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Module-II
Election Procedure

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Recap

Administrative Machinery of Electoral System

Electoral Roll Management and ERONET

Voter Registration

SVEEP

Supervisor and BLO Management

Panchayati Raj Institutions (Three-tier structure)

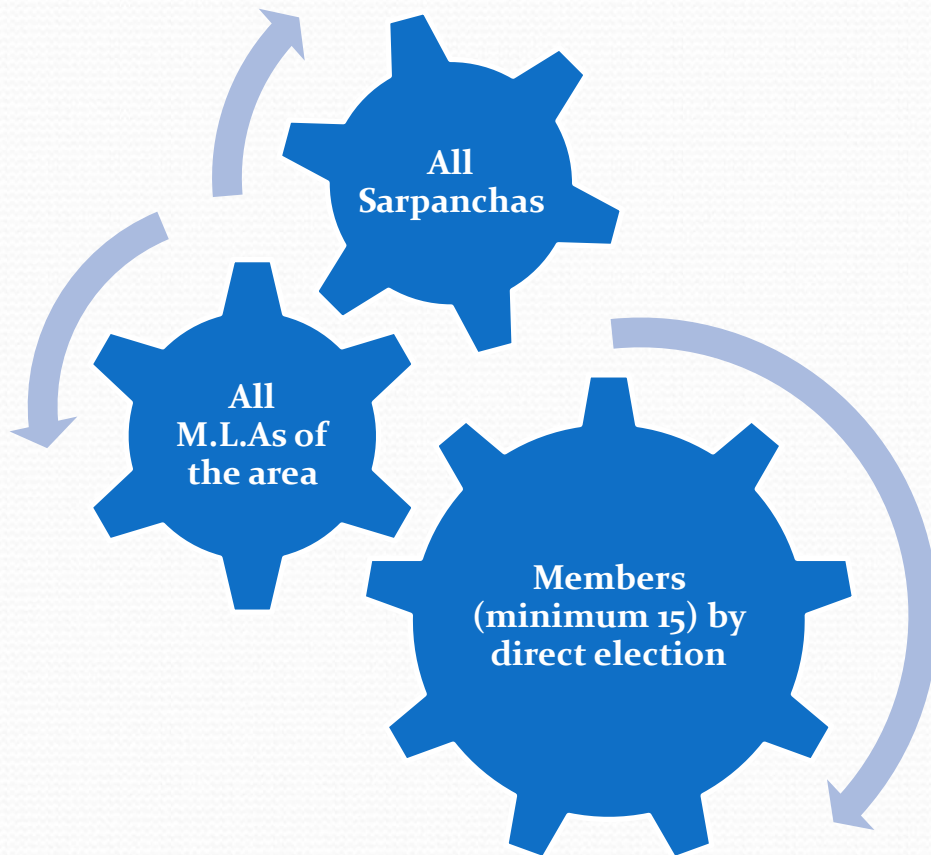# Composition of Panchayat

Sarpanch

(Direct Election)

Dy. Chairperson (Up-Sarpanch)

(Indirect Election-to be elected amongst Panchas by Sarpanch & Panchas)

Panchas – Minimum 5

(Direct Election)

Composition of Panchayat Samiti

All Sarpanchas

All M.L.As of the area

Members (minimum 15) by direct election

- **Chairperson (Pradhan)**
- **Dy. Chairperson (Up-Pradhan)-**

(Both to be elected by directly elected members amongst themselves)

Composition of Zila Parishad

Members (minimum 17) by direct election
All M.L.As of the area
All Lok Sabha Members of the area
Rajya Sabha Member, who is elector in the area
All Pradhans of the District

- **Chair Person (Pramukh)**
- **Dy. Chair Person (Up-Pramukh)**

(Both to be elected by directly elected members amongst themselves)

Structure during Election Period

RO (RAS)	• One Each AC
ARO (Tehsildar)	• Two in each AC +Addl. (if needed)
AM (RAS)	• One in Area
SM/Sector Officer (District Level Officers)	• One in each Sector
ZM/Zonal Officer (District /Block Level Officers)	• One in each Zone
POs (Teacher/Ministerial Staff)	• At each booth

Points of Discussion-

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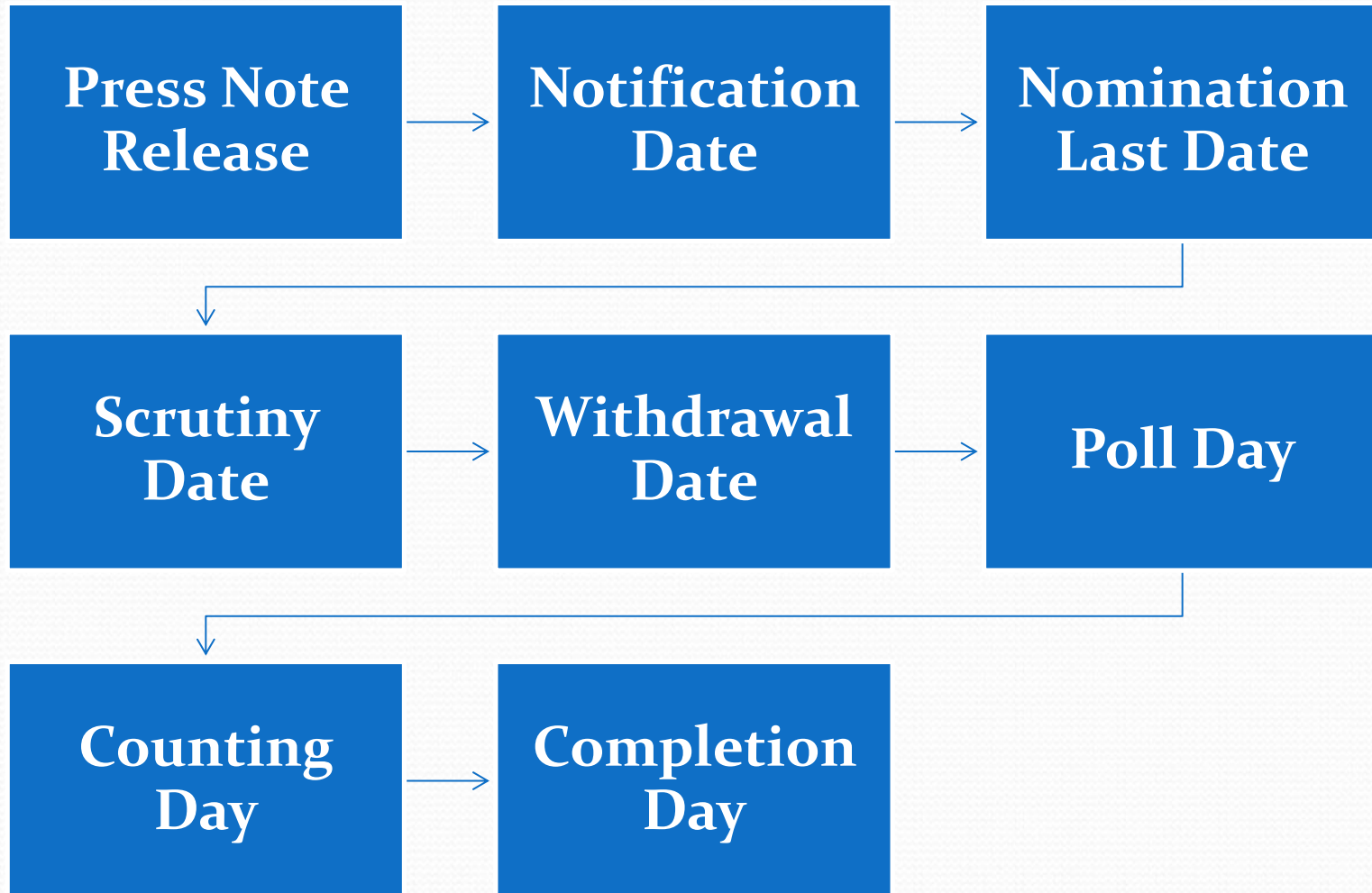Postal Ballot

