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PRESS RELEASE

The State Election Commission is announcing the revised schedule for the conduct of elections to the five Municipalities and ten Commune Panchayats in the UT of Puducherry in compliance with the orders dated 05.10.2021 of the Hon. High Court of Madras in the WP Nos. 21067, 21117 and 21708 of 2021 and WMP Nos. 22326, 22327, 22383, 22382, 22890 and 22891 of 2021. The Commission notified the allocation of reservation of seats and offices in the Municipalities and Commune Panchayats to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Castes Women, General Women, and General categories vide the Notifications No. 1-31/SEC/CE/Res-M/E4/2021-22/914 dated 07.10.2021 and No. 1-32/SEC/CE/Res-P/E4/2021-22/915 dated 07.10.2021 respectively.

The revised schedule for the local bodies' elections in the UT of Puducherry is as follows:

1. The Election will be held in 3 phases:

	I Phase	II Phase	III Phase
Municipality	Pondicherry	-	Karaikal
	Oulgaret	-	Mahe
	-	-	Yanam
Commune Panchayats	-	Ariyankuppam	Kottucherry
	-	Bahour	Nedungadu
	-	Mannadipet	Neravy
	-	Nettapakkam	Thirumalairayanpattinam
	-	Villianur	Thirunallar
No. of Polling Stations	631	634	364
Total No. of Voters	444199	328555	230502

2. The break-up of numbers of Seats and Offices in each phase is give as under:

	Municipality		Commune Panchayats			Total No. of posts
	Chairperson	Councillors	Commune Panchayat Council Members	Village Panchayat Presidents	Village Panchayat Ward Members	
Phase - I	2	75	-	-	-	77
Phase - II	-	-	81	81	634	796
Phase -III	3	41	27	27	178	276
Total	5	116	108	108	812	1149

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3. The revised schedule for the elections is as follows:

Revised Schedule of Elections

Process	I PHASE	II PHASE	III PHASE
Date of notification of election/Start of Filing of Nomination	11.10.2021	15.10.2021	22.10.2021
Last date for filing nomination	18.10.2021	22.10.2021	29.10.2021
Date of Scrutiny of nomination	20.10.2021	25.10.2021	30.10.2021
Last date for withdrawal of candidature	22.10.2021	27.10.2021	02.11.2021
Poll day	02.11.2021	07.11.2021	13.11.2021

After poll for all the three phases, the Counting for all the phases will be on: 17.11.2021

The polling hours will be 7.00 A.M to 6.00 P.M with last one hour i.e., from 5.00 P.M to 6.00 P.M being ear-marked for COVID19 Patients and patients with such symptoms.

With this announcement **The Model Code of Conduct comes into force with immediate effect from today.** The Model Code of Conduct, Laws on the conduct of Local Bodies Elections and the relevant information of Electoral Rolls, Polling Stations, the contact details of DEOs, REOs, ROs, AROs and other officials of the State Election Commission are available on the Commission's website: <https://sec.py.gov.in>. State Election Commission appeal to the media, electors, candidates, and their agents/workers and all officials involved to take the COVID-19 vaccine, first or second dose as applicable, for taking part in Local Bodies Elections 2021. Further, as a precautionary measure to prevent Covid outbreaks, Commission is banning processions/road shows/street plays and cycle/bike/vehicle rallies. Public meetings and house-to-house campaigning will be allowed with strict restrictions. In addition, since these elections are at the grass-roots level, the Commission has restricted the period of campaigning to the shortest permissible by the relevant Act/Rules.

The announcement of schedule for elections to the indirect elections for the following seats: i) Vice-Chairman of the Municipalities, ii) Chairman of the Commune Panchayat Council, iii) Vice-Chairman of the Commune Panchayat Council and iv) Vice-President of the Village Panchayat in Commune Panchayats will be released after the declaration of the results of the direct elections in the Municipalities and Commune Panchayats.

The details of seats for the indirect elections, which will be held later, are as follows:


Name of the Seat	Vice-Chairman of Municipalities	Chairman of the Commune Panchayat Council	Vice-Chairman of the Commune Panchayat Council	Vice-President of Village Panchayat
No. of Posts	5	10	10	108

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Political parties, candidates, and the general public are once again requested to take note of the Commission's revised notifications dated 07.10.2021 in respect of the reservation of seats and offices in the Municipalities and Panchayats to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Castes Women, General Women, and General categories. The Notification, in both English and Tamil, is uploaded on the website of the State Election Commission: <https://sec.py.gov.in>. The Electoral Rolls already released on 20.09.2021 for the 5 Municipalities and the 10 Commune Panchayats shall now be read together with these revised notifications of allocation of reservation of seats and offices.

Above announcement and all further actions in the election process are in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Madras and as per the powers vested with the State Election Commission by Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India.

The Commission once again requests the cooperation of all stakeholders for the safe and smooth conduct of the civic elections.


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