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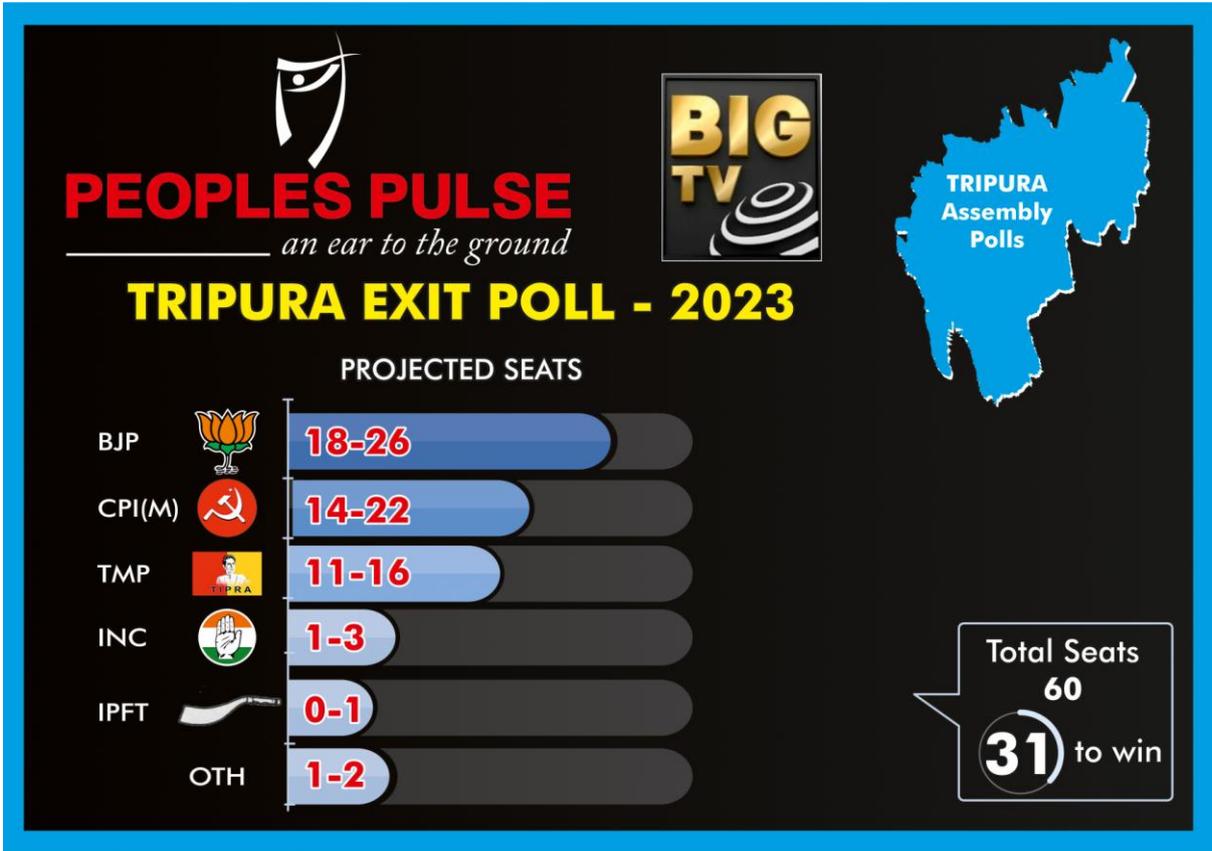
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BJP WOULD EMERGE AS THE SINGLE LARGEST PARTY IN TRIPURA

The electoral history of Tripura shows that they always deliver a decisive mandate. But this time it would throw up a hung Assembly with the BJP emerging as the single largest party.

According to the Exit Poll conducted by Peoples Pulse in association with Big TV, the BJP would get 18-26 seats in the 60 members Tripura Assembly and likely stay short of the magic figure of 31.

