



Panchayat Elections in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

According to [the Chhattisgarh State Election Commission](#), the state is going to conduct [elections for urban and panchayat bodies](#), including municipal corporations, in **February 2025**.

Key Points

- **About the Election:**
 - Elections for 173 civic bodies, including 10 municipal corporations, 49 municipal councils, and 114 Nagar Panchayats, will take place in a single phase on 11th February 2025.
 - The **three-tier Panchayat elections** will be held in three phases: 17, 20, and 23 February 2025.
 - With the announcement of the election schedule, the [model code of conduct](#) has come into effect for the civic and panchayat bodies.
- **Voting Method and Election Type:**
 - Civic elections will be conducted using [Electronic Voting Machines \(EVMs\)](#), while panchayat elections will use [ballot papers](#).
 - Civic body elections will be held along party lines, while panchayat elections will be conducted on a no-party basis.

State Election Commissions (SECs)

- The State Election Commission has been entrusted with the function of **conducting free, fair and impartial elections to the local bodies in the state**.
- **Article 243K(1):** It states that the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Panchayats (**Municipalities under Article 243ZA**) shall be vested in a State Election Commission consisting of a State Election Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor.
- **Article 243K(2):** It states that the **tenure and appointment will be directed as per the law made by the state legislature**. However, the State Election Commissioner shall not be removed from his/her office except in like manner and on the like grounds as a Judge of a High Court.