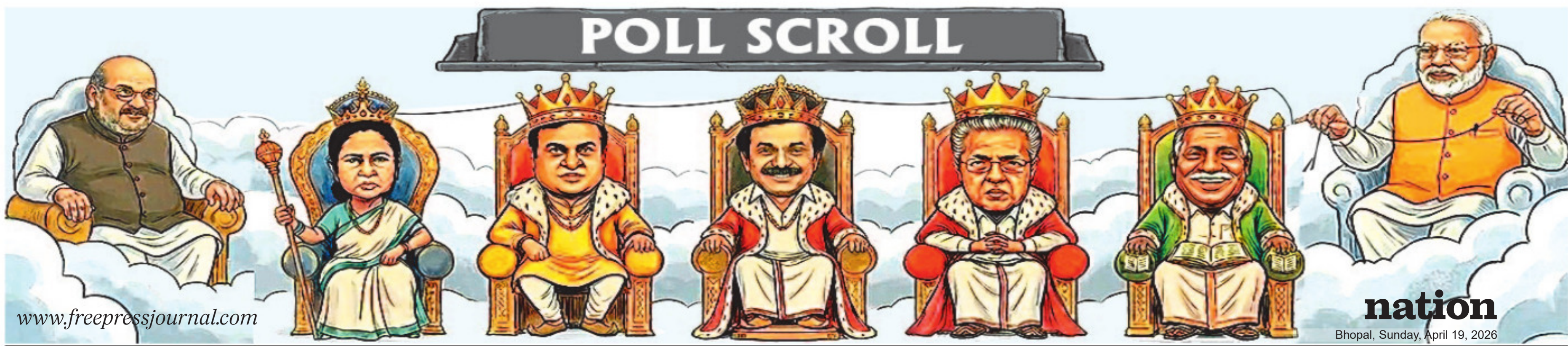




POLL WATCH
WEST BENGAL

TMC govt on borrowed time: Samik

The BJP's West Bengal unit chief Samik Bhattacharya on Saturday threw a "living fossil" barb at the Trinamool Congress government in the state, asserting that it was on "borrowed time" and has been virtually rejected by people. Alleging the TMC regime has crushed democracy while law and order has collapsed, he claimed that political violence reached alarming heights in the past few years, while police looked the other way.

Call to remove Mamata over demographic concerns

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday accused the Mamata Banerjee government in West Bengal of diverting the state's resources for "Bangladeshi Muslim infiltrators", and said she has to be removed from power "else we will lose Bengal". Addressing a rally in Kalimpong, the BJP leader claimed that his party's governments in Assam and Tripura have prevented the entry of "Bangladeshi Muslims" into India, while infiltration of illegal immigrants continues in Bengal.

Azharuddin campaigns for Adhir Ranjan

Former cricketer Mohamad Azharuddin on Saturday campaigned for Congress nominee Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury in the Baharampur assembly constituency in West Bengal's Murshidabad district. Ahead of a roadshow in the town, Azharuddin cited Chowdhury's long political experience and connection with the region and appealed to voters to support the Congress candidate. People gathered on both sides of the road and those standing on balconies and rooftops waved at the former Indian cricket team captain. Chowdhury, a former five-time MP from Baharampur, is now contesting the 2026 West Bengal assembly polls as the Congress candidate, marking his return to state electoral politics after nearly three decades.

Arms seized in central Kolkata, 1 detained

Days ahead of the two-phase polling in West Bengal, the Kolkata Police's Special Task Force seized a cache of arms and ammunition near Rajabazar Science College here and detained a man, officials said on Saturday. Acting on suspicion, STF sleuths intercepted the man, carrying a bag, near a bus stand and recovered six single-shot firearms and 14 cartridges from him, an official said. Investigators are trying to ascertain where the arms were being taken and to whom they were meant to be delivered. This development came amid intensified checking of vehicles by setting up roadblocks by police across the state.

