

ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUBS FUTURE VOTERS



No Voter to be Left Behind

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA



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

- CONFUCIUS

Q: What are ELCs?

Electoral Literacy Clubs are platform to engage the school students 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 ELCs, learning meets fun. Activities and Games are designed to stimulate and motivate students 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.

Q: Who shall be the members of ELCs?

Students of Class IX-XII shall be members of the ELC of your School

Q: How can my School enrol for the ELC?

The School can approach the following

1. District Collector who is also the District Election Officer (DEO)
2. Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)

Q: What shall we do in ELCs?

In the ELCs, you will be part of interesting and thought-provoking activities and games. There are around 25 such activities and 6 games.

Through these carefully designed activities, you will gain specific learnings which will help you become an 'Empowered (Prospective) Voter'.

Q: Where shall the ELC activities be held?

Most of the activities shall be conducted in the Class room itself with students of each class conducting different activities.



Q: Who will conduct the activities of the ELC?

While students are encouraged to conduct the activities of the ELCs themselves, the Class Teacher shall supervise and coordinate the activities. A Resource Guide is prepared for each Class (IX, X, XI & XII) that shall help the Students and Teachers to carry out each activity of the ELC.

These activities and games have been detailed out in 4 different ways to understand resource guides, presented in a step by step format for the benefit of the Students and Teachers:

- Electoral Literacy Club Resource Guide for Class IX
- Electoral Literacy Club Resource Guide for Class X
- Electoral Literacy Club Resource Guide for Class XI
- Electoral Literacy Club Resource Guide for Class XII
- ELCs Common Handbook

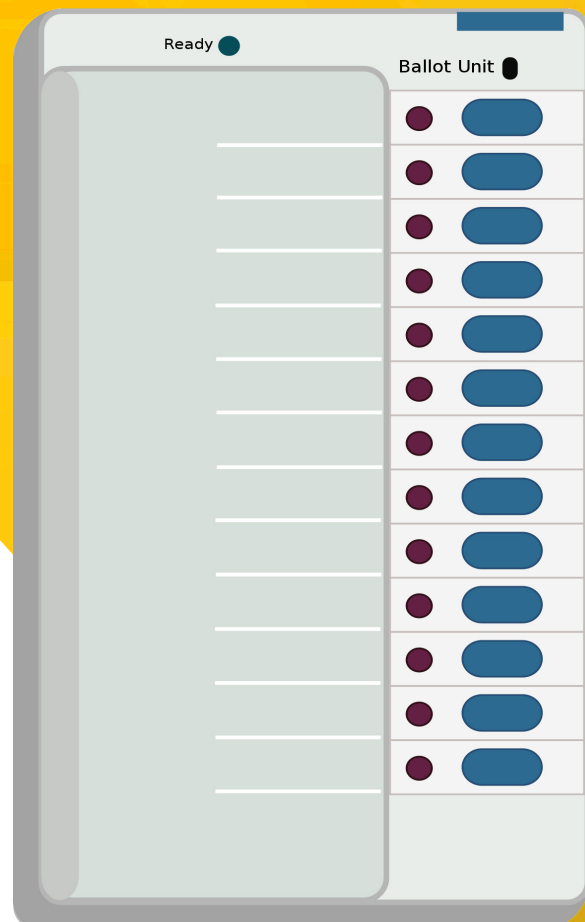
Q: How shall the School get the Resources?

The Resources are freely downloadable at www.ecisveep.nic.in. The Schools that formally enroll with the DEO/ERO for the ELC programme shall be provided one set of the ELC Resource Kit in soft and hard copy. The resource guides are available in Hindi & English and shall be soon available in regional languages.



Q: 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 enrol himself/herself in the electoral roll. You can use this knowledge for yourself as well as others by helping register people in your locality who may yet not have registered.
- You will get to know the tools that enable voters to vote without making any mistakes, i.e. the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT). These ensure 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.



Sneak Peek into some of the ELC Activities

Nirvachitra

Nirvachitra introduces the main concepts of electoral process such as eligibility for become an elector, how to register, how to caste your vote etc. through an engaging film, Masti Dosti Matdan, or a story scroll. Nirvachitra is the first activity proposed for all ELCs to set the tone of the club.

Build your Ballot

An activity developed specifically for the students of class XI, in Build your Ballot students will make their own ballot paper with dummy candidates and symbols and get familiarised with EVM (Electronic Voting Machine) and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail).

Model Matdata

A mock election activity in which students take the role of candidates, polling officials and voters and conduct the entire election process.

NOTA ko janey

For students of class X, the activity introduces the concept of NOTA - None of the Above option if a voter does not wish to vote for any political candidate.



Comraderie

Active ELCs are being strengthened in secondary and senior secondary schools, universities and colleges as well as in one million polling stations 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: Termed as ELC future voters, 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 Chunar 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. Chunar Pathshalas will be set up in one million polling station locations.

ELCs in Organizations: In organizations, the ELCs will assume the name of Voter Awareness Forums (VAFs) and shall be set up in all government & non-government organizations as well as in private institutions.



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 strengthening its ambitious project **"Electoral Literacy Clubs"** for mainstreaming of electoral literacy in Schools, Colleges and Communities.





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