

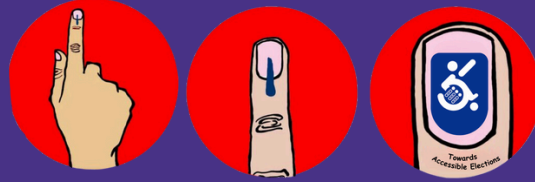


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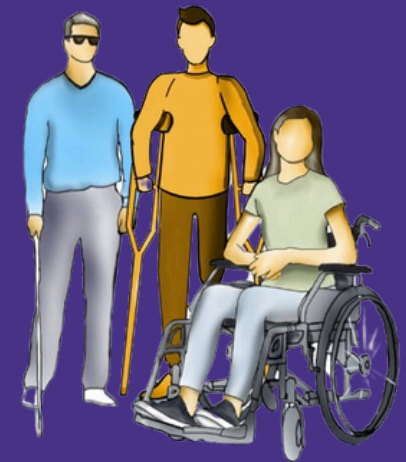
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## A COMPREHENSIVE TOOLKIT FOR INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS



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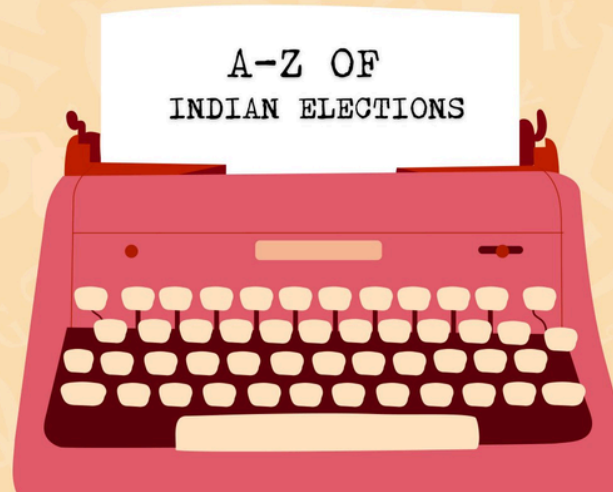
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## Accessible Elections

The Election Commission of India (ECI) goes the extra mile to make Indian elections truly accessible, which includes *Braille* in EVMs, *ramps and wheelchairs* at polling stations, *volunteers* to assist on poll day, *pick-up and drop-off facilities*, and the *Saksham App* to avail various services for PwDs. *Home voting* facility for PwDs (with a 40% benchmark disability) is also provided.



A-Z OF  
INDIAN ELECTIONS



# CLIMATE-RESILIENT AND UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS

## A. Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF)

-  Polling Station at Ground Floor
-  Provision for Ramp
-  Provision for Drinking Water
-  Adequate Furniture
-  Proper Lighting/Electricity Arrangements
-  Proper Signage
-  Toilets
-  Shade in Polling Station
-  Provision for Creche for Children
-  Display for Voter Facilitation Posters
-  Voter Assistance Booths (VAB)

## B. Other Facilities

-  Medical Kit
-  Volunteers
-  Provision for Transport Facility
-  Queue Management
-  Model Polling Station

## C. Other Measures to Speed Up Voting

## D. Appointment of Nodal Officers



# Disability-wise facilities to be provided on the Day of Polling to the Voters with Disabilities

Source: Action Plan for Accessible Election for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) Electors

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## Cerebral Palsy Leprosy-Cured Mental Illness Mental Retardation Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Attendants may be allowed as per rules, along with other facilities such as wheelchairs and volunteers.

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## Hard of Hearing Speech Impairment

- Sign language interpreter may be provided as per rules along with other facilities as per requirement.
- Training and advertisement material content should be provided to the Hearing Impaired election functionaries and electors.

3

## Blindness Low-Vision

- Attendants may be allowed as per rules, along with other facilities such as Volunteers and Braille signage on the ballot unit of the Electronic voting machine.
- Training and advertisement material content should be provided to the Blind/ Low-Vision election functionaries and electors.

4

## Locomotor Disability

- Set up the polling station on the ground floor of the premises.
- Ramps should be built for easy accessibility to the polling station/Polling Booths as well as other facilities available at the polling stations.
- Access to Ramps should be hassle-free and not be made on sandy and slushy pathways.
- Wheelchairs should be available at every polling station.
- Entrance door of the polling station should be wide and adequate space is to be provided around the voting compartment to ensure easy movement of the wheelchairs.
- Attendants/volunteers may be allowed to accompany the electors.

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## Dwarfism

- EVM should be kept or made available at a lower height for people with dwarfism or standard quality stools should be provided.

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## Hemophilia Multiple Sclerosis Sickle Cell Disease Intellectual Disability Specific Learning Disability (Thalassemia have not been mentioned)

- Attendants may be allowed as per Requirement, along with other facilities.

