

Election Program - 2025-26
for the general elections of 29 Municipal Corporations in the state

State Election Commission, Maharashtra

Election Immediately

Via E-mail

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Date: 15 December, 2025

To,

All Municipal Commissioners,

Subject:- Election program - 2025-26 for the general elections of 29 Municipal Corporations in the state.

Reference :- Directives given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 19756/2021 and other connected petitions on 06/05/2025 and 16/09/2025.

Sir/Madam,

According to Articles 243 K and 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, the State Election Commission has the entire responsibility for the supervision, conduct, and control of elections to local self-government institutions in the state. Accordingly, general elections need to be held for all 29 Municipal Corporations, including the 28 Municipal Corporations mentioned in Schedule - 1 under the Maharashtra Municipal Corporations Act, as well as the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

The ward structure and reservation have been finalized for the general elections of all 29 Municipal Corporations. Also, according to the voter list program, draft voter lists have been published and objections and suggestions have been invited on them, and accordingly, final ward-wise voter lists have been authenticated and are being published on 15/12/2025.

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According to the directives given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition No. 19756/2021 and connected petitions on May 06, 2025 and September 16, 2025, and subject to the final decision in the said petition, the election process for all local self-government bodies needs to be completed by January 31, 2026.

Accordingly, the actual election program for the general elections of 29 Municipal Corporations in the state is hereby announced as follows: -

1. Election Program: The actual election program for the general elections of 29 Municipal Corporations should be implemented as follows:

Sr. No.	Municipal Corporation	Actual Election Program
1	28 Municipal Corporations shown in Schedule-1	As per the schedule shown in Schedule-2
2	For the general election of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation	As per the schedule shown in Schedule-3

2. Elections Subject to Court Decisions: The general elections of all the above 29 Municipal Corporations shall be subject to the final decision in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition No. 19756/2021 and other connected petitions as per the orders given on May 06, 2025, September 16, 2025, and November 28, 2025.

3. Nomination papers offline (traditional method): The process of accepting nomination papers for these elections will be traditional (offline), and information should be filled in printed nomination papers and affidavits. Duly confirmed and signed, with all necessary documents attached as required, they should be submitted to the Returning Officer within the stipulated time and in the stipulated manner. A nomination paper filled and signed in this manner will be considered a valid nomination paper. The Municipal Corporation should make the formats of nomination papers and affidavits etc. available to the candidates.

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4. Permission to submit caste validity certificate: Candidates contesting elections on reserved seats must submit a caste certificate and caste validity certificate along with the nomination paper. However, if the caste validity certificate is not available, they have been given permission to submit the acknowledgment receipt of the application submitted to the Scrutiny Committee along with the nomination paper. In this regard, the Act has been amended through the government ordinance dated November 3, 2025, and a provision has been made to submit the caste validity certificate within 6 months from the date of being elected. Action should be taken accordingly. A bond should be taken from the candidate stating that if the caste validity certificate is not submitted as per the provisions of the Act from the date the candidate is declared elected, their election will be canceled with retrospective effect. Accordingly, the revised formats of nomination papers and affidavits have been sent vide order dated December 12, 2025.

5. Code of Conduct: The election code of conduct has come into force from the time and date the election program was issued and will remain in force until the election results are declared. The above code of conduct will be applicable in the entire area of the Municipal Corporations for the general elections. No Minister, MP, MLA, Corporator, other office bearers, or government department can do any act / announcement of temptation to the voters in the above area or elsewhere. In this regard, consider the orders of the State Election Commission No. SEC/ZPPS-2025/Pro.No.42/Ka-7, dated November 04, 2025.

6. Court Cases: If a petition has been filed in the court regarding the elections of the 29 Municipal Corporations having general elections, it will be the sole responsibility of the concerned Municipal Commissioner to verify the same and take necessary action as per the court's orders. Also, in any writ petition, if the Hon'ble Court

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If a stay order is received, the election program should be immediately canceled / postponed and the Commission should be informed accordingly.

7. Pre-preparation orders: The State Election Commission has given detailed orders regarding the pre-preparation to be done in connection with the said elections vide order No. SEC/MC-2025/Pro.No.79/Ka.05, dated December 14, 2025. Appropriate action should be taken accordingly.

8. The said election program is available on the Commission's website. The website and email ID of the State Election Commission are as follows: -

Website: <https://mahasec.maharashtra.gov.in>

Email: sec.corp@mah.gov.in

By order of the Hon'ble State Election Commissioner,

Yours faithfully,

(Suresh Kakani) 15.15.20dy

Secretary,

Annexures - Schedule-1 and 2

State Election Commission, Maharashtra

Copy to :-

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, Ministry, Mumbai - 400 032.
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Ministry, Mumbai - 400 032.
3. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary, All Ministerial Departments
4. Chief Electoral Officer, General Administration Department, Ministry, Mumbai-400 032.
5. Additional Chief Secretary (2), Urban Development Department, Ministry, Mumbai - 400 032.
6. Director General of Police, Maharashtra State, Mumbai.
7. All Divisional Commissioners,
8. All District Collectors
9. All Police Commissioners
10. Concerned District Superintendent of Police
11. Director, Government Printing and Stationery Directorate, Charni Road, Mumbai- 400 004.

