



## Mandate for renewal

### Uttarakhand's unique challenges demand a concerted effort by the new BJP government

Heading into Assembly elections in Uttarakhand, the Bharatiya Janata Party had a clear edge after months of political **turmoil** in the State, that included a spell of President's Rule and the Supreme Court's intervention. Chief Minister Harish Rawat had sought to turn the elections into a referendum over the **tribulations** that his government was subjected to by both the BJP and its government at the Centre. At the same time, his government had struggled to defend itself against allegations of graft. In the event, the BJP managed to repeat its performance of the Lok Sabha election in 2014, when it won in all five parliamentary constituencies and led in 63 out of 70 Assembly segments. By winning 57 seats in the Assembly elections, the BJP has for the first time managed a **decisive** majority in a State that has traditionally returned close verdicts. By all indications, it **reaped** the benefit of anti-incumbency due to issues such as migration from the hills to the plains and out of Uttarakhand as well, lack of adequate employment opportunities and infrastructure, and **persisting** problems relating to the 2013 floods. In 2014, the BJP's pitch on "development" received significant support and it has now promised to focus on the issue. **Conversely**, the Congress's **lament** that it did not receive adequate Central support in both flood relief and reconstruction apart from developmental work in the State clearly found few takers among the voters, who simply chose the party in power at the Centre.

The Congress also made the mistake of limiting the election campaign to a personality contest centred on Mr. Rawat. Stung by the defection of many leaders to the BJP, especially from the Garhwal region, and faced with the **formidable** challenge of overcoming the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the party came up short. The success of the BJP must also take into account the fact that 11 of its 57 MLAs are **defectors** from the Congress. By appointing Trivendra Singh Rawat as the Chief Minister instead of its hopeful former Chief Ministers, the BJP has sought to empower a loyal RSS hand who is close to party president Amit Shah and Mr. Modi. Despite the overwhelming majority for the party which should allow the new Chief Minister to concentrate on administrative tasks instead of constantly managing MLAs to defend narrow majorities in the House, he faces an uphill battle. Since the separation from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand saw high economic growth till around 2012-13, justifying the bifurcation. But the floods had a devastating impact on its economy, and the long-time decline of the agrarian economy in the hills and the consequent migration of people to the plains have deepened the challenges facing the State. It will take a concerted effort to overcome them.

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**WORD** **Turmoil (Noun)**

**MEANING** a state of great disturbance, confusion or uncertainty.

**SYNONYMS** Chaos, confusion, turbulence, riot, tumult, unrest, violence

**ANTONYMS** calm, composure, contentment, happiness, order, peace, tranquility

**SENTENCE** The whole region is in **turmoil**.

**Translation** (T) సంక్షోభం, కలత, కలవరం  
(H) खलबली, हलचल, लोचा, कोलाहल

**WORD** **Conversely (Adverb)**

**MEANING** introducing a statement or idea which reverses one that has been said or referred to.

**SYNONYMS** contrarily, inversely, the opposite way, against, reciprocally

**ANTONYMS** -

**SENTENCE** When the country has harsh or **conversely**, weak laws or a bad social network, it's harder to enforce.

**Translation** (T) దీనికి విరుద్ధంగా  
(H) इसके विपरीत, उल्टा

**WORD** **Tribulation (Noun)**

**MEANING** a cause of great trouble or suffering.

**SYNONYMS** grief, adversity, misery, misfortune, woe, trouble, affliction, ordeal, trial, adversity, hardship, setback

**ANTONYMS** delight, good luck, joy, advantage, aid

**SENTENCE** The season ending injury was a huge **tribulation** for the athlete.

**Translation** (T) అత్యధిక దుఃఖం, మనః క్షేకము  
(H) पीड़ा, क्लेश

**WORD** **Lament (Noun)**

**MEANING** a passionate expression of grief or sorrow

**SYNONYMS** wailing, moan, groan, sob, bemoan, howl

**ANTONYMS** relieve, celebrate, be happy

**SENTENCE** Their pitiful **laments** could be heard throughout the ward.

**Translation** (T) ప్రలాపము, ఏడ్పు, శోకము  
(H) शोक, विलाप

**WORD** **Decisive (Adjective)**

**MEANING** Settling an issue; producing a definite result.

**SYNONYMS** conclusive, critical, crucial, definitive, determined, influential, significant

**ANTONYMS** inconclusive, indefinite, ineffective, insignificant, trivial

**SENTENCE** Cheteshwar Pujara played a **decisive** part in victory.

**Translation** (T) నిర్ణయాత్మక, నిశ్చయమైన  
(H) निर्णायक

**WORD** **Formidable (Adjective)**

**MEANING** inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense or capable.

**SYNONYMS** dangerous, daunting, dire, frightening, alarming, dreadful, fearsome

**ANTONYMS** calm, trivial, unimportant, unthreatening, harmless, feeble

**SENTENCE** He came up against a **formidable** opponent and a smart street fighter.

**Translation** (T) భయంకరమైన, దారుణమైన  
(H) डरावना, दहला देने वाला

**WORD** **Reap (Verb)**

**MEANING** receive as a consequence of one's own or another's actions.

**SYNONYMS** obtain, get, secure, acquire, being in, derive, procure

**ANTONYMS** -

**SENTENCE** The company is poised to **reap** the benefits this investment.

**Translation** (T) ఫలితం పొందు  
(H) प्राप्त करना

**WORD** **Defector (Noun)**

**MEANING** a person who has abandoned their country political party or cause in favour of

**SYNONYMS** deserter, turncoat, traitor, rebel, renegade

**ANTONYMS** -

**SENTENCE** If he coax some defectors from the opposition, he may reach a majority

**Translation** (T) పిఠాయింపుదారుడు  
(H) दलबदलू, राजनैतिक पार्टी छोडने वाला व्यक्ति

**WORD** **Persist (Verb)**

**MEANING** Continue to exist, be prolonged.

**SYNONYMS** continue, endure, go on, linger, persevere, prevail, remain

**ANTONYMS** cease, discontinue, give up, go, halt, stop

**SENTENCE** If dry weather **persist**s, water the lawn thoroughly.

**Translation** (T) అంటి పెట్టుకుని ఉండు, ఎల్లకాలం ఉండు  
(H) बना रहना, डटे रहना

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