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Tension grips Kaveripura as BJP & JD(S) workers clash

BBMP BYPOLLS JD(S) City Chief Wields Steel Rod, Raises Eyebrows

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Bengaluru: BJP and JD(S) workers clashed during the BBMP bypolls in Kaveripura ward on Wednesday.

Both parties tried to attack one another, but timely intervention of cops ensured the situation remained in control. Police resorted to mild caning to disperse the mobs. Complaints and counter-complaints have been filed by both party workers.

The drama began at booth no. 7 in Muneshwarnagar around 12.30pm after BJP follower Gangamma had a verbal clash with JD(S) city president R Prakash, who asked her why she was canvassing for the BJP. The situation went out of control after Prakash allegedly slapped her 35-year-old brother, Rudresh.

Gangamma, 33, alleged that Prakash abused and assaulted her as well. She told TOI Prakash wasn't happy with her quitting the JD(S) to join the BJP.

BJP corporator Umesh Shetty and his supporters sought to reach the spot but police stopped them. The party said five of its workers



POLL RUCKUS: JD(S) city president R Prakash (left) claimed he carried the rod to show it to police. (Above) Cops resorted to mild caning in Kaveripura to disperse the mobs

44.7% VOTE IN SAGAYAPURAM, 39.5% IN KAVERIPURA

Sagayapuram and Kaveripura wards registered 44.7% and 39.5% polling, respectively, in the bypolls held on Tuesday.

Of the 49,237 voters in Kaveripura, 19,470 exercised their franchise (10,117 male and

9,353 female). Of the 31,928 voters in Sagayapuram ward, 14,310 cast their vote (7,009 male, 7,299 women and 2 others).

No untoward incidents were reported in Sagayapuram.

were assaulted and sustained injuries.

Prakash, a resident of Kaveripura ward, blamed the BJP for the ruckus, adding that he had only questioned outsiders' intervention in the election process. "I tried

to question them but two of our supporters were attacked with a steel rod, which was later thrown on the road. When I carried the rod to show it to police, my picture was circulated.

While Rudresh filed a

complaint against Prakash and others at Kamakshipalya police station, Prakash lodged one against corporator's Umesh Shetty and others. Police said they are trying to figure out how the steel rod reached the spot.