

Campaigning ends

Nashik prepares for polling day

NASHIK: Public campaigning for the Assembly General Election in Nashik district concluded at 6 PM on Monday, November 18, signaling the start of a critical 48-hour silence period before voting day on November 20. All preparations for the polls have been finalized, with voting scheduled to take place between 7 AM and 6 PM tomorrow.



District Collector and Election Officer Jalaj Sharma has urged voters to exercise their democratic right by

participating in the election. Speaking at a press conference, Sharma, along

with Resident Deputy Collector Rajendra Wagh

and Sub-District Election Officer Shashikant Mangarule, emphasized the importance of adhering to the Model Code of Conduct and highlighted measures to ensure free, fair, and transparent elections.

To maintain law and order, a dry day has been declared from November 18, 6 PM, until the close of polling on November 20.

Additionally, all excise licenses in Nashik will remain suspended on November 23, the day votes are counted.

Security measures

To ensure elections are conducted in a free and fearless environment, special flying squads and static surveillance teams are on high alert. These teams, along with Central Security Force personnel, are monitoring for illegal activities such as the distribution of money, liquor, or gifts. Citizens have been encouraged to report violations through the C-Vigil mobile app.

Strict rules during 'silence period'

- ❖ No campaigning: No public meetings, rallies, or processions related to the election can be held until polling concludes.
- ❖ No election broadcasts: Cinema halls, television, and similar platforms are prohibited from displaying election-related material during this period.
- ❖ Loudspeaker use restricted: The use of loudspeakers for election purposes is prohibited during the silence period.
- ❖ Constituency access: Political workers and campaigners from outside the constituency are banned from entering areas where they are not voters.
- ❖ No opinion polls or surveys: Publishing or broadcasting results of opinion polls or election surveys is strictly prohibited. Violators may face legal consequences under Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Resources

- ❖ - Polling stations: A total of 4,922 polling stations across 15 constituencies have been set up.
- ❖ - Polling teams: Each team includes a Presiding Officer, three Polling Officers, a constable, and a police officer.
- ❖ - Staffing: 27,071 personnel, including 24,610 active staff and 2,461 reserves, have been appointed for the election.
- ❖ - Voting Equipment: The district will use 7,026 Ballot Units (BU), 5,899 Control Units (CU), and 6,391 Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) devices.
- ❖ - Transportation: 511 buses, 91 mini-buses, and 1,017 jeeps have been arranged to transport polling officers and equipment to the designated stations.
- ❖ - Distribution of election materials to polling teams is underway today, November 19, from the distribution centers in respective constituencies.



For resolution of your complaints against RBI Regulated Entities (RE)* follow these steps



1

Lodge your complaint first with the RE

2

Get acknowledgement/reference number

3

If no resolution is received from the RE in 30 days or you are not satisfied with it, you may file your complaint with the RBI Ombudsman on RBI's CMS portal (cms.rbi.org.in) or by post to CRPC**



Filing complaints directly with the RBI Ombudsman may lead to rejection.



For more details, visit <https://rbikehtahai.rbi.org.in/ios>
For feedback, write to rbikehtahai@rbi.org.in

*Banks, Non-Banking Finance Companies, Payment System Participants, Prepaid Instruments, Credit Information Companies **CRPC: Reserve Bank of India, Sector 17, Chandigarh-160017.



Issued in public interest by
भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
www.rbi.org.in

