



## SVEEP: ECI

### Why in News

Recently, the [Election Commission of India](#) (ECI) organized a two-day **SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation)** Consultation Workshop.

### Key Points

- **SVEEP:**
  - Started **in 2009**, as the **flagship program of the ECI for voter education**.
  - **Primary goal** is to build an inclusive & participative democracy by encouraging all eligible citizens to vote and make an informed decision & ethical choice.
- **Other Related Initiatives Taken:**
  - **NOTA (None of the Above) Option:**
    - By choosing NOTA, voters have the right to not to choose any nominated candidate.
  - [Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail](#):
    - It is an independent verification printer machine and is attached to electronic voting machines. It allows voters to verify if their vote has gone to the intended candidate.
  - [National Voters' Day](#):
    - It has been celebrated on **25<sup>th</sup> January** every year since 2011 to mark the formation of ECI.
  - [Decriminalization of Elections](#):
    - ECI and the Court have ensured together that the candidates declare their criminal record and any cases, pending or not.
  - **cVIGIL App:**
    - This app provides time-stamped, evidence-based proof of the [Model Code of Conduct](#)/Expenditure Violation, having live photo/video with auto location data.

### Election Commission of India

- An **autonomous constitutional authority** responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.
- Administers **elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies** and the offices of the **President** and **Vice President**.
- **Part XV of the Indian constitution** deals with elections, and establishes a commission for these matters.
- **Article 324 to 329 of the constitution** deals with powers, function, tenure, eligibility, etc of the commission and the members.
- Originally, it had only one election commissioner but **after the Election Commissioner Amendment Act 1989**, it has been made a **multi-member body**.

- Presently, it consists of one Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and two Election Commissioners (ECs) - **appointed by the President.**
- They hold office for **a term of 6 years or until they attain the age of 65 years**, whichever is earlier.

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