Theme 21 - IT Applications

Guidance Plan:

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Introduction

ECI and Information Technology (IT)			
Easier delivery of services & access to electors.	 On-line application for Electoral Roll Electoral Roll search facility on website, through SMS & Mobile App Polling Station locations on maps on ECI website Call centre with 1950 for public grievances/information/help 		
Greater Transparency	 Displaying affidavits of candidates indicating personal, financial and legal status for public view Electoral Rolls on the website Use of Poll Day Live webcasting from Polling Stations 		
Better Election Management	 Observer Management system Poll monitoring Election Monitoring dashboard for officers at all levels EVM tracking through software Trends and result live dissemination through Portal Know your Candidate 		

ROLE OF IT IN TRANSFORMING INDIAN ELECTIONS

ECI has been keeping pace with Technological changes in order to:

- Bring improvements in electoral process
- Transparency and speedy conduct of elections
- Enhance people participation in electoral process
- Almost every Election process is being supported by IT

Major IT Interventions introduced are

- Computerization of Electoral rolls
- Issue of unique EPIC to all electors
- Use of Electronic Voting Machines
- Use of IT in Elections planning, conduct and monitoring
- National Grievances Service and Access to Information

GENERAL OBSERVER

General Observers are deployed during elections immediately after announcement of Election for observing:

- 1. The process of scrutiny of Nominations
- 2. Implementations of MCC Violations
- 3. Overseeing the EVM deployment
- 4. Randomization of Election Personnel
- 5. Counting Process

OBSERVER PORTAL AND OBSERVER PORTAL

- ECI has developed online portal for database management of General Observer, Police Observer and Expenditure Observer from amongst the Civil Services of Govt. of India
- Officials of ECI prepares the deployment schedule through this online portal
- The respective Observer gets the notification of their deployment through the Mobile App as well as through this Portal
- Upon their deployment, all the reports are submitted to ECI either using the Mobile App or through the portal on URL https://observerseci.eci.nic.in/

OBSERVER PORTAL AND OBSERVER APP

- All correspondence from ECI and all the Important Communication between ECI and Observer happen through the Observer Portal only.
- The Mobile App reports all the cases of MCC violations reported through the cVigil App allowing the Observer to view the same and if required, comment on their nature of disposal

OBSERVER PORTAL



- Observer logs into the portal using their credentials and upon entering OTP received on their regd. Mobile
- Profile editing is done through the menu My Profile

My Reports Upload Reports File (Status Note) SignOut



DOWNLOADS & INSTRUCTIONS



SEND/RECEIVE REPORTS FROM ECI



OBSERVER ID CARDS

EXPENDITURE OBSERVER



GENERAL OBSERVER



POLICE OBSERVER



OBSERVER APP - OVERVIEW





OBSERVER RECEIVE/SEND ON THEIR MOBILE

- 1. File their **arrival**, **departure** schedules
- 2. Their complete deployment schedule
- 3. All Notices, Constituency details, etc.
- 4. Information of cVIGIL cases
- 5. Information of Flying Squad
- 6. View profile, Notice Board
- 7. Fill reports via options available on the dashboard.

NATIONAL GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL SYSTEM

- NGRS is a seamless and Integrated Help Desk / Call Centre / Single Window system.
- Facilitates stakeholders like Citizens, Electors, Political parties, Candidates, Media and Election officials at National, State and District and AC level.
- Fastest way to lodge grievance by using different channel of NGRS [Voter Helpline App / Voter Portal / PwD App/National Grievances Service/Contact Centre]
- Can lodge both **Election** and **Non-Election** Related Complaints.
- **Track** every complaints lodged by any channel.
- Every user have a separate dashboard like Public, CEO, DEO, ERO and ECI officials.

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100	NATIONAL GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL SYSTEM		
2	User Name		
1	Password		
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Login			
	Forgot your password? Click here to reset it.		

NGRS – MONITORING & FOLLOW UP

	GRIEVANCE			
	ELECTION PERIOD	NON-ELECTION PERIOD		
•	Complaint has redressal time of max Two days	• Complaint has redressal time of max One Month		
Complaint has to be resolved within this period				
If in this period RO, DEO does not taken action				
	Then it go to one upper level officer after redressal period over.			
	Ex: If complaint is of AC level, then it goes to District level.			

