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1. Home voting of Absentee voters:

The home voting for 80+ age group and PwD voters has commenced today in **22** election districts. Remaining **12** election districts will be starting within a day or two. A total of **80,250** voters of 80+ age group and **19,279** PwD voters will be covered by 06.05.2023 starting from 29.04.2023. Every day the home voting will be done from 09:00am to 05:00pm. In all **2,542** teams are engaged for this purpose. They are moving in **2,706** routes to visit these voters' homes. The team will have two Poll Officials, one Micro Observer, one Police personnel and one Videographer.

Today **1,627** teams are covering **1,627** routes and undertaking home voting **33,036** 80+ age group and PwD voters.

2. Seizures:

a. The cumulative seizure of cash, Liquor, Drugs/ Narcotics, Precious Metals and Freebies / others made during 2018 and 2023 is given below:

Seizure - Comparison with previous election information					
<i>(Rs. In crore)</i>					
Seizure	KGLAE - 2018 (from 27.03.2018 to 28.04.2018)	KGLAE - 2018 (from 27.03.2018 to 12.05.2018)	KGLAE - 2023 (from 29.03.2023 to 28.04.2023)	Increase over previous period (28.04.2018 and 28.04.2023)	Increase over previous period (12.05.2018 and 28.04.2023)
Cash	54.94	94.3	109.15	54.21	14.85
Freebies and others	17.49	21.85	22.14	4.65	0.29
Liquor	21.78	24.91	72.70	50.92	47.79
Drugs/Narcotics	0.27	0.4	18.30	18.03	17.9
Precious metals - Gold & Silver	21.43	44.28	80.49	59.06	36.21
Total	115.91	185.74	302.78	186.87	117.04

Form the above table it can be seen that the value of seizure in terms of cash, Freebies and others, Liquor, Drugs/Narcotics and Precious metals - Gold & Silver has crossed Rs. 300 crore. This value is more than **Rs. 186 crore (161%)** as compared to value of seizure as on 28.04.2018 and more than **Rs. 117 crore (68%)** as compared to value of seizure as on 12.05.2018 (reported on 13.05.2018 - date of poll). The value of seizure in all categories has surpassed the value of seizure of 2018 elections. There is also step increase in the quantity of liquor, Drugs/Narcotics and Precious metals - Gold & Silver seized.

b. Seizures as on 29.04.2023:

CASH				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day	Progressive seizure		
FS/SST/Police	6,24,24,629	89,03,21,127		
Income Tax	-	20,11,70,290		
Total	6,24,24,629	1,09,14,91,417		
FREEBIES				
Enforcement teams	Seizure on previous day	Progressive seizure		
FS/SST/Police	1,61,806	22,14,37,532		
LIQUOR				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Ltr)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police	598.32	1,65,614	58,932.16	1,31,76,139.77
Excise	93,641.00	3,98,57,093	18,51,814.20	71,38,29,556.00
Total	94,239.32	4,00,22,707	19,10,746.356	72,70,05,696
DRUGS/NARCOTICS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
FS/SST/Police and Excise	49.72	41,58,000	1,438.66	18,29,94,326.00
PRECIOUS METALS				
Enforcement teams	Seizure of previous day		Progressive seizure	
	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)	Qty. (Kg)	Value (Rs.)
Gold (FS/SST/Police)	0.118	3,70,000	123.19	62,05,49,533.00
Gold (Income Tax)	0.00	-	26.23	13,99,68,687.00
Gold Total	0.12	3,70,000	149.42	76,05,18,220
Silver (FS/SST/Police)	1.48	85,100	601.09	4,16,78,276.40
Silver (Income Tax)	0.00	-	36.85	27,31,000.00
Silver Total	1.48	85,100	637.94	4,44,09,276
Gold and Silver Total	1.60	4,55,100	787.36	80,49,27,496

Previous day Seizure (Value in Rs)	10,72,22,242
Cumulative Seizure (Value in Rs)	302,78,56,467

c. Cases booked:

- Flying Squads, SSTs and Police authorities have booked **2,288** FIR's with regard to seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metal and Freebies.
- **69,819** arms have been got deposited, **18** arms were impounded, **20** arms license have been cancelled, **5,422** cases are booked under preventive sections of CrPC, out of which **9,896** persons were bounded over. **15,182** Non-bailable warrants were executed from the date of announcement of elections.
- Excise Department has booked **2,939** Heinous Cases, **2,687** cases for Breach of Licence Conditions, **89** NDPS and **24,271** cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise act 1965. And also **2,020** different types of Vehicles have been seized.

d. Special Report:

- SST team has seized Cash of **Rs.5,00,00,000** in Mudhol Constituency of Bagalkote District
- SST team has seized Cash of **Rs.30,00,000** in Bagalkote Constituency of Bagalkote District

3. Public Grievance Redressal:

Out of the **20,804** calls received through Voter Helplines, **20,036** people have sought information, **34** have given feedback, **37** have made suggestions and **697** have registered complaints. All **20,804** calls have been disposed off. In addition, **8,930** complaints have been registered by the citizens on NGRS portal, out of which, **8,592** complaints have been disposed off.

4. cVIGIL:

8,880 Complaints have been received through cVIGIL application. Major complaints received are related to Posters/Banners without permission (**5,517**), Money Distribution (**112**), Posters without mandatory declaration (**253**), Display of Firearms, Intimidation (**64**), Distribution of gifts/coupons (**96**), Distribution of Liquor (**84**), property defacement (**373**), vehicle or convoy without permission (**155**), out of which **8,865** Complaints are found to be correct and action has been taken.

5. Media:

The complaints have been received through emails (**346**) and letters (**565**), Newspapers (**144**), TV Channels (**60**), Social media (**80**). Out of the total **1,195** Complaints, **985** have been disposed off.

6. SUVIDHA:

Under SUVIDHA **16,490** Applications for permissions have been received; out of which **13,528** have been accepted and **1,799** have been rejected. **235** are in progress, **591** are pending and **337** are cancelled.
