



# Congress *ka* 'raj' Thackeray



For anyone who doubts that politics is a dirty game, the recent Maharashtra State Assembly polls was an eye-opener. With cousins standing against each other in a family feud of epic proportions and the future of political parties hanging in balance, the elections were not about who would win but was about who would lose.

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**T**his election, like all Great Indian Elections had its own share of winners and losers - with the losers impacting the future political landscape in the state as much as the winners.

The final result was thus: just as the Congress asserted its dominion over the state, Shiv Sena strongholds all over the city tumbled under the might of the Maharashtra Assembly Election debutant Raj Thackeray. Having assured the Congress a victory by taking Shiv Sena out of the picture the Congress has much to be thankful for to Mr Raj Thackeray, hence not ruling out a future merger. For the party which was once the undisputed rulers of Maharashtra, the last three state Assembly poll results have been a nightmare. With a