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OFFICIAL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHEDULE

IAP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION 2027–2030

Central Executive Committee and State Branch Elections 2027–2030

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Issued by the Office of the Chief Election Officers, Indian Association of Physiotherapists (IAP)

1. OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

The Indian Association of Physiotherapists (IAP) hereby announces the forthcoming elections for the Central Executive Committee (CEC) and State Branch Committees for the term **2027–2030**, in accordance with the IAP Memorandum, 2024, the applicable Mandatory Election Protocol and duly approved election rules.

The election process shall be conducted with the objective of ensuring fairness, transparency, accountability, equal opportunity for eligible candidates and the protection of the democratic rights of eligible IAP members.

All eligible members intending to contest or participate in the election are requested to carefully read this announcement, the prescribed nomination documents, the election schedule and the applicable rules before taking part in the process.

2. Detailed election programme

The following dates reproduce the timetable prescribed in Section V.3 of the IAP Memorandum, applied to the election process commencing in November 2026.

S. No.	Election activity	Prescribed date
1	Appointment of the Election Committee and Chief Election Officer by the General Body	Before commencement of the election programme
2	Announcement of the election programme and guidelines	1 November 2026
3	Preparation of the electoral roll in consultation with the CEC and Treasurer	As per the applicable Memorandum provision
4	Commencement of nominations	1 November 2026
5	Last date for receipt of nomination forms	15 December 2026
6	Announcement of candidates contesting each post	21 December 2026
7	Last date for withdrawal of nominations	31 December 2026
8	Publication of final list of contesting candidates	5 January 2027
9	Dispatch of electronic ballot papers to registered email addresses	On or before 15 January 2027
10	Last date for receipt of completed electronic ballots	15 February 2027
11	Counting of votes	1 March 2027
12	Declaration of election results by the Chief Election Officer	1 March 2027
13	Deadline for the Election Tribunal to submit its report on election disputes [if required]	15 March 2027
14	Submission and circulation of the declared election results to the CEC, candidates and IAP website	15 March 2027

15	Handover and assumption of charge by the newly elected CEC	৷n April 2027

3. Posts to be filled through the election

Under Section V.1 and V.2, the elected CEC positions are structured as follows.

FOR CENTRAL ELECTION

Position	Number of seats
President	1
Vice-President	1
General Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Zonal Joint Secretaries — one from each of five zones	5
Zonal CEC Members — two from each of five zones	10
Total elected positions	19

The five zones specified in the Memorandum are North, South, East, West and Central. The election is conducted on an all-India basis, with zonal representation determined according to the prescribed rules.

FOR EACH STATE ELECTIONS

Position	Number of seats
President	1
Vice-President	1
Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Joint Secretaries —	2
CEC Members	5
Total elected positions	11

4. Mandatory eligibility and nomination conditions

All candidates and election officials must comply with the following requirements of the Memorandum.

A. Voter eligibility [Only Annual Active Members Can Participate in Election Process]

Only Annual Active Members included in the applicable electoral roll Can vote. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears under the prescribed cut-off provision are not entitled to vote, propose, second or contest.

B. Candidate eligibility

- Minimum five years of IAP membership for other Central CEC positions.

- Minimum ten years of IAP membership for President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer.

- Candidates for zonal posts must provide the prescribed Aadhaar documentation establishing their eligible zone.

- Candidates must submit the prescribed affidavit with their nomination.

- A candidate may contest only one position in the election.

C. Election deposit

For Central Election

The prescribed deposit for a National IAP election is ₹10,000 per candidate, comprising ₹5,000 as caution money and ₹5,000 as election money. The caution money is forfeited if the candidate receives less than 10% of the total valid votes, subject to the applicable rules.

For State Election

The prescribed deposit for a State IAP election is ₹5,000 per candidate, comprising as Non Refundable election money only, subject to the applicable rules.

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D. Election Committee and Tribunal

- The Election Committee consists of three IAP members who are not on the CEC and have at least ten years of membership.

- The Election Tribunal consists of three IAP members with at least fifteen years of membership.

