

The BJP government in the state has failed in all fronts. It has earned the name of 40 pc commission govt in the entire country

Priyank Kharge, Cong leader



Coffee themed polling booth at AV School in Madikeri | EXPRESS

ZP devises unique ways to make residents vote

Kodagu officials rope in auto drivers, nurses to create awareness

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

TO woo voters and increase voter turnout, the Kodagu Zilla Panchayat, supported by the district administration has come up with a unique initiative. Hoardings urging residents to compulsorily vote on May 10 will soon be installed across the district and they have been devised in a distinctive manner. Auto drivers, hospital nurses, doctors, sports enthusiasts, civic workers and inspiring commoners have all been chosen for the voting campaign by the Kodagu Zilla Panchayat.

These icons can connect closely to the citizens and they have been selected from all parts of the district. The icons have been clicked and message to vote is printed boldly beside the photograph, which will soon be planted across the district.

"We have selected commoners to campaign for the voting process and several 30 second videos have been shot and shared across social media urging everyone to vote. More such icons will be selected from all parts of the district and major hoardings will be placed to en-



sure that no one forgets the voting day," shared Akash, CEO of Kodagu ZP. The Zilla Panchayat has established a Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Committee (SVEEP) that has visited all the tribal settlements across the district.

"A total of 65 polling booths that recorded less than 65% voter turnout during the previous election have been identified and the SVEEP team was involved in collecting data on why the turnout was low," explained Akash. He added that each polling station had unique reasons and the SVEEP team is addressing the same. "For instance, polling booths with increased tribal voters had less voter turnout. When the SVEEP

team inquired, the tribes shared that they were unable to vote as they left for jobs outside the district. However, this time, we are creating awareness and ensuring that the tribes vote on May 10," he added.

Meanwhile, a drawing competition will be hosted at the popular tourist spot of Raja Seat in Madikeri and a bike rally will be hosted in the city on April 16. The two events aim to create awareness on the electoral process even as the best drawings promoting voting activity are likely to be digitized to convert them into hoardings. The SVEEP team is also identifying voters above 80 years who missed the electoral process previously and are urging them to take up postal vote facilities. Further, to attract residents to the polling booths, thematic polling stations have been readied. Forest themed polling booths at AV School in Madikeri, and Rangasamudra School in Kushalnagar taluk and tribal theme at Thithimathi polling station in Virajpet taluk have been readied with help from local drawing teachers. Sakhi Booths and other extended facility booths will also come up to woo residents to come vote.

CONGRESS USING AMBEDKAR FOR VOTE BANK POLITICS: DK BJP SC MORCHA

Mangaluru : Dakshina Kannada BJP SC Morcha president Vinayanetra Daddalkadu said that it's a matter of happiness that the party has given ticket to a woman in Sullia reserved constituency and they will work towards her victory. Addressing a press conference, Vinayanetra said that Congress was using B R Ambedkar for vote bank politics. "BJP has given dye recognition to Ambedkar through Panchatheertha scheme by developing his birth place. BJP also recognized Ambedkar's contribution by naming mobile application BHIM after Ambedkar," he said

Karkala: Cong suspense over ticket continues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

AS the Congress party is yet to finalise its candidate in Karkala assembly constituency, the battle lines are still not drawn in this segment. However, candidates have been announced for four constituencies of Udupi district for the fierce electoral battle on May 10. Both Congress and the BJP have played out caste equations well in selecting the candidates, with the BJP taking a step ahead to experiment with new faces in four constituencies, in similarity to what it

did in Dakshina Kannada in the 2018 assembly election. Congress on the other hand fielded two old war horses- Vinay Kumar Sorake and Gopal Poojary in Kaup and Byndoor respectively. With candidates beginning to file their nominations, enthusiasm among the cadre has electrified as the door-to-door campaign has also begun.

In Karkala, names of D R Raju, Manjunath Poojary and Muniyal Uday Kumar Shetty are doing rounds. However, former CM M Veerappa Moily who is a de facto high com-

mand in finalising the Congress candidate in Karkala is not favouring contractor Muniyal Uday Kumar Shetty. Another ticket aspirant Manjunath Poojary, a loyalist of M Veerappa Moily and that of the Congress party, has openly expressed his disapproval about any possibility of giving ticket to Uday Kumar Shetty.

"As per the party's decision, tickets will have to be given to an aspirant who applied for the ticket by depositing Rs 2 lakh towards KPCC building fund and Rs 5,000 as applica-

tion fee. Has Uday Kumar Shetty done it? Is he in the Congress?," Manjunath Poojary derided. Meanwhile, a leader in KPCC told TNIE that the party may go ahead to give a ticket in Karkala to a leader who has the winnability factor in his favour hinting that Muniyal Uday Kumar Shetty may be given a ticket.

Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council BK Hariprasad said the party's CEC will take a final call on candidate selection in Karkala. JDS declared candidates for all five assembly constituencies of Udupi district on Friday.



Prof N Chinmaswamy Sosale, Prof P Subrahmanya Yadapaditha and others at the 132nd birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar on Friday | EXPRESS

132nd birth anniversary of Ambedkar held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

"READING Dr B R Ambedkar is crucial to grasp the true meaning of India and Indians. If not India would have remained an impractical, traditional country that lacked intellectual knowledge," opined Prof N Chinmaswamy Sosale, Professor at Hampi Kannada University, Department of History.

Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 132nd birth anniversary celebration of 'Bharat Ratna' Dr B R Ambedkar at Mangala auditorium here on Friday, he said that true religion leads to equality and intuition. But today caste system is dominating the society which is posing as a threat to democracy. "Nationalism is knowing the problems of the country and finding solutions, and not remaining in a state of illusion, pretending that 'we are together,'" he added.

In his presidential speech, Mangalore University vice chancellor Prof P Subrahmanya Yadpadithaya said, "We should uphold the principles of Ambedkar in our words and actions," he said.

As part of the programme, the artists of Pampa Cultural and Social Centre, Bengaluru presented a social drama 'Ambedkar'. Dignitaries paid floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar's new bronze statue near the library.

New Mangalore Port receives first direct mainline container service

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

'MV HONG AN', the first direct main line vessel called to NMPA on Friday, post operationalisation of its dedicated container terminal. The regular service vessel will ply between the westbound rotation of Chittagong - Colombo - Mangaluru - Nava Sheva - Mundra; and the eastbound leg to Jebel Ali - Khalifa Port.

It's the only direct service for Indian exporters to Jebel Ali and Abu Dhabi with

seamless connections to USA, Europe, South East Asia and Africa. Dr A V Ramana, chairman, NMPA inaugurated the first Direct Mainline Service from New Mangalore Port. The mainline service will lead to more sea route options, but it can also seamlessly connect cargoes for air transfers from Dubai to destinations in Europe and USA. Transit time will be reduced to half. By avoiding the transshipment, the trade will enjoy better ocean freight cost for their shipments.

Deputy Commissioner & District Election Office, Dharwad-580001. 13-04-2023. (Corrigendum). Please refer public notice page number 5 of this paper published on 14-4-2023. In column 2 Navalgund constituency number should be read as 69 instead of 169.

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2 rowdy-sheeters' entry banned in Kodagu

Madikeri: Ahead of the assembly polls, the Kodagu police have banned two residents with criminal records as a precautionary measure. Rowdy-sheeters Lokesh and Sujith who are residents of Madikeri have been exiled. Lokesh has six cases of crime and Sujith has five cases including an attempt to murder case against him. As a precautionary measure ahead of the polls, the two have been exiled. Madikeri town police SI Srinivas said that Lokesh has been exiled to Udupi district and Sujith to Chamarajanagar for three months.

MIA reiterates commitment to safety with Fire Service Week

Mangaluru: Mangaluru International Airport observed 'Fire Service Week' with a scheduled simulated demonstration for stakeholders in front of the administrative office of the airport on Friday. The Aerodrome Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) unit of the airport highlighted the theme of this year's week, 'Awareness in Fire Safety for Growth of National Infrastructure' in the demonstration held. "We will further train 1,700-odd stakeholders at the airport; airline/airport staff, ground handlers, and customs in the essentials of firefighting in the next one year," the airport spokesperson said.

MGM College gets A+ grade by NAAC

Udupi: The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) accredited the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udupi, with A+ Grade in the IV Cycle of accreditation. The college has secured a CGPA of 3.36 out of 4. The grade was announced by NAAC on April 11, 2023 and will be valid up to April 10, 2028. MGM College was established in 1949 by Dr T M A Pai as the first college of Udupi district. The assessment and accreditation process carried out by the NAAC in two phases has recognized the academic excellence, cultural vibrancy, and overall progress of the college. This grade A+ with 3.36 CGPA by NAAC is considered to be a remarkable achievement as earlier.

NITK Surathkal celebrates Ambedkar Jayanthi

Mangaluru: To celebrate the 132nd birthday of Dr. B R Ambedkar, the SC/ST Cell of NITK Surathkal hosted a number of cultural and academic events at NITK campus. As a part of the event, a dedicated website for SC/ST cell (NITK) was launched, which will be a single gateway that provides all the information on numerous scholarships exclusively granted to SC/ST students. The chief guest was Dr Kumar Naik G, Joint Commissioner (Enforcement), West Zone, Department of Commercial Tax, Mangal

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