

TRACKING THE TREND IN ASSAM

A comparative analysis of contesting candidates in the Assam Assembly polls 2016 (Phases I, II), compared with those who contested the 2011 elections



CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL CASES



In 2011, 99 of 955 candidates (10%) had declared criminal records. In 2016, the number declined to 72 of 1,062 candidates (7%)

	2011 Total candidates	2016 Total candidates	Candidates with criminal cases (%)
AIUDF	77 74	23 18	
CPI(ML)	8 7	13 14	
Congress	126 122	7 11	
CPI(M)	17 19	6 11	
BJP	112 89	8 9	
TMC	93 12	12 8	
SP	14 14	21 7	
Independent	261 496	9 6	
Others	247 229	10 1	
Total	955 1,062	10 7	

CROREPATI CANDIDATES



In 2011, only 13% crorepati candidates contested the Assam polls but in 2016, the number has increased to 22%

	2011 Total candidates	2016 Total candidates	% of crorepati candidates
BPF	29 13	24 62	
Congress	126 122	35 54	
AGP	103 30	20 53	
BJP	112 89	9 47	
AIUDF	77 74	14 31	
TMC	93 12	12 17	
NCP	35 12	3 17	
Independent	261 496	5 13	
Others	119 214	1 6	
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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF UNDERGRADUATES

51 per cent candidates contesting in the 2016 Assam Assembly polls are undergraduates, compared with 48 per cent in the 2011 polls

AIUDF: All India United Democratic Front; BPL: Bodoland People's Front; AGP: Asom Gana Parishad;

NCP: Nationalist Congress Party

Source: Association for Democratic Reforms