

## TVK sweeps Namakkal, makes strong inroads in Salem

DMK draws blank in both districts; AIADMK retains six constituencies in Salem's rural belt

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THE electoral landscape in Salem and Namakkal districts witnessed a significant shift in the latest results, with the AIADMK's earlier dominance being challenged and the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) making notable inroads, while the DMK failed to secure a single seat in both districts.

In Salem, which has 11 Assembly constituencies, the AIADMK had earlier won 10 seats in both the 2016 and 2021 elections, with the lone exception being Salem North, which was retained by DMK Minister R Rajendran in both elections. However, this time, the trend changed considerably, with TVK securing four constituencies, leaving AIADMK with seven seats and the DMK drawing a blank.

In the Edappadi constituency, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, contesting for the eighth time, won with 1,48,933 votes, registering a margin of 98,110 votes, which is the highest margin recorded in the constituency so far. While his victory was decisive, what stood out was the performance of an independent candidate, K Premkumar, who secured the second position with the support of TVK after the party's official candidate's nomination was rejected.

This made Edappadi the only constituency among the 234 in Tamil Nadu where an independent candidate finished as the runner-up. The DMK was pushed to the third position, securing 44,011 votes.

The AIADMK retained six other constituencies, largely in the rural belt. Sitting MLAs were re-elected in Attur (SC), where AP Jayasankaran won



TVK supporters were seen celebrating the party's win in Salem on Monday | EXPRESS

by a margin of 15,318 votes; Gangavalli (SC), where A Nalladurai secured a margin of 14,404 votes; and Omalur, where the margin stood at 14,539 votes. In Yercaud (ST), Usharani P won by 2,189 votes, while S Vetrivel won Sangagiri by 9,517 votes, and G Venkatchalam retained Mettur with a margin of 19,011 votes.

TVK's victories in Salem were concentrated in urban constituencies, with the party winning Salem West, Salem South and Salem North, along with one more seat. In Salem North, TVK candidate K Sivakumar defeated sitting Minister R Rajendran by a margin of 14,034 votes, marking a significant shift in a constituency that had previously been the DMK's only stronghold in the district.

Overall, out of the 11 constituencies in Salem, the DMK failed to win any seat and managed to secure the runner-up position in only four constituencies, while being pushed to third place in the remaining seven.

In neighbouring Namakkal, which has six constituencies, TVK registered a dominant performance by winning five seats — Kumarapalayam, Tiruchengode, Namakkal, Senthamangalam (ST) and Rasipuram — while the AIADMK retained only Paramathi Velur, and the DMK again failed to secure a single seat.

In Kumarapalayam, former AIADMK Minister P Thangamani, who had won all three elections since the constituency was formed in 2008, was defeated by TVK candidate C Vijayalakshmi. In Tiruchengode, TVK's policy and propaganda general secretary KG Arunraj won by 28,172 votes, defeating the AIADMK candidate. In Rasipuram, sitting DMK MLA and Minister M Mathiventhnan was defeated by TVK's D Logesh Tamilselvan, son of

former Assembly Speaker P Dhanapal. BJP candidate SD Premkumar, son of senior leader VP Duraisamy, secured the second position in the constituency.

The AIADMK's lone victory in Namakkal came in Paramathi Velur, where S Sekar defeated the DMK candidate by a narrow margin of 308 votes.

In Namakkal too, the DMK failed to win any seat and managed to secure the runner-up position only in Paramathi Velur, while being pushed to third place in the remaining five constituencies, marking a complete reversal from the 2021 elections when the party had won four seats in the district.

### CPI candidate wins in Thalli for fourth time

KRISHNAGIRI: The CPI candidate T Ramachandran won in Thalli constituency with a margin of 5,240 votes against the BJP candidate Dr C Nagesh Kumar. After an alternating battle between the two candidates for 18 rounds, CPI's Ramachandran secured 78,293 votes, while BJP's Dr C Nagesh Kumar secured 73,043 votes. Ramachandran is winning for the fourth time. He told reporters that he has fulfilled basic amenities like roads in the constituency in the past, with support from the DMK government. Similarly, in the Krishnagiri constituency, TVK candidate P Mukundhan won, securing 89,374 votes, while AIADMK candidate K Ashok Kumar secured 70,530. Mukundhan told TNIE that he would fulfil basic amenities in the district. Veppanahalli constituency's DMK candidate PS Srinivasan secured 74,691 votes, and AIADMK KP Munusamy secured 74,553 votes. Srinivasan won by 138 votes. ENS

### WHO WON WHERE

District	Constituency	Candidate	Party	Margin
DHARMAPURI	Dharmapuri	Dr Sowmya Anbumani	PMK	20,896
	Palacode	KP Anbalagan	AIADMK	39,015
	Harur	V Sampathkumar	AIADMK	3,329
	Pappireddipatti	Maragatham Vetrivel	AIADMK	33,114
Pennagaram	S Gajendran	TVK	3,165	

