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To

The Leaders and Representatives of All Political Parties,  
Contesting Candidates of 03-Sambalpur PC,  
Contesting Candidates of the four ACs of Sambalpur District,

**“Advisory for maintaining peace and order during the election period, especially during 72 hours prior to Poll and till the declaration of results of election.”**

As we approach the critical period of elections, it is imperative that we collectively ensure an environment conducive to fair and peaceful electoral proceedings. The district administration is committed to facilitating a smooth and orderly election process, and we seek your indispensable cooperation in achieving this goal.

1. Adherence to Electoral Laws and Guidelines:\* All parties are urged to rigorously follow the electoral model code of conduct laid down by the Election Commission. It is vital that campaign activities are carried out within the stipulated legal framework to prevent any form of electoral malpractice or disturbances.

2. Promotion of Peaceful Campaigns:\* Political parties are requested to instruct their members and supporters to refrain from any actions that could incite violence or create animosity among different groups. The use of inflammatory speeches, posters, or messages through any medium is strictly prohibited.

3. Cooperation with Law Enforcement:\* The district police and security forces will be vigilant during the election period. Political parties are expected to cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies in maintaining order and reporting any suspicious activities that could undermine the peace.

4. Neutral and Non-Partisan Behavior:\* It is crucial for the integrity of the electoral process that all parties operate in a neutral and non-partisan manner, particularly in their interactions with the electorate. Misinformation campaigns

  
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and undue influence on voters must be avoided. Propagating “fake news” and spreading false narratives should be strictly eschewed.

5. Engagement in Constructive Dialogue:\* Encourage dialogue and engagement between different political entities to resolve conflicts amicably. The district administration is ready to facilitate such discussions to ensure that all concerns are addressed responsibly.

6. Readiness for Emergency Situations:\* Ensure that all party workers are briefed on emergency procedures in case of any untoward incident. Quick response and communication with the authorities can prevent escalations and preserve public safety.

#### 7. Legal Recourse for Election Code Violations:

\* Establishment of Complaint Mechanisms:\* A dedicated helpline (Toll free at 1950) and online portal (C-vigil) have been established for reporting violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). These platforms are being monitored continuously to ensure timely action on any issue reported. Observers deployed from Election Commission may also be contacted in case of any complaints or sharing of any worry list.

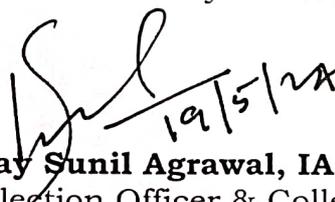
\* Documentation and Evidence Gathering:\* It is advisable to maintain proper documentation and gather evidence related to any potential violation. This will support any legal challenges or complaints that need to be filed.

\* Assistance in Filing Complaints:\* The district administration will provide assistance in filing complaints to ensure that they meet the legal requirements and are processed quickly.

\* Swift and Transparent Action:\* It is being ensured that all complaints are dealt with swiftly and transparently, with regular updates provided to the complainants about the status of their grievances.

Your cooperation is critical to uphold the democratic values that we all cherish and to ensure that the election is conducted smoothly and peacefully. Let us work together to set an example of democracy at its best by ensuring calm, dignified and orderly election.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and your continued commitment to the democratic process.

  
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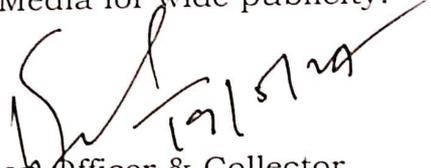
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