

India's marathon election

The world's biggest democratic election sees 714 million people – more than twice the population of the United States – voting in a month-long ballot

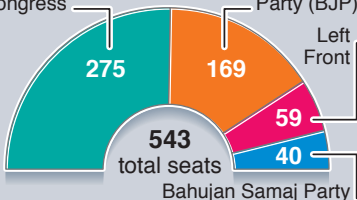
Lok Sabha

House of the People (lower house)

United Progressive
Alliance led by
National
Congress

National Democratic
Alliance led by
Bharatiya Janata
Party (BJP)

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Voting dates

Constituencies

Phase I	April 16	124
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Phase II	April 22	141
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Phase III	April 30	107
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Phase IV	May 7	85
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Phase V	May 13	86
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Polling centres:	828,804
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Political parties:	1,055
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Results due:	May 16
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New parliament takes office:	June 2
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