

- Q) What makes election of India democratic?
- In our country India, elections are conducted by an independent and very powerful Election Commission (EC).
 - It enjoys the same power of independence that the judiciary enjoys.
 - The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) is appointed by the President of India.
 - Once the Chief Election Commissioner appointed, it is not answerable to the President or the government. It is virtually impossible to remove the CEC.
 - EC takes decisions on every aspect of conduct and control the elections from the announcement of elections to the declaration of results.
 - It implements the Code of Conduct and punishes any candidate or party that violates it.
 - During the election period, the EC can order the government to follow some guidelines, to prevent use and misuse of governmental power to enhance its chances to win elections, or to transfer some governmental officials.
 - When on election duty, government officials work under the control of the EC and not the government.