Women voters in Tamil Nadu could shape poll outcomes

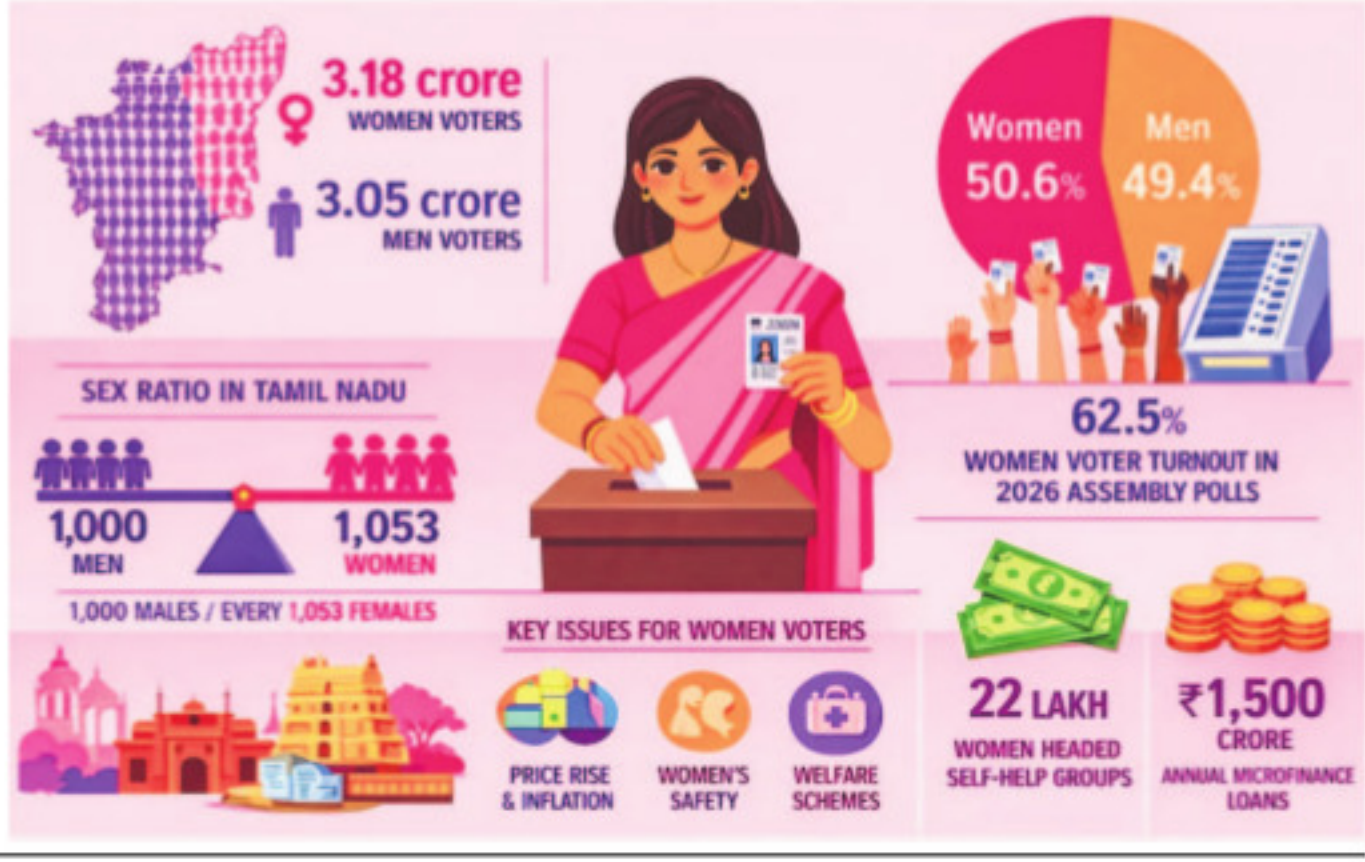
Online Report
Women voters in Tamil Nadu have increasingly emerged as a decisive force in elections, with their growing numbers and consistent turnout making them a key demographic that political parties actively court during campaigns. Tamil Nadu has long been one of the few Indian states where women make up a significant share of the electorate. Recent electoral roll data shows that women now constitute around 51% of registered voters in the state, slightly outnumbering men in the voter list. This demographic shift has strengthened their influence in shaping electoral outcomes across constituencies.

