



Haryana Assembly Elections 2024: Voter Turnout | Haryana | 07 Oct 2024

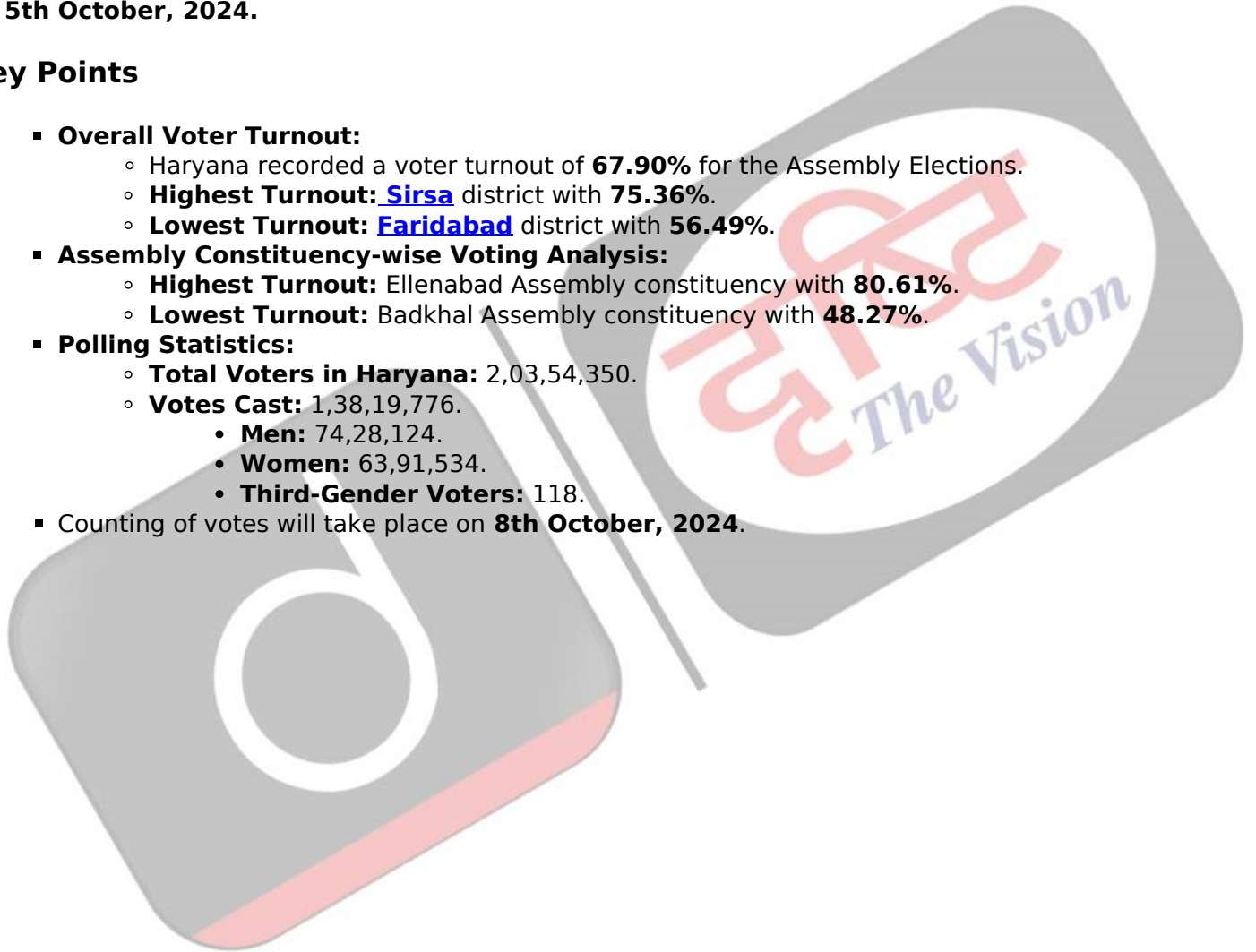
Why in News?

Recently, Haryana witnessed its 15th [Assembly General Election](#), with polling conducted on **5th October, 2024**.

Key Points

- **Overall Voter Turnout:**
 - Haryana recorded a voter turnout of **67.90%** for the Assembly Elections.
 - **Highest Turnout:** [Sirsa](#) district with **75.36%**.
 - **Lowest Turnout:** [Faridabad](#) district with **56.49%**.
- **Assembly Constituency-wise Voting Analysis:**
 - **Highest Turnout:** Ellenabad Assembly constituency with **80.61%**.
 - **Lowest Turnout:** Badkhal Assembly constituency with **48.27%**.
- **Polling Statistics:**
 - **Total Voters in Haryana:** 2,03,54,350.
 - **Votes Cast:** 1,38,19,776.
 - **Men:** 74,28,124.
 - **Women:** 63,91,534.
 - **Third-Gender Voters:** 118.
- Counting of votes will take place on **8th October, 2024**.

