Festival of Democracy

- 11 million officials to be deployed
- 10.3 lakh Polling Stations
- 23.3 lakh Ballot Units
- 16.3 lakh Control Units
- 17.4 lakh VVPATs
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- Over 900 million registered voters in the country, an increase of 84 million electors since 2014
- Over 15 million electors are in the age group of 18-19 years
- 38,325 number of electors enrolled as ‘Others’
Who can register as a voter?

- An Indian Citizen
- Of 18 years of age as on 1st January, 2019
- Is a resident of a polling area of the constituency where you want to be enrolled
- Is not disqualified to be enrolled as a voter
Beware of Fake News!

- There is no online voting facility for any category of voter.

- Overseas Indians may submit application for enrolment in form 6A online at nvsp.in or by using Voter helpline mobile app

- To cast the vote on the date of poll, an overseas elector may come to their designated Polling station with their Passport as document for identification.
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- 7 National & 52 State recognised Political Parties with ear-marked symbols

- 151 common symbols allocated to 291 registered but unrecognised political parties
Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)

Did You Know?

- 1st used in 70-Parur Assembly Constituency of Kerala in the year 1982
- It runs on an ordinary battery and doesn’t require electricity
- Result can be declared within 3 to 5 hours as compared to 30-40 hours when using the ballot paper
- Manufactured by Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore & Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad

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Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)

- An independent system attached with the EVMs, allows the voters to verify that their votes are cast as intended.

- Runs on a battery pack

- VVPATs with EVMs used for 1st time in a bye-election in Nagaland.
The NOTA Debut

- The ‘None Of The Above’ (NOTA) option was exercised for the 1st time in a Lok Sabha Election in 2014.

- The voters can opt not to vote for any candidate contesting for a particular seat.
The Voter’s Ink

- The indelible dot is the mark of the voter’s participation in the electoral process in India.

- Produced by Mysore Paints & Varnish Limited, a Government of Karnataka undertaking.

- Once applied it remains for a few months & cannot be removed by any chemical, detergents or oil.
For Overseas/NRI Electors

1. A citizen of India, absent from the country owing to employment, education etc, has not acquired citizenship of any other country and are otherwise eligible to be registered as a voter in the address mentioned in your passport.

2. To enrol as an elector
   - Fill **Form 6A** online at [www.nvsp.in](http://www.nvsp.in) and upload the requisite proofs.
   - Alternatively download Form 6A from ECI website [www.eci.gov.in](http://www.eci.gov.in). Fill Form 6A in 2 copies.
   - Forms are also available free of cost in Indian Missions.

3. Form can be submitted in person or by post

4. NRI elector can only cast their vote in person at the designated polling station on production of passport
Biggest Festival of Democracy

• General Elections are held every 5 years to elect 543 members to the Lok Sabha

• Members are elected directly from among the set of candidates in a constituency

• A party needs 272 seats to stake claim to form the government

• Election Commission of India is responsible for conducting elections

• The 2019 elections will be held in 7 phases from 11th April-19th May, 2019 & results to be announced on 23rd May, 2019