



DEO'S NOTE

Elections in Kerala has always been fought with great fanfare and conducted with still more importance. While election occur at times specified by statute and last only one day, they are the product of effects put forth throughout the year. The credibility of the election process hinges on the ability of election officials to conduct fair, impartial elections, free from error or fraud. Polling is not really the whole process; but it is the culmination of a long chain of events that predates the visible election phase by months if not an year. It is like the tip of an ice berg; where the chunk of the whole remains out of public views.

In the district the basic work for the General Election have started from the end of the year 2015. The whole work have been divided in to 3 main streams viz., Polling Stations and its rationalization; Electoral Roll finalization; EVM and its preparation.

Election Plan of Ernakulam has been prepared considering the significance and the changes involved in the election. District Administration has taken all effort to see that each and every phase of election has been done with utmost seriousness and diligence. Every care has been given to con-

duct the various tasks in election so as to instill a sense of fairness and transparency among public.

No election can be called a meaningful one if a good majority of people cast their votes. Every Election in a democratic society shall be weighed in relation to the participation of electors, more participation, more successful the election and more meaningful the democracy. In the district various measures have been planned to ensure maximum public participation. Enough care has been taken to see that all sections of society irrespective of cast or creed will be able to mark their franchise without fail. A well conceived police bandobust plan has been envisaged for the district. Techniques like web casting have been employed in sensitive areas. To ensure the smooth conduct of election, a close rapport has been maintained with all political institutions and medias in the district.

On the whole, district administration is totally prepared for the ensuing General Election. We look at the election with confidence derived out the hard core preparation made and look forward earnestly to lean more from the challenges and opportunities that every election brings in.