NGRS – DISPOSAL OF COMPLAINTS

URL: https://eci-citizenservicesforofficers.eci.nic.in

- All complaints are received on the Officer Portal
- Complaint is handled based on its nature and action is taken by concerned officers like ERO, RO, DEO or CEO
- Every Complaint have different redressal period
- If within the redressal period RO, DEO does not taken action, then complaint goes to one upper level officer after redressal period over, its status changes to Default.
- Once in every month. the existing Public Grievances Redressal System takes the reports from NGRS and sends to the respective state

NGRS – COMPLAINT STATUS



STATUS	DESCRIPTION
OPEN	When first time complaint lodged
IN PROGRESS	Complaints Noted or Forwarded but not disposed
RESOLVED	Complaints disposed by officer
CLOSED	After 7 days of disposal, status of complaint automatically changes to Closed
DEFAULT	No any action taken by any officer within the time period

NATIONAL VOTER SERVICE PORTAL (NVSP)



NATIONAL VOTER SERVICE PORTAL (NVSP)

- The user friendly interface of this portal provides a single window quality services to citizen towards higher transparency and ease of access of information.
- The Electoral Search from over 85 Crore electoral data within a blink of eye is possible due to the use of cloud services & responsive user interface.



NATIONAL VOTER SERVICE PORTAL (NVSP)

- \checkmark This interface helps the citizen
 - Search their name in electoral roll on Details (Name, Relative Name, Age/DOB, State, AC, Location from Google Maps) / EPIC No.
 - Apply online for registration as new voter
 - Correction of entries or change of address
 - Track status of application
 - Print voter information slip
 - Find their BLO, ERO and DEO etc.



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EVM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



EVM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- EVM Management System is used to manage inventory of EVM units
- This system offers transparency and ensures that there is no manual intervention at any level from the manufacturer to the polling stations
 - Through EMS, the Commission ensures that thorough *Randomization of the EVM* first happens at the AC level and other at the Polling Station level.
 - This core activity of the ECI has brought confidence to voters about the Electronic Voting Machines

SOP FOR FIRST RANDOMIZATION

Preparatory steps -

- FLC Ok unit must be available
- Strong room AC must be created
- Temp user must be created for strong room AC



EMS APP

Preparatory steps -

- First randomization must be done
- All the units must be received in strong room AC
- Count of polling station & candidate must be verified



EVM APP



- Works as an extended scanner
- Sends / receives scanning
- Marking of FLC OK or defective
- Marking of units for awareness
- Only FLC units can be used in election
- Receiving of units in respective AC
- Receiving back units in normal warehouse after poll

EVM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



EMS App is used by temporary user at warehouse level for scanning of barcodes for identifying and tracking BU, CU and VVPAT.



NATIONAL GRIEVANCE SERVICE PORTAL

- NGSP is a pan India integrated multilingual contact centre (739 centres) supplied with ICT equipments and trained manpower launched by ECI
- Operations of NGSP are monitored by the District Level Officer under supervision of District Election Officer.
- These service centres have same set of information regarding Electoral Roll, Voter ID Card, Election Process and other FAQs
- Any citizen can approach ECI through these centres by dialing 1950 toll free number.
- The call centre agent logs all its calls into NGSP portal, thus providing Tracking number and accountability.

NATIONAL SERVICE PORTAL

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- Alternate ways of approaching NGSP are:
 - Sending complaint Email to the Portal
 - Direct registration of Complaint through Voter Helpline App / NGSP Portal
 - Information / Suggestions / Feedback can also be logged through NGSP
- Complaint redressal:
 - Complaints are addressed by the respective ERO, DEO, CEO or Division of ECI within the stipulated timeframe prescribed by the Commission

ENCORE



 ENCORE is an integrated application that can perform :

 Pre-poll activities like candidate
 nomination, scrutiny, permission, etc.

 Poll day activities like voter turnout
 Post poll activities like counting, Index Card, Expenditure Monitoring

ENCORE TREE



Candidate Scrutiny

Process of marking nomination as Accepted / Rejected
 / Withdrawn and finalisation of contesting candidate.



Election Permission

Permission module allows the candidates, political parties or any representatives of the candidate to apply for the permission.



