, providing a direct and efficient route to Tirupati.

KSR-Sindhanur Express Timings Revised

Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

South Western Railway has announced a revision in the timings of Train No. 17391 KSR Bengaluru-Sindhanur Daily Express, effective from June 20, 2026, to improve operational efficiency and enhance passenger convenience.

As per the revised schedule, the train will now depart from KSR Bengaluru at 11:40 pm instead of the existing departure time of 12:15 am. Railway officials stated that due to this change, two services will be operated on June 19, 2026.

The regular Train No. 17391 will depart at 12:15 am as per the existing schedule. Additionally, a special one-day service under Train No. 17381 will depart at 11:40 pm on the same day. From June 20 onwards,

Train No. 17391 will operate daily with the revised departure time of 11:40 pm.

Timings at several en route stations have also been revised. The train will now stop earlier at key stations including Malleswaram, Yeshvantpur, Chikbanavar, Doddabe, Kyatsandra, Tumakuru, and Gubbi. There will be no changes in timings at the remaining stations.

South Western Railway has advised passengers to take note of the revised timings and plan their journeys accordingly.



G. Sathyavathi, a retired IAS officer, was sworn in as the Chief Information Commissioner of the Karnataka Information Commission at a simple ceremony held at Lok Bhavan. Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot administered the oath, in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil, Energy Minister K.J. George, Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, and other commission officials, who extended their wishes.

NEPAL OBJECTS TO LIPULEKH YATRA ROUTE

Vikrama Vahini | Delhi

A fresh diplomatic row has emerged after Nepal formally objected to the India-China plan to use the Lipulekh Pass for the 2026 Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, reigniting a long-standing border dispute in the Himalayan region.

Nepal's Foreign Ministry, in a statement issued on Sunday, said it was not consulted regarding the use of the route and reiterated its claim that the Lipulekh region falls within Nepali territory.

Kathmandu has urged both India and China to refrain from any activities, including pilgrimage travel and infrastructure development, until the boundary issue is resolved through bilateral talks.

The controversy began



after India announced that this year's pilgrimage would take place between June and August, with one of the designated routes passing through Lipulekh in Uttarakhand.

Tensions escalated in 2020 when India inaugurated a road to the Lipulekh Pass, prompting Nepal to issue a revised political map including the disputed areas. The map was later endorsed by Nepal's Parliament and incorporated into its

constitutional framework.

The situation is further complicated by China's involvement, as it has agreements with India regarding the use of the Lipulekh route for trade and pilgrimage.

Nepal, however, has objected to being excluded from such trilateral considerations.

Despite diplomatic protests, preparations for the 2026 Kailash Mansarovar Yatra are underway, with registrations already open.

Sanatan Sanskar Camp for Kids This Summer

Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru

A five-day "Sanatan Sanskar Training Camp" for children aged 9 to 15 years is being organised during the summer holidays by Sanatan Sanstha in the city.

According to organisers, the initiative aims to introduce children to moral values, good habits, and aspects of Indian culture in a structured and engaging manner.

The camp will be conducted in a temple environment, which

organisers say provides a positive and disciplined atmosphere for overall personality development.

The sessions will be held for three hours each day over five days and will include activities such as prayers, chanting, storytelling, spiritual games, and competitions.

Special emphasis will be placed on

value education, character building, and cultural awareness.

Organisers noted that in today's digital age, children are increasingly exposed to mobile phones and television, making it important to provide guidance rooted in ethics and tradition. The camp is designed to be

both educational and enjoyable, contributing to the holistic development of participants.

Parents have been encouraged to enrol their children in the programme.

The last date for registration is May 5, 2026.

The camp will be held at Sri Ganapati Ayyappa Raghavendra Annapoorneshwari Temple. For registration and further details, organisers have provided a contact number: 9482016286.



ENTERTAINMENT

Trisha Offers Prayers at Tirumala on Birthday

Vikrama Vahini | Tirumala

Popular film actress Trisha Krishnan visited the sacred hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala on Monday and offered prayers, coinciding with her birthday.

The actress took part in the early morning darshan and participated in the temple rituals. After completing her visit, she was blessed by temple priests at the Ranganayakula Mandapam, a key ceremonial hall within the temple complex.

Trisha's visit drew significant attention from devotees present at the shrine. A video capturing her temple visit has since gone viral on social media platforms, with fans sharing clips and messages celebrating the occasion.

As she exited the temple premises, a large group of devotees and admirers gathered around her. On the day when election results were being announced in Tamil Nadu, some fans were heard cheering and calling out, "Madam, the results are ours!" expressing excitement in her presence.

