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PRESS NOTE

1. Electoral roll facts and figures:

By virtue of its powers, duties and functions under Article 324 read with Article 172(1) of the Constitution of India and Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act 1951, the Commission is required to hold general election to constitute the new General Election in the State of Karnataka before expiry of its present term. With regard to Special Summary Revision of photo electoral rolls w.r.t 01.04.2023 as qualifying date as per the directions of the Election Commission of India, final Electoral Rolls have been published on 05.01.2023 and 15.01.2023.

On 29.03.2023 Karnataka General Elections to the State has been announced and the enrolment activities are taken up to 20.04.2023 all the applications received eligible during this period has been updated in the Electoral Roll -2023. The details are as follows:

a. GENERAL ELECTORS

	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
MALE	2,66,82,156
FEMALE	2,63,98,483
OTHERS	4,927
TOTAL	5,30,85,566

Net addition of voters after the final roll: **16,04,285**

The district wise electors summary is given in **Annexure -1**

b. TOTAL VOTERS

Particulars	GENERAL VOTERS	SERVICE VOTERS	TOTAL VOTERS
Total Electors	5,30,85,566	47,488	5,31,33,054
Male Electors	2,66,82,156	45,897	2,67,28,053
Female Electors	2,63,98,483	1,591	2,64,00,074
Others	4,927	0	4,927

c. YOUNG ELECTORS:

	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
MALE	6,45,140
FEMALE	5,26,237
OTHERS	181
TOTAL	11,71,558

d. PWD ELECTORS

	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
MALE	335,387
FEMALE	235,833
OTHERS	61
TOTAL	571,281

e. 80+ ELECTORS

	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
MALE	546,487
FEMALE	669,417
OTHERS	16
TOTAL	1,215,920

f. NRI ELECTORS:

	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
MALE	2,172
FEMALE	875
OTHERS	1
TOTAL	3,048

g. EP RATIO AND GENDER RATIO:

Indicators	GENERAL ELECTIONS 2023
CENSUS EP RATIO	68.02
EROLL EP RATIO	70.17
CENSUS GENDER RATIO	973
EROLL GENDER RATIO	989

h. Photo Electoral Rolls

Photo Electoral rolls will be used during this general Election and photo percentage in Photo Electoral Rolls of this State is 100%

i. Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPIC)

Identification of the voters at the polling booth at the time of poll shall be mandatory. Electors who have been provided with EPIC shall be identified through EPIC. Presently, the EPIC coverage in Karnataka is 100%.

EPIC Distribution: 37,94,517 EPICs are distributed from 01.09.2022 to 25.04.2023 to all the eligible Electors.

j. Voter Slips of the Electoral Rolls:

To facilitate the voters to know where he/she is enrolled as a voter at a particular polling station and what is his/her serial number in the Electoral roll, the commission has directed that official **voter slip of the elector (wherever present the roll) will be distributed at least 10 days before the date of poll** to all enrolled voters by the District Election Officer and a very close and rigorous monitoring of the distribution process shall be done by the DEO and General Observer concerned. The size, design and format of the voter slip has also been substantially improved to enhance its utility and effectiveness in voter identification, awareness and guidance by increasing the size of the image, providing additional information along with polling station Nazrinaksha on the reverse of the slip and improvement in the quality of printing. It has also been directed that the said voter slip should be in the languages in which electoral roll is published for that Assembly Constituency. The commission has laid a special emphasis on the systematic, efficient and

timely distribution of the Photo voter slips through the Booth Level Officers (BLOs), who are under strict instructions to hand over the voter slip to the elector concerned only and not to any other person. The BLOs shall also maintain a Pre-Printed Register of Voters and take the signatures/thumb impression of person to whom the Voter Slip is delivered. The residual undistributed Voter Slips shall be returned by the BLO to the concerned ERO, who shall keep the same in a sealed cover after making an alphabetical list to the undistributed PVS in respect of each Part/polling station. Two copies of such alphabetical lists shall be handed over to the RO of the concerned constituency, while sealed cover of undistributed phot voter slips shall remain in safe custody with the ERO. No further distribution of photo voter slips shall be done after the same returned to the ERO.

k. Voter Guide:-

In this election a Voter Guide (in Kannada/English) shall be handed over to every household ahead of the elections, giving information about the date and time of polls, contact details of the BLOs, important website, helpline numbers. Documents required for identification at the polling station besides other important information including the Do's and Don'ts for voters at the polling station. This Voter guided Brochure will be distributed along with the Voter Slips by the BLOs.

