ECO FRIENDLY ELECTION

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Conducting eco-friendly elections would require a collaborative effort from election authorities, political parties, candidates, and the public.

1. Training & Meetings

- **Digital Training Materials:** Use digital presentations, videos, and online resources instead of printed materials. Share training guides via email or secure online platforms. The poll body has emphasized on the use of eBooks and eDocument and asked to ensure double-side printing .
- **Virtual Meetings:** Whenever possible, conduct meetings virtually to reduce travel emissions.

- **Eco-Friendly Facilities:** Ensure that training venues have recycling bins, and provide reusable or compostable materials to avoid single-use plastics. at the time of training food is given to all personnel in paper boxes. Offer refillable water stations for voters and staff to reduce plastic bottle waste.

- **Ban Single-Use Plastics:** Prohibit single-use plastics for banners, flags, and other materials. Opt for biodegradable or recyclable materials.

2. Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Activities

- **Digital Outreach:** Prioritize digital channels for SVEEP activities, including social media campaigns, SMS, and email newsletters, door to door and ratri choupal to minimize the use of printed materials.
- **Eco-Friendly Printed Materials:** For essential print campaigns, use recycled paper and eco-friendly ink. Limit the number of physical posters and brochures.
- **Community-Based Awareness:** Encourage in-person voter awareness through community events that minimize resource use, such as eco-friendly workshops, tree-planting drives, or community clean-ups.
- **Green Pledges:** Encourage public and voters to make green pledges as part of their campaign, focusing on reducing their environmental impact.

3. Dispatch & Collection of Election Materials

- **Ban on Plastic Materials:** CEO Office could mandate restrictions on single-use plastics in campaign materials, banners, and promotional items.

- **Eco-Friendly Facilities:** Ensure that training venues have recycling bins, and provide reusable or compostable tableware and water dispensers to avoid single-use plastics. At the time of departure and return of the polling party, only **KULLAD** will be used for tea in the canteen which is set up in dispatch center. Offer refillable water stations for voters and staff to reduce plastic bottle waste.

4. Polling Booth Setup

- **Energy-Efficient Polling Stations:** Use energy-efficient lighting and renewable power sources at polling stations.
- **10 polling station have been selected for green polling station .** In the green polling station initially 10 voters will plant trees and plants will be distributed to the random voters. These polling stations will be kept 100% plastic free. Green color theme has been selected at these polling stations. Dustbin will be placed with garbage free green message.
- **Waste Segregation and Recycling Bins:** Place separate bins for recyclables, compostable waste, and landfill items at each polling station.
- **Reusable Signage and Supplies:** Use durable, reusable signage and other materials. Avoid single-use items, and ensure that any necessary disposables are biodegradable.

5. Counting Center Setup

- **Efficient Lighting and Energy Use** Use energy-efficient lighting and renewable power sources at polling stations.
- **Waste Management Stations:** Set up labeled bins for waste segregation and recycling at counting centers. Arrange for proper disposal of paper and other materials post-counting.
- **Reusable Supplies:** Use reusable containers, trays, and other supplies for counting ballots and handling equipment.

6. Political Party Coordination

- **Digital Campaigning :** Encourage candidates and parties to minimize paper usage by focusing on digital advertising, social media, and virtual events. When printing is necessary, use recycled paper and biodegradable inks to lessen the environmental footprint.
- **Green Campaign :** Request political parties to commit to eco-friendly campaign practices, such as digital advertising and minimal use of printed materials.
- **Green Pledges:** Encourage candidates and political parties to make green pledges as part of their campaign, focusing on reducing their environmental impact.
- **Limit Single-Use Plastics:** Discourage the use of plastic banners, flags, and other campaign materials. Suggest biodegradable or reusable options for any campaign paraphernalia.
- **Eco-Friendly Merchandise:** Encourage parties to use sustainable materials for any giveaways or merchandise, such as cloth bags, recycled paper, or other biodegradable materials.
- **Sustainable Travel and Event Practices:** Urge parties to minimize travel emissions by using shared transport, prioritizing local venues, and organizing virtual rallies where possible.

7. Post-Election Environmental Assessment

- **Waste Audit:** Conduct a waste audit post-election to assess the amount of waste generated and identify areas for improvement in future elections.
- **Public Report on Environmental Impact:** Share a public report highlighting the measures taken to reduce environmental impact and the results achieved. This promotes transparency and accountability.