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exceeded that of men in Tamil Nadu. Similar trends have been observed nationally, where the gender gap in voter turnout has narrowed significantly in recent elections. This steady participation reflects both increased political awareness and targeted welfare policies aimed at women, including financial assistance schemes, public

transport benefits and household support programs that directly affect daily life decisions. Political parties in Tamil Nadu have increasingly focused campaign messaging on women voters, often centering promises around welfare, safety, education and employment support. This has turned women into a critical vote bank in closely contested constituencies, especially where margins of victory are narrow. However, women voters are not a monolithic bloc. Their preferences vary across urban and rural areas, caste groups and economic backgrounds.



QUOTA| Claims quota Bill defeat denied women greater representation

Modi targets DMK, Cong over women's quota row

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In his first public address in Tamil Nadu after the defeat to the Constitution Amendment Bill linked to delimitation and women reservation in the Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday evening accused the DMK, Congress and their allies of derailing a noble effort as they did not want to see more ordinary Tamil women to become MPs and MLAs.

Modi assured that "this is not the end; this is just the beginning and BJP and NDA, for your rights, will keep fighting," he said at an election meeting in Coimbatore district in the presence of AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and other leaders. "Today, in the midst of you, I want to share my disappointment and anger. In 2023, we passed the Nari Sakthi Vandan Adhiniyam (Women Reservation Act). And on the 16th of this month, we took a historic step to implementing women reservation in parliament and legislative assembly. I personally asked all political parties to support this. I told them very



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a public meeting ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, in Coimbatore

clearly that they may take the credit, I have no objection. I only wanted sisters from ordinary families to come to parliament and assembly in large numbers. But unfortunately this noble effort was derailed. DMK, Congress and their allies made it a target of hatred and petty politics," Modi charged.

According to him, if this bill had been passed many Tamil women from ordinary families would become MPs and MLAs. [On the] basis [of] the 2011 census Tamil Nadu was going to get so many more seats but clearly

DMK did not want this to happen. Any how the DMK's actions are now very very clearly unfolded, he said. "By wearing black clothes DMK cannot cover up their wrong intentions. I want to tell the DMK, people know your black deeds. You cannot escape your black deeds," he said. "Today DMK has no achievements to show case; no real issues to raise, That is why they resorted to spreading fake fears about a reduction in Tamil Nadu's [Lok Sabha] seats. DMK had said earlier that current proportional ratio must be main-

tained. We agreed. But now they have done a 'U turn'," he charged. Modi questioned why does it trouble the DMK and Congress to see ordinary women rise/ "These one-family parties want power to remain confined within their own families," he charged while urging every sister in Tamil Nadu to confront the DMK's representatives on "why they denied Tamil women this golden opportunity". He hoped the women would give the DMK-Congress a clear and powerful message at the polling booths on April 23.

Udhayanidhi slams Centre over delay in Tamil Nadu funds

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Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Saturday charged the BJP government at the Centre with not releasing funds to the state and accused it of "snatching" TN's rights.

Addressing a poll rally at Gobichettipalayam in the western Erode district, the DMK youth wing chief claimed the Centre has not released funds to the tune of Rs 3,000 crore for education.

"They (the union government) have snatched all our rights," he charged. Udhayanidhi said that the BJP has not brought any new scheme for Tamil Nadu. "Even though there was no mention of the name Tamil Nadu in the Union budget," he said, adding "It (Centre) has not assisted the state government in any way".

