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**Pre-Poll Survey
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The ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi is miles ahead in the Urban Local Body Elections and is demonstrating its continuing relationship with the electorate.

These elections are seen as Mini-Assembly elections as voters turned out in ten municipal corporations and 120 municipalities across the state. These elections cover 40 per cent of the state's electorate and are being held just over an year after the Assembly elections in Telangana.

PEOPLES PULSE, Hyderabad based political and research organisation conducted a Pre-poll survey from 17th to 19th January 2020 in 20 per cent of the municipalities and in three corporations.

The survey revealed that in the ten municipal corporations the TRS is polling an astonishing **49.1** per cent followed by the main Opposition, the Congress with **21** per cent. The BJP is garnering **23.8** per cent of the vote and the MIM **3.3** per cent. Others are polling **2.8** per cent.

In the 120 municipalities the TRS is further increasing its vote to **52.3** per cent. The Congress is polling **23.3** per cent and the BJP **16.1** per cent. The MIM and others are polling **1.6** and **6.7** per cent respectively.



While the BJP is ahead of the Congress by nearly three per cent in the corporations, the latter is ahead by more than seven per cent in the municipalities. Yet neither party is anywhere close to posing any kind of challenge to the ruling party in the ULBs.

The TRS vote bank has been largely consistent. It was **46.9** per cent in the Assembly elections December 2018. Though it dropped to **41.3** per cent in last year's Parliament elections, it has consolidated and increased its vote share to nearly **50** per cent. The Congress has lost six per cent of its vote since the Assembly and Parliament elections respectively. The BJP, however, managed to retain its 2019 Parliament vote share.

There are 385 wards in the ten corporations. The TRS is poised to win **180 to 205** wards in the corporations. The BJP would get **60-75** wards and the Congress has to settle with **40-60** wards. The MIM would get **8-10** wards. The BJP is ahead of the Congress because of the limited polarisation it has managed.

In the 120 municipalities there are 2,727 wards. The TRS would win **1,950-2,000** wards. The Congress would get **375-415** wards and the BJP **150-180** wards. The MIM would get **25-30** wards. The Left parties are nowhere in the picture.

The voter is wary of the BJP because of their heavy polarisation attempts. The reason why the TRS managed to hold firm is that the minorities are backing the party and also because the Congress could not do much to win the minorities favour.



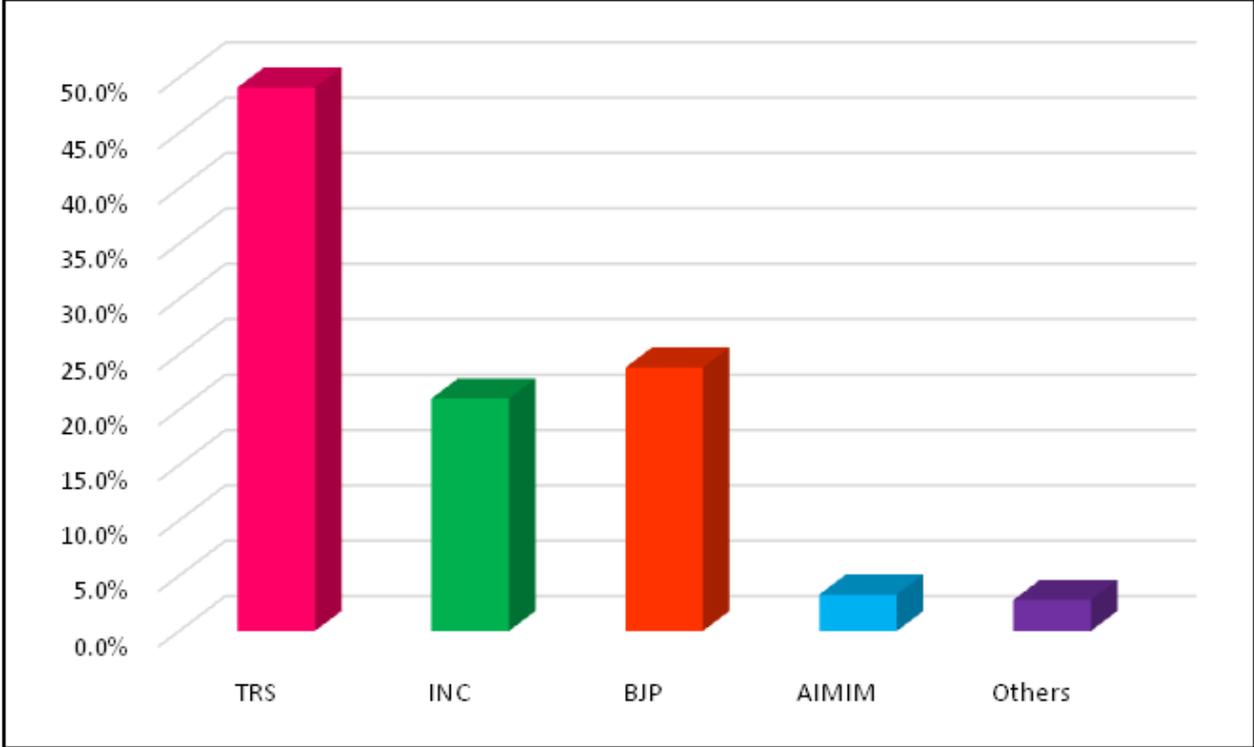
In the elections the major issues are sanitation, maintenance of roads and corruption among municipal staff. In the voter's eye the opposition parties are posing no challenge to the ruling party and is therefore of the belief that if one backs the ruling party it would help develop their respective areas. The unbridled use of money power and liquor is playing in role in benefitting the TRS. Having said that it would be unfair not to mention that the TRS is seen as a party with strong leadership.

