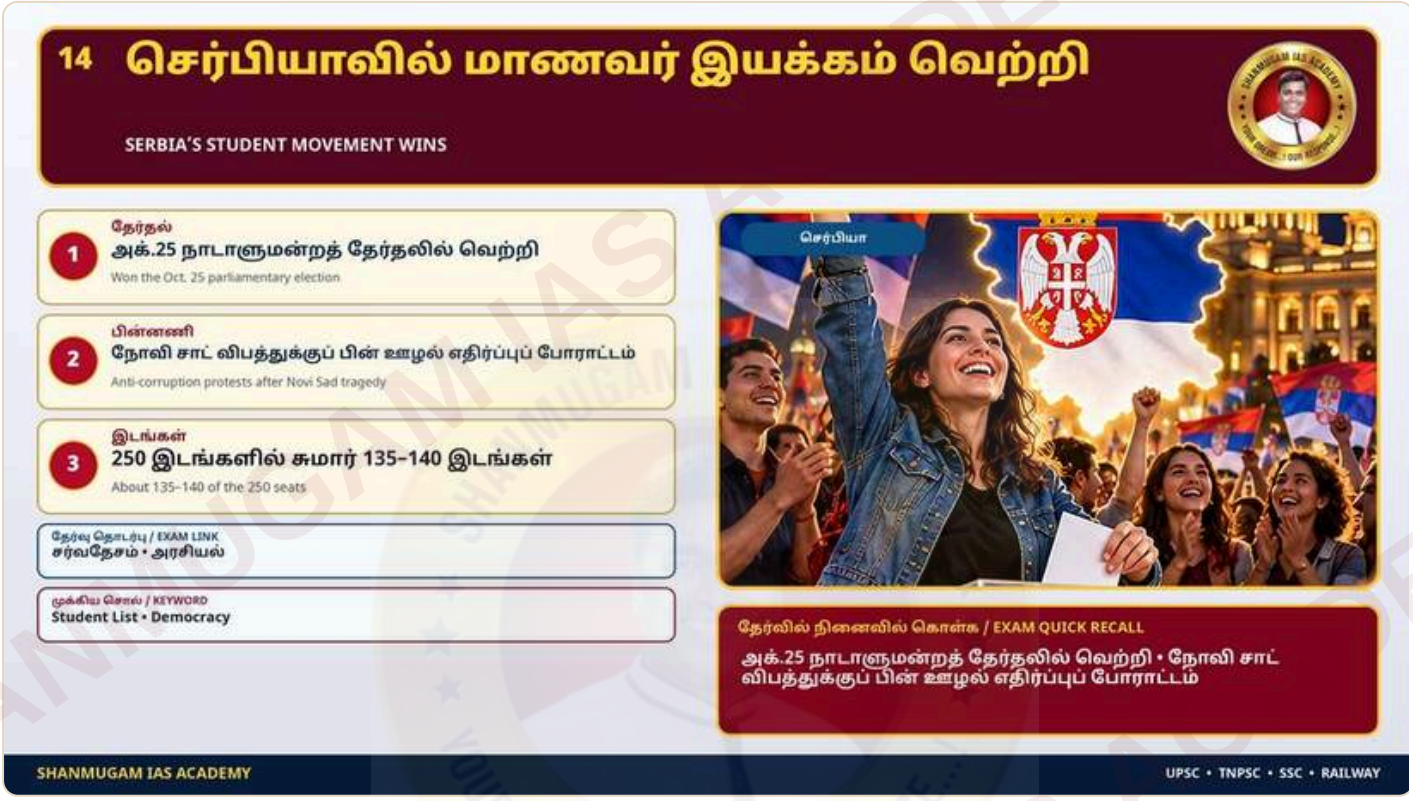
Student movement's 'Student List' wins Serbia's snap parliamentary election; Aleksandar Vučić concedes defeat

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News

In Serbia's snap parliamentary election on 25 Oct 2026, the 'Student List – Students Win', born out of the student protests, won. The same night Aleksandar Vučić, leader of the ruling Serbian Progressive Party (SNS), conceded defeat. By the sample count he cited, the Student List got about 2.2 million votes and 135–140 of the 250 seats; SNS about 1.7 million votes and about 105 seats. Turnout was close to 70%. Dr Ilija Srdanović, a physician and professor at the Novi Sad Faculty of Medicine, headed the list. Vučić, President since 2017, resigned on 27 Sep 2026 to run for Prime Minister; Speaker Ana Brnabić is acting President. Final results and the formation of the new government are still pending.

Key facts

Election	25 Oct 2026 – snap parliamentary election; National Assembly – 250 seats, 3% threshold
Winner	'Student List – Students Win' (registered 15 Sep 2026); lead candidate Dr Ilija Srdanović
Projection	Student List ~2.2 m votes, 135–140 seats; SNS ~1.7 m, ~105 seats (as stated by Vučić)

Vučić	PM 2014–17; President 2017–2026; resigned 27 Sep 2026; acting President Ana Brnabić
Origin	1 Nov 2024 – Novi Sad railway-station canopy collapse, 16 killed; protests against corruption
Serbia	Capital Belgrade; currency Serbian dinar; EU candidate since 2012

Background

- History: after World War I the 'Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes' was formed in 1918 – later Yugoslavia. After World War II it became a socialist federation under Josip Broz Tito. Yugoslavia broke up in 1991–92; when Montenegro left in 2006, Serbia became a separate state. Kosovo declared independence in 2008 – neither Serbia nor India recognises it.
- Non-Aligned Movement (NAM): first summit 1–6 Sep 1961 at Belgrade (then Yugoslavia) – 25 countries. Founders: Nehru (India), Tito (Yugoslavia), Nasser (Egypt), Sukarno (Indonesia), Nkrumah (Ghana). Its base was the 1955 Bandung Asian–African Conference. It has 120 members today.
- Geography: Serbia is a landlocked Balkan country. Belgrade stands where the Sava joins the Danube. The Danube rises in Germany's Black Forest and enters the Black Sea; it is Europe's second-longest river after the Volga. Novi Sad, on the Danube, is the capital of the autonomous province of Vojvodina.
- Polity: Serbia is a parliamentary republic. The President is directly elected for 5 years, at most two terms. The National Assembly is unicameral with 250 members chosen by proportional representation. SNS was founded in 2008 by Vučić and Tomislav Nikolić and has ruled since 2012.

Tamil Nadu link: there is no direct Tamil Nadu link to this news. A parallel: after the 1965 anti-Hindi agitation, the DMK won 137 seats in the 1967 Madras State election and C.N. Annadurai became Chief Minister on 6 March 1967. At Virudhunagar, DMK student leader P. Seenivasan defeated K. Kamaraj by 1,285 votes.

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