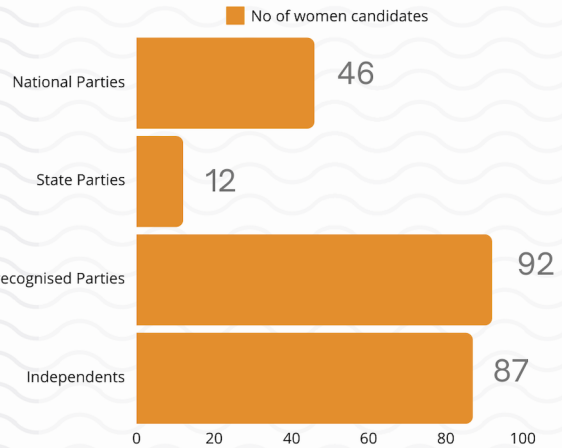
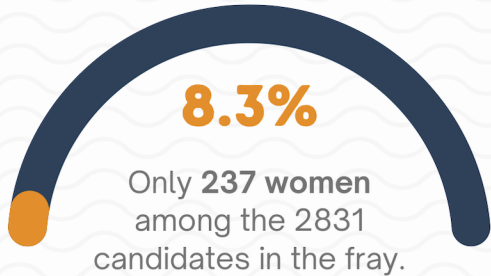




## WOMEN CANDIDATES IN PHASE 1 & PHASE 2

As India heads to Phase 1 and 2 of General Elections 2024, we look at the number of women candidates in the fray. Elections to a total of 190 constituencies from 23 states and UTs will be held on April 19 and 26, 2024.

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2.

Nearly a third of the constituencies (58 out of 190) have zero women candidates.



3.

Out of the 237 women candidates, 92 belong to unrecognised parties, followed by 87 independents. National Parties have fielded 46 women candidates, while state parties have fielded only 12 women candidates in the first two phases.

4.

BJP has the highest share of women candidates, followed by CPI(M), INC, and the BSP among the national parties that are contesting in at least 10 seats in phase 1 and phase 2.



5.

The **Karur constituency in Tamil Nadu** leads the way with 7 women candidates, 1 representing a national party and 6 independents. Karur is followed by **Bangalore North** (Karnataka) and **Amravati** (Maharashtra) with 6 women candidates each.

6.

The **Bharatpur** constituency of Rajasthan has 3 women candidates out of 6, a 50% share, followed by **Vadakara & Alathur** in Kerala, with 40% women candidates each.

### THE CURIOUS CASE OF 4 "SHAILAJAS"

In the Vadakara constituency in Kerala, **all the 4 women candidates have the same name**, albeit with different spellings. CPI(M)'s candidate, former Health Minister **KK Shailaja Teacher** is up against 3 women candidates named Sylaja P, Shylaja, and KK Shylaja!

**Data source and methodology:** This analysis is performed on the basis of preliminary data made available on [affidavit.eci.gov.in](https://affidavit.eci.gov.in) as on **10.04.2024**. Utmost care has been taken to minimize errors during manual compilation of the data.