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WHY IN NEWS

West Bengal's **Phase 2 assembly elections** are scheduled for **April 29, 2026**, covering **176 of 294 constituencies**. Phase 1 (April 23) covered **118 constituencies** — primarily in North Bengal, Jhargram, and tribal-dominated regions. Phase 2 covers the more densely populated **Kolkata suburbs, Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Birbhum, and parts of South Bengal** — historically the most politically contested terrain. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has deployed over **800 central forces companies** for Phase 2. The campaign period ended at 6 PM on April 28.

2026 WEST BENGAL ELECTION — THREE-CORNERED CONTEST

ALLIANCE	KEY PARTY	LEADER	POSITION
Trinamool Congress (TMC)	TMC	Mamata Banerjee (CM; contesting from Bhawanipur, Kolkata)	Incumbent; seeking 3rd consecutive term
National Democratic Alliance (NDA)	BJP	Suvendu Adhikari (LoP; contesting from Nandigram)	Main opposition
Left-Congress-ISF alliance	CPI(M) + Congress + ISF	Multiple leaders	Third force; strong in some districts

Key constituency battles in Phase 2:

- **Bhawanipur (Kolkata)** — Mamata Banerjee's seat; symbolic battleground
- **Nandigram** — Suvendu Adhikari's seat; site of the 2021 mega-contest between Mamata and Suvendu
- **Birbhum** — TMC's stronghold; Anubrata Mondal factor
- **Burdwan-Durgapur** — industrial corridor; BJP made gains in 2021

MAY 4 — ALL STATE RESULTS SIMULTANEOUSLY

The Election Commission of India scheduled **all 2026 state election results on May 4, 2026** — a single unified counting day for five state elections conducted across April:

STATE/UT	SEATS	POLLING PHASE(S)	RESULTS
Tamil Nadu	234	April 23 (single phase)	May 4
West Bengal	294	Phase 1: April 23; Phase 2: April 29	May 4
Kerala	140	April 9 (single phase)	May 4
Assam	126	April 9 (single phase)	May 4
Puducherry	30 (elected)	April 9 (single phase)	May 4
Total seats	824	—	May 4

May 4 will be one of India's largest simultaneous election result days — with 824 legislative assembly seats determined in a single counting session.

WEST BENGAL 2021 VS 2026 — CONTEXT

FACTOR	2021	2026
TMC result	213 seats (72.4%)	Polls ongoing
BJP result	77 seats (26.2%)	Polls ongoing
Left+Congress	0 (zero)	Left-Congress-ISF alliance with ISF
Mamata constituency	Won Bhawanipur (by-election, Sept 2021) after Nandigram loss	Contesting Bhawanipur
Suvendu constituency	Won Nandigram (narrow margin)	Re-contesting Nandigram

2026 context: TMC enters the election as a strong incumbent but has faced anti-incumbency narratives around corruption, governance delivery, and central-state tensions over scheme funding. BJP has maintained its 2021 base but has not significantly expanded it. The Left-Congress-ISF alliance is seeking to reclaim historic Left strongholds.

CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL FRAMEWORK

- West Bengal uses the **First Past the Post (FPTP)** system
- **294 constituencies** — 68 reserved for SC; 16 reserved for ST (under Article 332)
- The Governor of West Bengal is **C.V. Ananda Bose**
- ECI deployed **800+ CAPF companies** for Phase 2
- Model Code of Conduct remains in force until results (May 4)

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GS1 — Indian Society	West Bengal political history; Left politics; communal polarisation narrative
GS2 — Governance	Central forces deployment; Model Code of Conduct; Phase-wise elections

Mains Keywords: West Bengal elections 2026, TMC, BJP, Mamata Banerjee, Suwendu Adhikari, Nandigram, Bhawanipur, Left-Congress-ISF, May 4 results, multi-state election counting

Facts Corner

ITEM	FACT
WB Phase 2	April 29, 2026
WB Phase 2 constituencies	176 of 294
WB Phase 1	April 23, 2026 (118 constituencies)
WB total seats	294 (68 SC + 16 ST reserved)
TMC leader	Mamata Banerjee — Bhawanipur
BJP leader	Suwendu Adhikari — Nandigram
WB Governor	C.V. Ananda Bose
All results	May 4, 2026
Total seats on May 4	824 (TN + WB + Kerala + Assam + Puducherry)
CAPF deployed for Phase 2	800+ companies

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