



Bihar Elections 2025 Phase-I: Historic 64.66% Voter Turnout

ECI's new initiatives make voting a most pleasant experience for voters

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1. The first phase of the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections concluded peacefully in a festive mood today with the highest ever voter turnout of **64.66%** in the history of Bihar*. (Table below)
2. CEC Shri Gyanesh Kumar along with ECs Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi kept a close watch on the polling through live-webcasting which has been ensured in 100% of the Polling Stations for the first time in Bihar.
3. CEC Gyanesh Kumar personally engaged with the Presiding Officers and DEOs from the Control Room in ECI to ensure that the polling progressed smoothly.
4. **121 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in 18 districts** in the State went to polls today, with a **total electorate of over 3.75 crore**.
5. In another first in Bihar, as part of the International Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP), 16 delegates from 6 countries namely, South Africa, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Belgium and Colombia witnessed the poll proceedings. The delegates commended the Bihar elections for being internationally, one of the most well-organised, transparent, efficient and participative elections.
6. **Over 4 Lakh Polling related Staff** reached the respective **polling stations by 11.20 PM last night itself**. Mock polls were completed before 7 AM today in the presence of over **67,902 Polling Agents** appointed by **1,314 contesting candidates** and polling began peacefully at all **45,341 polling stations simultaneously**.
7. **Over 90,000 Jeevika Didis/female volunteers** along with one CAPF personnel were deployed across all Polling Stations for the identification of Purdahnasheen women.
8. Presiding Officers updated the Voter Turnout figures at the close of poll before leaving the polling station as per ECI's latest instructions resulting in minimal delay in updation of approximate voter turnout trends.

* The voter turnout figures are as of 8.15 PM today and 1,570 Presiding Officers are yet to update the figures on ECINet.

9. As part of a number of new voter-friendly initiatives, voters were very happy to see the coloured photos of candidates on EVM ballot papers. Other new initiatives included Mobile deposit facility at the Polling Stations, newly designed Voter Information Slips (VIS) for easy readability and upto 1,200 voters per polling station reducing crowding.
10. All polling stations were provided with Wheelchairs and tagging of volunteers to assist PwD voters. E-Rickshaw facility was also provided to assist PwD voters in reaching their polling stations.
11. District-wise and AC wise approximate voter turnout figures are available on the ECINet App.

Poll Participation (%age) before Bihar Election 2025

General Election to Lok Sabha (1951 - 2024)		General Election to Legislative Assembly of Bihar (1951 - 2020)	
Year	Poll Participation (%)	Year	Poll Participation (%)
1951-52	40.35 (Lowest)	1951-52	42.6 (Lowest)
1957	40.65	1957	43.24
1962	46.97	1962	44.47
1967	51.53	1967	51.51
1971	48.96	1969	52.79
1977	60.76	1972	52.79
1980	51.87	1977	50.51
1984	58.8	1980	57.28
1989	60.24	1985	56.27
1991	60.35	1990	62.04
1996	59.45	1995	61.79
1998	64.6 (Highest)	2000	62.57 (Highest)
1999	61.48	2005-Feb	46.5
2004	58.02	2005-Oct	45.85
2009	44.47	2010	52.73
2014	56.26	2015	56.91
2019	57.33	2020	57.29

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