

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

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PRESS NOTE

International IDEA - 30 years of supporting Democracy Worldwide

CEC Gyanesh Kumar to assume Chairship of International IDEA on December 3, 2025 on Behalf of India

1. As a global acknowledgement of free, fair and transparent elections held by the Election Commission of India and all the election staff of the country, CEC Gyanesh Kumar is set to assume the Chairship of **International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)** on **December 3, 2025** at Stockholm, Sweden, on behalf of India.
2. International IDEA, established in 1995, is an **inter-governmental organisation with a current membership of 35 countries** and the United States and Japan as Observers. (List of Member Countries and respective electorate in Annexure).
3. International IDEA also holds an observer **status in the UN General Assembly since 2003**.
4. India is a **founding member of International IDEA** and has participated actively in governance processes and collaborated on electoral research, capacity building and training programmes.
5. As the **world's largest democracy with more than 90 crore electors**, India will leverage its extensive experience in electoral administration when it assumes the Chairship of International IDEA for 2026, contributing to the strengthening of Election Management Bodies across the world.



Apurva Kumar Singh

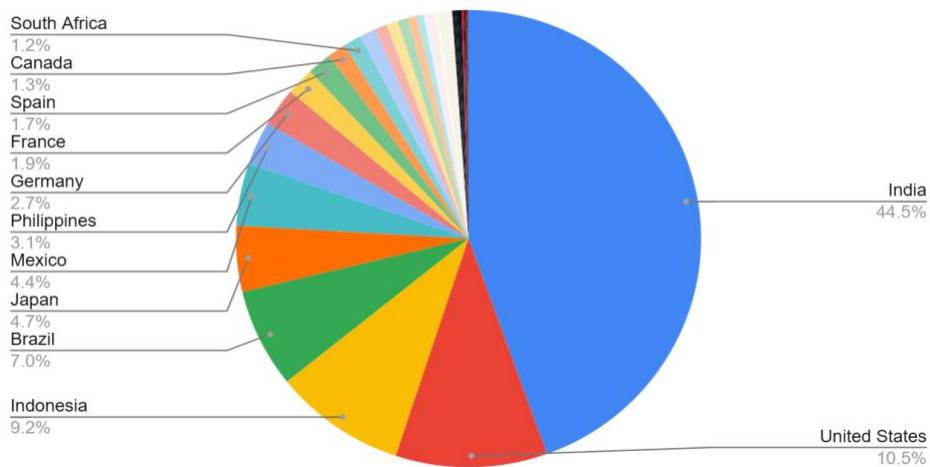
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India to Chair International IDEA - 2026
(35 Member and 2 Observer Democracies)

Sl. No.	Country	Registered Electors	Sl. No.	Country	Registered Electors
1	India (to chair IIDEA - 2026)	991,000,000	20	Dominican Republic (Member)	8,145,548
2	United States (Observer)	234,504,358	21	Tunisia (Member)	7,853,447
3	Indonesia (Member)	204,421,612	22	Sweden (Member)	7,775,390
4	Brazil (Member)	155,557,422	23	Benin (Member)	6,769,817
5	Japan (Observer)	103,880,749	24	Switzerland (Member)	5,585,212
6	Mexico (Member)	98,214,289	25	Finland (Member)	4,540,437
7	Philippines (Member)	68,431,965	26	Norway (Member)	4,058,875
8	Germany (Member)	60,490,603	27	Costa Rica (Member)	3,491,078
9	France (Member)	43,328,470	28	Panama (Member)	2,757,823
10	Spain (Member)	37,467,458	29	Uruguay (Member)	2,727,120
11	Canada (Member)	28,525,638	30	Mongolia (Member)	2,089,935
12	South Africa (Member)	27,782,081	31	Namibia (Member)	1,449,569
13	Peru (Member)	25,287,954	32	Botswana (Member)	1,038,275
14	Ghana (Member)	18,774,159	33	Mauritius (Member)	1,002,857
15	Australia (Member)	18,098,797	34	Estonia (Member)	966,129
16	Chile (Member)	15,779,102	35	Cabo Verde (Member)	392,899
17	Netherlands (Member)	13,589,128	36	Luxembourg (Member)	286,711
18	Portugal (Member)	10,850,215	37	Barbados (Member)	266,330
19	Belgium (Member)	8,368,029		Total	2,225,549,481

Source: https://www.idea.int/datatools/data/country?country=239&database_theme=293

Registered Electors



Total electors across International IDEA member and observer countries = 2,225,549,481 (222.5 Crores)