



International Institute for Democracy & Electoral Assistance

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- Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar will chair the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in 2026.
- He will assume the role at the 2025 Council of Member States meeting in Stockholm, Sweden.

About International IDEA

- International IDEA is an intergovernmental organisation dedicated to strengthening democratic institutions and electoral processes globally.
- It was established in 1995 and is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Key Function: to support global sustainable democracy by sharing knowledge and aiding reforms.
- Membership: It comprises 35 Member States, with Japan and the United States as observers. India is a founding member.
- Governance: A Council of Member States supervises IDEA; it meets annually and elects a Chair and two Vice Chairs from its members.