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1. President appoints Arun Goel as the member of the Election Commission of India (Nov. 19, 2022)

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President Droupadi Murmu on 19 November appointed retired IAS officer **Arun Goel** as the Election Commissioner with effect from the date he assumes the office.

A Punjab cadre officer of the 1985 batch, Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner **Rajiv Kumar** and Election Commissioner **Anup Chandra Pandey** in the poll panel.

Terms of Office

- The Election commission members hold office for **six years** or **up to 65 years** of age, whichever is earlier.
- Once he joins his new responsibility, Goel would become the Chief Election Commissioner in February 2025.
- Goel will demit office in December 2027 on attaining the age of 65 years.

Election Commission of India

- The Election Commission of India was constituted by the Government of India on **25 January 1950** under article 324 of the constitution. 25 January is also observed as **National Voters Day** in India
- The Election Commission of India is an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India. The body administers elections to the **Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, State Legislative Assemblies, Legislative Councils** in India, and the offices of the **President** and **Vice President** in the country.

Members of the Election Commission of India

- The Election Commission of India can be single member or Multi member.
- Article 324 gives the **President power** to appoint members to the Election Commission as he desires.
- Initially the Election Commission was a single member body with the Chief Election Commissioner post, but on **16 October 1989** President appointed two new members to the body making it a multi member body for the first time.
- However the President again issued an order on 1 January 1990 to make it a single member body.
- It was again made a multi member body on **1 October 1993** as the President appointed 2 new members.
- Since then the Election Commission of India has been a three member commission.

Other things to Remember

- The first Chief Election Commissioner of India was **Sukumar Sen**.
- The first **woman** Chief Election Commissioner of India was **V.S. Rama Devi**. She was the **9th** Chief Election Commissioner of India and was appointed in 1990.

- The **current** and the 25th Chief Election Commissioner of India is **Rajiv Kumar**.