



ECI to host National Conference of State Election Commissioners

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1. Election Commission of India (ECI) will host a National Conference of the State Election Commissioners (SECs) on February 24, 2026. State Election Commissioners of all the States/UTs of the country are expected to attend the Conference, which will be held at the Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
2. The National SEC Conference is being held after a gap of over 25 years. The last such conference was held in the year 1999.
3. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), Shri Gyanesh Kumar will chair the Conference along with Election Commissioners, Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi and address the State Election Commissioners at the inaugural ceremony.
4. State Election Commissioners will participate along with their legal experts and technical experts and present their views. Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of ECI of all 36 States/ UTs will also attend the National Conference.
5. The primary objective of the Conference is to build synergy in the functioning of ECI and SECs with respect to the electoral processes and logistics within their respective legal frameworks.
6. The participants will take part in discussion sessions on electoral laws on elector eligibility of the States/UTs, technological interventions spearheaded by the ECI such as the recently launched ECINET digital platform and EVMs amongst other topics.
7. ECI will also lend its expertise from its experience of preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections as per the Constitution of India and the legal framework of the nation.
8. State Election Commissions are created by law of the respective States under the empowering provisions of 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments. SECs are vested with the superintendence,

direction and control of the preparation of the electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the **Panchayats and Municipal Bodies**.

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