



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER REGISTERS**

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RANCHI, JHARKHAND**

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CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, JHARKHAND**

TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER REGISTERS

India has assumed the Chair of the Council of Member States of International IDEA (International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance) for 2026. The Chairship is being led by the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of India (CEC), and being supported by India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM). It is in this backdrop that the said International Conference is being organized to provide a platform for sharing, co-creating and collective international stewardship for democratic, electoral innovation and electoral governance.

“India will endeavour to ensure that every vote counts, every voice matters and that democracies worldwide become more inclusive, peaceful, resilient and sustainable”.

Shri Gyanesh Kumar

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India





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THEME CONCEPT NOTE

Most countries on the globe, be it in the immediate neighbourhood; in the extended neighbourhood; or elsewhere which are democracy have been struggling on one or the other count to strengthen democratic processes and keep the sanctity of electoral democracy intact. Democracy is the only form of government which provides maximum of individual freedom, for which the mankind entered into state, and continues to be part of it. However, consolidating electoral democracy has never been without challenges. Consolidation of electoral democracies largely depend upon: the way politics has evolved or been evolving in any particular country; the way political system has been responding to the changing dynamics of social, political, cultural, and economic modernization in the country; the way voters are made increasingly responsible while exercising their right to franchise; and the way voters are registered on the electoral rolls of their country. There could be umpteen numbers of factors responsible for consolidation of democracy in any polity. Consolidation of democracy means that the democracy is becoming increasingly inclusive, sustainable, resilient and future oriented.

'Electoral Roll' (Voter Register) is the list in which eligible voters of the country are registered. It is necessary that every eligible voter must get himself/herself registered on the electoral roll; as well as exercise their franchise diligently, has emerged as one of the strongest instrumentalities of consolidation of electoral democracies, and way to make it increasingly inclusive and sustainable in future.

It is in this context that brainstorming is needed regarding "Voter Registration and Voter Registers",

i.e., preparation of electoral rolls to make it increasingly inclusive and ensure that the enrolled voters are exercising their right to franchise. 'Electoral Rolls' is thus, one of the major instruments of strengthening democracies and India being the mother of all democracies in the world needs to be extremely updated on the same. India is the largest democracy on planet earth, hence, preparation of electoral rolls and its periodical cleaning and updation are herculean task demanding gigantic task-oriented interventions by relevant institutions. This alone is in great fitness of democracy and strengthening of democratic processes.





Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Jharkhand proposes to organize a **“Two-Days International Conference”** on the given theme **“Voter Registration and Voter Registers”** in collaboration with Department of Political Science and Public Administration (DPSPA) and Department of International Relations (DIR) at the **Central University of Jharkhand**, along with following academic institutions as Knowledge Partners.



Indian Institute of Management, (IIM, Ranchi);



National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL, Ranchi);



St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.



*Following shall
be the Tentative
Sub-Themes for
different Sessions
of the said
Conference:*

- ✓ History of Voter Registration in India: Mother of all Democracies
- ✓ Voter's Registration and Voter Registers: Experiences from across the Globe
- ✓ Legal Provisions for Voter's Registration and Challenges from across the Globe
- ✓ Role of Artificial Intelligence in Voter's Registration
- ✓ E-voting: Prospects of developing Interface between Voter's List and Voter Registration
- ✓ Digitalization of Electoral Rolls: Issues and Imperatives
- ✓ Educating the Voters of Today and Tomorrow: Road to Democracy
- ✓ Public Accountability towards Voter's Registration
- ✓ Voter's Register and its role in democracy
- ✓ Voters as Major Stakeholders of country: Electors Significance in Democracy
- ✓ Role of Political Parties in Voter's Registration
- ✓ Technology: It's Interface with Voter's automatic inclusion and exclusion
- ✓ Missing Voters from the Electoral Roll: Reasons and Remedies
- ✓ Truth behind Bogus voting and Voter Registers
- ✓ Voter's List Revision and Anxiety within Communities

