

H. D. Deve Gowda

Haradanahalli Doddegowda Deve Gowda (

pronunciation born 18 May 1933) is an Indian politician who served as the prime minister of India from 1996 to 1997. He previously served as the chief minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996 and as a Member of Parliament (MP) in the Lok Sabha. A member of the Janata Dal (Secular), he has been serving as the party's president since 1999 and has been an MP in the Rajya Sabha representing Karnataka since 2020. [5]

Born in a family of farmers, Deve Gowda joined the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1953 and remained a member until 1962. He became president of the state unit of the Janata Dal in 1994 and was considered to be a driving force in the party's victory in Karnataka. He served as the chief minister of Karnataka from 1994 to 1996. In the 1996 general elections, no party won enough seats to form a government and Deve Gowda was elected to serve as prime minister as head of the United Front coalition. [6][7] His premiership lasted for less than a year and he left office in April 1997. After his prime ministerial tenure, he was re-elected to the Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament until his defeat in 2019.[8] Deve Gowda was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2020.

Early life and career

H. D. Deve Gowda was born on 18 May 1933 in Haradanahalli, a village in Holenarasipura Taluk, of the erstwhile Kingdom of Mysore (now in Hassan, Karnataka). His father Dodde Gowda was a paddy farmer and mother, Devamma was a home maker. [9][10]

Gowda earned a diploma in <u>civil engineering</u> from L. V. Polytechnic, Hassan, in the early 1950s. [11]

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Deve Gowda in 2015

Prime Minister of India

In office

1 June 1996 - 21 April 1997

President Shankar Dayal Sharma

Vice President Kocheril Raman Narayanan

Preceded by Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Succeeded by Inder Kumar Gujral

Union Minister of Home Affairs

In office

1 June 1996 - 28 June 1996

Prime Minister Himself

Preceded by Murli Manohar Joshi

Succeeded by Indrajit Gupta

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Incumbent

Assumed office

26 June 2020

Preceded by D. Kupendra Reddy

Constituency Karnataka

In office

23 September 1996 - 2 March 1998

Preceded by Leeladevi Renuka Prasad

Deve Gowda joined the <u>Indian National Congress</u> party in 1953 and remained a member until 1962. During that period, he was President of Anjaneya Cooperative Society of Holenarasipura and later became a member of the Taluk Development Board of Holenarasipura.

State politics (1962–1996)

In 1962, Deve Gowda was elected to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from Holenarasipura constituency as an independent candidate. Later, he was elected from the same constituency to the Assembly for six consecutive terms from 1962 to 1989. He joined the Congress (O) during the Congress split. He served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly from March 1972 to March 1976 and from November 1976 to December 1977. During the Emergency in the 1970s, he was imprisoned in the Bangalore Central Jail.

Later, Deve Gowda served as the two-time president of the state unit of the Janata Party. He served as a minister in the Janata Party Government in Karnataka headed by Ramakrishna Hegde from 1983 to 1988. When V.P. Singh joined Janata Dal, Subramanian Swamy formed Janata Party (Jaya Prakash) faction, and Deve Gowda joined him to become Janata Party (JP)'s Karnataka President. He was later defeated from Holenarasipur in 1989, and soon later rejoined Janata Dal. [13] He became president of the state unit of the Janata Dal in 1994 and led the party to victory in the 1994 State Assembly elections. He was elected from the Ramanagara, and sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Karnataka in December.

As chief minister, Gowda toured <u>Switzerland</u> and attended the Forum of International Economists. His tour to <u>Singapore</u> brought in foreign investment to the State. He resigned from the position to serve as prime minister following his appointment in 1996.

Succeeded by A. Lakshmisagar

Constituency Karnataka

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

In office

17 May 2004 – 23 May 2019

Preceded by G. Puttaswamy Gowda

Succeeded by Prajwal Revanna

Constituency Hassan, Karnataka

In office

2 February 2002 - 16 May 2004

Preceded by M. V. Chandrashekara Murthy

Succeeded by Tejashwini Sreeramesh

Constituency Kanakapura, Karnataka

In office

10 March 1998 – 26 April 1999

Preceded by Rudresh Gowda

Succeeded by G. Puttaswamy Gowda

Constituency Hassan, Karnataka

In office

20 June 1991 - 11 December 1994

Preceded by H. C. Srikantaiah

Succeeded by Rudresh Gowda

Constituency Hassan, Karnataka

Chief Minister of Karnataka

In office

11 December 1994 – 31 May 1996

Governor Khurshed Alam Khan

Preceded by Veerappa Moily

Succeeded by Jayadevappa Halappa Patel

Member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly

In office

1994 - 1996

Preceded by CM Lingappa

Succeeded by CM Lingappa

Constituency Ramanagara

In office

1962 - 1989

Preceded by Y. Veerappa

Succeeded by G. Puttaswamy Gowda

Constituency Holenarasipur

President of Janata Dal (Secular)

Prime Minister (1996–1997)

Following the 1996 general elections, P. V. Narasimha Rao government was defeated with no other party winning enough seats to form a government.