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Articles from the Constitution of India relevant to State Assembly Elections:

- **Article 170:** This article provides for the composition of the Legislative Assemblies of States.
- **Article 171:** It pertains to the composition of the Legislative Councils of States.
- **Article 172:** This article addresses the duration of State Legislatures.
- **Article 173:** It details the qualifications for membership of the Legislative Assemblies and Councils.
- **Article 174:** This article discusses the summons and prorogation of the sessions of the State Legislature.
- **Article 175:** It provides for the Governor's address to the State Legislature.
- **Article 212:** It states that the validity of proceedings in the legislature cannot be questioned.

Uttarakhand Cybersecurity Review Post-Attack | Uttarakhand | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand's data center was temporarily shut down due to a [malware attack](#), prompting a [cybersecurity](#) review by the state's Chief Minister.

Key Points

- **Cyberattack Incident:**
 - Malware attack temporarily closed down Uttarakhand's **State Data Centre**.
 - Chief Minister held a review meeting with officials from key departments like [Information Technology Development Agency \(ITDA\)](#), [National Informatics Centre \(NIC\)](#), and **police**.
 - CM ordered the creation of a **cybersecurity task force** for online services security.
 - Proposed establishing a **disaster recovery center** for securing and recovering online data.
- **Cybersecurity Enhancements:**
 - CM directed a **security audit** of the State Data Centre and online platforms.
 - Instructed the study and implementation of **best practices** from other states, central ministries, and agencies in cybersecurity.
 - Ordered a review of the **ITDA's technical work** and potential action if negligence is found.
- **Personnel and Training:**
 - Directed filling of personnel vacancies in ITDA and provision of **cybersecurity training** to staff.
 - Ensured updating of [anti-virus systems](#) in every government office to prevent future incidents.
- **Damage Control:**
 - No data loss reported from the malware attack on virtual machines.
 - Out of **1378 machines, 11 were affected**.
 - Sites like [e-office](#) and **CM helpline** have already been restored.

Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA)

- The **Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA)** is an independent and autonomous body under the **Government of Uttarakhand**.
- Its primary mission is to drive the growth of the [Information Technology \(IT\)](#) sector in Uttarakhand and to implement [e-Governance projects](#) across the state.
- ITDA provides IT-related inputs and support to government departments, promotes IT sector growth, facilitates IT human resource development, and encourages innovation in technology.
- Additionally, it undertakes tasks related to **Information Technology enabled Services (ITeS)**, **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**, and **electronics**.

Nominated MLAs and Potential Impact on J&K Assembly | Jammu & Kashmir | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, as the [Jammu and Kashmir \(J&K\) assembly election](#) results draw near, the nomination of five [Members of Legislative Assembly \(MLAs\)](#) by the [Lieutenant Governor](#) has raised concerns about its potential influence on government formation.

Key Points

- **Nominations Before Assembly Formation:**
 - The **Lieutenant Governor of J&K** is reportedly nominating five MLAs before the formation of the assembly, raising concerns in political circles.
 - The five nominated MLAs represent Kashmiri displaced persons and those from [Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir \(POJK\)](#).
 - These MLAs will have full legislative powers and privileges, just like elected representatives.
- **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019:**
 - The [J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019](#) allows for the nomination of members to the assembly, with provisions to give representation to women.
 - A 2023 amendment to the Act expanded the nomination to include **three additional members** - two from the **Kashmiri migrant community** and one from POJK displaced persons, bringing the total to five.
- **Majority Mark Shift:**
 - The assembly's strength would expand to **95 members** if these nominations go through, raising the majority mark for government formation to **48 seats**.
- **Puducherry Assembly Model:**
 - The J&K assembly is modeled on [Puducherry's](#), where nominated members have the same powers and voting rights as elected representatives.

Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019

- It divided Jammu and Kashmir into 2 Union Territories of **Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh**.
 - It repealed [Article 370](#), which had granted Jammu & Kashmir a unique status.
 - Leh and Kargil districts were included in the Union Territory of Ladakh, while the remaining areas became part of Jammu & Kashmir.
 - Five Lok Sabha seats were retained by Jammu & Kashmir, and one was transferred to Ladakh.
 - **Legislature:** The seats in the Legislative Assembly will be reserved for [tribal and scheduled caste](#) people to keep the proportion intact of their population in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
 - The Lt. Governors can nominate **two women members for the Assembly to represent women** if women are not sufficiently represented to justify equality between men and women.
 - The elected Legislative Assembly will be for **5 years, and the Lt. The Governor will summon the Assembly once every six months**.
 - The Legislative Assembly has the right to pass a law for any given part of the Union Territory of J&K related to any of the matters listed in the Indian Constitutions State's List **except for the "Police" and "Public Order."**
 - Any matter specified in the [Concurrent List](#) will be applied to Indian Union Territories. Furthermore, Parliament will have the decision-making power to create laws for Jammu Kashmir and its Union Territory.
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Logo and Mascot for Women's Asian Champions Trophy, 2024 | Bihar | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Bihar Chief Minister unveiled the **logo and mascot** for the [Women's Asian Champions Trophy](#), 2024, set to take place in [Rajgir, Bihar](#) from **11th November to 20th, 2024**.