The trend firmly indicates that the TRS would sweep almost all the corporations and an overwhelming majority of the municipalities.

The sample size for each municipality was 500 and for each corporation it was 1,000. The respondents were chosen by **PEOPLES PULSE** on the basis of Population Proportionate Size methodology where age, gender and caste composition reflects the situation on the field. The survey was conducted through face-to-face interviews and secret ballot. The margin of error is plus or minus three per cent.



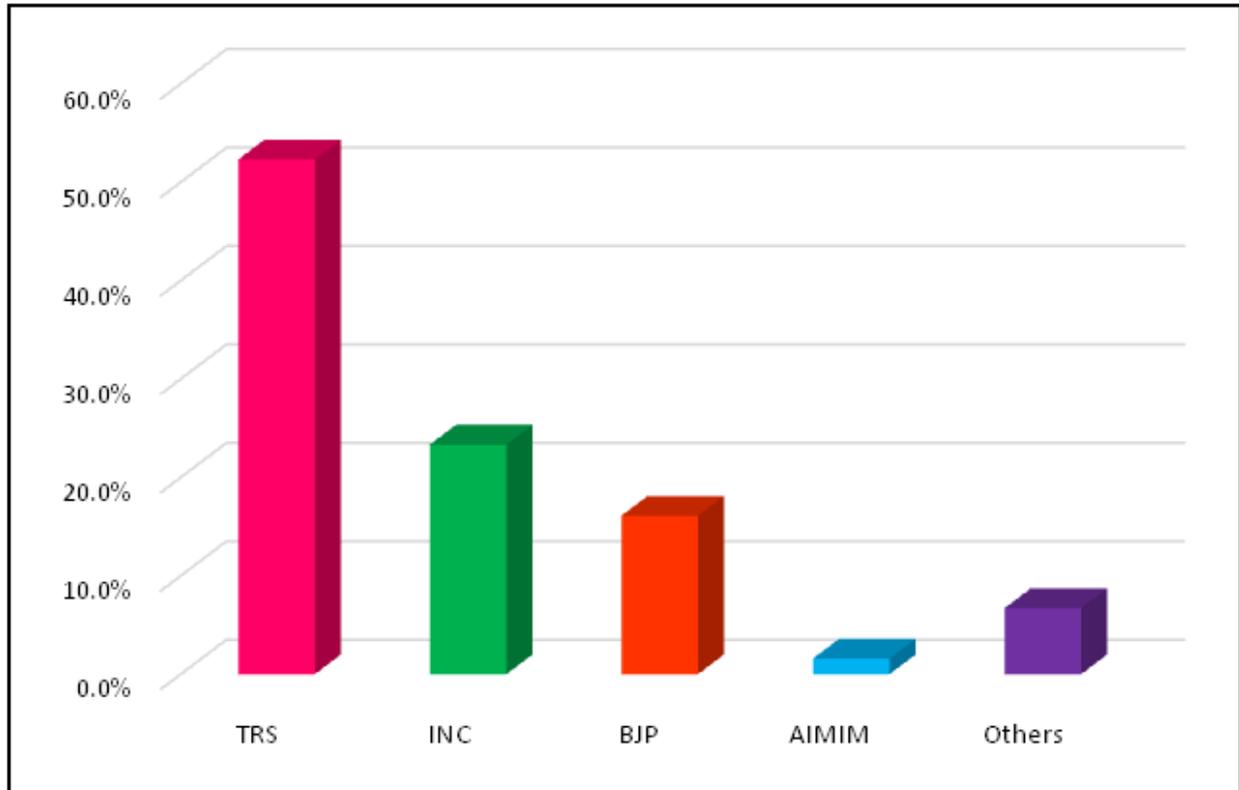
VOTE SHARE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS



| TRS | INC | BJP | AIMIM | Others |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 49.1% | 21.0% | 23.8% | 3.3% | 2.8% |

● **Plus or Minus 3 %**

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| TRS | INC | BJP | AIMIM | Others |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 52.3% | 23.3% | 16.1% | 1.6% | 6.7% |

- Plus or Minus 3 %

PARTY WISE PROJECTED SHARE OF WARDS IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| TRS | 180 - 205 |
| INC | 40 - 60 |
| BJP | 60 - 75 |
| AIMIM | 8 - 10 |

- **Plus or Minus 3 %**

PARTY WISE PROJECTED SHARE OF WARDS IN MUNICIPALITIES

| | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| TRS | 1950 - 2000 |
| INC | 375 - 415 |
| BJP | 150 - 180 |
| AIMIM | 25 - 30 |

- **Plus or Minus 3%**



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