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Election Time Line

Press Note Release →	**Notification Date** →	**Nomination Last Date**
Scrutiny Date →	**Withdrawal Date** →	**Poll Day**
Counting Day →	**Completion Day**	

ECI Press Note For Forthcoming LA Election Single Phase

Schedule for General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Uttarakhand:

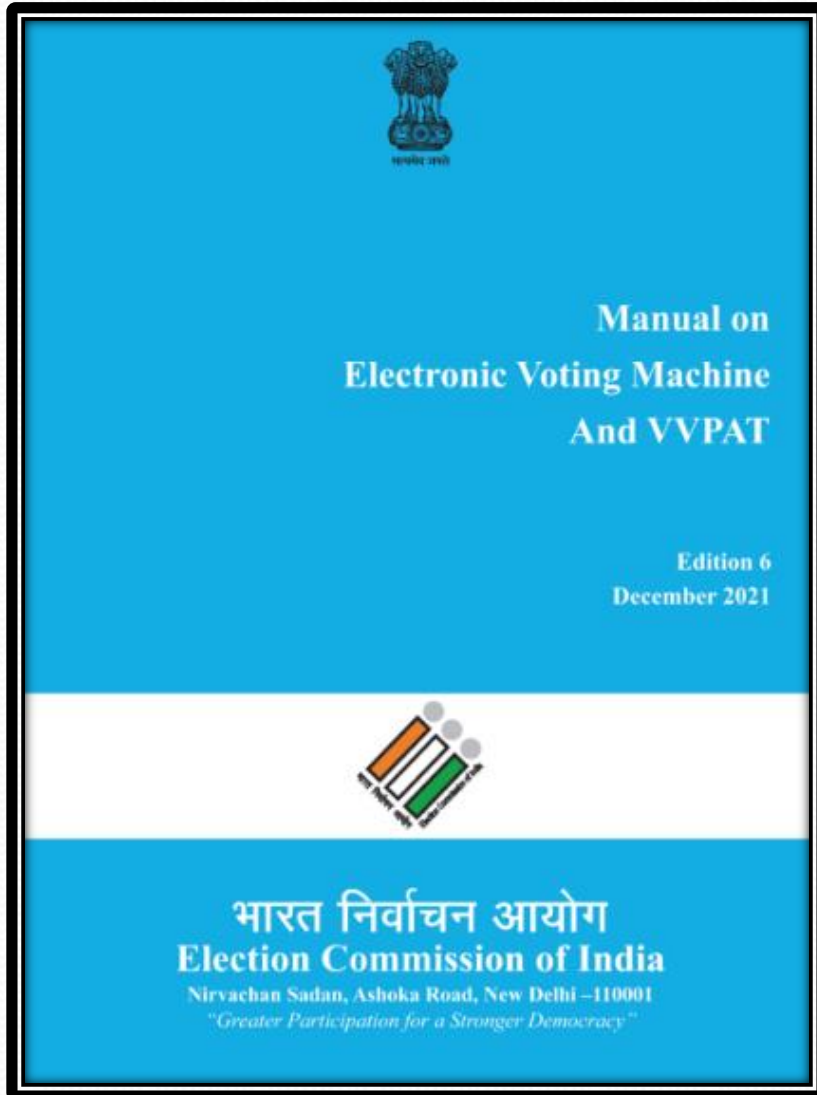| Poll Events	Single Phase (All 70 ACs)
Date of Issue of Notification	21-01-2022 (Friday)
Last date of making nomination	28-01-2022 (Friday)
Date of Scrutiny	29-01-2022 (Saturday)
Last date of withdrawal	31-01-2022 (Monday)
Date of Poll	14-02-2022 (Monday)
Date of Counting	10-03-2022 (Thursday)
Date of completion	12-03-2022 (Saturday)

Multiple Phase

Schedule for General Election to the Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh:

Poll Events	Phase-I (58 ACs)	Phase-II (55 ACs)	Phase-III (59 ACs)	Phase-IV (59 ACs)	Phase-V (61 ACs)	Phase-VI (57 ACs)	Phase-VII (54 ACs)
Date of Issue of Notification	14-01-2022 (Friday)	21-01-2022 (Friday)	25-01-2022 (Tuesday)	27-01-2022 (Thursday)	01-02-2022 (Tuesday)	04-02-2022 (Friday)	10-02-2022 (Thursday)
Last date of making nomination	21-01-2022 (Friday)	28-01-2022 (Friday)	01-02-2022 (Tuesday)	03-02-2022 (Thursday)	08-02-2022 (Tuesday)	11-02-2022 (Friday)	17-02-2022 (Thursday)
Date of Scrutiny	24-01-2022 (Monday)	29-01-2022 (Saturday)	02-02-2022 (Wednesday)	04-02-2022 (Friday)	09-02-2022 (Wednesday)	14-02-2022 (Monday)	18-02-2022 (Friday)
Last date of withdrawal	27-01-2022 (Thursday)	31-01-2022 (Monday)	04-02-2022 (Friday)	07-02-2022 (Monday)	11-02-2022 (Friday)	16-02-2022 (Wednesday)	21-02-2022 (Monday)
Date of Poll	**10-02-2022 (Thursday)**	14-02-2022 (Monday)	20-02-2022 (Sunday)	23-02-2022 (Wednesday)	27-02-2022 (Sunday)	03-03-2022 (Thursday)	07-03-2022 (Monday)
Date of Counting	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)	10-03-2022 (Thursday)
Date of completion	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)	12-03-2022 (Saturday)

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Why this is a part of your training?

Manual on
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And VVPAT

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"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

In chapter 5, Page no 18. ECI advocates incorporation of training session on operation and use of EVM and VVPAT in State Administration Institutions.

Important Terminology

EMS	• EVM Management System
FLC	• First Level Checking
EDC	• EVM Demonstration Centre
MDV	• Mobile Demonstration Van
Non Election Period	• After Counting Day + 45 Days

EVM (Ballot Unit + Control Unit + VVPAT)

Ballot Unit   **VVPAT**   **Control Unit**

- EVM consists of Ballot Unit, Control Unit and VVPAT
- Polling Officer presses the Ballot Button of Control Unit which enable the voter to cast his vote using Ballot Unit
- When a voter presses a button against the candidate of his choice in Ballot Unit, red light glow against candidate of his choice in Ballot Unit.
- A paper slip showing the **serial no**, **name** and the **symbol** of the candidate of his choice is generated and visible for about 7 seconds through transparent window of VVPAT

Control Unit

CONTROL UNIT- enables the Ballot Unit to accept vote from the voter and stores the vote cast.

Ballot Unit

BALLOT UNIT- the voter can franchise his/her vote by pressing a button against the candidate of his/her choice

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)

VVPAT- allows the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.

HISTORY OF EVM – 40 YEARS (1/2)

Year	Event
1977	CEC- S L Shakdar talked about introducing an Electronic machine.
1980-81	EVMs developed and demonstrated by ECIL and BEL.
1982-83	EVMs used first time in 50 polling stations of Parur AC in Kerala. And then in 11 Assembly Constituencies: 8 states, 1UT.
1984	SC suspends EVM usage: cannot be used till RP Act is amended.
1988	RP Act amended: enabling use EVMs w.e.f. 15.03.1989.
2000	EVM has been used continuously since 2000
2018	**SC dismissed petition asking for return to Ballot papers!**

HISTORY OF VVPAT (2/2)

2010	In All Political Party Meeting held on 04.10.2010 agreed to incorporate VVPAT with EVM
2013	14th August 2013-The Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 amended to use VVPAT & First used in Bye-election for 51-Noksen AC in Nagaland
Oct - 2013	SC allowed ECI to introduced VVPAT system in phased manner
2017	In all party meeting, the Commission committed to ensure 100% coverage of VVPATs in all future elections.
2019	100% deployment of VVPATs in Lok Sabha 2019.
April - 2019	**SC directions for verification of VVPAT slips of 5 polling stations per AC or AS in a PC for greater satisfaction.**

Since 2000, EVMs have been used in all elections: 4 Lok Sabha and 132 State Legislative Assemblies. Till date, >340 crore votes cast on EVMs.

