

Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy

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

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the institution in 2018 and is functioning along with National Service Scheme (NSS).

The Principal is the Chairperson of the Club with NSS Program Officer as the Faculty Coordinator. Two students are also appointed as student coordinators. 100 students are members in it.

The primary objective of the club is sensitizing the student community about democratic rights which includes casting votes in elections.

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?

Yes. The ELC has both faculty coordinator and student coordinators, appointed by the Head of the Institution.

The ELC is functioning with the following Objectives.

- To create awareness and interest among faculties and students through awareness activities and camps.
- To educate the targeted populations about voter registration, electoral process and related matters.
- To familiarize the targeted populations with EVM and to educate them about robustness of EVM and integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.
- To help the target audience understand the value of their vote to ensure that they exercise their suffrage right in a confident, comfortable and ethical manner.
- To facilitate voter registration for its eligible members who are not yet registered.
- To develop a culture of electoral participation and maximize the informed and ethical voting and follow the principle 'Every Vote Counts' and 'No Voter to be Left Behind'.

The activities report is available in the following link and in the website.

<https://hicet.ac.in/electoral-literacy-club-elc>

The ELC Club imbibe the commitment and character in every member of the institution.



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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.

The following are the initiatives undertaken by the ELC of the institution.

- Right to Vote – Pledge
- Right to Vote – Awareness in the institution and in nearby villages
- Right to Vote – Drawing Competition to School students
- Right to Vote – Poster Competition to College students
- Special Camp for Voters inclusion and correction
- Special Camp for EVM and integrity of the electoral process
- Participation in Parliamentary Election Duty
- Promotion of Ethical Voting
- Promotion of Voting among Senior Citizens

Our student, Ms Mathushree has received an award from the Coimbatore District Collector for Voters Day Awareness Drawing Competition.

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.

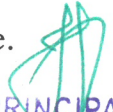
- The institution has arranged facilities in the premises to conduct training programs to the School Teachers by the District Election Officer.
- Students of the institution actively participate the Government programs in Electoral process. Our student, Ms Mathushree has received an award from the Coimbatore District Collector for Voters Day Awareness Drawing Competition.

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.

The students above 18 years age are cultured to be the registered voter by way of awareness camps and pledge.

The ELC conducts year-wise camps for the same.




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