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Press Note



The FLC workshop on EVMs and VVPATs for the General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly 2026 was held today at the Taal Kutir Convention Centre, New Town, Kolkata. The workshop was organised in view of the First Level Checking of EVMs and VVPATs beginning on 27.11.2027 across 10 districts. The FLC process will continue until 15.01.2026, covering 52 venues.

All DEOs, ADMs (Election), District EVM Nodal Officers, and FLC Supervisors from 24 districts participated in the programme. Shri Manoj Kumar Agarwal, IAS, CEO, West Bengal, and Shri Gyanesh Bharti, IAS, Sr. DEC, ECI, inaugurated the event.

Throughout the day, experts provided training and explained the complete life cycle of EVMs and VVPATs. Detailed discussions were held on various protocols, including machine operation, randomisation, commissioning, poll procedures, counting, and post-counting processes. Shri P.C. Mondal, expert from ECIL, elaborated on the security features and design of the machines. Shri Madhusudan Gupta, Secretary, EVM Division, ECI, highlighted common mistakes and the precautions needed to avoid them.

Adequate numbers of EVMs and VVPATs were made available at the venue, where engineers demonstrated their operation. Participants actively engaged with the sessions and gained a comprehensive understanding of EVM-related issues. A doubt-clearing session and an evaluation exercise were conducted at the end. All participants submitted declarations confirming that they had understood the topics covered and had no pending doubts.

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