T E C- HISTORY & ROLE

1st Technical Expert Committee (TEC) formed

TEC constituted for evaluation of upgraded EVMs Submitted an Evaluation Report in 2006

April 1990

November 2010

January, 1990

December 2005

Recommended use of the EVMs unanimously

Current TEC

- **Approves EVM Design**
- **Vets and seals the software**
- **Recommends continuous design improvement**
- **Recommends improvements in the manufacturing process**

SECURE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING

Standalone Machine	Unauthorised Access Detection Module	Secured Development and Manufacturing	Most advanced Encryption techniques	Automated self diagnostics at every switch ON
Strong "mutual authentication capability"	No Radio Frequency transmission or reception capability	One Time Programmable (OTP)	Dynamic Coding of Key Presses	Real Time Clock for date and time stamping key presses

DOUBTS CREATED AROUND EVM

Hacked EVM

Vote Stuffing after Poll Closure

Remotely Altered Control Unit Display

Defective Vs Tampered

Altered software code

EVM Challenges

Memory Manipulation

Replaced Micro controller or Memory chips

International Comparison

EVM CHALLENGE- 2009

- Commission organized an **EVM Challenge** w.e.f. **3rd – 8th August 2009.**

- Political Parties, Petitioners before various Courts and some individuals, who had alleged tamperability of ECI-EVM, invited to participate in the Challenge.

- 100 EVM brought from 10 States were offered for demonstration of alleged tamperability in presence of technical expert group, representative of manufacturers and ECI Officers.

- None of the persons could actually demonstrate any tamperability of the ECI-EVM.

EVM CHALLENGE- 2017

- Commission organized an **EVM Challenge** on **3rd June 2017.**

- All National and State Political Parties invited to participate in the Challenge.

- Parties given opportunity to demonstrate EVM manipulation/tampering in the votes recorded in the EVMs of their choice, as variously alleged earlier.

- **Only 2 parties i.e. NCP & CPI-M reported to venue, ONLY TO UNDERSTAND THE EVM PROCESS BETTER and were given detailed briefing.**

- The credibility and integrity of ECI-EVMs has always remained perfectly intact and unscathed.

We Should Know!

- **Since the introduction of VVPATs, more than 113 crore voters have cast their votes with full satisfaction & <u>ONLY 25 (twenty-five) complaints</u> received u/r 49MA, which were all FOUND TO BE FALSE.**

- Till date, in **61 (Sixty-one)** instances RO has allowed slip counting since 2017. **All counts matched.**

- In Mandatory Verification of VVPAT slips count no case of a vote cast for Candidate 'A' getting transferred to candidate 'B'.

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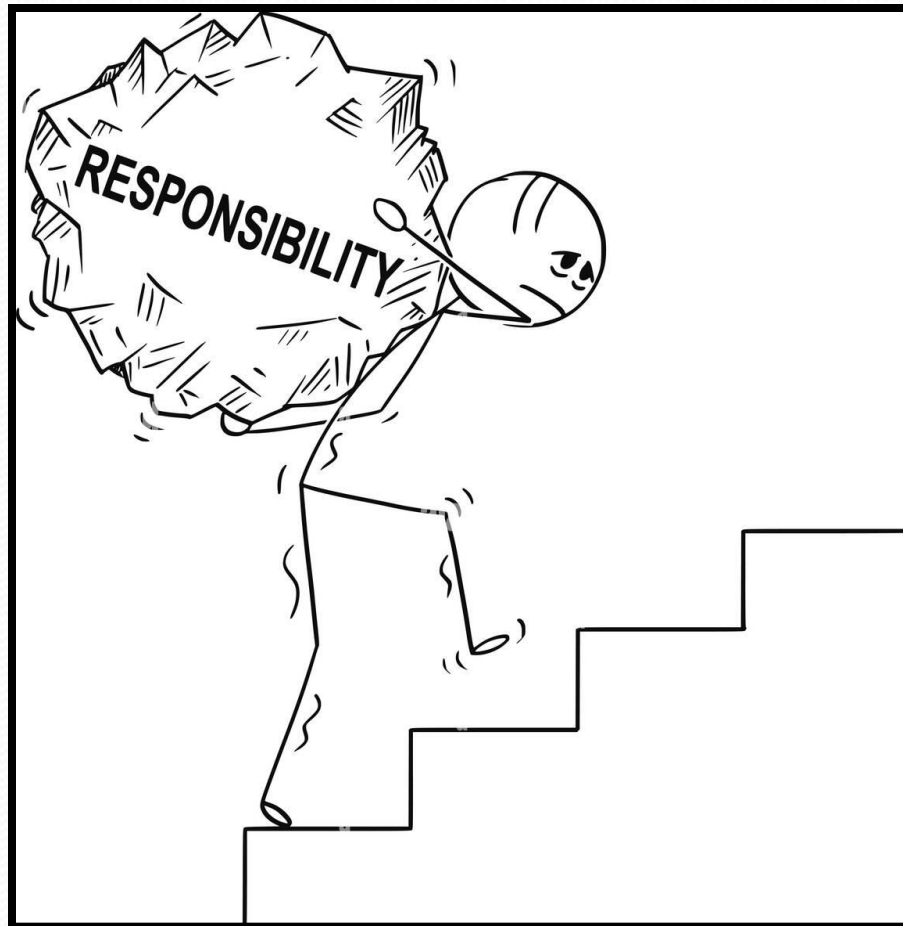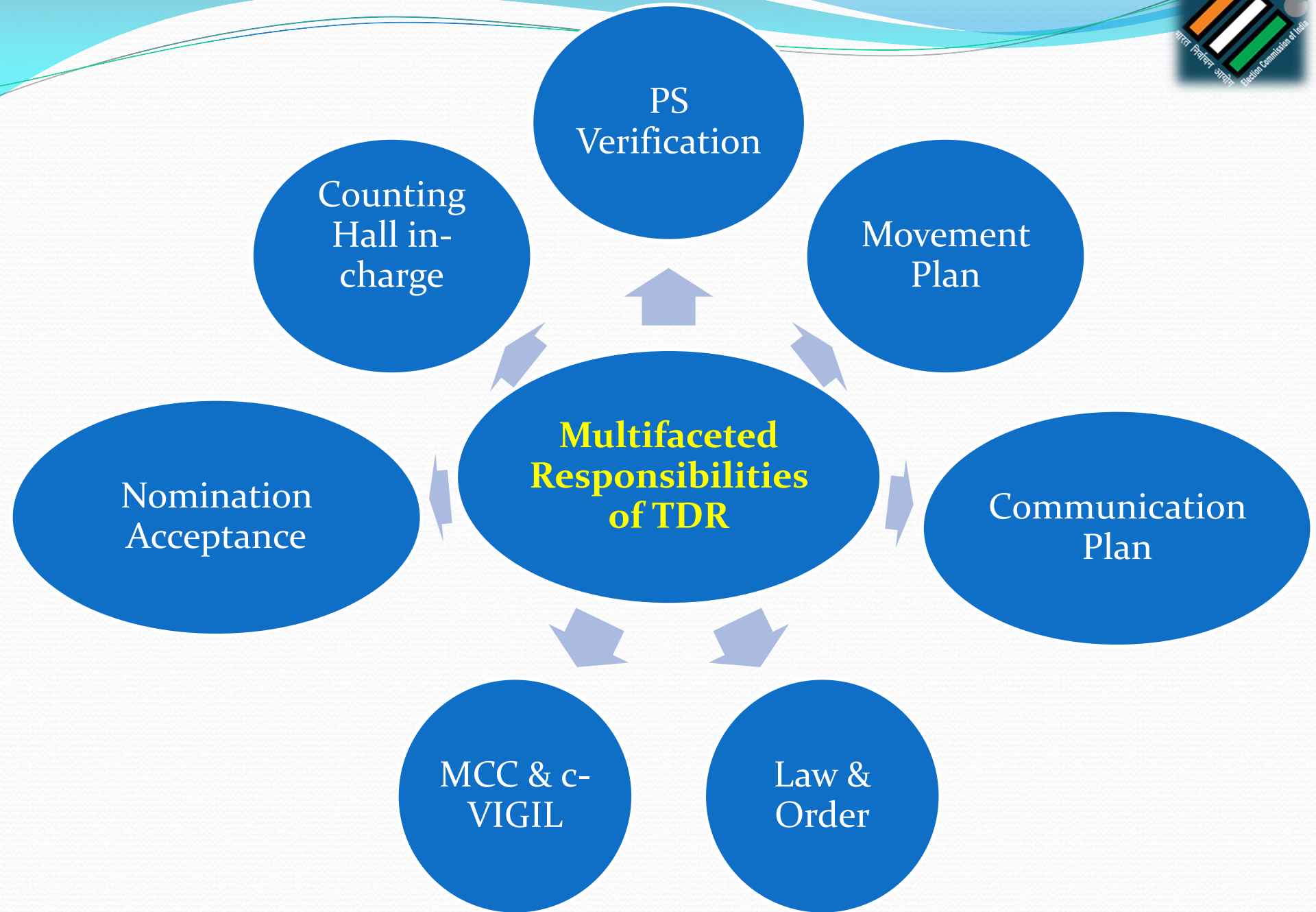
ECI Press Note Point 11.1
Polling Stations and Special Facilitation-