The actress acknowledged the crowd with a smile before leaving the temple. Trisha, one of the leading stars of South Indian cinema, is known for her frequent visits to temples and spiritual sites. Her birthday visit to Tirumala added a special significance for fans who gathered to catch a glimpse of the actress.

Kiara Denies 'Toxic' Scene Rumours

Vikrama Vahini | Mumbai

Actress Kiara Advani has dismissed rumours claiming that she objected to bold scenes in the

upcoming film Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups, starring Rocking Star Yash.

Speculation had been circulating on social media and entertainment portals suggesting that the actress had raised concerns after initially being silent during the shoot and later requesting changes or cuts to intimate sequences. However, Kiara has now firmly denied these claims.

The actress took to her Instagram story to address the rumours, sharing a screenshot of the false report and labeling it as "absolute nonsense," thereby putting an end to the ongoing speculation.

KARUPPU TEAM WISHES TRISHA ON BIRTHDAY



Vikrama Vahini | Chennai

Popular South Indian actress Trisha Krishnan, who turned 43 on May 4, received a special birthday tribute from the makers of her upcoming film Karuppu. The team unveiled a vibrant new poster featuring the actress, adding to the growing excitement around the film's release.

The poster, shared on social media, referred to Trisha as the "South Queen" and extended warm birthday wishes. It quickly went viral online, with fans celebrating both her birthday and the film update.

In the poster, Trisha appears in a lively festive setting, performing energetic dance movements in a green saree. The visuals suggest a cultural celebration sequence within the film, further raising curiosity among audiences.

In Karuppu, Trisha plays the role of Preethi, a lawyer. The film is directed by RJ Balaji and is said to present her character with depth, elegance, and strong

personality traits. Earlier glimpses of her role had already generated significant buzz.

The film is set in a backdrop of fear, chaos, and injustice, with actor Suriya playing a mysterious figure who emerges as an unexpected hero. The music for the film is composed by Sai Abhyankkar, enhancing its intense narrative and visual tone.

The ensemble cast includes Indrans, Natty Subramaniam, Swasika, Sshivada, Anagha Maaya Ravi, Supreeth Reddy, and Yogi Babu. The film is scheduled for theatrical release on May 14, 2026.

Meanwhile, Trisha continues to have a busy lineup of projects. She was last seen in several films released in 2025, including Identity, Vidaamuyarchi, Good Bad Ugly, and Thug Life.

Apart from Karuppu, she is also working on Vishwambhara, scheduled for release on July 10, and another project titled Ram, expected in late 2026.

Huma Qureshi Set to Marry Rachit Singh

Vikrama Vahini | Mumbai

Bollywood actress Huma Qureshi is reportedly preparing to enter married life, with news of her wedding plans creating buzz in the film industry.

The actress, who is also part of the upcoming film Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups, is said to be in a long-term relationship with acting coach Rachit Singh.

According to reports, Huma and Rachit Singh have been in a relationship for the past four years and are planning to get married later this year, likely in October or November. However, there has been no official confirmation from the couple so far.

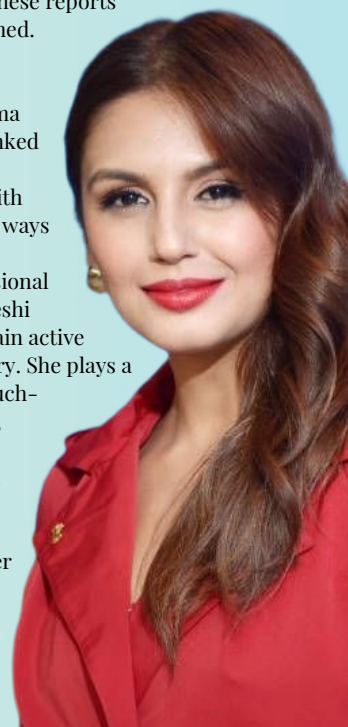
Sources suggest that the wedding ceremony will be an intimate affair, attended only by close family members and friends. A grand reception in Mumbai for members of the film fraternity is expected to follow the wedding.

The couple has largely kept their relationship private, though they have been seen together at select public events in recent times.

There have also been rumours of their engagement taking place earlier in the United States, although these reports remain unconfirmed.

Before her relationship with Rachit Singh, Huma was reportedly linked with filmmaker Mudassar Aziz, with whom she parted ways in 2022.

