

India holds world's largest poll

India's general election, pitting Hindu nationalist leader Narendra Modi against the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty's ruling Congress Party, will see around 814m people voting in a nine-phased election over six weeks at more than 930,000 polling stations



Rahul Gandhi
Leader of *Congress Party*



Aam Aadmi Party: New anti-corruption party, which made spectacular debut in recent polls in Delhi, will also contest elections

VOTING DATES

- Phase 1, Apr 07
- Phase 2, Apr 09
- Phase 3, Apr 10
- Phase 4, Apr 12
- Phase 5, Apr 17
- Phase 6, Apr 24
- Phase 7, Apr 30
- Phase 8, May 07
- Phase 9, May 12

Counting: May 16

■ **Registered voters:** 814.5 million – 100m more than in 2009 parliamentary election

■ **Polling stations:** 930,000 – 12% increase since 2009

■ **Voting:** Ballot papers and electronic voting machines will contain "None of the Above" option for voters who do not want to cast ballot for any candidate



Narendra Modi
Leader of main opposition *Bharatiya Janata Party*

