

# BHARAT MATA





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## REVISION

## Word

1. Curated ✓
2. Spit out ✓
3. Heist ✓
4. Precarious ✓
5. Footnote ✓
6. Scraped ✓
7. Fuelled ✓

## Synonym

1. Tailored ✓
2. Churn ✓
3. Larceny ✓
4. Perilous ✓
5. Sidenote ✓
6. Harvested ✓
7. Catalyzed ✓

## Antonym

1. Haphazard ✓
2. Sculpt ✓
3. Recompense ✓
4. Anchored ✓
5. Centerpiece ✓
6. Appended ✓
7. Drained ✓





Phrasal Verb	Meaning
Railed against	Return control of something
Step down	Criticized strongly
Spiral into	Resign from a position of power
Tear up	Escalate quickly into a worse situation
Hand back	Cancel or destroy



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## Obstinate: हठी

3:00

Meaning: Stubbornly refusing to change

### SYNONYMS

- Intransigent
- dogged
- unyielding

*Adamant*

*Mulish, obstreperous*

*subservient*

*Rigid*

### ANTONYMS

- amenable,
- pliable,
- docile

*obedient, obsequious*

*flexible*

*subservient*

*tractable*

### TRICK

“बिना स्टामिना के। जो हठी होता है, स्टामिना भी उसे नहीं हारने देता!



My cat is so obstinate, she ignores me even when food's being served.





## Veneer: बनावटी आवरण

3:00

Meaning: A thin superficial layer hiding something

### SYNONYMS

- camouflage,  
*illusion*
- disguise,  
*sham, facade*
- gloss,  
*{Brouado}*

### ANTONYMS

- authenticity,  
*de-facto, Reality*
- genuineness,  
*Veracity → Truthfulness*
- substance

### TRICK

वीनियर = वीनूस  
की तरह चमकदार  
लेकिन पतली परत

My makeup failed, the veneer of glam disappeared fast.





## Decried: जोर से निंदा की

3:00

Meaning: Publicly denounced

### SYNONYMS

- lambasted,  
*Censure, condemn*
- vilified,  
*disparage*
- scorned,  
*castigate, chastise*

### ANTONYMS

- applauded,  
*commend*
- endorsed *★*  
*advocate*
- extolled,  
*Ballyhoo*

### TRICK

De-क्राई = ये चेतवनी से भी जोर से 'क्राई' कर दी!

My friend decried my karaoke singing—my ears agree.





## Ploy: चाल, रणनीति

3:00

Meaning: A cunning plan

### SYNONYMS

- Stratagem, *strategy*
- *Ruse, gambit*
- tactic, *dodge, gimmick*
- *maneuver*
- *chicanery*

### ANTONYMS

- Candidness  
*Frank*
- Innocence  
*Innocuous, straightforward*
- sincerity  
*upright*

### TRICK

\* प्लॉय sounds like ploy which music तो चाल!

 My ploy to hide veggies in pasta failed—kids asked for salad.





## Etched: गहरी छाप छोड़ी

3:00

Meaning: Firmly impress in memory

### SYNONYMS

- Engraved  
*ingrained*
- inscribed,  
*install, embedded*
- imprinted, *implant*  
*Inculcate, instill*

### ANTONYMS

- obliterated,  
*Efface, abolish*
- Smudged  
*delete → expunge*
- wiped  
*↓ out*

### TRICK

Etch = deep cut  
in metal -> गहरी  
छाप

That embarrassing song is etched in my brain—never leaving.





## Motif: प्रमुख विषय ✨

3:00

• Meaning: A recurring theme

### SYNONYMS

- **concept** *subject*
- **pattern** *Trope, Theme*
- **design** *Masterpiece*
- **layout** *unique*
- **Roadmap, Blueprint**

### ANTONYMS

- **standalone** *different, distinct*
- **incidental** *disparate*
- **unique** *antique*

### TRICK

Mo-TEE (मोती) = pearls strung repeatedly like theme!

The motif of "late coffee" shows up in all my mornings.





## Pining: तरसना

content

3:00

Meaning: Longing deeply

## SYNONYMS

- yearning

*desire* } for

- craving

*Ache for*

- wistful

*want*  
*Hanker, languish*

## ANTONYMS

- detached

*Not my cup of tea*

- uninterested,

*indifferent*

- **satiated**

*content, complacent*

## TRICK

Pine tree ->

long, tall—and

pine = लंबा खड़ा

उदास

I was pining for pizza at 5 am—still didn't get it.





