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The ruling BJP with 117 members in Legislative Assembly will easily win two seats as against one seat it currently holds. The counting of voters will be taken up at 5 p.m. on June 19. In the light of COVID-19, the commission has directed the Chief Secretary to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that containment measures are complied with during the conduct of elections.

While the ruling BJP is witnessing an internal strife of sorts as Belagavi strongman Umesh Katti has been pitching for his brother's candidature, the Congress and JD(S) could come to an understanding to ensure JD(S) retains its seat. Senior politicians from Karnataka, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and former Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha M. Mallikarjun Kharge are expected to be fielded by their respective parties.