

**ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**  
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**Press Note**

**ECI meets dignitaries to mark a year of construction on site**



The Election Commission of India along with the Chief Election Commissioners, Election Commissioners, Chairman, President and senior officers of Election Management Bodies of Afghanistan, Australia, Bhutan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Fiji, Jordan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tunisia and also the dignitaries from Inter Governmental Organizations like International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), The Association of World Election Bodies (A-Web), Malaysia Commonwealth Studies Centre and International IDEA visited the new IIIDEM campus at Dwarka that is currently under construction.

Since its commencement, exactly a year ago in January 25, 2016, the construction on site has been significant. The foreign delegates were briefed about the state of the art infrastructure that would be made available at this unique centre of excellence.

The delegates also witnessed a photographic display of the construction progress of the impressive 5 acre residential campus. The campus is planned with an

auditorium of seating capacity for 450 persons, an institutional building comprising 09 training halls, 02 Conference halls and a video conference hall having a capacity to train 782 participants simultaneously, an International Elections and Democracy Museum, and a hostel block with 100 rooms.

The foreign dignitaries commended the Election Commission of India for this much needed initiative that aims at 'building world class infrastructure for capacity building of democracies across the globe'. IIIDEM along with CPWD was also praised for intensifying the construction pace for this 2 lakh sq. feet project.

CPWD Director General Mr. Sinha assured the Commission that the institutional block will become operational from April 1, 2017 as per the commitment made at a similar ceremony last year on January 25, 2016.

Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of India, Dr. Nasim Zaidi also unveiled the 'IIIDEM International calendar of activities for 2017' which targets organization of 08 International trainings, 02 Conferences and 04 Consultations in the next one year.

IIIDEM has also started to build up its core team for Dwarka campus by hiring qualified professionals on various posts. Tenders for subsequent requirement of services and posts have also been released on the institute's website.

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