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**PRESS NOTE**

**18 Transformational Initiatives of the Election Commission of India to enhance Electoral Process**



In the past three months, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has undertaken 18 significant reforms aimed at reinforcing the democratic foundation of the country and enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and inclusiveness of the electoral process. These reforms span across key areas including Electors, Political Parties, Procedural Reforms, Legal Framework, Election Staff, and Internal ECI Operations.

The details of the reforms under each domain are as follows:

**A. Electors**

1. **Capping of Voters per Polling Station:** The number of voters per polling station is now capped at **1,200** to ensure a smooth and convenient voting experience.
2. **Additional Polling Stations in High Rises/Colonies:** New polling booths to be set up to improve accessibility for urban voters.

3. **Electoral Roll Updates via RGI Database:** Death registration data will be sourced directly from the Registrar General of India (RGI) to update rolls after proper verification.
4. **Improved Voter Information Slips:** Voter slips to display serial number and part number more prominently for easier reference.

## **B. Political Parties**

1. **Pan-India All-Party Meetings:** Over 4,719 meetings held at CEO, DEO, and ERO levels (CEO-40/ DEOs-800/EROs-3879), engaging more than 28,000 political party representatives.
2. Election Commission meetings have been held with the heads of National & State political parties, including the AAP/BJP/BSP/CPI(M)/NPP.
3. Capacity building programmes for Booth Level Agents of Political Parties from Bihar, TN and Puducherry held at IIIDEM.

## **C. Procedural Reforms**

1. Introduction of new Integrated Dashboard - ECINET, with the aim to provide all services for all stakeholders at a single point (Single App to replace 40 + Apps/Websites).
2. **Unique EPIC Number Mechanism:** The issue of duplicate EPIC numbers has been resolved with the implementation of a new mechanism to ensure unique identification.

## **D. Legal**

1. 28 stakeholders were identified in the entire process of preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of elections, including electors, election officials, political parties, candidates and others based on Representation of the People Act 1950, 1951, Registration of Electors Rules 1960, Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and necessary instructions are being issued by the ECI from time to time.
2. For each of these stakeholders, customized training presentations are being prepared based on the Acts, Rules and Instructions of the Commission.

## **E. Election Staff**

1. **Standard Photo ID Cards for BLOs:** Ensuring standardized identification for all Booth Level Officers.

2. Capacity building programmes at IIIDEM, New Delhi:
  - 3000+ BLO Supervisors already trained at IIIDEM
  - 1 lakh+ BLO Supervisors to be trained in next few years
3. Orientation programme conducted for SMNOs & MNOs from CEO offices of all the 36 States/UTs at IIIDEM.
4. Training conducted for Police Officers from Bihar at IIIDEM.

**F. ECI**

1. **Biometric Attendance System:** Implemented to ensure attendance transparency within the Commission.
2. **Rollout of E-Office:** Transition to digital file management for faster and more efficient operations.
3. **Regular CEO Engagements:** Continuous engagement through meetings with Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) across States / UTs.

These initiatives underscore the Election Commission's unwavering commitment to deepening democratic participation and ensuring free and fair elections. The Chief Electoral Officer, Lakshadweep encourages all stakeholders—including voters, political parties, and officials—to actively engage with these reforms and play their part in strengthening the electoral process.

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