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ELECTION COMMISSION OF BHUTAN
DZONGKHAG ELECTION OFFICE
TRONGSA
(Ensuring Free, Fair & Democratic Elections & Referendums)



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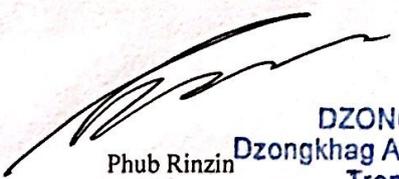
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Election Commission of Bhutan, in pursuance of Section 197 of the Election Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2008, herein calls the Third Local Government elections under the constitution of the Kingdom of Bhutan for the elections to the *Gewog Tshogdes* of 205 Gewogs, 16 Dzongkhag *Thromde Ngotshabs* and Dzongkhag *Thromde Tshogde* of Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag.

In line with the responsibility bestowed under the Notification, wherein the Dzongkhags and the Gewog Administrative Officers shall be responsible in ensuring that their respective jurisdictions are conducive and congenial for the conduct of free and fair Local Government Elections 2021, the following notification with regard to official gatherings, religious programs, archery/khuru matches/tournaments and any other games that involve mass gathering is hereby issued for strict implementation by the public under Trongsa Dzongkhag.

1. Conducting trainings, seminars, surveys, research, etc, in the coming months till completion of the election is discouraged since such activities would not only become a source of distraction for local authorities in the Dzongkhag during the election period but could also hinder free and fair elections.
2. No religious events, involving public gatherings, shall be organized or conducted during the election period. Private religious rituals without involvement of outsiders other than family members will be allowed on a case by case basis upon submission and scrutiny of the application. The application must be addressed to the **Chief Election Coordinator (Dzongda)** at least two days prior to the day of program.
3. All ongoing archery/khuru and other mass involving tournaments being conducted through prior approvals will suspend their tournaments with immediate effect and continue after election period. No fresh approvals for mass involvement tournaments will be entertained during the election period.
4. Approvals for one day friendly match for archery/khuru will be issued on case by case basis upon scrutiny of the players list which must be submitted along with the application.

This is issued for strict compliance.


DZONGDAG
Dzongkhag Administration
Trongsa
Phub Rinzin
Chief Election Coordinator

Copy to:

1. Director, Department of Election, ECB Kawajangsa for kind information.
2. SP, RBP Trongsa, for kind information and necessary action.
3. Gewog administrative officer, five gewogs for necessary action.
4. ICT Officer, Dzongkhag Administration Trongsa for Public information.
5. Office file.

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