



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

“Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”
Benjamin Franklin



No Voter to be Left Behind

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

CHUNAV PATHSHALA

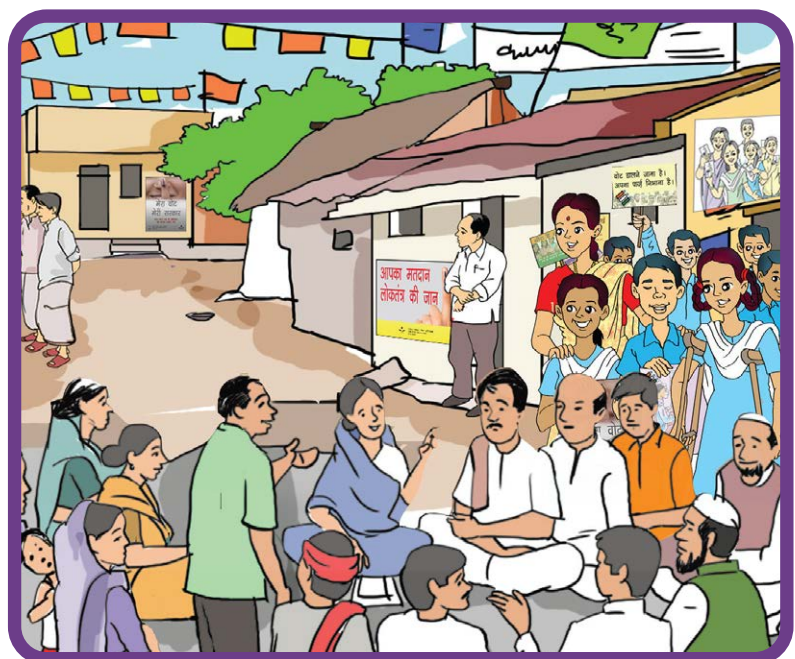


What is the Chunarv Pathshala?

Chunarv Pathshala is a platform to engage the community members, both in rural and urban area, through interesting activities and hands on experience to sensitise them on their electoral rights and familiarise them with the electoral process of registration and voting. At Chunarv Pathshala, learning meets fun. Activities and Games are designed to stimulate and motivate members, provoking them to think and ask questions. Through ELC, Election Commission of India, aims at strengthening the culture of electoral participation among young and future voters.

Where will they be set up?

Chunarv Pathshala is being set up at polling stations and shall convene at popular meeting points in villages, towns and cities. They could be held on open grounds or in school buildings in your locality, Anganwadi centres or Gram Sabha premises in villages.





Who can attend the Chunar Pathshala?

- Teenagers in age group of 14-17 years
- Voters of 18-19 years of age
- Young and middle aged women
- Senior citizens
- People with Disabilities
- Children below 14 years, who don't go to school
- People from every community living in the area

What will I learn?

- You will learn how elections are conducted in the world's largest democracy.
- You will learn about the what, where, when and how of the entire electoral process, get familiar with **EVM and VVPAT**.
- You will learn how an eligible citizen can enroll himself/herself in the electoral roll. You can use this knowledge for yourself as well as others by helping register people in your village/locality who may yet not have registered.
- You will get to know Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and see how Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) helps you to ensure that your vote reaches your desired candidate.
- ELC will make you understand the value of each vote, and how one must cast one's vote with confidence and without any fear, greed and intimidation from anyone.
- ELCs will also facilitate voter registration for the student members as they achieve the age of 18.
- You will learn about various digital platform, mobile app like voter helpline app, C-vigil, www.nvsp.in etc.

How can we enroll for the Chunar Pathshala?

You can approach

- Booth Level Officer
- Convener of Chunar Pathshala
- National Literacy Mission volunteers or Preraks

Where shall the activities be held?

Activities can be conducted at popular meeting points in the village as decided by the BLO or the Convener. They could be held on open grounds or in school buildings in your locality, Anganwadi centres or Gram Sabha premises in villages.



Who will coordinate the Chunav Pathshala?

The Convener will coordinate the day to day activities in the Pathshala.

You can call him/ her as Matdata Prashikshak. S/he will involve all the members in a range of interesting activities where the members listen to stories, play games, recite songs, draw comic books, and also play the role of election officials and candidates in a mock election. They would also get to watch some films that will be specially screened for the members.

A Resource Guide is prepared for Chunav Pathshala that shall help the Convener to conduct each activity of the Pathshala. In the Chunav Pathshala Resource Guide, the activities and games have been presented in a step by step format for the benefit of the members and Convener. A Common Handbook shall also help as a reference material for the Conveners and members.

How shall the Convener get the Resource Guide?

The Resources are downloadable at www.ecisveep.nic.in. A short video on each activity is also available on the website to help Conveners and Members carry out each activity.

