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**Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi, Mr. P. Krishnamurthy Assures
Preparedness for Delhi Polling on May 25**

**Delhi Gears Up for Smooth Conduct of Lok Sabha Polls as Extensive
Security Measures in Place: Chief Electoral Officer**

**Delhi Witnesses Surge in First-Time Voters, Significant Increase in
Gender Ratio, Transgender Voters Welcomed: CEO Delhi**

**Safe Drinking Water, Medical Kits Ensured at Every Polling Station,
CEO Delhi Ensures Voter Comfort amid Heatwave on Polling Day**

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Delhi Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Shri P. Krishnamurthy said that all preparations are in full swing for the Lok Sabha elections to be held on May 25. During a press conference held at the CEO Office, Kashmiri Gate, on Tuesday, he informed that comprehensive guidelines have been issued to the concerned District Election Officers to ensure a smooth and successful election process.

The Chief Election Officer highlighted a significant increase of 6.19% (1,52,01,936) in the number of male (82,12,794) and female (69,87,914) voters in Delhi, alongside a notable surge in first-time voters, with 2,52,038 new voters added, marking the highest figure in the past five years.

Moreover, there has been a commendable improvement in the gender ratio, witnessing 33-point increase from 818 to 851 within the last five years. Efforts to include transgender and third-gender voters have been fruitful, with the voter count rising from 669 to 1228 since the last general election.

With 13,637 and 4 auxiliary (2,891 critical) polling stations at 2,627 locations to be set up in Delhi, 70 pink booths will also be set up, which will be handled by women officials only. Along with this, 70 model polling booths will be set up similarly.

Over one lakh polling personnel will be engaged for the Lok Sabha polls. Additionally, 46 coys of Central Armed Police Forces, 78,578 Delhi Police personnel, and 19,000 Home Guards will be deployed for extensive security arrangements across all polling stations in Delhi.

6,833 polling stations will undergo direct monitoring by the Chief Election Officer's office and District Election Officers through a webcast, ensuring transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

In anticipation of possible heat waves on the day of voting, adequate arrangements have been made to ensure the comfort and safety of voters, so that no voter feels any kind of discomfort due to projected heatwave conditions on the polling day.

CEO Delhi directed the concerned stakeholders to equip every polling station with safe drinking water and properly shaded waiting areas with air coolers, essential medical kits, and supplies. The CEO also directed the local bodies and health department to provide the requisite paramedical staff equipped with essential medicines, including ORS, at each polling location in the National Capital Territory of Delhi on the day of polling.

With a total of 8,000 volunteers, arrangements have been made for pick-up and drop-off facilities for differently-abled and senior citizen voters, and there will be 3500 wheelchairs at the polling stations to facilitate their participation in the electoral process.

As the electoral process progresses 265 candidates have filed their 367 nominations. However, the deadline for the withdrawal of nominations is May 9.

The CEO Delhi, Mr. P. Krishnamurthy, also informed the data of the eVigil App. With a total of 1,733 reported cases, the authorities disposed of 1,480 among them. Furthermore, of the reported cases, 252 have been dropped, and only 1 case is pending.

The CEO expressed confidence in the preparedness of all stakeholders and called for the active participation of citizens in exercising their democratic right to vote.