On the professional front, Huma Qureshi continues to remain active in the film industry. She plays a key role in the much-anticipated Toxic, starring Yash and directed by Geetu Mohandas. In the film, she is said to portray a character named Elizabeth. The release of the film has reportedly been postponed.



BUSINESS

India to Boost LNG Capacity

Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi

India is planning to expand its liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage capacity as disruptions in supplies from West Asia and rising geopolitical tensions highlight the urgent need to strengthen the country's energy security.

According to the chief executive of Petronet LNG, India's largest gas importer, the government and industry players are exploring ways to enhance storage and infrastructure to reduce vulnerability to external supply shocks.

India currently imports around half of its natural gas requirements. The fuel is widely used across sectors, including electricity generation, fertiliser production, transportation through compressed natural gas (CNG), household cooking via pipelines, and as an industrial feedstock.

Natural gas is imported in liquefied form (LNG) through specialised ships from countries such as Qatar and the United States. However, ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia have disrupted supplies from key exporters like Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, which together account for nearly 40 per cent of India's LNG imports.

Energy experts say increasing storage infrastructure will help India manage short-term disruptions and improve long-term energy security, especially as demand for cleaner fuels continues to grow in the country.

Energy analysts also note that India's push towards expanding LNG infrastructure aligns with its broader transition towards cleaner and more sustainable energy sources.

With industrial demand rising steadily and global fuel markets remaining volatile, experts believe that strengthening storage and diversification of supply sources will play a crucial role in ensuring stable and affordable energy access in the coming years.



SPORTS

Women Goalkeepers Praise Camp

► **Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

The Indian women's hockey team's goalkeepers have praised the 11-day specialised Goalkeeping Camp held at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) centre in Bengaluru from April 22 to May 2.

The camp was conducted by coach David Williamson under the supervision of Indian women's team chief coach Sjoerd Marijne and supported by Anandana, the Coca-Cola India Foundation. Senior goalkeepers Savita, Bichu Devi Kharibam, Bansari Solanki, and Madhuri Kindo participated in the sessions.

The training focused on technical skills, decision-making, defensive organisation, and tactical awareness in match-like situations as the team prepares for upcoming international tournaments.

Senior goalkeeper Savita said such specialised camps help improve skills and build match readiness through high-intensity practice and detailed discussions. She also highlighted her role in mentoring younger goalkeepers and maintaining a positive training environment.

Cricket Connects India, Jamaica in Bonds of Friendship

► **Vikrama Vahini | Kingston**

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Sunday said that cricket continues to strengthen the bond between India and Jamaica, describing the relationship between the two nations as one "written in runs, respect and friendship."

He was speaking at the unveiling of a digital scoreboard at the iconic Sabina Park cricket stadium in Kingston, which was gifted by the Government of India to Jamaica. Highlighting the role of sports in diplomacy, Jaishankar said that cricket in particular holds a special place in connecting the people of India and the Caribbean nation, where the game is followed with great passion.

He noted that over a billion people in India share a deep emotional connection with the sport.

"Sports bring nations together by creating shared experiences and fostering mutual respect. And cricket, in particular, has a special meaning for India and Jamaica," he said during the ceremony.

The External Affairs Minister emphasized that such initiatives help deepen cultural ties and people-to-people connections between the two countries, further strengthening bilateral relations beyond politics and trade.

The minister added that such sporting exchanges will continue to play an important role in strengthening India's global cultural outreach and diplomatic engagement.

CPI(M) Setbacks in Kerala, Bengal; BJP Surge Noted

► **Vikrama Vahini | New Delhi**

Reacting to the recent Assembly election results declared on May 4, 2026, the Politburo of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) has acknowledged significant electoral reverses while expressing concern over the growing influence of right-wing forces in key states.

Kerala setback for LDF

In its statement, the CPI(M) said the results reflected "serious setbacks" for the

Left Democratic Front (LDF) in Kerala, where the ruling coalition lost power after a decade. The party said it respects the mandate of the people and will undertake a detailed internal review.

BJP victory in West Bengal

The party described the BJP's victory in West Bengal as a major political shift, alleging that anti-incumbency against the Trinamool Congress, divisive campaigning, and misuse of central agencies contributed to the

outcome. It, however, claimed that the Left marginally improved its performance in the state.

DMK alliance setback in Tamil Nadu

The CPI(M) also noted setbacks for the DMK-led alliance in Tamil Nadu, where actor-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam emerged as a strong political force, significantly altering the electoral dynamics.

Concerns over rising right-wing influence

Calling the results a sign of the "ascendancy of right-wing communal forces," the party said the outcome raises serious concerns for secular and democratic politics in the country.

