

Election Commission of India

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Press Note

Subject: - 1st Training Course for National Participants launched at India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM). Over 40 Master Trainers being trained for training of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) – Regarding.

India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) of the Election Commission of India today started its first training course for electoral officers of the country. The 3 day training programme from 19th to 21st July, 2011 is for 42 master trainers from the States where the Assembly Elections are due in 2012 and 2013, namely, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. These master trainers will further impart training to BLOs in their States. The Chief Election Commissioner Dr. S.Y. Quraishi addressed the trainees today. He asked the trainees to motivate the BLOs to have an error free roll and maximize enrolment. The training, in 11 sessions, spread over 3 days, is being conducted by the senior officers of the Election Commission of India. Following this, master trainers from all the remaining States/UTs are planned to be trained and their knowledge and skills upgraded. The next summary revision of Electoral Rolls is to start from 29th September, 2011 in the above 7 poll going States and from 1st October, 2011 in the remaining states. This revision exercise will be completed before the next National Voter's Day on 25th January, 2012. The training of BLOs across the country would be completed by 30th September, 2011 and is expected to yield qualitatively better and largely error-free Rolls through improved involvement of BLOs during this revision.

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