- **Verification of Polling Stations and Booths**- There shall be maximum 1250 electors instead of 1500 electors in a polling station.

- Right now we have total 52062 booths.

- Facilitation of AMFs and EMFs at Booths

Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at polling stations

Election Commission has directed that voter friendly facilities and amenities should be provided at polling stations.

The following Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) to be checked at each polling station :-

- *Permanent Ramps with hand rail*
- *Provision for drinking water*
- *Separate Toilet for Men & Women*
- *Electricity*
- *Adequate furniture*
- *Proper signage*
- *Shades*
- *Separate Entry and Exit*
- *Help Desk*
- *Good Approach Road*

Note:- This will be further supplemented with COVID mitigation measures like sanitizers, thermal scanner, soap etc., as notified from time to time.

Signage

- Parking for Persons with Disability (PwD) coming on wheelchairs or other vehicles (to be visible from the road)
- After...
- Arrow...
- Sign...
- Sign...
- Sign...

Help D...

Tables of...
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Ramp

- Ramps should have an inclination ratio of 1:10 and not more than 1:14
- Firm hand rails to...
- In case there are s...

Toilets

- Whether separate...
- Whether toilets are...
- Whether running w...
- If running water fa...

Drinking Water

Whether there is facility...

Separate Entry and Exit

Whether separate entrance and exit is provided in the polling station
If no separate entrance and exitis available, whether provision of rope separator/partition can be done? specify

Lighting

- Electricity connection with two plug points
- Minimum 1 fan
- 2-3 tube lights

Furniture

- Is adequate furniture is available?
- Height of the table on which the Ballot Unit is kept should be disabled-friendly
- Sufficient moving space around the table for wheel chairs

Polling station to have a minimum area of 20 sq. meters so that there is no congestion inside the polling station .

Maximum distance to be covered by an elector to be not more than 2 km.

Separate queues for men and women.

Old, infirm, pregnant women and differently abled persons (PWD) should be allowed to enter the polling station without having to stand in the queue.

Verify whether route plotted on map is feasible - Ascertaining the approach and accessibility.

Ensure that wide publicity is given to new polling stations.

Voter Facilitation Poster

In order to fulfil the statutory requirements under Rule 31 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 and to provide accurate and relevant information for voter awareness and information at each polling station, the Commission directs that uniform and standardized Voter Facilitation Posters (VFP) following *total of FOUR (4) kind of Posters* shall be prominently displayed at all Polling Stations *i.e.*

- *1. Polling Station Details,*
- *2. List of Candidates,*
- *3. Do's and Don'ts and*
- *4. Approved Identification Documents & How to Vote*
- *Additionally COVID Awareness behavior posters too.*

Voter Assistance Booths (VAB)

Voter Assistance Booths shall be set up for every polling station location, having a team of BLO/officials in order to assist voters to correctly locate her /his polling booth number and serial number in the electoral roll of that concerned polling booth. The VABs will be set up with prominent signage and in such a manner that it will be conspicuous to the

- voters as they approach the polling premise/building to enable them to seek required facilitation on poll day.

- Alphabetic locator (as per English alphabet) generated with ERO Net is placed at VAB to search the name easily and to know the serial number in the Electoral Roll.

Standardized Voting Compartment

In order to maintain the secrecy of vote at the time of poll and to achieve uniformity in use of voting compartments, Commission revised its instructions on 15th November, 2016 and increase the height of the Voting Compartments to 30 inches and also directed that the Voting Compartment should be placed on a table whose height shall be 30 inches. Only corrugated plastic sheet (flex board) of steel-grey colour, which is completely opaque and reusable, shall be used for making the voting compartments.

ECI Press Note Point 24. District, AC Level and Booth Level Election Management Plan

- The District Election Officers have been asked to prepare a comprehensive District Election Management Plan in consultation with SSPs/SPs and Sector Officers, including the **route plan and the communication plan** for conduct of elections.

- These will be vetted by the Observer, taking into account vulnerability mapping exercise and mapping of critical polling stations, in accordance with Election Commission of India's extant instructions

ECI Press Note Point 25 Communication Plan

- Commission attaches great importance to preparation and implementation of a perfect communication plan at the district/constituency level for the smooth conduct of elections and to enable concurrent intervention and mid-course correction on the poll day.

- Coordination with the officers of Telecommunication Department in the State headquarters, BSNL/MTNL authorities, the representatives of other leading service providers in the State so that network status in the State is assessed and communication shadow areas be identified.

