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Issues of HOR and Provincial Assembly Tenure Questions Government's Ability to Draft Right Policies

After widespread criticism, the government has withdrawn the bill to extend the tenure of the existing House of Representatives (HoR) and Provincial Assembly (PA). The government had proposed to continue the term of current HoR and PA until the first meeting of the newly elected HOR and PA after the elections. As per the constitution of Nepal, the tenure of the HOR and PA is 5 years.

The constitution further elaborates that the date of publication of election results is considered the starting date for the HoR and PA members elected via First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting, and the date of announcement about one being elected as a member via Proportional Representation (PR) voting is considered the starting date. But, the dates of announcements of elected members varies from area to area. Therefore, there is no specific date on when the tenure starts for the members. If we calculate the members' tenure based on different dates of their result announcements, different tenure end dates would come up, which isn't practical.

The election commission had advised a more practical solution to the government to calculate the tenure of the HoR and PA members based on the date of the first results announcement. Keeping the advice in mind, the government announced it will conduct the elections on November 20, 2022. Now, even after the election code of conduct has been published, doesn't the government's proposal to extend the tenure dates hint at its own inability to draft a timely policy?

Source: <https://election.gov.np/admin/public//storage/HoR/Press%20release/Press%20Release%202079-05-20.pdf>

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Are the incumbent ministers allowed to participate in the election campaign?

Those ministers who are candidates in the elections will be allowed to campaign in the areas of their candidacy.

I am a first time voter. So, along with the excitement, I do have expectations as well.

I am voting for the first time from the polling station at Phaktanglung rural municipality, Olangchugola ward no - 7.

Photo: from-hr.parliament.gov.np

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Source: <https://cutt.ly/cCkUKwO>

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

10,888 polling stations have been established across the country for the upcoming federal and provincial elections on November 20. The election commission has reviewed the stations to ensure that the voting process is conducted in a fair, free and secure manner.

Read more: [Kantipur](#)



Photo: Kantipur



Photo: Setopati

As per the data of Foreign Employment Department, 24,000 youths had traveled to foreign countries between mid-August to mid-September 2021. But in the same period this year, the number has reached 49,927. The number goes even higher if the people taking re-labor permits are counted. Youths moving abroad after the election date has been announced raises questions if the government still hasn't been sensitive towards the issues of youth.

Read more: [Setopati](#)

The District Disaster Management Committee, Banke has recommended the federal and provincial governments to declare Narainapur Rural Municipality as a crisis zone. The municipality, facing severe dry spell, could manage only 15 percent paddy plantation this season. The committee has also made suggestions for relief distribution, adequate irrigation, alternative crop management etc.

Read more: [Ekagaj](#)



Photo: Ekagaj



Photo: Setopati

The Civil Aviation Authority has mandated airlines operating more than one flight a day from Tribhuvan International Airport to also make mandatory flights from Gautam Buddha International Airport from October 2022. This decision is anticipated to add flights from five airlines in the airport, which is now operating flights only from Jazeera Airways.

Read more: [Setopati](#)



Rumors and Facts

Online



I will turn 18 years of age on November 20, 2022. So, will I be eligible to vote in the House of Representatives and provincial assembly elections taking place on the same day?

Any Nepali citizen who is participating in the House of Representatives and provincial assembly elections on 20 November should be registered in the voters list by August 4 (the day election was announced). But the concerned individual should reach 18 years of age on the day before the election i.e 19 November 2022.

Source: <https://election.gov.np/admin/public//storage/HoR/>



It is said that the incumbent minister is not allowed to participate in the election campaign. Most of the ministers are also candidates for the upcoming elections. Who will conduct campaigns for them?

According to the Election Code of Conduct 2022, any ministers of the federal and provincial governments, local units and their representatives are not allowed to participate or conduct campaigns in favor of any political party or candidate. However, the minister who themselves is a candidate in the election will be allowed to campaign in his/her election area. It isn't allowed to use government resources when conducting campaign in this manner.

Source: <https://cutt.ly/7CwZszK>



Enter your Message





I am a first time voter. So, along with the excitement, I do have expectations as well.

My name is Karma Sonam Sherpa. I am 23 years old. I have been residing in Tinchuli, Kathmandu for my studies. When I heard that the election is approaching, I spoke to my parents living with me. It has been 7 years since I visited my birthplace Taplejung. After discussing with my parents, I have decided to participate in the election and vote.

I will cast my vote in the Olangchung Gola polling station, Ward no.7, Phaktanglung Rural Municipality, Taplejung for the federal and provincial elections. This will be my first experience.

I already had my voter ID for the local elections 2079. However, I was not interested in the election. I hated elections. I felt it was just a celebration between the political leaders and their cadres.

I was closely observing social media campaigns run by my friends where they highlighted voting for a right representative. They were raising voices around youth participation. They were sharing their frustrations around bad leadership and the positive change that should happen. I then only understood why elections are important. I realized that I have also contributed to selecting bad leadership. Youth make 40% of the total population, and if youth do not participate how can we question the government?



Karma Sonam Sherpa
Student

We have also seen some positive changes happening slowly. The role of youth has increased as they have started to come forward. They have also become aware about selecting a good representative. I also feel I should be able to question when the road construction in front of my house is delayed. To do so, I feel it is my responsibility to select a good representative.

As it is my first time, I have expectations as well as hope. I am also equally excited. I hope the selected representative will not disappoint us. The trust of youth like me towards the election and its process should not decline.



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