

ECI'S NEW INITIATIVES

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced a slew of initiatives. These include restricting the maximum number of voters at a polling station has been restricted to 1200 and additional polling booths to be set up in High Rises / Colonies. For Electoral Roll updation, data of Death registration is to be directly obtained from RGI database, this will be updated after verification, voter Information Slips will be made more elector friendly with serial number and part number of the voter to be now be displayed more prominently

ECI conducted Pan-India All-Party meetings at the CEO/DEO/ERO level. 4,719 meetings were held (CEO-40/ DEOs-800/EROs-3879) with over 28,000 representatives of political parties participating. Election Commission held meetings with heads of National and State political parties - AAP/BJP/BSP/CPI(M)/NPP.

The ECI also had capacity building programmes for Booth Level Agents of Political Parties at IIIDEM (Bihar, TN and Pondicherry). Regarding Procedural Reforms, the ECI has introduced new Integrated Dashboard - ECINET, with an aim to providing all services for all stakeholders at a single point (Single App to replace 40 + Apps/Websites).

Duplicate EPIC Number issue has been resolved and a new mechanism for Unique EPIC numbers has been put in place. 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 instructions issued were by the ECI from time to time.

For each of these stakeholders, training presentations are being prepared based on the Acts, Rules and Instructions of the Commission.

ECI has initiated process whereby BLOs will get Standard Photo ID Card. At the capacity building programmes at IIIDEM, New Delhi, more than 3000 Booth Level Supervisors were trained at IIIDEM and over 1 lakh BLO Supervisors will be trained over the next few years.

ECI also conducted orientation programme for SMNOs and MNOs from CEO offices of all 36 States/UTs at IIIDEM conducted as well as training conducted for Police Officers from Bihar at IIIDEM

ECI has implemented Biometric Attendance, operationalisation and Roll Out of E-Office and holds regular meetings with CEOs.

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