- Make suitable alternate arrangements in the communication shadow areas by providing Satellite Phones, Wireless sets, Special Runners etc
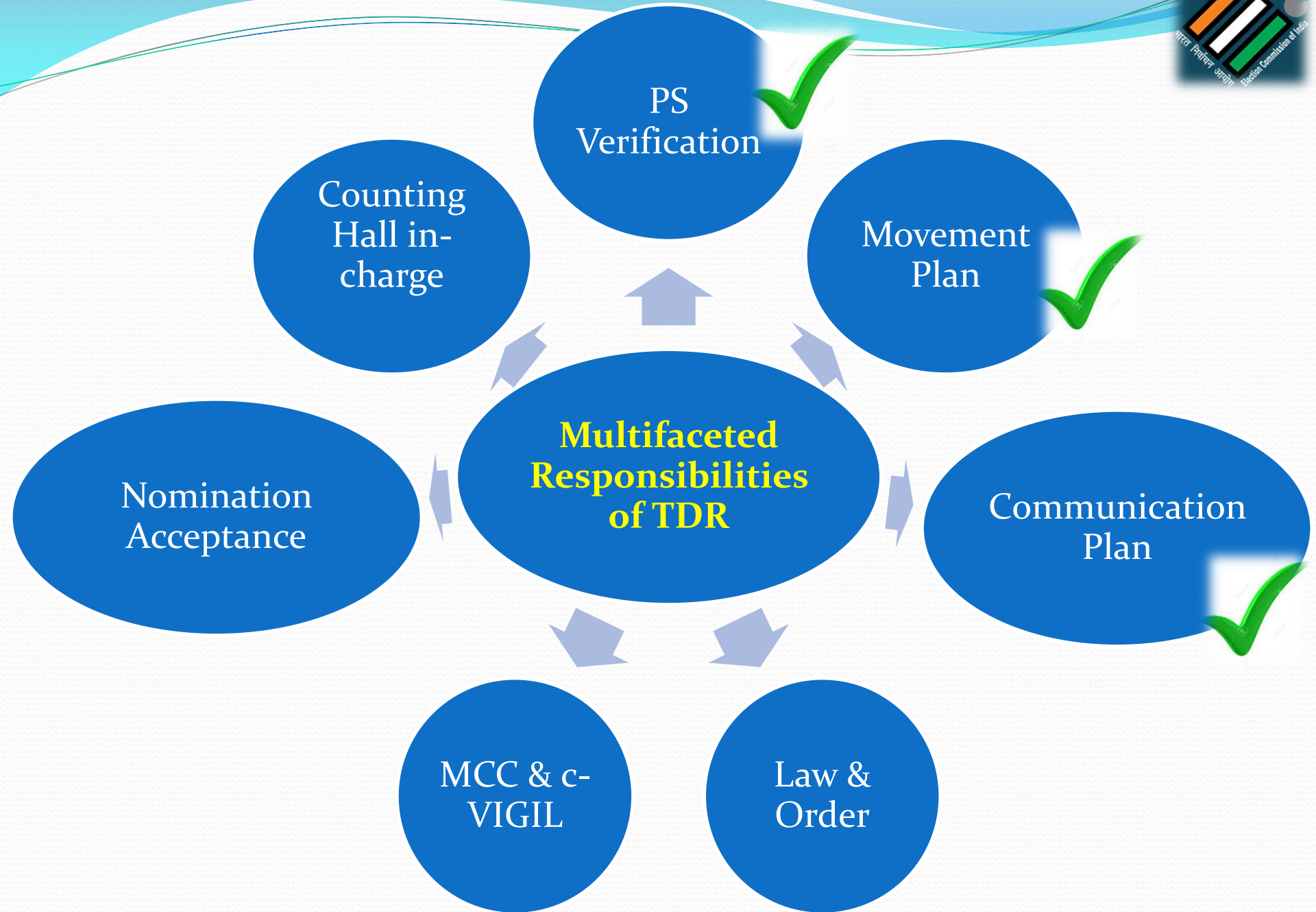
ECI Press Note 29 & 30. Law and Order, Security Arrangements and Deployment of Forces

- 29. To ensure optimum and effective utilization of State Police official and CAPF, Commission has directed that a committee of CEO, State Police Nodal Officer and State CAPF Coordinator to jointly decide the Election Security Plan and ensure randomization of State Police and CAPF personnel.

- 30. Protection to Electors of SC/ST and Other Weaker Sections

PROVIDING INPUTS FOR PLANNING FOR LAW & ORDER MEASURES

Vulnerability Mapping

IDENTIFICATION OF VULNERABLE AREAS and Pockets

FORCE DEPLOYMENT PLAN FOR VULNERABLE AREAS

Criticality Assessment

IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL POLLING STATIONS

FORCE DEPLOYMENT PLAN FOR CRITICAL POLLING STATIONS

Lets have some real examples regarding MCC

PM inaugurates eleven medical colleges in TN

New Delhi/Chennai: PM Narendra Modi, on Wednesday, virtually inaugurated 11 new government medical colleges in Tamil Nadu. New colleges in Ariyalur, Dindigul, Kallakurichi, Krishnagiri, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Ramanathapuram, the Nilgiris, Tiruppur, Tiruvallur and Virudhunagar, would have an intake of 1,450 MBBS students annually.

On the occasion, CM MK Stalin reiterated Tamil Nadu's stand against the NEET-based medical admissions, and appealed to Modi to allow admissions on the basis of Class-XII marks.

Meanwhile on Thursday PM will interact with CMs of all states on COVID-19 situation.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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आज से 8500 स्टूडेंट्स को फ्री कोचिंग कराएगी सरकार

1.03 लाख ने किया आवेदन

जयपुर | सीएम अनुप्रति कोचिंग योजना के तहत प्रदेश के 8500 स्टूडेंट्स मंगलवार से नामी कोचिंग संस्थानों में फ्री कोचिंग ले सकेंगे। सोमवार को चयनित स्टूडेंट्स की लिस्ट जारी कर दी गई है। प्रदेश सरकार ने 10 हजार विद्यार्थियों को कोचिंग दिलाने की घोषणा की थी। अब रोकी गई 1500 सीटों में से 1 हजार सीट अल्पसंख्यकों के रोकी गई हैं, जिन पर विभागों के नियम सहित अन्य बदलाव किए जा रहे

हैं। वहीं 300 सीटों पर सीए-सीएस, कॉस्ट एंड मैनेजमेंट अकाउंट और 200 सीट टीएडी के उदयपुर स्थित कोचिंग संस्थान के लिए निर्धारित की गई है। बता दें कि इस योजना में 1,03,086 स्टूडेंट्स ने आवेदन किया था। जयपुर में सर्वाधिक 11,316, सबसे कम राजसमंद में 612 ही आवेदन आए। सहायक निदेशक (शिक्षा) मनोज कुमार आर्य ने बताया कि कॉमर्स से जुड़े विषयों की कोचिंग कराने के लिए अभी तक 3 संस्थानों ने आवेदन किया है।

Home vaccination for teens, 3rd dose beneficiaries likely

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NEW DELHI: Doorstep vaccination for adolescents and those eligible for the third dose is expected to start soon as the government seeks to further push its vaccination campaign on a mission mode, officials said.

With Covid-19 cases spiraling in several states, resulting in a national positivity rate of 13.29% on Monday, the government has ramped up medical infrastructure in districts while oxygen supply has exceeded 19,000 tonnes daily, they said.

While data available with the government showed only 4,033 confirmed Omicron cases – highest in Maharashtra, followed by Rajasthan, Delhi and Karnataka – have been recorded, several big cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Gurugram, Kolkata, Chennai and parts of Bengaluru have been identified as "major districts of concern."

As many as 91 districts have reported more than 10% weekly positivity rates. Of these, 15 were in West Bengal, followed by nine in Maharashtra. Another 100 districts reported a weekly positivity rate of 5% to 10%.

Mumbai saw coronavirus cases rise 55 times between January 2 and 8. The increase was

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alarming in other places as well, including Mumbai Suburban (48 times), Thane (49x), Kolkata (30x) and Bangaluru (20x), even as only 2,480 omicron cases were active on Monday. Till January 2, 1,547 Omicron cases were detected. While the health ministry is analysing case trajectory across the world and in India everyday to identify priority actions, a health official said the vaccination programme will see a further push.

"We will now launch the door-to-door vaccination drive, named as Har Ghar Dastak, to speed up the vaccination coverage of the eligible population," the official said, requesting anonymity. "The same programme has been used in the earlier rounds of vaccination."

Since January 3, 31% of children in the 15-18 age cohort have received their first jab of Covaxin. There is still no clarity on whether children below the age of 15 would also be inoculated. Vaccination for various age groups is decided by the National Expert Group on

Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 based on scientific inputs and expert advice, the ministry official pointed out. It was also clarified that the government would continue to recommend seven days of isolation at home for those who are infected.

India had witnessed its highest number of fresh Covid cases – more than 4 lakh – on May 7 last year. Some officials are not ruling out the possibility that a higher range of daily cases might be recorded in the third wave.