Plan for review and future strategy

The CPI(M) thanked its cadre and supporters and announced that its Politburo and Central Committee would conduct a comprehensive review of the results and chart its future political course.

Modi Symbol of Inspiration and Victory: Suresh Kumar



► **Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

BJP leaders and workers in Rajajinagar Assembly constituency celebrated the party's victories in West Bengal, Assam, and Puducherry by distributing sweets among the public near a local temple.

Speaking on the occasion, former minister S. Suresh Kumar praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing him as a source of inspiration, motivation, and a symbol of victory. He credited the leadership of Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the party's success in recent elections.

He also recalled the early days of the Jana Sangh, noting that the party's journey, which began with a limited presence in Parliament, has now grown significantly over the decades.

Referring to the recent results, he said the BJP's rise reflects growing public support across the country.

Suresh Kumar further stated that Karnataka has emerged as a key region for the BJP in South India and praised party workers in West Bengal for their efforts.

Several local leaders, former corporators, and party workers participated in the celebrations.

TMC Office Burned as BJP Nears Power in Bengal

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Violence broke out in parts of West Bengal on counting day, with a local office of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) set on fire following clashes between political workers, as trends indicated a possible change in power.

According to reports, tensions escalated in several areas as counting progressed, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) emerging as the frontrunner and heading towards forming its first-ever government in the state, potentially ending Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's long tenure.

In Asansol, clashes were reported at a counting centre where workers allegedly engaged in a scuffle, leading to vandalism. Videos circulating on social media showed individuals damaging property, throwing objects, and creating unrest before security personnel intervened.

Similar incidents were reported from Dinhat in Cooch Behar district, where clashes between BJP and TMC supporters prompted security forces to carry out a lathi-charge to disperse the crowd.

Police officials said investigations are underway to identify those involved in the violence. Authorities have tightened security across sensitive areas, with the Election Commission of India deploying a large number of Central Armed Police Forces to maintain law and order.

TVK's V.S. BABU BEATS CM STALIN IN KOLATHUR

► **Vikrama Vahini | Chennai**

In a stunning political outcome in the high-profile Kolathur constituency of North Chennai, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) candidate V.S. Babu has defeated Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK president M.K. Stalin, marking one of the most significant upsets of the election.

V.S. Babu's political career began in the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), where he won the 2006 Assembly election from the Purasawalkam constituency. He later served as the North Chennai District Secretary of the party.

Following internal differences, Babu left the DMK and joined the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) in the high-profile Kolathur constituency of North Chennai. He later served as the North Chennai District Secretary of the party.

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After the demise of Jayalalithaa, he reportedly became dissatisfied with AIADMK leadership and resigned from the party in February 2026. He subsequently joined TVK, led by actor Vijay, and was appointed State Propaganda Secretary.

For the 2026 Assembly elections, TVK fielded him as a candidate against CM M.K. Stalin in Kolathur, a strong DMK bastion. His victory in the constituency has drawn widespread political attention across Tamil Nadu.



CM Decision Soon After Talks: Venugopal

► **Vikrama Vahini | Thiruvananthapuram**

AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal on Monday said that the Congress will soon decide on the Chief Minister for Kerala after due consultations, following the Assembly election verdict.

Addressing a press conference at the KPCC headquarters, Venugopal said the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) victory reflected a clear rejection of corruption, nepotism, arrogance and violent politics by the electorate. He described the result as the "real Kerala story."



Congress MP KC Venugopal celebrates with party workers during the Kerala Assembly elections result day outside KPCC office in Thiruvananthapuram.

He credited the win to collective leadership and the "Indira Guarantee" highlighted in the party manifesto presented under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi.

Venugopal said the outcome reflected public anger against what he termed a decade of "misrule" by the Left Democratic Front (LDF), adding that even sections of traditional Left supporters had backed the UDF.

He also acknowledged the contributions of senior leaders including Priyanka Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, KPCC president Sunny Joseph, Opposition Leader V.D. Satheesan and Ramesh Chennithala,

stating that coordinated campaigning and disciplined candidate selection helped ensure electoral success.

Venugopal said the induction of leaders who had left the CPI(M) over allegations of corruption helped the UDF make inroads into traditional Left strongholds, including parts of Kannur. He further noted that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan faced a close contest in his constituency.

Referring to incidents of political violence in the past, he said the verdict reflected a moral response from society. He also alleged that attempts by the BJP and CPI(M) to polarise voters were rejected by the electorate.

