THE BIHAR VERDICT 2025

An Audit of the “Stolen Mandate”

From SIR Manipulation to the “Midnight Hike”: How the Vote Was Engineered

The ‘Ambush’ – Why SIR in Bihar Was Unprecedented

- Special Intensive Revision (SIR) notified on June 24, 2025
- Conducted barely months before Assembly elections
- No precedent despite:
  - Continuous revisions since 2003
  - Special Summary Revision completed in January 2025
- No reasons recorded, no empirical justification disclosed
- Timing and scale render SIR legally and democratically suspect

Electoral Roll Shock – Mass Deletions in Numbers

- June 24, 2025 (Pre-SIR): 7.89 crore electors
- August 1, 2025 (Draft Roll): 7.24 crore electors (~65.69 lakh names deleted)
- September 30, 2025 (Final Roll): ~7.42 crore electors
- Only 3.66 lakh confirmed ineligible

Conclusion: Scale of deletions grossly disproportionate to legitimate exclusions

‘Ghost Deletions’ (July 21–25, 2025)

Statistically Impossible Purges

- 21.27 lakh voters deleted in just 3 days
- 5,44,593 marked ‘dead’ vs 16.55 lakh deaths in prior 27 days
- 14.24 lakh labelled ‘permanently shifted’
- ‘Untraceable’ voters jumped 809% overnight
- Zero ‘foreigners’ identified despite stated objective
- Indicates algorithmic deletion, not field verification

The ‘Rectification’ Illusion

When Corrections Don’t Add Up

- ECI claimed ~17 lakh objections/applications received
- Actual modifications affected ~22 lakh entries
- Mathematical inconsistency:
  - Expected final roll: ~7.38 crore
  - Declared final roll: ~7.42 crore
- 3.24 lakh electors added without explanation
- No independent audit or transparent reconciliation

Pre-Poll Rigging After Election Notification

Shifting the Goalposts

- Electoral rolls are meant to freeze at notification
- Yet:
  - Oct 6, 2025: 7.43 crore electors
  - Poll Day: 7.46 crore electors
- 3.34 lakh voters added in 10 days
- Sudden spike in youth voters unexplained by eligibility rules
- Undermines roll sanctity and electoral certainty

Structural Rigging – Booths, Schedules & Data Control

- Booths increased from 77,462 (LS 2024) to 90,740 (Bihar 2025)
- No increase in remote or riverine areas
- Constituency splits violated contiguity norms
- ECI progressively stopped publishing:
  - Constituency-wise turnout
  - Final votes polled prior to counting
- Data released in fragmented, non-verifiable formats

Institutional Capture at the Ground Level

- Deployment of 1.8 lakh ‘Jeevika Didis’ as poll volunteers
- Beneficiaries of pre-poll financial transfers
- Blurred welfare delivery with election administration
- Undermined neutrality of Booth Level Officers (BLOs)
- BLA imbalance:
  - NDA: 91,098 agents
  - MGB: 67,450 agents
- Only 1.55 agents per booth → wide scope for manipulation

Poll-Day & Post-Poll Violations

Operational Breakdown

- CCTV failures, VVPAT slips found on roads
- Trucks and unauthorised persons near strong rooms
- Special trains from Haryana transported ~6,000 voters
- Allegations of free tickets and organised mobilisation
- Possible violations of:
  - Model Code of Conduct
  - Section 123(5), RP Act, 1951

The ‘Midnight Hike’ & the Engineered Verdict

- Uniform 0.18% turnout hike for both men and women on Nov 12
- Artificial addition of 1,34,145 votes
- Altered outcomes in ~20 constituencies
- Multiple vote mismatches across phases
- 21 seats decided by margins of 0–15 votes
- No automatic VVPAT recount despite razor-thin margins

Final Inference: The Bihar 2025 election reflects not isolated irregularities, but a systematic, layered engineering of the electoral outcome—before, during, and after polling.

What This Report Establishes

- A step-by-step audit of the 2025 Bihar Legislative Assembly Election
- Examines the electoral process across three phases:
  - *Before polling* (electoral roll engineering)
  - *During polling* (procedural & operational violations)
  - *After polling* (data manipulation & result distortions)

Core finding: The democratic mandate was structurally subverted—well before a single vote was cast

Legal & Constitutional Breaches in SIR

- Alleged violations of Articles 14, 19, 21, 325 & 326 of the Constitution
- Breach of statutory safeguards under:
  - Representation of the People Act, 1950
  - Registration of Electors Rules, 1960
  - Section 21(3) of RPA ignored: no recorded reasons, no limited scope
- Default shifted from presumption of inclusion to presumption of exclusion
- Aadhaar sidelined despite statutory prescription

Thank you!

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