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## 1. Everything you need to know about the Emmy Awards

### Introduction

The 2024 Emmy Awards took place recently at the Peacock Theater in downtown Los Angeles, with controversial Netflix show "Baby Reindeer", kitchen drama "The Bear", and historical Japan-set series "Shōgun" all winning big.



### What are the Emmy Awards?

The Emmy Awards are the most renowned accolades given to television and emerging media performances. Unlike Oscars and Golden Globe awards, they aren't given for films.

### When were the Emmy Awards launched?

The Emmy Awards were conceived in 1948 and the first ceremony took place on January 25, 1949. A total of six awards were presented, such as the Most Outstanding Television Personality and Most Popular Television Program.

### What are the different kinds of Emmy Awards?

Apart from the International Emmy Awards and the Primetime Emmy Awards, the Emmys are also given in the following categories: daytime, sports, news and documentary, technology and engineering, and regional, according to a report by Vox.

While Primetime Emmy Awards honour television shows produced only in America and aired during primetime, International Emmy Awards are for international shows. Daytime Emmy Awards are given to American shows aired during late-morning and afternoon. Regional Emmy Awards are for regional television markets, including state-to-state programming, local news and locally produced shows.

### Who gives the Emmy awards?

These awards are given by three sister organisations. First is the Television Academy, which administers the Primetime Emmy Awards. Second is the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which oversees daytime, sports, news and documentary categories. Third is the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which is responsible for International Emmys.

Each organisation maintains its own membership of television professionals who vote and decide who will get the award.

### **What does the name 'Emmy' stand for?**

The word "Emmy" doesn't stand for anything and only refers to the award. According to the Emmy Awards website, initially, it was supposed to be named "Immy," which was "a nickname for the image-orthicon camera tube instrumental in the technical development of television." However, it was later modified to a more "feminine" name, "Emmy", because the award statuette "depicts the winged 'muse of art uplifting the electron of science'," the website added.

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Source: Indian Express

## **2. Arvind Kejriwal wants early elections to Delhi Assembly. What does the law say?**

### **Overview**

Kejriwal from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has resigned from CM post to prove his innocence in the alleged excise policy corruption case, in which he was granted bail by the Supreme Court last week.



Kejriwal has asked for Assembly elections to be held in Delhi along with Maharashtra, where a new House must be elected before November 26. However, the term of the Delhi Assembly ends only on February 23, 2025.

### **Who decides when Assembly elections will be held in Delhi?**

Under Article 324 of the Constitution, the powers of superintendence, direction, and control of elections are vested in the Election Commission of India (ECI). The ECI works backwards

from the date on which the five-year term of the existing House ends, ensuring that the election process is completed before then.

However, Section 15(2) of The Representation of the People Act, 1951, says the election cannot be notified less than six months before the end of the term of the Assembly — unless the Assembly is dissolved before it completes its term.

### **Can a Chief Minister force the ECI to hold an election before it is due?**

Article 174(2)(b) of the Constitution says the Governor “may from time to time” dissolve the Legislative Assembly. The Council of Ministers can recommend dissolution of the House to the Governor before the end of its term, forcing a decision. Once the Assembly has been dissolved, the ECI has to conduct fresh elections within six months.

In September 2018, the Telangana Cabinet led by then Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao recommended the dissolution of the Assembly, whose term was to end in June 2019. The Governor accepted the recommendation, and Assembly elections were held in 2018.

But Delhi is not a “full” state. In Delhi, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, applies. While Section 6(2)(b) of the Act says the Lieutenant Governor may from time to time dissolve the Assembly, even if a Chief Minister of Delhi recommends the dissolution of the Assembly, the final say is the Centre’s (through the LG).

In any case, in the present situation, Kejriwal has only said he will resign as CM and asked for early elections — he does not appear to be planning to recommend the dissolution of the Assembly. His successor in the post has been announced as Atishi Marlena Singh.

### **What are the things the ECI looks at before deciding the election schedule?**

The new Assembly (or Lok Sabha) has to be in place before the end of the current Assembly’s term, which means the election process, including giving certificates of election to the winners and the completion of all formalities, has to be completed before that date.

The ECI works backwards from that date, planning the schedule based on the weather, availability of security forces, festivals, training of officers, procurement of EVMs, etc.

Before finalising the schedule, the ECI visits the state to take inputs from the administrative and police machinery. It also tries to club together voting in all states where polls are due around the same time.

### **What is the current state of preparedness for elections in Delhi?**

Delhi is not preoccupying the ECI currently. The ECI is currently engaged in conducting the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election, where voting in the first phase will take place on September 18. Two more phases will be held on September 25 and October 1.

Voting in Haryana will follow on October 5, and counting in both Haryana and J&K will be held on October 8.

Elections to the Maharashtra and Jharkhand Assemblies are due next; the terms of these two Houses will end in November and January 2025 respectively.