Voter Turnout

Poll day activity performed by RO's to provide 2 hourly report of estimated voter turnout in different slots.



This enables RO's to fill the Index card online after counting that contains each detail of elections since election declaration to results.

Candidate Nomination

• Digitization of nomination form to create database of candidate that used in various election process



Affidavit Portal

• This allows citizens to view the complete list of Candidate Nominations who have applied for the elections and their affidavits

Election Counting

• Application is being used to capture data entry round wise for counting and result dissemination

Expenditure Monitoring

 The Online application of expenditure provides for capturing of expense by candidate over public meetings, posters, banners, vehicle, and ceiling for candidate expenditure.



ENCORE : ONLINE NOMINATION

This facility helps the candidates for making online data entry of their personal details in nomination forms and affidavit (Form-26) through ECI Suvidha portal i.e. from "suvidha.eci.gov.in".

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Online scheduling of meeting for document submission.

Online security deposit facility and generation of e-affidavit.

Data validation & alert to avoid mistakes.

ENCORE : CANDIDATE NOMINATION & SCRUTINY

This facility to RO helps digitize the physically received nomination forms. RO can also perform other Nomination related processes like uploading affidavits, multiple nomination, scrutiny, marking of validity, allotment of symbol and finalization of list.

ចំប៉ិចំ Candidate Nomination & Scrutiny

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Apply multiple Nominations

Digitization of physically received forms.

Upload Affidavit and counter affidavit.

ENCORE : PERMISSION MANAGEMENT

Permission module allows the candidates, political parties or any representatives of the candidate to apply online for the permission for meetings, rallies, temporary offices, and others through SUVIDHA Portal.

Permission Management

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Assignment of Nodal in Master Data for similar type of permission.

Quick response in case of multiple approving authority..

Easy digitization of physical forms

ENCORE : NODAL APP FOR NODAL OFFICERS

Through this app, the Nodal Officers can approve various permissions assigned to them during the MCC. This app help the nodal officer by making data accessible and efficient to take decision បំពុំចំ Nodal App for Nodal Officer

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Easy for quick response of the assigned nodal officer.

NO can accept / reject with comment and add the NOC if required.....

NO can view decision of RO and attached document.

ENCORE : CANDIDATE APP FOR CANDIDATES



ENCORE : AFFIDAVIT PORTAL

Using this facility, any citizens can view the details of all accepted, rejected, withdrawn and contesting contestants, including the affidavit provided by the candidate

Affidavit Portal ចុំក្តុំចុំ

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Displays complete candidate profile

Contesting candidates list as per FORM 7A

Scrutiny status with affidavit and counter affidavit.
ENCORE : VOTER TURNOUT

This simple and time-bound mechanism provides real-time dissemination of Voter Turnout trends to Election officers and Citizens directly through ECI Voter Turnout App. The turnout is autocompiled as and when the Returning Officers enter the data.



ENCORE : RESULT WEBSITE

This facility helps the citizen to view the disseminated result of the counting day. The timely publication of the round-wise information is vital for establishing a single source of authentic data. បំពុំបំ Result Website Detailed data of votes like EVM votes, postal votes, total votes and percentage of votes

Single Source of authenticated data

Graphical representation of the trends with filters of party wise & constituency wise data.

ENCORE : INDEX CARD MODULE

This facility helps the Returning Officer to fill the Index card online after counting. It contains each and every detail of elections from the schedule of elections to the declaration of results.

Index Card Module

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Detailed report of voter turnout in each assembly.

Data available in multiple report format.

Correction facility available similar to physical index card.

ENCORE : COUNTING MODULE

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The ENCORE counting application ចុំក្តុំចុំ Table wise entry of EVM Votes. *is an end-to-end application for* returning officers to digitize the Counting Round wise result dissemination $\langle \vartheta \rangle$ votes polled, tabulate the Module to public portals round-wise data and then take out various statutory reports of Multiple user to make table wise Ŵ entry with separate PB entry. counting.

