



13th National Voters' Day

Why in News?

[Election Commission of India](#) is celebrating **13th National Voters' Day (NVD)** on 25th January 2023.

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What are the Key Points of NVD 2023?

- **Theme:** Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.
- **Awards 2023:** National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices were presented to State and District level officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections during 2022.
- **About NVD:**
 - The main objective behind the celebration is to encourage, **facilitate, and maximize enrolment, especially for new voters.**
 - The day has been celebrated every year **since 2011 across the country to mark the foundation of the Election Commission of India (25th January 1950).**
 - It not only encourages the youth to participate in the electoral process **but also focuses that the Right to vote as the basic right.**
 - NVD is a significant root of India as **the future of the country lies in the leader that we choose.**

What is the Election Commission of India?

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) is **an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering** Union and State election processes in India.
 - ECI was established on 25th January 1950.
- The **body administers elections to the [Lok Sabha](#), [Rajya Sabha](#), State Legislative Assemblies**, and the offices of the [President](#) and [Vice President](#) in the country.
- **Structure of the Commission:**
 - Originally the commission had only one election commissioner but after the Election

- Commissioner Amendment Act 1989, it has been made a multi-member body.
- The commission presently consists of one Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two Election Commissioners (ECs).
 - The secretariat of the commission is located in New Delhi.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q1. Right to vote and to be elected in India is a (2017)

- (a) Fundamental Right
- (b) Natural Right
- (c) Constitutional Right
- (d) Legal Right

Ans: (c)

Q2. Under the Constitution of India, which one of the following is not a Fundamental Duty? (2011)

- (a) To vote in public elections
- (b) To develop the scientific temper
- (c) To safeguard public property
- (d) To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals

Ans: (a)

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