

ELECTORAL CHART OF US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION



HILLARY CLINTON
The first woman in the White House?

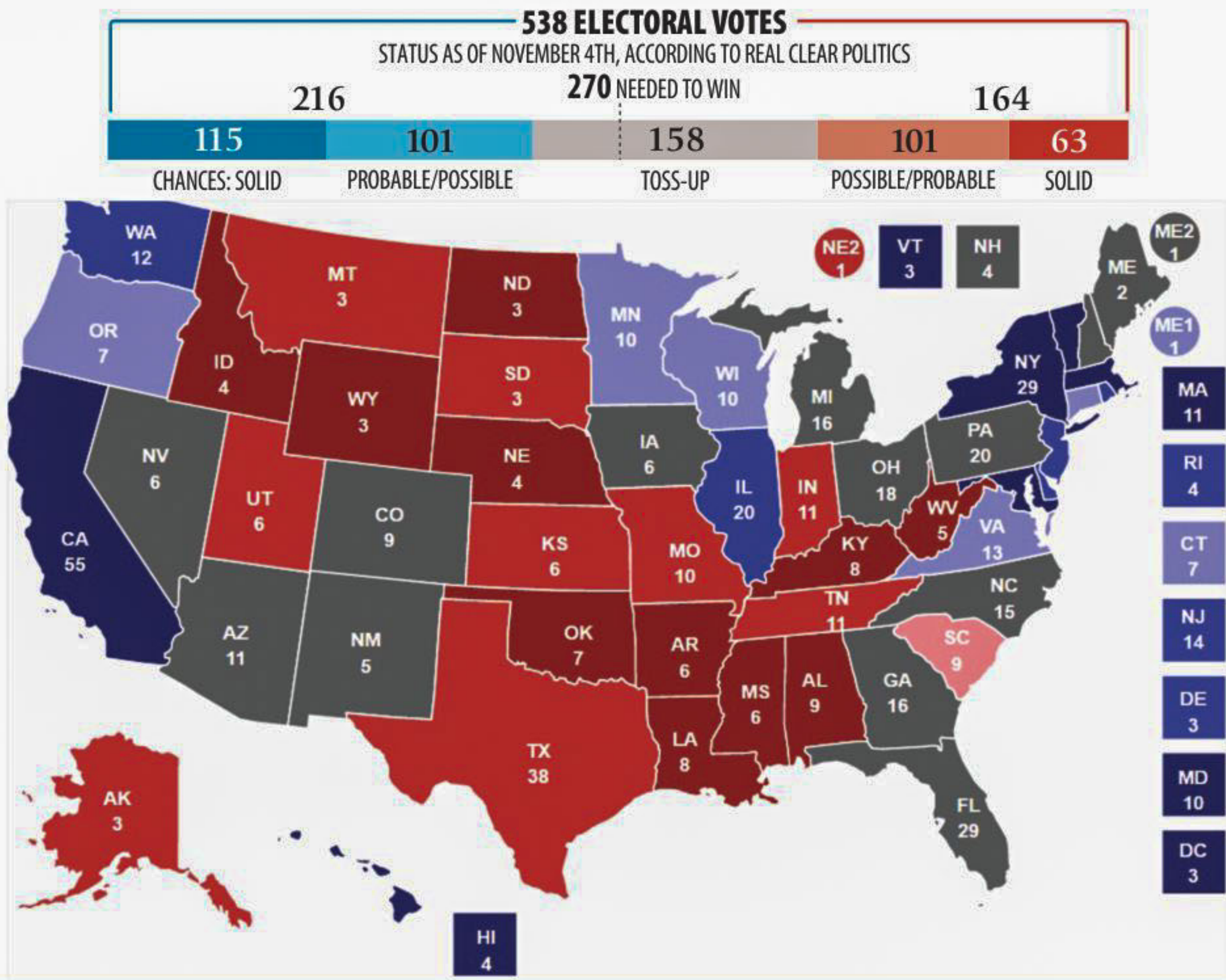
HER BIG PROPOSALS

- Major infrastructure investment plan
- Immigration reform
- New firearm restrictions

AGE 69
Secretary of State (2009-2013)
Senator (2001-2009)
1st lady (1993-2001)

MAIN SUPPORT
Democratic women minorities

STRONGER TOGETHER



DONALD TRUMP
A billionaire at the helm of the world's strongest power?