VOTER TURNOUT APP

- This simple and time-bound mechanism provides real-time dissemination of Voter Turnout trends to Election officers and Citizens directly through ECI Voter Turnout App. The turnout is auto-compiled as and when the Returning Officers enter the data.
- Features:





- (male, female & other)



Voter Turnout App



VOTER TURNOUT : DATA ENTRY CYCLE



Slot gets open for half an hour as per allotted time. Returning officer needs to login ENCORE At dashboard update the estimated voter turnout in two different boxes with surety to provide same entry. Update the same turnout percentage as final confirmation in the pop-up and update. Slots get close as per the allotted time and provided estimated percentage get disseminated on voter turnout app for citizens.

VOTER TURNOUT : DATA ENTRY CYCLE



VOTER TURNOUT : POLL DAY ACTIVITY PROCESS FLOW



VOTER TURNOUT : END OF POLL PROCESS FLOW



VOTER TURNOUT : DASHBOARD

- RO can make entry for Estimated voter turnout of different timing during 30 minutes.
- If RO missed the entry of any time slot then 'Missed' status will be shown for that particular slot.
- Other time slot will be shown as Not Open if time has not reached of that particular slot.



VOTER TURNOUT : WHERE TO ENTER THE DATA

• RO enter the value of estimated voter turnout in both textbox and click on Update button



VOTER TURNOUT : MULTIPLE CONFIRMATION



• A confirmation pop up will shown the entered percentage value. Returning officer need to confirm the same before end of time slot

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KNOW YOUR CANDIDATE (KYC)





CRIMINAL ANTECEDANTS

Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgment dated 10.08.2021, in contempt petition(C) No. 656 of 2020 in contempt petition
 (C) no. 2192 of 2018 in writ petition (civil) no. 536 of 2011, under para 73(ii) has directed as under:-



- "The ECI is to create a dedicated mobile application containing information published by candidates regarding their **criminal antecedents**, so that at one stroke, each voter gets such information on his/her mobile phone;"
- In the same concern the KYC App is designed in android & iOS both to share the criminal antecedent information of the candidate.

KYC : RESPONSIBILITIES OF RO

RO needs to select the checkbox "Yes" or "No" for Candidate Criminal Antecedent and upload the scanned document submitted by candidate

RO must ensure that the **<u>right document</u>** is uploaded for the candidate's criminal antecedents as the same gets public visibility through dedicated KYC (Know Your Candidate) App as and when it is uploaded.

RO needs to re-verify & ensure that checkbox is marked appropriately as "Yes" or "No" as per the details submitted by the candidate

KYC : RESPONSIBILITIES OF RO

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KYC : RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEO / CEO

"CEO/DEO needs to ensure that all Returning Officers follows the instructions carefully for all the candidates without exception"



KYC : RESPONSIBILITIES OF DEO / CEO



"Lightweight user friendly Mobile App (Android and iOS) to show information published by candidates during nomination regarding their criminal antecedents"

Browse all candidates who filled nomination

Search Candidate by Name & View Candidate Details

View candidate's affidavit including criminal antecedents

GARUDA APP - OVERVIEW



G - GEOGRAPHICAL

- A ASSET
- **R RECONNAISSANCE**
- **U UNIFIED**

D - DIGITAL

A - APP

GARUDA APP: OVERVIEW

- This is a dedicated App developed by ECI is for Booth Level Officers & offers all BLO related services and is available on Google Play store.
- This App helps AMF / EMF, GIS location, images, etc. directly from BLO's.
- The key features of this App are Field verification and Form submission
- All the features of the erstwhile BLONET App have been integrated with revamped design and user friendly interface
- This is a secured, simple and easy to use App
- The BLO APP is the new version of this App is already rolled in state of Goa

GARUDA APP : HISTORY



GARUDA APP FEATURES

- Checklist & Field Verification
 - Status of forms received pending for action
 - Total number of forms received pending for action
 - Status of forms received within & before 7 days
- Capture GIS Coordinates of Polling Station
- Submit forms on behalf of Elector (Online / Offline)



GARUDA APP FEATURES

- Collects Feedback on AMF & EMF (Assured/Essential)
- Add/Update & 2 Photos of Polling Station
- Auto Assignment of Form 6 for Field Verification
 - Form filled by BLO for their polling station will get instantly assign them for field verification in their checklist."



