

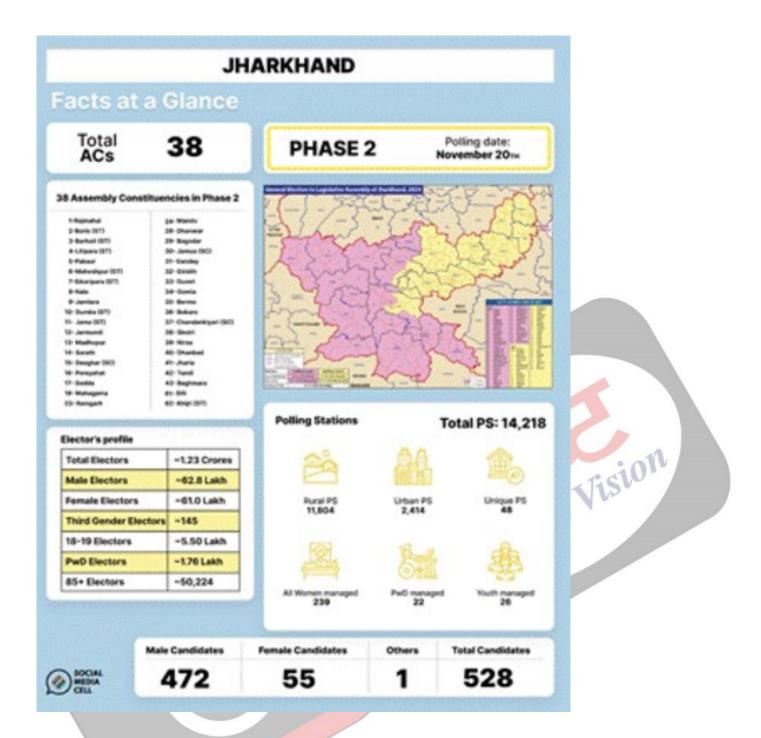
# **Assembly Election Polls Concludes in Jharkhand**

#### Why in News?

<u>Assembly elections of 2024</u> 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 <u>Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups</u> (<u>PVTGs</u>).
  - 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:
  - <u>Suvidha 2.0 App</u> 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.



## **Suvidha Portal**

- It is a technological solution developed by the <u>Election Commission of India (ECI)</u> 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 <u>political parties</u>
  and <u>candidates</u> during <u>elections</u>, transparently <u>prioritising requests</u> based on the <u>First in</u>
  <u>First Out principle</u>.
- 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 <u>Election Commission of India</u> 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 <u>Model Code of Conduct (MCC)</u> 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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