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Municipal Corporations (7) in Telangana for the 2026 local body elections.

Political Analysis & Key Findings

The data indicates a highly competitive and fragmented political landscape across major urban centers in Telangana:

- INC Dominance in South and North-Central: The Indian National Congress (INC) is projected to lead in four out of seven corporations—Mahabubnagar, Mancherial, Kothagudem, and Nalgonda. They appear strongest in Nalgonda and Kothagudem, where they are expected to win a majority (30–35 wards).**
- BJP Strongholds in North Telangana: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) shows significant strength in Nizamabad and Karimnagar, projected to be the leading party with 27–33 and 30–35 wards respectively. In both these cities, the BJP is favored to hold the Mayor's post, potentially through alliances indicated as "BJP +".**
- Challenges for BRS: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), which previously held dominance in urban civic bodies (winning a majority in 2020), is currently projected as the second or third player in most corporations. Its performance appears most resilient in Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda, though it trails the INC in both.**
- Hung Corporations: A "Hung" status is projected for Ramagundam and Mancherial, indicating that no single party may reach the clear majority mark on its own, likely necessitating post-election alliances to form the council.**

Summary Table of Projections

Municipal Corporation	Total Wards	Leading Party (Seats)	Projected Mayor
<u>Nizamabad</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>BJP (27-33)</u>	<u>BJP +</u>
<u>Karimnagar</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>BJP (30-35)</u>	<u>BJP +</u>
<u>Ramagundam</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>INC (18-23)</u>	<u>HUNG</u>

<u>Mahabubnagar</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>INC (26-31)</u>	<u>INC +</u>
<u>Mancherial</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>INC (30-35)</u>	<u>HUNG</u>
<u>Kothagudem</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>INC (30-35)</u>	<u>INC + CPI</u>
<u>Nalgonda</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>INC (30-35)</u>	<u>INC +</u>

Analytical Statement

"The 2026 municipal data suggests a major shift in urban Telangana, with the INC emerging as the dominant force in Southern and Central corporations, while the BJP consolidates its grip on Northern urban hubs like Karimnagar and Nizamabad. The BRS faces a significant challenge in reclaiming its 2020 urban strongholds, as key corporations like Ramagundam and Mancherial head toward a Hung result, making smaller parties and independent candidates critical for council formation."