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A Systems-Dynamic Analysis of the 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Election

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Abstract: *This paper proposes a novel analytical framework for interpreting electoral politics through the lens of systemic dynamics and complexity theory. Examining the 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election, the study moves beyond conventional narratives of alliance betrayal to conceptualize political change as the continuous redistribution of organizational and social influence. The research analyzes the dissolution of the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance and the formation of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition as manifestations of shifting systemic concentrations rather than institutional failures.*

Within this model, voter behavior is interpreted as collective calibration, regional patterns as distinct political ecologies, and leadership as functional channels. Subsequent political developments (2022–2024) emerge as predictable dispersions within a system governed by equilibrium-seeking dynamics. This approach offers an alternative paradigm for understanding electoral democracy as a dynamic, self-regulating system.

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