

A press conference was addressed by Shri Bharani Kumar, ADC, East, Shri Hemant Rai SDM East and Shri Chuksung Lepcha SDM Gangtok at District Administrative Centre, Sichey for appraising the special drive launched by the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for the enrollment of young voters, above 18 years of age in the electoral rolls in the State.

It was informed that in order to rope in the left out young electors in the age group above 18 years, the Election Commission of Sikkim, will start a special drive in Sikkim from 1st July to 31st July 2017. In tune with the theme of 'no voters to be left behind', ECI has decided to launch a special drive to maximize enrollment of left out electors, in particular the potential young electors (18 – 19 age group) with reference to 1st January 2017 as qualifying date.

The one month long drive, which is scheduled to be launched on 1st July, will be completed on July 31st. A special campaign also has been scheduled on 8th July and 22nd July where the issue will be highlighted through posters, banners, hoardings and vehicle miking regarding the special drive. On these days, camps will be held in each polling station where a booth level officer will sit with adequate number of forms and gives the information. They also urged the parents and public to co-operate with the campaign.

During the special drive, commissions will accept the forms from applicants and priority will be given to left out eligible voters above 18 years group. Besides, the Booth Level Officers will continue visiting every household to collect Form 6.

Total number of 232 polling booths will be covered including 15 constituencies in the State.

Special campaign in various government and private educational institutions will also be done, they added.