The tribal political grouping, Tipra Motha, would get 11-16 seats. And owing to this position it would be poised to play the role of a kingmaker. The CPI (M) would get 14-22 seats, Congress 1-3, IPFT 0-1, others 1-2. CPI (M) would largely stay on the side lines unless there is a very dramatic development where this alliance could join hands with the Tipra Motha.

As regards and choice for chief minister, the incumbent Dr Manik Saha is placed with 32 percent and is followed by former CM Mr Manik Sarkar with 30 percent.

Peoples Pulse – Big TV conducted an Exit Poll on 16th February 2023 in 15 Assembly segments selected on the basis of Probability proportional Methodology (PPS). Four polling stations selected from each Assembly segment. In each polling station 20 samples were collected. A total of 1200 samples were chosen such that the sample reflects the situation on the ground in terms of caste, religion and age. Gender was given equal representation.

The main issues were price rise, unemployment, Greater Tipraland statehood which is the dream for the state's over 30% indigenous communities and reinstatement of over 10,000 schoolteachers who lost their jobs during the last Left Front government after a court case.

While there are no significant achievements of the BJP government, it is to its credit that it maintained law and order and did not discriminate against any communities during the implementation of central schemes and programmes unlike the previous Left Front government which favoured its workers and supporters.

During the first four years of the BJP government, Tripura was known more for the bizarre and offensive remarks and claims of the then Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb rather than anything else. He had virtually become a laughing stock, not just in Tripura but also across the country with remarks such as Internet and satellite existed during the time of the Mahabharata, oxygen level in water rises when ducks swim, among others. International beauty pageants are a farce etc.

When his government was expected to create jobs, he asked unemployed youth's to rear cows or open "paan shops" to eke out a living. He once ruffled a few feathers with his offensive comments against two certain north Indian communities stating that they have "limited brains" and when they triggered outrage, he apologised.

During Deb's over four-year stint as the chief minister, more and more people at a grassroots level went away from the BJP. Realising the trouble ahead during 2023 elections, the BJP's central leadership removed Deb and gave the responsibility to incumbent chief minister Dr Manik Saha in May 2022. He has a clean image but he had very little time to improve the BJP's image. The next few months saw several other BJP MLAs deserting the party and joining other parties. Three of the eight MLAs of BJP's ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) also quit the tribe-based party after losing faith in the BJP-led ruling coalition.

The BJP fought the elections based on the achievements of the Narendra Modi government. During campaigning, its central and state leaders highlighted the various development initiatives of the Modi government. The state government hardly did anything that they could talk about. The government could not even give back the jobs of the schoolteachers despite the issue being a 2018 election promise.

Coming to the strengths and weaknesses of the BJP, it has the money that would overwhelm the rival parties. When you fight elections in the Northeast, it matters when your party is in power in Delhi. So, BJP has that advantage. BJP also has the advantage of being the ruling party in Tripura.

The downside is that the BJP failed to keep its house in order. Dr Saha is very new and not gone through the rough and tumble of leading a ruling party. The BJP's image has also been badly dented at the ground level by the Bike Bahini or the Bike Gangs which are notorious for hooliganism and robbing people.

Coming to the CPM people have tried it and tested it. It ruled Tripura for 25 years between 1993 and 2018. BJP's non-performance in Tripura, to an extent that it is depending on Modi's performance at the Centre, could be its advantage. The real strength might be that more than 50 per cent of the contestants are youngsters and new faces.

Its major weakness is that the party stopped functioning due to unbridled intimidation by the BJP government. It is only after the elections were notified that it opened its party offices. Further, its arrogance of having ruled for 25 years is still worn on its sleeve.

Now, Tipra Motha could polarise tribal voters. Tribals at large were united to secure the victory of the party in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections. It is led by Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma from the erstwhile royal family. He is their Bubagra (king). Tribals believed only he could help achieve "Greater Tipraland " for the indigenous communities.

