

OFFICE OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, GOA

PRESS RELEASE ON LAUNCH OF SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION

Special Summary Revision of Intensive Nature with respect to 01/01/2019 as qualifying date was launched in Goa with publication of Draft Electoral Roll. In the State Level Function at Conference Hall, Art & Culture Department, Goa it was launched. The function was presided over by Sh Kunal, Chief Electoral Officer and attended by Sh Narayan S. Navti, Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Sh Levinson Martin, District Election Officer cum Collector North District and Sh Tariq Thomas, District Election Officer cum Collector. It was attended by Senior Officers of Election Department, Representative of Political Parties, Election Icons and members of Press. Among Election Icons Noted Konkani Writer Sh Madhav Borker, Singer Ms Sonia Sirsat, Folk Singer Ms Marianella Dias, Noted Fashion Designer Ms Verma D'Mello, Noted Musician Sh Mukesh Ghatwal were present.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Kunal stressed upon participation of different sections of society in electoral process. Special Summary Revision is an occasion in which all eligible voters should register themselves in the electoral roll of their Assembly Constituency. The CEO Office is focussing on paperless management of electoral roll with citizens applying for addition, correction and deletion through National Voter Service Portal <http://nvsp.in>. The newer version of ERONet is having very robust system to integrate the entire process of electoral roll management in a seamless manner with use of mobile application called BLOapp by the Booth Level Officers. Online system will ensure increased convenience to citizens while applying as well will reduce the possible errors which arise due to wrong data entry etc and will also ensure better photographs when citizens directly upload these.

CEO urged the voters to look into Draft Publication Data to see if anywhere corrections are required. As per Electoral Law a person can be registered as a voter at only one place, CEO urged Voters to check if due to any error or due to legacy factors same person is registered at more than place and share such information with CEO by email or by filing Form 7 for deletion of such names. It is a crime under law to have names at two different places.

CEO urged the new voters special those who are turning 18 on or before 01/01/2019 to use the online medium <http://nvsp.in> This service can be availed by mobile phones too. It was announced that the Educational Institutions having more than 90% applications received through online medium will be given special commendation letters and Campus Nodal Officers, Campus Nodal Officers will get commendation letters. Similar Commendation Letters will given to BLOs receiving maximum online applications and to ERO/AERO receiving maximum online applications.

CEO stated that the Election Commission of India is focussing on Accessible Elections with improved facilities for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Voters. The PwD voters after identification will be tagged in the electoral roll data for providing special services. The data from Social Welfare Department is being tallied with Electoral Roll data to compile the list. The CEO urged the citizens and voluntary organisations to proactively assist the election machinery in identification and tagging the PwD voters. CEO stated that efforts will be made to create special voter awareness materials for PwD Voters.

CEO further stated that Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) will have much more innovative, localised and eco-friendly content to focus on cultural diversity of Goa. It will be effort of Election Machinery to ensure in creation of awareness materials local distinct cultural forms, dance forms and music forms are used. CEO urged people to come forward and assist in identification of talents from different fields.

At this occasion Shri Kunal also released the State Document of General Assembly Election 2017. Shri Vikant Sahai and Shri Nitin Mantri, Surveyor, Department of Land and Survey were felicitated for their contribution in preparing the state documents.

The Additional Chief Electoral Officer Sh Narayan Navti in his opening remarks sated about stellar performance of Goa in Assembly Elections 2017 in which 4 National Awards was given to officers of Goa. He stated that Election Management is an evolving phenomena with constant improvement in every election. He stated about increased focus being given on capacity building of all stakeholders in better service delivery. He stressed upon participation of all sections of society in creation of healthy electoral roll.

Salient Statistics of Draft Publication

Category	Male	Female	Total
Total Electors	569416	547793	1117209
Addition	3942	5439	9381
Deletion	6086	5872	11958