

Festival of Democracy

- Over **900 million** registered voters in the country, an increase of **84 million** electors since 2014
- Over **15 million** electors are in the age group of **18-19 years**
- **38,325** number of electors enrolled as '**Others**'



Who can register as a voter?

- An Indian Citizen
- Of 18 years of age as on 1st January, 2019
- Is a resident of a polling area of the constituency where you want to be enrolled
- Is not disqualified to be enrolled as a voter



Beware of Fake News!

- There is **no online voting facility for any category of voter.**
- Overseas Indians may submit application for enrolment in form 6A online at nvsp.in or by using Voter helpline mobile app
- To cast the vote on the date of poll, an overseas elector may come to their designated Polling station with their Passport as document for identification.

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- **7** National & **52** State recognised Political Parties with ear-marked symbols
- **151** common symbols allocated to **291** registered but unrecognised political parties



Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)

Did You Know?

- 1st used in 70-Parur Assembly Constituency of Kerala in the year 1982
- It runs on an ordinary battery and doesn't require electricity
- Result can be declared within 3 to 5 hours as compared to 30-40 hours when using the ballot paper
- Manufactured by Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore & Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad



Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)

- An independent system attached with the EVMs, allows the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.
- Runs on a battery pack
- VVPATs with EVMs used for 1st time in a bye-election in Nagaland.



The NOTA Debut

- The '**None Of The Above**' (NOTA) option was exercised for the 1st time in a Lok Sabha Election in **2014**.
- The voters can opt not to vote for any candidate contesting for a particular seat .



The Voter's Ink

- The indelible dot is the mark of the voter's participation in the electoral process in India
- Produced by Mysore Paints & Varnish Limited, a Government of Karnataka undertaking
- Once applied it remains for a few months & cannot be removed by any chemical, detergents or oil.



For Overseas/NRI Electors

1. A citizen of India, absent from the country owing to employment, education etc, has not acquired citizenship of any other country and are otherwise eligible to be registered as a voter in the address mentioned in your passport.
2. To enrol as an elector
 - Fill **Form 6A** online at www.nvsp.in and upload the requisite proofs.
 - Alternatively download **Form 6A** from ECI website www.eci.gov.in. Fill Form 6A in 2 copies.
 - Forms are also available free of cost in Indian Missions.
3. Form can be submitted in person or by post
4. **NRI elector can only cast their vote in person at the designated polling station on production of passport**

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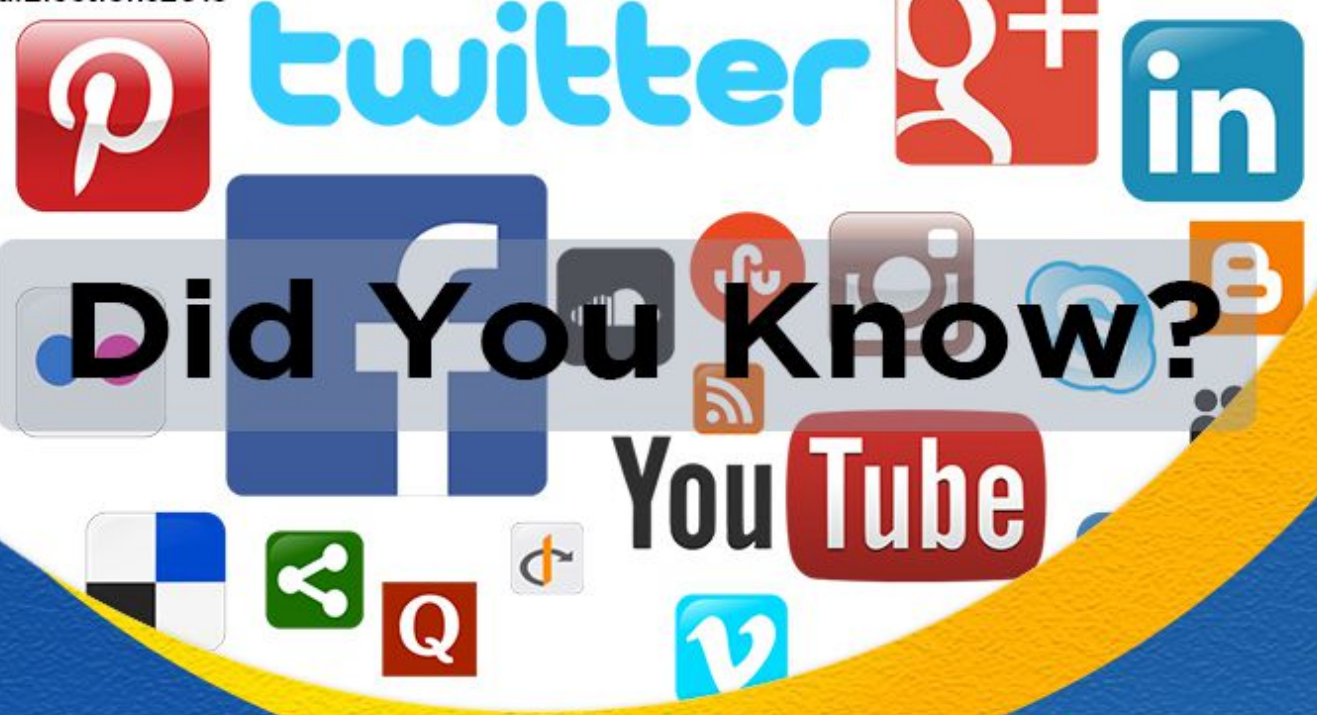
- 11 million officials to be deployed
- 10.3 lakh Polling Stations
- 23.3 lakh Ballot Units
- 16.3 lakh Control Units
- 17.4 lakh VVPATs



Did You Know?

For Free & Fair Elections

EVMs and postal ballot papers will carry **photographs** of all the candidates, in addition to the respective party names and symbols. This is to help voters identify the political leaders and eliminate confusion.



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For the 1st time, all Candidates are required to furnish details of his/her **social media account** at the time of filing of nominations.


Also, all expenditure on campaigning ads on social media to be included in the election expenditure account.

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To bring in more transparency, ECI is introducing voter-verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) for verification of voting in all polling booths in the country for the first time in general elections.

VVPATs have previously been used in Assembly elections and bypolls



Did You Know?

“No Voter to be left behind!”

In the 2014 LS election, the ECI set up a polling booth in for a **single voter- Mahant Bharatdas Darshandas.**

Mr. Darshandas is a temple priest and the sole resident of BanejTirthdham inside Gir Forest and to vote he would have to travel 20 kms. So ECI set up a polling booth just for him!



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In north-eastern Arunachal Pradesh, polling officials trekked 5 hours through a forest carrying a 5 kgs polling machine to reach a settlement with just 2 voters.



Did You Know?

India has been exporting the **Voter's Ink** to **28 countries since 1976**, including to Turkey, South Africa, Nigeria, Nepal, Ghana, Papua-New Guinea, Burkina Faso, Canada, Togo, Sierra Leone, Malaysia and Cambodia