



Haryana Records 65% Voter Turnout | Haryana | 28 May 2024

Why in News?

According to the Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, the elections for **10 Lok Sabha seats** and the **Karnal Assembly seat** in the state remained peaceful, witnessing approximately **65% voter turnout** in the **General Elections of 2024**.

Key Points

- The **Sirsa parliamentary constituency** recorded the **highest turnout** of **69%**.
 - Following this, **Ambala parliamentary constituency** saw a **66.9%** turnout, and **Kurukshetra** witnessed **66.2%** voting.
 - Similarly, **Faridabad** recorded **59.7%**, **Hisar** **64.6%**, **Sonapat** **62.2%**, **Rohtak** **64.5%**, **Bhiwani-Mahendragarh** **65.2%**, **Karnal** **63.2%** and **Gurgaon** **60.6%** voter turnout.
 - There were **99 polling stations** which will be operated entirely by **women staff** and **71 polling stations** manned by [Person with Disability \(PwD\) employees](#).
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Achievement of Bihar Alcohol Ban | Bihar | 28 May 2024

Why in News?

According to new research published in the Lancet Regional Health Southeast Asia journal, Bihar's alcohol ban in **2016** prevented **2.4 million cases** of daily and weekly consumption, and 2.1 million cases of intimate partner violence.

- The ban is also estimated to have prevented **1.8 million** men in the state from becoming overweight or obese.

Key Points

- A team of researchers, including those from The [International Food Policy Research Institute](#), Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, US, analysed data from national and district level health and household surveys.
- **Strict alcohol regulation policies** may yield significant population level **health benefits** for frequent drinkers and many victims of intimate partner violence.
- In April 2016, the [Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016](#) brought about a near complete halt on the manufacture, transport, sale, and consumption of alcohol throughout the state.
 - It's strict enforcement made the ban an "attractive natural experiment to estimate the true causal impacts of a strict alcohol restriction policy on health and domestic violence outcomes".
- According to [National Family Health Surveys-3, 4, and 5](#) before the ban, males in Bihar increased

their frequent alcohol intake from **9.7 % to 15 %**, while in neighbouring states, it increased from **7.2 % to 10.3 %**.

- "After the ban 4.6 % points decrease in emotional violence and a 3.6 % points decrease in sexual violence have been observed.

Constitutional Provisions Related to Intoxication

- **Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) (Article 47):**
 - **Article 47** mentions that "in particular, the State shall endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption except for medicinal purposes of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health."
 - While DPSPs are not in themselves legally enforceable, they set goals that the state should aspire towards to establish conditions under which citizens can lead a good life.
 - Thus, alcohol is seen by the Constitution and by extension, the Indian state, as an undesirable evil that needs to be regulated.
- **Seventh Schedule:**
 - According to the [Seventh Schedule of the Constitution](#), alcohol is a state subject, i.e., state legislatures have the right and responsibility to draft laws regarding it, including "the production, manufacture, possession, transport, purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors."
 - Thus, laws regarding alcohol differ from state to state, falling in the whole spectrum between prohibition and private sale.

Domestic Violence Against Women

Domestic violence refers to any form of abuse, whether physical, emotional, sexual, or economic, within the confines of the home, family or domestic unit.

National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS), 2019-2021

- ④ 29.3% of married women experienced domestic/sexual violence
- ④ 3.1% of pregnant women suffered physical violence during pregnancy
- ④ 87% of married women who are victims of marital violence do not seek help



Legal Frameworks in India	
Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 (PWDVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Covers physical, emotional, sexual, and economic abuse ■ Provides various orders for protection, residence, and relief
Indian Penal Code, 1860	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Section 498A deals with cruelty by a husband or his relatives ■ Criminalises acts of cruelty, harassment, or torture
Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Makes giving or receiving dowry a crime
Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Section 354A amended the IPC to include new offenses related to sexual harassment in cases of domestic violence
National Commission for Women Act, 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Safeguards women's rights and plays a key role in addressing domestic violence
The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Prevent child marriages and prohibit domestic violence against child brides.

