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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

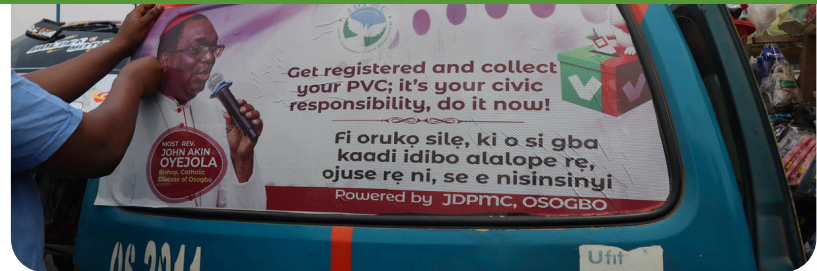
The **Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)** has officially transitioned into the next phase of the 2026 electoral calendar. Following a high-level strategic engagement with political stakeholders and key electoral actors, the Commission announced that the window for formal electioneering campaigns will officially open on **March 11, 2026**.

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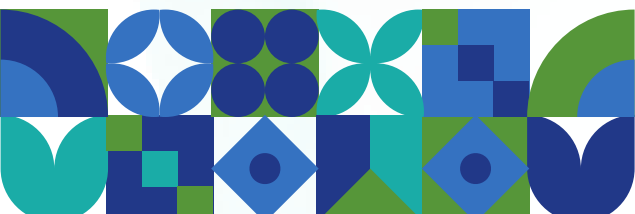


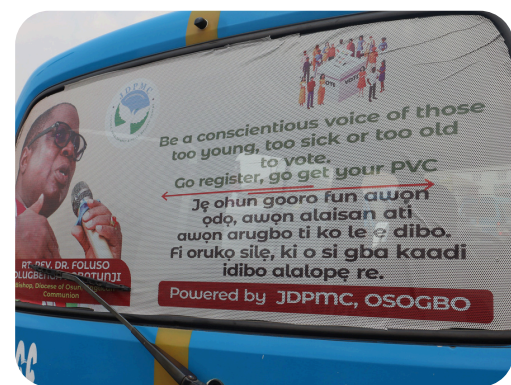
### RELIGIOUS STAKEHOLDERS JOIN CVR DRIVE: BRANDED MINI-BUSES TAKE TO OSUN STREETS



The JDPMC has deployed branded mini-buses across Osun State to drive the **Continuous Voters' Registration (CVR)** message home. Featuring key charges from the Bishops of three Mainline Churches elevates voter registration from a mere administrative task to a sacred responsibility for every citizen.

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# RELIGIOUS STAKEHOLDERS JOIN CVR DRIVE: BRANDED MINI-BUSES TAKE TO OSUN STREETS

In a creative expansion of the **Continuous Voter Registration (CVR)** awareness campaign, JDPMC **branded mini-buses (KOROPE)** to serve as mobile education hubs turning daily commutes into opportunities for civic enlightenment and ensuring that the message of voter empowerment reaches every corner of the State.



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The Programme Manager of the Democracy and Good Governance negotiating with the Head of KoroPe Riders for mobilization.”

This initiative is powered by a strategic partnership with the Bishops of three Mainline Churches. The branded buses prominently display key messages and endorsements from these high-ranking faith leaders, urging their congregants and the wider public to view voter registration not just as a legal requirement, but as a sacred civic duty.

By leveraging the moral authority and vast influence of religious leadership, the campaign aims to dismantle **voter apathy** and accelerate registration numbers ahead of the upcoming election. These mobile units provide a constant visual reminder to residents that active participation is the most effective way to shape the future of their communities.



# TRACKING OF INEC REGISTRATION AREA SCHEDULE



A monitoring team from JDPMC conducted a field visit to assess the progress of the **Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise** at the **Registration Area (RA) level**. The primary goal was to evaluate the implementation of INEC's schedule and ensure that the registration process remained accessible and efficient for all eligible citizens.

The visit revealed that decentralizing the **CVR exercise** through the RA framework has significantly improved convenience for residents. By bringing registration centers directly into the heart of local communities, the logistical barriers that often hinder registration such as travel time and transportation costs were effectively minimized.

This localized approach has resulted in a marked increase in participation, particularly among first-time voters. By fostering greater community-level engagement and making the process more accessible, the initiative is successfully building a more inclusive and representative electoral roll ahead of the upcoming elections.



# OROLU GGC HOSTS CRITICAL SENSITIZATION ON VOTER EDUCATION & 2026 ELECTORAL ACT



The **Good Governance Committee (GGC)** of Orolu Local Government Area convened a critical sensitization programme on March 4, 2026, targeting community leaders and artisan groups. The session served as a strategic briefing to prepare stakeholders for the **upcoming Osun State Governorship Election** by deepening their understanding of civic responsibilities and the importance of maintaining a peaceful, inclusive atmosphere.

The primary focus of the event was the **2026 Electoral Act**, where experts provided detailed insights into recent legislative amendments. Participants were educated on how these new provisions including updated digital accreditation processes and revised election timelines will directly influence the conduct and transparency of the fast-approaching gubernatorial polls.

The program concluded by urging stakeholders to act as ambassadors for electoral integrity. By empowering these leaders with the new legal framework, the GGC aims to ensure a transparent and credible democratic process throughout Orolu during the election.



# INEC ENGAGES STAKEHOLDERS AHEAD OF FORMAL OPENING OF ELECTIONEERING CAMPAIGNS



In a decisive move toward the **August 15, 2026**, Osun State Governorship Election, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) recently convened a high-level engagement with key election actors. During this strategic briefing, the Commission officially announced that **electioneering campaigns are set to commence on March 11, 2026**. This date marks the formal beginning of political activities, allowing participating parties to publicly present their candidates and manifestos to the electorate.

The Commission underscored that while the window for political activity is opening, the standards for conduct remain high. INEC emphasized that the integrity of the electoral process is non-negotiable, urging political parties and their supporters to prioritize democratic values over partisan friction. The briefing served as a stern reminder that the quality of the campaign period sets the tone for the credibility of the final poll.

To ensure a smooth transition into this active phase, INEC strongly appealed to all stakeholders to foster a violence-free environment. By advocating for **peaceful, transparent, and issue-based campaigns**, the Commission aims to protect the sanctity of the ballot and ensure that the upcoming gubernatorial election reflects the true will of the Osun people in an atmosphere of peace.

