

General Elections to Legislative Assemblies and Bye-elections 2026

ECINET ensures seamless operations, faster reporting and enhanced cybersecurity

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1. Election Commission of India's (ECI) robust IT platform **ECINET** played a central role in streamlining election processes including real-time monitoring, enabling faster reporting, and enhancing transparency during the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies and Bye-elections 2026.
2. Since its official launch in January 2026, ECINET app has witnessed a significant surge in usage and has over **10 crore downloads** till date. The beta version of ECINET was used in Bihar elections in November 2025.
3. **On poll-days**, i.e., April 9, 23 and 29, ECINET recorded over **98.3 crore** hits and **on the counting day i.e. May 4, 2026**, ECINET recorded an average of **3 crore hits per minute**.
4. ECINET cybersecurity protocols resulted in effectively **countering over 68 lakh malicious hits** on counting day originating from both within India and overseas, targeting key election platforms, including the results portal.
5. In a significant step towards enhancing security at the Counting Centres, a new **QR code-based Photo Identity Card system** was used for the first time on counting day across all States/UTs in these elections through ECINET.
6. On counting day, **over 3.2 lakh QR codes were generated** to ensure that only authorised personnel could access counting venues, thereby preventing any unauthorized entry in the Counting Centers.

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