



STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, KARNATAKA



Milestones

1993

- 20th April 93-Implementation of 73rd Amendment of the Constitution of India
- 15th June 93-Karnataka Panchayat Raj (Conditions of Service of State Election Commissioner) Rules 1993 (came into force with effect from 20-05-1993)
- 26th May 93-Constitution of State Election Commission and Sri P.S. Nagarajan, MS (Retd.), assumed the charge as first State Election Commissioner
- 6th July 93-Sanction of various posts to State Election Commission and establishment of State Election Commission office
- 1st June 93-Implementation of 74th Amendment of the Constitution of India
- December 93-General Elections to all Grama Panchayats in the state

1994

- Model code of conduct order
- The Election symbols (Reservation and allotment) order

1995

- General elections to all Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats in the state

1996

- General elections to all Urban Local Bodies in the state

1997

- Sri G.Murthyappa, MS (Retd.), assumed the charge as 2nd State Election Commissioner on 18-08-1997

1999

- Reservation of seats to all Grama Panchayats in the state

2000

- General elections to all Grama Panchayats in the state
- General elections to all Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats in the state

2001

- 3rd May 2001-General Elections to all City Corporations, City Municipal Councils, Town Municipal Councils and Town Panchayats in the state

2002

- Sri C.Chikkana, MS (Retd) assumed the charge as 3rd State Election Commissioner on 26-04-2002

2003

- submission of affidavit along with nomination papers order
- 25th June 2003-State Election Commission conducted National level All India State Election Commissioners Conference at Bengaluru.

2004

- Sri M.R Hegde, BA, LLB (Spl) has assumed the charge as 4th State Election Commissioner on 21-06-2004
- 21st Nov 2004-Adopted Assembly voters list part area as a whole as one multimember constituency of Grama Panchayat

2005

- Implementation of Candidates expenditure order in respect of Taluk Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats
- February 2005-Conduct of General Elections to all Grama panchayats
- April 2005-Delimitation of constituencies of Zilla and Taluka panchayats
- May 2005-Reservation of seats in Zilla and Taluka Panchayats.

- December 2005-Conduct of General Elections to all Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats

2006

- 28th Aug 2006-Issue of Karnataka State Election Commissioners (Conditions of Service) Rules 2006 by repealing earlier Karnataka Panchayat Raj (Condition of service of State Election Commissioner) Rules 1993
- 28th Aug 2006-Status of State Election Commissioner equated with the Judges of High Court

2007

- 28th Sept 2007-General Elections to 209 Urban Local bodies - City Corporations, City Municipal Councils, Town Municipal Councils, Town Panchayats of the state
- Delimitation work of Assembly and parliamentary constituencies of Karnataka state.

2009

- 24th June 2009-Sri C.R.Chikkamath, MS (Retd) has assumed the charge as 5th State Election Commissioner on 24-06-2009.
- 15th Oct 2009-Voters list ensuring voter to locate their ward and polling station was published on webportal during Bhruah Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike election and 20 lakh visited the webport.

2010

- 18th March 2010-order regarding formation of media committee to regulate election campaigning through electronic media in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike elections.
- 28th March 2010-General Elections to the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) by using EVMs 15500 BUs and 9500 CUs were purchased.
- 6th & 15th May 10- General Elections to all Grama Panchayats of the state in two phases.
- 28th May 2010-State Election Commission, Karnataka hosted the All India 13th State Election Commissioners conference at Bengaluru.
- 23rd July 2010-50% reservation to women in Rural local bodies came into effect through the amendment to Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act 1993 vide Notification Dated 23-07-2010
- 4th Oct 2010-promulgation of order by the state government dated 04-10-2010 restricting Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and OBC reservation to 50% without disturbing Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe quota in compliance to as per the order dated 11-05-2010 by Honble Supreme Court of India.
- 30th Oct 2010-State Election Commission issued notifications reserving the seats of Taluka Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat according to the amendments to Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act 1993 brought through Ordinance No.03/2010 restricting Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Backward Class A and Backward Class B to 50% and not less than 50% women in all the categories.
- 10th Dec 2010-order regarding formation of media committee to regulate election campaigning through electronic media during Taluka and Zilla Panchayat elections.
- 26th & 31st Dec 10 - General Elections to all the Zilla Panchayats and Taluk Panchayats in the state in two phases (two divisions at each phase). First time EVMs were introduced in all 2P & 1P Elections and for this purpose State Election Commission exclusively purchased 23000 BUs and 18000 CUs besides EVMs were also borrowed from Election Commission of India by procuring 51236 BUs and 37100 CUs from Orissa state and 20000 BUs from Delhi state.

