

Morning News Script

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History has been created on two fronts in the Assembly elections in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu. The Bharatiya Janata Party has secured overwhelming mandate in West Bengal for the first time, while debutant Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam or TVK has emerged as largest party in Tamil Nadu, after winning 108 seats in the first election contested after its formation, Meanwhile, in other Assembly elections, Assam and Puducherry have re-elected their sitting governments, whereas Kerala has voted for a new dispensation. In West Bengal, the BJP has won 206 seats to secure more than a two-thirds majority in the Assembly, ending the TMC's 15-year rule. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lost in the prestigious Bhabanipur seat to BJP's Suvendu Adhikari by more than 15 thousand votes. For the first time since 1972, West Bengal appears set to be governed by a party that is also in power at the Centre.

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Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that today is a historic and unprecedented day and expressed gratitude to the people and party workers of West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Keralam. Addressing party workers at BJP headquarters in Delhi evening, Mr Modi said the day heralds a new dawn for the nation and people have placed their trust in India's great democracy, politics of performance and trust in the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat'.

Prime Minister Modi stated that BJP-NDA governments are in power in more than twenty states of the country and BJP's mantra is "Citizen is God."

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extended congratulations to the BJP leadership on the impressive victory in the West Bengal assembly elections. In a

series of posts in social media platform, Mr Rio congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP National President Nitin Nabin, along with the party's West Bengal unit on the historic win, conveying wishes for a success tenure ahead. He further congratulated Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and the BJP-led NDA coalition on their electoral victory in Assam. He further extended congratulations to the Asom Gana Parishad under the leadership of Atul Bora, wishing the new government sustained growth, good governance, and wider opportunities for all. He also conveyed greetings to the UDF coalition on its victory in the Keralam elections, expressing hope for a successful term in office. He further congratulated the National Democratic Alliance on its victory in the Puducherry elections and wished N. Rangasamy and all elected representatives a successful tenure ahead. Congratulating all elected members and successful parties in Tamil Nadu, especially the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam under the leadership of Vijay, Mr. Rio expressed hope that all stakeholders will work together in a spirit of cooperation to ensure stable and progressive governance.

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The Lotha Youth Hoho has intensified its drug-free campaign with fresh checking drives across Wokha district. A joint operation involving the Wokha Village Youth Organisation, Longsa Youth, Nero Range Youth Organisation, and other youth bodies conducted yesterday led to the detection of a third individual, taking the total number of alleged offenders to three. Earlier, one individual was apprehended on May 3 by the Wokha Village Youth Organisation, while another suspect was identified on May 2 by the Tsumang Youth Organisation. The individuals, identified as Phyobemo, Meribeni, and Zuchilo, have each been fined 50 thousand and directed to leave Wokha by Friday. The Hoho said the restriction applies across all areas under its jurisdiction and urged authorities and the public to support the movement, while warning that any threats against task force members would be dealt with strictly.

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A two day workshop on the development of assessment items based on the indicators of the National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) under PARAKH

was conducted at SCERT, Kohima recently. Organised by SCERT Nagaland, the workshop was attended by officials from the Directorate of School Education, eight District Institutes of Education and Training, and SCERT. The workshop aimed to help participants understand the vision of National Education Policy 2020 with respect to teachers and their assessment, comprehend the structure, standards, and performance indicators of the NPST Guiding Document 2023, design high-quality, valid, reliable, and bias-free assessment items aligned with NPST indicators, and develop practical skills in item creation as part of continuous professional development.

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