District	Constituency	Candidate	Party	Margin
KRISHNAGIRI	Hosur	P Balakrishna Reddy	AIADMK	27,803
	Bargur	EC Govindarasan	AIADMK	4,241
	Uthangarai (R)	N Elaiyaraaj	TVK	5,198
	Krishnagiri	Mukundhan P	TVK	18,844
	Thalli	Ramachandran	CPI	5,240
Veppanahalli	PS Srinivasan	DMK	138	

District	Constituency	Candidate	Party	Margin
SALEM	Edappadi	Edappadi K Palaniswami	AIADMK	98,110
	Attur (SC)	AP Jayasankaran	AIADMK	15,318
	Gangavalli (SC)	A Nalladurai	AIADMK	14,404
	Omalur	Mani R	AIADMK	14,539
	Yercaud (ST)	Usharani P	AIADMK	2,189
	Sangagiri	S Vetrivel	AIADMK	9,517
	Mettur	G Venkatchalam	AIADMK	19,011
	Veerapandi	Palanivel MS	TVK	4,071
	Salem West	S Lakshmanan	TVK	74,867
	Salem South	Vijay Tamilan A Parthiban	TVK	33,369
Salem North	K Sivakumar	TVK	14,034	



District	Constituency	Candidate	Party	Margin
NAMAKKAL	Rasipuram (SC)	Logesh Tamilselvan	TVK	14,511
	Senthamangalam (ST)	P Chandrasekar	TVK	2,655
	Namakkal	Dilip C S	TVK	10,883
	Paramathi Velur	S Sekar	AIADMK	308
	Tiruchengode	K G Arunraj	TVK	27,941
	Kumarapalayam	C Vijayalakshmi	TVK	7,696

## Reform higher edu sector, academic urges TVK chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

E Balagurusamy, former Vice-Chancellor of Anna University, congratulated TVK leader Vijay over his party's resounding show in Assembly elections.

In a detailed letter, Balagurusamy described the mandate as a reflection of the "immense trust" placed in Vijay's leadership, particularly by the youth aspiring for a progressive and inclusive future.

While extending his greetings, he also drew attention to critical challenges facing the state's education sector, especially higher education.

He pointed out concerns such as declining academic standards, gaps in employability skills, shortage of faculty, outdated curricula, and limited research innovation.

Highlighting an issue of immediate concern, Prof Balagurusamy noted that many state universities are functioning without Vice-Chancellors.

He warned that prolonged vacancies in these key leadership roles are affecting academic governance, institutional growth, and policy implementation, urging the new CM to take swift steps to appoint qualified V-Cs across universities.

### EXPRESS READ

#### Elderly man killed by wild jumbo near Emanur

Dharmapuri: A 65-year-old man rearing cattle in the Emanur forest area died after an elephant attacked him on Saturday. R Kattappan (65), a native of Adi Dravidar nagar near Emanur, had wandered into the forest area to feed his cattle when a wild elephant, which was passing by, attacked him. Kattappan died on the spot. The Eriyur police recovered the remains of the elderly man and sent it to Pennagaram Government Hospital for postmortem. The forest department is also making efforts to issue compensation for the deceased man's family. ENS

#### Minor sexually assaulted by stepdad near D'puri, held

DHARMAPURI: A 28-year-old man was arrested under Pocco Act for sexual assaulting a minor near Dharmapuri in the late hours of Sunday. The 14-year-old girl, was living alone with her mother, who had separated from her husband. A few years ago, the mother had gotten into a relationship with a 28-year-old labourer and later married him. The trio later lived together. Last month, while the mother was away, the 14-year-old minor was sexually harassed by him. On Sunday, the minor reported the incident to her mother, following which, a case was registered against him. On Sunday, he was arrested and remanded under the POCO Act. ENS

#### BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL III AT CHENNAI

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- (2) Mrs. Kiran Bai, W/o G. Mohanlal Jain, residing at 145, Dev Darshan Apartment, No.1, Barnaby Road, Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.
- (3) Mr. Sushant Aggarwal, S/o Santhosh Kumar Aggarwal, residing at 154, Vakil Housing Hill, Jonathan Road, Hosur Town, Krishnagiri District.
- (4) Mr. Manoj M Kataria, S/o G. Mohanlal Jain, residing at 145, Dev Darshan Apartment, No.1, Barnaby Road, Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.
- (5) Mr. Subhash Chandran, S/o C A Karunakara Menon, residing at 4, Athimugam Road, Perandapalli, Near Indian Bank, Hosur, Tamilnadu - 635 109. ...Defendants

**SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH SUBSTITUTED SERVICE**  
 Whereas the above named Applicant has filed the above Application in this Tribunal for recovery of sum of Rs.8,11,37,714.19 (Rupees Eight crores eleven lakhs thirty seven thousand seven hundred fourteen and paise nineteen only) together with subsequent interest as applicable on the entire outstanding amount from the date of filing OA till the date of realization.

Whereas the service of summons could not be effected in the ordinary manner to the Defendants D1 to D5 and whereas substituted service has been ordered by this Hon'ble Tribunal and hence this notice is issued through paper publication.  
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