

Webinar by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)
on
**“Special Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls:
Enhancing the purity of electoral rolls or disenfranchising the electorate?”**

Date and Time: 07th August 2025, Thursday, 4 PM (IST)

Agenda

Time	Session
16:00- 16:10	Welcome Address Introduction of the topic and speakers Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)
16:10- 17:00 Speaker Allotted Time: 10-12 minutes per speaker	Panel Discussion on “Special Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls: Enhancing the purity of electoral rolls or disenfranchising the electorate?” The focus points for the webinar are as follows: 1. Is the ECI legally empowered to conduct this exercise? 2. Is it the only and the best way to tackle illegal immigrants? 3. Does it have the potential of mass disenfranchisement? What are its political implications? 4. Impact on the underprivileged, Dalits, Tribals, migrant workers, illiterate, and minority electorates who do not possess the required proof of identity. 5. Time constraint, logistics, and manpower for its implementation, especially amid the monsoon and floods in Bihar. 6. A backdoor for the National Register of Citizens (NRC)? Moderator: Prof Jagdeep Chhokar Speakers: 1. Shri Om Prakash Rawat (former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India) 2. Dr Manoj Jha (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha & National Spokesperson, Rashtriya Janata Dal) 3. Dr Ram Sagar Singh (State Spokesperson for Bharatiya Janata Party, Bihar) 4. Advocate Somnath Bharti (former Member of Delhi Legislative Assembly, Co-founder of Aam Aadmi Party, and Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court) 5. Ms Sravasti Dasgupta (Senior Reporter, The Wire)
17:00- 17:20	Question and Answer Session
17:20- 17:25	Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks Prof Jagdeep Chhokar