



# SPECIAL REPORT LOK SABHA ELECTIONS-2024, RESULTS ANALYSIS

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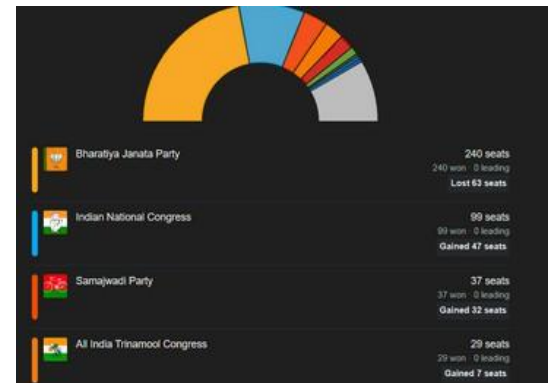
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## Overview

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) secured 293 seats, enabling them to retain power. The BJP itself won 240 seats, which is below the majority mark of 272, marking a decrease from their 303 seats in 2019. The opposition alliance, Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), led by the Congress, significantly increased its presence, winning 234 seats, with the Congress itself securing 99 seats. The elections witnessed a record voter turnout, including unprecedented participation from women voters.



## 2024 Results

The NDA, with its 293 seats, managed to form the government, although the BJP's reduced tally of 240 seats required reliance on coalition partners. The INDIA alliance, led by the Congress, made substantial gains, reflecting a stronger opposition with a total of 234 seats. This shift indicated a more competitive and dynamic political environment compared to the 2019 elections.

## Comparative Analysis 2019 & 2024

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP achieved a remarkable victory with 303 seats, allowing it to govern independently without needing coalition support. The NDA as a whole secured 353 seats, underscoring BJP's dominance, while the Congress party lagged significantly with only 52 seats, highlighting a challenging period for them.

However, the 2024 elections painted a different picture. The BJP's seat count dropped to 240, meaning they fell short of a majority and had to depend on their allies within the NDA, which collectively secured 293 seats. This change indicated a reduced mandate for the BJP. On the other hand, the opposition alliance, INDIA, led by the Congress, made substantial gains. The Congress itself increased its seats to 99, contributing to the coalition's total of 234 seats, marking a stronger and more competitive presence compared to 2019.

## Union Ministers Who Lost

The 2024 elections brought significant challenges for the BJP, with several prominent leaders losing their seats. Smriti Irani, who had famously unseated Rahul Gandhi in Amethi in 2019, faced a surprising defeat to Congress candidate Kishori Lal Sharma by a margin of 1,67,196 votes. Ajay Mishra Teni, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, lost to the Samajwadi Party's Utkarsh Verma by over 34,329 votes in Lakhimpur Kheri. In Rajasthan's Barmer, Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, finished third, trailing by 4.48 lakh votes. Additionally, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, the Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, lost to Congress stalwart Shashi Tharoor by over 16,077 votes in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram.

## People's Mandate

The 2024 Lok Sabha elections witnessed an unprecedented voter turnout, with 642 million citizens casting their votes, demonstrating an extraordinary level of civic engagement. The remarkable participation of women voters, in particular, set a new record, reflecting their growing influence and stake in the political process. This overwhelming involvement from the electorate underscored a collective determination to shape India's future, resulting in a more balanced representation between the ruling party and the opposition.

## Coalition Government

In the 2024 elections, the BJP secured 240 seats while the NDA coalition as a whole won 293 seats, surpassing the majority mark of 272 needed to form the government. This time, the BJP's success heavily relies on its allies, making their support crucial for maintaining stability. Key partners such as Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which won 16 seats, and Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal United (JDU), with 12 seats, are pivotal in the coalition's strength. These allies are not just numbers but influential players expected to shape policy and governance, ensuring their voices and regional interests are well-represented in the new administration.

## Modi Returns for a Third Term

On 09 June, Sunday evening, Narendra Modi is set to take the oath of office as Prime Minister for the third consecutive time, following the NDA's victory in the 2024 elections. The ceremony will be held at the iconic Kartavya Path, anticipated to be a grand affair attended by notable South Asian leaders, including Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe. This historic event will mark Modi as only the second Indian leader, after Jawaharlal Nehru, to secure three consecutive terms. Modi's administration will focus on continuing national development and addressing the complex challenges facing the country with renewed vigor and commitment.