

ARUNACHAL PRADESH
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PRESS RELEASE.

Election Commission of India has announced Elections to the 17th Lok-Sabha and 10th Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh as per the following schedule:

Event	Date
1. Issue of Notification	18.03.2019 (Monday)
2. Last date of making Nominations	25.03.2019 (Monday)
3. Scrutiny of Nominations	26.03.2019 (Tuesday)
4. Last date for withdrawal of Candidatures	28.03.2019 (Thursday)
5. Date of Poll	11.04.2019 (Thursday)
6. Counting of Votes	23.05.2019 (Thursday)
7. Date before which election shall be completed	27.05.2019 (Monday)
Hours of Poll	07.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Total Electors in the State as on 4.1.2019 were 7, 94,162 with 3, 92,561 males and 4, 01,601 females. As per records, Photo Electoral Roll coverage is 99.97% and Electoral Photo Identity Card coverage is 99.97%. There will 2202 Polling Stations spread over the entire State. Polling Station no. 52 SE (*Power*) offices, *East Side, Naharlagun* under 13-Itanagar (ST) AC with 1340 voters has the highest no of electors in the State. The Polling Station with least no of electors is *Malogam Temporary Structure in Malogam Village* under 45-Hayuliang (ST) Assembly Constituency with 1 (One) female Voter. Polling Station No. 18-*Luguthang* under 3-Mukto (ST) Assembly Constituency is the highest Polling Station located at an altitude of about 13583 ft. Also, 11 nos of Polling Stations exclusively for female voters have been set up in the State.

All necessary arrangements to conduct the elections have already been completed in the State. Training of all District Election Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and various categories of Nodal Officers were completed by the CEO's office. Training of all Polling Officers and other election related officers in the entire State have been started by the concerned District Election Officers.

For the first time, **VOTER VERIFIABLE PAPER AUDIT TRAIL (VVPAT)** will be used along with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in all the polling stations. Extensive awareness programme about use of VVPAT have been conducted in the Districts covering all accessible Polling Stations including many foot march locations. For service voters totaling 4964 voters, electronically transmitted postal ballots (ETPBS) system will be used for the first time to facilitate hassle free voting .

First Level Checking of EVMs have been completed in the entire State in presence of political party representatives over the course of past many months. For poll day monitoring of the poll process in the State, SMS based Poll Monitor System will be used and vehicles carrying reserve EVMs will be fitted with GPS in all cellular network covered areas. Toll free helpline no. 1950 is also installed in CEO and DEO offices for queries related to elections. Information is also available in CEO website: <http://ceoarunachal.nic.in/>

The 'Model Code of Conduct' comes into force in the State with the date of announcement of elections. All Govt machinery should strictly follow the Model Code of Conduct. Prevention of Defacement of Public Property Act/Rules will be mandatory imposed by all DCs.

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