

Press Release

18 New Initiatives by Election Commission of India

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced a comprehensive set of 18 new initiatives aimed at enhancing the voting experience, improving the accuracy of electoral rolls and strengthening the overall conduct of elections.

For electors, the Commission has reduced the maximum number of voters at each polling station to 1200, with the objective of minimizing overcrowding and ensuring a smoother polling process. In a move to make voting more accessible, additional polling booths will be set up in high-rise buildings and residential colonies. To improve the accuracy of the electoral rolls, death registration data will now be obtained electronically from the Registrar General of India. Additionally, Voter Information Slips (VIS) are being redesigned to display serial and part numbers in larger fonts, making it easier for voters and polling staff to locate entries.

In engagement with political parties, the ECI has conducted 4,719 Pan-India All-Party meetings at various administrative levels (CEO, DEO, and ERO), involving over 28,000 representatives of political parties. Meetings have also been held with senior leaders from national and state political parties including AAP, BJP, BSP, CPI(M), and NPP. To further strengthen participation, capacity-building programmes for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of Political parties were conducted at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) in Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry.

Among the major procedural reforms, the ECI has introduced an integrated digital dashboard called **ECINET**, designed to consolidate over 40 different applications and websites into a single point of access for all stakeholders. A new mechanism has also been implemented to resolve the issue of duplicate EPIC numbers, ensuring each voter receives a unique identification.

In the legal and training domain, the Commission has identified 28 key stakeholder groups involved in the election process, including electors, political parties, candidates, and election officials. Customized training materials are being developed for each group, aligned with the Representation

of the People Acts of 1950 and 1951, the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, and the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 and the instruction issued by the ECI from time to time.

For election staff, the Commission has mandated that all BLOs be issued standard Photo Identity Cards to help citizens easily identify them during voter verification drives. Over 3,000 Booth Level Supervisors have already been trained at IIIDEM, and more than 1 lakh Supervisors are expected to undergo training in the coming years. The Commission has also organized Orientation programmes for State and Media Nodal Officers from all 36 States and Union Territories, as well as special training for police officers in Bihar at IIIDEM, New Delhi.

On the administrative front, ECI has rolled out biometric attendance and implemented an e-Office system to streamline internal processes. Regular meetings with Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) are being held to ensure effective monitoring and support.

These initiatives reaffirm the Commission's commitment to transparent, efficient and citizen-friendly elections, underscoring its dedication to democratic excellence through technological integration, procedural simplification, and institutional capacity building.

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