

India and Jordan

India's relationship with Jordan has always been characterized by warmth and goodwill based on mutual respect. The two countries signed their first bilateral agreement for cooperation and friendly relations in 1947, which was formalised in 1950 when the two countries established full-fledged diplomatic ties. There has been regular exchange of visits between the two countries at all levels over the years.

Electoral cooperation

There have been active bilateral exchanges between the two Electoral Commissions in the recent past.

At the invitation of the then Prime Minister of Jordan, conveyed through diplomatic channels, the Election Commission of India had sent a delegation to Jordan, headed by the then Chief Election Commissioner of India, from 18th to 21st March, 2012. During the delegation's meeting with the Jordanian PM, the Chief Election Commissioner offered the full support of Election Commission of India to the Kingdom's historic efforts to develop an electoral law, which would ensure the highest degree of fairness and transparency of the polling process and emergence of a truly representative Parliament. He also promised to extend every possible assistance in building capacity of Jordanian officials in conduct of elections.

The Prime Minister had responded with a suggestion that, to begin with, an orientation programme at ECI's India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) for the new Election Commissioners of Jordan would be extremely useful, followed by training workshops for other senior officials of the Jordanian Commission. On return to Delhi, the then CEC had written to the Jordanian Prime Minister confirming the above. Again, in his message of felicitations to the newly appointed President of the Board of Commissioners of the Independent Election Commission of Jordan, the then CEC had renewed this invitation and our offer of cooperation.

In the above context, the Jordanian side has recently requested ECI to send a team of training experts to identify Jordan Election Commission's training needs, studying their election laws and system and helping them in preparation of their training plan etc. Accordingly, a Team from ECI is likely to visit Jordan in the first week of January, 2013.