HIS BIG PROPOSALS

- Re-negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement
- Construct a wall on the US border with Mexico
- Repeal Obamacare health care reform

AGE 70
Real estate tycoon
Former reality TV star

MAIN SUPPORT
White workers middle classes

MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN

HOW TRUMP CAN WIN

With two full days left in the campaign, Donald Trump's pathway to the presidency is narrow, defined and unforgiving. It begins by the Republican nominee, who continues to trail Hillary Clinton in most national polls, sweeping three must-win electorally rich battleground states: Ohio (18 electoral votes), Florida (27) and North Carolina (15). Those states are hardly a certainty. In Florida, surveys show the race is knotted. In North Carolina, Trump has trailed in 20 of the 24 polls since the first debate. He looks strongest in Ohio where he has led or tied in the last nine polls. If Trump wins Florida and Ohio and North Carolina (and protects the GOP ground in Arizona, Utah and Georgia which Romney won in 2012), he would stand at 253 electoral votes — 17 shy of the magic number of 270. Those final 17 electoral votes have proved trickiest. Here are his treacherous paths:

WIN PENNSYLVANIA (20 VOTES)
On paper, this is the simplest and fastest path. Trump needs only to add Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes to win. But the reality on the ground is far thornier. Trump has trailed in 39 consecutive Pennsylvania polls, dating back to the conventions (though one GOP poll this week showed it tied). Pennsylvania has proved a tempting mirage for Republicans in years past, as it was the sixth closest swing state in 2012, with Romney losing by a little more than 5 percentage points after a late push. One wild card is this state does not allow early voting so Clinton's fearsome get-out-the-vote machinery has been unable to flex its muscle. Motivating voters on the eve of the election is one reason Clinton herself and Vice President Joe Biden will be in different parts of the state throughout the weekend. And the fact that Clinton will hold her final big rally of the race in Philadelphia on Monday is no accident. It will be her first joint event with the combined firepower of President Bill Clinton, President Obama, and Michelle Obama.

WINNING IOWA, NEVADA, MAINE-2, NEW HAMPSHIRE (17 VOTES)
If Trump can't win Pennsylvania, every other path requires carrying multiple states. Clinton operatives concede that Iowa (6 electoral votes), along with Ohio, is the swing state they are most likely to lose next Tuesday. So he'd only be at 259. Trump has shown some signs of late movement in Nevada (6 votes), adding a stop there Saturday as one CNN survey shows him ahead. He'll need more pick-ups: carrying Maine's more rural second congressional district and where polls have shown a competitive race, and New Hampshire, which has 4 votes. Trump is trailing there in almost all surveys. Among Democrats, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania have been widely viewed as Clinton's firewall states. They are the places she could make a stand, even if things go south elsewhere. Because if she holds onto both places, she could win even if she loses in Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Iowa, Nevada, Arizona and Maine's second district.

HIS LAST RESORT: PULL OFF A SHOCKER
In this scenario he has to win Iowa (6) and/or Nevada (6) with some wild card state: Michigan (16), Wisconsin (10), Virginia (13), Colorado (9), New Mexico (5) Trump has launched a last-ditch effort to expand the map in these final weeks, campaigning in New Mexico on October 30, Michigan on October 31, and Wisconsin on November 1. He's bought ads in those three states, and added more in Colorado and Virginia, two states that Clinton stopped advertising in because her lead had grown so large. Trump campaign has gained some ground following the fresh FBI review of Clinton aide Huma Abedin's emails. But while it is true that Trump's standing has improved, even Republicans sense it is unlikely he is suddenly flipping states that Democrats had locked up earlier in the cycle. To get to 270, Trump would have to add either Virginia or Michigan to an Iowa win, or add Iowa plus some unlikely combination of these other states. Earlier in the cycle, Trump's team had touted his "Rust Belt" strategy of flipping Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin with his populist and protectionist message. But the ground reality is not looking promising for him either. If he can't carry Pennsylvania or New Hampshire, his last, best shot would be a shocker here.

NEWS IN brief

Manning makes 2nd suicide attempt

Imprisoned transgender US soldier Chelsea Manning tried to commit suicide last month while serving time in solitary confinement for a first attempt in July, her representatives said Friday. Manning, a former Army intelligence analyst sentenced to 35 years in prison for handing classified documents to anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, tried to kill herself on October 4, according to a statement published by The New York Times.

