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PRESS NOTE

Subject: Biennial Elections to the Council of States to fill the seats of members retiring in June-July, 2026.

The term of office of 24 members of the Council of States elected from 10 States is due to expire in June-July 2026, as detailed in Annexure 'A'.

2. Now, the Commission has decided to conduct biennial elections to the Council of States for these 24 seats as per the following programme:

Sl. No.	Events	Dates
1.	Issue of Notifications	01 st June, 2026 (Monday)
2.	Last date of making nominations	08 th June, 2026 (Monday)
3.	Scrutiny of nominations	09 th June, 2026 (Tuesday)
4.	Last date for withdrawal of candidatures	11 th June, 2026 (Thursday)
5.	Date of Poll	18th June, 2026 (Thursday)
6.	Hours of Poll	09:00 am- 04:00 pm
7.	Counting of Votes	18 th June, 2026 (Thursday) at 05:00 pm
8.	Date before which election shall be completed	20 th June, 2026 (Saturday)

3. The Commission has directed that only integrated violet colour sketch pen(s) of pre-fixed specification, provided by the Returning Officer, shall be used for the purpose of marking preference(s) on the ballot paper. No other pen shall be used for marking preferences in the above said elections.

4. Adequate measures for close monitoring of the election process by appointing observers shall be taken to ensure free and fair elections.

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ANNEXURE- 'A'

Sl No. 1	State 2	Name of Member (Sh./Smt./Ms.) 3	Date of Retirement 4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Ayodhya Rami Reddy Alla	21.06.2026
2.		Nathwani Parimal	
3.		Pilli Subhaschandra Bose	
4.		Sana Sathish Babu	
5.	Gujarat	Rambhai Harjibhai Mokariya	21.06.2026
6.		Amin Narhari Hirabhai	
7.		Gohil Shaktisinhji Harichandrasinhji	
8.		Ramila Becharbhai Bara	
9.	Jharkhand	Deepak Prakash	21.06.2026
10.		Shibu Soren (<i>vacant w.e.f. 04.08.2025</i>)	
11.	Madhya Pradesh	George Kurian	21.06.2026
12.		Digvijay Singh	
13.		Sumer Singh Solanki	
14.	Manipur	Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba	21.06.2026
15.	Meghalaya	Wanweiroy Kharlukhi	21.06.2026
16.	Rajasthan	Neeraj Dangi	21.06.2026
17.		Rajendra Gehlot	
18.		Ravneet Singh	
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nabam Rebia	23.06.2026
20.	Karnataka	Narayaana Koragappa	25.06.2026
21.		Iranna Kadadi	
22.		H.D. Devegowda	
23.		Mallikarjun Kharge	
24.	Mizoram	K. Vanlalvena	19.07.2026