12. Advocates appointed by the State Election Commission in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and all four benches of the Hon'ble Mumbai High Court.

13. Information and Public Relations Officer, State Election Commission, Mumbai.

14. All desks in the office of the State Election Commission

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Schedule - 1

List of 28 Municipal Corporations having general elections as per the program in Schedule-2

Sr. No.	Division	District	Name of Municipal Corporation	Category
1	Konkan Division	Thane	Thane	B
2			Navi Mumbai	C
3			Ulhasnagar	D
4			Kalyan-Dombivli	C
5			Bhiwandi-Nizampur	D
6			Mira-Bhayandar	D
7	Palghar	Vasai-Virar	C	
8	Raigad	Panvel	D	
9	Nashik Division	Nashik	Nashik	B
10			Malegaon	D
11	Ahilyanagar	Ahilyanagar	D	
12	Jalgaon	Jalgaon	D	
13	Dhule	Dhule	D	

14	Pune Division	Pune	Pune	A
15			Pimpri-Chinchwad	B
16	Solapur	Solapur	D	
17	Kolhapur	Kolhapur	D	
18			Ichalkaranji	D
19	Sangli	Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad	D	
20	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Division	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar	Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar	C
21	Nanded	Nanded-Waghala	D	
22	Parbhani	Parbhani	D	
23	Jalna	Jalna	D	
24	Latur	Latur	D	
25	Amravati Division	Amravati	Amravati	D
26	Akola	Akola	D	
27	Nagpur Division	Nagpur	Nagpur	A
28	Chandrapur	Chandrapur	D	

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Schedule - 2

28 Municipal Corporations (excluding Brihanmumbai) General Election Program - 2025-26
(Annexed with the letter of the State Election Commission No. SEC/MC-2025/Pro.No.
80/Ka.5, dated 15/12/2025)

Sr. No.	Election Stage	Date to start or complete the stage
	Date of consideration of voter list	July 01, 2025 (Tuesday)
1	Date of publication of election program notice by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation in the Government Gazette and at least two local newspapers	December 18, 2025 (Thursday)
2	Period for issuing nomination papers	December 23, 2025 (Tuesday) to December 29, 2025 (Monday) (11 am to 3 pm) December 30, 2025 (Tuesday) (11 am to 2 pm) (Nomination papers will not be issued on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Sunday, December 28, 2025)
3	Period for accepting the above nomination papers	December 23, 2025 (Tuesday) to December 30, 2025 (Tuesday) (11 am to 3 pm) (Nomination papers will not be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Sunday, December 28, 2025)
4	Scrutiny of nomination papers	December 31, 2025 (Wednesday) (From 11.00 am onwards)

5	Publication of the list of validly nominated candidates	Immediately after the completion of scrutiny
6	Last date for withdrawal of candidature	Till January 02, 2026 (Friday) (11 am to 3 pm)
7	Date of allotment of election symbols	January 03, 2026 (Saturday) (From 11.00 am onwards)
8	Publication of the list of finally contesting candidates	January 03, 2026 (Saturday)
9	Date of polling, if necessary	January 15, 2026 (Thursday) (7.30 am to 5.30 pm)
10	Date of counting of votes and declaration of results	January 16, 2026 (Friday) (From 10.00 am onwards)
11	Publication of results in the Government Gazette	Till January 19, 2026 (Monday)

By order of the Hon'ble State Election Commissioner,
(Suresh Kakani)
15.12.2025
Secretary,
State Election Commission, Maharashtra
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Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation General Election Program - 2025-26

(Annexed with the letter of the State Election Commission No. SEC/MC-2025/Pro.No. 80/Ka.5, dated 15/12/2025)

Sr. No.	Election Stage	Date to start or complete the stage
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	Date of consideration of voter list	July 01, 2025 (Tuesday)
1	Date of publication of election program notice by the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation in the Government Gazette and at least two local newspapers	December 16, 2025 (Tuesday)
2	Period for issuing nomination papers	December 23, 2025 (Tuesday) to December 29, 2025 (Monday) (During office hours) December 30, 2025 (Tuesday) (Till 4.00 pm) (Nomination papers will not be issued on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Sunday, December 28, 2025)
3	Period for accepting the above nomination papers	December 23, 2025 (Tuesday) to December 30, 2025 (Tuesday) (Every day from 11 am to 5 pm) (Nomination papers will not be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2025 and Sunday, December 28, 2025)
4	Scrutiny of nomination papers	December 31, 2025 (Wednesday) (From 11.00 am onwards)
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