GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE FOR MEN, SRIKAKULAM



ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB (ELC)

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB (ELC) UNDER THE SVEEP INITIATIVE



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INTRODUCTION

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) at Government Degree College for Men, Srikakulam, has been an instrumental part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative by the Government of India. The ELC aims to foster electoral literacy among students, promoting their active participation in the democratic process. This report outlines the activities and achievements of the ELC, focusing on the celebrations of National Voters Day (NVD) over the past three years.

The following Committee has been constituted for overseeing the activities of The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) at Government Degree College for Men, Srikakulam.

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1	Dr. P. Surekha	Principal	Chairperson
2	Dr. B.N.Venkata Chalamaiaha	Lecturer in Geography	Convenor
3	Smt. U. Prathista	Lecturer in History	Member
4	Sri. S. Chiranjeevi Rao	Lecturer in Political Science	Member
5	Mr. S. Prem Kumar – Student	I B.A., HEP	Member
6	Ms. Krupa Vatsalyam	I B.A., TGE	Member

12th National Voters Day Celebrations - January 25, 2022

Overview

The 12th National Voters Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Government Degree College for Men, Srikakulam. Organized by the Department of Political Science, the event was part of the special program VOTE @18, designed to highlight the importance of the right to vote.

Key Events

The celebration was inaugurated by the Honorable District Collector & Magistrate, Sri Shrikesh Balaji Latkhar, alongside the college principal. Their presence underscored the significance of the

event and set a tone of solemnity and importance. The Joint Collector and various district-level officers also attended, emphasizing the collaborative nature of the initiative.





Approximately 200 students attended the event. These students gained valuable insights into their voting rights and the significance of active participation in the democratic process. The program provided a platform for students to understand the importance of their electoral rights and responsibilities, fostering a sense of civic duty.



Highlights

- **Speeches and Addresses:** The Honorable District Collector & Magistrate and the college principal delivered inspiring speeches. They emphasized the critical role of voting in a democracy and encouraged students to participate actively.
- **Interactive Sessions:** The event included interactive sessions where students could ask questions and discuss the electoral process. This engagement helped demystify the voting process and made it more accessible to the students.
- **Distribution of Materials:** Educational materials related to voting rights and the electoral process were distributed among the students. These resources served as valuable references for the students.

13th National Voters Day Celebrations - January 2023

Overview

The 13th National Voters Day celebration was organized once again by the Department of Political Science. The event focused on reinforcing the importance of the right to vote and the practical application of electoral rights.

Key Events

Vice Principal MV Satyanarayana Garu addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of voting rights. His address was complemented by contributions from the IQAC Coordinator, Head of Department Ch Ramamurthy, the Physical Director, and other teaching staff.





Student Engagement

The event saw active participation from students who had already exercised their right to vote. This demonstrated the practical application of their electoral knowledge and reinforced the importance of continued participation in the democratic process.



Highlights

- **Inspirational Addresses:** The Vice Principal and other faculty members delivered speeches that highlighted the importance of voting and encouraged students to participate in the electoral process.
- **Interactive Sessions:** Students engaged in discussions and interactive sessions, deepening their understanding of the electoral process and their rights as voters.
- **Educational Materials:** The distribution of educational materials continued, providing students with ongoing resources to understand and exercise their voting rights.
- **District-Level Engagement:** After the college-level celebrations, participants attended the district-level National Voters Day event at Bhapuji Kalamandir in Srikakulam. This engagement underscored the college's commitment to broader community involvement and reinforced the importance of electoral participation at all levels.

14th National Voters Day Celebrations - January 25, 2024

Overview

The 14th National Voters Day was marked by a significant event organized by the Department of Political Science. The focus was on encouraging every student above 18 years old to register in the voters' list and participate in the 2024 elections.

Key Events

The college principal delivered an inspiring speech on the importance and value of the right to vote. The event included a rally from the Government Degree College to the Day & Night Junction in Srikakulam, demonstrating the college's active role in promoting electoral participation among youth.





Student Engagement

Students were encouraged to register as voters and participate in the upcoming elections. The rally served as a practical engagement activity, reinforcing the importance of voting through active participation.

Highlights

- **Principal's Address:** The college principal's speech emphasized the need for every eligible student to register as a voter and participate in the electoral process.
- Rally: The rally from the college to the Day & Night Junction was a significant event, showcasing the college's commitment to promoting electoral participation. Students carried banners and posters, raising awareness about the importance of voting.
- Interactive Sessions: The event included discussions and interactive sessions, providing students with an opportunity to ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of the electoral process.
- Educational Materials: Educational materials related to voting rights and the electoral process were distributed to the students, reinforcing the key messages of the event.





Overview of Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) Activities under the SVEEP Initiative

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) at Government Degree College for Men, Srikakulam, plays a crucial role in the SVEEP initiative. Over the past three years, the club has conducted various activities during the National Voters Day celebrations, exemplifying its commitment to fostering electoral literacy and encouraging voter participation among the youth.

Key Objectives and Achievements

Voter Awareness Campaigns

The ELC has successfully organized numerous awareness campaigns to educate students about their voting rights and the electoral process. The VOTE @18 program and the consistent emphasis on the importance of the right to vote during the National Voters Day celebrations are prime examples. These campaigns have played a pivotal role in enhancing students' understanding of their democratic rights and responsibilities.

Student Participation

The club has actively engaged students in the electoral process. The participation of 200 students in the 2022 celebrations and the continuous encouragement for students to register as voters and participate in elections demonstrate the club's effectiveness in mobilizing youth. By fostering a sense of civic duty, the ELC ensures that students are well-prepared to contribute to the democratic process.

Collaboration with Authorities

The involvement of district-level officers, including the Honorable District Collector & Magistrate, in the college's events highlights the successful collaboration between the ELC and local authorities. This partnership has enhanced the impact of the club's activities, ensuring a broader reach and greater effectiveness. The support from local authorities also adds credibility and reinforces the importance of the ELC's initiatives.

Practical Engagements

By organizing rallies and participating in district-level events, the ELC ensures that students not only learn about their electoral rights but also engage in practical activities that reinforce their understanding and commitment to the democratic process. These practical engagements provide students with hands-on experience and a deeper appreciation of their role in a democracy.

Conclusion

The Electoral Literacy Club at Government Degree College for Men, Srikakulam, has made significant contributions to promoting electoral literacy and participation among students. Through a series of well-organized events and programs, the club has successfully aligned its activities with the SVEEP initiative's objectives, fostering a culture of informed and active electoral participation among the youth. The ELC's efforts have not only educated students about their voting rights but have also instilled in them a sense of civic responsibility, ensuring a more robust and participatory democratic process in the future.

Future Plans

Looking ahead, the ELC plans to continue its efforts in promoting electoral literacy and participation. Future activities will include more awareness campaigns, interactive sessions, and practical engagements to ensure that every student understands the importance of voting and is prepared to exercise their electoral rights. The club also aims to strengthen its collaboration with local authorities to enhance the impact of its initiatives.

Acknowledgements

The success of the ELC's activities is attributed to the dedication and support of the college administration, faculty members, local authorities, and the enthusiastic participation of the students. The club extends its gratitude to all stakeholders for their contributions and looks forward to continued collaboration in fostering a culture of active electoral participation.