

Counting of votes: Prohibitory orders clamped in Udupi district

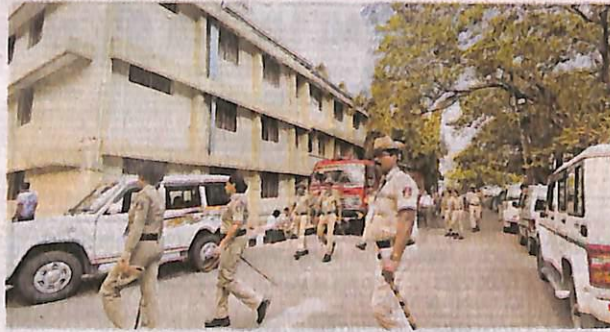
The process of vote-counting will begin at 8 a.m. at NIT-K Surathkal and at St. Cecily's Education Institute in Udupi

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The counting of votes, cast in the Assembly elections held on Wednesday, will begin at the National Institute of Technology - Karnataka (NIT-K) at Surathkal in Dakshina Kannada and at St. Cecily's Education Institute at Brahmagiri in Udupi from 8 a.m. on Saturday.

In all, 13 constituencies, eight in Dakshina Kannada and five in Udupi district, went to the polls on Wednesday. Of 95 candidates on the fray, 60 candidates were in Dakshina Kannada and 35 candidates were in Udupi district.

Prohibitory orders have been clamped in the entire Udupi district till midnight of Saturday, in view of the counting. The orders are in



A large number of police personnel have been deployed at the vote-counting centre at NIT-K Surathkal, near Mangaluru, on Friday.
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place in Surathkal, Kavoor, Bajpe, Moodbidri and Mangaluru Rural Police Station limits in Dakshina Kannada.

Addressing press persons in Udupi on Friday, Udupi Deputy Commissioner M. Kurma Rao said that none will be allowed to carry mobile phones inside the counting centres. In case, if anybody is found

with mobile phone, they will be arrested.

He said that the counting of votes cast in five Assembly constituencies in the district will be held in total 81 rounds.

The votes of Byndoor constituency will be held in 18 rounds, Kundapura constituency in 16 rounds, Udupi in 17 rounds, Kaup and Karkala constituencies



Deputy Commissioner M. Kurma Rao, speaking at a press conference, in Udupi on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

in 15 rounds each. The counting will be conducted in eight rooms.

After every round of counting, the result will be announced on a loudspeaker for the information of people gathered outside the counting centre, he said.

Mangaluru Police Commissioner Kuldeep Kumar R. Jain said that the parking of vehicles on the national highway 66 and its service roads from Supreme Mahal Community

Hall to NIT-K Toll Gate in Surathkal has been banned from 6 a.m. till the counting gets over.

People coming to the counting centre from Mulky and Mangaluru will have to park their four-wheelers near NIT-K quarters.

The two-wheelers will have to be parked at NIT-K English Medium School grounds or at the designated parking place near Tadambail Sadashiva Maha Ganapathi Temple.