

Jharkhand Assembly Elections, 2024

Why in News?

The <u>Election Commission of India</u> recently announced the poll schedule for the 2024 Jharkhand Assembly elections, which will be held in two phases in November, with results to be declared on **23rd November**.

Key Points

- Constituencies Voting in Phase 1 (13th November):
 - Major constituencies include Kodarma, Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur East, Ranchi, Khunti (ST), and Daltonganj.
 - 43 constituencies will vote, with a significant number of ST and SC seats.
- Constituencies Voting in Phase 2 (20th November):
 - Includes Rajmahal, Dumka (ST), Deoghar (SC), Dhanbad, Bokaro, and Ramgarh.
 - 38 constituencies will vote, covering diverse regions and social compositions.
- The elections will cover all 81 constituencies, including 44 General, 9 SC, and 28 ST seats, setting the stage for a new government formation by early 2025.

Election Commission of India

- The <u>Election Commission of India (ECI)</u> is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.
 - It was established in accordance with the Constitution on 25th January 1950 (celebrated as National Voters' Day). The secretariat of the commission is in New Delhi.
- The body administers elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies in India, and the offices of the President and Vice President in the country.
 - It is not concerned with the elections to <u>panchayats</u> and <u>municipalities</u> in the states. For this, the Constitution of India provides for a separate <u>State Election Commission</u>.

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