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Five Assembly elections and what lies behind the results





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Results of the just concluded Assembly elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, and Puducherry underline a familiar truth of Indian politics: regional currents still overpower national narratives. Even where the SIR and delimitation visibly shaped outcomes, as in Bengal and Assam, welfare delivery, caste equations, leadership credibility, and local grievances remained decisive.

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