"But we are ready. We have ramped up infrastructure at the state and district levels," another government official said, declining to be named. "We can deal with much more cases, if the situation requires." India's daily oxygen supply capacity is now 19,236 tonnes, officials said. As many as 4.02 lakh oxygen cylinders have been delivered to the states and 59,902 oxygen concentrators have been installed at hospitals, they said.

भुगतान नहीं मिला तो काम बंद करेंगे पीडब्ल्यूडी ठेकेदार

जयपुर | पीडब्ल्यूडी ठेकेदारों ने भुगतान नहीं करने पर काम बंद करने की चेतावनी दी है। ठेकेदारों की पीडब्ल्यूडी पर दो साल से करीब 1300 करोड़ से अधिक की राशि बकाया चल रही है। ठेकेदार दो साल से बकाया राशि का भुगतान करने को लेकर धरना-प्रदर्शन कर रहे थे। इसके बाद सरकार ने करीब 400 करोड़ का तो भुगतान कर दिया, लेकिन करीब 300 करोड़ रुपए अब भी बकाया चल रहे हैं। यह राशि सिविल, इलेक्ट्रिक सहित अन्य एसोसिएशन की है। राजस्थान वर्क कॉन्ट्रेक्टर एसोसिएशन अध्यक्ष राम सिंह ने बताया कि सिविल वर्क का पीडब्ल्यूडी पर करीब 1100 करोड़ से अधिक की राशि बकाया चल रही है। भुगतान नहीं होने से ठेकेदारों की हालत खराब है। परिवार का खर्चा चलाना मुश्किल हो रहा है।

8 से 31 मार्च त हजार युवा दौड़ें

जिला प्रशासन सहित 17 विभागों के अधिकारी और कर्मचारियों को सौंपी गई है जिम्मेदारी

सिटी रिपोर्टर | जयपुर

सेना में भर्ती के लिए तीन जिल जयपुर, सीकर व टोंक के 70 हजा युवा भाग लेंगे। भर्ती 8 से 31 मार तक आमेर कुंडा में सीआईएसए के ग्राउंड पर होगी। प्रतिदिन लगभ तीन हजार युवा भर्ती के लिए दौ में भाग लेंगे। कलेक्टर अंतर सिं नेहरा ने जिला प्रशासन की ओ से एडीएम साउथ शंकर सैनी क सेना भर्ती के लिए पूरी व्यवस्था क जिम्मेदारी सौंपी है। भर्ती के दौरा जिला प्रशासन व सेना सहित 1 विभागों के अधिकारी कर्मचा व्यवस्थाएं संभालेंगे।

डॉक्टरों की नियुक्ति

Imran Masood booked for violating Covid norms, MCC

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SAHARANPUR : An FIR has been lodged against former MLA Imran Masood, who is quitting Congress and is likely to join the Samajwadi Party, and 10 others for holding a meeting with party workers and supporters in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur without prior permission, thus violating COVID-19 protocols and model code of conduct (MCC) as well.

According to city SP Rajesh Kumar, a case has been filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

"Imran Masood called a meeting with his supporters. They had not taken any permission for that, violating Covid norms as well as the model code of conduct. Social distancing rules were also violated," Kumar said.

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"An FIR has been registered against 10 people," he added.

Ahead of assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, former MLA and Congress leader Imran Masood is likely to join the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Citing the reason to leave Congress, he had said, "Priyanka Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi have given me respect but in the current political scenario, the party does not have any vote share in Uttar Pradesh. Akhilesh ji can bring development to the state."

Uttar Pradesh Election 2022: EC suspends SHO after massive Samajwadi Party gathering in Lucknow

The Election Commission has suspended Gautampalli SHO Dinesh Singh Bisht with immediate effect due to gross negligence in the discharge of duties.

Key Highlights

- The action was taken after a huge crowd gathered at the SP office on Friday afternoon for the joining of former BJP minister Swami Prasad Maurya, Dharam Singh Saini and other legislators

- Lucknow DM Abhishek Prakash said that the SP's virtual rally was held without prior permission

EC directs suspension of UP officials

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new delhi: the election commission of india has directed the uttar pradesh government to suspend from service a special secretary, punish three officials and transfer 10 others for the mass deletion of the names of valid muslim voters from the electoral rolls in moradabad district earlier this year, and the substitution with that of hindus. under a new rule, any government official who does work for, and under the ec's final supervision, is subject to it's disciplinary recommendations; the ec may direct the government, union or state, to take disciplinary action for any misdemeanour. the mass deletions, of nearly 16,000 names, and the inclusion of 21,000 ineligible hindus, took place in the voters' roll for the thakurdwara assembly constituency, during the intensive revision of lists earlier this year. the district magistrate supervises such revisions, as he is also automatically the district election officer. the ec has directed suspension of s k gupta, the then dm, now a special secretary at lucknow. it has also asked the up government to issue a "major penalty chagresheet" to the then sdm, thakurdwara, r k singhal, the tahsildar, d k sinha and the naib-tehsildar, satyendra

Model Code of Conduct (MCC)

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26. Model Code of Conduct-

Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately from the announcement of schedule. All the provisions of the Model Code will apply to the whole of Goa, Manipur, Punjab Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh with regard to all candidates, political parties and the governments of the said States. The Model Code of Conduct shall also be applicable to the Union Government in so far as announcements/policy decisions pertaining to/for Goa, Manipur, Punjab Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh are concerned.

