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71-Nuapada By-Election
Nomination withdrawal process concludes today
14 candidates to contest

Bhubaneswar, Dt. 24.10.2025:

Today was the last date for withdrawal of nomination papers for the 71-Nuapada Assembly By-Election. Candidates were permitted to withdraw their nominations between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. However, no candidate withdrew their nomination papers. Consequently, a total of 14 candidates will contest in the Nuapada Assembly By-Election.

The contesting candidates include Shri Jay Dholakia from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Smt. Snehangini Chhuria from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Shri Ghasiram Majhi from the Indian National Congress (INC), Shri Ramakanta Hati from the Samajwadi Party, Shri Hemant Tandi from the Bahujan Mukti Party, and Shri Shukadhar Dandsena from the Odisha Janata Dal, along with eight Independent candidates — Shri Ashraya Mahandan, Er. Chakranta Jena, Shri Bhuvan Lal Sahu, Shri Kishore Kumar Bag, Smt. Nita Bag, Shri Lakshmikanth Tandi, Shri Bhaktabandhu Dharua, and Shri Lochan Majhi.

It is noted that five nomination papers were rejected during the scrutiny process. The rejected candidates are Shri Rajaram Sahu of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Shri Sitaram Behera of the Rastriya Paribartan Dal, and three Independent candidates — Shri Kamal Kumar Chhatria, Shri Purushottam Behera, and Shri Bhujabal Adabangu.

The entire election process is scheduled to be completed by Sunday, November 16, 2025.



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