

**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:** 07<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Thursday, 4 PM (IST)

**Agenda**

Time	Session
16:00- 16:10	<b>Welcome Address   Introduction of the topic and speakers</b> Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)
16:10- 17:10  Speaker Allotted Time: 10-12 minutes per speaker	Panel Discussion on <b>“Special Intensive Revision of the Electoral Rolls: Enhancing the purity of electoral rolls or disenfranchising the electorate?”</b>  <b>The focus points for the webinar are as follows:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the ECI legally empowered to conduct this exercise?</li> <li>2. Is it the only and the best way to tackle illegal immigrants?</li> <li>3. Does it have the potential of mass disenfranchisement? What are its political implications?</li> <li>4. Impact on the underprivileged, Dalits, Tribals, migrant workers, illiterate, and minority electorates who do not possess the required proof of identity.</li> <li>5. Time constraint, logistics, and manpower for its implementation, especially amid the monsoon and floods in Bihar.</li> <li>6. A backdoor for the National Register of Citizens (NRC)?</li> </ol> <b>Moderator:</b> Prof Jagdeep Chhokar  <b>Speakers:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Shri Om Prakash Rawat</b> (former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India)</li> <li>2. <b>Advocate Vrinda Grover</b> (Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India &amp; Human Rights Activist)</li> <li>3. <b>Dr Manoj Jha</b> (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha &amp; National Spokesperson, Rashtriya Janata Dal)</li> <li>4. <b>Dr Ram Sagar Singh</b> (State Spokesperson for Bharatiya Janata Party, Bihar)</li> <li>5. <b>Advocate Somnath Bharti</b> (former Member of Delhi Legislative Assembly, Co-founder of Aam Aadmi Party, and Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Delhi High Court)</li> <li>6. <b>Ms Sravasti Dasgupta</b> (Senior Reporter, The Wire)</li> </ol>
17:10- 17:30	<b>Question and Answer Session</b>
17:30- 17:35	<b>Concluding Remarks &amp; Vote of Thanks</b> Prof Jagdeep Chhokar