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## JD(S) supremo and two BJP candidates file nominations

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**Bengaluru:** JD(S) patriarch and former PM HD Deve Gowda on Tuesday filed his nomination papers as the party's candidate for the June 19 Rajya Sabha elections from Karnataka.

He was accompanied by his two sons, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy and former minister HD Revanna and state JD(S) chief HK Kumaraswamy. Gowda, 87, was assisted by two people to reach the first floor of Vidhana Soudha, where he filed his nomination. Social distancing went for a toss as party functionaries jostled to greet Gowda.

Later, speaking to reporters, Gowda thanked the Congress central leadership and members of several like-minded parties, who wanted him to contest and said he'd continue to work towards strengthening secular forces at the national level.

BJP workers Eranna Kadadi and Ashok Gasti also filed their nomination papers in the presence of chief minister BS Yediyurappa, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Katel, deputy CM Laxman Savadi, tourism minister CT Ravi and others. Veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge had filed his nomination paper on Monday.

Sangamesh Chikkanaragund, a 36-year-old BA graduate and agriculturist, filed his nomination papers as an Independent. However, sources said his candidature is likely to be rejected since he had not ensured 10 proposers, as required to make his nomination valid.



**LEADING THE WAY:** Chief minister BS Yediyurappa accompanies BJP RS candidates Eranna Kadadi and Ashok Gasti on Tuesday

## Assets of Gowda, Kharge rise over 40% in 15 months

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**Bengaluru:** The immovable assets of former PM HD Deve Gowda and Congress veteran Mallikarjun Kharge have increased over 40 per cent in the past 15 months since they contested the Lok Sabha polls, show the affidavits filed along with their nomination papers.

When he contested from Kalaburagi LS seat in March 2019, Kharge had declared family assets worth Rs 14 crore in his affidavit. The figure has gone up to Rs 20 crore now. The Congressman has declared liabilities of Rs 23 lakh in 2020 as compared to Rs 31 lakh in 2019. Interestingly, Kharge doesn't own any vehicle.

Gowda, on the other hand, has declared assets (including his wife Chennamma's) worth Rs 8.8 crore this year. In March

2019, when he unsuccessfully contested from Tumakuru LS seat, Gowda had declared assets worth Rs 6 crore. He has declared liabilities of Rs 98 lakh as of June 2020, with most loans in the name of his wife and received from his sons, daughters and even grandson, Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna. The former PM owns three ambassadors and two tractors.

Sources said the leaders' assets have grown mainly because of increase in land prices. For instance, land prices of Kharge's immovable assets in Gundagurti, Chittapur, which is in the vicinity of Kalaburagi airport, and value of his wife's ancestral village properties have grown exponentially. Similarly, the value of Gowda's property in Hassan, where a new house has been constructed, has also increased due to real-estate activities.