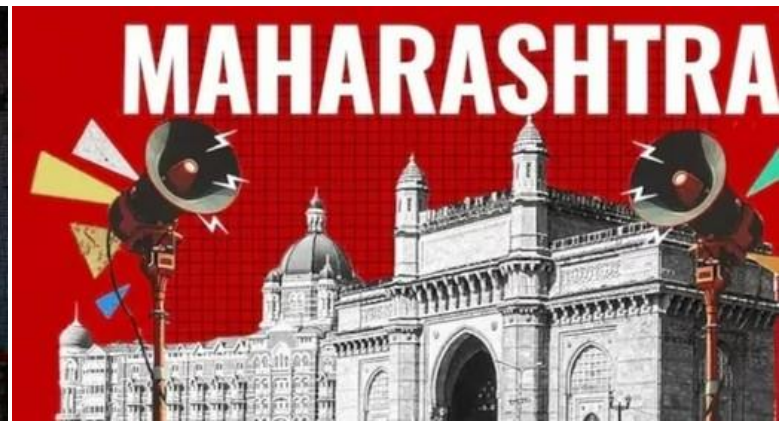


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Overview

The Maharashtra Assembly elections will take place on November 20, 2024, with results set to be declared on November 23. The election will be a significant political contest between the ruling Mahayuti Alliance, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena (led by Eknath Shinde), and NCP (Ajit Pawar faction), and the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, which includes the Shiv Sena (UBT), NCP (Sharad Pawar faction), and Congress. With the term of the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly ending on November 26, these elections are crucial for both alliances as they vie for control in one of India's largest and most influential states.

Historically, Maharashtra has seen power shift between alliances, and the 2024 election is expected to be closely contested, with each side mobilizing strong regional and local support. Security will play a crucial role in ensuring smooth voting processes, especially given the high political stakes. This election marks a pivotal moment for both alliances as they seek to shape the state's governance and influence its political landscape for the next five years.

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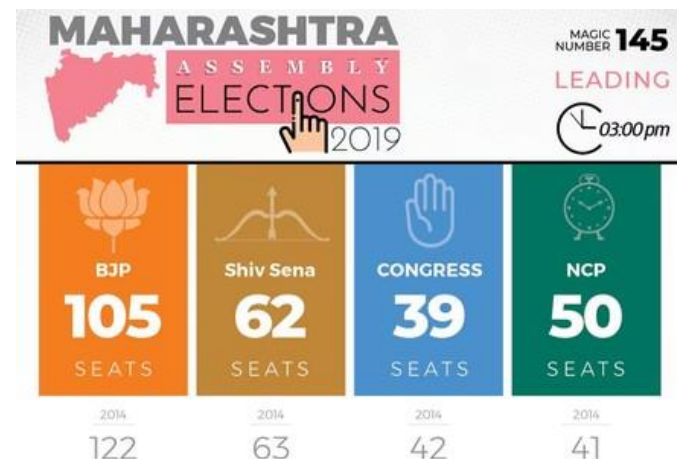
Summary of 2019 Assembly Elections

The 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly elections saw the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) win a majority, but internal disagreements over government formation led to its collapse and the imposition of President's Rule. Devendra Fadnavis was briefly sworn in as Chief Minister, with Ajit Pawar as Deputy Chief Minister, but both resigned before a floor test. This allowed the Congress, NCP, and Shiv Sena to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), with Uddhav Thackeray as Chief Minister. In June 2022, Uddhav resigned following a split within Shiv Sena, leading to Eknath Shinde becoming Chief Minister with Fadnavis as his deputy.

