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PRESS RELEASE



The Chief Electoral Officer, Shri B S Jaglan, IAS today held a meeting in the Main Conference hall of Secretariat to review the Election preparedness in the Parliamentary Constituency in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Returning Officer, Shri Arjun Sharma, State Police Nodal Officer, Ms Monika Bhardwaj,

other Officials related to Election were present. The DCs, SPs, all AC of outlying districts joined the meeting through VC.

Initiating the meeting, the CEO said that the Election Machinery is in the last leg in terms of preparedness for Polling which will take place in April, 19, 2024 and urged for work with full co-ordination and highest level of energy for the free, fair, smooth and peaceful conduct of election in ANIPC. The highest level of energy and moral is maintained in this leg of poll process.

The CEO underlined the need for better co-ordination of all agencies and the need for extra effort from the DCs, ACs and AROs for an error free Election. He further urged for proper utilization of manpower and materials for the free, fair and transparent election. He directed for speeding up of the distribution of voter information slip to the eligible electors of all the three districts which is very important for ensuring maximum participation of the electors in voting on Poll Day. He also urged for following all the SOPs for the dispatch and collection of EVMs from the Strong Room. The Political Party/contesting candidates/election agents must be communicated during this process without fail.

Reminding about the robust communication plan put in place, the CEO urged for dissemination of the two hourly Polling report from all the Polling Station at all cost for its further transmission to ECI. Apart from this, the reports of the readiness of Polling Stations, completion of Mock Poll and starting of Voting has to be communicated step by step. He further informed that the randomization of Polling Parties will be done on April, 15 2024 and it will be communicated to the Polling Parties through respective District Election Officers immediately so that they can be well prepared.

The CEO further informed that the EVMs and polling materials for Nancowry and Campbell Bay have already been sent and kept in the strong room and its dispatch to other islands will start from tomorrow (April.15). He urged the

senior police officials to step up checking during this remaining less than one week period. He said while checking of vehicle there should not be any harassment to general public but guilty should not be spared at any cost.

The Returning Officer, Shri Arjun Sharma stated that Polling should not stop any Polling Booth spread over the Islands. If any issue of EVM crops up, the area sector officer and ECIL engineer must be contacted immediately.

The CEO directed all DEOs to ensure Assured Minimum Facilities as per the guidelines of ECI in all the Polling Booths spread over ANIPC and VHF & satellite phones have been made available for seamless transmission of polling data in areas where ever mobile network is not available.

The State Police Nodal Officer, A&N Islands, Ms Monika Bhardwaj, IPS, informed that elaborate arrangements have been made by A&N Police been made in the entire for the smooth conduct of Polling in ANIPC. She informed that proper security arrangements have been put in place in all the Polling Stations. She stated that the A&N Police will leave no stone unturned in the conduct of free, fair and smooth elections in ANIPC.