When the United Front (a conglomeration of non-Congress and non-BJP regional parties) decided to form the Government at the Centre with the support of the Congress and CPI(M), Deve Gowda was unexpectedly chosen to head the government after V. P. Singh and Jyoti Basu declined. [14][15] He was sworn-in as the 11th Prime Minister of India in June 1996 and was elected to the Rajya Sabha in September 1996 during his tenure as prime minister. [5] During his tenure, he served as the Home Minister and as the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the United Front, the policy-making committee consisting of other coalition party leaders. [5] He is credited for providing financial closure and kickstarting development of the Delhi Metro Project. [16] He left office on 21 April 1997 [17] after the Congress revoked its support for Gowda amidst discontent over communication between the coalition and the Congress. It compromised to support a new government under I. K. Gujral, who served as the prime minister from 21 April 1997 to 19 March 1998.

Post-premiership (1997– present)

He was defeated in the 1999 general elections. [18] He was elected president of the Janata Dal (Secular) the same year.

The <u>2004 Karnataka</u> state elections witnessed the revival of his party's fortunes under the leadership of <u>Siddaramaiah</u> with the Janata Dal (Secular) winning

Incumbent **Assumed office** July 1999 Preceded by Office established Personal details **Born** 18 May 1933 Haradanahalli, Kingdom of Mysore, British India (presentday Haradanahalli, Karnataka, India) Political party Janata Dal (Secular) (1999-present) Other political National Democratic affiliations Alliance (2007-08; 2023present) Janata Dal (1990–1999) Janata Party (1977–1990) Indian National Congress (Organisation) (1972-1976) ■ UOP (1976–1977)^[1] Indian National Congress (1953 - 1962)**Spouse** Chennamma (m. 1954) Children 6 children; including H. D. Revanna and H. D. Kumaraswamy Diploma in Civil Engineering **Education** Alma mater L. V. Polytechnic, Hassan **Profession** Politician · agriculturist · civil engineer Signature HADenyong

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58 seats and becoming a part of the ruling coalition in the state. Later, the party joined with the BJP and formed another government in 2006. Deve Gowda's son, H. D. Kumaraswamy, headed the BJP-JD(S) coalition government in the state for 20 months. [19][20] The alliance was defeated in 2008. B. S. Yediyurappa was elected as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. [21] Deve Gowda verbally abused Yediyurappa. [22][23] This event was termed as a "new low in Indian politics". [24] Deve Gowda later apologised for hurling abuse at him. [25]

Website

Nickname(s)

Deve Gowda expelled Siddaramaiah and CM Ibrahim from the JD(S) in 2005. [26][27][28][29] Later, both Siddaramaiah and CM Ibrahim joined the Indian National Congress, [30] which won the 2013 Karnataka Legislative Assembly election, with Siddaramaiah being elected as the Chief Minister of Karnataka. [31]

Deve Gowda contested the 2019 general elections against G. S. Basavaraj in Tumkur Lok Sabha constituency of Karnataka. G. S. Basavaraj, BJP candidate of Tumkur Constituency won against Deve Gowda by a margin of 13,339 votes. G. S. Basavaraj polled 596,127 votes while Deve Gowda got 582,788 votes. [32] He has been elected to Rajya Sabha. [33]



Deve Gowda and Manmohan Singh



Devegowda c. 2015

Personal life

He married <u>Chennamma</u> in 1954. They have six children together: four sons, including politicians <u>H. D. Revanna</u> and <u>H. D. Kumaraswamy</u>, who is the former <u>Chief Minister of Karnataka</u>, and two daughters. He is the father-in-law of politician <u>Anitha Kumaraswamy</u> and grandfather of actor <u>Nikhil Kumaraswamy</u>, politicians <u>Prajwal Revanna</u> and <u>Suraj Revanna</u>.

