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CEO Dr. Ranbir Singh directs Heads of various departments of Delhi Government, Local bodies, Delhi Metro and Delhi Police to establish Voter Awareness Forums (VAF) in their departments.

Government departments can play a vital role in raising voter registration awareness: Dr. Ranbir Singh.

CEO addresses the Heads of the Delhi Government, Local bodies, Delhi Metro and Delhi Police regarding collaboration during Special Summary Revision – 2022 to create voter awareness amongst employees and consumers.

In this pandemic era, there is a need to adopt the online mode for fast, easy and safe access to all electoral services: Dr. Ranbir Singh

Voters' participation in the electoral process is crucial for smooth functioning of a democracy; let no voter be left behind: Dr. Ranbir Singh

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The Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi, Dr. Ranbir Singh today interacted with Heads of various Departments in a virtual meeting to seek co-operation for creating awareness amongst their employees, their families and clients/consumers regarding voter registration and electoral services during the ongoing Special Summary Revision -2022. He directed all government departments to establish Voter Awareness Forums (VAF's). These departments included the DTC, Women and Child Development, NDMC, SDMC, EDMC, DMRC, Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Police and Delhi Cantonment Board, among others. According to CEO, establishing these forums will make their employees and their families more aware of voter verification and electoral services through engaging activities and hands-on experience.

Dr. Singh further said that Voter Awareness Forums will operate in all government departments, non-governmental organisations and institutions, corporations, and other organisations. All employees of the concerned office are eligible to join. Head of each organization/departments/office will appoint one person to serve as the Nodal Officer. An officer with previous election experience would be given preference. For VAF Resources, the nodal officer will work with the DEO/DM or the State CEO. The essential feature of VAF's will be inculcating the electoral culture for

informed, inclusive and ethical voting, appreciation of EVM and VVPAT and use of other technology in electoral processes, obliteration of voter apathy especially in urban area.

Dr. Singh further said, "Government Departments can play a pivotal role in implementing in true spirit the mission of the ECI that no voter be left behind". He urged all Delhi residents over the age of 18 to download the Voter Helpline App, which will provide them access to all of the Election Commission of India's electoral services via their mobile phones. He informed that Divyang citizens should download the PwD App, which is a fully accessible mobile app of the ECI.

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, he observed that online services would be quicker, more convenient, and safer. Apart from the mobile apps, www.nvsp.in also offers online electoral services. Citizens can phone the ECI's helpline No.1950 for any questions or assistance from 9.00 A.M. to 9.00 P.M. on all days except national holidays.

According to the Election Commission of India's timetable, the Integrated Draft Electoral Roll 2022 was published on November 1, 2021, and claims and objections would be accepted from November 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021. During this time, residents who will be 18 years old or more by January 1, 2022 can register to vote by submitting Form 6 together with a photo, proof of address, and proof of age. CEO Delhi also emphasised that citizens should submit Form-7 to delete the names of deceased or permanently shifted voters. Those who aren't computer savvy can file applications in person at polling stations, voter centres, or Common Service Centers. Citizens can get more information by calling the Election Helpline at 1950 or visiting www.ceodelhi.gov.in.

All citizens with a voter identification card should check their names via the Voter Helpline App, texting SMS (ECI<space>Voter ID) to 1950 or SMS (EPIC<space>Voter ID) to 7738299899, or checking their names at <https://electoralsearch.in> or contacting the 1950 Helpline.

CEO Delhi asked all department heads to share links of special summery revision 2022 and social media handles of CEO, Delhi on their department's websites and also encourage their employees/citizens to follow @ceodelhioffice on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Senior Officers of various Departments assured the CEO that they will organise meetings and other activities for spreading voter awareness among employees of their departments and also encourage citizens of Delhi during the Special Summary Revision (SSR) – 2022 and encourage to download the Voter Helpline App for enrolment.
