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Exit Poll Predictions in Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assembly Elections

POLLSTER	MAHARASHTRA (288 SEATS)			JHARKHAND (81 SEATS)		
	Mahayuti	MVA	Others*	NDA	INDIA	Others#
P-Marq	137-157	126-146	2-8	31-40	37-47	1-6
People's Pulse	175-195	85-112	7-12	44-53	25-37	5-9
Dainik Bhaskar	125-140	135-150	20-25	37-40	36-39	0-2

*Others include AIMIM, Vanchit Bahujan Aaghadi and Independents
#Others include BSP, JMKM, SP and Independents

Exit polls for the Assembly elections suggest a strong lead for the BJP-led alliances in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. In Maharashtra, exit polls predict varying outcomes, with BJP-Shiv Sena alliances ranging from 118 to 195 seats. In Jharkhand, the INDIA bloc led by Hemant Soren is expected to retain power, with predictions of 37-59 seats.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Environment & Urbanization

Delhi Implements Work-from-Home Amid Pollution Crisis

Delhi government has mandated work-from-home for 50% of its workforce due to severe air pollution. Schools have transitioned online. Major contributors to the crisis include vehicular emissions, with stubble burning playing a secondary role.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Progress in Rajasthan's Renewable Energy Sector

Rajasthan signed MoUs worth ₹6.57 lakh crore in renewable energy. The state plans to leverage solar, wind, and green hydrogen technologies to create 70,000 jobs. A new energy policy will support the transition to cleaner sources.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



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India-China Discussions on Mutual Trust

Defence Ministers Rajnath Singh and Dong Jun met in Vientiane to discuss rebuilding mutual trust post-2020 border clashes. Both sides agreed on a roadmap to de-escalate tensions and enhance peace along the Line of Actual Control.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



COP29 Climate Negotiations

Climate finance discussions at COP29 in Baku remain unresolved. Developing nations demand \$1.3 trillion in annual aid to combat climate change. Negotiators are grappling with bridging the funding gap, as wealthy nations offer significantly less, complicating consensus.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Delhi High Court Stays Aircel-Maxis Case Trial

The Delhi HC stayed proceedings against P. Chidambaram in the Aircel-Maxis case due to lack of prosecution sanction. The case involves alleged irregularities in granting FDI clearance when Chidambaram was Finance Minister.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Russia's New Nuclear Doctrine



Putin's updated nuclear policy lowers thresholds for use, includes threats like attacks on Russia or Belarus, and aggression supported by nuclear states. It responds to rising tensions, including Ukraine's use of US missiles.

Source: The Indian Express

5 Cops Suspended Over Complaints of Stopping Voters in Western UP



Five policemen in Uttar Pradesh were suspended during bypolls after complaints of voter obstruction in Meerapur, Sisamau, and Moradabad. The SP accused the BJP of misusing government machinery to block its supporters, especially "burqa-clad women," from voting. BJP countered, alleging "fake voting" using burqas. The Election Commission took action, emphasizing that only polling officials can check voter IDs inside polling stations. Stone pelting incidents and videos of alleged police misconduct added to the controversy.

Source: The Indian Express



PRAVEEN KHANNA

Kailash Gahlot Speaks on Leaving AAP and Joining BJP

Former Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot, now with the BJP, stated his disillusionment with the AAP's eroding core values and unmet promises led to his resignation. Gahlot criticized AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal, saying he is no longer an "aam aadmi" and has strayed from the party's founding principles. He highlighted issues like the "Sheesh Mahal" controversy and unmet goals like Yamuna cleaning.

Addressing allegations of CBI and ED pressure, Gahlot dismissed them, asserting his move was based on values, not coercion. He pledged loyalty to the BJP and vowed to work towards its success in Delhi's upcoming polls. Despite leaving, Gahlot maintained respect for Kejriwal, saying personal grievances didn't influence his decision.

Source: The Indian Express

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