

## Press Release

### **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA (ECI) convenes National Conference of Counsels and CEOs to strengthen and reorient its legal framework**

Chief Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar in the presence of Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi inaugurated the National Conference of Counsels representing the Election Commission of India at IIIDEM, New Delhi. Senior Advocates from the Supreme Court of India and 28 High Courts across the country along with the officials and 36 CEOs of all States/UTs participated in the Conference. This initiative is aimed at strengthening and reorienting the legal framework of the Commission to meet emerging challenges more effectively by achieving synergy. The conference laid emphasis on being non- adversarial and to offer ample opportunities for hearing.

2. The day-long conference provided a vital platform for dialogue and exchange between the Commission and prominent legal professionals from across the country. The strategic engagement marks a significant step by the Election Commission in aligning its legal resources with the dynamic landscape of electoral jurisprudence in India. Discussions focused on enhancing the preparedness, efficiency, and coordination of the Commission's legal team, with particular emphasis on issues related to election law, judicial proceedings, and legal reforms. Through this interaction, the Commission sought to reinforce the effectiveness of its legal representation across various judicial forums.

3. On Friday, the Election Commission held a conference of Chief Electoral Officers at IIIDEM, New Delhi. The conference was held to firm up and devise a roadmap for the IT initiatives of ECI. ECI has already incubated a new initiative in 2025 to design and develop an Integrated Dashboard, ECINET, to provide a single- window access to all the relevant data, within the ambit of requisite legal provisions, required by all its stakeholders. This unique initiative will unify all the ICT initiatives of ECI under a single umbrella.

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