

Biennial Elections to the Karnataka Legislative Council, 2014
from two Graduates' and two Teachers' Constituencies- Important
points for briefing the press:-

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Sl. No.	Name of the Constituency	Designation of the Returning Officer	Area comprising the Constituency	No. of electors	No. of Polling Stations
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency.	The Regional Commissioner, Belgaum Division, Belgaum.	Dharwad, Haveri, Gadag and Uttara Kannada Districts.	94,356	133
2	Karnataka South-East Graduates' Constituency.	The Regional Commissioner, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.	Chitradurga, Davanagere (excluding Taluks of Channagiri, Honnali & Harapanahalli), Tumkur, Kolar and Chikkaballapur Districts.	98,037	101
3	Karnataka North-East Teachers' Constituency.	The Regional Commissioner, Gulbarga Division, Gulbarga.	Bidar, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Bellary Districts including Harapanahalli Taluk of Davanagere District.	31,809	105
4	Bangalore Teachers' Constituency.	The Regional Commissioner, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.	Bangalore, Bangalore Rural, and Ramanagar Districts.	36,957	48

- Symbols are not allotted to Contesting Candidates in this election.
- Ballot Papers are printed in **pink colour paper**.
- To receive votes of the electors, the conventional Ballot Boxes are being used in these elections.

- Each Polling Station has been provided with a **Presiding Officer and three Polling Officers** as polling personnel drawn from both State and Central Government services and preferably Gazetted Officers have been appointed as Presiding Officers.
- Every single elector who comes for voting will be video-graphed along with the document he/she produces for proof of his/her identity before permitting to cast his/her vote.
- All electors who have been issued EPIC, are supposed to bring their EPICs for identification.
- Wherever the elector is unable to produce his/her Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC), he/she **may produce one of the following alternative documents** ordered by the Commission so as to facilitate his/her identification:-
 - (i) Passport;
 - (ii) Driving License;
 - (iii) Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Government, Public Sector Undertakings/Public Limited Companies;
 - (iv) Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office (Accounts opened on or before 31-05-2014)
 - (v) Income Tax Identity Card (PAN Card);
 - (vi) Aadhar Card;
 - (vii) Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR;
 - (viii) Health Insurance Scheme Smart Card with photograph (M/o Labour's Scheme, issued up to 31-05-2014);
 - (ix) Pension document with photograph (issued up to 31-05-2014);
 - (x) Freedom Fighter Identity Cards with photograph;
 - (xi) Arms Licenses with photograph (issued up to 31-05-2014);
 - (xii) Certificate of physical handicap with photograph issued by the competent authority (issued up to 31-05-2014);
and
 - (xiii) Ex-servicemen CSD Canteen Card with photograph;
- After identification of the elector, indelible ink mark will be put on the voter's left forefinger as a safeguard against personation.

- An elector has as many preferences as there are Contesting Candidates irrespective of the number of candidates to be elected.
- **The method of voting adopted at these elections is by marking on the ballot papers, the figures 1, 2, 3, etc. in the International form of the Indian numeral or in the Roman form or in the form used in any Indian language. Such preferences are not to be indicated in words.**
- For the purpose of voting, **the violet sketch pen** supplied at the Polling Station along with the Ballot Paper shall alone be used by the elector for marking his preferences on the Ballot Paper. **Using of any other pen, pencil, ball point pen or any other marking instruments will invalidate the Ballot Paper.**
- To make a Ballot Paper valid, it is necessary that an elector should indicate his/her first preference by placing figure '1' against one of the candidates. The other preferences are optional i.e. he/she may or may not indicate the second and subsequent preferences.
- **As per Supreme Court Order dated: 27-09-2013, "None of the Above" (NOTA) option will be added on the last panel of the ballot papers to facilitate electors who do not want to vote for any of the candidates can exercise their option by putting cross mark (X) or tick mark (✓) against NOTA making it clear that any marking other than the said markings against the NOTA option would invalidate the ballot paper.**
- Arrangements are being made to notify at the entrance of each of the Polling Stations **instructions about the method of voting** for the guidance of the electors.
- Campaigning comes to an end at 4-00 P.M. on 18-06-2014 i.e. 48 hours before conclusion of poll on 20-06-2014, as per section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

- Poll will be held on 20-06-2014 (Friday) from 8-00 A.M. to 4-00 P.M.
- Government has sanctioned special causal leave for the voters of Graduates'/Teachers' constituencies to facilitate them to exercise their franchise on 20-06-2014.
- All electors who are present at 4-00 P.M. at Polling Station will be given opportunity to vote.

Details of Counting Centres

Sl. No.	Name of the Constituency	Place of Counting	Date and time of counting
1	Karnataka West Graduates' Constituency	University of Agricultural Sciences, Yettinagudda, Dharwad.	24-06-2014 (Tuesday) at 8-00 A.M.
2	Karnataka South-East Graduates' Constituency	Maharani Science College, Palace Road, Bangalore-560001	
3	Bangalore Teachers' Constituency		
4	Karnataka North-East Teachers' Constituency	Bhaskar Hall, Mathematics Department Building, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga.	

- Provisions relating to **lodging of accounts of election expenses** by Contesting Candidates **do not apply** to elections to the Legislative Council.

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