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ANDHRA PRADESH

YSR Congress sweeps Assembly, parliamentary polls in Andhra Pradesh

The YSR Congress is set to win the Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections with a landslide. At the time of writing, the party, led by Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, is leading in 149 of 175 Assembly constituencies. Mr. Reddy is leading in the Pulivendula seat by a margin of more than 73,000 votes. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu leads in the Kuppam constituency with a margin of 30,000 votes. The Telugu Desam Party had withdrawn its support for the BJP-led NDA alliance after it felt that the State's multiple demands for Special Category Status had gone unmet.

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TAMIL NADU

DMK-led front heads for landslide, ensures T.N. bucks national trend

Bucking the national trend, Tamil Nadu witnessed an anti-Modi wave, with the electorate voting overwhelmingly in favour of the DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance, which captured/led in 37 of the 38 Lok Sabha constituencies that went to the polls. However, in the Assembly bypolls, the ruling AIADMK put up a strong fight, winning/leading in nine of the 22 seats to secure its government till 2021. Other players like T.T.V. Dhinakaran's AMMK, actor Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam and Seeman's Naam Tamilar Katchi failed to make inroads, though in some constituencies they polled a sizeable percentage of votes.

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PUNJAB

The Amarinder factor pays off in Punjab

For the Congress, battered by its second worst defeat in the history of the Lok Sabha elections (four years after suffering its worst), a consolation emerged in Punjab where the party fended off the Modi wave that swept the country. The man who led the Congress charge in defending the Punjab fort is chief minister, Capt Amarinder Singh, who has emerged as one of the party's few regional satraps standing tall amid the ruins. Truth be told, the Congress fell short of Amarinder's much-touted Mission 13, a bid to win all 13 Punjab seats, having won in eight.

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