

Five Independent candidates file nominations on day one

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The filing of nominations for the July 10 byelection to the Vikravandi Assembly constituency began on Friday, with five Independent candidates submitting their papers.

While the candidates of major political parties, including the ruling DMK, did not file their nominations on the first day, Independent candidates started arriving at the taluk office in Vikravandi to do so.

Agni Aalvar, of Pennagaram in Dharmapuri district, was the first to file his nomination. Wearing a garland of currency notes in the denomination of ₹20 to ₹500, Mr. Aalvar flummoxed election officials when he paid the deposit of ₹10,000 in coins. Returning Officer M. Chandrasekhar deployed officials to count the coins. It took them more than 30 minutes to complete the task.



An Independent candidate filing his nomination with the Returning Officer for the Vikravandi Assembly constituency on Friday.

Then came 'Election King' K. Padmarajan, whose name figures in the Limca Book of World Records as the most unsuccessful candidate in elections. Mr. Padmarajan, who has been contesting in elections across the country for the past 35 years, filed his nomination for the 242nd time.

Rajendiran, an Independent candidate from Tiruchi, appeared before the Returning Officer with a garland of debit and credit cards, and asked the offi-

cial to use them to withdraw the deposit amount. However, the Returning Officer rejected his request, following which the candidate filed his papers and left.

Noor Mohammed, of Coimbatore, and Ramesh, of Namakkal, also filed their nominations.

The last date for the filing of nominations is June 21. The nominations will be scrutinised on June 24. Candidates can withdraw their nominations till June 26.

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PMK will contest in Vikravandi: BJP; NTK announces candidate

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Chennai/Villupuram: PMK, a constituent of National Democratic Alliance (NDA), would contest the Vikravandi bypoll scheduled on July 10, said BJP state president K Annamalai.

Annamalai in a press release on Friday said leaders of all constituent parties of the NDA had unanimously decided that PMK would contest the Vikravandi bypoll.

Meanwhile, Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) has fielded

homeopathy doctor Abinaya Ponnivalavan, 28, as its candidate for the bypoll. NTK chief coordinator Seeman made an announcement in this regard on Friday.

DMK has already fielded Anniyur Siva as its candidate for the Vikravandi constituency.

AIADMK and DMDK which fought the LS polls together but did not win even a single seat are yet to decide which party would contest the bypoll. The seat fell vacant after DMK MLA N Pu-

gazhenthii, 69, died in April this year after a prolonged illness.

Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) has formed an 18-member election committee to evolve strategies for the victory of its alliance partner DMK's candidate in the bypoll, said TNCC president K Selvaperunthagai. The committee included former TNCC presidents K V Thangabalu, E V K S Elangovan, M Krishnasamy, Su Thirunavukkarasar and KS Alagiri.

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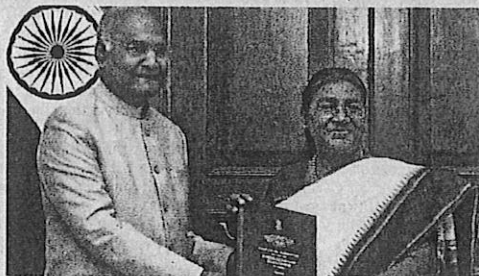
Law Ministry's push to table report on simultaneous polls

Plans afoot to get Cabinet nod for 'one nation, one election' as part of 100-day agenda

NEW DELHI: The Union Law Ministry plans to place before the Cabinet the report of the high-level committee on 'one nation, one election' "at the earliest" as part of the 100-day agenda of the Legislative Department, sources said on Friday.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had directed all union ministries and departments to draw up a 100-day agenda for the next government.

The high-level committee on 'one nation, one election', headed by former president Ram Nath Kovind, submitted its report to President Droupadi Murmu on March 15, recommending simul-



Former President and chief of the panel Ramnath Kovind submitting the report to President Droupadi Murmu (file)

taneous elections for Lok Sabha and state assemblies as the first step followed by synchronised local body polls within 100 days.

The panel had proposed setting up an 'Implementation Group' to look into the execution of the recommendations.

Simultaneous polls will help save resources, spur development and social cohesion, deepen "foundations of the democratic rubric" and help realise the aspirations of "India, that is Bharat", the panel had said.

It has recommended preparation of a common electoral roll and voter ID cards by the Election Commission in consultation with state election authorities.

At present, the Election Commission of India is responsible for Lok Sabha and assembly polls, while polls for municipalities and panchayats are managed by state election commissions.

The panel has recommended 18 constitutional amendments, most of which will not need ratification by State Assemblies.

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அமெரிக்கா பாராட்டு

வாஷிங்டன், ஜூன்.15- இந்திய நாடாளுமன்ற தேர்தல், வரலாற்றில் எந்த நாட்டிலும் நடந்ததை விட மிகப்பெரிய தேர்தல் என்று அமெரிக்கா பாராட்டு தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

மிகப்பெரிய தேர்தல்

அமெரிக்க வெளியுறவுத் துறை செய்தித்தொடர்பாளர் மாத்யு மில்லர் நிருபர்களுக்கு பேட்டி அளித்தார்.

அப்போது இந்திய நாடாளுமன்ற தேர்தல் குறித்து அவரிடம் கேட்கப்பட்டது. அதற்கு அவர் கூறியதாவது:-

இந்தியாவில் நடந்த தேர்தலை நாங்கள் கொண்டாடுகிறோம். வரலாற்றில் எந்த நாட்

டிலும், எந்த நேரத்திலும் நடந்ததை விட இதுதான் மிகப்பெரிய தேர்தல்.

இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

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ஆளும் பா.ஜனதா சார்பில் ஒரு முஸ்லிம் எம்.பி. கூட இடம் பெறவில்லையே? என்று நிருபர்கள் கேட்டனர். அதற்கு மாத்யு மில்லர் பதில் அளிக்க மறுத்து விட்டார்.

“இப்போது சொன்னதை தவிர, இந்திய தேர்தல் குறித்து எந்த கருத்தும் தெரிவிக்க மாட்டேன். அது வாக்காளர் பிரச்சினை. அதுபற்றி இந்திய மக்கள்தான் முடிவு செய்ய வேண்டும்” என்று அவர் கூறினார்.

United States of America appreciate the indian parliamentary elections as the biggest elections ever held in any country in history.