

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) registered a resounding victory in the recently held 2025 Delhi state elections, relegating a historically dominant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to the opposition benches. The AAP won fewer seats than half of the BJP's tally, marking the **return of the BJP to Delhi**, which is set to assume power **after a long political exile of about 27 years**.

Party	Total Seats Won
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	48
Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)	22
Indian National Congress (INC)	0

Delhi went to the polls on February 5, 2025, to elect 70 members to the Delhi Assembly. The results were announced on February 8, and the Election Commission of India released data showing a **voter turnout of 60.54%**.

The Delhi state unit of the **BJP, emerged as the single largest party with 48 seats**, registering 12 more seats over the majority mark, of 36. The Aam Aadmi Party came in second with 22 seats, while the Indian National Congress (INC) failed to make a mark despite a marginal increase in its vote share. The **BJP leads with a vote share of 45.56%**, followed by AAP's 43.57%. The INC chose to fight the 2025 state election alone, despite fighting the BJP in the 2024 General Elections by allying with the AAP through the INDI Alliance, thereby denting AAP's electoral fortunes in some seats. The **INC's vote share increased marginally from 4.26% in 2020 to 6.34% in 2025**.

For Arvind Kejriwal, the AAP's performance is a colossal loss, given that it is his first loss since his political ascendance began in Delhi in 2013. Moreover, losing his New Delhi seat after three consecutive terms is a debacle for AAP and their legacy. Adding to his misery, key **AAP leaders such as Somnath Bharti, Manish Sisodia, and Saurabh Bharadwaj, lost their respective constituencies** to the BJP's candidates. Having enjoyed a brute majority for two terms, with 67 seats in 2015 and 62 in 2020 respectively, AAP's performance in the 2025 polls indicates a collapse of confidence and a shift in the voters' mood across all areas of the capital. On the other hand, the BJP ran its political campaign without declaring any chief ministerial face, leaving the decision to the internal consultations among the BJP's top brass. The **BJP's campaign messaging focused on the alleged corruption of AAP under Arvind Kejriwal** and their misgovernance, betting on the anti-incumbency factor.

The BJP's Priorities for Delhi

The BJP's campaign focused on the efficacy of a **'Double Engine' governance** structure, wherein, the BJP-run State and Central Governments will achieve optimal outcomes for Delhi. They promise **transparent governance**, welfare for the poor, **basic amenities in JJ clusters**, regularisation of unauthorised colonies, **women empowerment**, senior citizen welfare, improved **healthcare under Arogya Delhi, world-class education**, youth empowerment, inclusive development, a robust economy, trader welfare, ease of living, rural development, **world-class connectivity**, promotion of culture and tourism, and a clean, green Delhi.

Economic Promises

- **Transform Delhi into a Developed Economy** and contribute to India's rise as a global economic power.
- **Attract \$50 billion in FDI** over the next five years, making Delhi a top FDI destination.
- **Develop SPARK Delhi** with ₹10,000 crore investment—an advanced research & knowledge hub for finance, banking, IT, GCCs, and R&D, creating 10 lakh jobs in 10 years.
 - Establish finance, IT, and AI hubs to attract FDI and promote startups.
 - Develop world-class hotels, conference halls, and infrastructure for MICE tourism.
- **Improve Ease of Doing Business**, making Delhi one of India's top 3 states by simplifying business registration.
- **Regularise unauthorised industrial areas** and provide essential civic amenities (water, electricity, roads).
- **Review the Delhi Industrial Development, Operation, and Maintenance Act** to support industrial growth.

