

Election Commission plans pan-India special revision of electoral rolls, to begin with poll-bound states

NEW DELHI, OCT 10

The Election Commission is likely to roll out pan-India special intensive revision of voters' list in phases beginning with a group of states, including those where assembly polls are due next year, officials said.

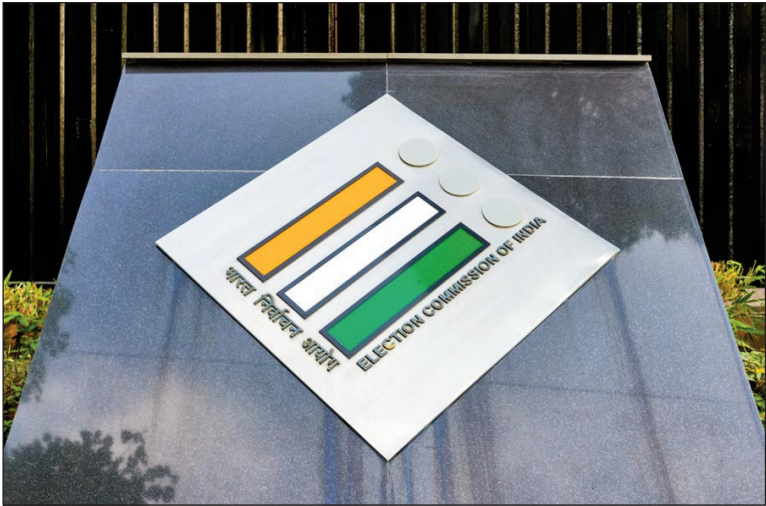
At the same time, it will not hold the electoral roll cleanup exercise in states where local body elections are taking place or are due, as the grass roots poll machinery is busy with it and may not be able to focus on SIR, they said

Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are due in 2026.

Besides these five states, SIR could be held in a few other states in the first phase.

The voters' list cleanup exercise has concluded in Bihar where the final list with nearly 7.42 crore names was published on September 30.

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on Monday said work is in progress to launch SIR of electoral rolls in



all states and a final decision on its rollout will be taken by the Election Commission.

Responding to a question at a press conference to announce the Bihar assembly polls, CEC Kumar had said the EC had announced its plan for a pan-India SIR while rolling out Bihar SIR on June 24.

The work is on and the three commissioners will meet to decide on dates for various states to launch their respective SIRs, he said.

According to officials, the EC

their last SIR on their websites.

The website of the Delhi CEO has the 2008 voter list when the last intensive revision took place in the national capital.

In Uttarakhand, the last SIR took place in 2006, and that year's electoral roll is now on the state CEO website.

The last SIR in states will serve as the cut-off date, just as the 2003 voter list of Bihar was used by the EC for intensive revision.

Most states had the last SIR of the voter list between 2002 and 2004. Most of the states have nearly completed mapping of current electors with the voters according to the last SIR in the state or Union Territory (UT). The primary aim of the SIR is to weed out foreign illegal migrants by checking their place of birth.

The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various states on illegal foreign migrants, including from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Karur stampede: Supreme Court reserves order on TVK's plea challenging HC order to set up SIT

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The Supreme Court on Friday reserved its order on a plea filed by Tamil actor Vijay's political party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, and others, challenging the Madras High Court order directing that an SIT be constituted to probe the Karur stampede in which 41 people were killed. A bench comprising Justices J K Maheshwari and N V Anjaria heard submissions from senior counsels appearing for the party, victims, Tamil Nadu government and others.

On Tuesday, the CJI-headed bench agreed to hear BJP leader Uma Anandan's plea challenging the high court order refusing a CBI probe into the September 27 stampede.

BJP leader from Tamil Nadu, G S Mani, has also filed a petition seeking a CBI probe into the stampede.

The TVK has sought an independent investigation under the supervision of the Supreme Court, contending that a fair and impartial probe would not be possible if conducted solely by officers of the Tamil Nadu Police.

The plea has objected to the high court constituting a special investigation team (SIT) only with officers of the Tamil Nadu Police. It alleged the possibility of



a pre-planned conspiracy by some miscreants that led to the stampede.

The plea also took exception to the scathing remarks of the high court against the party and the actor-politician that they abandoned the place after the incident and did not express any remorse. Earlier, the police said the rally saw a turnout of 27,000, nearly three times the expected 10,000 participants, and blamed a seven-hour delay by Vijay in reaching the venue for the tragedy.

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DC Budgam chairs District TB Forum meeting to Strengthen TB Control Measures

Holistic support and Vigilance key to TB Eradication in Budgam: DC
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BUDGAM, OCT 10

A District TB Forum meeting was held today under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-ud-Din Bhat, to review and strengthen ongoing efforts under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan in the district.

The meeting was attended by CMO Budgam, STO Kashmir, DTO Budgam, other concerned officials as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations, TB Champions, Nikshay Mitras, and all staff associated with the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP).