RAVI KUMAR HAILS MODI'S DEVELOPMENTAL WIN

► **Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

Karnataka Legislative Council Opposition Chief Whip N. Ravi Kumar has described the recent five-state election results as "an emphatic victory for Sanatan values and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's developmental politics."

In a statement issued on Monday, Ravi Kumar said the results reflect strong public support for what he termed as "visionary

leadership and governance focused on rise above inducements and guarantees development."

He further stated that the mandate is also a "resounding response to anti-Hindu forces," adding that voters have demonstrated their ability to look beyond inducements and guarantees.

"The people have proved that they can



among voters across states. and cast a positive vote in favour of those who stand for civilisational values and the politics of development," he said.

Ravi Kumar added that the election outcome highlights the growing acceptance of development-oriented governance

Modi, Rahul Congratulate Vijay After Strong Tamil Nadu Poll Show



► **Vikrama Vahini | Chennai**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday congratulated Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) founder and actor-politician Vijay for his strong performance in the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, where his party emerged as a major force in its maiden electoral contest.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi expressed gratitude to voters who supported the NDA in Tamil Nadu and said the Centre would continue to focus on development and welfare in the state.

He also congratulated TVK for its impressive performance.

Rahul Gandhi additionally spoke to DMK president and outgoing Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, whose party suffered significant losses in the polls, including a setback in Stalin's Kolathur constituency.

According to reports, Vijay's TVK emerged as one of the key political forces in the state, reshaping the electoral landscape in Tamil Nadu.

Political observers said the results indicate a growing acceptance of new political entrants and a possible reshaping of Tamil Nadu's traditional electoral dynamics.

Siddaramaiah Calls DMK Defeat Setback to Dravidian Legacy

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said actor-turned-politician Vijay's rise has triggered a major political shift in Tamil Nadu, calling the election result a setback to the Dravidian political order. He termed the outcome "unexpected" despite DMK's welfare governance, while noting Vijay's strong appeal among youth and women.

► **Vikrama Vahini | Bengaluru**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said the electoral rise of actor-turned-politician Vijay has triggered a major political shift in Tamil Nadu, calling the Assembly election outcome a serious setback to the state's decades-old Dravidian political order.

Reacting to the results in southern states, Siddaramaiah described the outcome in Tamil Nadu as "unexpected," especially in view of the welfare-oriented governance of the DMK government led by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

He said the DMK's welfare schemes had been widely appreciated, and Tamil voters had traditionally rejected communal politics. However, he noted that sections of youth and women appeared to have been influenced by Vijay's appeal.

Siddaramaiah said the DMK's defeat marks a significant setback to the Dravidian political tradition, while expressing confidence that Stalin would recover

politically from the setback. He also congratulated Vijay, calling his performance an "unprecedented victory," and acknowledged his rapid rise as a major political force in Tamil Nadu.

He further commented on results in other states, praising Congress's performance in Kerala and alleging political

and electoral irregularities in West Bengal. The Chief Minister further said the results indicate a possible shift in Tamil Nadu politics, with Vijay gaining strong support among first-time voters, urban youth, and women.

Commenting on other states, Siddaramaiah congratulated voters in Kerala for supporting the Congress and credited the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for the party's performance there.

On West Bengal, he alleged that anti-incumbency against the Trinamool Congress and irregularities during electoral roll revision influenced the outcome. He also criticised the BJP, accusing it of promoting divisive politics.

Poll Verdict Backs Modi as Best for National Security: R. Ashoka

► **Vikrama Vahini | B'luru**

Leader of Opposition in the Karnataka Assembly R. Ashoka on Sunday said the results of the recent elections in five states reflect public endorsement of the development-oriented governance and national security approach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reacting to the poll outcomes, Ashoka said voters have sent a clear message that Modi's leadership is best suited to safeguard the country.

Referring to developments in West Bengal, he claimed that people have rejected what he described as misgovernance and political violence, indicating a major shift in the state's political landscape.

He also spoke about the ongoing voter list revision, stating that it would help strengthen the electoral system and ensure that only genuine voters participate in the democratic process. He said the exercise is



being carried out transparently across regions, including Bengaluru, and is crucial for maintaining the integrity of elections.

Criticising the Congress government in Karnataka, Ashoka alleged that the state has been pushed into financial strain due to excessive borrowing and policy decisions. He cited issues such as farmers' distress, challenges in public healthcare,

infrastructure concerns in Bengaluru, and pending dues to employees as areas of concern, adding that these could influence voter sentiment in the next Assembly elections. On the recent by-elections in Bagalkot and Davanagere, he said the BJP received strong support from the public and expressed confidence about the party's future prospects in the state.