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## Election Commission Postponed Haryana Assembly Elections | Haryana | 02 Sep 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, on August 31st, 2024, the [Election Commission of India \(ECI\)](#) revised the polling day for the Haryana Assembly elections from October 1 to October 5.

### Key Points

- **Date Change Decision:** The **Election Commission of India (ECI)** revised the polling date for the **Haryana Assembly elections** from October 1 to October 5, 2024, and moved the counting date from **October 4 to October 8** for both **Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana assemblies**.
- **Reason for Change:** The date revision was made to accommodate the **Bishnoi community's Asoj Amavasya festival**, allowing them to participate in the festival and exercise their voting rights.
  - **Asoj Amavasya** is a significant festival observed primarily by the Bishnoi community. It involves the remembrance of their **Guru Jambheshwar** and is celebrated annually during the month of Asoj.
- **Community Representation:** The decision followed a representation from the **All India Bishnoi Mahasabha**, highlighting the tradition of Bishnoi families traveling to Rajasthan for their annual festival, which coincides with the original polling date i.e October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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