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BJP to Form Government in West Bengal; Swearing-In Ceremony Scheduled on Rabindra Jayanti

Kolkata, 5 May : In a landmark political development, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to form the next government in West Bengal, marking a dramatic shift in the state's political landscape. The swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for May 9, coinciding with Rabindra Jayanti—a day of immense cultural and emotional significance for Bengalis. The decision to align the oath-taking with Rabindra Jayanti, which celebrates the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, is being viewed as a symbolic gesture aimed at connecting governance with Bengal's rich cultural heritage. Tagore, a towering figure in Bengali literature and India's first Nobel laureate, remains a unifying icon across political and social lines. Senior BJP leaders indicated that the ceremony will be held in Kolkata with elaborate arrangements, expected to be attended by top national leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other key figures from the party. Security measures are being heightened across the city in anticipation of large crowds and high-profile attendees. The BJP's rise to power in West Bengal comes after a fiercely contested election, signaling



a major political transformation in a state long dominated by regional forces like the All India Trinamool Congress. Political analysts suggest that this transition could have far-reaching implications not only for Bengal but also for national politics. Meanwhile, reactions from opposition parties have begun pouring in. Leaders from the Trinamool Congress have expressed concerns over the election outcome, while also calling for calm and democratic responsibility among party workers and support-

ers. As the state prepares for a new administration, attention now turns to the BJP's governance agenda—balancing development, law and order, and cultural sensitivity in a politically diverse and dynamic region. The upcoming swearing-in on Rabindra Jayanti is expected to be both a political milestone and a cultural moment, blending the legacy of Rabindranath Tagore with a new chapter in West Bengal's governance. "Once the EVMs are brought in, you must cross-check their serial numbers against the

details recorded in Form 17C. If the numbers do not match, the machine must not be opened under any circumstances. You must insist on a physical count of the VVPAT slips. If the numbers do match, proceed to verify the seals, as well as the recorded date and time. Cross-reference the figures from the first and second phases of voting. Verify the total vote count displayed on the 'Total' button; this figure must correspond exactly with the data recorded in Form 17C. Subsequently, press and hold the 'Result' button to ascertain exactly how many votes each specific candidate has secured. Carry a notebook or diary with you. While the data entry for the 'Suvidha' app must be completed on-site at the counting center, you should carry a pre-formatted template to record the individual vote tallies for each candidate. Take meticulous notes. Such electoral theft has previously occurred in states like Bihar and Delhi." Reiterating his earlier point regarding the 2021 Nandigram results, Abhishek added, "They will attempt to orchestrate power outages and use security forces to intimidate and harass. Our student wing must surround and guard the electrical transformers.

From Mountains to Jungles: All India Trinamool Congress Suffers Major Setback Across 9 Bengal Districts

Kolkata, 5 May: In a significant political development, the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) has faced a major electoral setback across nine districts of West Bengal, marking one of the party's most challenging performances in recent years. The losses span geographically and culturally diverse regions—from the northern hill areas to the forested belt of Janglemahal—indicating a broad-based erosion of support. Political analysts describe the outcome as more than a localized defeat, pointing instead to a structural shift in voter sentiment. Regions once considered strongholds of the TMC have witnessed unexpected swings, with opposition forces making deep inroads. The results highlight dissatisfaction among various voter groups, including rural communities, tribal populations, and sections of urban voters. At the center of this political storm is Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, whose leadership is now under increased scrutiny. Critics argue that governance challenges, internal party conflicts, and allegations of corruption may



have contributed to the party's declining appeal. Additionally, organizational weaknesses at the grassroots level appear to have hampered the TMC's ability to mobilize voters effectively. The setback is particularly striking in Janglemahal, a region where the TMC had previously regained stability after years of unrest. Similarly, losses in hill districts suggest a disconnect with local aspirations and identity-driven politics. These outcomes may force the party to reassess its regional strategies and leadership structures. Meanwhile, opposition parties have capitalized on the momentum, portraying the results as a referendum on the current administration. The scale and spread of the losses have energized their cadre

and strengthened their narrative of change. As West Bengal's political landscape undergoes a potential transformation, all eyes are now on how the TMC responds. Whether this setback becomes a temporary dip or a long-term decline will depend on the party's ability to rebuild trust, address governance concerns, and reconnect with voters across the state. The festive mood is evident among the workers and supporters, various programs and campaign activities are being arranged. Party sources said that the Prime Minister may highlight the various achievements and future plans of the central government through his speech. At the same time, he may also convey a message to further strengthen the organization.



BJP supporters celebrate during vote tabulation on the day of Assembly election results across five states, at BJP headquarters, in New Delhi.

RG Kar Victim's Mother Enters Politics, Vows Lifelong Battle for Justice After West Bengal Poll Victory

Kolkata, 5 May: In a powerful convergence of personal grief and public resolve, the mother of the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder victim has stepped into political life, declaring that her fight for justice will continue beyond the courtroom and into governance. Contesting the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections on a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ticket, Ratna Debnath secured a decisive victory from the Panihati constituency—one of the most closely watched seats in the state. She defeated her nearest rival by a significant margin, marking a dramatic political shift in a region long considered a stronghold of the ruling party. Her electoral success has been widely interpreted as a reflection of public anger and emotional resonance surrounding the RG Kar case, which had triggered nationwide outrage over women's safety. Speaking after her win, Debnath made it clear that her entry into politics is not an end, but a continuation of her struggle. "My fight does not end here... as long as I am alive, I will con-

tinue," she said, emphasizing that the legal battle in the case is still ongoing. Her campaign had consistently centered on justice for her daughter and broader concerns about women's safety in the