The Commission has made elaborate arrangements for ensuring the effective implementation of MCC Guidelines. Any violation of these Guidelines would be strictly dealt with and the Commission re-emphasizes that the instructions issued in this regard from time to time should be read and understood by all Political Parties, contesting candidates and their agents/representatives, to avoid any misgivings or lack of information or inadequate understanding/interpretation. The Governments of the poll-bound States have also been directed to ensure that no misuse of official machinery/position is done during the MCC period.
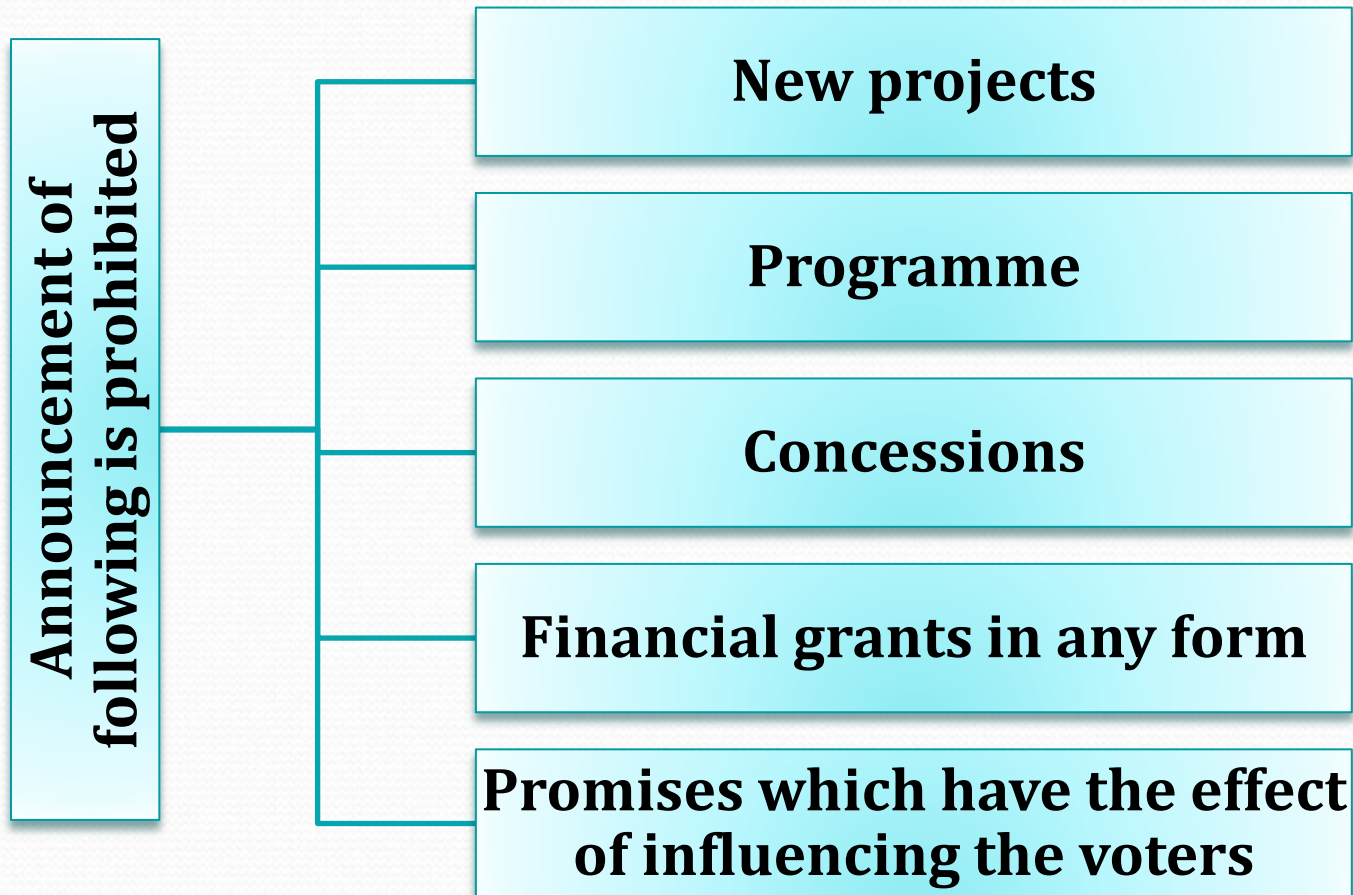
The Commission has also issued instructions for swift, effective and stringent action for enforcement of Model Code of Conduct during the first 72 hours of announcement of the election schedule and also for maintaining extra vigilance and strict enforcement action in the last 72 hours prior to the close of polls. These instructions have been issued in the form of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for compliance by the field election machinery.
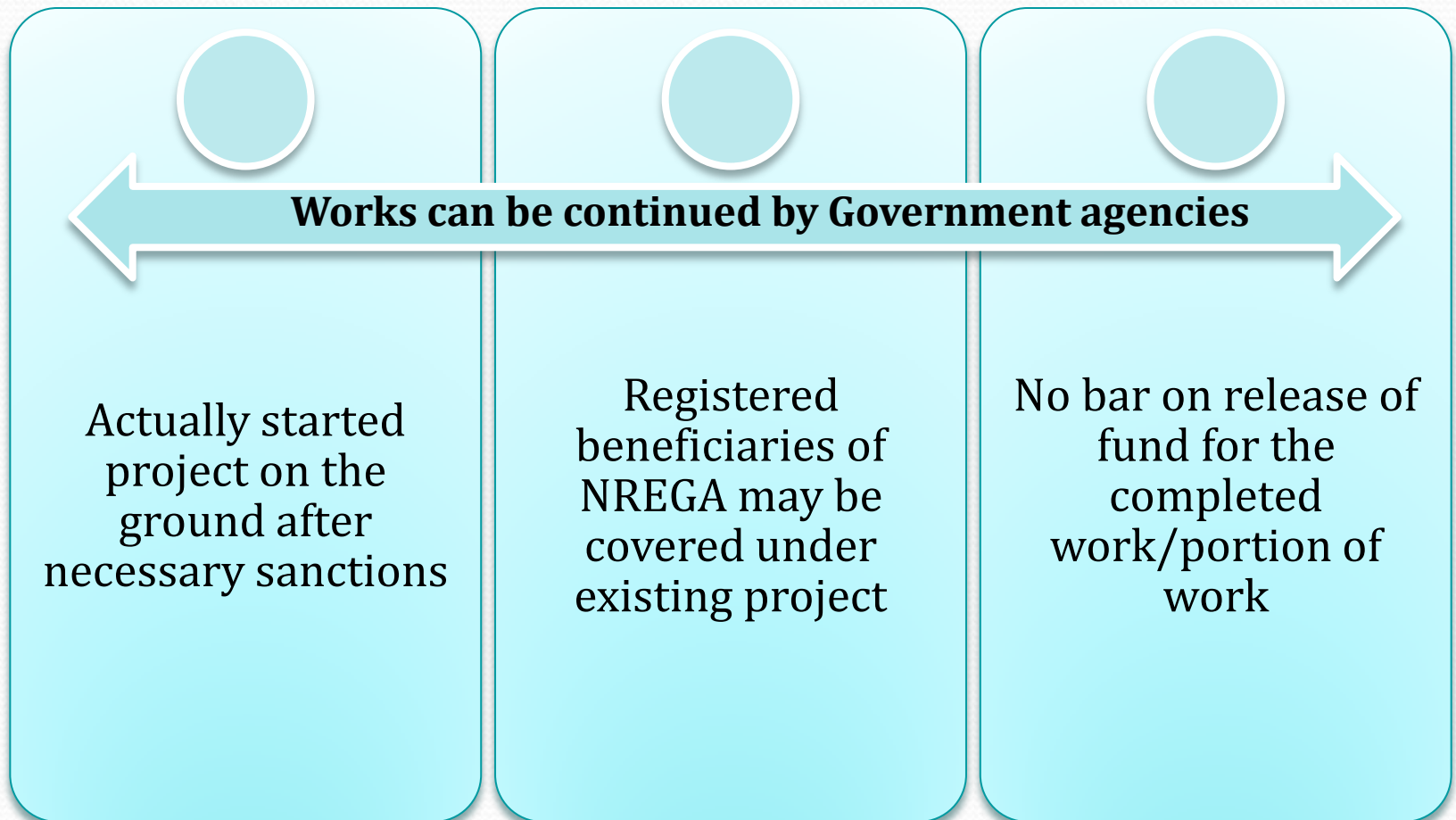
Do's & Don'ts

The commission has drawn up a list of dos' and don'ts' to be followed by candidates and political parties after the announcement of elections and till the completion of the process of election.

The list of dos' and don'ts' is only illustrative and not exhaustive and is not intended to substitute or modify other detailed directions/instructions on the above subjects, which must be strictly observed and followed.

Work not to be done by State/Central Government during MCC

Announcement of following is prohibited

- New projects
- Programme
- Concessions
- Financial grants in any form
- Promises which have the effect of influencing the voters

Work can be continued during MCC

Works can be continued by Government agencies

Actually started project on the ground after necessary sanctions

Registered beneficiaries of NREGA may be covered under existing project

No bar on release of fund for the completed work/portion of work

Budget to benefit border villages in Uttarakhand: PM Modi

Speaking to party workers on the Union Budget 2022, PM Modi said, 'Migration from border villages not good for national security. The budget has provisions to develop 'vibrant villages' along the border.'

'Vibrant village programme will benefit border villages in Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh,' he said. 'Government plans to impart National Cadet Corps training to youth in border villages. It will help them join armed forces,' he added.

