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Why in news?

Recently, the Election Commission of India (ECI) launches e-sign feature for addition, deletion, and correction of voter names, to verify their identity using their Aadhaar-linked phone numbers.

- **ECINET –** It is a one-stop platform created by the ***Election Commission of India (ECI)*** for voters, officials, and other stakeholders.
- **Aim -** To integrate all election-related services.
- It integrates over 40 of the ECI's existing web and mobile applications into a single, user-friendly interface.

  ECINET subsumed existing Apps like the Voter Helpline App, Voter Turnout App, cVIGIL, Suvidha 2.0, ESMS, Saksham and KYC App.

- **Operationalized during** – The bye-elections to the 5 Assembly constituencies of Kerala, Gujarat, Punjab and West Bengal, in June, 2025.
- **Key features –**
  - ECINET offers a *centralized hub* for all election-related services.
  - **Voter registration –** Electors can use the app to submit applications for voter registration, deletion, and corrections.
  - **Electoral information –** The platform provides access to electoral rolls, allows users to check their names, and download their e-EPIC (electronic voter card).
  - **Polling station details –** Users can easily find the location of their polling station.
  - **Real-time updates –** The app delivers live updates on election trends, such as voter turnout during bye-elections.
  - **Submitting Complaints –** Citizens can submit complaints related to elections through the app, which integrates the functionality of the cVIGIL application.
  - **Easy access –** It will enable users to access relevant electoral data on their desktops or smartphones.
- **Recent updates and implementation –**
  - **E-sign feature –** An e-sign feature that uses an Aadhaar-linked mobile number to verify the identity of applicants for voter additions, deletions, and corrections (Response to concerns over fraudulent deletion requests).

- **Improved voter turnout reporting –** In June 2025 bye-elections, ECINET enabled presiding officers to directly upload voter turnout trends (Replaced a manual process and reduced reporting delays).
- **Faster Index Cards –** ECINET has enabled the faster publication of post-election Index Cards by digitizing the process, making constituency-level election data available within 72 hours of result declarations.
- The platform has been actively used for tasks like collecting Enumeration Forms in the Bihar Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in July 2025.

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