

Photos for voter ID cards to go online

Bangalore, April 17: The election commission will introduce online photography to facilitate speedy processing of voter identity cards in June, the joint chief electoral officer, Mr N. Kshetrapal, said here on Saturday. He was speaking at a function organised to launch an information campaign on the impending summary revision of electoral rolls in the state, reports our correspondent.

According to Mr Kshetrapal, voters who have received identity cards with incorrect information can exchange them for new ones from the office of the nearest returning officer. "The summary revision will be conducted between April 20 and May 20. As it is a summary revision, voters are required to check if their names are included in the electoral rolls or if any mistakes have occurred in their cards," he said. "This time, we have stored names of the 3.75 crore voters in Karnataka on CD-Roms and will issue computer printouts to all returning officers. Voters will have to check if their names are in the rolls," he explained.

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If a voter's name is not included in the rolls, he is required to fill in details on Form 6 issued by the election commission. "The form has undergone changes and will facilitate entry of correct details in the identity cards," he announced.

To make sure all voters get a chance to check the electoral rolls, April 24, April 25, May 8 and May 9 have been declared public holidays, he announced.

Meanwhile, Public Affairs Centre and Swabhiman, two public service organisations have launched an intensive programme to educate the public on the impending summary revisions. Three major cable networks in the city and several cinemas will broadcast public service messages on the summary revision and the organisations will operate a helpline between 10.30 am and 5.30 pm from April 19 to 25 for clarifications on the summary revision. The public can call 5525452 during these days for details.