What is cVIGIL?
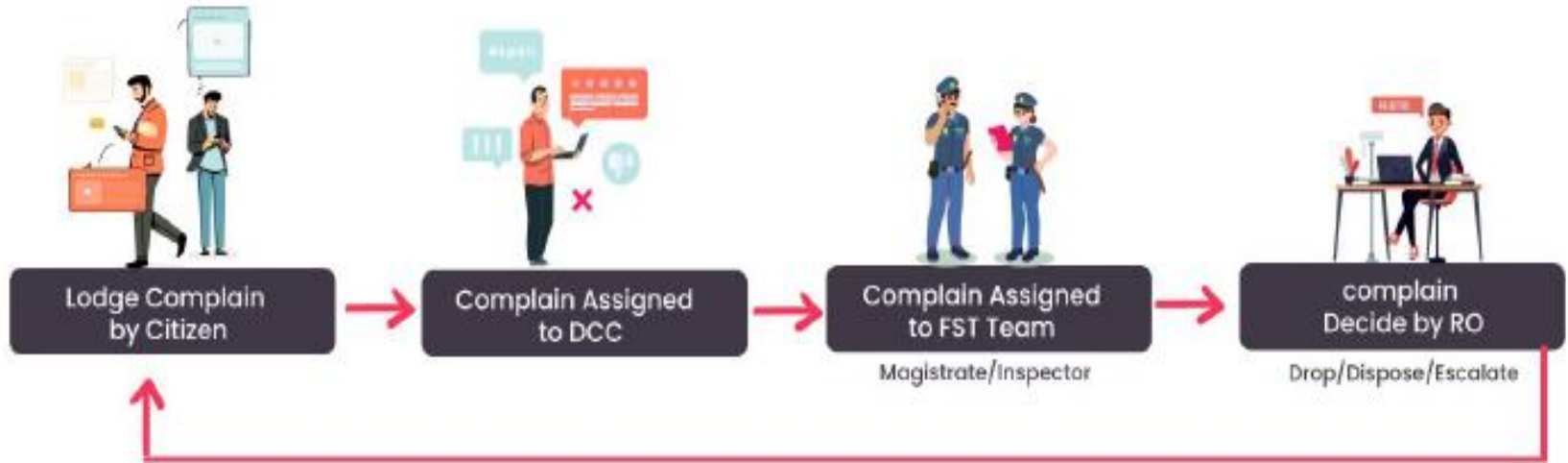
How it works?

ONE APP TO REPORT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT (MCC) VIOLATION

Status in just 100 Mins

5 Mins-

District Collector assign complaint to Field Unit for verification

15 Mins-

Field team arrives on venue

30 Mins-

Field team to execute the action and submit report

50 Mins-

Time taken by Returning Officer to information the states

c-VIGIL Citizen App

Lightweight user-friendly App

Android & iOS based mobile App available on Google Play Store (compatible with 4.1 Jelly Bean and above) and App Store

App is available at web site https://cvigil.eci.gov.in under user manuals

One can register complaint anonymous too.

Home Dashboard

cVIGIL

Election Commission of India

Enter your mobile no.

Send OTP

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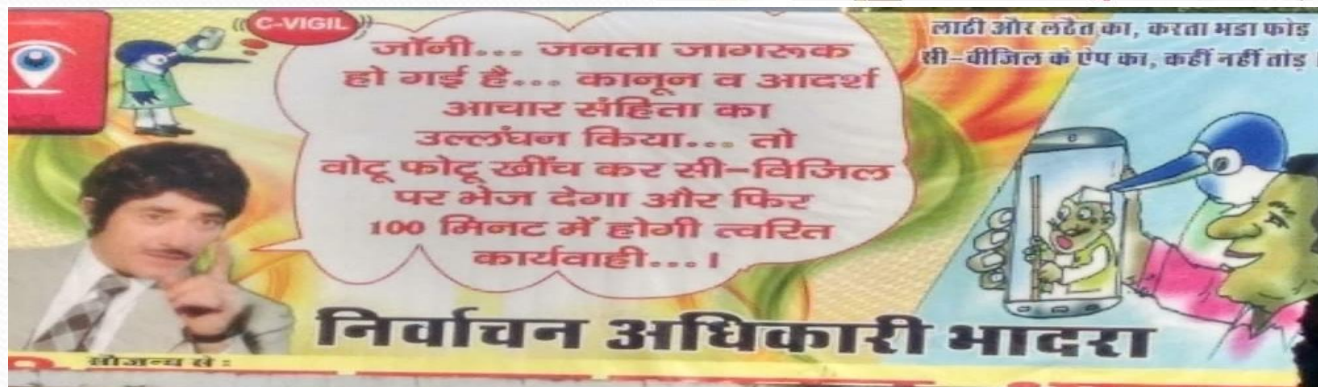
c-VIGIL app Success Story

App has been a huge success in the General elections 2019, statistics are as follows

- Total cases reported : 1,42,270
- Disposed of (acted upon): 141,618 (99%)
- Found correct : 110,029 (80%)

Cartoons & Posters on cVIGIL

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Nomination

- Filing of nomination starts on the date of notification by the President/Governor under Section 14/15 of the R.P. Act, 51.

- ECI also issues a notification u/s 30 of the act on the same day

- RO to issue public notice of election (under S. 31) in Form – 1 (appended to CE Rules, 61)

- Public notice has to be under the signature of the RO only.

- **Specify the ARO who will receive nomination paper in addition to RO. In normal circumstances, only one ARO should be so specified.**

Counting

- In pursuance of COVID norms, counting is allowed in different halls.

- In this case, ARO is ordered to be in-charge of these halls.

- All arrangements like number of tables, CCTv, Force deployment and Media Personnel presence will remain same.

Points of Discussion-

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PB Types

Different Categories of Beneficiaries

Service Voter (including wife if ordinarily residing with him) except those Classified Service Voters, who opted for proxy voting (Rule 17A)

Special Voters - (including wife if ordinarily residing with them) who are holding declared offices. [List of such declared offices is given in footnote below Sec. 20 of RP Act, 1950] (Rule 17b)

Voters on election duty (Rule 17C)

Notified voters – In special circumstances such class of persons as is notified by ECI under Sec. 60 (c) of RP Act 1951.

Absentee voters (defined in Rule 27A) – Senior Citizens (80+), PwD and Covid Positive

Electors subjected to preventive detention under any law

Special Note

For absentee voter, it is only an additional facility and they can visit polling stations and vote personally or apply to avail postal ballot facility .

Voters who have been issued PB are not entitled to vote at polling station.

Absentee Voters

| Senior Citizen (80+) | PwD, already flagged in ER | COVID suspect/ affected Persons |

Steps for execution of PB at home

Distribution and collection of 12D by BLO within five days of Declaration

RO draws list of all Absentee Voters in the 3 categories, i.e. (a) 'AVSC', (b) 'AVPD' and (c) AVCO, whose applications have been received in time and are in order

The RO shall also indicate entry 'PB' in the marked copy after issuing PB to the absentee voter

Steps for execution of PB at home

The team of 2 polling officials, Micro-observers, Videographer, Police official shall visit the electors at the address mentioned in their application Form 12D for facilitating their voting by postal ballot paper.

The electors are intimated, in advance, about the date and approximate time of visit of poll officials, through SMS. The intimation is also given by post and*lor through the BLO.*

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Steps for execution of PB at home

A tick mark shall be placed against the name of the elector in the list of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO to indicate that the person has voted. The counterfoil with the serial number and part number of elector duly filled up shall be got detached and kept in safe custody by the team.

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Poll officer is authorized to attest with his full name and designation 'poll officer', the declaration in Form 13A in the case of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO. In the case of a COVID affected person on treatment in Hospital, the Medical Officer attending to the person also authorized to attest the declaration.

Steps for execution of PB at home

At the end of each day of visit by poll officers to the address of AVSC/AVPD/AVCO electors, the envelopes in Form-12C containing postal ballot paper etc. and the counterfoils of ballot papers containing the signature/thumb impression of electors and other particulars, shall be collected by the ARO designated of postal voting by the absentee voters.

Important

✓Visits by teams of poll officers to the address of AVSC, AVPD and AVCO electors should be planned in such a way that the same is completed 1 day prior to the date fixed for poll in the constituency.

✓For the poll officers deputed to AVCO electors appropriate protection equipment including PPE kit shall be provided. This should be done in consultation with the Nodal Health Officer for AVCOs.

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