2. Polling Station information

Comparison of Polling Stations as follows:

No. of Polling Stations in 2018 including Auxiliary PS	No. of Polling Stations in 2023	Auxiliary Polling Stations in 2023	Total Polling Stations in 2023
58,008	58,282	263	58,545

3. Assured Minimum Facilities:

- a) All the assured minimum facilities have been provided to all the polling stations such as Ramp facility, Drinking Water, Electricity, Furniture, Waiting Room, Toilet for male, Toilet for female & proper signage.
- b) Providing waiting rooms with seating arrangements and fans if not shamiyanas will be provided along with safe drinking water. Clean separate toilets for males and females in addition to the AMF. Polling booths will be kept clean and the voter will feel happy experience during voting.

4. Queue Management:

- a) Adjacent rooms of the polling stations will be used as waiting rooms for the voters.
- b) Since it is summer and warm, fans have been fitted for the comfort of the voters.
- c) At selected places shamiyanas with chairs would be provided to ensure that voters do not stand in the queue for long time.
- d) Some of the districts are going to issue tokens for the voters in the waiting room which will reduce their time of standing in queue.
- e) Queue Management App (*Chunavana App*) is developed to know the queue status at the polling stations.

5. EVM/ randomisation:

a) EVM and VVPAT FLC Ok Machines

Sl. No.	Particular	BU	CU	VVPAT
1	FLC Ok Machines in the District	115709	82543	89379

b) EVM and VVPAT Training & Awareness and Randomization

Sl. No.	Particular	Remarks
1	Awareness	All districts have been completed the Awareness programme
2	Training	All districts polling officials have been trained
3	First Randomization	All districts have been completed the First Randomization
4	Double Ballot	16 ACs have using Double Ballot because of contesting candidates are more than 15
5	Second Randomization	26 AC's have completed Second Randomization and remaining ACs will complete by 30 th April, 2023

6. Postal ballot:

a. ABSENTEE VOTERS:

As on 25.04.2023 (tentative)	
ABSENTEE VOTERS	Opted & Approved
AVSC(80+)	80,250
AVPD(PwD)	19,279
AVCO(Covid-19)	-
AVES (Essential Service)	13,771
PS (Polling Staff)	1,78,523

The district wise information is given in **Annexure-2**

b. Service Voters:

There are 47,488 service voters working in 561 record/unit offices across the country and world. Postal ballots were prepared and sent electronically to all the service voters through the ETPBS system.

All the record/unit officers were briefed about the procedures while casting postal ballot by the service voters. All these postal ballots must reach Returning Officers on or before 08:00am on the day of counting.

7. Polling personnel:

Status of availability of Staff	Availability	Requirement including reserve	Vaccination status
Presiding Officers	71,000	69,938	All are vaccinated
Polling Officer - I	91,380	69,938	
Polling Officer - II	93,378	69,938	
Polling Officer - III	95,395	69,938	
Addl. Polling Officer	8,100		
Total Polling Personnel	3,59,253	2,79,752	
Micro Observers	17,276	12,000	
BLOs	58,282	NA	
BLO Supervisors	5,828	NA	
Sector Officer	4,954	NA	

