

**DEO REVIEWS ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS**  
**Observer stresses strengthening of Surveillance Measures**

Ms. Egna Cleetus, IAS, Collector & District Election Officer, South Goa, in the presence of Ms. Sharyu Adhe, IAS, Expenditure Observer, Shri Santosh Desai, SP (South), Shri Ramesh Gaonkar, Additional Collector-II and Shri Velton Tellis, Deputy Collector, South-I held a review meeting with all Nodal Officers to ensure preparedness, including the law and order situation in view of the upcoming Bye-Election to 21-Ponda Assembly Constituency.

The meeting was attended by senior officials including SP (Elections), ADM (Law & Order), DySP Ponda, RO, ARO, CEO-Zilla Parishad, and representatives from various departments.

All Nodal Officers reviewed the status of election-related arrangements. The Expenditure Observer directed strengthening of surveillance measures, including check posts at all entry and exit points and close monitoring of suspicious cash transactions. Vigilance on liquor, narcotics and other inducements was intensified, with law enforcement agencies instructed to take prompt action on any violations.

Emphasis was placed on ensuring compliance with Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) at all polling stations, with directions to complete pending repairs. Proper management, timely dispatch and secure storage of postal ballots were also stressed, with CCTV surveillance and strict monitoring mechanisms to prevent any irregularities.

The security of strong rooms was reviewed, with directions for robust arrangements, continuous CCTV surveillance and regulated access. Special focus was given to accessibility measures for PwDs and senior citizens, including ramps, wheelchairs, and volunteer assistance.

Attention was given to preparing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), particularly for the critical 72 hours prior to polling day, while all departments were instructed to maintain close coordination and strictly adhere to Election Commission of India guidelines.

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