7

## Acid Attack Victim

- Attendants may be allowed as per Requirement, along with other facilities such as Sign language interpreter, Braille signage on the ballot unit of the Electronic voting machine, wheelchairs and volunteers.

8

## Muscular Dystrophy Parkinson's Disease Multiple Disabilities

- Attendants may be allowed as per Requirement, along with other facilities such as wheelchairs and volunteers.





## SAKSHAM APP

Inclusive and Accessible Elections



Scan the QR code to download the app.

Every Vote is Precious!



Accessibility features built in



Apply for a new PwD voter



Apply for a wheelchair



Mark yourself as PwD and help us serve your better at polling station



Accessibility features:

- Voice assistance
- Text-to-speech
- Large fonts and high-contrast colors



Information regarding all the accessibility features available at the polling station



File complaints about any problems faced during the electoral process



Request for the wheelchair on the poll day



SOCIAL MEDIA CELL

# AT-HOME VOTING EXPLAINED



WHO CAN AVAIL OPTIONAL  
HOME VOTING FACILITY:

PERSON WITH  
DISABILITIES  
(40% BENCHMARK  
DISABILITY)

SENIOR CITIZENS  
(ABOVE 80  
YEARS OF AGE)



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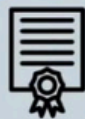
**01**

Fill form 12D and apply to the returning officer within 5 days of notification.



**02**

PwD voters to submit a copy of the benchmark disability certificate.



**03**

BLO will collect form 12D from the elector's home.



**04**

Candidates will also be provided a list of such electors, if they wish to depute their representatives to watch the process.



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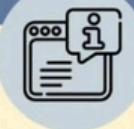
**05**

Team of polling officials visit the elector's address to collect his/her vote.



**06**

Electors will be informed in advance of their visit.



**07**

A videographer shall accompany polling officials along with police security cover.



**08**

They will be informed of dates on which home voting facility will remain open through SMS.







## General Election to Lok Sabha 2024 **Advisory on prevention of Heat wave impact**

Follow the guidelines to  
ensure smooth voting



### Do's

Drink sufficient water  
and carry water bottle

Re-hydrate your body with  
ORS and homemade drinks

Wear light cotton clothes and carry umbrella or hat

### Dont's

Avoid carbonated  
soft drinks

Avoid bringing children  
to polling station

Do not leave children or pets in parked vehicles

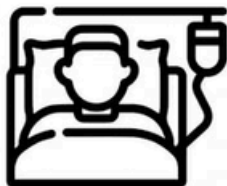
## Tips for treatment of a person affected by a sunstroke



Lay the person in a cool place, under a shade. Wipe her/him with a wet cloth/wash the body frequently. Pour normal temperature water on head. The main thing is to bring down the body temperature.

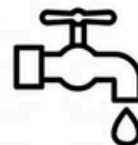


Give the person ORS to drink or lemon sarbat/torani or whatever is useful to rehydrate the body.



Take the person immediately to the nearest health centre. The patient needs immediate hospitalization, as heat strokes could be fatal.

## Assured minimum Facilities aims at preventing heat wave impact



Tap facility for drinking water and ORS



Use of environment friendly materials. Eg: disposable glasses



Adequate chairs/benches for disabled, pregnant or senior citizens



Tent arrangement for shade



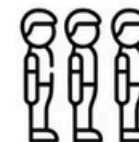
Paramedical staff and medical kit



Volunteers from NCC/NSS/Scout Guides



Transport Facility for senior citizens and PwDs



Queue management



Nodal Officer to coordinate and supervise amenities



Creche for Children

## Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF)



### मतदान केंद्र होंगे सुगम, सहज और सुरक्षित



Poll  
Volunteers



Help Desk



Ramp



Toilets



Drinking  
Water



Signage



Sufficient  
Light



Voter  
Facilitation  
Centre



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सभी मतदान केंद्र होंगे सुगम, सहज और सुरक्षित



1. सभी मतदान स्थल ground floor पर
2. Ramps with proper gradient
3. Accessible (सुगम) Polling Stations
4. Volunteer की सुविधा उपलब्ध
5. Drinking water
6. Waiting area
7. Toilets with water supply
8. Adequate arrangements for lighting



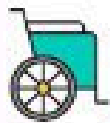
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- **Ramps with proper gradient**
- **Volunteer & wheelchair Facility**
- **Saksham App** for PwDs to avail facilities at Polling stations
- **Guidelines** to Parties for respectful discourse towards PwDs
- Free transportation on the day of Poll.
- All Polling Stations on ground floor
- Home Voting Facility (Postal Ballot facility) - **Fill Form 12 D**





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