8. MCC Cases:

a. REPORT ON FIR's REGISTERED REGARDING MCC VIOLATIONS:

as on 25.04.2023		
Sl. No.	Various MCC Violations under which FIR's have been Registered	Total number of FIR's registered till date
1	Rallies /Public Gatherings/ Assemblies(unauthorised publicity)	53
2	Group Clashes/ Rivalry	15
3	Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act,	15
4	Violations related to unauthorised use of loud speakers & Vehicles (carrying Flags/ Banners/ Buntings)	34
5	Hate speech U/S 123 3(A) RP Act, & u/s 153A of IPC	5
6	Violations of Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act,	75
7	Inducement/ Bribery U/s 171 B& E, 171 (F) IPC, Illegal payments related to elections U/S 171 (H), IPC,	309
8	Violation of Printing of Pamphlets/ Posters etc u/s 127 (A) RP Act,	83
9	Social Media Violations(<i>New</i>)*	34
10	Others (Only FIR's registered regarding MCC Violations& not shown under any of the above)	50
Grand Total No. of FIR's registered		673

b. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT - FORCE DEPLOYMENT:

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT - FORCE DEPLOYMENT					
STATE LEVEL	CIVIL POLICE	HOME GUARDS	KSRP Companies	CAR/DAR	SAP/CAPF Companies
Total	54,682	20,000	90	5,037	650*

* **SAP/CAPF:** 405 CoY's Arrived and 245 CoY's to be arrived.

9. Election Expenditure Monitoring:

a. Seizures:

As on 25.04.2023				
CASH				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day	Progressive seizure		
FS/SST/Police	3,74,34,982	70,05,55,162		
Income Tax	86,20,000	17,97,47,470		
Total	4,60,54,982	88,03,02,632		
FREEBIES				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day	Progressive seizure		
FS/SST/Police	8,98,600	20,62,10,064		
LIQUOR				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police	702.74	2,67,194.07	56,301	1,29,17,461
Excise	63,533.00	2,76,56,010	15,16,847	58,63,31,785
Total	64,235.74	2,79,23,204	15,73,147.831	59,92,49,246
DRUGS/NARCOTICS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police and Excise	107.72	58,82,300	1,285	17,14,78,171
PRECIOUS METALS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Gold (FS/SST/Police)	0.25	14,00,000	123	62,01,15,533
Gold (Income Tax)	0.00	-	25	13,13,87,959
Gold Total	0.25	14,00,000	147.77	75,15,03,492
Silver (FS/SST/Police)	0.00	-	584	4,08,79,697
Silver (Income Tax)	0.00	-	32	23,81,400
Silver Total	0.00	-	615.63	4,32,61,097
Gold and Silver Total	0.25	14,00,000	763.40	79,47,64,589
Grand Total		8,21,59,086		265,20,04,702

b. Cases booked:

- Flying Squads, SSTs and Police authorities have booked **2,036** FIR's with regard to seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and Freebies.
- **69,778** arms have been got deposited, **18** arms were impounded, **20** arms license have been cancelled, **5,080** cases are booked under preventive sections of CrPC, out of which **8,572** persons were bounded over. **13640** Non-bailable warrants were executed from the date of announcement of elections.
- Excise Department has booked **2,600** Heinous Cases, **2,244** cases for Breach of Licence Conditions, **79** NDPS and **19,122** cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise act 1965. And also **1,776** different types of Vehicles have been seized.

10. Complaints:

a. Public Grievance Redressal

Out of the **18,315** calls received through Voter Helplines, **17,579** people have sought information, **31** have given feedback, **33** have made suggestions and **672** have registered complaints. All **18,315** calls have been disposed off. In addition, **7865** complaints have been registered by the citizens on NGRS portal, out of which, **7565** complaints have been disposed off.

b. Media

The complaints have been received through emails (**318**) and letters (**445**), Newspapers (**136**), TV Channels (**53**), Social media (**77**). Out of the total **1029** Complaints **767** have been disposed off.

c. cVIGIL:

The cVIGIL app launched by Election Commission of India is a fast-track complaint reception and redressal system. cVIGIL is an innovative mobile application for citizens to report Model Code of Conduct and Expenditure violations during the elections. 'cVIGIL' stands for Vigilant Citizen and emphasizes the proactive and responsible role citizens can play in the conduct of free and fair elections.

cVIGIL, a user-friendly and easy to operate the android application, which can be used for reporting violations from the date of notifications for bye-election/ assembly/ parliamentary elections. The uniqueness of the app is that it only allows Live Photo/ video with auto location capture from within the app to ensure digital evidence for flying squads to act upon in a time-bound manner.

