

BLOs are the foundational pillars of India's democracy: CEC Gyanesh Kumar

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1. Chief Election Commissioner of India Shri Gyanesh Kumar interacted with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow today. Over 500 BLOs and 30 BLO Supervisors from various parts of the State took part in the interaction.
2. In his inaugural address, CEC Shri Gyanesh Kumar described the BLOs as the foundational pillar of the world's largest democracy. He added that the preparation of Electoral Rolls and the conduct of elections in India are executed strictly as per the constitution of India, law and instructions issued by ECI.
3. CEC Gyanesh Kumar stated that the BLOs are the repositories of trust and transparency of electoral processes and they are the first interface of the Election Commission of India with the citizens. CEC Gyanesh Kumar underscored how the BLOs of UP had played and continued to play an instrumental role in the preparation of the Electoral Rolls.
4. After the completion of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls in the State in April this year, over 13.39 crore electors were included in the final Electoral Roll published in Uttar Pradesh. The exercise was carried out by the
1.77 lakh Booth Level Officers (BLOs) with the concurrent audit by over 5.82 lakh Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by the recognised political parties.
5. The BLOs also had a Question-and-Answer session with the CEC as part of the meeting. BLOs had an opportunity to clarify their doubts directly through the interaction.

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