## IDIOMS AND PHRASES &amp; PHRASAL VERBS



1. **Shattered the veneer** – broke the superficial appearance
2. **Spilled over** – spread beyond control
3. **Took strong exception** – objected emphatically
4. **Injected into** – introduced forcibly
5. **Call out** – criticize publicly
6. **Dropped into** – placed inside
7. **Lead to** – cause a result
8. **Weaponise symbolism** – use symbolism as a weapon
9. **Do well to** – should do wisely
10. **Desist from** – stop doing something





## Grammar rule:



### Use of Articles (A, An, The) +

#### Rule:

Use "a" before consonant sounds: a cat, a doctor

Use "an" before vowel sounds: an apple, an hour

Use "the" for something specific or previously mentioned.

#### Examples:

I saw a dog. The dog was barking loudly.

He is an honest man. (silent "h" → vowel sound)





# Polls and processes: On Assembly bye-elections, the ECI

The Election Commission of India is taking some proactive steps towards transparency

## One idea, many images

Governors should not play up divisive images in official functions





Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar's obstinate use of (contentious) (political iconography) has shattered the veneer of harmony with the State government that marked his early months in office. Over the last fortnight, two Kerala Ministers have protested and boycotted official events held at the Raj Bhavan, taking strong exception to a garlanded portrait of Bharat Mata — Mother India — in front of a lion and holding a saffron flag against what appears to be a map of Akhand Bharat (undivided India). Leaders of the ruling Left Democratic Front (decried) the imagery, condemning it as a ploy to inject a Hindu nationalist agenda into the constitutional office of the Governor. Mr. Arlekar nonchalantly ascribed the idea to the spirit of nationalism and patriotism. The rift has since spilled over into the streets, leading to confrontations between workers of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Bharatiya Janata Party across the State. The Mother India motif traces its origins to the late 19th century work, Anandamath, by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, which personified the country as an oppressed Hindu goddess with a glorious past aspiring to regain her enormous might. It featured 'Vande Mataram', which became hugely popular and accepted as India's national song. With the nationalist movement taking shape, the image found countless iterations across forms of cultural and political expression.





