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Election Commission of India

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No. ECI/PN/29/2021

Dated 17th March, 2021

PRESS NOTE

Sub: Biennial Election to the Council of States from Kerala to fill the seats of members retiring on 21.04.2021-reg.

The term of office of 03 members of the Rajya Sabha elected from Kerala is due to expire on their retirement in April, 2021 as detailed below:-

S. No	Name of Member	Date of Retirement
1.	Abdul Wahab	21.04.2021
2.	K. K. Ragesh	
3.	Vayalar Ravi	

2. The Commission has decided to hold biennial election to the Council of States from Kerala to fill up the above said vacancies in accordance with the following Schedule: -

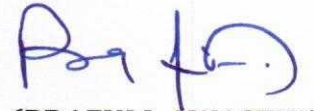
Sl. No.	Events	Dates & Days
1.	Issue of Notifications	24 th March, 2021 (Wednesday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	31 st March, 2021 (Wednesday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	03 rd April, 2021 (Saturday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	05 th April, 2021 (Monday)
5.	Date of Poll	12 th April, 2021 (Monday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am-04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	12 th April, 2021 (Monday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	16 th April, 2021 (Friday)

3. Broad Guidelines to be followed during entire election process for all persons: -

- I. Every person shall wear face mask during every election related activity
- II. At the entry of hall/ room/ premises used for election purposes:
 - (a) Thermal Scanning of all persons shall be carried out:
 - (b) Sanitizer shall be made available at all locations

III. Social distancing shall be maintained as per the extant COVID-19 guidelines of the State Govt. and Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. The Chief Secretary, Kerala is being directed to depute a senior officer from the State to ensure that the extant instructions regarding COVID-19 containment measures are complied with while making arrangements for conducting the said biennial election.
5. Further, the Commission has also appointed the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala as Observer for the election.



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