

**OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER: MANIPUR**

PRESS NOTE

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No. COE-101/1/2021-ELEC-ED: The Election Commission of India, vide its Press Note No. ECI/PN/3/2022 dated 8th January, 2022 has announced the schedule for 12th General Elections to the Manipur Legislative Assembly. The schedule for the General Elections for the is as under:

| Sl. No | Poll Event | First Phase | Second Phase |
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| 1 | Issue of Notification | 01.02.2022 (Tuesday) | 04.02.2022 (Friday) |
| 2 | Last date of making Nominations | 08.02.2022 (Tuesday) | 11.02.2022 (Friday) |
| 3 | Scrutiny of Nominations | 09.02.2022 (Wednesday) | 14.02.2022 (Monday) |
| 4 | Last date for withdrawal of Candidature | 11.02.2022 (Friday) | 16.02.2022 (Wednesday) |
| 5 | Date of Poll | 27.02.2022 (Sunday) | 03.03.2022 (Thursday) |
| 6 | Counting of Votes | 10.03.2022 (Thursday) | |
| 7 | Date before which the election process shall be completed | 12.03.2022 (Saturday) | |

Assembly Constituencies going for polls in First Phase:

1-Khundrapam, 2-Heingang, 3-Khurai, 4-Khetrigao, 5-Thongju, 6-Keirao, 7-Andro, 8-Lamlai, 9-Thangmeiband, 10-Uripok, 11-Sagolband, 12-Keisamthong, 13-Singjamei, 14-Yaiskul, 15-Wangkhei, 16-Sekmai (SC), 17-Lamsang, 18-Konthoujam, 19-Patsoi, 20-Langthabal, 21-Naoria Pakhanglakpa, 22-Wangoi, 23-Mayang Imphal, 24-Nambol, 25-Oinam, 26-Bishenpur, 27-Moirang, 28-Thanga, 29-Kumbi, 46-Saikul (ST), 50-Kangpokpi, 51-Saitu (ST), 55-Tipaimukh(ST), 56-Thanlon(ST), 57-Henglep(ST), 58 Churachandpur (ST), 59-Saikot(ST), and 60-Singhat(ST).

Assembly Constituencies going for polls in Second Phase:

30-Lilong, 31-Thoubal, 32-Wangkhem, 33-Heirok, 34-Wangjing Tentha, 35-Khangabok, 36-Wabgai, 37-Kakching, 38-Hiyanglam, 39-Sugnoo, 40-Jiribam, 41-Chandel (ST), 42-Tengnoupal (ST), 43-Phungyar (ST), 44-Ukhrul (ST), 45-Chingai (ST), , 47-Karong (ST), 48-Mao (ST), 49-Tadubi (ST), 52-Tamei (ST), 53-Tamenglong (ST) and 54-Nungba (ST).

2. With the announcement of the Election Schedule by the Election Commission of India, the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect immediately and will be applicable across the State. All intending candidates, political parties, the State and the Union Governments and all stake holders are, therefore, directed to comply strictly with the Model Code of Conduct with immediate effect till the election process is completed.

3. **Electoral Rolls:** The Final Photo Electoral Rolls of all 60 (sixty) Assembly Constituencies have been published on **5th January, 2022** by the concerned Electoral Registration Officers (EROs). Accordingly, there are 9,85,119 male, 10,49,639 female and 208 Transgender electors. The number of PwD electors stands at 14565, while the number of 80+ electors is 41867. The total number of polling stations is 2959.

4. **EVMs and VVPATs:** This time, M-3 EVMs manufactured by Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL) shall be used in all the polling stations. First Level Checking of machines has been completed. There are 4713 Ballot Units, 4557 Control Units and 4945 VVPATs available in the State. Two Master Trainers per Assembly Constituency have been trained at CEO's Office and training at district level for polling personnel is going on. Adequate emphasis is also given on creating awareness on EVMs. Demonstration Centres were set up in all offices of District Election Officers and Returning Officers for familiarization from 01.12.2021 till date. Besides, Demonstration Vans were also moving around the polling stations across the State. Over 1 lakh mock polled votes were cast at Demonstration Centres and all polling station locations through Mobile Demonstration Vans.

5. **Election Expenditure Monitoring:** Six Assembly Constituencies have been identified as Expenditure Sensitive Constituencies: 7-Andro, 22-Wangoi, 23-Mayang Imphal, 28-Thanga 30-Lilong, 58-Churachandpur (ST). 180 Flying Squad Teams, 180 Static Surveillance Teams, 60 Video Surveillance Teams, 60 Video Viewing Teams, 60 Accounting Teams have been appointed and trained and these teams have been activated immediately. A meeting with Enforcement Agencies – Income Tax, Customs, Excise, Narcotics, BSF, CISF, Enforcement Directorate was also held on 10th December, 2021 and deliberated at length on the expenditure aspects. The ceiling of expenditure by candidate has been enhanced to Rs.28 lakhs. Candidates are required to open separate bank account (atleast one day before filing nomination) for the purpose of expenditure related to elections. Banks have been intimated to facilitate opening of separate bank accounts for candidates and also to report on suspicious cash transactions on daily basis.

6. **Training & Awareness:** Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers have undergone training conducted by IIIDEM on various topics including Qualification, Disqualification, Nomination, Scrutiny, Model Code of Conduct, Expenditure, Postal Ballots, EVMs, Poll Day Arrangement etc. All District Election Officers have also been trained. District Nodal Officers for Model Code of Conduct, Media, EVMs, Expenditure, Complaints, have also been trained.

7. **Vulnerable Mapping:** 341 Sector Officers have been appointed and trained and visited the polling stations for identification of vulnerable locations and voter segments. A total of 1099 polling locations and 763 polling locations have been identified as vulnerable and critical. Steps also have been taken to identify history sheeters, trouble mongers and persons causing vulnerability and are bound down under Cr.P.C. As a measure to curb pre poll violence, 11767 licensed arms have been made deposited to the nearest police stations out of 25299 till date. Besides deploying Micro Observers, majority of these Critical & Vulnerable polling stations will be brought under Webcasting/Videography. Additional CAPF will also be deployed in such polling stations.