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ELECTIONS IN INDIA

A Phenomenon worth Observing



EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

In commemoration of National Voters' Day (NVD), the Editorial Team of SJU NEWSBITES is pleased to present January issue of newsletter themed as "Nothing like Voting, I Vote For Sure."

The theme for this year's NVD is dedicated to voters and conveys an individual's feeling and aspiration towards participation in the electoral process through the power of their vote. The editorial team of SJU NEWSBITES has purposely chosen the theme in view of the upcoming 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly Election 2023, which has been scheduled on February 27.

India is the world's largest democracy having 94 crore plus registered electors. Still, the actual voting figure of 67.4 per cent in the last general elections (2019) leaves a lot to be desired. The challenge is to motivate the missing 30 crore electors to the booth. Missing voters have many dimensions like urban apathy, youth apathy, domestic migration, and others.

The theme for this month's SJU NEWSBITES is dedicated to the young voters of the varsity. Young voters are the future of Indian democracy. The next-gen, born around and after 2000, has started joining the electoral roll. Their participation as voters would shape the future of democracy. It is, therefore, critical that democratic roots are seeded at the school & college level before students attain voting age. Simultaneously, youth should be engaged through various media so as to bring them to the polling booths.

The world's largest democracy is continuously moving forward towards achieving the objectives of social, economic and political justice enshrined in the Constitution. All that is required for a stronger democracy is the united efforts of the Election Commission, governments, and citizens. Therefore, every right thinking individual should exercise their adult franchise in the upcoming 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly Election, 2023. When citizens take pride in being a voter, as part of their civic duty, its impact on the level of governance is sure to be felt. Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The true source of rights is duty. If we all discharge our duties, right will not be far to seek. If leaving duties unperformed we run after rights, they escape us like a will-o'-the-wisp." Happy Voters' Day!

Regards,
Editorial Team,
SJU NEWSBITES

THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE ON NATIONAL VOTERS DAY: 25th JANUARY 2023

Theme: 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure.'

Dear readers,

It is indeed a great privilege for me to be able to humbly share a 'token' of the knowledge I have gained by God's grace. I also express my gratitude to the Editorial Board for giving me this opportunity of expressing my thoughts with the young intellectuals through this platform 'SJU NewsBites' publication. As a student, every youth has the prime responsibility of learning and understanding all knowledge regarding how a nation is supposed to be governed, based on what guidelines and their role as responsible citizen of this great nation called India. Only then the phrase "Good Governance" of the highest degree become meaningful, if not, then the phrase remains as a hollow slogan only. Throughout the different stages in the progress of the human civilization, the core objective of every stage of education, starting from the early stage till the modern education stage of this 21st century, is to empower every citizen to learn and practice the processes of the best form of governance, in addition to the other allied objectives of the system of education. It must be clearly understood that the 'right to criticise' the government for any act of mismanagement or abuse of power or non-performance of its duties can be enjoyed only by those citizens who have always participated in the electoral process mainly as a voter.

In other words, the right to criticise the government of the day for any act of commission or omission is possessed only by the citizens who have exercised their 'right to vote'.

This commemoration was started on 25th January 2011. The day, 25th January is special because it is on this day in the year 1950 that the Election Commission of India was established. So it is like celebrating the 'birthday' of the Election Commission of India. The main objective of Voters' Day is to engage the eligible youths (18 years and above) who are reluctant to be a part of the nation building process due to ignorance or lack of motivation. The youths of the nation represent the future leaders of the nation as well as the subjects to be governed. If the subjects are apathetic on matters of governance then the danger of misgovernance or abuse of state power by the leaders for selfish interest becomes a reality. In a democratic form of government the citizens must be well informed and proactive to make democracy a success.

This exercise is undertaken as part of the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Campaign. Every year the celebration of this special occasion revolves around various dedicated themes. The theme for this year's (2023) National Voters' Day is 'Nothing Like Voting. I Vote For Sure.'

HOW IT IS CONDUCTED?