Human Resource Development

- The government will empower **women in Self-Help Groups (SHGs)** by partnering with **e-commerce and quick-commerce platforms** to provide marketing support and ensure financial stability.
- A **New Age Skill Development Programme** will be launched to train Delhi's youth in emerging fields such as green energy, 3D printing, and **AI** programming.
- The **Arun Jaitley Startup & Innovation Scheme** will be established to provide seed funding to startups and create new incubation centres.
- The **CM Good Governance Associates Programme** will be introduced to offer youth opportunities to engage with various policy issues and governance.
- **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** will be upgraded into **Centres of Excellence** with advanced technology, infrastructure, and strong industry linkages.
- The **Delhi e-Sports Initiative** will be launched to establish an e-sports federation and collaborate with tech and gaming companies, along with an annual league and training programs.
- The government will conduct a **Skill Census** to collect data on skills and unemployment.
- The **Gig Workers Welfare Board** will be created to provide similar benefits to gig workers, ensuring financial security and welfare.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- An **integrated public transport network** will be established with an investment of **₹20,000 crore**, aiming to make Delhi one of the **top 10 cities on the Urban Mobility Index**.
- Expedite **Delhi Metro Phase IV** completion and plan for **Phase V** with DPRs ready by **2026**.
- Provide **24x7 metro**, and bus services, including overnight operations in collaboration with DMRC.
- **Connectivity** between **Jewar Airport** and **Delhi** will be improved through metro and expressway networks, and the **Delhi-Panipat** and **Delhi-Alwar (RRTS) Namo Rail** will be introduced.

Sustainability

- Develop the **Yamuna Riverfront** with the central government, creating a 24x7 commercial and cultural hub. A **Yamuna Kosh** will be set up to revitalise the river through wastewater treatment, expanded sewage capacity, and zero industrial emissions.
- Launch the **Delhi Clean Air Mission** to reduce AQI by 50% by 2030, focusing on cutting PM-2.5 and PM-10 levels,
- The number of **e-buses** in Delhi will be expanded to **13,000**, transforming the city into a **100% e-bus city** to improve connectivity.
- The government will incentivise the transition of **50% of vehicles** to electric or hybrid, and install **public EV charging points** to make Delhi a sustainable city.
- The subsidy for purchasing **electric autos** will be increased from ₹30,000 to ₹50,000 to support the adoption of **EVs**.

BJP's '16 Sankalp for Viksit Delhi'

1. **Corruption-Free Schemes** – Enhance existing schemes by eliminating corruption.
2. **Mahila Samridhi Yojana** – ₹2,500 monthly financial assistance to women from poor families.
3. **Mukhya Mantri Matritva Suraksha Yojana** – ₹21,000 and 6 nutritional kits to every pregnant woman.
4. **Affordable LPG** – Provide LPG cylinders at ₹500, with one free cylinder on Holi and Deepawali.
5. **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** – Implement free treatment up to ₹5 lakh, with an additional ₹5 lakh state coverage for poor families.
6. **Senior Citizens' Healthcare** – Free treatment, OPD, and diagnostic services for senior citizens.
7. **Increased Senior Citizens Pension** – Increase pension for citizens aged 60-70 from ₹2,000 to ₹2,500 and for those 70+ from ₹2,500 to ₹3,000.
8. **Atal Canteens in JJ Clusters** – Offer nutritious meals at ₹5.
9. **Collaboration for Effective Solutions** – Work with neighbouring states, MCD, NDMC, and the Centre to solve Delhi's issues.
10. **Zero Tolerance for Corruption** – Investigate scams in sectors like DTC, Mohalla Clinic, and Excise Policy through an SIT.
11. **Free KG to PG Education** – Provide free education for poor students in Delhi's government institutions.
12. **Youth Empowerment for Competitive Exams** – Provide ₹15,000 financial aid, travel cost reimbursement, and free application fees for competitive exams.
13. **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Stipend Scheme** – ₹1,000 monthly stipend for Scheduled Caste students in **technical and vocational courses**.
14. **PM SVANidhi Scheme Support** – Double the number of street vendor beneficiaries.
15. **Welfare Boards for Workers** – Set up welfare boards for auto, taxi drivers, gigworkers and domestic workers with insurance, scholarships, and maternity leave.
16. **Farmer Support** – 100% registration of eligible farmers under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, with increased assistance from ₹6,000 to ₹9,000 annually.