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No. DPAR 08 (MC) 2023

Date: 07.05.2023

## PRESS NOTE

### 1. Election Schedule :

Poll Events	Date and day
Date of Issue of Gazette Notification	13.04.2023 (Thursday)
Last Date of making nominations	20.04.2023 (Thursday)
Date for Scrutiny of Nominations	21.04.2023 (Friday)
Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	24.04.2023 (Monday)
<b>Date of Poll</b>	<b>10.05.2023 (Wednesday)</b> <b>From 07:00am to 06:00pm</b>
<b>Date of Counting</b>	<b>13.05.2023 (Saturday)</b> <b>From 08:00 am</b>
Date before which election shall be completed	15.05.2023 (Monday)

### 2. Final Contesting Candidates:

No. of Nominations	No. of Candidates who filed Nominations	No. of Nominations Rejected	No. of Candidates withdrawn	No. of final Contesting Candidates			
				Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
5,100	3,432	573	517	2,430	184	1	2615

Sl. No.	National /State/RUPP	Political Parties	Number of candidates			
			Male	Female	Third Gender	Total
1	National Recognized Parties	Bharathiya Janata Party	212	12		224
2		Indian National Congress	212	11		223
3		Aam Aadmi Party	192	17		209
4		Communist Party of India (Marxist)	4	0		4
5		National Peoples Party	0	2		2
6		Bahujan Samaj Party	128	5		133
7	State Recognized Party	Janata Dal (Secular)	196	13		209
8	Other Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs)	Karnataka Rashtra Samithi	182	13		195
9		Uttama Prajaakeeya Party	103	7		110
10		Kalyana Rajya Pragathi Paksha	37	9		46
11		Indian Movement Party	26	6		32
12		Social Democratic Party Of India	16	0		16
13		Samajwadi Party	13	1		14
14		Socialist Unity Centre Of India (Communist)	8	6		14
15		Republican Party of India (Karnataka)	11	1		12
16		Other Registered Unrecognised Political Parties(RUPPs)	235	18	1	254
17		INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE	Independents	855	63	
<b>Total</b>			<b>2430</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2615</b>

**The district wise Final Contesting Candidates are given below**

<b>District wise Final Contesting Candidates</b>					
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	BELAGAVI	13	174	-	187
2	BAGALKOT	-	70	-	70
3	BIJAPUR	11	84	-	95
4	GULBARGA	3	102	-	105
5	YADGIR	3	34	-	37
6	BIDAR	2	61	-	63
7	RAICHUR	6	55	-	61
8	KOPPAL	3	66	-	69
9	GADAG	4	47	-	51
10	DHARWAD	6	86	-	92
11	UTTARA KANNADA	4	53	-	57
12	HAVERI	5	55	-	60
13	VIJAYANAGARA	4	51	-	55
14	BELLARY	4	51	1	56
15	CHITRADURGA	7	69	-	76
16	DAVANAGERE	6	78	-	84
17	SHIMOGA	6	68	-	74
18	UDUPI	3	32	-	35
19	CHIKKMAGALUR	6	55	-	61
20	TUMKUR	3	128	-	131
21	CHIKABALLAPUR	1	69	-	70
22	KOLAR	7	65	-	72
23	BANGALORE URBAN	12	94	-	106
24	BANGALORE Rural	6	50	-	56
25	B.B.M.P (NORTH)	8	81	-	89
26	B.B.M.P (CENTRAL)	6	93	-	99
27	B.B.M.P (SOUTH)	12	83	-	95
28	RAMANAGARAM	1	58	-	59
29	MANDYA	5	84	-	89
30	HASSAN	4	69	-	73
31	DAKSHINA KANNADA	8	52	-	60
32	KODAGU	2	22	-	24
33	MYSORE	12	131	-	143
34	CHAMARAJNAGAR	1	60	-	61
<b>State Total</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,615</b>

**3. Electors Details**

**a. General and Service Electors:**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>MALE</b>	2,66,82,156	45,897	2,67,28,053
<b>FEMALE</b>	2,63,98,483	1,591	2,64,00,074
<b>OTHERS</b>	4,927	0	4,927
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,30,85,566</b>	<b>47,488</b>	<b>5,31,33,054</b>

**b. Young and PwD voters:**

	<b>Young</b>	<b>PwD</b>	<b>80+</b>
<b>MALE</b>	6,45,140	3,35,387	5,46,487
<b>FEMALE</b>	5,26,237	2,35,833	6,69,417
<b>OTHERS</b>	181	61	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,71,558</b>	<b>5,71,281</b>	<b>12,15,920</b>

The category wise details of PwD voters are given below:

<b>Total Visually Impaired</b>	<b>Total Speech/Hearing Disabled</b>	<b>Total Locomotor Disabled</b>	<b>Total Other Disability</b>
<b>95,289</b>	<b>58,713</b>	<b>2,87,916</b>	<b>2,20,810</b>

**4. Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPIC):**

A Total of **42,48,028** EPICs have been distributed to all the new voters applied in form 6 and voters who have applied for all types of corrections and shifting in form 8 through Speed Post.

