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Peaceful start: On first phase of assembly elections

The article talks about the various aspects of the first phase of the elections in Assam and Bengal. The first phase of voting in Assam and Bengal received huge numbers, with many regions witnessing numbers close to 80%.

In Bengal, the competition looks fierce. But despite the competition, there have been no cases of violence in the first phase. There has been claims and complaints from both sides, and we can infer certain things from these events.

It is clear that BJP does not look to be that defensive in Assam as TMC is looking in Bengal. TMC has been riding against the wave of anti-TMC sentiments. But while it relies on the popularity of Mamta Banerjee, BJP has no leader thus far in Bengal.

On the other hand, the BJP is dependent on the more powerful regional leaders in Assam to drive itself home. However, in the midst of all these, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh could spark communal tensions in the coming days.

The author believes it is futile to expect TMC and BJP to keep the election rhetoric peaceful, and hence, the election commission needs to stay alert.

Words to look out for

Shenanigan:

- Synonyms:** devilry, mischief, wickedness
- Antonyms:** gravitas, seriousness, solemnity
- Word usage:** Usually, teachers do not tolerate children's shenanigans.

Spearhead:

- **Synonyms:** boss, captain, head
- **Antonyms:** servant, retainer, domestic
- **Word usage:** Heading into the world cup, Kohli will be India's spearhead.

Ripple:

- **Synonyms:** bubble, dribble, swirl
- **Antonyms:** pour, roll, stream
- **Word usage:** The waves rippled through the plain areas.

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