## Harmonious Governance

Initial cooperation with state

## Contentious Iconography

Governor uses political imagery

## Political Protests

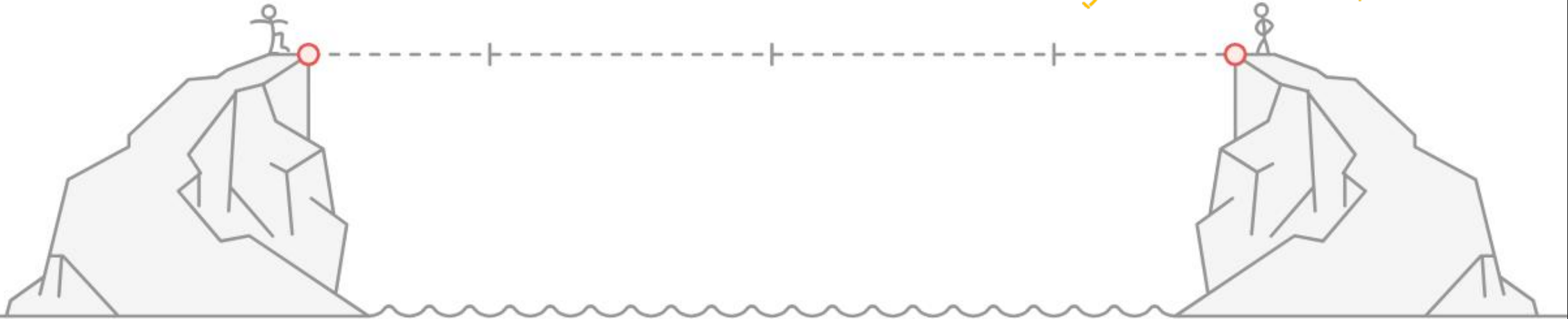
Ministers boycott official events

## Public Confrontations

Clashes between political parties

## Fractured Governance

Relationship breakdown and discord





In the early 20th century, artist Abanindranath Tagore <sup>show</sup> depicted Bharat Mata as a four-armed goddess holding a piece of white cloth, sheaves of paddy, a book and a string of beads. While Anandamath came under criticism for its perceived communal undertones, with the image being appropriated by (Hindu) religious nationalists, Abanindranath's image was seen as a 'humanisation' of the divine mother. If painter (Amrita Shergill) poignantly pictured Mother India as a pining mother staring into an uncertain future, political and cultural portrayals of Mother India relied on the metaphor of a woman who was a divine, benevolent custodian of customs and traditions, with the imagery drawing heavily from Hindu iconography. Her flag changed between the tricolour and saffron, depending on who portrayed the image. Calendar art pinned up many iterations in drawing rooms. While films such as Mother India cemented the stereotype, Satyajit Ray's Devi called out the (deification) of women as a patriarchal tool of subjugation. But religious nationalists continued to weaponise the symbolism, imaginatively blending the visual of a decked-up (Hindu goddess) with a united Hindu Rashtra. Secularists such as M.F. Husain, too, were drawn to the idea of the nation as a woman and it got deeply etched in the collective psyche of the people.

sheaf



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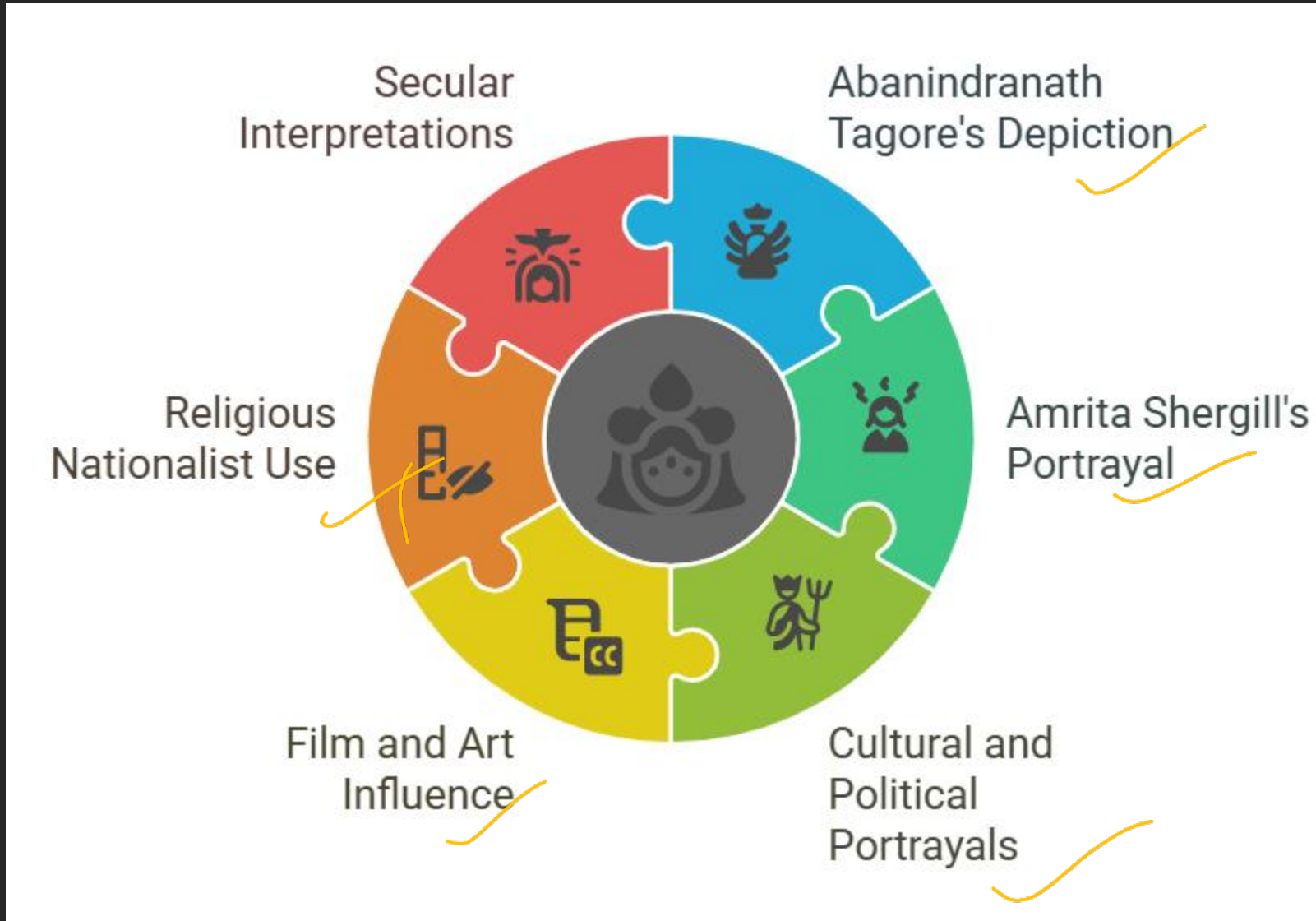
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Given the lack of a standard depiction of the metaphor of Mother India, the present controversy was avoidable. Governors would do well to desist from employing a Hindu majoritarian version of a multilayered iconic image for political expediency.



