GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER/DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SENAPATI

PRESS NOTE

Senapati, the 15th November, 2026

DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER
SENAPATI

Subject: FIRST LEVEL CHECKING (FLC) OF EVMs AND VVPATs COMMENCES IN SENAPATI DISTRICT AHEAD OF GENERAL ELECTION TO THE MANIPUR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2027

No. 137/DEO(SPT)EVM&VVPAT/WH/2021: The First Level Checking (FLC) of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) units, to be used in the forthcoming General Election to the Manipur Legislative Assembly, 2027, commenced today at the District EVM Warehouse, DC Office Complex, Senapati.

The FLC is being carried out by authorised engineers of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)/ Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL), under the supervision of the District Election Officer (DEO), Senapati, in accordance with the guidelines and instructions issued by the Election Commission of India (ECI). The exercise is scheduled to continue from 16 November to 19 November 2026.

The First Level Checking is a mandatory pre-election procedure to ensure that all EVMs and VVPATs are in proper working condition and meet the prescribed technical and functional standards. Only EVMs and VVPATs that successfully pass the FLC will be considered for use in the election.

The entire process is being closely monitored at various levels, including the District Election Officer, Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur, and the Election Commission of India, to ensure transparency, accountability and adherence to the prescribed procedures.

In the interest of transparency and participation, National and State Recognised Political Parties at the district headquarters were formally requested on 12 November 2026 to nominate their authorised representatives to witness the FLC process. The request letters were also endorsed to the respective State Party Headquarters.

The FLC process is being conducted in accordance with the Manual on Electronic Voting Machine, available on the Election Commission of India's official website: https://www.eci.gov.in/evm-vvpat.

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