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CBCI CONGRATULATES WINNERS OF RECENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS; APPEALS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INTEGRITY AND INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

New Delhi, May 6, 2026 – The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) extends its heartfelt congratulations to the people of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam, and Puducherry for the successful and peaceful conclusion of their assembly elections. We extend our warmest congratulations to all the political parties and individual candidates who have emerged victorious in this crucial democratic exercise.

As new state governments take shape, the CBCI earnestly calls upon the newly elected leadership, regardless of their party affiliations, to steadfastly respect and uphold the Constitution of India. We urge the incoming governments to govern with transparency and prioritize inclusive policies. It is vital that whichever party forms the government dedicates its mandate preferentially towards the upliftment of the poor, the marginalized, the less advantaged, and minority communities. True Nation Development is achieved only when the fruits of progress reach the most vulnerable sections of our society.

Furthermore, the Catholic Church in India firmly reinstates its unwavering commitment to collaborate with the government towards continuous nation-building. Through our educational, medical, and social welfare institutions, we remain resolutely dedicated to advancing the collective good, peace, and prosperity of all citizens.

Emphasizing this mission, Cardinal Poola Anthony, President of the CBCI, stated, "The true measure of a vibrant democracy lies not just in the successful conduct of elections, but in the steadfast commitment of elected leaders to serve the most vulnerable. We urge the new governments to work hand-in-hand with all institutions to build a more just, inclusive, and equitable India."

May the elected representatives be guided by wisdom, justice, and deep compassion as they embark on this profound journey of public service and governance.

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