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हिमाचल प्रदेश विधिज्ञ परिषद्  
**BAR COUNCIL OF HIMACHAL PRADESH**

High Court Complex, Raveneswood, Shimla-171 001

Ref. No. **BCHP-Election Schedule-2026**

Dated **16.02.2026**

**Bar Council Himachal Pradesh Election Notification**

The Bar Council Himachal Pradesh Election is hereby notified in terms of Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.1319/2023 titled as *M. Varadhan vs. Union of India and Ors.* The Schedule of the Election is as under: -

1.	Date of Notification and publication in News Papers	17 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026
2.	Publication of Provisional Electoral Rolls	4 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
3.	Inviting objections to the Electoral Rolls	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026 - 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
4.	Publication of final Electoral Rolls	18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
5.	Receipt of Nomination forms at the office of Bar Council at Shimla	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026 - 25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM
6.	Scrutiny of Nomination forms	26 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026 - 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
7.	List of eligible candidates after scrutiny (To be put up on the notice board of Bar Council and Website)	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2026
8.	(i) Total number of seats: (ii) Number of seats for which election is to be held: (iii) To be co-opted: (iv) Minimum number of seats that have to be filled from amongst the advocates who have been on the State Rolls for at least 10 years: (v) Minimum number of seats that have to be filled from amongst the Women candidates:	20 seats 18 seats 2 seats 9 seats 4 seats
9.	Last date of withdrawal of candidature	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2026 upto 05:00 PM
10.	List of Final candidates after withdrawal (To be put up on the notice board of Bar Council and Website)	31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2026 After 05:00 PM
11.	Date and Time of Polling/Election	20 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM
12.	Counting of Votes	23 <sup>rd</sup> April, 2026 onwards



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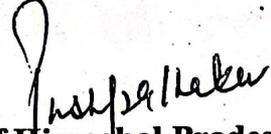
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The Secretary, Bar Council is directed to take appropriate steps for publication of this notice in the Official Gazette and two newspapers. The Secretary Bar Council shall put this notification on the website of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh as well as on the notice board of Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh and Bar Associations.

**Note:**

- (i) Nomination forms shall be available for sale at the Office of the Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh at Shimla on payment of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only). Maximum 4 (four) nomination papers will be issued per candidate.
- (ii) Every nomination paper shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Only) by way of Bank Draft/ Bankers Cheque in favour of "BAR COUNCIL OF HIMACHAL PRADESH" payable at Shimla or online.
- (iii) An Advocate belonging to the specially abled category contesting the Election of the Bar Council shall be required to pay a symbolic nomination fee of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) by way of Bank Draft/ Bankers Cheque in favour of "BAR COUNCIL OF HIMACHAL PRADESH" payable at Shimla or online instead of Rs.1,25,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty-Five Thousand Only), as per Order dated 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in *Pankaj Sinha vs. Bar Council of India & Ors.* in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No.(s) 1261/2025.
- (iv) There shall be no separate ballot paper for the women advocates contesting the Election of Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh, as per Order dated 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

  
Secretary, Bar Council of Himachal Pradesh  
Issued with the approval of  
High-Powered Election Committee

Approved by the Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.