

Report on Rangpur City Corporation Eection-2012



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Democracywatch monitored the Rangpur City Corporation election on 20 December 2012. The three mobile team observed 47 centres among 178 centres.

The Observation of starting the casting of vote:

The vote casting was held in time at sharp 8 a.m in PTI school, on the other hand the vote casting could not be held at Lalkuthi Government Primary School just in time. The presiding officer of that concerned centre complained that due to the absence of polling agent it could not be started just in time, it is getting delayed. Another mobile team informed that the Keramatia high school and Mariumnnesa High school was just in time.

The Presence of Voters:

From the morning 8.45 upto 10 a.m total vote was 46 out of 2,455 in Arcedia International School centre, in 4 no booth of keranipara government primary school vote was casted 30 out of 300, in keramatia high school centre female booth no 4, vote was casted 50 out of 318, in male booth counter 73 was casted out of 336. At 10 am in the morning in Baktiarpur Government Primary school 2 no booth total vote was casted 62 out of 435 and in 1 no male booth of Mulitola Girls High School centre 92 vote was casted out of 330. In home economics government primary school at 9.20 am in the morning total vote was casted 2 out of 514 in booth no 6 and in 9 no vote 3 vote was casted out of 482. The voters presence was increasing in number from 11.00 am upto 12.30 noon in Keranihat high school,

Gilabari government primary school, Kamdevpur Governmnet Primary school, Baktarpur Government Primary School, Salema Girls High School, Social Welfare Biddyabithi School & College, Senpara Municipalty High School, Lions School & College, Shalbon Municipalty High School, International Grammer School centre, these were under the observance. From 1.10 pm upto 4 p.m, the number of voters were increasing along with the female voters in Dhap Chickli Vata Jam E Mosque, Khotkhotia High School, Nilkantha Forkania Madrasha (Seminaries), UCEF Municipal New Jummapara, New Jummapara Registrar Primary School, Government Commercial College, Government Begum Rokeya College, RCC I Public School & College, Shikhhangon High School, Government Girls School, Millenium Star School Centre as the daytime was increasing.

Vote Management:

In secret room of booth there was scarcity of enough light, which was one of the cause of mismanagement in the centres of Nilkantha Forkania Madrasha (Seminaries), Khotkhotia High School, Khotkhotia Government Primary School, Jaforganj Government Primary School, Hariram Piroj Forkania Madrasha & Monhor Government Primary School. Some of these centres, inspite of having electric light, the voters and the officials did face problem. The voters were facing problem in those centres of Government Commercial College where in room there was 2 booth and in Nilkantha Forkania Madrasha in 2 small rooms there were 4 booths, in Hariram Forkania Madrasha Centre in room there was 4 booth and in Monhor Government Primary School Centre in one small room there was 2 booths which did cause problem for the voters. In UCEF municipality the new voters had not been included in the list after the corrected version of the list and they could not cast their vote, their serial numbe was 19858552498000019 & 1985852498000002. In Shikhhangon High School centre voter Rubina Ahmed, Husband: Shakil Ahmed, ID No: 8524920120288 & in the same centre Shirin Akhter, Husband: Akhlak Ahmed, ID No: 8524920120287, observed that they had not been registered and in New Jumma Para Registrar Primary School centre Abdul majid, Father Jasimuddin, ID No- 8524908101496 & Manthana Primary School Centre Rup Banu, Husband: Abul Kashem, Id No: 8514923349234 & lucky Begum, Husband: Aminur Islam, ID No-8514923349906, they saw after coming that already their vote had been casted.

Presiding and Polling Officers did not allowed to vote common voters of new Jummapara Registered primary school, USEF Municipality New Jummapara School, Gilbari Govt. Primary school, Komdebpur Govt. Primary school, Heranihat Govt. Primary school centres as they missed to bring National Identity Card. The Presiding and polling Officers confessed their lacking claiming appropriate training when asked about Keranihat primary school Centre issue.

Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)

The objections which Democracywatch -Observers found while observing 3 EVM out of four centres of Ward No-11.

- Almost in every centre the voter told about insufficient orientation of EVM.
- Some of the female voters were not aware about the Voting system, so it got delayed due to insufficient knowledge about EVM. In those centres the polling officers went to the secret booth to make them understand.
- One male voter did not come to cast vote in fear of Electric Shock. He was convinced to come to the centre after a long discussion.

Election Equipment:

Equipments were sufficient in number in observed 47 centres. But ineffaceable ink's quality was questioned by many voters .Voters and polling officers said frequent dry up of ink was the main cause of this inconvenience.

Law & order situation:

Law and order situation was satisfactory in all centres. In every centre BGB, police, Battalion Anser, and VDP were visible on duty. The mobile police and the magistrates were also visible on duty.

According to DW's observation report, it says about the weak management, election was peaceful in Rangpur City Corporation through huge presence of voters. According to DW's observation, voter presence rate was approximately 75% Rangpur City Corporation in Election.