

BJP wins five out of seven seats in Gujarat by-elections

BJP has emerged an undisputed and clear winner in Gujarat assembly by-elections 2009, by winning five out of seven seats.

All five seats which are now with the BJP were previously occupied by Congress. Congress could just retain Dhoraji seat and snatched Kodinar seat which was occupied by BJP previously.

On **Jasdan** seat, BJP's Bharatbhai Boghra got a majority by 14,774 votes, defeating Congress candidate Bhavnaben Makwana who is a daughter of sitting Rajkot Congress MP and ex-MLA of Jasdan Kuvarjibhai Bavaliya.

BJP's Vashrambhai Khorani emerged victorious by a margin of 7,468 votes on Saurashtra's **Chotila** seat defeating rival Congress candidate, a son of previous late. Congress MLA Popatbhai Jinjariya.

BJP candidate Kalyansih Chauhan snatched **Dehgam** seat from Congress by a margin of 9,468 votes defeating rival Congress candidate C.J.Chavda. Dehgam seat was occupied by Congress earlier.

On **Sami-Harij** seat, BJP candidate Bhavsinh Rathod emerged victorious by a margin of thumping 24,033 votes defeating rival Congress candidate Dinesh Thakor.

BJP candidate Vasant Bhatol secured victory on north Gujarat's **Danta** seat, defeating rival Congress candidate Noor Ahmed Umatiya by a margin of 4,300 votes.

Congress candidate Dhirsinh Barad snatched **Kodinar** seat from BJP by a margin of 7,942 votes defeating rival BJP candidate. Congress retained Dhoraji seat where party candidate Jayesh Radadiya, son of sitting MP and ex-MLA Vitthal Radadiya got a majority by 15,922 votes over the rival BJP candidate.