- ✓ 'en masse exclusion' vs. 'en masse inclusion': Necessity of Periodic Revision
- ✓ Voter Registers: An Instrument to Strengthen Democracy
- ✓ Gender Issues in Voter's Registration
- ✓ Role of Judiciary towards Strengthening Voter's Registration
- ✓ Imperatives towards raising Voter's Awareness in Democracy
- ✓ Imperatives for Updation of Voter Registers in the Country and Challenges towards Inclusive Democracy
- ✓ Politics of Voter's Registration: Myth vs. Reality
- ✓ Partisan Politics of India and Voter's Registration
- ✓ Role of Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) in Voter's Registration
- ✓ How to ensure citizenship which is essential to be voter in Indian electoral democracy?
- ✓ Method of Voter Registration in across the Globe: Lessons for Other Countries

Note: The above-given list of sub-themes are just an indicative one and not an exhaustive list. Therefore, interested participants may choose a topic of their own. However, the chosen topic must be related to the Theme of the Conference.



Who can participate in the proposed Conference?



Policy-makers, policy-analysts and legal professionals who may have been dealing with issues pertaining to 'Voter Registration and Voter Registers'.



Practicing officers associate with the Electoral Management Bodies across the globe;



Academicians from Universities, Colleges, and other institutions from across the globe;



Journalists who have been working and covering the related theme in different newspapers, electronic and digital channels, journals and magazines;



Professionals and independent researchers from non-governmental organizations working or monitoring the issues related to the theme of the Conference.

Tentative Timeline for the Conference:

01

Abstract Submission: Last date April 30, 2026

Interested participants are requested to submit an abstract of their Paper/Research that they intend to deliberate upon in the Conference by the given date. The abstract must not be more than 500 words.

02

Intimation of Accepted Abstract: May 17, 2026

Participants shall be intimated through email about the acceptance of their abstract by the given date, subsequent to which they will have to prepare their full-length paper by the mentioned-date.

03

Submission of Full-Paper: July 24, 2026

Participants who are intimated about the acceptance of their abstract will have to submit their full-paper latest by July 24, 2026. The Guidelines for the same has been provided separately under the head "Author's Guidelines".

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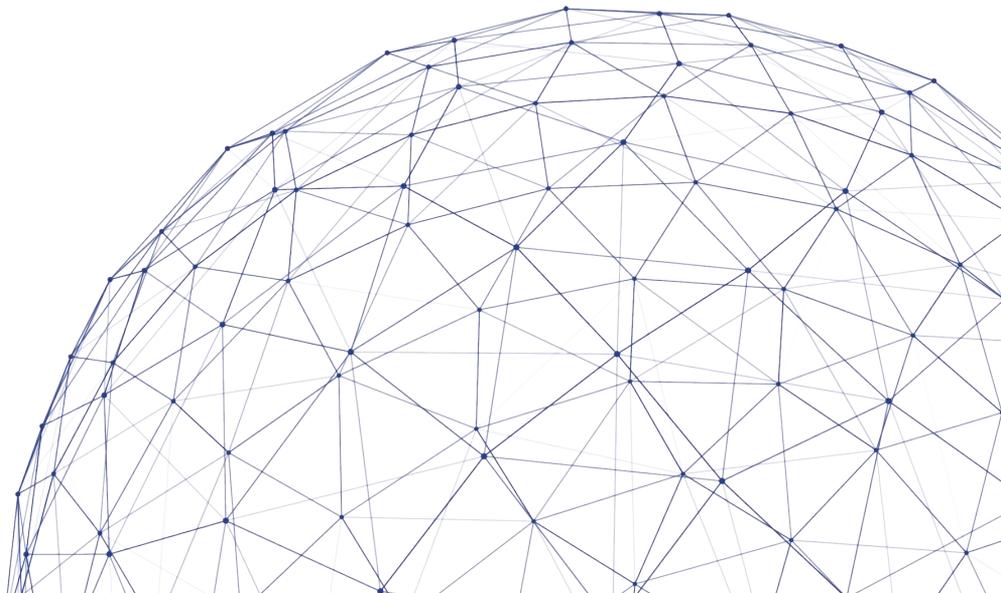
Tentative Dates of the International Conference:

September 2-3, 2026.

