

**Election Commission of India**  
**Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

**Inaugurated by**

**Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil**  
**Hon'ble President of India**

on Monday, The 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at 10.30 AM  
at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

The Vice President, Prime Minister, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Union Ministers of Law & Justice and Communications & Information Technology, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Chairperson of UPA and Convener of NDA were among those present. Leaders of national and state parties attended the function. The audience included about 30(Thirty) heads of Electoral bodies from across the world. Former Prime Ministers, members of council of ministers, Constitutional and other dignitaries, former CECs & ECs, members of diplomatic corps were among those who were present in the audience.

On this occasion the President released a postage stamp to mark this historic anniversary. A book titled "Lok Sabha Election 2009 - Reinforcing Indian Democracy" was released by the Vice President and the first copy of this 238 page publication was handed over to the president.

The President also viewed a photo exhibition of largely archival photographs dating back from the first election of 1951-52 which provided a perspective on 60 years of The Election Commission of India.