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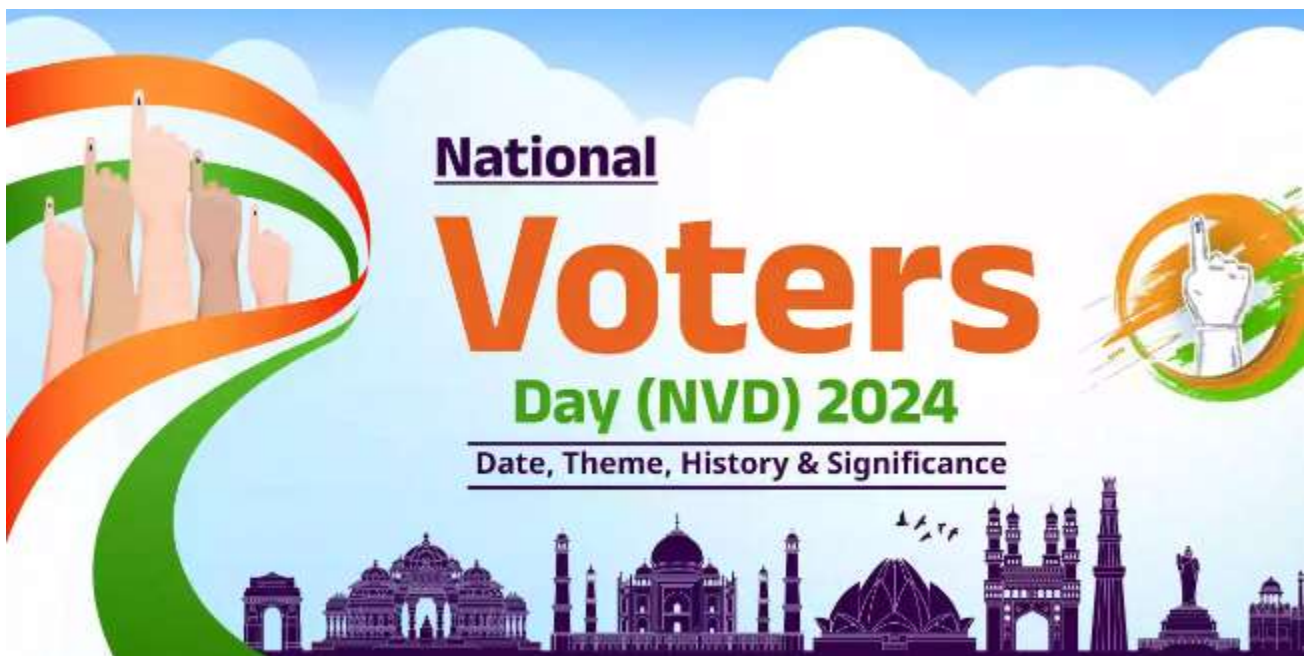
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Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy Programme



1. Whether Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the College?

Yes, Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the College. ELC was formed on 17th December 2023 with the avowed purpose of inculcating electoral and democratic awareness among the college students through interesting activities and hands-on experience, sensitizing them to their electoral rights and familiarizing them with the electoral process of registration and voting.

Vision: Building a platform for disseminating socio-political values and principles anchored in the practice of active democratic citizenship and for educating the youth about the necessity and pragmatics of electoral participation.

Objectives: 1) Making the youth familiar with voter registration, electoral process and related matters through hands-on experience.

2) Educating the targeted population about the efficacy of EVM and VVPAT and about the integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.

3) Mobilizing the capacity of the ELC members for conducting electoral literacy in communities.

4) Inculcate the culture of electoral participation and help enhance the informed and ethical voting following the motto 'Every vote counts' and 'No Voter to be left behind'.

2. Whether students' co-ordinator and co-ordinating faculty members are appointed by the College and whether the ELCs are functional? Whether the ELCs are representative in character?

The committee for the ELC has been formed with Dr. Md Salauddin Khan, the Principal, as the Chairman, Smt Saheli Naik, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, as the Nodal Officer, and Mr Saket Choudhury, SACT, Department of Sociology, as Students' Coordinator. The ELC scrupulously maintains its representative character through inducting SC, ST and OBC students including those from minority communities and also through encouraging women's participation.

3. What innovative programmers and initiatives undertaken by the ELCs? These may include voluntary contribution by the students in electoral processes-participation in voter registration of students and communities where they come from, assisting district election administration in conduct of poll, voter awareness campaigns, promotion of ethical voting, enhancing participation of the under privileged sections of society especially transgender, commercial sex workers, disabled persons, senior citizens, etc.

Among the general activities conducted by the ELC are:

1. To generate and strengthen the ELC resources
2. To facilitate the students not registered as voters
3. To encourage and help students participate in voter awareness campaigns.


4. Any socially relevant projects/initiatives taken by College in electoral related issues especially research projects, surveys, awareness drives, creating content, publications highlighting their contribution to advancing democratic values and participation in electoral processes, etc.

1. The college conducted an awareness seminar titled “**Students’ Awareness of Electoral Rights**” on 19th December 2023 in collaboration with ELC. The venue of the programme was Aurobindo Hall at the First Floor.

2. The college also observed the **National Voters’ Day** on 25th January 2024 through active participation of the ELC members.

5. Extent of students above 18 years who are yet to be enrolled as voters in the electoral roll and efforts by ELCs as well as efforts by the College to institutionalize mechanisms to register eligible students as voters.

The college observed National Voters’ Day to encourage young/new voters to take part in the electoral process. Our college is a venue, as per the decision of the district administration, of enrolment and correction in the electoral list. ELC keenly observes that all our students who vote in our college centre (per the decision of the district administration) are enrolled and participate in the electoral process.


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