

# ASSAM STATE ELECTION COMMISSION PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-781037

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## PRESS NOTE

Subject: Panchayat Election, 2025

The Assam State Election Commission has decided to hold General Election to the Panchayats in the 27 (Twenty-seven) districts of the State as per the following time schedule:

Poll Events	Schedule (1st Phase)	Schedule (2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase)					
Issue of Notice of Election by District Commissioners	03.04.2025	03.04.2025					
Last date of filing nominations	11.04.2025 (from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm)	11.04.2025 (from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm)					
Scrutiny of nomination papers	12.04.2025 (from 10.30 am )	<b>12.04.2025</b> (from 10.30 am)					
Date of publication of list of validly nominated candidates	12.04.2025	12.04.2025					
Date of withdrawal of candidature	17.04.2025 (Upto 3.00 pm)	17.04.2025 (Upto 3.00 pm)					
Date of publication of list of contesting candidates	17.04.2025 (after 3.00 pm)	17.04.2025 (after 3.00 pm)					
Date and time of Poll	<b>02.05.2025</b> (7.30 am to 4.30 pm)	<b>07.05.2025</b> (7.30 am to 4.30 pm)					
Date and time of Re-poll (if any)	<b>04.05.2025</b> (7.30 am to 4.30 pm)	<b>09.05.2025</b> (7.30 am to 4.30 pm)					
Date of Counting	11.05.2025 ( From 8.00 am till completion of the counting )	11.05.2025 ( From 8.00 am till completion of the counting )					
1 <sup>st</sup> Phase Districts:	Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Charaideo, Sivasagar, Majuli, Jorhat, Golaghat, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Sonitpur, Biswanath, Cachar, Hailakandi, Sribhumi						
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase Districts:	Dhubri, South Salmara Mankachar, Goalpara, Bongaigaon, Barpeta, Bajali, Nalbari, Kamrup, Kamrup (Metro), Hojai, Nagaon, Morigaon, Darrang						

## 1. Data related to the Election:

#### A. Voter

i. Total Voter

18036682 nos.

(Male -9071264, Female - 8965010 & Others - 408)

The Commission has decided to continue the process of addition of new elector with the date of eligibility of electors as on **01.01.2025** in the Panchayat Electoral Rolls as per rules.

(<u>N.B</u>. Total Voters in Panchayat Election, 2018 was - 15641456 (13.27% increased now)

### B. Polling Stations

25007 nos.

( N.B. Total Polling Stations in Panchayat Election, 2018 was -23505 ( 6% increased now)

## C. Reservation:

Summary report of reservation of PRIs for Panchayat election 2025

S1 No	Particulars of the Seats/Posts	Total Seat	0===	SC reserved		ST reserved		Unreserved	Total
			Open	Open	Women	Open	Women	Women	women
1	GP Member	21920	9270	733	849	1034	983	9047	10883
2	GP President	2192	934	70	91	91	94	914	1097
3	GP Vice President	2192	936	67	93	81	99	916	1108
4	AP Member	2192	914	63	98	91	98	932	1124
5	AP President	181	69	5	5	9	7	85	98
6	AP Vice President	181	71	5	6	9	5	85	96
7	ZP Member	397	167	17	14	14	20	166	199

#### 2. IDENTFICATION OF VOTERS

Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) shall be the main document of identification of a voter. However, any of the below mentioned identification documents can also be shown at the polling station:

- i. Aadhar Card,
- ii. MNREGA Job Card
- iii. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office,
- iv. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour,
- v. Driving License,
- vi. PAN Card,
- vii. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR,
- viii. Indian Passport,
- ix. Pension document with photograph,
- x. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employee by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and
- xi. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs.
- xii. Unique Disability ID (UDID) Card, M/o Social Justice & empowerment, Government of India.

## 3. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Model Code of Conduct shall come into force with immediate effect in the respective areas covered by the Panchayat Election, 2025. Assam State Election Commission has been following the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI) along with related guidelines in the document titled Manual on Model Code of Conduct (Document 21). As the Model Code of Conduct relates to free and fair conduct of election that forms the spirit of democratic set up which has been held as part of the basic structure of the Constitution, the Model Code of Conduct of ECI is equally applicable in the Local Body Elections.

