



International Conference on Model Standards for Electoral Observer

24th July 2026

Organised by

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In Association With

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Conference Background

Electoral Observation plays an important role in conduct of Elections across Democratic Countries. There is a need to enhance Academic and Institutional engagement to improve the Electoral Observer Framework. This Conference strives to bridge that gap by bringing together senior officers, academic and scholars to examine the system in depth.

Electoral Observers are sentinels of democratic integrity – ensuring elections are conducted freely, fairly and transparently. India's Observer system deploys General, Police and Expenditure Observers across every constituency during major elections

A Global Framework

In response to these emerging challenges, the Election Commission of India (ECI), through IIIDEM, has undertaken a thematic study on “Electoral Observers”. A comprehensive global evidence base has been mapped, legal and regulatory frameworks across jurisdictions have been analysed, and case studies from over 15 countries have been identified and screened.

Conference Mission

The initiative aims to develop strong and practical Model Standards for Electoral Observers by creating a platform for expert consultation and institutional collaboration. It will enable experts, election practitioners, and academic institutions to review the draft framework, share experiences, and provide policy recommendations and methodological inputs. The discussions and comparative insights generated through this process will help strengthen the quality, effectiveness, and relevance of the final standards.

Collaborative Engagement

This conference will bring together academicians, election practitioners, policymakers, legal experts, media professionals, and representatives from Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide to exchange ideas and experiences on strengthening the role of Electoral Observers. Through discussions and sharing of global best practices, the conference aims to enrich and refine the proposed Model Standards for Electoral Observers, making them more practical, effective, and globally relevant.

Conference Objectives

The overarching objective is to establish an academic and policy-oriented platform to review and critically enhance the draft thematic report.



Who can Participate

01

Academicians & Researchers

Professors & Students from Universities & Colleges across Uttarakhand (Political Science , Mass Communication, Law)

02

Domestic Electoral Observers & Officials

Electoral Observers (General, Police & Expenditure Observers)

03

Electoral Officials Worldwide

Officers & Officials from Election Management Bodies (EMBs)

04

Journalists & Media Professionals

Covering Model Standards in the Electoral Observer System.

05

Technology & Platform Representatives

Participants from other States / UTs and IIIDEM representatives

06

Students & Early-Career Researchers

Legal Scholars, Researchers & Policy Practitioners

Thematic Tracks/Session

01

**Legal Framework &
Accreditation of Electoral
Observer**

04

**International Observer
Practices – Comparative View**

02

**Election Expenditure
Monitoring in Practice**

05

**Digital Tools & Real-time
Monitoring in Elections**

03

**Role of General & Police
Observers**

06

**Code of Conduct, Reporting &
Ethical Standards for Observers**



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Programme Structure

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Time	Duration	Segment	Details
09:30 – 09:45	15 min	Registration & Networking	Registration of in-person delegates; log-in and connectivity check for online participants on the hybrid platform; welcome tea/coffee.
09:46– 09:55	10 min	Brief Bio of speakers	By Moderator
09:56 – 10:00	05 min	Inaugural Formalities	Saraswati Vandana / invocation, ceremonial lamp lighting by dignitaries, and welcome address by the host institution.
10:01 – 10:10	10 min	Felicitation	Felicitation of dignitaries
10:11 – 10:20	10 min	Inaugural Address	Chief Guest
10:21– 10:30	10 min	Address by	Guest of Honor
10:31– 10:40	10 min	Address by	Vice Chancellor of host University
10:41– 10:55	15 min	Session – Speaker 1	Academic Expert 01/IIIDEM Representative
10:56 – 11:10	15 min	Session – Speaker 2	Slot reserved for International IDEA/Election Observation and Democracy Support (EODS)/Observer Mission
11:11– 11:25	15 min	Session – Speaker 3	Academic Expert 02
11:26– 11:40	15 min	Session – Speaker 4	Slot reserved for a participating EMB / State / UT representative (if any).
11:41 – 11:55	15 min	Session – Speaker 5	Slot reserved for a participating Speaker Suggest by Academic Experts.
11:56 – 12:10	15 min	Session – Speaker 6	Academic Expert 03
12:11– 12:25	15 min	Tea Break	
12:26– 13:05	40 min	Panel Discussion followed by Q&A	Moderated panel of five Senior Officers with experience as General, Police and Expenditure Observers, including officers deputed abroad as observers.
13:06– 13:15	10 min	Momento	Momento Distribution
13:16- 13:20	05 min	Valediction & Vote of Thanks	Concluding remarks, vote of thanks by Add. CEO, and group photograph.
13:21 onwards	-	Lunch	Networking lunch for all dignitaries, speakers and delegates.

Expected Outcomes



01

Model Standards for Electoral Observers

To frame a strong set of Model Standards for the electoral observers tailored to diverse geopolitical contexts.



03

Evidence-Based Observation Guidelines

Preparation of comprehensive guidelines for conducting electoral observations with enhanced precision, drawing upon legal insights and evidence-based methodologies.



05

Enhanced Operational Framework

Development of improved operational guidelines to strengthen the effectiveness, consistency, and reliability of electoral observation missions.



02

Global Knowledge Network

Establishment of a network of EMBs, legal experts, & academic institutions for continuous exchange of knowledge on electoral observation.



04

Comparative Policy Recommendations

Formulation of concrete policy recommendations for election observation by incorporating comparative global experiences and international best practices.



06

Credible and Trustworthy Election Reviews

Promotion of more accurate, transparent, and credible election assessments to reinforce public confidence in electoral processes worldwide.

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