state. What began as a deeply personal tragedy evolved into a larger public movement, with many voters rallying behind her not just as a candidate, but as a symbol of resistance and accountability. The Panihati result also highlights a broader political churn in West Bengal, where emotionally charged issues appear to have influenced voter sentiment in

key constituencies. Analysts suggest that Debnath's victory represents both a protest vote and a demand for systemic change. From a grieving mother to an elected representative, Ratna Debnath's journey underscores a rare and poignant transformation—where personal loss has fueled a public mission. As she steps into legislative responsibilities, her promise remains clear: the pursuit of justice will now continue not just in courts, but also in the corridors of power. On the other hand, political circles claim that even though the results are not final, a storm of discussion has started in advance around such a celebration. All in all, the saffron atmosphere in the party office combined with Rabindra's poetry created a unique political-cultural moment. The first train departed from Udhna for Jaynagar at 1:30 AM, followed by the next train, which left Udhna for Madhubani at 5:30 AM. We are continuously monitoring passenger volumes, and the railway authorities have taken all necessary measures."

Why an attack on the UAE amidst a ceasefire? Why is Iran so enraged at its neighbor?

New Delhi, 5 May: As feared, war has once again erupted in the Middle East. Iran has launched drone attacks targeting oil facilities in the United Arab Emirates. From the very outset, neighboring nations have also been caught in the crossfire of this conflict between Iran—on one side—and the United States and Israel on the other. Among these nations are Kuwait, Qatar, and Bahrain, as well as the United Arab Emirates. Indeed, it could be argued that this Arab nation has borne the brunt of Iran's attacks more than any other. But why? Why is the United Arab Emirates specifically facing the brunt of Tehran's menacing assaults? Although Iran has refrained from making any official statement regarding these attacks, it is widely believed that the United Arab Emirates is the primary target of Iran's ire. In reality, tensions between the two nations have been escalating over the past few years. There is not just one reason behind this, but several.

Foremost among them is the geographical proximity of the United Arab Emirates to Iran. Another significant factor is the Arab nation's close ties with the United States and Israel; indeed, the country hosts numerous U.S. military bases. Following a series of attacks, Tehran has explicitly stated

that the objective behind these strikes is the destruction of those very bases. Furthermore, the deep bond of friendship between the United Arab Emirates and Israel is a matter of public record. Under the terms of the 2020 Abraham Accords, Tel Aviv's "Iron Dome" de-



fense system now extends its protective umbrella over this Arab nation as well. Given this geopolitical landscape, it is all but certain that Iran will continue to repeatedly target the United Arab Emirates. Trump has claimed that "global trade will not be held hostage." However, international circles

ever, lasting peace has not yet been established. Consequently, the scheduled peace talks between Iran and the US have effectively been shelved. Mohammad Ghalibaf, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, recently wrote on his X (formerly Twitter) handle. After a brief hiatus in the tariff war—occasioned by judicial intervention—US President Donald Trump has returned in full force. This time, the European Union (EU) finds itself in America's crosshairs. Citing alleged violations of trade agreements, a 25 percent tariff has been announced on all types of cars and trucks imported from the EU. This new regulation is expected to take effect starting next week. On Friday, the US President addressed this issue via his social media channels. In his post, he asserted that the European Union is failing to adhere to the terms of their trade agreement. He further stated that such stringent measures are absolutely.

Mixed Verdict for All India Trinamool Congress in Seats with High Voter Name Deletions

Kolkata, 5 May : In a closely watched electoral development, the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) has recorded mixed results across constituencies where a significant number of voter names were reportedly removed from electoral rolls ahead of polling. The trend has sparked fresh political debate over the impact of voter list revisions on election outcomes. Several constituencies with high-profile deletions saw contrasting results for the ruling party. In some areas, TMC candidates managed to retain their dominance, benefiting from strong grassroots organization and localized campaign strategies. However, in other seats, opposition parties capitalized on discontent among affected voters, leading to unexpected setbacks for the party. Leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) were quick to highlight these outcomes, alleging that voter dissatisfaction over missing names contributed to the TMC's losses in key constituencies.



BJP spokespersons argued that the results reflect a growing demand for electoral transparency and accountability. On the other hand, TMC leaders dismissed these claims, asserting that the party's overall performance remains strong despite isolated challenges. They emphasized that electoral roll revisions are conducted by the Election Commission of India, and not by any political party, and cautioned against drawing sweeping conclusions from selective results. Political analysts suggest that while voter list deletions may have influenced outcomes in certain pockets,

other factors such as candidate selection, local issues, and campaign effectiveness played equally crucial roles. The mixed verdict indicates a more complex electoral landscape, where administrative processes intersect with political narratives. As debates intensify, the spotlight is now on the Election Commission of India to address concerns and ensure confidence in the integrity of electoral rolls, especially ahead of future elections in West Bengal. The developments underline the importance of accurate voter registration, with both ruling and opposition parties expected to sharpen their focus

on ensuring that eligible voters are not left out of the democratic process. Besides, emphasis has also been laid on maintaining impartiality at the administrative level. According to administrative circles, such steps are usually taken before elections to maintain transparency. On the other hand, speculation has started in political circles that the commission's activism indicates that the situation is about to get tougher. After casting her vote at Mitra Institution in Bhabanipur, Trinamool Supremo Mamata Banerjee visited the Kalighat Temple later in the day. While interacting with journalists there, Mamata said, "The CRPF has resorted to violence in numerous locations. They have severely beaten our party workers. I have not yet received reports from all areas. However, we will certainly cross the 200-seat mark. It is up to the people to decide exactly where our final tally will stand."