**5. Voter Slips:**

Out of the **5,30,85,566** voters, voter slips have been distributed to **4,92,85,247** (95%) voters.

**6. Polling stations:**

<b>EXISTING POLLING STATIONS</b>	<b>AUXILIARY POLLING STATIONS</b>	<b>TOTAL POLLING STATIONS</b>
58,282	263	58,545

**7. Alternative Documents:**

For identification of voters at Polling Station, the Voter shall present his EPIC or any of the following identification documents approved by the Commission:

- i. Aadhaar Card,
- ii. MGNREGA Job Card,
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs and
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

**8. Indelible Ink:**

Indelible ink will be applied on the left hand forefinger (as per rule 49k of conduct of election rules 1961).

## 9. Model Polling Stations:

Sakhi	PwD	Youth Managed	Theme Based	Ethnic	Total
996	239	286	623	114	2,258

## 10. Facilities provided for PwD voters:

No. of PwDs Mapped	No. of PSs		Wheel Chairs	Magnifying Glass	Sign Language Interpreters	Assistants
	No.	locations				
5,71,281	58,545	37,777	45,823	46,872	1,068	54,950

## 11. EVM-VVPAT :

Sl. No.	Particulars	BU	CU	VVPAT
1	Total numbers of FLC ok machines available	1,15,709	82,543	89,379
2	Machines to be allocated to Polling Station	62,988	58,545	58,545
3	Reserve Units	12,615	11,755	17,657
<b>Total (2+3)</b>		<b>75,603</b>	<b>70,300</b>	<b>76,202</b>

## 12. Absentee voters – Postal Ballot:

80+ VOTERS			PwD VOTERS			AVES		
Opted	Voted	%	Opted	Voted	%	Opted	Voted	%
80,250	76,120	94.85	19,279	18811	97.57	15,328	10,066	65.67

## 13. Measures to prevent impersonation of Absentee Voters:

BLOs have visited door to door and identified a list of voters found absent from their place of residence. Similarly the names of dead, shifted shall also be added to the list. ASD list has already been prepared and marked.

## 14. 48 Hours before the Poll :

### a. Issuance of orders under 144 CrPc:

Orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 (CrPC) are issued regarding ban on unlawful assemblies and prohibition on holding of public meetings during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, applicable for the areas/constituencies bound for polls.

The restrictions under 144 CrPC Order does not permit more than 5 persons to assemble/move together in the area. However, the Commission has clarified that this does not restrict house-to-house visits during 48 hours in connection with door-to-door campaigning.

### b. Restriction on presence of political functionaries in a constituency after the campaign period is over:

After the closure of campaign period (Starting from 48 hours before closure of poll), political functionaries etc, who have come from outside the constituency and who are not voters of the constituency should not continue to remain present in the constituency. Such Functionaries should leave the constituency immediately after campaign period is over.

This restriction will not apply in the case of candidate or his election agent even if they are not voters in the Constituency.

**c. Excise Enforcement & Dry Day:**

'Dry Day' is declared for the constituencies from **08.05.2023 (Monday) 6.00PM to 10.05.2023 (Wednesday) till the completion of the poll. Dry Day** declaration orders have been issued by District Collectors of all the 26 Bordering Districts of neighboring States.

**d. Use of Loudspeaker:**

No loudspeaker shall be permitted to be used during the period of **48 hours** ending with the poll closing time.

**e. Guidelines for print media:**

No Political party or Candidates or any other organization or any person shall publish any advertisement in the print media on **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 (one day prior to the poll day and on poll day)** unless the content of the advertisement proposed to be published by the Political Parties, Candidates etc have been Pre-certified by them from the MCMC Committee at the State/District Level as the case may be.

**f. Guidelines for Electronic Media including social media:**

The section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 prohibits displaying any election matter, inter alia of television, Cinematography or similar apparatus during the period of **48 hours** ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in a constituency.

**g. Exit Polls and Opinion Polls:-**

In exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of sub-Section (2) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between **6:00A.M on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (Wednesday) and 6.30 PM on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (Wednesday)**, as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the aforesaid General Elections / Bye-elections, shall be prohibited.

It is further clarified that under section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of **48 hours** ending with the hours fixed for conclusion of poll for the aforesaid bye elections.

**h. Silence period:**

Section 126 of the R.P. Act, 1951, prohibits holding of public meeting in the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of poll, when election campaign comes to an end.

**i. Model Code of Conduct for Political parties and Candidates:**

No party or candidate shall include any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic.

Criticism of other political parties, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programme, past record and work.

There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Mosques, Churches, Temples or other places of worship shall not be used as forum for election propaganda.

**j. Critical Polling Stations:**

Critical Polling Stations are covered by one or more of the measures like Micro Observers, Web casting, CCTV, etc to keep a watch on polling process as force multipliers.