Electoral history

Legislative Assembly Elections

Year	Constituency	Party	Result	Votes	Opposition Candidate	Opposition Party	Opposition votes	Ref
1962	Holenarasipur	<u>IND</u>	Won	12,622	H. D. Doddegowda	INC	7,338	[35]
1967	Holenarasipur	<u>IND</u>	Won	20,594	H. D. Doddegowda	INC	12,191	[35]
1972	Holenarasipur	INC(O)	Won	26,639	K. Kumaraswamy	INC	20,475	[35]
1978	Holenarasipur	JNP	Won	33,992	K. Kumaraswamy	INC	28,472	[35]
1983	Holenarasipur	JNP	Won	37,239	K. Kumaraswamy	INC	28,158	[35]
1985	Holenarasipur	<u>JNP</u>	Won	41,230	G. Puttaswamy Gowda	IND	38,063	[35]
1985	Sathanur	JNP	Won	45,612	D. K. Shivakumar	INC	29,809	[36]
1989	Holenarasipur	<u>JNP</u>	Lost	45,461	G. Puttaswamy Gowda	INC	53,297	[35]
1994	Ramanagara	<u>JD</u>	Won	47,986	C. M. Lingappa	INC	38,392	[37]

Parliament Elections

Year	Constituency	Party	Result	Votes	Opposition Candidate	Opposition Party	Opposition votes	Ref
1991	Hassan	JNP	Won	2,60,761	H. C. Srikantaiah	INC	2,57,570	[38]
1998	Hassan	JD	Won	3,36,407	H. C. Srikantaiah	INC	3,04,753	[38]
1999	Hassan	JD(S)	Lost	2,56,587	G. Putta Swamy Gowda	INC	3,98,344	[38]
2002 (bypoll)	Kanakapura	JD(S)	Won	5,81,709	D. K. Shivakumar	INC	5,29,133	[39]
2004	Hassan	JD(S)	Won	4,62,625	H. C. Srikantaiah	INC	2,72,320	[38]
2004	Kanakapura	JD(S)	Lost	4,62,320	Tejashwini Sreeramesh	INC	2,72,320	[40]
2009	Hassan	JD(S)	Won	4,96,429	K. H. Hanume Gowda	BJP	2,05,316	[38]
2014	Hassan	JD(S)	Won	5,09,841	A. Manju	INC	4,09,379	[38]
2019	Tumkur	JD(S)	Lost	5,82,788	G. S. Basavaraj	BJP	5,96,127	[41]

Positions held

Positions Held by Shri H.D. Devegowda

Year	Position	Description
1962–1989	Member, Karnataka Legislative Assembly	Seven terms
1972–1976	Leader of Opposition, Karnataka Legislative Assembly	
1983–1989	Minister, Public Works and Irrigation, Government of Karnataka	
1985–1989	Chairman, Public Accounts Committee, Karnataka Legislative Assembly	
1991–1994	Member, Tenth Lok Sabha	First term
1991–1994	Member, Committee on Commerce	
1991–1994	Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee on Fertilizers	
1991–1994	Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture	
1993–1994	Member, Karnataka Legislative Assembly	
1994–1996	Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka	
June 1996–April 1997	Prime Minister of India	In charge of multiple Ministries/Departments including Petroleum and Chemicals, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy, Home Affairs, Agriculture, Food Processing Industries, Urban Affairs, Employment, and Non- Conventional Energy Sources.
Sept. 1996	Elected to Rajya Sabha	First term
Nov. 1996–April 1997	Leader of the House, Rajya Sabha	
1998–1999	Member, Twelfth Lok Sabha	Second term
2002–2004	Member, Thirteenth Lok Sabha	Elected in bye-election, third term
2004–2009	Member, Fourteenth Lok Sabha	Fourth term
Aug. 2006–2008	Member, Committee on Railways	
2009–2014	Member, Fifteenth Lok Sabha	Fifth term
Aug. 2009	Member, Committee on Defence	
May 2014–2019	Member, Sixteenth Lok Sabha	Sixth term
Sept. 2014-May 2019	Member, Committee on Defence	
Sept. 2014–May 2019	Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Urban Development, Housing, and Urban Poverty Alleviation	
June 2020	Elected to Rajya Sabha	Second term
July 2020-Sept. 2022	Member, Committee on Railways	
Sept. 2022–June 2024	Member, Committee on Water Resources	

Sept. 2022–Oct. 2024 onwards	Member, Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare	
Sept. 2024 onwards	Member, Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj	

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