Key Points

- **Mascot Unveiling - 'Gudiya':**
 - The mascot for the **Women's Asian Champions Trophy, 2024** is "**Gudiya**," a term of endearment in Bihar for young girls.
 - Inspired by the **house sparrow**, an endangered species, the mascot represents **resilience, strength, and natural heritage**.
 - Gudiya's bold stance and confident expression reflect the **determination and athleticism** of the players, symbolizing empowerment and awareness for endangered species protection.
- **Logo Design:**
 - The logo features the [Bodhi Tree](#), symbolizing **growth and resilience**, tied to Bihar's spiritual heritage.
 - The intertwining branches reflect the journey of an athlete, connecting the past and future, showcasing Bihar's increasing role in international sports.
- **Promoting Women's Empowerment and Sports Infrastructure:**
 - The tournament and its symbolic elements align with Bihar's mission to promote [women's empowerment](#) and further develop the state's **sports infrastructure**.
 - Hosting such prestigious international events brings global attention to Bihar, creating new opportunities for **local talent** and **sports development**.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy

- The **Women's Asian Champions Trophy** is a **biennial international field hockey competition** featuring the top six women's national teams from member associations of the **Asian Hockey Federation**.
- **Key Highlights:**
 - The tournament includes the **best six women's national teams** from Asia.
 - **South Korea** holds the most titles, having won the tournament **three times**.
 - **India** and **Japan** have each won the tournament **twice**.

MP Cabinet Honors Tribal Queen | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet held a meeting in **Singrapur, Damoh** district, on **5th October, 2024**, to honor the **500th birth anniversary of 16th-century tribal queen [Rani Durgavati](#)**.

Key Points

- **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana:**

- The Cabinet approved additional financial assistance of up to Rs. 3,900 per hectare for millet farmers under the **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana**.
- This is in addition to the minimum purchase price, with the State already providing Rs. 1,000 per quintal through [direct benefit transfer \(DBT\)](#).
- **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden:**
 - A committee was approved to develop a **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden** in Jabalpur at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
 - The project will develop a **24-acre area on Madan Mahal hill** and involve several state ministers from [Panchayat](#), [Public Works](#), [Tribal Affairs](#), and [Culture & Tourism](#).
- **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board:**
 - The Cabinet approved the formation of the **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board** for the **social, educational, and economic empowerment** of the Jain community.
 - The Board will alternate leadership every two years between members of the [Shwetambar and Digambar sects](#).
- **Short-Term Crop Loans for Farmers:**
 - The government decided to continue providing **short-term crop loans at 0% interest** through cooperative banks for the year **2024-25**.

Rani Durgavati

- **Rani Durgavati, born in 1524 in Mahoba's Chandela dynasty** (present-day Uttar Pradesh, near the border with Madhya Pradesh), was a symbol of India's self-determination.
 - **Chandelas were known for building the famous Khajuraho temples in the 11th century.**
- She married Dalpat Shah, the son of **Gond King Sangram Shah, and ruled the kingdom of Garha-Katanga after the death of her husband in 1550** with great vigor and courage.
 - The Kingdom of **Garha-Katanga included the regions of Narmada Valley** and parts of Northern Madhya Pradesh.
 - Gond tribe is a prominent tribe in central India known for their rich cultural heritage and resilience.
- As per the government's documentation, the queen and her generals managed the affairs of the kingdom for 16 years.



Kishore Kumar Samman | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government announced that filmmaker **Rajkumar Hirani** will be honored with the prestigious **Kishore Kumar Samman 2023**.

Key Points

- **Notable Films:**
 - Hirani is known for directing iconic films such as **3 Idiots, PK, Sanju, Munna Bhai MBBS, Dunki etc.**
 - The award ceremony will take place on **13th October, 2023**, in **Khandwa**, Kishore Kumar's hometown.
 - It coincides with the **death anniversary** of the legendary singer.
- **Significance of the Award:**
 - This year marks the **20th anniversary** of Hirani's directorial debut with **Munna Bhai MBBS**, a film that transformed Bollywood storytelling.
 - The **Kishore Kumar Samman** has previously honored notable personalities in Indian cinema, including **Amitabh Bachchan, Dilip Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Dharmendra, Shatrughan Sinha.**

Kishore Kumar Samman

- The Kishore Kumar Samman is an award given by the **Madhya Pradesh government to recognize contributions to Hindi cinema.**
 - **The award is given in the following fields:** Acting, Screenplay, Songwriting, and Direction.
- The award includes a prize of **Rs 5 lakh, a plaque, and a shawl-shriphal.** The award is given in memory of the famous playback singer and versatile artist, Kishore Kumar.
- **Kishore Kumar** was a **playback singer, actor, music director, lyricist, film producer, film director, screenwriter, and composer.** He was a skilled imitator, interpreter, and innovator. He used colorful timbral effects, electric organs, and other atypical instruments in his accompaniments.