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**DMRC chief appeals to voters to choose the right political leaders**

With the country going to vote in the next few weeks in one of its most crucial general elections, DMRC Managing Director and President of the Foundation for Restoration of National Values (FRNV) Dr E Sreedharan today urged voters to exercise their franchise judiciously to choose the right political leaders without criminal background who can shape the future of the nation.

In an appeal to the public, Sreedharan said that constant news of corruption, lawlessness, poverty and inadequate civic amenities had driven Indians to a state of helplessness and cynicism that nothing can be done to improve the situation.

Sreedharan said that the solution was in the hand of the people of India and urged every voter to exercise his or her franchise after striving to find out the credentials of the candidate to vote for. "We may not have a satisfactory choice; but we shall do our best to ensure we don't allow a candidate with criminal background to rule our Nation," he said.

The FRNV president said that even after 61 years of Independence, democratic rights had not been understood and displayed satisfactorily and the time had come when this gap had to be filled.

Sreedharan had earlier written to all major political parties asking them to ensure that they chose the right candidates, ensure that they abide by the Model Code of Conduct and facilitate free and fair elections.

The FRNV was set up in June 2008 to instill in citizens the national bond of cultural values and organized India's first National Summit on the 'National Value Crisis and its Redressal' in November last year. The Advisory Board of the FRNV comprises Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India, Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Group, Dr. E. Sreedharan, Managing Director, DMRC, Shri N. Vittal, former Central Vigilance Commissioner, Smt. Vibha Parthasarathi, former Chairperson, National Commission for Women and Shri T. S. Krishnamurthy, former Chief Election Commissioner.

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