

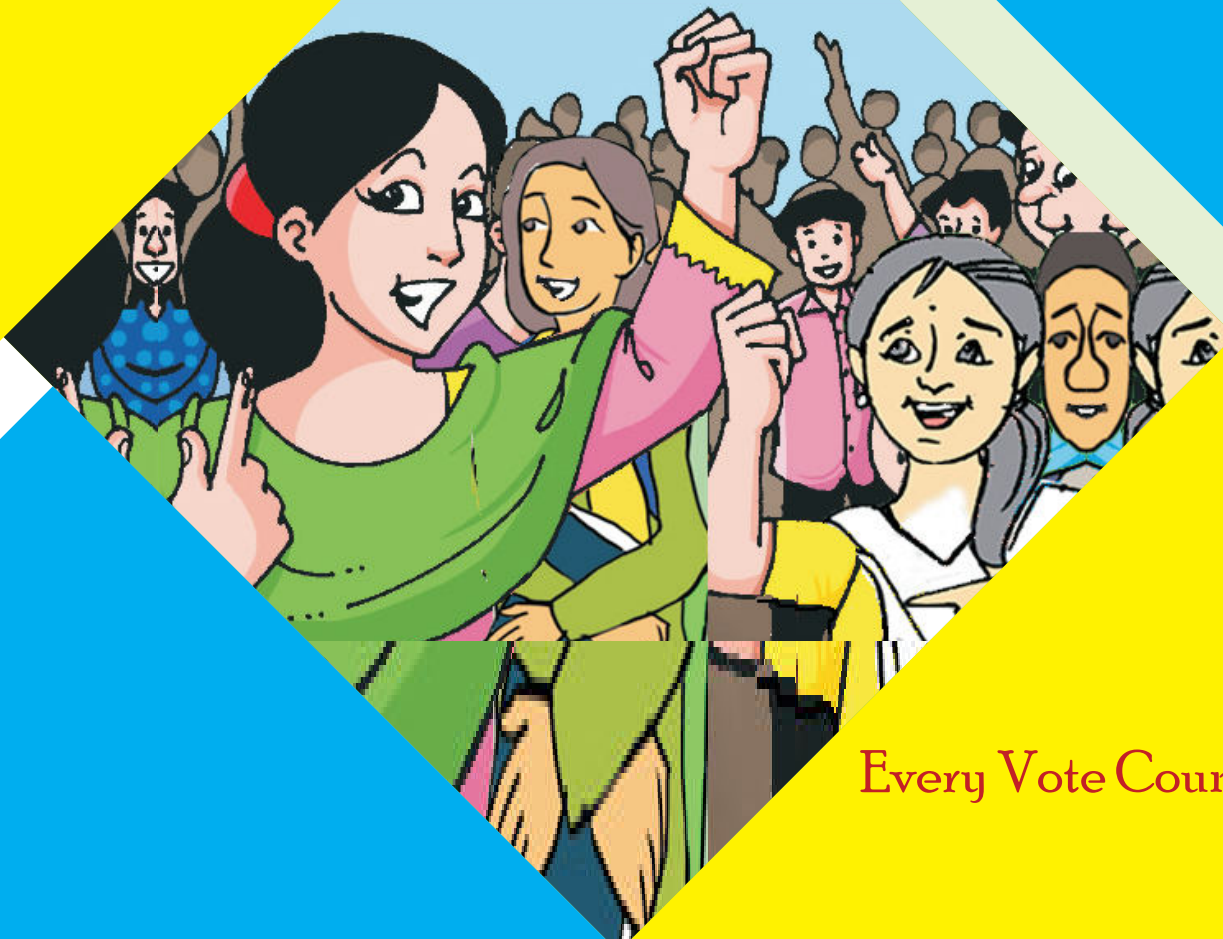
Electoral Literacy Club



Election Commission of India

“I hear and I forget.
I see and I remember.
I do and I understand.”

—Confucius



Every Vote Counts

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What is Electoral Literacy Club (ELC)?

Electoral Literacy Club is a platform to engage college students through interesting activities and facilitating hands on experience to sensitise them on their electoral rights and familiarise them with the electoral process of registration and voting.

- ELC should be an inclusive club and must make every attempt to ensure the participation of students with disabilities.
- Through ELC, Election Commission of India aims at strengthening the culture of electoral participation among young voters.



Who shall be the members of ELC?

All Students of a College /University can become members of the ELC of their institute by registering herself/himself at the beginning of the academic year. They remain an ELC member till the completion of their degree/course.

What shall we do in ELC?

Members will be a part of engaging activities, designed keeping specific learnings in mind, to help them become an 'Empowered Voter'. ELC will also facilitate voter registration for the student members.

What will be the structure of ELC in your College/University?

1. One or two teachers from the Political Science or any other Department of the college will act as the Nodal Officers for the ELC.
2. Campus Ambassador will act as the convenor of the ELC and will assist the Nodal Officer in conducting the activities.
3. The Club would be run by an Executive Committee.

What is the role of the Executive Committee and how is it constituted?

The Executive Committee is constituted of elected representatives of ELC members from each class. The ELC members can only be students who are already enrolled as voters and are not affiliated to the Student/Youth Wing of any political party.

What is the role of Nodal Officer?

