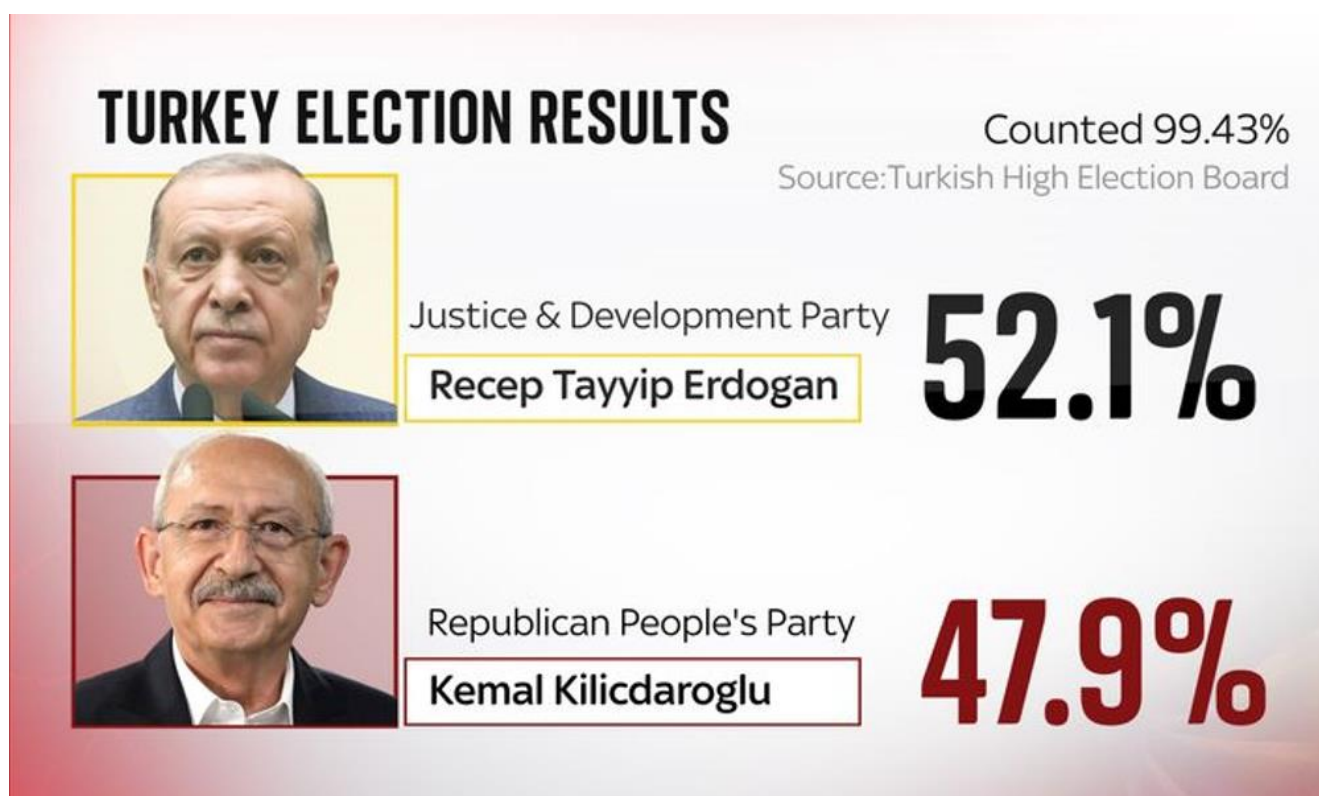




Erdogan's Victory in Turkish Election - Impact On India

Why In News?

- **President Tayyip Erdogan** Claimed Victory In **Turkey's Presidential Election** On 28th May, A Win That Would Steer His Increasingly **Authoritarian Rule** Into A **Third Decade**.
- Addressing Supporters, Erdogan Said Voters Had Given Him The Responsibility To Rule For The **Next Five Years**.



What Happened In Turkey Election 2023?

