



15th National Voters' Day 2025

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The **15th National Voters' Day (NVD)** on **25th January 2025**, marks **75 years of the Election Commission of India (ECI)** and follows the successful **2024 Lok Sabha Elections**, the world's largest democratic exercise.

- **Significance of NVD:** Celebrated annually on 25th January since 2011 to commemorate the establishment of the **ECI on 25th January 1950**, a day before India became a **Republic**.
 - Aims to promote **voter awareness, inspire participation, and honor new voters**.
- **Theme for 2025:** **"Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure"** to emphasize the importance of voting and pride in electoral participation.
- **Electorate Milestone:** India's voter base nears the **100 crore mark, with 99.1 crore registered voters**, including **21.7 crore young electors (18-29 age group)** and an improved **Electoral Gender Ratio (from 948 in 2024 to 954 in 2025)**.
- **Highlights of the 15th NVD:** The **President of India** will present the **Best Electoral Practices Awards**.
 - The Best Electoral Practice Award acknowledges excellence in **election management**, with awards for **District Election Officers, Superintendents of Police, and states demonstrating exceptional performance**.
 - The ECI Coffee Table Book **"India Votes 2024: A Saga of Democracy"** and the publication **"Belief in the Ballot: Human Stories Shaping India's 2024 Elections"** will be presented to the President.

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Election Commission of India (ECI)

About

- **Autonomous Constitutional Authority** - Administers Union/state election
 - LS, RS, State LA, the offices of the President and VP
- Estd - **25th Jan 1950** (National Voters' Day)



Constitutional Provisions

Part XV - Article 324 to 329

Structure

- 1 Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners **appointed by President**
- **Tenure- 6 years, or up to the age of 65 years**, whichever is earlier
- Retiring ECs – **eligible for further appointment by the govt.**
- **Removal of CEC-** Resolution on the **ground of proven misbehaviour or incapacity**, with majority of 2/3rd members present and voting, supported by more than 50% of the total strength of the house



Major Roles and Responsibilities



- Determining Electoral Constituencies
- Preparing/Revising electoral rolls
- Notifying the schedules and dates of elections
- **Registering political parties and granting them the status of national or state parties**
- Issuing the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) for political parties
- Advising the President on **matters concerning the disqualification of MPs**

Challenges

- Truncated Tenure of CEC
- Executive Influence in Appointments
- Dependence on Centre for Finance
- Lack of Independent Staff



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