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Venue of the Conference: Ranchi, Jharkhand

Participants and Delegates shall be intimated about the exact location of the Venue and facilities, once their participation is confirmed and the Full-Paper is accepted.

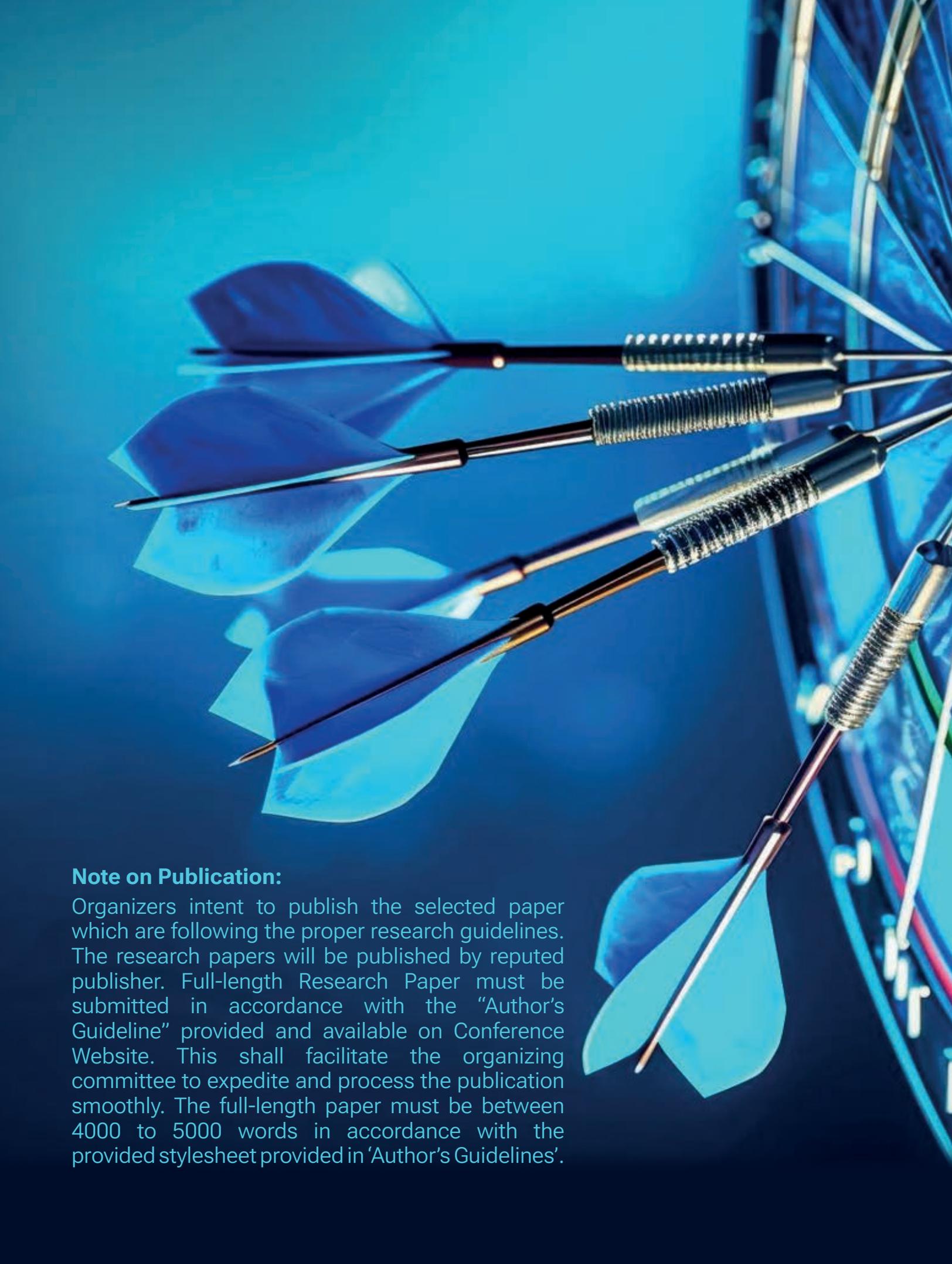




The Conference intends to provide opportunities to develop a shared vision on global challenges being faced by Election Management Bodies and deliberate on model standards and best practices across the globe to address the challenges towards making 'Voter Registration' a smooth and easy process; and make the 'Voter Registers' (Electoral Rolls) inclusive, dynamic, accessible and meaningful. Thus, an inclusive voter registers is the road to inclusive democracy which would be sustainable and resilient. Hence, the organizers of the International Conference intend to produce a report after the Conference which would serve as reference and guidelines for policy-makers to this effect.

The proposed Conference would have number of other outcomes:

- It shall educate and enlighten the participating community in the International Conference, as well as other participants like academicians, practitioners, journalists and members of the civil-society.
- The brainstorming session would produce documents and reports which would be published in the form of edited volumes for the larger consumption of academic community and policy-makers.
- The planned conference would also produce documents and reports which could be used towards policy-making and implementations as a guide.



Note on Publication:

Organizers intent to publish the selected paper which are following the proper research guidelines. The research papers will be published by reputed publisher. Full-length Research Paper must be submitted in accordance with the "Author's Guideline" provided and available on Conference Website. This shall facilitate the organizing committee to expedite and process the publication smoothly. The full-length paper must be between 4000 to 5000 words in accordance with the provided stylesheet provided in 'Author's Guidelines'.

