

ADC poll results : not a good sign for democracy



The ADC poll results are out . And as was predicted by TRIPURATODAY.com in its exit poll CPI(M) led Left Front won in all the 27 seats. This website had made it clear that Congress will win in the Machmara seat. But, due to the fracas created with a ballot box midway the party candidate lost the seat by a slender margin. This was the first poll carried out in Tripura on such a large scale. As the entire team of TRIPURATODAY.com was busy the update of news items in this website was also hit for a few days. But at the end of the day our success was humbly appreciated by all concerned.

Our News Editor Dhruvajyoti Shiva had on two previous occasions predicted the outcome of the state assembly poll too. His huge experience also helped us to reach a practical conclusion . According to him and some other poll pundits this time the division in the opposition ranks was the real reason behind the debacle suffered by the Congress as well as INPT. On the other hand CPI(M) was able to taste success despite the fact that the party did not have even a manifesto to show to the tribals about the things it would like to do when it comes to power. In so far as securing the second position is concerned INPT leaders who still stand a chance of showing their might include the likes of Nagendra Jamatia – Ampinagar, Rabindra Debbarma (junior) – Simna, Rajeshwar Debbarma – Takarjala and party chief Bijoy Hrankhwal – Kulai. Other leaders in respective areas were swept over by a tsunami in favour of Congress. In North Tripura, South Tripura and Dhalai , INPT was virtually wiped away.

But what does the ADC poll result herald for the future political scenario of the state. The results is not a good sign for democracy as the absence of opposition for two successive terms is a real dampener for those who want to see real development in the tribal belt. In 2005 at least NSPT had four seats and had a blow hot blow cold relationship. But this time there will be no checks and balances with Left Front all the way. Some political pundits believe that the day when CPI(M) suffered a loss in 2000 chief minister Mr Manik Sarkar was determined to see that nothing like that happens . And the 2005 and 2010 poll results have shown that he was determined to avoid such a goof up as was the case in the year 2000. For PCC president this was not the semifinal. In fact the Nagar Panchayat and AMC poll will be the semifinal for Surajit Dutta. If he fails then Congress should replace him and have a new commander before the next assembly poll. The ADC poll results should not be the one to draw a conclusion on his performance. INPT leaders are well advised to merge with Congress to ensure that “ paribartan “ indeed happens in 2013. Or else Manik Sarkar will break the record of Jyoti Basu.