Chief Election Commissioner H S Brahma during a photo exhibition in New Delhi on Tuesday | Ravi Choudhary

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission launched its week-long Madata Mahotsav (voter festival) poll-bound Delhi on Tuesday.

The event was organised at the Dilli haat area of the capital. A photo exhibition of 65 years of Indian elections was held in connection with the event. Addressing a gathering to launch the voters’ festival ahead of National Voters Day on January 25, Chief Election Commissioner H S Brahma said, “When the first Lok Sabha polls held in 1951, India had 17.32 crore voters. India now has 83 crore voters, nearly two crore more than those who had participated in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

“Since Delhi Assembly polls are the only electoral exercise taking place, the eyes of the entire world are focused on it. Delhi is the capital of India. Ruling Delhi has a separate meaning...It is a big challenge (for EC),” the CEC further added.

“The total number of voters (in India) is more than the population of Europe. In the next five