

Press Release

Date 30.09.2015

1. As per the directions of the Election commission of India and the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer in Bihar, raids against illicit liquor are being carried out for the effective management of the free and fair election in Bihar. Under this campaign today, total 7,432 litres of illicit liquor, 37 blank cartridges in District Buxar and 4580 Kg smack in District Saharsa were seized.

Cash amounting to Rs. 11,94,160/- from District Purnea, Rs. 23,15,886/- from District Saran, Rs. 98,900/- from District Vaishali, Rs. 9,00,000/- from District Munger and Rs. 1,65,000/- from District Aurangabad has been recovered during checking, which is under investigation by Police and Income Tax authority.

2. Following matters were registered under the Enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct today:

Defacement in Public Property (Wall Writing, Posters, Banners, Others)	8
Misuse of Vehicle (Beacon, Light, Flag)	5
Violation of Loudspeaker Act	1
Illegal Meeting / Speech etc.	3
Others	24

3. Under the Law & Order following matters were reported today

No. of Arms/Weapons seized	10
No. of cartridges seized	26
No. of illegal arms manufacturing centres raided and seizures made	1
No. of Licensed Arms verified	87
No. of Licensed Arms deposited	735
No. of Licensed Arms cancelled	24

No. of non-bailable warrants executed

708

Fine collected in vehicle checking

Rs. 15,16,214

4. For Bihar Assembly General Election, 2015, a meeting was held in the official chamber of Addl. Chief Election Officer, Bihar, in which Nodal Officers of participating Departments / Corporations of the State were present. Programme for Voter Awareness on their level was reviewed in this meeting. Further, progress of SVEEP related programme, like printing and distribution of Banner, Hoarding, Poster, etc. was also reviewed.
5. The Election Commission of India organised a VC based Training Programme for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Phase Districts MCMC(Media Certification and Monitoring Committee) members. In this training programme, Joint Chief Electoral Officer from State Headquarter and all the concerned District Election Officers joined while Mr. Dharendra Ojha, Director, Election Commission of India represented the Commission. In this training, directions of the Commission regarding Pre-certification of Political Campaign material, Identification of suspected Paid News, media monitoring and issuance of authority letter to media personnel were explained.
6. Notification will be issued tomorrow for third phase of Bihar Assembly General Election, 2015 for 50 Assembly Constituencies. The Districts are Saran, Vaishali, Nalanda, Patna, Bhojpur and Buxar on 01.10.2015, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 is last date of nomination, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 is the scrutiny, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 for withdrawal of candidature and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 is the Polling Date.
7. Supplementary Press release issued on yesterday, dated 29.09.2015, in place of "गणुआ थाना कांड संख्या 55/2015", "गणुआ थाना कांड संख्या 553/2015" is to be read.
8. Election Commission of India has issued direction for the programme to be organised on eve of different festivals. According to this "Navratra" functions shall not be allowed for any political campaign. It will be the responsibility of the Organiser and if there is any violation stern action will be initiated against them under relevant rules/regulations and model code of conduct. It is also made clear that for political publicity, permission for loudspeaker of procession and rally will be allowed only 6 AM to 10 PM in light of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
9. Young India Patna Chapter-CII organised an awareness session-cum-workshop at National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Patna in which voters specially Youth were motivated for voting.

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