

# **Bihar Polls**

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Record 64.66% turnout in Bihar phase 1 polls

#### **About Election Polls in India:**

## **Constitutional Basis:**

oArticle 324: Empowers the Election Commission of India (ECI) to conduct free and fair elections to Parliament, State Legislatures, and the offices of President and Vice-President.

oEnsures superintendence, direction, and control over the entire electoral process.

## **Types of Elections:**

oGeneral Elections: For Lok Sabha (national) and State Legislative Assemblies.

oBy-elections: Held to fill vacancies between general elections.

oPresidential and Vice-Presidential Elections: Indirect elections by an Electoral College.

#### **Election Process:**

oAnnouncement & Schedule: ECI fixes dates for elections.

oNomination of Candidates: Filing of nomination papers and scrutiny.

oCampaigning: Subject to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

oPolling: Done via Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) or ballot papers.

oCounting and Result Declaration: Votes are counted and winners announced.

# **Electoral Reforms & Technology:**

oVoter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) ensures transparency.

oDigital initiatives: Online voter registration, mobile apps, and awareness campaigns.

oMeasures to reduce electoral malpractices like proxy voting, booth capturing, and misuse of money power.

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