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Press Note

Total Electors including service electors in the state as per 2018 final rolls are 4,96,82,351 as compared to 4,36,85,739 in 2013. There is 9% increase in the total voters. The male voters are 2,52,05,820 in 2018 as compared to 2,23,15,727 in 2013, the female voters are 2,44,71,979 in 2018 as compared to 2,13,67,912 in 2013. The transgender voters are 4,552 in 2018 as compared 2100 in 2013.

Awareness about the importance of electoral participation is being created among voters in the state through Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP). It is expected that the voter turnout would cross 75%.

Votes polled in 2013.

During 2013 election held to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, 3,13,81,136 votes were polled including 1,97,610 postal ballot. Out of the 3,12,13,124 total votes polled in polling stations, 1,61,55,714 were of male voters and 1,50,57,361 were of female voters. The total percentage of votes polled during 2013 was 71.45%. The percentage among male voters was 72.40% and female voters 70.4% and 2% in case of transgender.

There are 15,42,000 young voters in the age group of 18-19 years in 2018 as compared to 7,18,000 in 2013. The young voters ratio has increased from 1.16% to 2.20% Gender ratio increased from 958 to 972 in the same period. EP Ratio remained same.

Polling Stations:

Due to increase in the voters, the Number of polling stations has also increased from 52,034 to 56,696 from 2013 to 2018. Additional 1,850 Auxiliary polling stations are being established during 2018. There are 56,696 BLOs in place one for each polling station.

EVM/VVPAT Machines

Following EVM and VVPAT machines will be used for Karnataka Assembly Elections, 2018:

Sl. No.	Machine	Number
1	BU	87819
2	CU	73185
3	VVPAT	76110

Poll Personnel:

A total of 3,56,552 polling personnel are required for 2018 Karnataka Assembly Elections.

Model Code of Conduct:

There will be 1361 MCC teams, 1503 Static Surveillance teams, 1542 Flying squads and 1097 Check posts for 2018.

Law and Order

- (1) Police is directed to execute all pending 42,815 Non Bailable warrants (NBWs) immediately.
- (2) ARMS
There are 92,867 licensed arms, out of which 31,227 arms have been deposited. 15 illegal arms have been seized.
- (3) Preventive actions
Under Section 107 CrPC 29,030 cases have been registered, 15,405 interim bonds have been taken.
- (4) Election cases of previous elections:
1096 Previous election cases are pending in various courts.
- (5) 16,046 litres of illicit liquors is seized by the Police Department.
- (6) Excise Department seized 1,292 litres of liquor.

Complaints

A total of 7010 complaints were received, 6,825 cases are disposed of. Out of which 136 cases are found true.

STATE'S NEW IT AND OTHER INITIATIVES

- GPS based vehicle tracking of flying squads
- GIS enabled complete database of polling station and digital maps
- Digital Atlas of all polling station areas and assembly constituency
- Persons with Disability complete mapping of voters and their requirements and making available all required facilities including wheel chair booking
- Transfer facilitation and certification system for ensuring code of conduct regarding transfer and posting of officers involved in elections.
- SMS based Polling Station Address Search
- App Based Polling Station Access and navigation
- Queue status facility on poll day for few polling stations with higher voter population.
- Web casting 3000 to 6000 polling station based on feasibility
- Integration of election monitoring facilities under one platform
- GIS based tracking and swift intervention on critical complaints.
- Special Drive to register excluded groups like Primitive Tribes and Nomadic Tribes. Some special polling stations with ethnic look in Primitive Tribal Areas will be established on pilot basis.
- Training and Awareness Programme on EVM, VVPAT for Media, Political Parties and judiciary across state.
- Extensive SVEEP activities with young voters resulting in doubling of number of young voters from 7.18 lakhs in 2013 Assembly Election to 15.42 lakh in 2018.
- Extensive SVEEP activities for women and substantial improvement of gender ratio to 972 (2018) from 958 (2013)
- Extensive SVEEP activities for urban voters to increase urban voting percentage.
- Sri. Rahul Dravid as a state election Icon
- Sri. Yograj Bhat, Film and Music Director, who is regarded as Bhupen Hazarika of Karnataka making a "Title song" 2018, Karnataka Election Anthem and also being a state Icon.
- Some of the persons with Disabilities who are employees of government participating in certain selected polling station as polling staff for the first time.
- 450 all women polling stations will be set up.
