



05 Things to know about Indian Election – 2024

1. The eighteenth Lok Sabha election took place from 19th April to 01st June 2024 under seven phases. **The election re-elected the incumbent Prime-Minister Narendra Modi.** After Jawaharlal Nehru, Modi is the only other Prime Minister to achieve a third consecutive term.
2. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 240 seats but was short of 32 seats to win the majority in India's Lower House. The party failed to retain the majority in the Lok Sabha, where it won 282 seats in 2014 and 303 in 2019. The seats won by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led **BJP declined** from 353 to 292 in the 2024 election. After landslide victories in the last two elections, this is the first time the BJP required the support of its coalition partners to form the government. In contrast, the Indian Congress (INC) showed a significant growth of its vote base in the 2024 election winning 99 seats as a single party. The party was able to win only 44 seats and 52 seats in the lower house in 2014 and 2019 elections respectively. The INC led alliance 'Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA)'s total number of seats improved from 91 to 233. The newly elected Lok Sabha has a strong opposition which would bring old democratic values back to India.
3. **The regional parties** played a decisive role in the Lok Sabha election as kingmakers. Winning 37 seats, Akhilesh Yadav's Samajwadi Party (SP) emerged as a powerful party in Uttar Pradesh. After major setbacks in 2014 and 2019 elections, the INC and the SP collectively won 43 seats in India's biggest constituency, Uttar Pradesh. The NDA which dominated the

electorate in 2019 election gaining 63 seats dropped to 36 in 2024. Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress (TMC), won 30 seats in West Bengal, the third-largest constituency in the Lower House of Parliament. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) gained 21 seats from Tamil Nadu. Both parties made the INDIA block stronger. In Andhra Pradesh, a regional party led by Chandrababu Naidu, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) secured 16 seats. In Bihar, Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) (JDU) won 12 seats. The two parties played decisive roles in bringing Modi's Alliance into power.

4. For the first time in history the BJP elected its first Lok Sabha parliamentarian from **Kerala**. However, the BJP lost Faizabad under which **Ayodhya** falls.
5. Narendra Modi **will take oaths** as the Prime Minister on Sunday, June 09, 2024. India has invited leaders from its South Asian neighbors for the oaths taking ceremony.

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