Claiming that the BJP government at the Centre is trying to "impose" Hindi, the deputy chief minister said, "the Union gov-



Udhayanidhi Stalin during a poll campaign in Erode district on Saturday

ernment is vowed to take revenge on us". "Therefore, people will ignore the BJP," he said, reiterating, "This election is between Tamil Nadu and Delhi". Udhayanidhi also termed the AIADMK general secretary as "slave of Modi". With regard to the Centre's proposal for delimitation, he said that Chief Minister M K Stalin was the first person in the

country to raise his voice against the Union government's move. He claimed that it was a "huge victory" for the INDIA alliance, as the bill was defeated for lack of a special majority after the opposition voted against it in the Lok Sabha. Listing out various welfare measures implemented by the DMK government, he said the existing "Kalaigarn Magalir Uri-mai Thogai" (monthly financial assistance for women) will be doubled to Rs 2,000 if DMK is voted to power again. The deputy chief minister charged that the BJP and AIADMK have tried to stall it by moving the court. "At present, more than 1.3 crore women have benefited from the scheme," he said. "Similarly, the breakfast scheme for the government school students will be extended till Class VIII", he said, adding, "more than 35 lakh college students across the state will be getting free laptops once the DMK government is formed".

Calcutta HC sets aside teacher poll duty order

Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has set aside the Election Commission's decision to appoint assistant professors as presiding officers for the West Bengal Assembly polls. The petition was filed by the West Bengal Government College Teachers' Association.

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Yogi pushes 'bulldozer policy' pitch for Bengal

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The "bulldozer theory" which was applied against different mafia groups in Uttar Pradesh, will also be applied in case of the anti-social elements in West Bengal resorting extortion, corruption and crime against women, once the BJP comes to power in the state, said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Yogi Adityanath on Saturday. "In UP, the 'bulldozer theory' was applied to crush the mafias and goons there. The same formula will be applied in case of the mafias and antisocial elements involved in corruption, extortion, crime against women, and other crimes in West Bengal after the BJP comes to power in the state. The rule of law will be established," Adityanath said while addressing a campaign rally at Cooch Behar district of West Bengal amid the forthcoming two-phase Assembly polls scheduled later this month.

Mamata claims BJP's 'downfall' has begun, targets Centre over Bill



Aritra Singha
KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday claimed that the "downfall" of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has begun, alleging that the Centre failed to implement 33% reservation for women in legislatures. Addressing an election rally, Banerjee said the BJP was in power due to the support of its allies and did not have a majority on its own. "The BJP's downfall has begun. They have been defeated and humiliated. They do not have a majority of their own," she said. She also alleged that the BJP pushed for delimitation to divide the country and asserted that she had been advocating women's

TMC moves EC against Assam CM over 'divisive' remarks

Aritra Singha
KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Saturday filed a complaint with the Election Commission of India (ECI) against Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, alleging that he made "communal and divisive" remarks during the poll campaign. In a letter dated April 17, TMC Rajya Sabha MP Derek O'Brien urged the poll body to take action against Sarma, alleging violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). The party claimed that Sarma made provocative

remarks referring to incidents in Dhubri, including allegations about beef being placed at the doorsteps of Hindu households. In its complaint, the TMC alleged that the statements were aimed at creating religious divisions and hostility in the poll-bound state. The party also objected to remarks allegedly made by Sarma against TMC chief Mamata Banerjee, claiming he accused her of bias towards a particular community without evidence. The TMC said such comments could have "dangerous consequences" and sought a show-cause notice against Sarma. Banerjee also accused the BJP of misusing central agencies ahead of the polls. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari took a swipe at Banerjee, alleging that she was "afraid" to face political challenges.

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Shahpur Betul Branch	Borrower: Mr. Kranti Soni S/o Ramesh Soni Guarantor: Mrs. Kiran Soni, Add.: Thakur Mohalla, Near Prathmik Shala, Shahpur Betul.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of survey no 37/81 PC no 18/37, settlement no 597 in village Motidhana, Shahpur Within the registration Sub-district Shahpur and District betul, Admeasuring Area: 1000 Sq. ft. (0.009 Hect), Bounded by: North- Land of Sunil Pawar, South- 12 Kachiha Rasta, East-Land of Ganesh, West-Land of Jain. Property Owner : Mr. Kranti Soni S/o Ramesh Soni	20.03.2024 Rs. 13,40,224.16 +Interest & Other Charges Possession Notice 09.04.2026 Physical	Rs. 14,87,500/- Rs. 1,48,750/-

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