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NOTIFICATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, ETC.

JUDICIAL NOTIFICATION

THE BAR COUNCIL OF TAMIL NADU AND PUDUCHERRY HIGH COURT CAMPUS, CHENNAI – 600 104.

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS

(Roc. No. 97 of 2026)

HIGH-POWERED ELECTION COMMITTEE – PHASE V-C

For the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry
[Appointed in terms of the order dated 18.11.2025 passed in WP (C.)
No. 1319/2023 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India]

ELECTION NOTIFICATION 2026

Proceedings No. 3 of 2026 dated 30.01.2026

No. VI(1)/74(a)/2026.

The High-Powered Election Committee Phase V-C, as appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 18.11.2025 in W.P. (Civil) No. 1319/2023 (*M. Varadhan Vs. Union of India & Anr.*), and in compliance of the said order and the orders thereafter, concerning the Election of Members to the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, hereby notify the **Election of 23 Members** to be held on Monday, the 30th March, 2026 between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., as per the Schedule hereunder and the instructions thereto.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court by its further orders dated 08.12.2025 and 18.12.2025 in W.P. (Civil) No. 581/2024 (*Yogamaya M.G. Vs. Union of India & Ors*), has directed to provide 30 per cent representation for women in the Bar Council Elections, subject to the final outcome of the case, pending before the Supreme Court. On the subject, the Bar Council of India has issued a communication dated 23.12.2025 and the relevant para is as follows:

"For a Council of total strength of 25, the women's component may be reflected as 7 seats, comprising 5 seats to be filled up through election and 2 seats through co-option by Bar Council of India. In other words, for a Council of 25, the working computation is 7, and the women elected component is 5. The election notification may accordingly notify election for 23 seats, and within those 23 seats, a women elected component of 5 seats, to be secured in accordance with the directions of the High-Powered Election Committee.

SCHEDULE

1.	Total Number of Seats	25
2.	Number of Seats for which election is to be held	23
	Number of other candidates to be elected	
	- Members who have been Advocates for atleast 10 years on the State Roll	12
	- Others	6
	Number of women candidates to be elected	5
	Women candidates to be Co-opted	2
3.	Release of Provisional voters list	14.02.2026
4.	Objections / Rectifications / Modifications, if any, in the voters list	21.02.2026
5.	Publication of Final voters list	28.02.2026
6.	Issue of Nomination Forms for prospective candidates	28.02.2026 from 10 am to 01.03.2026 till 5 pm
7.	Last date for filing Nomination	07.03.2026 till 5 pm
8.	Publication of Provisional list of candidates, after scrutiny	09.03.2026
9.	Rejection and Withdrawal of Nominations of candidates	10.03.2026 by 4 pm
10.	Publication of Final list of candidates	10.03.2026 by 6 pm
11.	Place of Polling/Election	Various booths across the State to be notified
12.	Date of Election	30th March 2026, Monday between 10 am to 5 pm
13.	Counting of Votes	03rd April 2026 onwards

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The names of the Advocates shown in the Final Voters List are entitled to vote in the Election.
2. All Voters shall vote at the Polling Stations, where their respective names are shown.
3. Voting shall take place at the POLLING BOOTHS as notified or such other places notified.
4. Where there are less than 50 voters and if the place of bar association is situated to any nearby polling both, then such voters will be attached with the nearest Polling Stations and shall be entitled to vote at those Polling Stations.
5. The names of the Advocates published in the Final Voters List are entitled to contest in the Election of the Bar Council, subject to such eligibility.
6. The prospective candidates shall file nomination in the requisite form with two proposers, being voters from the Final Voters List, with the prescribed fee, all enclosures, declarations, along with an affidavit by the contesting candidate, regarding pendency of Disciplinary Proceedings, Criminal Cases or conviction within a period of 9 months, prior to the date of Election.
7. A non-refundable Application Fee of Rs. 1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand only) is to be paid by each way of Demand Draft / Bankers' Cheque In favour of "The Secretary, Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry", payable at Chennai.
8. The Nomination Form as and when being uploaded can be downloaded from the Election Page of the website and shall be submitted during the office hours on the dates specified above to the Secretary, Bar Council of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, High Court premises.

9. Any Individual grievance on Election shall be addressed to the High-Powered Election Committee in the email ID: **hpec.bctnp@gmail.com**.
10. Any appeal against the decision of the High-Powered Election Committee can be made to the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the email ID **sec.supervisorycommittee@gmail.com**. The High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee consists of
 1. Mr. Justice Subhanshu Dhulia, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India (Chairperson);
 2. Mr. Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, Former Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High Court; and
 3. Mr. V.Giri, Senior Advocate.
11. As per the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no Civil Court or High Court shall entertain any Petition against such Decision.

Bar Council Building,
High Court Campus,
Chennai - 600 104,
4th February 2026.

JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER (RETD.),
Mr E Om Prakash & Dr Amit George,
High-Powered Election Committee - Phase V C.