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## A WESTERLY SURPRISE

The elections in Maharashtra showcased a masterclass in political strategy, proving that no contest is not winnable with meticulous planning and efficient execution.

Buoyed by this success, the BJP will approach the upcoming elections in Delhi and Bihar with renewed confidence. Jharkhand, meanwhile, was a silver lining for the opposition.

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The election has marked the rise of Devendra Fadnavis as arguably the most prominent leader in Maharashtra

The re-election of the BJP-led government in the state is expected to provide a significant boost to infrastructure projects in Mumbai and other parts of the state

Mahayuti reaped huge electoral dividends from its direct benefit transfer scheme for women

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