- The General Body appoints both bodies in accordance with the Memorandum of 2024.

5. Mandatory electronic voting protocol

The Election Committee should ensure that:

1. Electronic Ballot will be sent to members' registered email addresses submitted in Election Active Members list[Electoral Roll]

2. Each ballot bears its serial number, IAP seal, prescribed security features and the printed signature of the Chief Election Officer.

3. Ballots are returned along with the voter's registered email address in Electronic Format only.

4. Voter identification information is handled in the prescribed coded format and voting secrecy is maintained.

5. Election records are preserved until the next elected CEC assumes charge.

Although the Central and State IAP election is Conducted Together, Central and State IAP Elections Will not Affect Each other in any Ways.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

All candidates must satisfy the applicable eligibility provisions of the IAP Memorandum, 2024, and the approved election rules.

In particular, candidates shall comply with the following requirements, as applicable:

1. **Membership duration:** Eligibility for Central CEC positions shall be subject to the prescribed minimum membership period, including five years of IAP membership for Central CEC and State EC positions and ten years for Central President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, as specified in the Memorandum.

2. **Minimum membership requirement:** A member with less than five years of IAP membership shall not contest any post, in accordance with the applicable provision.

3. **Term limitation:** The applicable two-term restriction and one-term cooling-off requirement shall be observed from 2027 onwards.

4. **One-post rule:** No elected member may hold more than one CEC post, whether at the Central or State level, contrary to the applicable provision.

5. **Mandatory affidavit:** Every contesting candidate shall submit the prescribed affidavit with the nomination papers. Failure to submit the required affidavit shall result in disqualification in accordance with the applicable protocol.

6. **Other requirements:** Candidates must fulfil all additional requirements expressly prescribed for the particular position under the Memorandum and approved election rules.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that all information and documents submitted with their nominations are complete, accurate and truthful.

7. NOMINATION AND ELECTORAL ROLL

Nomination forms, instructions and election information is circulated through the designated IAP communication website Physiotherapyindia.org

As provided under the relevant Mandatory Election Protocol, a candidate may obtain the electoral roll in Excel format by email upon payment of the prescribed fee of **₹5,000**, subject to the applicable procedure.

Candidates must follow the notified nomination, scrutiny, objection and withdrawal deadlines. A nomination shall be accepted or rejected only in accordance with the applicable eligibility provisions and prescribed procedure.

8. MANDATORY POSITIVE CAMPAIGNING AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The election is an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, professional commitment, constructive ideas and a shared vision for the advancement of physiotherapy and IAP.

All candidates and their authorised supporters are expected to maintain professional dignity, mutual respect and institutional responsibility throughout the election period.

Positive campaigning shall be the guiding principle of the IAP Elections 2027–2030.

1 Positive and issue-based campaigning

Candidates are encouraged to:

a. Present their vision, experience, achievements, plans and proposals for the development of IAP.

b. Discuss professional education, research, member welfare, institutional development, governance, public recognition and the future of physiotherapy.

c. Explain how their proposed initiatives will benefit members and strengthen the profession.

d. Respect other candidates' right to contest and express their vision.

e. Maintain courtesy, transparency and professionalism in all campaign communications.

2 Prohibition of personal attacks and defamatory campaigning

Candidates and supporters shall refrain from:

a. Personal attacks, abusive language, insults, humiliation or derogatory remarks against any candidate, member, office bearer or other individual.

b. Unjustified or unseemly criticism of fellow members or the parent organisation, consistent with the IAP Memorandum.

c. Publishing or circulating false, fabricated, misleading, defamatory or malicious statements concerning any candidate, member, office bearer or IAP.

d. Spreading unverified allegations, edited material intended to mislead voters, or rumours designed to damage another candidate's reputation.

e. Threatening, intimidating, harassing, coercing or pressuring members to support or oppose any candidate.

f. Offering improper inducements or engaging in conduct intended to improperly influence voting.

g. Using social media, messaging groups, emails, public statements or other communication channels to conduct prohibited personal attacks or defamatory campaigning.

h. Misrepresenting the official position of IAP, the Election Officers or the Election Tribunal.