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Directions: Consider the following statements:

Statement I: The portrayal of Bharat Mata in the Raj Bhavan was seen as an attempt to revive colonial imagery of Mother India.

Statement II: The protest against the Governor's action was limited to a symbolic boycott and did not lead to public unrest.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

A) Only I

B) Only II

C) Both I and II

D) Neither I nor II

E) I is true, II is false

Answer: D) Neither I nor II





**Directions: Identify which of the following statements best reflects the tone of the author:**

- A) The author justifies the Governor's actions as patriotic.
- B) The article supports religious nationalism as a cultural necessity.
- C) The article is critical of politicizing religious symbols in constitutional spaces.
- D) The tone is neutral and seeks to avoid taking sides.
- E) The author focuses purely on the artistic merit of Bharat Mata.





Which of the following best describes the central idea of the passage?

- A) Bharat Mata should be recognized as a cultural symbol beyond religion.
- B) The role of state Governors in promoting religious nationalism is commendable.
- C) The use of religious imagery in constitutional offices can trigger socio-political discord.
- D) Calendar art and film have glorified Bharat Mata beyond criticism.
- E) Artists like Abanindranath Tagore and Amrita Shergill popularized the Hindu Rashtra concept.





4. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A) The Left Democratic Front supports religious imagery in political offices.
- B) Abanindranath Tagore's portrayal of Bharat Mata was seen as an extremist religious statement.
- C) The metaphor of Mother India has remained unchanged since Anandamath.
- D) The symbol of Bharat Mata has been interpreted differently depending on political or cultural contexts.
- E) The Governor intended to insult opposition political parties.





5. Which of the following is most likely the author's concern regarding the Governor's actions?

- A) It may diminish the literary value of Anandamath.
- B) It can alienate citizens who do not subscribe to a majoritarian religious viewpoint.
- C) It promotes the use of secular symbolism in government offices.
- D) It undermines the authority of the BJP.
- E) It reflects a popular consensus among citizens.





What is the most appropriate theme of the passage?

- A) The aesthetic variations of Bharat Mata in Indian art
- B) The evolution of nationalist songs in India
- C) The risks of using religious imagery in democratic institutions
- D) The legacy of artists like M.F. Husain and Satyajit Ray
- E) The criticism of secularism in modern governance





7. The image of Bharat Mata holding a saffron flag in front of a lion was seen as a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ move by the Governor, sparking political backlash across Kerala.

- A) Orthodox
- B) Constitutional
- C) Contemplative
- D) Provocative
- E) Apolitical





## Grammar based question



- A. Her flag changed
- B. between the tricolour
- C. and saffron,
- D. depending on whom <sup>✓ who</sup>
- E. portrayed the image.



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1. D
2. C
3. C
4. D
5. B
6. C
7. D



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## Homework

1. Woes: परेशानियाँ
2. Abound: प्रचुर मात्रा में होना
3. Litany: लंबी सूची
4. Plague: सताना / विपत्ति
5. Succour: राहत
6. Meandering: भटकता हुआ
7. Cognisant: जागरूक
8. Put in charge
9. Losing out to
10. Staging post





# Homework

Phrasal Verb	Meaning
Fall in (with)	To become associated or aligned with a group
Stand as	To contest an election as a candidate
Take place	To happen or occur
Rule out	To exclude or eliminate as a possibility
Carry on	To continue doing something





## Descriptive Writing

What are your thoughts on **One idea,  
many images?**



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Word	Meaning
Constituency	A geographical area represented by an elected official
Spat	A brief and petty argument
Vacated	Left a position or place empty
Alignment	Positioning of groups in relation to each other
Marred	Spoiled or damaged
Crude	Raw, unrefined; roughly made
Explosion	Sudden and violent release of energy
Defected	Left one's party or group to join another
Renewed mandate	Fresh public approval for leadership or policies
Retain	To keep or maintain
Reinforce	Strengthen or support
Integrity	Honesty and moral uprightness
Upgraded	Improved to a higher standard
Transparency	Openness, accountability, and lack of secrecy
Proactive	Taking initiative to act in advance to deal with problems





