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Title: Incumbents on alert: Potboiler polls begin in Assam, Bengal

The article at hand considers the beginning of multi-phased assembly elections in Assam and Bengal as the author explores various aspects related to it.

The first phase of the elections began amid predictions that the ruling parties will lose ground this time around. While the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has faced the heat even since Bhartiya Janta Party's (BJP) arrival in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, things have turned around Assam owing to a grand alliance.

The Jangalmahal region has kick-started the polls in Bengal, an area where BJP fared exceptionally well in 2019. The region, marred by Naxalite development in the past, has seen both BJP and TMC putting forth the idea of development first, and it remains to be seen what voters choose this time around.

In Assam, despite the coalition, the alliance is riding on the shoulders of Congress. Congress has been riding on the wave against the citizen amendment act, but it has affected the core Hindu voter base. Looking at the current trends, some interesting battles are on the cards as the parties look to get off to a good start.

Words to look out for

Replete:

- **Synonyms:** abundant, crammed, overloaded
- **Antonyms:** scarce, sparse, limited
- **Word usage:** The glass was replete with tepid water.

Splinter:

- **Synonyms:** fragment, disintegrate, crack
- **Antonyms:** integrate, assimilate, incorporate
- **Word usage:** After the blast, the bomb was splintered into millions of pieces.

Antipathy:

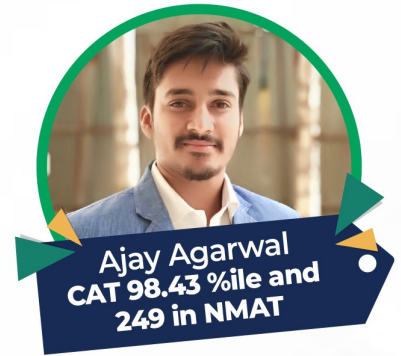
- **Synonyms:** animosity, hostility, hatred
- **Antonyms:** cordiality, civility, empathy
- **Word usage:** China's antipathy towards Hong Kong has been difficult for the nation to take.

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