The app could be installed and used on any Android (Jellybean and above) smart phone equipped with a camera, good internet connection, and GPS access. By using this app, citizens can immediately report on incidents of political misconduct within minutes of having witnessed them and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer. cVIGIL connects vigilant citizens with District Control Room, Returning Officer, and Field Unit (Flying Squads) / Static Surveillance Teams, thereby, creating a rapid and accurate reporting, action and monitoring system.

All is required, is to click a picture or a 2-minute video of the activity violating MCC and describe it shortly, before registering the complaint. GIS information captured with the complaint automatically flags it to the concerned District Control Room, permitting flying squads to be routed to the spot within few minutes.

The cVIGIL app needs to be popularized to curb the MCC and EEM violations.

6,447 Complaints have been received through cVIGIL application. Major complaints received are related to Posters/Banners without permission (**3,670**), Money Distribution (**91**), Posters without mandatory declaration (**201**), Display of Firearms, Intimidation (**68**), Distribution of gifts/coupons (**82**), Distribution of Liquor (**63**), property defacement (**265**), vehicle or convoy without permission (**109**), out of which **5,483** Complaints are found to be correct and action has been taken.

11. SUVIDHA:

Under SUVIDHA **12,618** Applications for permissions have been received; out of which **10,071** have been accepted and **1,597** have been rejected. **173** are in progress, **500** are pending and **277** are cancelled.

12. Contesting Candidates:**a. Contesting candidates (Male, Female & Others):**

Candidates	Number of Candidates
Male	2,429
Female	185
Others	1
Total	2,615

b. Number and Name of AC with Maximum and Minimum Number of Candidates

1	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency with Maximum number of candidates	24 Candidates 23 Candidates 21 Candidates 20 Candidates	94- Bellary City 178-Hoskate 99-Chiradurga 150-Yelahanka
2	No. & Name of Assembly Constituency with Minimum number of candidates	05 Candidates	10- Yemkanmardi(ST) 56- Devadurga (ST) 114- Tirthahalli 119- Kundapur 121- Kapu 204- Mangalore 205- Bantval

Annexure-1**DISTRICT-WISE ELECTORS SUMMARY**

District Name	MALE	FEMALE	TG	TOTAL
1-BELGAUM	19,90,856	19,56,143	151	39,47,150
2-BAGALKOT	7,78,376	7,82,368	84	15,60,828
3-BIJAPUR	9,66,535	9,26,096	221	18,92,852
4-GULBARGA	11,21,972	10,95,754	329	22,18,055
5-BIDAR	7,10,403	6,64,724	42	13,75,169
6-RAICHUR	8,05,594	8,29,133	262	16,34,989
7-KOPPAL	5,66,381	5,70,407	50	11,36,838
8-GADAG	4,34,997	4,32,897	61	8,67,955
9-DHARWAD	7,65,160	7,57,831	89	15,23,080
10-UTTARAKANNADA	5,99,527	5,95,180	7	11,94,714
11-HAVERI	6,65,617	6,37,019	47	13,02,683
12-BELLARY	5,67,319	5,84,920	172	11,52,411
13-CHITRADURGA	7,00,811	7,02,702	72	14,03,585
14-DAVANGERE	7,21,964	7,20,004	118	14,42,086
15-SHIMOGA	7,28,886	7,43,713	32	14,72,631
16-UDUPI	5,02,836	5,38,823	13	10,41,672
17-CHIKKMAGALUR	4,81,466	4,91,737	35	9,73,238
18-TUMKUR	11,20,698	11,27,126	108	22,47,932
19-CHIKKABALLAPUR	5,19,785	5,30,251	106	10,50,142
20-KOLAR	6,31,147	6,39,408	163	12,70,718
22-BANGALORERURAL	4,35,835	4,41,907	148	8,77,890
23-RAMANAGARAM	4,45,130	4,59,514	58	9,04,702
24-MANDYA	7,59,323	7,74,363	145	15,33,831
25-HASSAN	7,49,720	7,50,153	44	14,99,917
26-DAKSHINAKANNADA	8,70,991	9,10,314	84	17,81,389
27-KODAGU	2,24,875	2,31,415	23	4,56,313
28-MYSORE	13,17,121	13,38,637	230	26,55,988
29-CHAMARAJNAGAR	4,26,547	4,34,873	69	8,61,489
31-B.B.M.P(CENTRAL)	9,14,963	8,75,453	234	17,90,650
32-B.B.M.P(NORTH)	11,24,272	10,71,209	487	21,95,968
33-B.B.M.P(SOUTH)	10,63,764	9,88,206	366	20,52,336
34-BANGALOREURBAN	19,21,776	17,51,945	674	36,74,395
35-YADGIR	5,01,254	4,98,648	57	9,99,959
36-VIJAYANAGARA	5,46,255	5,45,610	146	10,92,011
TOTAL	2,66,82,156	2,63,98,483	4,927	5,30,85,566