GARUDA APP : BENEFITS

- Quick voter registration
- Hassle free field verification of electors
- Quick search and view of electors details of own polling station in both online and offline mode.
- Go green initiative: Save Paper, Go Electronic!
- Elector analytics for BLOs on the fingertips
- Over 1 Crore forms received from all States & UT's in Voter Helpline app since Oct 2022



GARUDA TRAINING APP: INSTALLATION



GARUDA TRAINING APP: INSTALLATION



Ready to Login

This will open Login Screen

Provide all requested permissions





GARUDA TRAINING APP





OTHER PORTALS/APPS

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- <u>ERONET</u>
- <u>Service Voter Portal</u>
- <u>Affidavit Portal</u>
- <u>SAKSHAM App</u>
- <u>C-Vigil App</u>
- Voter Helpline App
- <u>Booth App</u>
- <u>Voter Portal</u>
- Observer Management Portal
- Election Trends TV
- Webcasting and CCTV in Polling Station
- <u>Summary</u>

ERONET



ERONET provides right amount of electoral information to the right set of people in the right time, for effective management and timely voter services.



ERONET Key Features:



AFFIDAVIT PORTAL



AFFIDAVIT Portal-A public portal to view details of nominated candidates as well as the affidavit of candidates uploaded on ENCORE.



The purpose of the online Service Voter Registration Portal system is to provide convenience and easy-to-use portal for Defence Personnel, employed under the Government of India and member of an Armed Police Force of a State and serving outside that state. The system allows registration and acceptance of forms for Service Voter. Through this online system, District Election Officer assigns the Assembly Constituency to Service Voter, then the form processed by Electoral Registration Officer.

SAKSHAM APP

- Customized to provide electoral service facility for the people with disability at their doorstep.
- Available in multiple regional languages.
- Features of the App
 - Marking as PwD
 - New registration
 - Migration
 - Correction/Deletion requests
 - Wheelchair request, etc
- It utilises the Accessibility features of mobile phones for voters with Visual impairement and Hearing disabilities.



SAKSHAM APP – KEY FEATURES

- Electoral Search
- Know Your Polling Station
- Register complaints
- Search Polling Officials
- Booth Locator
- Track status

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C-Vigil APP – Citizen Vigil App

- C-VIGIL provide time-stamped evidentiary proof of Model Code of Conduct / Expenditure Violation by empowering every citizen to click a photo, audio or video using their Smart phones.
- Features
 - Pictorial, audio and video evidence
 - GIS based auto tracking
 - Robust and prompt response system
 - Get response about the action taken
 - Rapid and accurate reporting
 - Report live MCC violation
 - Doesn't allow pre-recorded images and videos


C-Vigil APP – Citizen Vigil App





Voter Helpline APP

- Voter Helpline is an umbrella app for all voter related services.
 - Voter registration
 - Complaints
 - Election Results
 - Candidate Information
 - Electoral Search
 - Information on EVM and Election



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Booth App

- This application helps the Polling Officer to identify the elector with the help of serial number, name or EPIC number.
- This also captures the live voter turnout data from the polling station.



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Voter Portal

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• Interactive user friendly interface to apply New Voter registration, alteration in entries, deletion, change of address, overseas, replacement of EPIC (Form-001)



Observer Management Portal

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- ECI Officials of the state use this portal to monitor and send messages to the deployed observers
- Various reports uploaded and filled in digitized format are accessed by ECI through this portal
- Salient Features
 - View Filled Reports, Uploaded and Poll Day Reports by Observers
 - Send messages/SMS to Observers
 - Review Filled Reports
 - View the Filled Reports, Uploaded files of Past elections.
 - View State wise finalised lists
 - Candidate Details Form 7A

Election Trends TV



Auto scroll, no manual intervention required.



Webcasting and CCTV in Polling Station



Webcasting and CCTV in Polling Station



- Frame work for web casting of video picked up from within the polling booth has been created using open source software tools.
- It keeps a check on unwanted activities and help bringing about complete transparency in the voting process.
- It also helps a live broadcast and is useful for AWARENESS to the users.
- Advantages:
 - To keep a check on illegal activities such as booth capturing, money distribution and bogus voting to bringing about complete transparency.
 - To broadcast and monitor LIVE election process from a distant polling station.
 - To capture faces of voters coming to vote at PS in a sequence for remote viewing by election officials.
 - To spread AWARENESS to participate in Free and Fair Elections.

SUMMARY





