

**ECI TRAINS BOOTH LEVEL AGENTS (BLAS) TO STRENGTHEN
GRASSROOT PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL PARTIES**

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has commenced the training of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) from Bihar in view of the forthcoming elections. Around 280 BLAs from the State associated with 10 recognized political parties are taking part in the 2-day training programme being organized at the India International Institute for Democracy and Election Management, IIIDEM, New Delhi.

Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi addressed the BLAs in a first of its kind training programme.

The BLAs were given an overview of their appointment, roles, and responsibilities as per the legal framework. The training programme familiarized them with various aspects of the election processes including the preparation, updation and revision of electoral rolls and the associated forms and formats associated. BLAs are appointed by recognized political parties and play an important role in ensuring error-free electoral rolls as per the provisions of the RP act, 1950. The BLAs were also trained in the use of the provision of first and second appeals under sections 24(a) and 24(b) of the RP Act 1950 in case they are aggrieved of the final electoral rolls as published.

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