

Malaysians In India Vote
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NEW DELHI, April 28 (Bernama) -- Malaysians in India came out to vote in three different locations, namely New Delhi, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) and Mumbai (Maharashtra).

In New Delhi, a total of 31 citizens are scheduled to vote, of which 23 are Malaysian High Commission staff and the rest are Malaysians residing in various places in North India.

Ghanaseharan Muniandy, who was among the early birds, said the government's initiative of enabling Malaysians residing overseas to vote was a move in the right direction.

"It enables me and the rest of Malaysians globally to exercise our democratic rights. Otherwise, many of us would have been left out," he told Bernama when met at the Malaysian High Commission here today.

He believed that Malaysia had come a long way, in terms of political maturity.

"The government has opened up and heard the people's call, which is good," said Ghanaseharan, who works for a Malaysian company based in Chandigarh, Punjab.

Another voter in New Delhi, Sunita Chima, said: "It is a great deal today to be voting.

"The Malaysian High Commission in New Delhi has been very informative and supportive, considering postal voting has been implemented for the first time for Malaysians living overseas.

"This is the first time for me, taking my vote to the ballot box. Better late than never, they say."

At the Chennai Consulate-General, a total of 53 Malaysians are expected to vote, including consulate staff, Malaysians working in South India, as well as students.

As for Mumbai, 15 Malaysians are voting at the Consul-General's office.

Voting at the Malaysian High Commission and the Consulate-General Offices started at 9am (Malaysian time: 11.30am) and will close at 6pm (Malaysian time: 8.30pm).

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