मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी लद्दाख का कार्यालय
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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, under Section 282(1) of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000, the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the municipalities vest in the Chief Electoral Officer;

WHEREAS, the poll for the said elections has been conducted on 21st of November 2026 in accordance with the election programme notified by the Chief Electoral Officer;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint the date, time and place for the counting of votes and declaration of results in respect of the Municipal Committee elections of Leh and Kargil;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 282 of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000 read with the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Committee (Election) Rules, 2003, the undersigned do hereby notify as under: —

1. **Date of Counting:** The counting of votes for the Municipal Committee elections of Leh (21 Wards) and Kargil (17 Wards) shall be taken up on **6th December 2026 (Sunday)**.
2. **Time of Commencement:** The counting of votes shall commence at **8:30 a.m.** on the said date and shall continue until the counting is completed and the results are declared.
3. **Place of Counting:** The counting of votes shall be conducted at the places to be notified separately by the respective District Election Officers (Deputy Commissioners), Leh and Kargil, under intimation to the Chief Electoral Officer. The District Election Officers shall ensure that the counting venues are secured, adequately equipped and accessible to the candidates, their election agents and counting agents as per the Rules.
4. **Declaration of Results:** Upon completion of counting in each ward, the Returning Officer concerned shall declare the result in accordance with the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Committee (Election) Rules, 2003 and issue the Certificate of Election to the elected candidate.
5. **Role of Returning Officers:** The Returning Officers of the respective wards shall be responsible for the conduct of counting under their overall supervision and control, assisted by such Counting Supervisors and Counting Assistants as may be appointed. The provisions of the 2003 Rules relating to scrutiny, rejection of ballot papers / votes, recount (if ordered) and declaration of results shall be strictly followed.

6. **Presence of Candidates / Agents:** Candidates, their election agents and counting agents (duly appointed in the prescribed form) shall be allowed to be present at the counting place, subject to the restrictions laid down in the Rules and the directions of the Returning Officer / Chief Electoral Officer.
7. **Security and Secrecy:** The District Election Officers and the Superintendents of Police, Leh and Kargil, shall ensure adequate security arrangements at the counting venues and maintain the secrecy of voting as required under the law.
8. This Notification is issued strictly in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Act, 2000 and the Jammu and Kashmir Municipal Committee (Election) Rules, 2003 as applicable to UT of Ladakh. No deviation from the said Act or Rules is permissible.

Rahul Sharma

(Rahul Sharma) IAS
Chief Electoral Officer,
Union Territory of Ladakh/
Election Authority

No.: CEO/MC/51/UTL/2026/2717-2725 Dated: 25-11-2026

Copy to the:

1. Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, UT of Ladakh – for information.
2-3 District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Leh & District Election Officer (Deputy Commissioner), Kargil for necessary action and for notifying the exact venue(s) of counting under intimation to this office.
4-5 Superintendent of Police, Leh and Superintendent of Police, Kargil – for ensuring adequate security arrangements at the counting venues.
6. State Informatics Officer, NIC Ladakh – for uploading on the official website.
7. Joint Director, Information & Public Relations, UT of Ladakh – with the request to give wide publicity through print and electronic media.
8. All Returning Officers / Assistant Returning Officers of Municipal Committees of Leh and Kargil (through the concerned DEO).
9. OSD to the Chief Secretary, UT of Ladakh – for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
10. Office copy file.