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News: cVIGIL app

- The cVIGIL app by the Election Commission of India has emerged as a powerful tool for citizens to report election code violations, particularly during the ongoing General Elections 2024.

cVIGIL Mobile Application

- Election commission of India recently launched **a mobile app called cVIGIL.**
- A **user-friendly and easy to operate Android application,** it requires an Android smartphone equipped with a **camera, good internet connection and GPS access.**
- It will be **operational only where elections are announced.** cVIGIL will allow anyone in the election-bound state to report **violations of Model Code of Conduct.**
- Citizens can immediately report on incidents of misconduct within minutes of having witnessed them and upload it on this app, without having to rush to the office of the returning officer to lodge a complaint.
- The **automated location mapping will be done using Geographic Information System.**

- After its successful submission through the app, the vigilant citizen gets a Unique ID to track and receive the follow up updates on her or his mobile and will get a unique id for each report for follow up updates.
- The identity of the complainant will be kept confidential.
- The app has inbuilt features to prevent its misuse. It will receive complaints only about Model Code of Conduct violations. The user will get 5 minutes to report an incident after having clicked a picture or a video.
- To prevent any misuse, the app will not allow uploading of the pre-recorded or old images and videos. The app will not facilitate saving of the photos or videos recorded using the 'cVIGIL' app into the phone gallery either.
- Further, the application will be active only in States where elections have been announced. The moment a citizen exits an election-bound State, the app will become inactive.