

**High Commission of India
Port Moresby**

PRESS RELEASE

Presentation of Indelible Ink to the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission

A presentation ceremony for a consignment of indelible ink, gifted by the Government of India to the Government of Papua New Guinea, was held on 12 June 2025 at the Office of the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission in Port Moresby.



The ceremony was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Simon Sinai, Chief Electoral Commissioner; Mr. Mukesh Kumar Ambasta, Charge d'Affaires a.i., High Commission of India, Port Moresby; the Deputy Electoral Commissioner of PNG; and officers from the High Commission of India, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission.

Mr. Mukesh Kumar Ambasta, Cd'A formally handed over the consignment of 8,000 bottles (weighing over 1,000 kilograms) of indelible ink, valued at approximately US\$217,000, to Hon'ble Mr. Simon Sinai, Chief Electoral Commissioner of Papua New Guinea.

In his remarks, Chief Electoral Commissioner Mr. Sinai expressed his sincere appreciation to the Government of India for this timely and meaningful contribution. He informed that the consignment will be used in the upcoming Local Level Government elections in Papua New Guinea. Mr. Sinai highlighted the superior quality and long-lasting nature of the indelible ink supplied by India. He also lauded India's electoral processes, describing them as exemplary and a model for many democracies around the world. Chief Electoral Commissioner Mr. Sinai further acknowledged the similar support extended by the Government of India during Papua New Guinea's 2022 General Election.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mukesh Kumar Ambasta, Cd'A reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Papua New Guinea's democratic institutions and electoral integrity. He underscored that this consignment reflected India's belief in partnership-based cooperation and shared democratic values.

The presentation ceremony marked yet another milestone in the growing and friendly partnership between India and Papua New Guinea.

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