



ECI to decide re-polling day for Margao in Goa

Panaji, Feb. 5, 2017 -- The Election Commission of India (ECI) will take the final decision on scheduling the re-polling day for the polling station no. 8 of Margao constituency of South Goa. Re-polling was recommended in the station as voting was cancelled due to faulty procedure. Earlier in the day, the Goa assembly elections saw a record voter turnout of 83 percent. It was also said that for the first time, 100 percent use of electronically transmitted postal ballot system was done...

This Goa election, parties hedge their votes on thriving casinos



Panaji, Jan. 25, 2017 -- On any given night at Strike, Goa's newest casino in a cavernous gilded basement of a luxury hotel, a lissome Russian dealer slides playing cards out of a custom-made plastic contraption and places them face down...

Goa polls: EC decides to depute all-women election observers' team in state



New Delhi, Jan. 25, 2017 -- Election is serious business, and Goa is too much fun, which can distract men from the job at hand. So, the Election Commission has decided to send an all-woman team of observers to the coastal state that votes on February 4.

PARTIES' PROMISES

Goa polls: 250 candidates in fray for 40 seats



Panaji, Jan. 23, 2017 -- After scrutiny and withdrawal of nominations, 250 candidates are left in fray for Goa's 40 assembly seats, where elections are going to be held on fourth of February.

22 candidates have withdrawn their nominations. Out of 405 nominations, 272 had withstood the scrutiny earlier.

There is significant increase in the number of contestants compared to 215 of the last assembly elections in 2012.

The Congress is contesting on 37 seats, NCP on 16 and the MGP-GSM-Shiv Sena alliance has fielded 26 candidates.

The Aam Aadmi Party has fielded the maximum candidates in 39 constituencies.

We dream of a Goa free from drugs, crime and sexual predators: Congress

Panaji, Feb. 1, 2017 -- Announcing the Congress' vision for Goa ahead of the upcoming polls, party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala asserted that grand old party is aiming to ensure Goa becomes free from the menace of drugs, crimes and the perils of sexual predators.

Goa election: PM Modi says will make state the most comfortable place

Panaji, Jan. 28, 2017 -- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an election rally in Goa's capital Panjim on Saturday ahead of the state assembly election, slated for February 4. The Goa rally came a day after the PM addressed a public meeting in Punjab's Jalandhar to muster support for ruling Shiromani Akali Dal-Bharatiya Janata Party (SAD-BJP) coalition, which is battling anti-incumbency after 10 years of rule.

Kejriwal pitches for corruption free AAP in Goa

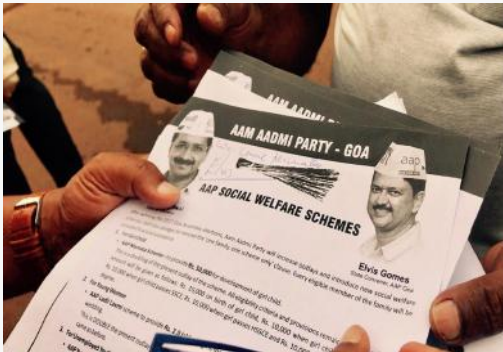
New Delhi, Oct. 27, 2016 -- Pitching for corruption free Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) regime in Goa, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Thursday said that achievements could be seen on the ground. "Corruption in the work of Delhi government have been stopped, since we came to power like the 315 crores flyover has been completed in 200 crores.

Shiv Sena returns to basics in Goa to widen its national footprint

India, Jan. 29, 2017 -- The Shiv Sena, for the first time since Bal Thackeray expressed his desire to go national in the mid-1990s, is sitting pretty in Goa. For the first time the party, in alliance with Subhash Velingkar's Goa Suraksha Manch -- a breakaway group of the RSS -- and the Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party...

OPINIONS

Mindless activism is the root of Goa's political stasis



India, Feb. 6, 2017 -- Contemplating the election just completed in Goa, my mind wandered to a Sunday afternoon a few years ago. At lunch in a friend's place near Panjim, I found myself...

Voting for candidates, not parties: Why Goa witnessed record turnout this time



Panaji, Feb. 7, 2017 -- Goa saw a record voter turnout of 82.23% on Saturday, with people thronging polling booths to participate in a four-cornered political battle for power.

HIGHLIGHTS

Goa elections: BJP rides on Manohar Parrikar's image, development plank

Panaji, Feb. 3, 2017 -- Nilesh Gaonkar of Caurem village was on his way to work when he was hit by an iron rod six years ago. The 23-year-old Goan, then leading an agitation against mining companies...

'BJP in Goa has become completely corrupt': RSS rebel leader in Q&A with HT

Panaji, Jan. 12, 2017 -- Subhash Velingkar spent 55 years in the RSS before he was expelled in 2016. He is now the coordinator of the three-party alliance of his Goa Suraksha Manch (GSM)...

Battle for Goa: Parrikar casts his vote, says BJP will win with two-third majority

Panaji, Feb. 4, 2017 -- With the Assembly Election polling for 40 seats underway in Goa, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar cast his vote early on Saturday morning here and expressed his confidence...

Assembly elections: In Goa, BJP banks on split in opposition votes

Panaji, Feb. 3, 2017 -- The BJP, which has been in power for five years in Goa, is hoping for a split in opposition votes to bring it back to power. The coastal state is for the first time seeing a multi-cornered...

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Women in a queue to cast their vote at a polling booth in Goa.

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