

Electoral Process in India

- Electoral Process in India takes at least a month for state assembly elections with the duration increasing further for the General Elections.
- Publishing of electoral rolls is a key process that happens before the elections and is vital for the conduct of elections in India.
- The Indian Constitution sets the eligibility of an individual for voting.
- Any person who is a citizen of India and above 18 years of age is eligible to enroll as a voter in the electoral rolls.
- It is the responsibility of the eligible voters to enroll their names.
- Normally, voter registrations are allowed latest
 one week prior to the last date for nomination of candidates.



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Announcement of Elections

Electorate Information

Nomination Phase

Scrutiny of Nominations

Withdrawal of Candidates

Campaigning

Polling

Counting

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- ➤ To be a candidate of lok Sabha or Legislative Assembly, the minimum age limit is 25 years. Political parties nominate their candidates who get the party symbol and support.
- ➤ He/She must be a qualified voter and must be eligible to hold the office. Educational qualification is not needed for any candidate.
- ➤ He/She must make an oath that they were not engaged in any action to overthrow the government by force or violence and
- He/She was not a member of an organization that engage in anticonstitutional and anti social activities.
- A candidate must file the nomination certificate with the prescribed filing fee.

VOTER'S LIST

- In a democratic election, the list of those persons who are eligible to vote is prepared before elections and displayed to everyone. This list is officially called Voters List.
- ➤ For every constituency, there is a voters list Article 326 of the Constitution, 1950 stipulate that the minimum age for registration of a voter is 18 years.
- A person who is not a citizen of India cannot be registered as a voter.
- A person cannot be enrolled as a voter in more than one place in the same constituency or in more than one constituency.

