

Impact of Results of Assembly Elections 2022 on General Elections 2024

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Introduction: The Election Commission of India officially declared result of Assembly Elections held in UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa on 10th March, 2022. It was as per the some of the exit poll results. Once again BJP under the leadership of Modi and Shaha become successful in its election strategy. Along with other reasons, 'lack of alternative' or 'lack of united opposition' is one of the major reasons for success of BJP. Moreover, results in Punjab are also astonishing. These results also indicates some new trends in Indian Politics. In this research paper we are going to discuss the election results of assembly polls held in five states in February- March 2022 and its impact on General Elections going to held in 2024.

Objectives: To understand party-wise and state-wise decline or growth of seats in five assemblies; to guess the impact of these elections on 2024 General Elections; to understand new trends in the elections; these are the main objectives of the paper.

State wise results: The following table provides result of assembly elections.

Figures mentioned in the bracket are previous status of the party in the same assembly.

States	U. Pradesh	Punjab	U. Khand	Goa	Manipur
Total Seats	403	117	70	40	60
BJP	255 (324)	2 (3)	47 (57)	20 (13)	32 (21)
Samjwadi Party	111 (52)	---	---	---	---
Congress	2 (7)	18 (77)	19 (11)	11 (17)	5 (28)
AAP	---	92 (20)	---	2	---
Other	37	5	4	7	23

Main features of the above results are-

- Modi and Yogi magic is found in the politics of Uttar Pradesh
- Arvind Kejriwal and APP became Giant killer in Punjab
- Congress as per expectations once again on back-foot
- Rahul-Priyanka totally failed in the examination
- No impact of anti-incumbency on BJP
- In Manipur and Goa BJP become in safe zone
- Work of Samajwadi Party in UP was noteworthy
- BSP lost its influence in UP
- Defeat of two sitting CM PushkarshinhDhami and CharanjitshingChenni is astonishing.
- Five former CMs lost the elections form different constituencies

Let us examine state-wise result and its impact on General Elections. In case of Uttar Pradesh, it was expected by Political Pundits and Exit Polls that, once again Adityanath Yogi will come back with majority. However, due to Farmers agitation in 2021 and aggressive role of Akhilesh Yadav Samajwadi emerged as strong opposition in the politics of UP. Division of vote amongst Congress, BSP, SP, is also one of the factor for clear majority of BJP. Because all these parties depend upon common vote bank of Dalits, Muslims, OBCs and other anti BJP groups. If these anti BJP do not came

together it is highly impossible to defeat BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha. History of UP reveals that, all these parties cannot come together and naturally BJP is going to win Lok Sabha 2024 too.

In Punjab anti incumbency factor and internal conflicts in Congress Party, especially during last one year, resulted in the failure of Congress. People in Punjab were in search of alternative. Punjabi voter was against mal administration of Congress and also not wanted BJP rule too. This situation benefitted Arvind Kejriwal. Marketing of 'Delhi Model' by Arvind Kejriwal became effective in Punjab. Due to geographical contiguity of Punjab with Delhi benefitted AAP to expand easily. In this election ordinary voters (aam admi) and ordinary candidates (aam admi) have defeated political heavyweights like Captain Amrinder Singh, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, Sukhbir Badal, Navjyotsingh Sidhu. In 2024 it is very difficult for BJP to win any Lok Sabha seat in Punjab. Therefore in Punjab other than AAP may also face difficulty in Lok Sabha 2024.

In Manipur under the leadership of N. Biren Singh BJP becomes in more comfort zone. It got clear majority now. After Assam, Manipur becomes the second North-East State where BJP has formed the government. These two governments will be helpful for BJP to develop its organizational setup in North-East. Off-course this indicates green signal for BJP in Assam, Manipur and other border states in 2024. Though there are regional parties and groups which oppose BJP, but there is danger of division of anti BJP votes. Hence, in North-East also BJP becomes dominant party in short span of time.

In Uttarakhand BJP is expected to win and it has won the elections. Likewise in Goa it was expected to win but won marginal majority unlike other states. These results are not mere the impact of Hindutva but strong organizational structure of BJP and strategically conducting election campaigns. We have to accept that still there is faith of people in Modi. If opponents want to defeat BJP they have to unite. But, practically it is not possible. During 1970s and 1980s non Congress parties were there, but could not unite. Hence, there was no alternative to the Congress for more than four decades. Likewise today, we do not find any alternative before people for BJP in 2024 too. AAP in Delhi and Punjab, Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, Telangana Rashtra Samiti in Telangana, NCP and Shiv Sena in Maharashtra, YSR Congress in Andhra Pradesh, Communist Parties in Kerala are some political parties in different states but they can just form opposition. It may not be possible to reach either party as single largest party too in 2024. Moreover there is the issue of national leadership too. Who is going to lead the anti BJP alliance?

Conclusion: It is clear beyond doubt that, in 2024 also BJP is going to win General Elections if something unexpected does not happen in Indian Politics. 'Democracy vs. Dynasty' will be the master card used by the BJP. Modi highlighted this issue number of times in the Parliament and outside the Parliament. Almost all political parties regional or national including Congress are under the control of one or other family. Some political leaders who are against BJP are facing charges by ED or CBI, may be fake or real. So such leadership hardly can unite and stop BJP. Emergence of AAP in Punjab is an alarm to the BJP also. If BJP also fails to fulfill the aspirations of people, parties like AAP or other regional parties may dominate national politics. But right now this is the rare possibility, it may take some decades to emerge alternative party for BJP.

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