The results of the bye-elections in five Assembly constituencies — Kadi (SC) and Visavadar in Gujarat, Nilambur in Kerala, Ludhiana West in Punjab and Kaliganj in West Bengal — indicate the factors at play at the local and regional levels. The Congress-led United Democratic Front candidate Aryadan Shoukath won the Nilambur seat. P.V. Anvar, who had won in 2021 as a Left-backed independent, vacated the seat after a spat with the ruling coalition, contested as a Trinamool Congress (TMC) candidate (which was rejected) and then stood as an independent. The seat falls in the Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency represented by Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate performed poorly. The outcome could impact the tone of the campaigning for the Kerala Assembly elections due next year. The alignment of communities and relative power of parties in both Fronts will be affected by the Nilambur result. In the Kaliganj constituency in Nadia district, the ruling TMC's candidate Alifa Ahmed won by a margin of over 50,000 votes.





Her father's death had led to the by-poll. Counting day was marred by the death of a child in a crude bomb explosion, a sign of the continuing and disturbing role of violence in the State. Assembly elections in West Bengal will take place next year.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s wins in Visavadar and Ludhiana West are significant for a party that lost power in Delhi, its original stronghold, in February. Its MLA in Visavadar had defected to the BJP, and the renewed mandate helps AAP retain its stake in State politics. Its former State president Gopal Italia is the winner. AAP's former Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament and industrialist Sanjeev Arora won the Ludhiana West seat in a State it rules. The BJP retained Kadi. The by-polls were also notable for the new initiatives by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to reinforce the integrity of the electoral process and make it more accessible.



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These include mobile deposit facility for the electors at all polling stations, upgraded voter turnout sharing process resulting in faster updating of the approximate polling trends, and most significantly, webcasting at 100% of polling stations. The issues of disputes over heavy polling in sensitive booths in the concluding hours of voting and transparency related to video records of booth activities remain, and the ECI must continue to take proactive measures to not only be fair but also to be seen so.



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Summary (100–120 words): The results of the bye-elections in five Assembly constituencies reflect regional political dynamics. In Kerala, the Congress regained Nilambur, while in West Bengal, TMC secured Kaliganj amid polling violence. AAP showed resilience by winning in Visavadar (Gujarat) and Ludhiana West (Punjab), despite recent losses in Delhi. BJP retained Kadi (Gujarat). The Election Commission introduced reforms like mobile deposit facilities, real-time voter turnout updates, and 100% webcasting to improve electoral transparency. However, concerns over late polling surges and booth-level video transparency remain. These outcomes could influence future Assembly elections in Kerala and West Bengal, highlighting the fluid political landscape and ongoing efforts to strengthen electoral integrity.





1. What does the Nilambur result suggest about Kerala's political dynamics?

- A) BJP has gained unprecedented support in Kerala
- B) Congress continues to have a stronghold in key constituencies
- C) AAP is emerging as the dominant party in Kerala
- D) The Left Front has solidified its majority
- E) Voter turnout was historically low





2. Which of the following is a plausible reason for AAP's renewed mandate in Visavadar?

- A) It had no previous presence in Gujarat
- B) BJP withdrew its candidate
- C) Its earlier MLA had switched to BJP
- D) Congress extended support to AAP
- E) TMC formed an alliance with AAP





3. What can be inferred about the TMC's win in Kaliganj?
- A) It faced stiff competition from BJP
  - B) It happened despite the candidate's criminal background
  - C) The win was influenced by sympathy after a family death
  - D) It was the first time TMC contested in the constituency
  - E) The candidate previously represented the Congress





4. What role did the Election Commission play in these bypolls?

- A) It organized re-elections in all five seats
- B) It delayed results for procedural review
- C) It implemented technological reforms for electoral transparency
- D) It allowed parties to contest without nomination scrutiny
- E) It withdrew the webcasting plan at the last minute





5. Based on the passage, which State had electoral violence during the bypolls?

- A) Punjab
- B) Kerala
- C) Gujarat
- D) West Bengal
- E) Delhi





6. Which of the following is **NOT** a reform introduced by the Election Commission?

- A) 100% webcasting
- B) Voter facial recognition software
- C) Mobile deposit facility
- D) Upgraded voter turnout sharing
- E) Real-time polling updates





7. What can be concluded from the overall by-election results?

- A) The BJP is losing influence across all States
- B) AAP's national relevance has ended
- C) Regional dynamics remain crucial in Indian politics
- D) Congress failed to win any seat
- E) Voter turnout was negligible



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1. B
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3. C
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. C



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