The Model Code of Conduct consists of 8 (eight) parts for the guidance of Political parties and Candidates and is summarised as below:

- Part ( I) of Model Code of Conduct lays stress on certain minimum standards of good hehaviour and conduct of Political Parties and Candidates and their workers and supporters during the election campaign;
- 2. Part (II) and Part (III) deal with the holding of public meeting and taking out procession by Political party and Candidates;
- 3. Part (IV) and (V) describe as to how Political Parties and Candidates should conduct themselves on the Polling Day and at the Polling Booths;
- 4. Part (VI) exhorts Political Parties and Candidates to bring their complaints to the notice of the Observers appointed by the Election Commission for remedial actions.
- 5. Part (VII) deals with the parties in power. This part is, in essence, the flesh and blood of Model Code, which deals with several issues relating to Government and its Ministers, such as visits of Ministers, use of Government transport and Government accommodation, announcements of various schemes and projects etc.
- 6. The newly added Part (VIII) says that Election Manifestoes shall not contain anything repugnent to the ideals and principles enshrined in the Constitution and further that it shall be consistent with the letter and spirit of other provisions Model Code.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS OF A CANDIDATE

- i. Candidate should have attained the age of 21 years.
- ii. Candidate should have a functional sanitary toilet in his/her residence.
- iii. Candidate himself or his/her spouse should not have violated the legal age of mariage under the provision of Child Marriage Act, 2006.
- iv. Candidate should not have more than 2 (two) living children from a single or multiple partners at the time of filing nomination provided this will not apply to more than two children who were born before 19.03.2018.
- v. Candidates should comply to Rule 22A by filing affidavit at the time of filing nomination about criminal conviction or discharge about being accused in any pending offence punishable for two years. The affidavit should also contain his assets, movable as well as immovable and liabilities.
- vi. Candidate for a Gaon Panchayat Member should have passed the HSLC examination or equivalent examination under any Council or Board recognised by the State or Central Government. However, candidate belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and More Other Backward Classes should have studied up to Class-X. Similarly, candidates for Zilla Parishad and Anchalik Panchayat should have passed HSSLC examination or equivalent examination under any Council or Board recognised

by the State or Central Government. However, candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and More Other Backward Classes, the minimum qualification is HSLC passed or equivalent examination passed under any Council or Board recognised by the State or Central Government.

vii. No person shall be elected as President, Vice President and Member of Zilla Parishad, Anchalik Panchayat and Gaon Panchcyat if he/she is disqualified under section 111 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1994 as amended.

## 5. Ceiling of Expenditure:

i. Zilla Parishad Member - ₹ 10.00 lakh (Rupees ten lakh)

ii. Anchalik Panchayat Member - ₹ 2.50 lakh (Rupees two lakh

fifty thousand)

iii. Gaon Panchayat Member - ₹25000.00 (Rupees twenty-five

thousand)

Secretary

Assam State Election Commission

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Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April,2025

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- 1. The District Commissioner, Dhubri/ Goalpara/ Bongaigaon/ Barpeta/ Bajali/ Nalbari/ Kamrup(R)/ Darrang /Sonitpur /Lakhimpur/ Dhemaji /Dibrugrah/ Tinsukia/ Sivasagar/ Jorhat/ Golaghat/ Nagaon/ Morigaon/ Cachar/ Hailakandi/ Sribhumi/ Kamrup(M)/ South SalmaraMankachar/ Biswanath/ Charaideo/ Hojai/ Majuli for kind information.
- 2. The Commissioner of Police, Guwahati City, Guwahati.
- 3. The Superintendent of Police, Dhubri/ Goalpara/ Bongaigaon/ Barpeta/ Bajali/ Nalbari/ Kamrup(R)/ Darrang /Sonitpur /Lakhimpur/ Dhemaji /Dibrugrah/ Tinsukia/ Sivasagar/ Jorhat/ Golaghat/ Nagaon/ Morigaon/ Cachar/ Hailakandi/ Sribhumi/ South Salmara Mankachar/ Biswanath/ Charaideo/ Hojai/ Majuli for kind inrformation.
- 4. The Director, Information & Public Relations, Assam for kind information and wide publicity.
- 5. The Co-District Commissioner, Bilasipara, Golakganj, Abhayapuri, Rangia, Kaliabor, Raha, Gohpur, Behali, Dhakuakhana, Jonai, Margherita, Sadiya, Doomdooma, Nazira, Demow, Titabor, Bokakhat, Dhansiri, Dergaon, Lakhipur, Goalpara West, Dimoria, Jalukbari, Sipajhar, Dalgaon, Jagiroad, Laharighat, Lumding, Dhekiajuli, Naduar, Khowang, Duliajan, Tingkhang, Naharkatia, Mahmora, Patharkandi, Ram Krishna Nagar.

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