**15. The personnel engaged for elections:**

**a. Force Deployment:**

<b>DySP.</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>PSI</b>	<b>ASI</b>	<b>HC/PC</b>	<b>Home Guards</b>	<b>Total</b>
304	991	2610	5803	46421	27990	84119

**b. Personnel available in the Units:**

<b>DySP</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>PSI</b>	<b>ASI</b>	<b>HC/PC</b>	<b>Home Guards</b>	<b>Total</b>
214	802	2407	5673	41431	22000	72527

**c. Neighbouring States Policemen and Home Guards deployed for Election:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Policemen</b>	<b>Home Guards</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1000	1000
2.	Telangana	516	684
3.	Maharashtra	-	3000
4.	Tamilnadu	500	1000
5.	Kerala	600	-
6.	Goa	100	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>2716</b>	<b>5784</b>

**d. Special Units personnel deployed for Election:**

<b>SP</b>	<b>DSP</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>PSI</b>	<b>ASI</b>	<b>HC/PC</b>	<b>Total</b>
19	107	189	240	130	2,274	2,959

**16. Welfare measures including health for polling personnel and voters.**

**a. For polling personnel:**

- i. The polling personnel to be informed about their appointment order and duties well in advance
- ii. Adequate seating, drinking water, food arrangements are made at mustering, de-mustering and other election duty time
- iii. Proper transportation to be facilitated to the voters
- iv. As precautionary measures to COVID and summer heat COVID protocols, necessary first aid health facilities along with ORS and medicines will be provided.
- v. In case of any calamity/or any emergency exigency, the affected to be provided necessary help as per procedure prescribed by the ECI.
- vi. The health Commissioner has been informed to alert 108 to ensure availability of Ambulances in case of emergency

**b. For voters**

- i. All the assured minimum facilities have been provided to all the polling stations such as Ramp facility, Drinking Water, Electricity, Furniture, waiting room, clean toilets for male & female and proper signage.

- ii. Polling booths will be kept clean and the voter will have pleasant experience during voting.
- iii. Waiting rooms will be provided with seating arrangements.
- iv. Tokens will be issued to the voters in the waiting room which will reduce their time of standing in queue.
- v. Queue Management App (CHUNAVANA App) is developed to know the queue status at the polling stations.
- vi. Pickup and drop transport facility for senior citizen and PwDs voters will be provided on poll day. **They have to book this facility through CHUNAVANA App.**
- vii. COVID protocols and first aid health facilities along with ORS and medicines will be provided to the voters.

### **17. Media Facilitation:**

State level media centre will be established in the CEO office on the Poll day and the district level media centre will be established in the DEO offices.

### **18. CHUNAVANA App:**

**CHUNAVANA Mobile Application** has following functionalities which may be extensively used by **citizens** for the richness in content, correctness and real time availability and ease of use of the mobile application.


- a) Citizen can find the polling station and constituency details, its location, route navigation to the booth from their current location etc... just by EPIC number search and name search.
- b) Facility to book for wheel chair for senior citizen and PwD voters.
- c) Voluntary registration of Persons with Disability and 80+ aged voters to avail the benefits through mobile authentication for pickup and drop facilities.
- d) The queue status facility in all the polling stations.
- e) Parking locations and navigation.
- f) Constituency wise voter-turnout once in 2 hours.
- g) Live vote counting published at the end of every round.
- h) Contact details of all officers, details of contestants (name, photo, party, symbol, age etc...) to take an informed decision while casting their vote.
- i) Facility to locate nearest emergency services like police station, hospitals, etc... as a part of communication plan, backup plan and emergency services.

The electors may download this application from GooglePlay store and App Store and ensure their name in voters list and also can avail the facilities mentioned above. Urban voters who face it difficult to identify and navigate to their polling stations and are vary about standing in queue before voting may take informed decisions using this application.



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Karnataka Election Information System

 <p>ಹೆಸರು / ಚುನಾವಣಾ ಗುರುತಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮೂಲಕ ಹುಡುಕಿ Search by Name/Epic No.</p>	 <p>ಸೆಲ್ಫಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಿ Take selfie</p>	
 <p>ನಿಮ್ಮ ಮತಗಟ್ಟೆಯನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯಿರಿ Know your Booth</p>	 <p>ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿ Contesting Candidate</p>	 <p>ಚುನಾವಣಾ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ Election Schedule</p>
 <p>ಪಾರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಸ್ಥಳ Parking Location</p>	 <p>ಸರದಿ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ Queue Status</p>	 <p>ಹಿಂದಿನ ಚುನಾವಣಾ ವಿವರಗಳು Previous Election Details</p>
 <p>ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಪಟ್ಟಿ List of Officers</p>	 <p>ಗಾಲಿಕುರ್ಚಿಗಾಗಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ Wheelchair Booking</p>	 <p>ವಾಹನ ಸೇವೆಗಳು Pickup Service Facility</p>
<b>ಸಮೀಪದ / Near By</b>		
 <p>ಮತದಾನ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳು Polling Station</p>	 <p>ಆರಕ್ಷಕ ಠಾಣೆ Police Station</p>	 <p>ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳು Health facilities</p>

**POLL DAY- 10th May, 2023**

**Time - 07:00 am to 06:00 pm**