

ECI holds review and training of DEOs, SPs/SSPs, CPs of Assam

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1. Election Commission of India held an online review and training session for the District Election Officers (DEOs) and the Superintendents of Police (SPs)/SSPs, CPs and other officers of Assam today. Assam goes to polls on April 9, 2026.
2. It may be recalled that Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar, during the review visit of Assam on February 18, 2026 had underlined that the elections in Assam shall be conducted in a violence-free, intimidation-free, inducement-free manner so that every elector can vote without fear or favour in a festive atmosphere.
3. In this regard, senior officers of the Commission reviewed the preparedness of the district administration and law and order machinery for the general elections to the Legislative Assembly of Assam.
4. The senior officers held a detailed review with the DEOs, SPs, CPs of the state on every aspect of election planning, ensuring AMF at all polling stations, EVM management, logistics, training of election staff, seizures, law and order, voter awareness and outreach activities.
5. It was also emphasised that the Presiding Officers (POs) must ensure that the signed copies of Form 17C, which contains the account of votes recorded are shared with all the polling agents present at the close of poll.
6. The Presiding Officers should also be properly trained and directed to upload voter turnout data on the ECINET App on a two-hourly basis and at the close of polls.
7. District Election Officers (DEOs) were also directed to ensure distribution of Voter Information Slips (VIS) to all electors at least 5 days before the day of poll. They were also instructed to ensure that Voter Guides are provided to each household. CEO Assam informed that in addition to these, Braille enabled VIS will also be issued for the benefit of visually impaired voters.
8. DEOs were also instructed to ensure that the permissions sought by candidates and political parties for various campaign related activities through Suvidha module of ECINet be disposed of within the prescribed time-frame of 24 hours in a first come first serve manner in a completely impartial manner.
9. Provision of adequate safety equipment and rescue measures was emphasised upon in view of the numerous riverine polling stations in Assam.

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