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PRESS NOTE

**Biennial Elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council from
Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies reg.**

The Election Commission of India vide its letter No. ECI/LET/FUNC/KT-LC-G&T/BIEN/2018, dated: 12th May, 2018 has issued directions to conduct elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council the period which ends on 21.6.2018 from the Teachers' and Graduates' Constituencies as under:

TABLE

Name of Constituency	No. of members to be elected
(1)	(2)
Karnataka South East Teachers'	1
Karnataka South Teachers'	1
Karnataka South West Teachers'	1
Karnataka South West Graduates'	1
Bangalore Graduates'	1
Karnataka North East Graduates'	1

The calendar of events is as under:

- the 22nd May, 2018 (Tuesday), as the last date for making nominations;
 - the 23rd May, 2018 (Wednesday), as the date for scrutiny of nominations;
 - the 25th May, 2018 (Friday), as the last date for the withdrawal of candidatures;
 - the 8th June, 2018 (Friday), as the date on which a poll shall, if necessary, be taken; and
 - the 15th June, 2018 (Friday), as the date before which the election shall be completed;
- and

Fixes the hours from 8.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M, as the hours during which the poll shall, if necessary, be taken on the date specified above for the election.

Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Extent of Constituency
1.	Karnataka South East Teachers'	Chitradurga, Davanagere (excluding taluks of Channagiri, Honnali and Harappanahalli), Tumakuru and Kolar districts
2.	Karnataka South Teachers'	Mysore, Chamarajnagar, Mandya and Hassan districts
3.	Karnataka South West Teachers'	Shivamogga district (including Channagiri and Honnali taluks of Davangere district), Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chickmagalur and Kodagu districts.
4.	Karnataka South West Graduates'	Shivamogga district (including Channagiri and Honnali taluks of Davangere district), Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chickmagalur and Kodagu districts.
5.	Bangalore Graduates'	Bengaluru and Bengaluru Rural districts
6.	Karnataka North East Graduates'	Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur and Koppal districts and Ballari districts including Harappanahalli taluk of Davanagere district.

Enrolment procedure:

Graduate Constituencies:

Qualifications/eligibility: The eligibility of a person for enrolment in a Graduates' Constituency is to be determined having regard to provision of Article 171(3)(a) of the Constitution and Section 27(3)(a), 27(5)(a) and 27(6) of the RP Act, 1950. Accordingly, a person who has been for at least three years before the qualifying date, a graduate of any University in the territory of India or has been in possession of equivalent qualifications as prescribed and is ordinarily resident of the concerned constituency is entitled to be registered as an elector in a Graduates' Constituency.

The qualifying date was 1st day of November 2017, in which the preparation or revision of the electoral roll is commenced.

Teachers' Constituency:

Eligibility/qualification According to Section 27(5) (b) of Representation of the People Act, 1950, a person must fulfil the following conditions for being entitled to be registered in electoral roll of a Teachers' Constituency.

13.1 Should be ordinarily resident in the Teachers' Constituency

13.2 Within the six years immediately before the qualifying date, for a total period of at least three years, should have been engaged in teaching in any of the educational institutions specified under clause (b) of sub-section (3) of Section 27 of Representation of the People Act, 1950 by the State Government concerned with the concurrence of the Election Commission, as educational institutions within the State not lower in standard than that of a secondary school.

The qualifying date was 1st day of November 2017, in which the preparation or revision of the electoral roll is commenced.

SCHEDULE FOR PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL ROLLS FOR GRADUATES' AND TEACHERS' CONSTITUENCIES

Sl. No.	Activities	Period
1.	Issue of public notice under rule 31(3) of the registration of electors Rules 1960	28.09.2017 (Thursday)
2.	First Republication of notice in Newspapers under rule 31(4) of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960	13.10.2017 (Friday)
3.	Second Republication of notice in Newspapers under rule 31(4) of the Registration of Electors Rules 1960	25.10.2017 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date of receipt of applications in Form 18 or 19 as the case may be	07.11.2017 (Tuesday)
5.	Period for the preparation of manuscripts and printing of draft electoral rolls by	20.11.2017 (Monday)
6.	Draft Publication of Electoral Rolls	21.11.2017 (Tuesday)
7.	Period of filing claims and Objections	21.11.2017 (Tuesday) to 21.12.2017 (Thursday)
8.	Date by which the claims and objections shall be disposed of and supplements be prepared and printed	15.01.2018 (Monday)
9.	Final Publication of Electoral Rolls	19.01.2018 (Friday)

The total graduates enrolled is 1,85,306 electors for all the three Graduates' constituencies and 56,923 electors enrolled for all the Teachers' constituencies. As per the Representation of People Act there is a provision for enrolment of voters upto the last date of filing nominations i.e., 22nd May, 2018.

Conduct of Elections:

The Regional Commissioners Mysore, Bengaluru and Gulbarga are the designated Returning Officers and the respective Deputy Commissioners of the districts are the designated Assistant Returning Officers for the ensuing elections to conduct the elections for both Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies in their respective area of jurisdiction.

Method:

The Biennial Election to the Legislative Council from the Graduates' and Teachers' constituencies will be conducted on the single transferable preferential voting system.

The Poll Day statistics pertaining to these elections held in the year **2012** is as under:

Name of Constituency	No. of Electors	No. of Polling Stations	Voter turnout	Percentage
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Karnataka South East Teachers'	27,839	38	23,762	85.35
Karnataka South Teachers'	22,062	43	14,740	66.81
Karnataka South West Teachers'	15,888	60	9,607	60.46
Karnataka South West Graduates'	57,120	83	30,294	53.03
Bangalore Graduates'	1,09,905	109	19,736	17.96
Karnataka North East Graduates'	99,141	183	40,469	41.92

Model Code of Conduct:

As per the directions of the Election Commission of India vide letter No. 322/ECI/INST/FUNC/BIEN-LC/2016, dated: 26.12.2016, the Model Code of Conduct comes into force from 12th May, 2018 in the areas of all the Constituencies.

1. Repoll ordered at Polling station no -2 Gandhi Vidyalaya, Kannada and Tamil Primary school, Lettegollahalli of 158 Hebbal Assembly Constituency:

Date of poll : 14th May 2018

Time of poll: 7 AM TO 6 PM.

Wide publicity is being given for this. All contesting candidates and political parties have been informed.

VOTERS FOR THE POLL				
	Male	Female	Others	Total
	740	704	0	1444
Special Summary revision				
Additions	38	45	0	83
Deletions	2	2	0	4
Continuous Updation				
Additions	36	38	0	74
Deletions	5	2	0	7

Reasons for repoll:

Mock poll was done in the presence of Agents of Political Parties. The ADEO has reported that there were some issues:

1. After pressing the control button when ballot is cast in favour of a candidate the VVPAT slip is showing a mismatch in serial number and symbol in some cases.
2. After pressing the control unit even before pressing the ballot button for casting vote, the VVPAT paper slip is generated.

Immediately the BEL Engineers have rushed to the spot and have technically examined and based on their recommendation repoll has been recommended.

2. 154-Rajarajeshwari Nagar – Repoll has already been ordered by ECI

AC NAME	Mother roll	SUP ADDITIONS	SUP DELETIONS	Total Voters
Rajarajeshwarinagar	435439	44837	8817	471459
				246282 (male)
				225092 (female)
				85 (others)

POLLING STATIONS AND POLL PERSONNEL REQUIRED: There are 421 (376 main and 45 Auxiliary) Polling stations in the Constituency. Therefore 2105 poll personnel (FIVE PER polling station) are required, in addition to the police personnel required.

District Magistrate will declare a holiday in the polling area