Global Initiatives

- ④ **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW):** Adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly
 - ④ Eliminating discrimination against women in all areas of life
- ④ **UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (DEVAW):** First international instrument explicitly addressing violence against women
 - ④ Provides a framework for national and international action
- ④ **Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces:** Flagship program by UN Women
 - ④ Preventing and responding to sexual harassment and other forms of violence in public spaces
- ④ **Beijing Platform for Action (1995):** Identifies specific actions for governments to take to prevent and respond to violence
- ④ **SDG 5 (Gender Equality):** End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere



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Rajaji Tiger Reserve | Bihar | 28 May 2024

Why in News?

According Chief Wildlife Warden, a tigress translocated to the [Rajaji Tiger Reserve](#) from the **Corbett Tiger Reserve** has given birth to four cubs.

Key Point

- The tigress is **one of three tigresses** translocated from the [Corbett Tiger Reserve](#) to the **Rajaji Tiger Reserve**.
- Rajaji National Park is a key link to other potential tiger habitats, including those in **Himachal Pradesh** and **Haryana**.
- In western **Rajaji Tiger Reserve**, **four tigers, three females and a male** were translocated in **December 2020, January 2021, May 2023**.

Rajaji Tiger Reserve

- **Location:** Haridwar (Uttarakhand), along the foothills of the Shivalik range. It is part of [Rajaji National Park](#).
- **Background:** Rajaji National Park was established in the year 1983 after amalgamating three sanctuaries in the Uttarakhand i.e., Rajaji, Motichur and Chila.
 - It was named after the famous freedom fighter C. Rajgopalachari; popularly known as "Rajaji".
 - It was declared a [Tiger Reserve](#) in 2015 as the 48th tiger reserve of the country.
- **Salient Features:**
 - **Flora:** Broadleaved deciduous forests, riverine vegetation, scrubland, grasslands and pine forests form the range of flora in this park.
 - Sal (*Shorea robusta*) is the characteristic dominant tree species.
 - **Fauna:** The reserve is home to more than 50 species of mammals including tiger, elephant, leopard, Himalayan black bear, sloth bear, jackal, hyena, spotted deer, sambhar, barking deer, nilgai, monkeys and over 300 species of birds.
 - **Rivers:** The Ganga and Song rivers flow through this.

Uttar Pradesh: The Leading Producer of Prime Ministers | Uttar Pradesh | 28 May 2024

Why in News?

India has had **15 Prime Ministers** till now since independence. **Uttar Pradesh, constituting 17% of India's population** (according to the 2011 census), has been the birthplace of six PMs.

Key Points

- **9 PMs have represented Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha**, some from multiple constituencies.
- Among all the PMs who were in office, **75%** of the time, the office was held by a PM who concurrently served as a **Member of Parliament** from **Uttar Pradesh**.
- This includes the nearly **17-year tenure of Nehru**, cumulative tenure of over **15 years** of his **daughter Indira Gandhi**, **six-year tenure of Atal Bihari Vajpayee (13 days in 1996, 13 months in 1998 and for five years from 1999)**, and the current **Prime Minister, Narendra Modi**, who has been in office since May 2014.
 - While present PM was born in Gujarat, and subsequently became the Chief Minister of the state, he chose to contest elections from the **Varanasi Lok Sabha constituency** in **2014** and **2019**.
- Every Congress leader has represented **Uttar Pradesh** in the **Lok Sabha** during their time in the PM's residence except **PV Narasimha Rao (Andhra Pradesh)** and **Manmohan Singh**, who was an **MP for Rajasthan and Assam** in the **Rajya Sabha**.
- Uttar Pradesh is India's most populous state with **215 million people (2011 census)**. It also sends **80 members to the Lok Sabha**.
- Members of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh account for **20% of the Lok Sabha** and a **decisive victory in the state** often determines who comes to power at the Centre

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