The DC took comprehensive review of TB-related activities across the district. The Chair was apprised about the progress achieved under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, identified existing gaps in diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up, and deliberated on strategies to enhance service delivery.

The DC Emphasised on improving case detection, treatment adherence, and patient support mechanisms, especially for MDR-TB patients.

He assured full administrative support for strengthening TB control measures in the district. He highlighted the importance of a holistic approach to TB management, including nutritional support, vocational rehabilitation, and social welfare for patients undergoing long-term treatment.

He commended the efforts of Nikshay Mitras for their active role in

providing nutritional assistance and counselling to TB patients, acknowledging their contribution to patient retention and treatment success.

The DC stressed the need for accurate and timely reporting of TB-related data under the NTEP, underlining its critical role in monitoring progress and formulating effective interventions.

He instructed all officers to take necessary corrective measures to address gaps in outreach, treatment monitoring, and community awareness. The meeting further discussed measures to enhance treatment success rates, increase awareness about TB prevention, and ensure that vulnerable patients receive comprehensive support, including regular health check-ups, nutritional supplements, and access to government welfare schemes.

The DC maintained that the District administration is committed towards eradicating tuberculosis from Budgam by strengthening multi-sectoral coordination, engaging community stakeholders, and leveraging technology for effective monitoring.

He also highlighted that sustained administrative attention, combined with active community participation, is key to building a TB-free Budgam.

He directed all officers and stakeholders to work collectively towards achieving the objectives of the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, ensuring that no patient is left untreated or unsupported across District.

Sakeena Itoo reviews performance, functioning, progress of School, Higher Education Deptts.

Calls for stringent monitoring, field-level inspections to address delays, remove bottlenecks
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SRINAGAR, OCT 10

Minister for Education, Social Welfare, Health and Medical Education, Sakeena Itoo chaired a high level meeting at Civil Secretariat here today to review the performance, functioning and progress of various ongoing projects of School Education and Higher Education Departments across Jammu and Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education department, Shantmanu; Secretary School Education, Ram Niwas Sharma; Director General School Education Kashmir, Dr. GN Itoo; Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Director School Education Jammu, Mission Director, RUSA, Special Secretaries of Higher Education and School Education departments, Director Finance/Director Planning of Higher Education and School Education departments, Director Colleges, Chief Engineer PWD of Central Kashmir/South Kashmir/Jammu/Chenab/Pir Panjal zones, Chief Education Officers of all districts and other concerned officers of both departments.

During the meeting, Minister Sakeena took comprehensive

evaluation of key developmental initiatives, infrastructure projects, and academic reforms being implemented across J&K in both Higher Education and School Education departments.

While reviewing the status of ongoing projects in Higher Education department under various schemes like Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), and CAPEX budget initiatives, the Minister emphasized on the timely execution of all ongoing works, particularly those related to infrastructure development, digital learning facilities, teacher training programs, and curriculum enhancement.

She directed the officers of executing agencies that college construction projects need to be completed within stipulated deadlines without compromising on quality. She called for stringent monitoring and field-level inspections to address delays and remove bottlenecks in project implementation.

“Our government is committed to strengthen educational ecosystem in J&K. Every project, whether in remote village or an urban hub, must translate into tangible outcome for students and teachers. Timeliness and accountability are non-

negotiable”, Minister Sakeena asserted.

The Minister further asked the Director Colleges to maintain close coordination with Chief Engineers so that the projects which require minor works are completed by the end of this month.

Taking stock of faculty positions in colleges, the Minister called upon the officers of Higher Education department to look out for the feasibility of increasing remuneration in favour of Academic arrangement teachers so that more persons are attracted to it till vacancies are filled on regular basis. She also directed the officers to create posts for all newly established degree colleges for better educational outcomes.

The Minister also underlined the need for research-oriented learning, industry linkages, and innovation-driven curriculum reforms. She urged college heads to encourage student-led projects, entrepreneurship cells, and collaborations with reputed institutions to enhance employability and practical learning outcomes.

Similarly, while reviewing the school education department, Minister Sakeena spoke on the importance of digital transformation in school education, directing the concerned officers to expedite the installation

of smart classrooms, ICT labs and e-content access facilities to bridge the learning gap, particularly in rural and far-flung areas.

Reiterating the government's commitment to inclusive and equitable education, Minister Sakeena said that special attention is being given to educational infrastructure in remote, border and tribal areas, to ensure every child in J&K has access to quality learning opportunities.

The Minister further called upon all the CEOs to utilise funds under Samagra Shiksha efficiently so that required infrastructure can be created. She further directed the CEOs to monitor projects in their respective districts on regular basis and maintain coordination with project executing agencies for their early completion.

Taking stock of Human Resource issues, the Minister asked the officers of School Education department to appoint Nodal Officer in each district for maintaining coordination with ACB for timely obtaining of Vigilance Clearance certificates in favour of employees. She also directed the CEOs to submit report card on monthly basis to respective HoDs highlighting progress of ongoing projects and other achievements in every aspect of this vital sector.