Schedule		General Election to Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra, 2024
Poll Events		Single Phase (288 ACs)
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification		22.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Last Date of Making Nominations		29.10.2024 (Tuesday)
Date for Scrutiny of nominations		30.10.2024 (Wednesday)
Last Date for Withdrawal of Candidatures		04.11.2024 (Monday)
Date of Poll		20.11.2024 (Wednesday)
Date of Counting		23.11.2024 (Saturday)
Date before which election shall be completed		25.11.2024 (Monday)

Key districts and constituencies in Maharashtra

- **Mumbai:** Colaba, Malabar Hill, Bandra West, Dharavi, Worli.
- **Pune:** Shivajinagar, Kasba Peth, Kothrud.
- **Nagpur:** Nagpur South West, Nagpur Central.
- **Thane:** Thane, Kalyan West, Mira Bhayander.
- **Nashik:** Nashik West, Nashik East.
- **Aurangabad:** Aurangabad Central, Aurangabad East.
- **Kolhapur:** Kolhapur North, Ichalkaranji.
- **Amravati:** Amravati, Badnera.





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Significance

- 1. Political Stability:** The outcome will influence the stability of the ruling Mahayuti Alliance, led by Eknath Shinde, as it faces off against the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, amid major political shifts.
- 2. Leadership Contest:** It will be a critical test for both the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance and the NCP-Congress in determining who controls the state's governance.
- 3. Impact on National Politics:** As one of the largest and economically important states, Maharashtra's election results will influence India's broader political landscape ahead of the 2024 General Elections.
- 4. Regional Dynamics:** The election will affect the power balance between urban areas like Mumbai and Pune, and rural constituencies, shaping key policies related to infrastructure, agriculture, and industry.

Considerations

- The election is set to witness intense political battles between the ruling Mahayuti and the MVA opposition, especially with key constituencies shared among the alliances.
- Security planning for voting day, as well as the post-election period, should be prioritized given the significance of political stakes and possible local tensions.
- Close monitoring of key political developments, including final seat-sharing agreements, is advised to predict the strength and focus of each alliance.
- In-depth focus should be placed on areas where both alliances have strongholds to anticipate voter dynamics and potential security challenges.

Risk Assessment

- **Political Violence:** Risk of clashes between party supporters; residents should stay vigilant and avoid hotspots.
- **Protests and Disruptions:** Protests may cause roadblocks; plan travel routes in advance to avoid delays.
- **Communal Tensions:** Potential tensions in mixed communities; promote peace locally.
- **Misinformation:** Misinformation may spread on social media; verify information before sharing.
- **Service Interruptions:** Local services may be disrupted; prepare for inconveniences.
- **Election Monitoring:** Increased scrutiny could raise tensions; know your rights and report irregularities.
- **Polling Station Security:** Security measures may lead to crowding; be patient and follow officials' instructions.
- **Emergency Services:** Access to emergency services may be impacted; know local emergency contacts.

Recommendations

- **Stay Informed:** Keep updated on election schedules and candidate information through reliable sources to make informed decisions.
- **Plan Your Voting:** Determine your polling station in advance and plan your visit during off-peak hours to avoid long queues.
- **Secure Your Safety:** Remain vigilant in crowded areas, especially around polling stations, and report any suspicious activities to authorities.
- **Communicate Peacefully:** Engage in discussions about the elections with respect and understanding, avoiding inflammatory language that could escalate tensions.
- **Be Wary of Misinformation:** Verify information from multiple trusted sources before sharing to prevent the spread of false narratives.
- **Prepare for Disruptions:** Expect possible disruptions in local services and transportation; make necessary arrangements to minimize inconvenience.
- **Engage with Authorities:** If you observe any irregularities at polling stations, document them and report to election officials promptly.
- **Practice Patience:** Expect longer wait times at polling places; bring necessary items like water and snacks to stay comfortable.
- **Promote Community Harmony:** Encourage neighbors to engage positively in the electoral process, fostering a spirit of cooperation and understanding.
- **Know Emergency Contacts:** Familiarize yourself with local emergency numbers and services in case of any unforeseen incidents during the election period.

Important Contact Details and Links

- **Fire : 101**
- **Police : 100**
- **Child Helpline : 1098**
- **Traffic Helpline : 1073**
- **Ambulance : 102, 108**
- **Women Helpline : 1091, 181**
- **National Emergency Number : 112**

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