

# **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

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## **PRESS NOTE**

**High turnout in Phase 1 of Lok Sabha Elections 2024 despite heat wave**

**Polling remains largely peaceful across 21 States/UTs**

**Polling completed for 10 States/UTs including most of North east**

**56 villages in Bastar, Shompen tribe of Great Nicobar voted first time**

**Large number of first-time voters participated enthusiastically**

Polling for the first phase of the General Elections 2024 recorded high voter turnout despite the heat wave. Polling remains largely peaceful with voters from various walks participating enthusiastically in a dazzling display of civic responsibility and pride. In phase 1 of General Elections 2024, polling has been completed for 10 States/UTs to elect 18th Lok Sabha along with polling for State Legislative Assemblies of Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. The Commission thanked voters of phase 1 and entire election machinery.

Tentative figure of voter turnout across 21 States/UTs reported is over 60% at 7 PM. State wise figures are placed at Annexure A. The voting percentage is likely to go upwards when reports from all polling stations are obtained as polling is scheduled till 6 PM in many Constituencies. Also, voters reaching the Polling stations till the end of polling hour are allowed to cast their vote. Final figures will be known tomorrow after the scrutiny of form 17A.



The Commission led by CEC Shri Rajiv Kumar and ECs Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Shri Sukhbir Singh Sandhu constantly monitored the progress of polling in Phase 1 across the constituencies from ECI Headquarters in Nirvachan Sadan. A state-of-the-art control room was set up at the HQ for the purpose. Similar control rooms were created at State/District level also.



*Control room at ECI HQ*



*Control room, West Bengal*

Against the backdrop of a largely peaceful and conducive environment, the nation's diverse electorate painted vivid pictures of democracy in action. From bustling city centres to remote villages, the polling stations witnessed a colourful convergence of voters spanning generations and backgrounds. Polling was seamless, based on meticulous planning and execution by the Commission and its officials in the field.





With Commissions focus to facilitate voting in tribal hinterland, Communities in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) affected areas in Chhattisgarh, embraced the power of the ballot over bullet, choosing the path of peace and democracy. 56 villages in Bastar cast their vote in a polling booth set up in their own village for the first time in a Lok Sabha Election. Voters were seen to benefit from the medical facilities at the Model Polling station in PC-163 in Bijapur. In another instance from Gadchiroli-Chimur, Maharashtra, the local tribal dialect was used at Hemalkasa Booth containing all relevant information. In Bodh Gaya in Bihar, Buddhist monks were seen posing with a smile and their fingers inked in a proud display.





In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, voters belonging to the tribal communities came out in large numbers. Shompen tribe of Great Nicobar made history by casting their votes for the first time in #GeneralElections2024. In Mizoram, an elderly couple reaffirmed their vow to vote together. In Arunachal Pradesh, an elderly woman trekked to the Polling Station on her own volition despite having the home voting facility.



Voters braved the heat in most parts of the country while at others voters waited patiently in pouring rain. The Assured Minimum Facilities guaranteed by the ECI at every polling station were of immense support to them.



*Model Polling Station in Nagaland*

Voters came in colourful attire, reflecting the rich tapestry of Indian culture and proudly flaunted their selfies with inked fingers, symbolizing the accomplishment of their civic duty.



In a seven phase General Elections 2024, 102 Parliamentary Constituencies across 21 States/UTs went to polls today. States including Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territories of Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep completed their voting process. The Election Commission, is working strenuously to ensure a smooth, transparent, and inclusive electoral process in the subsequent phases of General Elections 2024.



Annexure A (Tentative Figures only)

<b>Estimated Poll Turnout (Phase - 1) at 07:00 PM</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Latest Updated Poll %</b>
1	AndamanNicobar	56.87
2	ArunachalPradesh	65.46
3	Assam	71.38
4	Bihar	47.49
5	Chattisgarh	63.41
6	JammuKashmir	65.08
7	Lakshwdeep	59.02
8	MadhyaPradesh	63.33
9	Maharashtra	55.29
10	Manipur	68.62
11	Meghalaya	70.26
12	Mizoram	54.18
13	Nagaland	56.77
14	Puducherry	73.25
15	Rajasthan	50.95
16	Sikkim	68.06
17	TamilNadu	62.19
18	Tripura	79.90
19	UttarPradesh	57.61
20	Uttarakhand	53.64
21	WestBengal	77.57



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