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### **Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy**

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

### **Answer:**

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) is established in the year 2019 as per the directions of Chief Election Office, New Delhi.

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?

#### **Answer:**

A committee is formed to execute the responsibilities of ELC. The Principal and Director of the institute are the chairpersons of the committee. The ELC is coordinated by Dr. Krishna Kumar T K, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Physics. Every Department has identified one/two faculties as Coordinators and two student volunteers as ELC members. ELC Coordinator and members frequently attend the meetings convened by the CEO/Zilla Panchayath and SVEEP, Karnataka, Davangere division regarding the elections and voter related issues. The actions are taken in college as directed by the CEO and Zilla Panchayath creating awareness of importance of vote, linking to the AADHAAR and new voter registration etc.

3. What innovative programmes 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.

### **Answer:**

The ELC members of respective departments are giving awareness among the students regarding electoral rights and familiarise them with the electoral process of registration and voting. Students

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and faculty members have participated in the awareness programs by involving the public through Jaathas and created awareness on getting voter ID, applied through Voter Helpline APP under ELC.

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

#### **Answer:**

Institute organizes oath taking program every year on January 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate National Voter's day. Principal and Director read out the oath and address the students. On this occasion, Institute conducts several competitions like painting, debate, essay writing etc. Kum. Annapurna Ullagaddi, I year BE (IS&E) student of the Institute has secured first place in debate competition at district level in the year 2022.

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.

#### **Answer:**

The awareness is given on process of having voter ID and link the same to AADHAAR through VHA app or offline for first year students, as they are entering to the 18 years of age. The ELC members from the each department are also trained for using of VHA app and linking Voter ID to AADHAAR.

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