Afghan Qaeda leader Qahtani killed

The US military confirmed Friday it had killed al-Qaeda's emir for northeastern Afghanistan during an air strike last month, in a major blow to the group as it seeks to re-establish safe havens in the country. Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook described the assault that killed Farouq al-Qahtani as a "precision strike" and said it took place on October 23 in Kunar, Afghanistan.

Ten bodies found in dinghy off Libya

Ten bodies were recovered yesterday from a rubber dinghy off the Libyan coast, the Italian coast-guard said, adding that 2,100 other migrants had been rescued during the day. Fifteen rescue operations were conducted yesterday -- almost twice as many as on Friday when 1,200 people were rescued.

Clinton barely edging Trump

National poll shows battle for key swing states tightens

AGENCIES
Hillary Clinton is in a close race with Donald Trump in a new national poll released the weekend before Election Day. Clinton leads 45% to 43% in a Fox News survey, within the poll's margin of error. Libertarian Gary Johnson earns 5% and Green Party nominee Jill Stein takes 2%.
That's in line with other polls this week, which show Clinton leading by just a few percentage points, a smaller lead than the one she held before the FBI announced it was looking at newly discovered emails potentially related to her private email server.
Combined with the other four most recent national polls, Clinton enjoys a 5% lead entering the final hours of the campaign. CNN's Poll of Polls shows her at 47%, Trump at 42%, Johnson with 4% and Stein with 2%.
A Reuters/Ipsos tracking poll released on Friday conducted from Oct

30-Nov 3 showed that 44 percent of likely voters in Tuesday's election support Clinton while 39 percent support Trump. Real Clear Politics, which averages together most national polls, estimates that Clinton's lead has dropped from 5 points at the end of last week to less than 2 points on Friday.
This is similar to 2012, when the

Clinton, despite her national lead, appears to have lost ground in a number of states, according to a separate polling effort that takes a more granular look at the race.
The Reuters/Ipsos States of the Nation project shows races in Florida, North Carolina and Michigan have tilted away from Clinton over the past week and are now considered too close to call. These swing states are hotly contested because their voters can swing either to Republicans or Democrats and can be decisive in presidential elections.
The Poll of Polls, which does not have a sampling error, includes the Fox poll; the ABC News/Washington Post poll conducted October 31-November 3; the CBS News/New York Times poll conducted October 29-November 1; the Suffolk University/USA Today poll conducted October 20-24 and the CNN/ORC poll conducted October 20-23.

Obama: FBI can't be politicised

CNN ONLINE
President Barack Obama stepped up his warnings Friday to investigators and prosecutors against inserting themselves in the presidential election, saying law enforcement officials can't be "politicised" or "used as a weapon to advantage either side."
In a brief clip of an interview with MSNBC's Rev Al Sharpton, Obama said it was essential agencies like the FBI remain nonpartisan. He was apparently referring to accusations that have been leveled against the bureau for meddling in the presidential election. Last week, FBI Director James Comey told Congress the FBI was reviewing emails that may be related to Hillary Clinton's private server, drawing outrage from Democrats.

Donald Trump will not be permitted to win: Assange

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Wealthy officials from Qatar and Saudi Arabia who donated money to Hillary Clinton's charitable foundation also provided financial support to IS, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has claimed.
In an extended interview at the Ecuadorian embassy in London with documentary maker John Pilger for RT, Assange said the same Saudi and Qatari officials could be seen to be supporting both the Clinton Foundation — founded by Clinton's husband Bill — and funding the activities of IS.
Assange also used the interview to dismiss the prospect of a Donald Trump victory in next week's election.
"My analysis is that Trump will not be permitted to win. Why do I say that? Because he has had every establishment against him. Banks, intelligence, arms companies, foreign money, etc are all united behind Hillary Clinton. And the

media as well. Media owners, and the journalists themselves."
The WikiLeaks founder pointed to an email exchange between presidential hopeful Clinton and her campaign manager John Podesta, leaked by his organisation last month, which he believes "is the most significant email in the whole collection."
"We need to use our diplomatic and more traditional intelligence assets to bring pressure on the governments of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, which are providing clandestine financial and logistic support to Isis," Clinton wrote to Podesta, who at that time worked under President Barack Obama.
According to the Clinton Foundation, the Saudi Arabian government has donated between \$10m (£8m) and \$25million since the foundation was set up in 1997. Last month it was reported the government of Qatar offered to donate \$1m to the foundation in celebration of Bill Clinton's birthday. The Clinton Foundation has confirmed it.



