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## PRESS NOTE

SUBJECT: CEOs Conference at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

The Conference of Chief Electoral Officers of all States and Union Territories was convened by the Election Commission of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 to review performance in regard to ongoing election related programs as well as explore new initiatives and improving election management and voter experience.

Dr. Nasim Zaidi, Chief Election Commissioner, in his opening address emphasized the need to inculcate three additional attributes in regard to election management, namely, vibrancy, transparency and accountability while holding steadfast to the age old electoral values of free, fair and peaceful elections. He underlined the need for (a) inclusive, error free and authenticated e-rolls, (b) voter centric orientation, (c) institutional strengthening at all levels, and (d) receptivity to new ideas/technology from all sources, local or global.



Sh. A.K. Joti, Election Commissioner, dwelt on the dual role of the Commission as both regulator and facilitation and emphasized on augmenting and strengthening eco-system of Voting from the standpoint of ease of Voting for the average Voter by leveraging technology. He also flagged voter education, assistance to vulnerable section of voters and provision of basic minimum facilities at polling stations as important areas of attention for election administrators.

Welcoming the participants Dy. Election Commissioner Sh. Sudhir Tripathi referred to the vision articulated by Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Dr. Nasim Zaidi upon assuming office on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 as well as the various new initiatives launched by him to take the Commission to a higher orbit of performance. Welcoming Sh. A.K. Joti, who joined as Election Commissioner on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, he hoped that the Commission will be greatly enriched and benefitted by his administrative experience and managerial skills given his distinguished career, where he has held critical posts like Chairman, Port Trust, Principal Secretary, Finance and Chief Secretary, Gujarat. The newly appointed CEOs of Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Odisha were individually mentioned in the welcome address.

Senior Officers of the ECI including Deputy Election Commissioner, Sh Vinod Zutshi, Sh. Umesh Sinha and Director General Sh. Sudeep Jain also participated in the conference.

**(Dhirendra Ojha)**  
**DIRECTOR**