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Special Appeal of National Human Rights Commission on the occasion of the first phase election of the House of Representatives and the provincial Assembly members



National Human Rights Commission is issuing a special appeal on the occasion of the first phase election of the House of Representatives and provincial Assembly members to all concerning people to respect and protect the citizens' civil and political rights in the election going to be held in 32 districts on 26th November, 2017 in fair, free, fearless and impartial manner.

The Commission appeals **to the Government of Nepal** to create an environment allowing the political parties to conduct election related activities freely and to arrange the fearless environment for all voters to cast their votes, to maintain peace, security and order in the whole process of election, not to undermine harmonious relations and during election to facilitate all concerned parties.

The Commission appeals **to the political parties** to respect the right to freedom of expression and opinion guaranteed by the Constitution, not to provide disrespectful opinion and undermine the harmonious relation between individuals, candidates, people of various caste, tribes, religion or communities, to protect and respect personal liberty and social respect of other individuals/community or political parties while using own freedom of expression, not to do any undemocratic activities like creating obstacle and act of impediment in peaceful assembly and rally by the political parties, not burn tires, not to do torch rally (*Masaljulus*), and not to exhibit or carry sticks, spears, curved knife (*khukuris*) including house weapons during rally/assembly and demonstration, not to call general bands (transport strikes) targeting to affect the election process, not to collect donation coercively, not to use public as well as private property including vehicles coercively, not to use children for political purpose or other election campaigns, and internalize principle of inclusion and show in behavior enshrined by the Constitution, respect and entirely follow the fundamental values and principles of human rights, freedom of press including personal liberty as well as to follow the election code of conduct as such.

The Commission appeals to the Election Commission to make everyone responsible for following the entire code of conduct of Election Commission, take legal action instantly against the political parties and candidates who are involved in violating the code of conduct, implement effective voters' education program, manage for easy access and close distance in polling stations specially to people with disability, senior citizens, child bearing mothers and sick people including all the voters.



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The Commission appeals to **all the organizations involved in monitoring the election** to conduct free and impartial monitoring of election related activities regularly, conduct voters' education programs, not to keep association with political parties going beyond the norms of election observers and be impartial without involving in their political activities.

The Commission appeals to social media users and all the mass media not to publish and distribute materials having negative impact on the election, not to express or publish opinions that disrespect or undermine the harmonious relation among individuals, castes, religions and communities and to always play a vital and positive role to follow and to be followed the election code of conduct.

Finally, the Commission appeals to **all people and voters** to be aware of their own rights use the voting right without any fear not falling on any coercion, being proactive to ensure the election of human right friendly and dedicated peoples' representative.

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Anup Raj Sharma

Chairperson

National Human Rights Commission