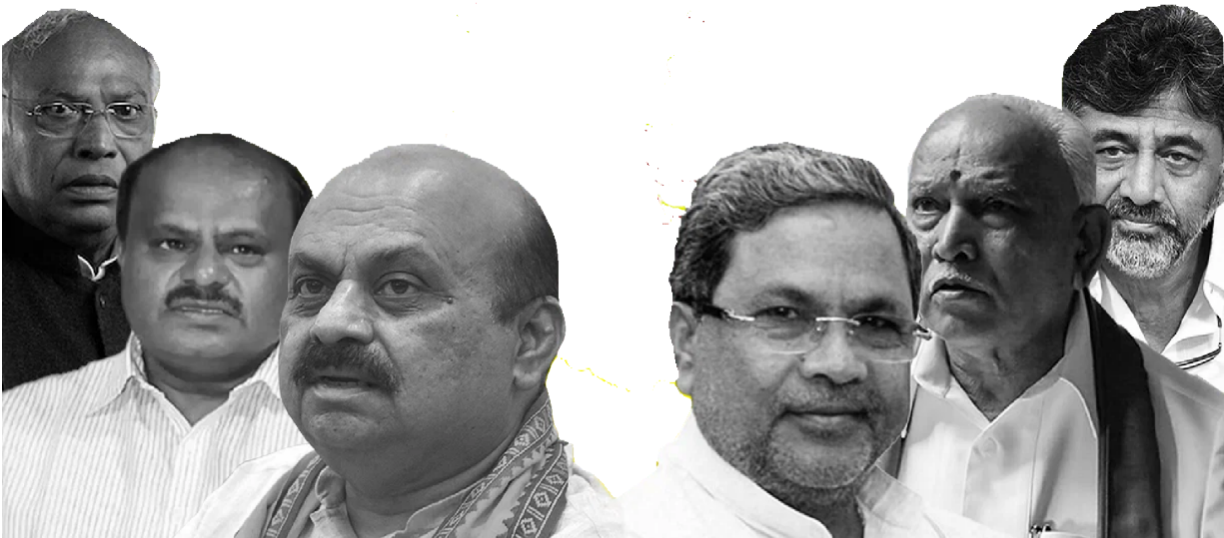


KARNATAKA

EXIT POLL REPORT - 2023



Comprehensive Exit Poll Report: Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023

Introduction

The Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023 have been one of the most anticipated political events in the state. Exit polls were conducted to gauge the likely outcome of the elections based on responses collected from a representative sample of voters across 648 polling stations, covering all 224 assembly segments. This report provides an in-depth analysis of the projected seat share and vote share for the major political parties contesting the elections.

Summary

The Indian National Congress (INC) is projected to secure a comfortable lead with 116–120 seats, potentially crossing the majority mark of 112 seats required to form the government. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is expected to win 82–88 seats, while the Janata Dal (Secular) [JD(S)] is likely to secure 18–23 seats. Smaller parties and independents are projected to win 1–3 seats collectively.

Detailed Analysis

1. Projected Seat Share

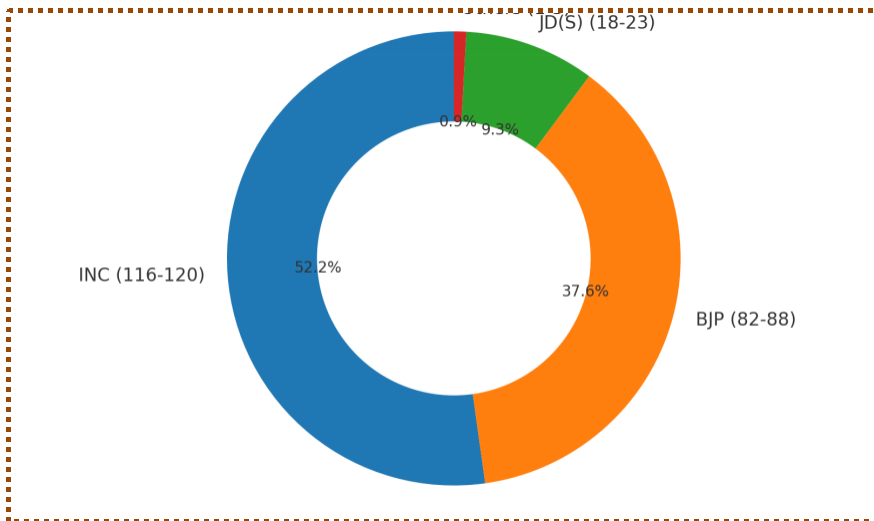
- INC: 116–120 seats (majority range: 112 required)
- BJP: 82–88 seats
- JD(S): 18–23 seats
- Others: 1–3 seats

The Congress is likely to emerge as the single largest party, with a strong chance of forming the government on its own. The BJP, despite its substantial vote share, is falling short of retaining its current strength in the assembly.

2. Vote Share Projection:

- INC: 42.5% (+4.36% from 2018)
- BJP: 37.7% (+1.35%)
- JD(S): 15.4% (–2.9%)
- Others: 4.8% (–2.41%)

The Congress has shown significant improvement in its vote share, indicating a broader acceptance among the electorate. The BJP has managed to increase its vote share marginally, while the JD(S) has witnessed a decline, reflecting its struggles in retaining voter confidence in its traditional strongholds. The reduced share of 'Others' highlights the consolidation of votes among the major parties.

Visual Representation: Predicted Seat Share

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