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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Election to the Legislative Councils of Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies -reg.

The term of office of 08 members of the Bihar Legislative Council from 04 Graduates' and 04 Teachers' Constituency, 04 member of the Karnataka Legislative Council from 02 Graduates' and 02 Teachers' Constituencies, 05 member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council from 03 Graduates' and 02 Teachers' Constituencies and 11 member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council from 05 Graduates' and 06 Teachers' Constituencies are expiring due to retirement of the sitting members as detailed below:-

S. No.	Name of Member	Name of Constituency	Date of Retirement
Bihar			
1.	Neeraj Kumar	Patna Graduates'	16.11.2026
2.	Sarvesh Kumar	Darbhanga Graduates'	
3.	Bansi Dhar Brajwasi	Tirhut Graduates'	
4.	Dr. N.K. Yadav	Kosi Graduates'	
5.	Naval Kishore Yadav	Patna Teachers'	
6.	Dr. Madan Mohan Jha	Darbhanga Teachers'	
7.	Sanjay Kumar Singh	Tirhut Teachers'	
8.	Afaque Ahmad	Saran Teachers'	

Karnataka			
1.	Chidanand M Gowda (Presidency)	Karnataka South-East Graduates'	11.11.2026
2.	S.V. Sankanur	Karnataka West Graduates'	
3.	Shashil G. Namoshi	Karnataka North-East Teachers'	
4.	Sri Puttanna	Bangalore Teachers'	

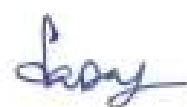
Maharasthra			
1.	Chavan Satish Bhanudasrao	Aurangabad Division Graduates'	06.12.2026
2.	Arun Ganpati Lad	Pune Division Graduates'	
3.	Abhijit Govindrao Wanjari	Nagpur Division Graduates'	
4.	Sarnaik Kiran Ramrao	Amravati Division Teachers'	
5.	Jayant Dinkar Aasgavkar	Pune Division Teachers'	

Uttar Pradesh			
1.	Er. Awanish Kumar Singh	Lucknow Division Graduates'	06.12.2026
2.	Ashutosh Sinha	Varanasi Division Graduates'	
3.	Dr. Manvendra Pratap Singh 'Guru Ji'	Agra Division Graduates'	
4.	Dinesh Kumar Goel	Meerut Division Graduates'	
5.	Dr. Man Singh Yadav	Allahabad-Jhansi Division Graduates'	
6.	Umesh Dwivedi	Lucknow Division Teachers'	
7.	Lal Biharee Yadav	Varanasi Division Teachers'	
8.	Dr. Aakash Agrawal (Vittavihin wale)	Agra Division Teachers'	
9.	Shrichand Sharma	Meerut Division Teachers'	
10.	Hari Singh Dhillon	Bareilly-Moradabad Division Teachers'	
11.	Dhruv Kumar Tripathi	Gorakhpur-Faizabad Division Teachers'	

2. The Commission has decided to conduct biennial election to the Legislative Councils of Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh from Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies from above-mentioned Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies in accordance with the following programme:-

S. No.	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notification	29 th September, 2026 (Tuesday)
2.	Last Date for making nominations	6 th October, 2026 (Tuesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	7 th October, 2026 (Wednesday)
4.	Last date for the withdrawal of candidatures	9 th October, 2026 (Friday)
5.	Date of Poll	23rd October, 2026 (Friday)
6.	Hours of Poll	08:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	27 th October, 2026 (Tuesday)
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	31 st October, 2026 (Saturday)

4. The Model Code of Conduct concerning these elections will come into force with immediate effect in the concerned Constituencies. The details thereof are available on the Commission's website under the link: <https://old.eci.gov.in/files/file/4070-biennial-bye-elections-to-the-legislative-councils-from-council-constituencies-by-graduates%E2%80%99-and-teachers%E2%80%99-and-local-authorities%E2%80%99-constituencies-%E2%80%93-mcc-instructions-%E2%80%93-regarding/>



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