



Assembly Election Polls Concludes in Jharkhand | Jharkhand | 21 Nov 2024

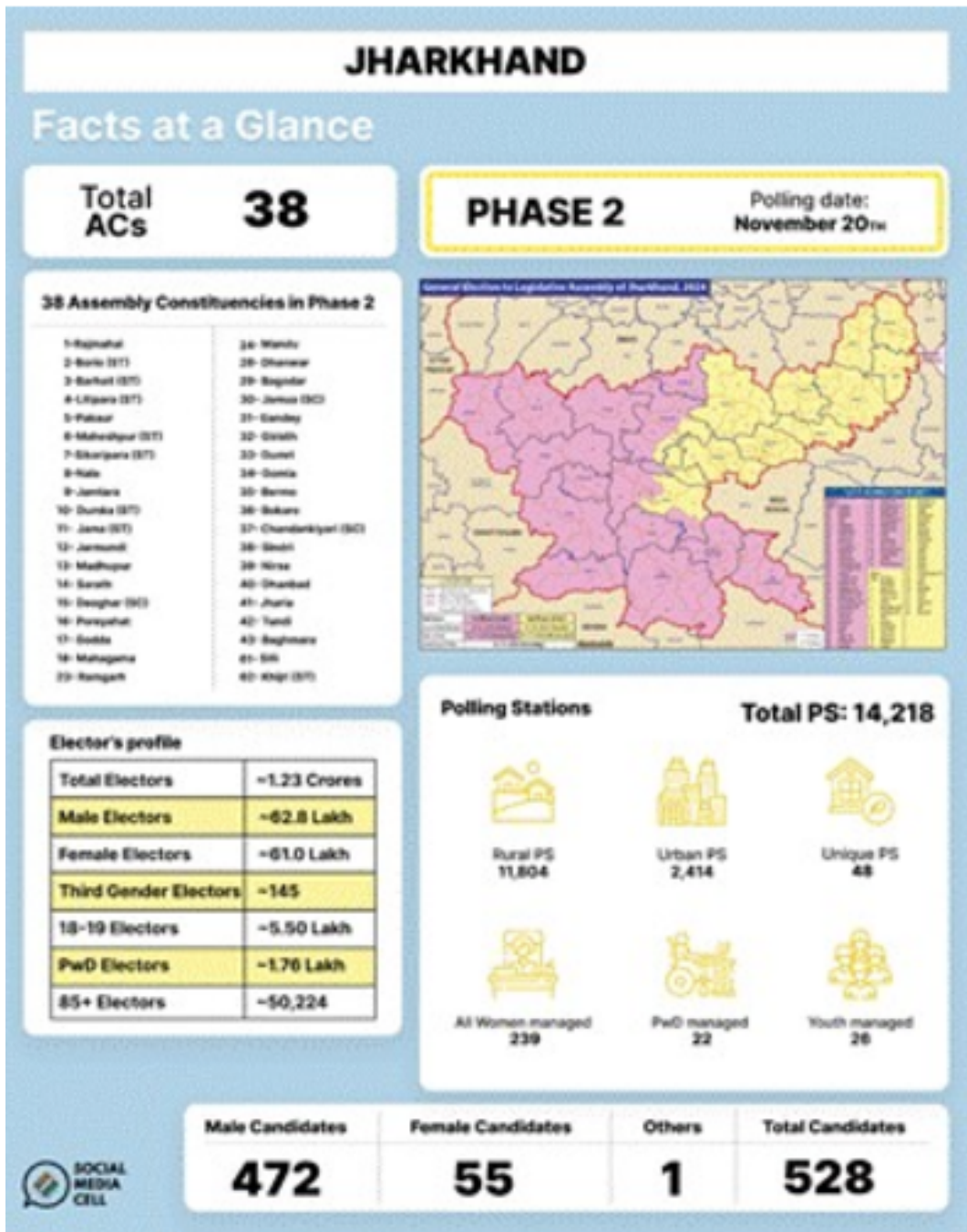
Why in News?

[Assembly elections of 2024](#) concluded in **Jharkhand state**. The state recorded **67.59% voting**, surpassing 67.04% voting in the Assembly Elections of 2019.

Key Points

- **Polling in Jharkhand:**
 - **Peaceful and Orderly Voting** began and progressed peacefully across **38 Assembly Constituencies (ACs) in 12 districts** of Jharkhand.
 - **Large voter turnout** characterized the polling atmosphere, with diverse groups, including first-time voters, women voters, tribal voters, and PwD voters, actively participating.
- **Focus on Tribal Voters and Unique Polling Stations:**
 - **Special efforts were made to boost participation among tribal voters**, including 100% enrollment of 1.78 lakh members from 8 [Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups \(PVTGs\)](#).
 - **48 Unique Polling Stations** were decorated with **themes reflecting tribal culture**, creating a welcoming atmosphere for voters.
- **Accessibility and Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF):**
 - **Polling stations were equipped** with toilets, ramps, drinking water, and sheds, **ensuring voter comfort**.
 - **Facilities were provided** to make the voting process smooth and inclusive, such as benches, volunteers, and wheelchairs, etc.
- **Combatting Electoral Malpractices:**
 - **Vigilant approach was used** to ensure fairness, with seizures of money, narcotics, and other inducements.
 - **Coordination among law enforcement agencies** helped curb money and muscle power effectively.
- **Digital Facilitation and Monitoring:**
 - [Suvidha 2.0 App](#) facilitated campaign permissions, with 11,932 applications processed in Jharkhand.
 - [cVIGIL App](#) enabled voters to report [Model Code of Conduct \(MCC\)](#) violations. Jharkhand recorded part of the 24,992 complaints, resolved at a 99% resolution rate, with most resolved within 100 minutes.
- **Counting and Results:**
 - **Counting of votes** for Jharkhand's Assembly Elections is **scheduled for 23rd November 2024**.

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Suvidha Portal

- It is a technological solution developed by the [Election Commission of India \(ECI\)](#) to ensure a level playing field upholding the **democratic principles** of free, fair, and transparent elections.
- The Portal aims to **streamline requests** for permissions and facilities from [political parties](#) and **candidates** during [elections](#), transparently **prioritising requests** based on the **First in First Out principle**.
- It caters to permissions for organising rallies, opening temporary party offices, door-to-door canvassing, video vans, helicopters, obtaining vehicle permits, and distributing pamphlets.

cVIGIL App

- The **cVIGIL app** by the [Election Commission of India](#) has emerged as a powerful tool for citizens to report **election code violations**, particularly during the ongoing **General Elections 2024**.
- **Key Features:**

- **Register Complaints:** cVIGIL allows anyone in the election-bound state to report violations of **Model Code of Conduct (MCC)** that comes into effect from the date of announcement of elections and goes on till a day after the polls.
- **Anonymous Reporting:** Users can submit complaints anonymously, ensuring their personal details remain undisclosed.
- **Geotagging:** The app automatically adds **geotags** to reports when users use the camera feature, providing precise location information to field units.

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