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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial election to the Bihar Legislative Council from 04 Graduates' and 04 Teachers' Constituencies.

The term of office of 08 members of the Bihar Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies has fallen vacant on 06th May, 2020, due to the retirement of the sitting members. A statement showing the details of these seats is given below:-

Bihar			
Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Name of the Member	Date of retirement
1.	Patna Graduates'	Neeraj Kumar	06.05.2020
2.	Darbhanga Graduates'	Dilip Kumar Choudhary	
3.	Tirhut Graduates'	Devesh Chandra Thakur	
4.	Kosi Graduates'	Dr. N.K. Yadav	
5.	Patna Teachers'	Naval Kishore Yadav	
6.	Darbhanga Teachers'	Dr. Madan Mohan Jha	
7.	Tirhut Teachers'	Sanjay Kumar Singh	
8.	Saran Teachers'	Kedar Nath Panday	

2. Considering the unforeseen situation of public health emergency due to COVID-19 and the guidelines & orders passed under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 by the competent authority, the Election Commission, on 03.04.2020 passed an Order under Article 324 of Constitution of India read with section 16 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and directed that the process of election to the abovementioned seats be initiated at a later date after reviewing the prevailing situation.

3. The Commission, having considered the inputs received from CEO, Bihar has now decided that above mentioned biennial election to the Bihar State Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, be held in accordance with the following programme:-

1.	Issue of Notification	28 th September, 2020 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	05 th October, 2020 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	06 th October, 2020 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	08 th October, 2020 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	22nd October, 2020 (Thursday)
6.	Hours of Poll	08:00 am to 05:00 pm
7.	Counting of votes	12 th November, 2020. (Thursday)
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	14 th November, 2020 (Saturday)

4. The Model Code of Conduct concerning these elections will come into force with immediate effect in the concerned Constituencies. Please see the details in Commission's website under the link: <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/4070-biennial-bye-elections-to-the-legislative-councils-from-council-constituencies-by-graduates%E2%80%99-and-teachers%E2%80%99-and-local-authorities%E2%80%99-constituencies-%E2%80%93-mcc-instructions-%E2%80%93-regarding/>

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.

IV. As far as practicable, large halls should be identified and utilized to ensure social distancing norms.

V. Adequate number of vehicles shall be mobilized for movement of polling personnel, security personnel to ensure compliance of COVID-19 guidelines.

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/>

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