Annexure-2

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FORM 12D TO THE ABSENTEE VOTERS (80+, PWD AND COVID-19) as on 26.04.2023 (Tentative)						
Sl. No.	Name of the District	OPTED & APPROVED				
		AVSC (80+)	AVPD (PwD)	AVCO (COVID-19)	AVES (Essential Service)	Polling Staff
1	B.B.M.P(CENTRAL) (31)	1995	14	0	71	1174
2	B.B.M.P(NORTH) (32)	2298	23	0	120	1651
3	B.B.M.P(SOUTH) (33)	2530	19	0	168	1672
4	BAGALKOT (02)	2002	475	0	550	7664
5	BANGALORE RURAL (22)	470	113	0	74	2831
6	BANGALORE URBAN (34)	2329	63	0	302	2602
7	BELGAUM (01)	7362	1708	0	705	13000
8	BELLARY (12)	241	36	0	125	4475
9	BIDAR (05)	598	193	0	679	7854
10	BIJAPUR (03)	3574	1078	0	728	10478
11	CHAMARAJNAGAR (29)	222	107	0	248	3812
12	CHIKKABALLAPUR (19)	2447	1058	0	440	5949
13	CHIKKMAGALUR (17)	1594	402	0	213	4854
14	CHITRADURGA (13)	1133	406	0	264	5489
15	DAKSHINA KANNADA (26)	10808	1980	0	117	5168
16	DAVANGERE (14)	1870	510	0	322	7638
17	DHARWAD (09)	1686	392	0	262	4598
18	GADAG (08)	872	183	0	420	2875
19	GULBARGA (04)	1387	274	0	1819	6147
20	HASSAN (25)	3056	1062	0	2217	7724
21	HAVERI (11)	1207	373	0	441	7269
22	KODAGU (27)	1992	482	0	150	1479
23	KOLAR (20)	827	191	0	487	7088
24	KOPPAL (07)	1803	500	0	469	4694
25	MANDYA (24)	2630	778	0	212	6888
26	MYSORE (28)	2404	402	0	573	5471
27	RAICHUR (06)	1581	410	0	383	4380
28	RAMANAGARAM (23)	974	348	0	63	2818
29	SHIMOGA (15)	1874	490	0	149	7945
30	TUMKUR (18)	6595	2845	0	331	8001
31	UDUPI (16)	4060	756	0	25	2543
32	UTTARA KANNADA (10)	3708	1093	0	251	5672
33	VIJAYANAGARA (36)	1535	425	0	312	5701
34	YADGIR (35)	586	90	0	81	919
Total		80250	19279	0	13771	178523