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Subject: Participation in the field of democracy and election management-reg.

आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

Kindly find enclosed a letter from the Director General, India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), Election Commission of India, regarding the launching of three significant academic initiatives aimed at strengthening research, academic engagement, and student participation in the field of democracy and election management.

Higher Education Institutions are requested to take due note of these initiatives and are encouraged to take appropriate steps to actively participate and derive maximum academic and institutional benefit from them.

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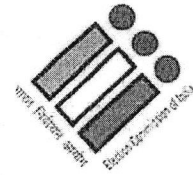
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सभी विश्वविद्यालयों के कुलपति।

सभी महाविद्यालयों के प्राचार्य।

राकेश कुमार वर्मा, भा.प्र.से.
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Director General (Secretary-level)



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Election Commission of India

D.O. No. 590/IIIDEM/CIT/IDEA/2026

Date: 10th March, 2026

Sub: Three academic initiatives aimed at strengthening research, academic engagement and student participation in the field of democracy and election management

Dear Sir,

The India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), Election Commission of India, has recently launched three academic initiatives aimed at strengthening research, academic engagement, and student participation in the field of democracy and election management. These initiatives have been introduced in the context of India's Chairship of the Council of Member States of International IDEA for 2026, guided by the theme "Democracy for an Inclusive, Peaceful, Resilient and Sustainable World."

The three initiatives include:

- I. **International Academic Conference on Democracy and Election Management** – A Call for Abstracts has been announced for an international conference to be held on 18–19 June 2026 at the IIIDEM Campus, New Delhi, bringing together faculty members and research scholars to engage in evidence-based dialogue on contemporary issues in democratic governance and election management.
- II. **Student Connect – Research Challenge on Democracy and Election Management** – A research competition open to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students, encouraging comparative research on electoral systems, legal frameworks, institutional arrangements, and innovations adopted by Election Management Bodies across countries.
- III. **IIIDEM Academic Outreach Programme on Democracy and Election Management** – A programme designed to facilitate one-day immersive academic visits to the IIIDEM campus, enabling students and faculty to interact with election practitioners and gain insights into the operational aspects of election management in the world's largest democracy.

2. Given the extensive academic network of the University Grants Commission, I would be grateful if you could kindly get the information disseminated about these initiatives among universities and higher educational institutions, so that faculty members, research scholars, and students may benefit from these opportunities. Further details about the initiatives are available at: <https://bit.ly/40asQIU>

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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