



भारत निर्वाचन आयोग
Election Commission of India

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PRESS NOTE

Sub: Biennial Election to the Council of States from Kerala due to retirement of sitting members on 01.07.2024-reg.

The term of office of 03 members of the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) elected from Kerala, is due to expire in the month of July, 2024 as per the following details: -

State	Name of Member	Date of retirement
Kerala	Binoy Viswam	01.07.2024
	Elamaram Kareem	
	Jose K. Mani	

2. Now, the Commission has decided to conduct biennial election to the Council of States from Kerala in accordance with the following programme -

S.NO.	EVENTS	DAYS & DATES
1.	Issue of Notifications	06 th June, 2024 (Thursday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	13 th June, 2024 (Thursday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	14 th June, 2024 (Friday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	18 th June, 2024 (Tuesday)
5.	Date of poll	25th June, 2024 (Tuesday)
6.	Hours of poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	25 th June, 2024 (Tuesday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall completed	28 th June, 2024 (Friday)

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 election.

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4. Adequate measures for close monitoring of the election process by appointing observers shall be taken to ensure free and fair election.

5. Broad Guidelines of Covid-19 issued by ECI, available at link <https://www.eci.gov.in/eci-backend/public/api/download?url=LMAhAK6sOPBp%2FNFF0iRfXbEB1EVSLT41NNLRjYNIJP1KivrUxbfqkDatmHy12e%2FzVx8flfn2ReU7TfrqYobgIg5mD1wF5S%2FZXPhQgD4VIKIMSPL0N5FWF1VoH8oPTnXgDsP9B2iaJCrQLo%2FnA%2Fc2NHjnhNMwmCRY5P%2FYdSwGcQIfcDqNyNaupRk6WhpbTHK1> to be followed, wherever applicable, during entire election process by all persons.



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