South Koreans chant slogans during a rally calling on embattled President Park Geun-hye to resign over a growing influence-peddling scandal in central Seoul, South Korea, yesterday. Tens of thousands of banner-waving protestors marched through the streets of Seoul yesterday, demanding the president to resign, a day after she apologised and accepted full blame for a crippling corruption scandal.

ROW OVER BREXIT RULING

UK backs judicial independence

AFP, London
British Justice Minister Liz Truss offered her belated support for the independence of the judiciary yesterday after the High Court faced a string of political attacks over its controversial ruling on Brexit.
Truss had been criticised for staying silent over the backlash against Thursday's landmark judgment that the government cannot start the process of leaving the European Union without parliament's approval.
One newspaper denounced the three judges as "enemies of the people" while members of Prime Minister Theresa May's Conservative party accused them of "judicial activism."
"The independence of the judiciary is the foundation upon which our rule of law is built and our judiciary is rightly respected the world over for its independence and impartiality," Truss said in a brief statement.
"In relation to the case heard in the High Court, the government has made it clear it will appeal to the Supreme Court. Legal process must be followed."
The High Court ruling prompted outrage among supporters of Brexit, sparking fears that it could delay the process that May had promised to start by the end of March.



9 opposition journos jailed in Turkey

AFP, Istanbul
An Istanbul court yesterday remanded in custody nine staff from the opposition Cumhuriyet newspaper, in an intensifying crackdown a day after the leaders of the country's main pro-Kurdish party were also jailed.
The arrests added to growing international alarm over the use of a state of emergency implemented in the wake of the failed July 15 coup against critics of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
The Cumhuriyet executives and writers, including some of the most prominent names in Turkish journalism, will now be held behind bars ahead of a trial, a date for which had yet to be set. At total of 13 staff from the daily were detained in raids on Monday.

Myanmar to arm, train non-Muslims in Rakhine: report

AFP, Yangon
Myanmar's plans to arm and train non-Muslim residents in the troubled north of Rakhine State is likely to "aggravate an already dire human rights situation", the International Commission of Jurists, a human rights watchdog, has said.
Soldiers have flooded the Maungdaw area along Myanmar's frontier with Bangladesh in Rakhine in response to coordinated attacks on three border posts on Oct 9 in which nine police officers were killed.
The government said a group of some 400 Rohingya Muslim militants attacked the posts. It has said five soldiers and at least 33 suspected insurgents have been killed in the military operation since then.
Security forces have blocked access to aid workers and most journalists to the area. Rohingya Muslims have accused the army of summary executions, rapes and setting fire to homes of civilians. The government and the military deny that.
Rakhine State police chief Colonel Sein Lwin told Reuters this week his force had started recruiting new "regional police" from among the ethnic Rakhine and other non-Muslim ethnic minorities in the area.
"Establishing an armed, untrained, unaccountable force drawn from only one community in the midst of serious ethnic tensions and violence is a recipe for disaster," said Sam Zarifi, ICJ's Asia Director, said in a statement on Friday.
Min Aung, a minister in the Rakhine State parliament and a member of Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, said this week the recruits would help protect residents from the militants behind the Oct 9 attacks.
Deputy commander of Rakhine police, Col Thit San, contacted by Reuters on Saturday, rejected the criticism, saying there will be no problems with the force as it would be under police command.



'Which one gave you the greatest pleasure'

Police asks gangrape victim in India

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A victim of an alleged gang-rape has claimed she was asked, "Which one of them gave you the greatest pleasure?" by police.
The woman from Kerala in India, who has chosen not to reveal her identity, claims she was raped by her husband's friends when he was away.
When she reported the alleged crime to the police she claims she was asked intrusive questions, forced to sign documents and pressured to withdraw her case.
"I was called to the police station for four days continuously and made to sit there from morning to evening. I was asked humiliating questions," she said, according to RT.
"They later gave me a letter to produce before the magistrate and forced me to withdraw the case. They made me sign papers but I don't know what was in it."
The incident occurred two years ago, but the woman shared her story with dubbing artist and activist Bhagya Lakshmi, who put it on social media.
She alleges four of her husband's friends arrived at her home pretending her partner was in hospital. They then drove her to a secluded house and she claims they then proceeded to rape her.
The woman also said they recorded the assaults and threatened to make the videos public if she went to the police. The alleged rapists also reportedly said they would kill her children if she reported the crime.