



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Election Department – India’s Chairship of International IDEA 2026 – Engagement of Research Associate for thematic work in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala – Appointment of Shri. Piyush Dubey – Orders issued.

ELECTION (EQUIPMENT) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.385/2026/ELEC Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 02-05-2026

- Read :
1. Letter No.590/IIIDEM/CIT/IDEA/2026 Dated 20.02.2026 from the Director General, IIIDEM.
 2. Guidelines for Engagement of Research Associate at CEO Office (Annexure 3 of the IIIDEM Guidelines).
 3. Resume and credentials of Shri. Piyush Dubey, Researcher.

ORDER

As part of India’s Chairship in the International IDEA for 2026, the Election Commission of India (ECI) vide letter read 1st above has assigned the thematic group “Election Technology”, to Kerala, to ensure the production of a high-quality, practitioner-oriented global report within the prescribed timelines. As per the Guidelines read 2nd above, the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala is authorized to build a core team, including the engagement of a Research Associate.

2) After evaluating the interdisciplinary profile of Shri. Piyush Dubey read as 3rd above and considering the incumbent’s background in digital democracy and governance frameworks, the Government are pleased to appoint Shri. Piyush Dubey, Researcher and MBA candidate at the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode as the Research Associate in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala, in accordance with the Guidelines issues by the ECI read as 2nd above.

3) The appointment of Shri. Piyush Dubey as the Research Associate is subject to the following terms and conditions :

1. The engagement shall be for a period of six (6) months from the date

of joining.

2. A consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) is fixed for the duration of the tenure.

3. The Research Associate shall execute approved research on electoral technology, assist in data collection, and contribute to the final thematic report under the guidance of the State Thematic Group.

4. The Research Associate shall adhere to strict non-disclosure norms regarding internal deliberations and unpublished data as per the IIIDEM Code of Conduct.

5. The Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala shall retain all copyrights over the research outputs produced during this engagement.

4) The expenditure for the remuneration shall be met from the Head of Account 2015-00-103-34OC-03OI.

(By order of the Governor)
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