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**PRESS NOTE**

**Subject: Biennial election to the Maharashtra Legislative Council from 03 Graduates' and 02 Teachers' Constituencies.**

The term of office of 05 members of the Maharashtra Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies has expired on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, due to the retirement of the sitting members as detailed below:-

Maharashtra			
Sl. No.	Name of Constituency	Name of the Member	Date of retirement
1.	Aurangabad Division Graduates'	Chavan Satish Bhanudasrao	
2.	Pune Division Graduates'	Chandrakant (Dada) Bachhu Patil* <i>{*Elected in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on 24.10.2019(A/N)}</i>	
3.	Nagpur Division Graduates'	Anil Madhukar Sole	
4.	Amravati Division Teachers'	Shrikant Deshpande	
5.	Pune Division Teachers'	Dattatraya Achyutrao Sawant	19.07.2020

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 16.07.2020 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, Maharashtra has now decided that above mentioned biennial election to the Maharashtra State Legislative Council from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies, be held in accordance with the following programme:-

1.	Issue of Notification	05 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Thursday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	12 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Thursday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Friday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Tuesday)
5.	Date of Poll	<b>01<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 (Tuesday)</b>
6.	Hours of Poll	08:00 am to 05:00 pm
7.	Counting of votes	03 <sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 (Thursday)
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	07 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (Monday)

4. The Model Code of Conduct concerning these elections will come into force with immediate effect in the concerned Constituencies. Please see the details on 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%20%99-and-teachers%20%99-and-local-authorities%20%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:

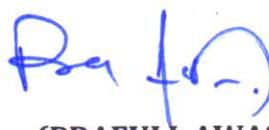
(b) Sanitizer shall be made available at all locations

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 in conduct of election during COVID-19, please refer to the guidelines available on Commission's website under link: <https://eci.gov.in/files/file/12167-broad-guidelines-for-conduct-of-general-election-bye-election-during-covid-19/>.

  
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