## **DK registers 77.3% polling,** 0.4% less than 2018 election

## Belthangady Segment Records Highest Turnout At 82.7%

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Mangaluru: Dakshina Kannada district registered 77.3% polling in the assembly election held on Wednesday, with four constituencies recording more than 80% turnout. The percentage of polling in Dakshina Kannada in 2018 was 77.7%.

## DANCE OF DEMOCRACY

While Belthangady constituency recorded 82.7% polling, the turnout in Bantwal, Puttur and Sullia were 81.3%, 81.1% and 80.4%, respectively Mangaluru City South, which includes the majority of the Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) wards, recorded the lowest voter turnout of 65.9%, against 68.2% in 2018. As per the statistics released by the Election Commission, Moodbidri has recorded 77.4% polling, Mangaluru City North registered



SECURED: Security personnel guard EVMs at NITK Surathkal

73.83% and Mangaluru constituency recorded 77.9% polling this year. All the polled EVMs have reached strongrooms at NITK Surathkal, late in the night on Wednesday, which will be guarded by central paramilitary force personnel.

De-mustering process was completed at the SDM PU College in Ujire, Mahaveera College in Moodbidri, Rosario Institution in Mangaluru, Canara High School in Urwa, department of humanities at Mangalore Uni-

versity, Infant Jesus English and Kannada Medium School at Modankaup , Vivekananda English Medium School in Tenkila and Nehru Memorial College in Sullia.

Prohibitory orders imposed

DC Ravi Kumar MR has imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC to maintain law and order in Dakshina Kannada district during counting of votes on Saturday.

Votes from the polled

EVMs of Belthangady, Moodbidri, Mangaluru City North, Mangaluru City South, Mangaluru, Bantwal, Puttur and Sullia constituencies will be counted at NITK Surathkal. The DC said that the prohibitory orders will be in force from 5 am to midnight on Saturday.

More than five people are not allowed to gather or hold processions and carry weapons, including explosives. Exhibiting or burning effigies, shouting slogans, using musical instruments and provoking others have been banned, the DC said, adding that the prohibitory orders do not apply for weddings and funerals.

78.6% polling in Udupi

Udupi district has recorded 78.6% polling in the assembly election. As per the revised poll data, 77.9% polling was recorded in Byndoor constituency, 78.9% in Kundapur, 75.9% in Udupi, 79.4% in Kaup and 81.3% polling registered in Karkala constituency.