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Happy For Karnataka Results; In Any State, Whichever Party Is Strongest Against BJP, They Should Fight With All Their Might, Says AITC National Gen Secretary Abhishek Banerjee

“BJP LEADERS BOAST ABOUT ‘DOUBLE-ENGINE’ GOVERNMENT. IN REALITY,
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- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had recently asked people to exercise their franchise and vote for any party, except the BJP. **The result of Karnataka Legislative Assembly Elections today shows that people have listened to what the Bengal Chief Minister had stated**
- **During the 2021 Bengal Assembly Elections, there was a campaign run — ‘No Vote To BJP’. It seems that this campaign has resonated with the people of Karnataka too**
- BJP has depended on rampant polarisation, it has propagated ‘love jihad’ and separatism in their favour. However, these issues can never be topics on which one fights electoral battles. BJP has turned a blind eye to the needs of the locals
- **Ahead of the state elections in Karnataka, BJP leaders took part in numerous roadshows and public meetings. Yet, they never spoke about the pressing concerns of the locals. The people of Karnataka have, hence, given a befitting reply to them**
- The people of Bengal had, similarly, restricted BJP’s way of fighting elections on the lines of religion back in 2021. During that time, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had given the call of ‘*Abki Baar 200 Paar*’. In Karnataka, too, BJP made lofty claims of getting 150 seats, yet they couldn’t understand the pulse of the people. **People of our country have started to reject the BJP**
- We are happy with the results of Karnataka. **What the people of Bengal did back in 2021, Karnataka has done in 2023. Very soon, the people of this country will do the same in 2024. With the Karnataka results, BJP’s downfall has well and truly begun**
- BJP tries to target AITC in Bengal over corruption issues. What have they done in Karnataka for the past three years? Everyone is aware of the ‘*40% Commission Sarkara*’. **BJP leaders boast about ‘Double-Engine’ government, but in reality, voting for BJP means ‘Trouble-Engine’ government**
- I am thankful to the people of Karnataka for fighting to restore the honour of the people of the State. They have defeated the oppressive rule of BJP in their state

- BJP is in power in Manipur. Ideally, the concept of 'Double-Engine' government should work there too. But we are seeing how Manipur has been burning for the past few weeks
- **People have understood BJP's game plan. They have understood who creates trouble for them, and rejected their politics. Nowadays, people want their leader to fight for their cause and cater to their needs**
- PM Narendra Modi is only capable of making empty and false promises, he has never delivered on what he says. **The manner in which they have stalled West Bengal's funds, the people of our State will give them a befitting reply**
- I am not any authority to comment on the result of the Karnataka polls. There are stalwarts in the Congress, who will be able to speak on this better. **All we want is that all opposition parties unite and fight against BJP.** This was our agenda, for which we contested elections in Meghalaya and Tripura. The 'anti-BJP vote' should not be divided
- In Karnataka, there was Congress and Janata Dal (Secular), and that is why AITC didn't contest there. **In any state, whichever party is strongest against BJP, they should fight with all their might.** This is exactly what our Chief Minister has repeatedly said
- I can have difference with the Congress in Bengal. However, I am happy about what has happened in Karnataka. I want the people to reject BJP in every State. **Today's results have shown that what Bengal thinks today, rest of India thinks tomorrow**
- When BJP wins an election, they call it 'Modi-Magic'. However, whenever they lose, JP Nadda is held responsible for the defeat. The difference between 'remote control' and the 'High Command' is evident in the BJP
- **Pradesh Congress Chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and the CPI(M) have come together to fight against Trinamool Congress. They did the same in 2021 too. By doing this, all they are doing is cementing BJP's existence in the State**
- Congress and CPI(M) do not want to go against the BJP. **In 2021 Bengal Elections, they could have supported AITC, which, in turn, would have lowered the prospects of BJP but they did not do that**
- It is difficult to say whether the *Bharat Jodo Yatra* had a bearing in the results of Karnataka. There is a new President of the Congress, hence one cannot say what exactly has led to this result. **The only obvious takeaway from the Karnataka is that no one can question the power of people.** It is the people who decide who will govern them. It is the people who have and will come forth and fight for their own rights
- The friends from the media are with me since the time I have embarked on this *Jono Sanjog Yatra*. You all have seen how we are able to connect with the masses, because we have helped them in their tough times and Bengal government has provided them with the services that is helping them in their daily lives