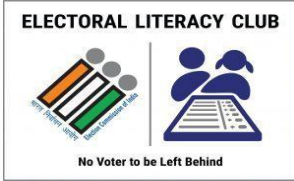


ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB

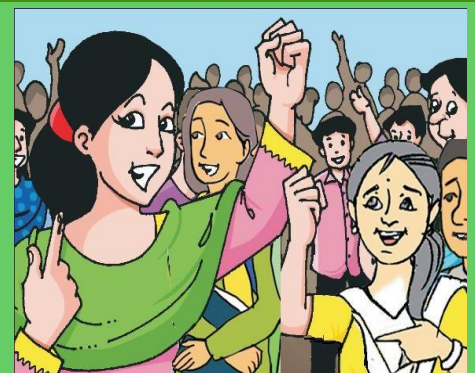


Chief Electoral Officer, Kerala

EVERY VOTE COUNTS



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



What is Electoral Literacy Club (ELC)?

Electoral Literacy Club is a platform to engage school/college students through interesting activities and facilitating hands-on experience to sensitize them on their electoral rights and familiarize 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, the Election Commission of India aims at strengthening the culture of electoral participation among young voters



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 Ambassadors will act as the convener 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 with the Student/Youth Wing of any political party.

What is the role of the 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.



Who can be a member of the ELC Club?

* School – 9th to 12th Class Children (Ages 14-17)

* College – young voters in the age group of 18 to 25 years.

How to become a part of the ELC Club?

The School/College can approach the following:

1. Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of the Kerala State
2. District Collector who is also the District Election Officer (DEO)
3. The School/College can also send requests for forming an ELC online at <https://ecisveep.nic.in/electoral-literacy-clubs/> and also through the CEO Kerala website (www.ceo.kerala.gov.in)

How shall the ELC get the resources?

A Resource Guide is prepared for schools/colleges in English/Malayalam that shall help students to carry out each activity of the ELC. The resources are freely downloadable at the CEO Kerala website (www.ceo.kerala.gov.in). Moreover, a Common Handbook (FAQ) 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.

Crux of the Club

Developing the practice of informed and ethical electoral participation is vital to invest in the future of democracy. Under its flagship program 'Systematic Voters' Education & Electoral Participation (SVEEP), the Election Commission of India carries out various interventions for strengthening and enhancing quality electoral participation. The Election Commission of India is now rolling out its ambitious project 'Electoral Literacy Clubs' for mainstreaming of electoral literacy in Schools and Colleges.

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 or through Voter Helpline App (VHA) available in Google play store/ App store. 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 6A – Application for Inclusion of Name in Electoral Roll by an Overseas Elector.
- Form 6B – Letter of Information of Aadhaar number for the purpose of electoral roll authentication.
- Form 7 – Application for objecting inclusion of name of other person/seeking deletion of own name/ seeking deletion of any other.
- Form 8 – (i) Correction of entries (ii) Shifting of residence (iii) Replacement of epic (iv) Marking of person with disabilities.
- 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 Office, Kerala, and the office of the ERO. This must be done ahead of the poll day to ensure that if your name is missing, you apply on time for the 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 candidates of your choice on the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), post which you will hear a 'beep' sound.
- You must 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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