- Neither **Erdogan** Nor Rival **Kemal Kilicdaroglu** Cleared The **50% Threshold** Needed To Avoid A Second Round, Held On **May 28**, In An Election Seen As A Verdict On Erdogan's Increasingly **Authoritarian Path**.
- With Almost **97% Of Ballot Boxes** Counted, Erdogan Led With **49.39%** Of Votes And **Kilicdaroglu** Had **44.92%**, According To State-owned News Agency Anadolu.

- Turkey's High Election Board Gave Erdogan **49.49% With 91.93% Of Ballot Boxes Counted.**



Turkey's Political System

- With Roughly **600 Million Voters** Have Voted To Elect Both Their **President** As Well As **Members Of Parliament.**
- The President Is Elected In **Direct Voting** And Candidates To **Cross 50 % Mark** Will Win.
- If No Candidates Reaches That Figure, There Will Be A **Runoff Election** On The **Second Sunday** After The **1st Vote.**
- In The **Runoff**, Only The **Top 2 Candidates** Of The First Ballot Will Contest, And The One With More Vote Will Become **President.**
- Turkey Follows The **Proportional Representation System**, Where People Vote For **Parties Rather Than Individual Candidates.**
- The Seats A Party Get Is Proportional To The **Votes Cast In Its Favour.**
- To Enter A Parliament, A Party Needs To Win **7% Of The Vote**, Or Be A **Constituent Of An Alliance.**

Grand National Assembly of Turkey
Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi

27th Parliament of Turkey



Seal of the Turkish Parliament

Type	
Type	Unicameral
History	
Founded	23 April 1920 (103 years ago)
Preceded by	23 December 1876 as General Assembly



Challenges Faced Under Erdogan Leadership

- Mr. Erdogan's First Decade Of Economic Revival & Warming Relations With Europe Was Followed By A Second One Filled With Social & Political Turmoil.
- Under The Erdogan's Rule, Turkey Is Facing Inflation & Democracy Is Still A Big Question.
- **Inflation Is Around 50% & Lira Has Shed 80% Of Its Value In 5 Years.**
- But He Would Still Be Hounded By Turkey's Most Dire **Economic Crisis** Of His Time In Power, And Disquiet Over His **Government's Stuttering Response** To The **Earthquake** That Claimed More Than **50,000 Lives**.



Why Turkey Is So Important In Geopolitics?

- Turkey Which Is Located In Both Asia And Europe, Election Being Watched Across The World, Because Who Governs Turkey Has Wider Geopolitical Ramifications, And Because Erdogan For The First Time Looks Vincible Who Has Been In Power For The Last 20 Years.
- The Presidential Vote Will Decide Not Only Who Leads Turkey, A **NATO-member** Country Of 85 Million, But Also Whether It Reverts To A More **Secular, Democratic Path**; How It Will Handle Its Severe Cost Of **Living Crisis** And Manage Key Relations With **Russia, The Middle East And The West**.



Kemal Kılıçdaroğlu, 74

Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (CHP)
Republican People's Party

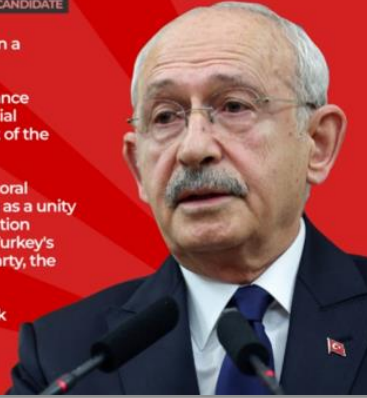
OPPOSITION BLOC NATION ALLIANCE'S CANDIDATE

| Has led the CHP for more than a decade.

| Before politics, worked at finance ministry then chaired the Social Insurance Institution for most of the 1990s.

| Presided over a string of electoral defeats at CHP but is running as a unity candidate for the six-party Nation Alliance with the backing of Turkey's second-biggest opposition party, the pro-Kurdish HDP.

| Promises to bring Turkey back to a "strong parliamentary system."



Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, 69

Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi (AK Party)
Justice and Development Party

PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE CANDIDATE

| Current president, 20 years in power.

| Was prime minister from 2003 to 2014 and mayor of Istanbul, 1994-1998.

| Seeking a third consecutive presidential term in May 14 elections.

| This could be his most challenging election as voters worry about the economy and earthquake damage.



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