The Convener shall be appointed by the District Administration and shall be provided training on the Resource Guide and also one set of the ELC Resource Kit in soft and hard copy. The resource guides are available in Hindi & English as also in regional languages.



What are the key responsibilities of BLO?

The Booth Level Officer (BLO) will overall supervise the Chunav Pathshala, fix the venue and invite all to participate in activities. The BLO will also provide assistance on information related to elections and electoral process. A BLO will monitor the conduct of Pathshala. Sometimes, BLO can also function as the convener. BLO shall ensure that the calendar of the Pathshala is being followed and the activities are being conducted in the prescribed manner. Further, s/he will send an assessment report to District Election Officer as specified.

What if there is no Chunav Pathshala in my village?

You can approach the following:

- Booth Level Officer (BLO)
- Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO).
- Electoral Registration Officer (ERO).

What shall we do in Chunav Pathshalas?

In the Chunav Pathshalas, you will be part of interesting and thought-provoking activities and games. Through these carefully designed activities, you will gain specific learnings which will help you become an **'Empowered Voter'**.



Other Similar Clubs

On the lines of Chunarv Pathshala, Electoral Literacy Clubs are being set up in secondary and senior secondary schools, universities and colleges and organisation across India and the 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 for School is spread over 4 years in a systematic manner.
- **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.
- **ELCs in Communities:** Termed Chunarv 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. Chunarv Pathshalas will be set up in 1 million polling station locations.
- **ELCs in Organizations:** In organizations, the ELCs will assume the name of Voter Awareness Forum (VAF) and shall be set up in all government & non-government organizations, private institutions and in the corporate sector.

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Crux of the Electoral Literacy Club & Chunarv Pathshala

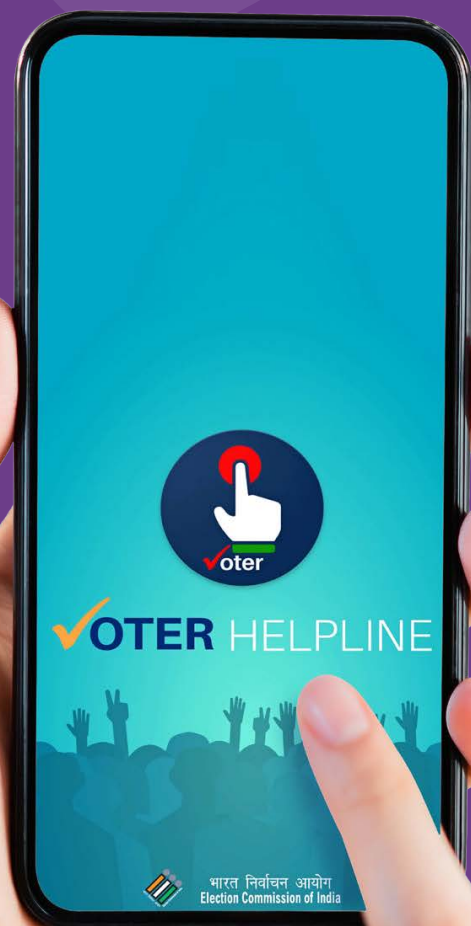
Developing the practice of informed and ethical electoral participation is vital to investment in future of democracy. Under its flagship programme 'Systematic Voters Education & Electoral Participation' (SVEEP), the Election Commission of India carries out various interventions for strengthening and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

- **Eligibility for becoming a voter-** 18 years of age as on 1st of January or 1st April or 1st July or 1st October 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 www.voterportal.eci.gov.in or Voter Helpline App. 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 and delivered at doorstep through speed post.
- **Form 6A-** Form 6A is used for registration of overseas electors. Every overseas elector, who is not otherwise disqualified for registration, may make an application in Form 6A to the concerned registration officer directly or send the application to him by post.
- **Form 6B-** Form 6B is used for collection of Aadhar number of existing electors to authenticate the entries in the electoral rolls.
- **Form 7-** Form 7 to be used for deleting of a name from the electoral roll or objection for proposed inclusion of name. 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-** Form 8 is used for shifting of residence within the constituency or outside the constituency, correction of entries in existing electoral roll, issue of replacement EPIC without correction and request for making as person with disability.
- A person shall not be entitled to be registered as voter in the electoral roll for more than one constituency and more than one polling station.
- Like Form 6, Form 6A, 6B, 7 and 8 can also be submitted online or offline or through Voter Helpline App.



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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 or online www.nvsp.in or Voter Helpline App. 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 documents prescribed by ECI as 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 symbol for about 7 seconds.
- If you do not wish to support any candidate then if you can press the NOTA option.
- Vote ethically and make an informed choice while deciding your vote.
- If you find any malpractice or unethical activity related to election during election campaign or voting process as a responsible citizen you can report to ECI through C-Vigil App without fear, as your identity will be kept secret.





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