While Tipra Motha holds sway in the 20 tribal constituencies, it hardly has any footprint in the remaining 40 general seats. Further it is perceived as an 'anti-Bengali' party.

Peoples Pulse researchers visited all the 60 Assembly constituencies to gauge the mood of the voter and the dispensation towards the respective political parties. This was done in addition to the exit poll.





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TRIPURA TRACKER POLL – 2023

S. No.	Assembly Segment	Reservation	District	Edge	Keen Contest Between
1	Simna	(ST)	West Tripura	TMP	TMP Vs CPIM-Cong
2	Mohanpur		West Tripura	BJP	BJP Vs CPIM-Cong
3	Bamutia	(SC)	West Tripura	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
4	Barjala	(SC)	West Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
5	Khayerpur		West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
6	Agartala		West Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
7	Ramnagar		West Tripura	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
8	Town Bordowali		West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
9	Banamalipur		West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
10	Majlishpur		West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong

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11	Mandaibazar	(ST)	West Tripura	TMP	TMP Vs BJP
12	Takarjala	(ST)	Sipahijala	TMP	TMP Vs BJP
13	Pratapgarh	(SC)	West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
14	Badharghat	(SC)	West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
15	Kamalasagar		Sipahijala	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
16	Bishalgarh		Sipahijala	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
17	Golaghati	(ST)	Sipahijala	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
18	Suryamaninagar		West Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
19	Charilam	(ST)	Sipahijala	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
20	Boxanagar		Sipahijala	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
21	Nalchar	(SC)	Sipahijala	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
22	Sonamura		Sipahijala	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs CPIM-Cong

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23	Dhanpur		Sipahijala	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
24	Ramchandraghat	(ST)	Khowai	TMP	-
25	Khowai		Khowai	CPIM - CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
26	Asharambari	(ST)	Khowai	TMP	TMP VS IPFT
27	Kalyanpur- Pramodenagar		Khowai	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
28	Teliamura		Khowai	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
29	Krishnapur	(ST)	Khowai	CPIM-CONG	TMP vs CPIM-Cong
30	Bagma	(ST)	Gomati	TMP	TMP VS BJP
31	Radhakishorpur		Gomati	BJP	
32	Matarbari		Gomati	BJP	TMP vs CPIM-Cong
33	Kakraban-Salgarh	(SC)	Gomati	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
34	Rajnagar	(SC)	South Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong

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35	Belonia		South Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
36	Santirbazar	(ST)	South Tripura	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs TMP
37	Hrishyamukh		South Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
38	Jolaibari	(ST)	South Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
39	Manu	(ST)	South Tripura	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs TMP
40	Sabroom		South Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
41	Ampinagar	(ST)	Gomati	TMP (50-50)	BJP vs TMP
42	Amarpur		Gomati	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
43	Karbook	(ST)	Gomati	TMP	BJP vs TMP
44	Raima Valley	(ST)	Dhalai	TMP	BJP vs TMP
45	Kamalpur		Dhalai	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
46	Surma	(SC)	Dhalai	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong

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47	Ambassa	(ST)	Dhalai	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
48	Karmachhara	(ST)	Dhalai	TMP	
49	Chawamanu	(ST)	Dhalai	TMP	
50	Pabiachhara	(SC)	Unakoti	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
51	Fatikroy	(SC)	Unakoti	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
52	Chandipur		Unakoti	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
53	Kailashahar		Unakoti	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
54	Kadamtala-Kurti		North Tripura	CPIM-CONG	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
55	Bagbassa		North Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
56	Dharmanagar		North Tripura	BJP (50-50)	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
57	Jubarajnagar		North Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong
58	Panisagar		North Tripura	BJP	BJP vs CPIM-Cong

S. No.	Assembly Segment	Reservation	District	Edge	Keen Contest Between
59	Pencharthal	(ST)	North Tripura	TMP	TMP VS BJP
60	Kanchanpur	(ST)	North Tripura	TMP	TMP VS BJP



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