1. National Awards

Awards are given for excellence and innovation in election processes. These awards recognise the contribution of the election machinery, government departments, media and PSUs.

2. Voters' pledge

"We, the Citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and to vote in every election fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any other inducement."

3. E-EPIC (DIGITAL ELECTOR PHOTO IDENTITY CARD)

The National Voters Day ceremony is aimed at increasing voter enrolment, with special focus on new voters. The celebrations include felicitating new voters and handing them their Elector Photo Identity Cards. In keeping up with the latest trend, going digital, E-EPIC is introduced to the young voters.

In conclusion, this campaign has increased the enrolment of youths as first time voters and also the engagement of youths in the nation building process, which was considerably low in beginning of the last decade than what it is now. Remember that we the common people will get leaders that we deserve, to rule us. Therefore, if we want 'Good Government' then we have to participate in the processes of governance effectively.

Professor Charles Mhonthung Ezung
Dean of Student Affairs

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

Department	Date
JMC	30th Jan
Political Science	25th Jan
Zoology	31st Jan
Sociology	27th Jan
Psychology and Counselling	18th Jan & 30th Jan
Education	25th Jan
Social Work	18th Jan
History	27th Jan
Mathematics	27th Jan



DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Department of Computer Science and M/s. CoderZBot Innovations, Chennai, organized the internship trainee program for the Final year BCA & MCA students on 30th January and 1st February 2023. Altogether, 8 MCA and 6 BCA students were selected for free internship training, project and placement by M/s. CoderZBot Innovations, Chennai. Mr. Arun Venkat CEO, M/s. CoderZBot Innovations, Chennai and his team Miss. Indira HR- Manager and Mr. Venu Gopal – Technical Trainer were the panel of interview team members. The program was co-ordinated by Mr. A. Prem Kumar, M.C.A., M.E.(CSE), M.Phil., Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Computer Science, St. Joseph University.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

National Voters day. The department of political science observed National Voters' day on 25-01-2023 at St. Joseph University auditorium. The Program's objective was to inculcate constitutional obligations among students. Prof Charles Mhonthung Ezung, Dean of Students Affairs was the resource person for the event. During the event, Elocution competition on Women's empowerment, waste management, online learning and other issues and essay competition on "Relevance and significance of Right to Vote" was organized for the students.



Glimpse of National Voters' Day observation organised by Dept of Political Science on 25th January 2023

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

Faculty Development Programme on 'Governance, Leadership and Management'. The Department of Psychology and Counselling, St. Joseph University organized a Faculty Development Programme on the 6th criterion of NAAC, 'Governance, Leadership and Management'. The resource person of the programme was Dr Elangbam Haridev Singh, Head of the Department of Management Studies, at St. Joseph University. The programme was organized in the university auditorium at 10:00 am, and it was attended by 15 faculties from different departments of the university.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The department of Social Work conducted an Orientation on The Process of Dissertation on 20th January for its final year Post-Graduates and Under graduates students. The programme was attended by 52 students and 5 faculties. The department also organised an orientation on Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for BSW IV on 27th January, 2023. An orientation on the Scope of Social Work was organised for the final year students on 31st January 2023.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Erudite 2023. On Jan 31 and Feb 1, Department of Mathematics, St. Joseph University, organised its first Erudite annual programme, a two days technical festival & talent show. The main objective of the Erudite festival is to provide opportunity to students to exchange ideas, show their creative talents and nurture their

knowledge in interactive and competitive manner. The festival comprises of three events: Exhibition (Model), Chess Competition and Quiz Competition. More than 200 students participated in various events.



CONCLUSION: We are happy and thankful to the Almighty Father for choosing everyone, as His own tool to do His will and reach out His glory to the whole world. It will be a constant effort of the Team to keep mirroring the University's activities and innovative initiations undertaken towards the holistic approach of Education Empowerment. We hope that this issue will all make us a better responsible Citizen. Keep connecting with us through this monthly edition and shower us with love by sharing our issue. Thank you.



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