KARNATAKA AT A GLANCE

LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENTS

Sl No	Division	Area in Sq. Km.	Population	No. Of Districts	BBMP	Municipal Corporations	City Municipal Councils	Town Municipal Councils	Town Panchayats	Zilla Panchayats	Taluk Panchayats	Grama Panchayats
I	Bengaluru Division	48854	22487785	9	1	1	15	23	14	9	52	1617
II	Mysore Division	43473	12564855	8	0	2	7	23	21	8	44	1918
III	Belgaum Division	54514	14791948	7	0	2	13	31	22	7	49	1493
IV	Gulbarga Division	44138	11288343	6	0	2	9	17	11	6	31	999

TOTAL SEATS AND RESERVATIONS

Local Body	Total No.	Total Seats/wards	Total Women Seats	Details Regarding Reservation							
				General		Scheduled Caste		Scheduled Tribe		Other Backward Class	
				Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
BBMP, Bengaluru	1	198	67	107	36	23	8	2	1	66	22
Corporations	7	381	128	206	67	36	12	12	7	127	42
City Municipal Council	44	1424	521	705	238	189	63	58	45	472	175
Town Municipal Council	94	2130	803	1005	335	259	100	131	94	735	274
Town Panchayat	68	1040	445	457	150	137	70	95	70	351	155
Zilla Panchayats	30	1013	539	516	265	186	100	86	53	225	121
Taluk Panchayats	176	3659	2018	1888	583	674	381	347	239	750	415
Grama Panchayats	5627	90643	39025	33839	13096	16864	7808	9849	6399	30091	11722
Total	6047	100488	43546	38723	15179	18368	8542	10589	6968	32917	12926

FORTH COMING ELECTIONS

Sl No	Division	Total	Election Due				
			2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1	BBMP, Bengaluru	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	Corporations	7	-	-	7	-	-
3	City Municipal Council	44	-	-	44	-	-
4	Town Municipal Council	94	-	-	94	-	-
5	Town Panchayat	68	-	-	65	3	-
6	Zilla Panchayats	30	-	-	-	-	30
7	Taluk Panchayats	176	-	-	-	-	176
8	Grama Panchayats	5627	76	17	12	5	5517
	Total	6047	76	17	222	8	5724

State Election Commissioner is a quasi judicial authority. Exercising the power under The Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act 1993 and The Karnataka Local Authorities (prohibition of defection Act) 1967 which provides powers to Commissioner to conduct the court cases related to :

1. Disqualification of members of GP, TP and ZP for using office for personal gains, absenting from the meeting for more than three consecutive times.
2. Disqualification of members to TP and ZP for Anti Defection activities.

The State Election Commission, Karnataka has been established on 26th May 1993 as per Article 243K of Constitution of India.

Hon'ble C.R. CHIKKAMATH is the present State Election Commissioner

IMPORTANT INITIATIVES

- USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE
- CODE OF CONDUCT
- EXPENDITURE LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES
- AFFIDAVIT/ DECLARATION REGARDING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES
- OBSERVERS
- WEBSITE
- ELECTION MATERIAL KITS
- DELIMITATION AND RESERVATION OF WARDS
- CONSTITUTION OF MEDIA COMMITTEE TO REGULATE CANVASING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEDIA
- TRAINING MANUALS
- E-VOTING - Committee is constituted to study E-voting



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