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PRESS NOTE

The poll for Karnataka General Legislative Assembly Elections – 2023 was conducted today in 224 Assembly Constituencies and was peaceful in general.

1. Law and Order:

Though there were few incidents reported, Law & Order situation was immediately brought under control by initiating legal Actions. So far 12 cases have been registered regarding Law and Order incidents.

Few major cases are reported. The details are given below:

a) Damaged EVM and VVPAT units at Masabinal Village, 28-Basavana Bagewadi Assembly Constituency in Vijayapura District.

On 10.05.2023 at 12:30 hrs. Sri Malappa Hanamantappa Yerajari, Revenue Sector Officer of sector No.5 of 28-Basavan Bagewadi Assembly Constituency along with other staff was carrying reserve EVMs & VVPATs from Basavana Bagewadi strong room towards Masabinal in Car No: KA-28/Z-2305. During this time, around 100-150 public stopped their vehicle near Venkatesh temple, Masabinal and abused them in filthy language and dragged them out of the car, assaulted them with stones with the intention to kill them, damaged their vehicle, EVMs & other polling materials.

Immediately after the incident DySP Basavana Bagewadi & TEM Basavana Bagewadi along with additional police party rushed to the spot at 13:00 hrs and tried to control the situation. At 13:30 hrs, DEO & SP Vijayapur has also rushed to the spot and lathi charged & dispersed the mob. 24 accused persons were arrested. General Observer and Police Observer were also visited the place of incident. The polling process has not been hindered by the above incident. Polling went on smoothly.

In this regard a case has been registered in Managuli polling station Cr. No: 43/2023 U/s: 143, 147, 148, 323, 324, 307, 332, 353 r/w: 149 IPC & 135, 136 RP Act & Section 2(a) (b) of KPDL 1981-Act. In this FIR, 34 accused persons have been named along with others. Further investigation is taken up.

Brief Facts:

The reserve EVMs & VVPATs were carried by revenue sector officer in the car from Basavana Bagewadi to Masabinal. These EVMs & VVPATs are reserved ones. In case if there were any technical issues at any polling stations in that particular sector, they were to be replaced by this reserved EVMs and VVPATs. While passing through Masabinal village, the villagers on the mistaken belief that the EVMs and VVPATs are being taken away by them, attacked their vehicle and the officers inside the car and damaged the EVMs, VVPATs and other polling materials.

b) Brief note on Chamundeshwari Incident,

On 10.05.2023, later in the afternoon, a person by name Shivamurthy entered Booth No. 40 (Critical Booth), 215-Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency in Mysuru City to cast his vote. All of a sudden, he threw the control unit of EVM on the floor and damaged it. The Polling officers immediately replaced the control unit within 30 minutes and voting continued without any disruptions. Accused has been taken into custody by the Police and further Legal action has been initiated.

c) Brief note on Tokara Incident,

In Tokara Village (MM Hills), 221-Hanur Assembly Constituency in Chamrajnagara district, a person by name Puttaswamy s/o Puttegowda, 44 years, was returning after casting his vote, at around 02:45 to 03:00 PM when he was attacked and killed by an Elephant near Matarahalli Village, Ramapura polling station. Body has been shifted to Hanur Govt Hospital, legal action follows.

2. Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):

- a) EVM/VVPAT- Total **62,988** BUs, **58,545** CUs, **58,545** VVPATs were used in the **58,545** polling stations. The details of Reserve units are BU-**13,242**, CU-**12,371** and VVPAT- **18,559**
- b) Total BU and CU replaced during Mock Poll were **144 (0.23%)** and **207 (0.35%)** respectively which is of total EVMs (**62,988** BUs & **58,545** CUs) used.
- c) Total VVPATs replaced during Mock Poll was **504** which is **0.86%** of total VVPATs **58,545** used.
- d) The EVM replacements during the actual poll
 - i. BU **184 (0.29%)**
 - ii. CU **171 (0.29%)**
 - iii. VVPAT **1,588 (2.71%)**