Legitimate, evidence-based discussion of policies, professional issues and governance proposals is not prohibited merely because it involves disagreement. However, such discussion must remain respectful and comply with the Memorandum and applicable rules.

3 Use of IAP name, logo and resources

No candidate shall misuse IAP's name, logo, official records, confidential information, membership data, communication channels .

No candidate shall represent campaign material as an official IAP communication unless it has been duly authorised.

4 Conflict of interest and competing associations

Candidates shall comply with the applicable conflict-of-interest provisions of the IAP Memorandum, 2024.

In particular:

a. Candidates must disclose past and present affiliations with conflicting interest physiotherapy associations or organisations under the prescribed affidavit or applicable rules.

b. Candidates shall not engage in activities that constitute a prohibited conflict of interest under the Memorandum.

c. Candidates shall not use the election to undermine the lawful functioning, reputation or institutional interests of IAP through conduct prohibited by the Memorandum.

5 Responsibility for campaign supporters

Candidates are expected to communicate these standards to their campaign teams and authorised supporters. Complaints concerning the conduct of a candidate or supporter shall be assessed on the available evidence and under the applicable rules.

9. ELECTION TRIBUNAL: CONSTITUTION, JURISDICTION AND ROLE

An Election Tribunal may be constituted by the competent IAP authority to provide an impartial mechanism for the examination and resolution of election-related disputes for the 2027–2030 election cycle.

The Communication Email will Be : iapelectiontribunal27@physiotherapyindia.org

10. VOTING, COUNTING AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS

Voting shall be conducted according to the procedure notified by the Chief Election Officers and the applicable Mandatory Election Protocol.

All eligible voters must follow the prescribed voting instructions and ballot requirements. Invalid ballots shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable rules.

The Election Officers shall maintain appropriate records of counting and tabulation and communicate the results in accordance with the prescribed procedure. The result report shall be circulated and published within the timeline specified in the applicable rules.

Any objection concerning the voting process, counting or declaration of results shall be raised through the prescribed election dispute procedure.

11. COMPLAINTS, VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Complaints concerning alleged violations of the election rules or the IAP Memorandum shall be submitted through the notified complaint mechanism.

Where a complaint falls within the Tribunal's authorised jurisdiction, it may be referred to or considered by the Tribunal in accordance with the approved procedure.

Any disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion where permitted by the Memorandum, shall be considered only by the competent authority and in accordance with the applicable procedure.

12. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEAL

All election notifications, amendments, candidate lists, voting instructions, results and other official communications shall be issued through the channels designated by the Election Officer/Election Tribunal/Legal Counsel.

Candidates and members are requested to verify election-related information through official IAP communications physiotherapyindia.org and avoid circulating unverified messages.

The IAP Elections 2027–2030 must reflect the highest standards of professional conduct, mutual respect, fairness and institutional responsibility.

The election should be an opportunity to present constructive ideas, demonstrate leadership and work collectively for the advancement of physiotherapy in India.

Candidates are urged to campaign on their vision, achievements, plans and commitment to the profession rather than on personal criticism of their opponents.

Let the election be a contest of ideas, leadership and service—not a contest of allegations, hostility or personal attacks.

IAP belongs to its members, and its unity and credibility must remain above individual electoral interests.

Eligible members are requested to participate responsibly and uphold the dignity of the profession and the Association.

Please Note

Each Contesting Candidate Must Send one Email Copy[must reach before Deadline] and One Hard Copy by Post

1Nomination Form

2 Affidavit and Undertaking

3 Demand Draft of Rs 5000 and 5000 two Separate For Central Election in favour of "IAPELECTION27", payable at Delhi, and one D.D for State Election of Rs 5000 in favour of "IAPELECTION27", payable at Delhi.

4.One Government I.D Which Shows Residential Address. i.e [Aadhaar/Voter I.D]

5.The Indian Association of Physiotherapists Membership Certificate Copy/I.D Card

6.Rules and Code of Conduct with Undertaking.

With Best Wishes

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For and on behalf of
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