Usually, a special summary revision of the electoral roll starts a few months before elections are due. The electoral roll of Maharashtra has already been published with the eligibility date of July 1, which means those who have turned 18 by that date have had a chance to enrol.

The rolls of J&K, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand were published in August. For all other states and UTs, including Delhi, the annual revision with the eligibility date of January 1, 2025 will be published on January 6, 2025, as per instructions issued by the ECI.

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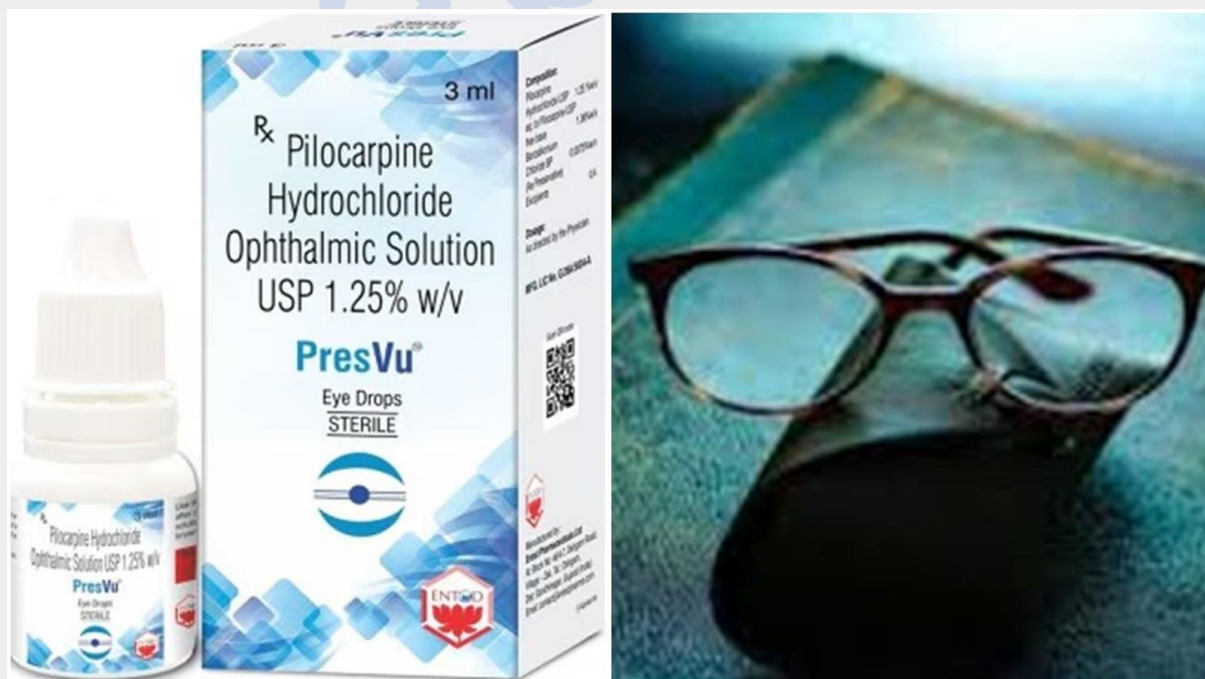
### 3. Clarity of Vision: Addressing Exaggerated Medical Claims

#### The Problem of Exaggeration in Medicine

Exaggerated claims about medical products often mislead the public and undermine trust in the healthcare sector. This issue has prompted legislation, such as the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, aimed at curbing false advertising.

#### Recent Controversy: Eye Drops for Presbyopia

Recently, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) suspended a pharmaceutical company's permission to manufacture and market Pres Vu eye drops for presbyopia due to unauthorized claims. ENTOD Pharmaceuticals claimed their drops could eliminate the need for reading glasses, a statement deemed misleading by the CDSCO, which prioritized public interest.



#### Company Response and Media Influence

ENTOD argued that their product's approval stemmed from a valid clinical trial involving 234 patients. They attributed the exaggerated claims to viral media reports, denying responsibility for public misconceptions. However, a now-deleted post on social media misleadingly promoted the drops as a groundbreaking solution.

### **Understanding the Drug: Pilocarpine**

The active ingredient, pilocarpine, works by constricting the pupils, allowing for improved vision in presbyopia. While not new, pilocarpine has previously been used for glaucoma treatment but fell out of favor due to side effects. The U.S. FDA recently approved similar eye drops, presenting them as an additional option for those with presbyopia, alongside glasses and surgery.

### **The Role of Regulatory Bodies**

The CDSCO's intervention serves to reinforce the Drugs and Magic Remedies Act, highlighting the need for scientific evidence over sensational claims. In an environment rife with dubious medical advertisements, it is crucial for the government to uphold standards based on scientific data and protect consumers from misleading assertions.

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