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CEO Delhi directs all DEOs to boost up enrollment of young voters.

Measures to be taken to improve the gender ratio in electoral roll.

DEOs to meet third-gender and homeless citizens to understand and address any difficulties regarding their enrollment.

No eligible citizen should be left out : Dr Ranbir Singh

Data of centenarian voters should be immediately verified and updated in the electoral roll: Dr Ranbir Singh

Directions have been issued to bolster the enrolment of Service Voters.

Cases of family splitting across polling booth to be addressed immediately.

Deletion of dead and permanently shifted voters to be carried out by following due procedure: Dr Ranbir Singh

NEW DELHI:

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi, Dr Ranbir Singh has directed all the District Election Officers (DMs) to bolster the process of enrolling young electors between the age brackets of 18-19 years and 20-29 years to address the issue of their under representation in the electoral roll. He wants all Young people to come forward and become the proud voters of our great democracy. DEOs have been further directed to improve gender ratio in the electoral roll by enrolling the left out woman voters.

Necessary measures will be taken to spread awareness via various platforms of media during the ensuing special summary revision to promote and encourage both young electors and female electors to enroll as voters.

CEO, Delhi has also directed the DEOs to meet third gender voters of their jurisdiction to address any difficulties being faced by them regarding enrolment and it must be ensured that they are duly facilitated for enrolment in the electoral rolls of NCT of Delhi. Similarly, homeless citizens should also be facilitated in enrollment so that no voter is left behind. In this regard, the support of NGOs and Civil Society Organisations may be taken EROs, AEROs & BLOs should carry due sensitivity and sympathy towards these marginalized categories and assist them getting enrolled in the electoral rolls. PwD voters should similarly be facilitated to become voters and also marked as PwD voters in the electoral roll for better access/booking of accessibility services during election.

CEO, Delhi directed all DEOs that all 80+ and 100+ electors must be verified and necessary age correction/deletion should be done to maintain an accurate list of such voters to provide suitable facilities to them.

CEO, Delhi has directed to clear the pendency of registration of service voters on the service voter portal DEO, New Delhi was advised to work in tandem with defence authorities in Delhi Cant to facilitate the enrolment of left out service personnel residing in the Cantonment area and also delete enrolment of those service personnel who have already permanently shifted to some other area.

CEO also emphasized on the enrolment of overseas voters during this SSR-2022 by contacting their families in Delhi and explaining the online procedure of enrollment of Overseas electors.

Dr. Ranbir Singh informed that political parties have raised their concern regarding family splitting and criss-cross assignment of polling station residing in different colonies/ galis/ mohalla. This type of error regarding placing electors in particular parts/sections must be addressed in the present rationalisation process. Political parties have also raised their concern regarding the enrolment of electors in border areas and dual enrolment of electors in both the adjoining states. CEO directed the DEOs to verify the enrollment status in border booths and take immediate remedial action.

Dr. Ranbir Singh directed that in pre-revision activities of SSR, all demographical similar entry (DSEs) Repeat Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) Logical errors, Non-standard EPICs, Null Photo, corrupt photos i.e. all errors identified either by software of the Commission or noticed by the electoral officials shall be removed forthwith.

During the ensuing SSR draft rolls shall be published on 01.11.2021 at each polling station location of NCT of Delhi for the convenience of voters so that they could check their names and submit Form 6 if the name is not found. CEO, Delhi has asked DEOs to publicise this with all possible means mentioning the name of the designated officer, his/her contact number, timing etc.

Forms submitted by the electors should be disposed off in a time-bound manner. It must be ensured that after approval of forms within 03 days, EPICs should be printed and dispatched. CEO, Delhi also directed EROs to inspect their Voter Centre on daily basis.

Additionally, SDM(Election) should visit every Voter Centre once a week and DEOs should visit every Voter Centre once a month.

Dr Ranbir Singh directed all DEOs to conduct the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign as per the directions of the Commission dated 02.09.2021. He emphasized that a multi-level (Booth level, AC Level & District Level)

SVEEP plan must be formulated to take the SSR Programme to every citizen. For the booth level SVEEP plan, all BLOs of AC should be made aware of the SVEEP contents/material that should be communicated through RWAs and other communication modes to the electors residing in their parts. Big hoardings, banners, posters may be placed at prominent places of ACs to catch the maximum attention of the common public. At all designated places, banners/posters must be placed mentioning the name of the designated officer, contact no, timings etc. Vehicle provided to all 70 ACs should be wrapped with SSR contents beautifully and equipped with a sound system to play jingles so that movement of the vehicle automatically spread awareness regarding SSR-2022 in all corners of ACs. Other activities like Nukkad Nataks may play a pivotal role in the mass mobilisation of electors including transgender, homeless, etc. Large selfie points may also be placed to make the SSR-2022 viral on the social media platform. District Icons may also be used in a big way for this purpose. Democracy on Wheels on a vehicle may also be used to spread awareness. CEO, Delhi exhorted all DEOs and EROs to fully achieved the objective of the SSR as laid down by the Election Commission of India by fully mobilizing the electoral machinery as well as left out voters of all the categories