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1 Election Commission of India (Source: The Hindu)

- *It is a constitutionally permanent independent body.*
- *According to Article 324, the Election Commission shall have the authority to supervise, direct, and regulate elections for the Indian Parliament, state legislatures, the President of India, and the Vice-President of India.*

Selection Process of Election Commission of India as per Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners Act, 2023

- **Search Committee**
 - **Composition:** Led by the Union Minister of Law and Justice, alongside two other members not below the rank of Secretary to the Government of India.
 - **Eligibility Standard:** Candidates must be serving or former officers holding a rank equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India, known for integrity, and possessing experience in election management.
 - **Action:** The Search Committee prepares a panel of five candidates to submit to the Selection Committee.
- **Selection Committee**
 - **Composition:**
 - Prime Minister (Chairperson)
 - Leader of the Opposition (or the leader of the single largest opposition party in the Lok Sabha)
 - A Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister
 - The Selection Committee reviews the panel submitted by the Search Committee, selects the final candidate(s), and formally recommends them to the President.
- *The President of India officially appoints the CEC and ECs by warrant under their hand and seal*

2 Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC) (Source: The Indian Express)

NAVIGATION WITH INDIAN CONSTELLATION (NaviC)

India's Own Navigation – For Viksit Bharat

NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) is India's independent satellite navigation system developed by ISRO to provide accurate **Position, Navigation and Timing (PNT)** services for India and a region around it.

ACCURATE POSITIONING
 RELIABLE NAVIGATION
 PRECISE TIMING
 STRATEGIC INDEPENDENCE

WHAT IS NavIC?

- Independent regional navigation satellite system by India.
- Provides accurate PNT (Position, Navigation and Timing) services.
- Designed for strategic, civilian and commercial applications.
- Operates in L5 and S band frequencies for reliable service.

THE NavIC CONSTELLATION

- 7 Satellites in total
- 3 Geostationary Satellites (GEO)
 - Positioned at 32.5°E, 83°E and 131.5°E
- 4 Geosynchronous Satellites (IGSO)
 - Inclined at 29° to the equator
- Designed for continuous visibility over India and a region ~1500 km beyond Indian mainland.

GLOBAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

	GPS (Global Positioning System)	USA (Global)
	GLONASS (Global Navigation Satellite System)	Russia (Global)
	GALILEO (Global Navigation Satellite System)	European Union (Global)
	BEIDOU (BeiDou Navigation Satellite System)	China (Global)
	QZSS (Quasi-Zenith Satellite System)	Japan (Regional)
	NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation)	India (Regional)

NavIC SERVICES

Standard Positioning Service (SPS)

- For civilian users
- Open and free service for general navigation needs
- Accuracy: Better than 20 meters

Restricted Service (RS)

- For authorized users
- Encrypted service for strategic and military applications
- Accuracy: Better than 5 meters

APPLICATIONS OF NavIC

Land Navigation	Maritime Navigation	Aviation Navigation	Personal Navigation
Precision Agriculture	Disaster Management	Fleet & Asset Tracking	Surveying & Geospatial Applications

KEY ADVANTAGES

- India's independent navigation system – reduces dependence on foreign systems.
- Accurate and reliable services in challenging environments.
- Critical for national security and strategic autonomy.
- Supports economic growth, digital navigation and technology development.
- Complementary to global systems like GPS, GLONASS, Galileo and BeiDou.

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NavIC – Powering India's Progress on Land, Sea, Air and Beyond.