Tentative Structure of the Two-Day International Conference

Day One	Time (Duration)	Speakers
Inaugural Session	10.30 AM to 12 PM	1. Welcome Address (10 Mnts)
		2. Address by CEO, Jharkhand (20 Minutes)
		3. Key Note Speaker (30 Mnts) Chief Guest
		4. Presidential Address by VC, CUJ (20 Mnts)
		5. Vote of Thanks (10 Mnts)
Tea Break	12PM to 12.30 PM	
Plenary Session-I & II	12.30 PM to 1.45 PM	1. Speaker-I (25 to 30 Mnts)
		2. Speaker-II (25 to 30 Mnts)
		3. Discussant-I (10 Mnts)
		4. Q and A Session (5 to 10 Mnts)
Lunch	1.45 to 2.45 PM	
Plenary Session-III & IV	3 PM to 4.30 PM	1. Speaker-I (30 Mnts)
		2. Speaker-II (30 Mnts)
		3. Discussant-I (15 Mnts)
		4. Q and A Session (15 to 20 Mnts)
High Tea	4.30 PM to 5 PM	
Net-working Dinner	8 PM to 9 PM	



Day Two	Time (Duration)	Speakers
Plenary Session-V & VI	10 AM to 1 PM	Speaker-I (30 Mnts)
		Speaker-II (30 Mnts)
		Speaker-III (30 Mnts)
		Speaker-IV (30 Mnts)
		Discussant-I (15 Mnts)
		Q and A Session (15 to 20 Mnts)
Lunch	1 PM to 2 PM	
Valedictory Session	2 PM to 3.30 PM	1. Report by Rapporteur (20 Mnts)
		2. Welcome of the Guest Speaker; Chief Guest of Valedictory Session(5 mnts)
		3. Valedictory Address by Chief Guest (30 Mnts)
		4. Vote of Thanks (10 Mnts)
		5. National Anthem
Informal Discussion on High Tea	3.30 PM to 4.30 PM	
<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inaugural and Valedictory Sessions will be organized with all participants in one hall. • During Plenary Session I to VI on both the days, there would also be Parallel Sessions in two separate rooms. • The Number of Plenary Sessions would depend on the number of participants that Register for Participation. • All the Plenary Session would be organized as Round Table Conference. • Each of the Plenary Sessions would be named/titled as per the Theme of the Papers received. 		

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