

CM D K SHIVAKUMAR DECLARES: 'NO PRIVATIZATION IN KARNATAKA POWER SECTOR AS LONG AS I AM CM'

Historic Convention of 30,000 Power Employees & Engineers in Bengaluru



BENGALURU, 29 June 2026:

Today's massive convention of nearly 30,000 power employees and engineers from across Karnataka in Bengaluru will be remembered as a landmark event.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri D K Shivakumar made an unequivocal declaration that the Karnataka Government is firmly against privatization in the power sector. He stated in clear and strong words that as long as his government is in power, there will be no privatization of Karnataka's power sector.

Referring to Tata Power's proposal for a parallel distribution licence, the Chief Minister strongly opposed granting licences to private companies in the state's five government DISCOMs and announced that the next Cabinet meeting will take a final decision in line with the Government's anti-privatization stand.

Earlier, Energy Minister Shri K J George also categorically stated that the Karnataka Government is not in favour of privatization. He emphasized that the Government believes in strengthening and reforming the power sector with the active participation of power employees and engineers, not through privatization.

KEY DEMANDS RAISED

- Withdrawal of the proposal for parallel distribution licences to private companies.
- Complete opposition to privatization in the power sector.
- Restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS).
- Resolution of several other long-pending issues affecting power employees.

“As long as I am the Chief Minister, there will be no privatization of Karnataka's power sector.

- Shri D K Shivakumar
Chief Minister, Karnataka

OVERWHELMING RESPONSE

The gathering witnessed extraordinary enthusiasm, unity, and determination among employees and engineers. A truly historic, unforgettable, and completely successful programme.

The clear anti-privatization commitment of Chief Minister Shri D K Shivakumar marks a major victory for the united struggle of Karnataka's power employees and engineers.

LEADERS PRESENT EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS

On behalf of the KEB Engineers Association, President Er. Basavana and Power Employees Federation President Shri Balram presented the issues articulated with great clarity, conviction, and impact, and submitted a memorandum to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

AIPEF APPRECIATES

AIPEF Chairman Shri Shailendra Dubey personally expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Shri D K Shivakumar for his declaration of anti-privatization stand. He also met Energy Minister Shri K J George and expressed thanks to him.

AIPEF congratulates Er Basavanna, Er Chandra Shekhar Desai, Er Sudhir & Team KEB EA for this historic success.

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POWER EMPLOYEES -
ENGINEERS UNITY** 🙌