Haris Handoo assumes charge as Director SKICC

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SRINAGAR, OCT 10

Special Secretary in Chief Minister's Secretariat, Haris Ahmad Handoo today assumed the charge of Director SKICC.

On the occasion, the Director was given warm welcome by the SKICC staff.

The Director, after assumption of charge, held a brief interaction with the officers and other staff.

During the interaction, he highlighted that SKICC's stature as a premier destination for national and international events need to be maintained. He emphasized upon the

officers and staff to work with utmost dedication for promotion of this place as a hub for conferences, cultural events, and global collaborations that highlight the scenic and cultural richness of Jammu & Kashmir.

“SKICC has always been a symbol of excellence and hospitality in the region”, he said.

He assured the employees that all issues pertaining to functioning of this vital institution will be resolved.

The employees assured full support to the new Director to carry on the legacy of this prestigious conference centre.

BGSBU observes World Mental Health Day Registrar delivers Keynote Lecture

RAJOURI, OCT 10: To mark World Mental Health Day, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University (BGSBU) organized an open lecture on the theme “Mental Health: Building Resilience and Well-being.” The event aimed to foster awareness, encourage open conversations and promote a supportive environment for emotional wellness among students and faculty.

Registrar of the University Abhishek Sharma delivered the keynote address. He highlighted the growing importance of mental health in academic settings and emphasized the need to view it with the same seriousness as physical health. He underlined the importance of early identification of symptoms such as prolonged stress, anxiety, mood fluctuations and social withdrawal, noting that early intervention can play a decisive role in recovery and resilience.

He also drew attention towards the Johari Window model, explaining how self-awareness and feedback can help individuals better understand their

emotions, behaviour and areas of personal growth. He encouraged students to remain open to constructive feedback, build trust and express their feelings without hesitation. Such practices, he noted, strengthen emotional intelligence and interpersonal relationships—both essential for mental well-being. He further urged faculty members to foster an empathetic and inclusive learning environment, while stressing the need for structured feedback and support systems within the University to make mental health resources accessible to everyone.

Students from various departments participated actively in the session. Heads of departments and senior faculty members were also present, reflecting the University's commitment to nurturing a culture of care, openness and mental well-being on campus.

The event concluded with an engaging interactive session, where students shared their thoughts on coping mechanisms, resilience and the importance of seeking timely help.

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
E-Tender Notice			
Tender Notice No:- 770-W/01/WA/JAT/2025-26-25-2025-26-DRM-JAT, 27-2025-26-DRM-JAT, 28-2025-26-DRM-JAT, 31-2025-26-DRM-JAT & 32-2025-26-DRM-JAT (to be opened on 31.10.2025) acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date 31.10.2025 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to the closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through payment modes available on the IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card, etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker cheques, Deposit receipts, FDR, etc. are not allowed.			
Tender Type		Tendering Section	Bidding System
Open		Works	Single Packet System
Date of Uploading Tenders		Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
10.10.2025		17.10.2025	31.10.2025
S.No.	Tender No.	Details of Tender	
1	25-2025-26-DRM-JAT	CTR(P) 7.857 Km (64/809 - 68/498 DN), 68/902 - 73/107 DN) Km BHRL-JAT section, TRR(P) 20/307 (51/441 - 52/934 DN, 74/937 - 86/404 DN, 87/477 - 87/6 DN & 88/62- 95/844 DN on BHRL-JAT in the jurisdiction of ADEN-JAT and TSR (P) 16.187 Km (30- 34/187 DN, 36/5 - 48/5 DN) on JRC-PTK section in the jurisdiction of ADEN/PTK.	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
		6,35,45,417.91	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			09 Months
2	27-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Protection work of guide bund & around piers from scouring and development of Upstream side at JAT end of Bridge No 81 Up & DN (Important Bridge) on BHRL-JAT section under ADEN/JAT	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
		3,26,42,231.98	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			06 Months
3	28-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Strengthening end Protection of bridge no 23, 29, 59,7 0, 86, 92, 117, 119, 123, 179, 206, 251, 252, 254, 336, 341, 388, 357, 407 & 422 in the section of NGRT under ADEN-PLMX	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
		5,29,49,363.20	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			06 Months
4	31-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Misc P. Way zone work for various maintenance in the section of SSE/P. Way/MEX under ADEN-PTK	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
		89,99,998.11	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			12 Months
5	32-2025-26-DRM-JAT	Misc P. Way zone work for various maintenance in the section of SSE/P. Way/DHW under ADEN-PTK	
		Advertised Value (Rs.)	Validity of Offer
		40,77,558.43	60 Days
			Period of Completion
			12 Months
NOTE: Contractors are advised to check the IREPS website for any corrigendum issued against this tender before submitting the bids.			
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