

**An Appeal :**

**We shouldn't let this Opportunity Slip from our Hands.....  
Let Karnataka not Slide back into Darkness....**

**To the Innumerable Humanistic Souls who, Like us, are Concerned  
about the Future of Karnataka, Especially to the Youth of this Land....  
with Confidence that you will take this Seriously...**

**Dear friends,**

The upcoming elections will decide whether our state will be able to breathe free and recover from the toxic suffocating atmosphere of today's Karnataka politics or not. Only a few days left.

In the last 4 years, Karnataka has seen the worst days in its post-independence history. The government that seized power even without people's mandate has brought only distress to this state. Double robbery of exchequer by double engine sarkar, unprecedented corruption, deadly price rise, daylight robbery in the name of education-health, series of acts making toiling people orphans, unemployment strangling the dreams of the youth, market stagnation, collapsed turnover, skyrocketing debts, rampant rape - repression and social conflicts, escalating inter-caste tensions, festering religious hatred- all these are the fruits of this government's rule.

There is a chance before the people of the state to bring Karnataka out of this catastrophic situation. Elections are coming. This extortionist government must go. Our main goal is this government must be defeated than who comes to power. And then we have to continue our struggle with the winning party for the restoration of the people's rights - this is the process of safeguarding democracy. This is very much essential for the future of the state and the people. This is a realistic and responsible duty before civil society of Karnataka today.

There is a large discontent among the people against the ruling party. There is a grave need to convert this discontent into political awareness. Civil society has to take up this task. Hence we cannot sit idle for a day. We must take up the task of preserving the state's identity, heritage, life and future. With a simple and popular narrative, we should convince the people - "Enough is enough, it is time to arise".

Now the good news is that preparations have started for an ethical civic campaign that can reach the people at the grass root level. This campaign will be launched under the name "Eddelu Karnataka" (Wake Up Karnataka).

Leaving aside the boundaries of party, organization, caste and religion, this campaign to save the state is a ray of hope. We must get involved in this campaign in

whatever manner we can. We heartily request you too to register and come forward to volunteer for the "Eddelu Karnataka" to save Karnataka.

Yours Truly

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Eddelu Karnataka (Wake Up Karnataka)

(Campaign against unprecedented corruption, against price rise, against hate politics, against extortion of masses, against making our proud Karnataka into a 2<sup>nd</sup> class state)