The Nodal Officer will act as Mentor for the ELC and will coordinate with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer/District Election Officer for the registration of the ELC and guidance, wherever required.

How can my college enrol for the ELC?

The College can approach the following:

1. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the State/UT
2. District Collector who is also the District Election Officer (DEO)
3. The college can also requisition for forming an ELC online at <http://ecisveep.nic.in/report/>

Who will conduct the activities of the ELC?

The activities shall be conducted by the Executive Committee or any group of students delegated to conduct the specific activity.

ELC Resource Guide

The ELC Resource Guide for Colleges comprises detailed guidelines for the conduct of ELC and also the details of the activities. Executive Committee are at liberty to pick and modify activities and even create more activities.

How shall the ELC get the resources?

A Resource Guide is prepared for colleges that shall help students to carry out each activity of the ELC. The resources are freely downloadable at <http://ecisveep.nic.in/electoral-literacy-clubs/>. Moreover, a Common Handbook for ELCs is also available for further information.

Where shall the ELC activities be held?

Sessions can be conducted in any classroom which can be utilized after classes or, as decided by the Executive Committee or, as may be required.



SNEAK PEEK INTO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES

1. The Wall of Democracy

The college administration shall allot a wall space or display board, divided into 4 major sections, in a prominent area to set up the wall Magazine. It has a monthly theme and invites contribution of students in the form of drawings, sketches, paintings, articles & poems etc. which are to be displayed on the wall along with information regarding other ELC activities.

2. Ballot Bistro

Reviving the culture of coffee house discussions, Ballot Bistro activity would include discussions and brainstorming sessions in the college canteen or cafés related to the subjects of youth involvement in the electoral process.

3. Young Voter's Festival or Yuva Matdadata Mahotsav

This one or two day's festival to be organised by ELC members would include activities and competitions to engage other students inside and outside the college. This would include street plays, road shows, photography contests, film screening, dance/music competitions, Election Quiz and a mandatory voter's pledge by all the attendees.




4. Special Drive

All the college students above the age of 18 who are Indian Citizens are eligible to vote. ELC members are entrusted to hold special registration drives to motivate their peers to register themselves.

Other Similar Clubs

Active ELCs are all set to come up in secondary and senior secondary schools, universities and colleges as well as in 1 million polling stations across India. Membership to these ELCs is free, inclusive and voluntary. You can become a part of an ELC depending on the relevant category for you from the ones given below –

- ELCs in Schools: Targets students studying in classes IX – XII. The ELC will require only 3-5 hours annually in each grade. The learning under ELCs in schools is spread over 4 years in a systematic manner. About 2 lakh such ELCs will be set up across the country.
- ELCs in Colleges: Targets new and young voters in the age group 18 – 25 years. ELCs in colleges will be managed by the students themselves. About 39 thousand such ELCs will be set up across the country.
- ELCs in Communities: Termed *Chunav Pathshalas*, it targets those outside the formal education system. Although these ELCs in communities will focus on 14-17 year olds, it will cover community members of all ages. *Chunav Pathshalas* will be setup in 1 million polling station locations.
- ELCs in Organizations: In organizations, the ELC will assume the name of Voter Awareness Forum (VAF) and shall be setup in all government & non-government organizations, private institutions and in the corporate sector.



Crux of the Club

Developing the practice of informed and ethical electoral participation is vital to investment in future of democracy. Under its flagship programme 'Systematic Voters' Education & Electoral Participation' (SVEEP), the Election Commission of India carries out various

interventions for strengthening and enhancing quality electoral participation.

Election Commission of India is now rolling out its ambitious project 'Electoral Literacy Clubs' for mainstreaming of electoral literacy in Schools, Colleges and Communities.

WHAT EVERY INDIAN CITIZEN MUST KNOW

How to enrol in Electoral Roll (Voter List)

- Eligibility for becoming a voter – 18 years of age as on 1st of January; an Indian citizen and an ordinary resident of that polling area.
- Form 6 – To register as an elector, fill Form 6 online at www.nvsp.in. Form 6 can also be collected from the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or the Booth Level Officer (BLO).
- Documents required to be submitted with Form 6 – a passport size photograph, photocopies of documentary proof of age and residence.
- BLO shall visit the address given by you for verification. Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) or Voter ID is thereafter issued.
- Form 7 to be used for deleting of a name from the electoral roll. This may be used if a person has shifted residence, is dead or for objecting the inclusion of any person on electoral roll when s/he isn't eligible.
- Form 8 is used for making modifications or corrections in the entries in electoral roll.
- Form 8A is filled if a person has shifted address within the same constituency. However, if the address change is to a different constituency, the person must fill Form 6 again.
- A person should not be enrolled in more than one electoral roll.



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Voting in an Election

- You must check your name in the electoral roll (voters list) which is available on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer of the State and the office of the ERO. This must be done much ahead of poll day to ensure that if your name is missing, you apply on time for inclusion of your name.
- You must carry either EPIC or any other prescribed identity proof to the polling station.
- No gadgets are allowed inside the polling booth.
- At the polling booth, press the button in front of the name of the candidate of your choice on the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), post which you will hear a 'beep' sound.
- You must then check the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) to verify that your vote has gone to the right candidate. VVPAT will display information for about 7 seconds.
- If you do not wish to support any candidate then you can press the NOTA option.
- Vote ethically and make an informed choice while deciding your vote.



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