3. Expenditure Management

a) Seizures:

| Seizure | KGLAE - 2023 (from 29.03.2023 to 09.05.2023) Reported on 10.05.2023 | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | Quantity | Value (Rs. In crore) |
| Cash | | 153.17 |
| Freebies and others | | 24.26 |
| Liquor | 22,62,855.63 ltrs | 84.93 |
| Drugs/Narcotics | 1,995.75 Kgs | 24.03 |
| Precious metals - Gold | 182.28 Kgs | 93.28 |
| Precious metals - Silver | 691.94 Kgs | 4.79 |
| Total | | 384.46 |

4. Voter Turnout figures

| KARNATAKA GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| POLL PERCENTAGE | | | | |
| Sl. No. | DISTRICT | 2023 (Tentative) | 2018 | 2013 |
| 1 | BELAGAVI | 76.33 | 76.16 | 74.67 |
| 2 | BAGALKOT | 74.63 | 75.30 | 74.30 |
| 3 | BIJAPUR | 70.78 | 69.90 | 66.33 |
| 4 | GULBARGA | 65.22 | 63.73 | 64.13 |
| 5 | YADGIR | 66.66 | 66.17 | 65.12 |
| 6 | BIDAR | 71.66 | 68.17 | 66.71 |
| 7 | RAICHUR | 69.79 | 65.99 | 65.18 |
| 8 | KOPPAL | 77.25 | 76.60 | 73.90 |
| 9 | GADAG | 75.21 | 75.34 | 73.17 |
| 10 | DHARWAD | 71.02 | 71.34 | 67.61 |
| 11 | UTTARA KANNADA | 76.72 | 78.51 | 74.20 |
| 12 | HAVERI | 81.17 | 80.85 | 80.36 |
| 13 | VIJAYANAGARA | 77.62 | 77.53 | 76.99 |
| 14 | BELLARY | 76.13 | 73.15 | 72.40 |
| 15 | CHITRADURGA | 80.37 | 81.31 | 77.22 |
| 16 | DAVANAGERE | 77.47 | 75.67 | 75.68 |
| 17 | SHIMOGA | 77.22 | 78.54 | 75.89 |
| 18 | UDUPI | 78.46 | 79.33 | 76.65 |
| 19 | CHIKKMAGALUR | 77.89 | 78.82 | 76.02 |
| 20 | TUMKUR | 83.46 | 82.43 | 79.78 |
| 21 | CHIKABALLAPUR | 85.83 | 84.80 | 84.06 |
| 22 | KOLAR | 81.22 | 82.21 | 82.06 |
| 23 | BANGALORE URBAN | 56.98 | 56.92 | 62.03 |
| 24 | BANGALORE Rural | 83.76 | 84.38 | 82.93 |
| 25 | B.B.M.P (NORTH) | 52.88 | 53.47 | 56.58 |
| 26 | B.B.M.P (CENTRAL) | 55.39 | 55.18 | 57.71 |
| 27 | B.B.M.P (SOUTH) | 52.80 | 51.98 | 55.04 |
| 28 | RAMANAGARAM | 84.98 | 84.97 | 83.28 |
| 29 | MANDYA | 84.36 | 83.25 | 78.42 |
| 30 | HASSAN | 81.59 | 82.07 | 79.21 |
| 31 | DAKSHINA KANNADA | 76.15 | 78.14 | 74.82 |
| 32 | KODAGU | 74.74 | 75.25 | 73.34 |
| 33 | MYSORE | 75.04 | 74.51 | 72.39 |
| 34 | CHAMARAJNAGAR | 80.81 | 82.94 | 79.16 |
| Total | | 72.67 | 72.44 | 71.83 |

I would like to compliment, especially, youth and gender for their enthusiastic participation and coming out with a record turnout in this election. I specially compliment persons with disabilities and senior citizens who despite their difficulties took the pain on using their franchise. I also compliment the role of volunteers in helping voters at polling stations.