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**PRESS NOTE**

**Sub: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring on 25.11.2020-reg.**

The term of office of 11 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from following 02 States is due to expire on their retirement in November, 2020 as detailed below:-

S.No	Name of State	Name of Member	Date of Retirement
1.	UTTAR PRADESH	Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav	25.11.2020
2.		Javed Ali Khan	
3.		Arun Singh	
4.		Neeraj Shekhar	
5.		P.L. Punia	
6.		Hardeep Singh Puri	
7.		Ravi Prakash Verma	
8.		Rajaram	
9.		Ramgopal Yadav	
10.		Veer Singh	
11.	UTTARAKHAND	Raj Babbar	

2. The Commission has decided to hold biennial elections to the Council of States from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to fill up the above said vacancies in accordance with the following Schedule:-

Sl.No.	Events	Dates & Days
1.	Issue of Notifications	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Tuesday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	27 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Tuesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	28 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	02 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 (Monday)
5.	Date of Poll	09 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Monday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am-04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	09 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Monday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	11 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Wednesday)

3. The Commission has directed that for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used. No other pen shall, under any circumstances, be used in the above said elections.
4. The Commission has also directed the Chief Secretaries concerned to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the elections.
5. Broad Guidelines to be followed during entire election processes for all persons:-
  - I. Every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity
  - II. At the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes:-
    - (a) Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out
    - (b) Sanitizer shall be made available at all locations
  - III. Social distancing shall be maintained as per the extant COVID-19 guidelines of the State Govt. and Ministry of Home Affairs.
6. For broad guidelines to be followed strictly during the conduct of election during Covid-19, please refer to the guideline available on Commission's website under link:- <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/12167-broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-electionbye-election-during-covid-19/>
7. Further, the Commission has also appointed the Chief Electoral Officers concerned as Observer of the election in the respective States.



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