

Directorate of Technical Education: Chennai 600 025

Circular No. 01517/Y2/CDC/2016 Dated : 20.01.2016

Sub: Technical Education — Elections — Celebration of National Voters' Day 2016 – Pledge on National Voters' Day 25th January 2016 at 11.00 A.M. and conduct of Various competitions at colleges -Regarding.

Ref: 1. Government letter No. 7877/Public (Elections VII) Department /2015 - 10, dated: 08.01.2016. Received in this office on 13.01.2016.

2. Letter No. R.O.C.B./1576/2015, Dated: 12.1.2016 received from the District Election Officer and Principal Secretary / Commissioner Corporation of Chennai. Received in this office on 13.01.2016.

In the reference letter above cited, the Chief Electoral Officer and Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu has informed, to celebrate the sixth National Voters' Day on 25th January 2016 in educational institutions as well to take a pledge on National Voters' Day at 11.00 A.M. (25.1.2016) and conduct various competitions in the colleges. Hence you are requested to follow the instructions meticulously.

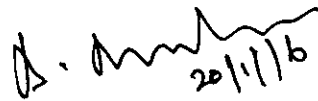
The Government letter is enclosed herewith for necessary action.

Encl: As above

(Sd/-) S. MADUMATHI,
Director of Technical Education

To:

The Principals of all Government /
Government Aided / Self financing
Polytechnic Colleges and Engineering Colleges.


for Director of Technical Education
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PUBLIC (ELECTIONS.VII) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009.

Letter No.7877/Ele.VII/2015-10, Dated: 08.01.2016.

From
Thiru. Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S.,
Chief Electoral Officer &
Secretary to Government.

To
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government /
The Principal Secretary to Government /
The Secretary to Government of all Departments,
Secretariat, Chennai -9(w.e)



All Heads of Departments (w.e)

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Elections - Celebration of National Voters' Day, 2016 -
Pledge on National Voters' day 2015 and conduct of
Various competitions at schools and colleges- Regarding.

Ref: From the Chief Election Commissioner of India,
New Delhi, D.O. Letter No.491/SVEEP/NVD/2015/Vol.II,
Dated: 06.11.2015

I am directed to state that the Election Commission of India, decided to celebrate 25th January, its foundation day as "National Voters' Day" every year to register the newly eligible young (18+) in the electoral roll and also to promote electoral participation. The sixth National Voters' Day will be celebrated on 25.01.2016. The Election Commission of India has directed that the National Voters' Day should be celebrated throughout the State at all levels, i.e., State, District and Polling Station Locations on 25.01.2016 as was celebrated last year. As a part of National Voters' Day celebrations, NVD pledge will be taken in all Government offices. A copy of the NVD pledge in English and Tamil is enclosed herewith.

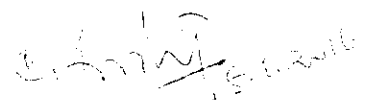
2. Further, I am directed to state that Pledge on National Voters' Day has to be taken on National Voters' Day i.e on 25th January 2016, by all the staff members and officers in the Government departments and offices in our State.

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Further, the Commission has instructed that the schools and educational institutions organize activities like debates, declamations, mock polls, drawing and quiz competitions in all Schools and Colleges on or during run-up to National Voters' Day with the theme of democracy.

3. I am therefore directed to request you to issue necessary instructions to the concerned authorities under your control to make necessary arrangements to conduct the National Voters' Day function at polling station level and to administer National Voters' Day Pledge at 11.00 A.M on **25.01.2016** forenoon in all Government offices.

Yours faithfully,



for Chief Electoral Officer &
Secretary to Government.

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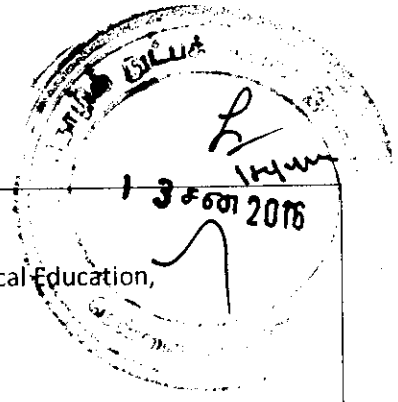
We, the citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and to vote in every election fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community,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

வாக்காளர் உறுதிமொழி

ஐனநாயகத்தின் மீது இணங்கி நடக்கும் நம்பிக்கையுடைய இந்தியக் குடிமக்களாகிய நாம், நம் நாட்டின் ஐனநாயக மரபுகளையும், சுதந்திரமான, நியாயமான மற்றும் அமைதியான தேர்தல்களின் மாண்பையும் நிலைநிறுத்துவோம் என்றும், மேலும் ஒவ்வொரு தேர்தலிலும் அச்சமின்றியும், மதம், இனம், சாதி, வகுப்பு, மொழி ஆகியவற்றின் தாக்கங்களுக்கு ஆட்படாமலும் அல்லது எந்தவொரு தூண்டுதலுமின்றியும் வாக்களிப்போம் என்றும் உறுதி மொழிகிறோம்.

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From The District Election Officer and Principal Secretary/Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai, Ripon buildings, Chennai-600003.	To The Director of Technical Education, Sardar Patel Road, Kotturpuram, Chennai-600025.
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R.O.C.B/1576/2015

dated 12.1.2016

Sir/Madam,

Sub:	Elections-National Voters day-25.1.2016 –celebration of National Voters Day-and administering pledge for National Voters day-reg.
Ref:	From the Chief Electoral Officer and Secretary to Govt., Letter No.7877/El.VII/2015-14, dated 11.01.2016.

I invite kind attention to the ref. cited wherein it has been informed that the sixth National Voters day will be celebrated on 25th January , 2016 and the theme is "inclusive and qualitative Electoral participation " with the objective being to utilize the occasion to create awareness about the importance of getting oneself enrolled as elector, and thereby enhance the participation in our democratic process. In this regard I request to suitably instruct the heads of the educational institutions to celebrate the National Voters Day on 25.1.2016 by administering National Voters Day Pledge and further conducting the competitions to students on the above theme.

The copy of pledge in English and Tamil is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

For DEO/PS/COMMR, COC. 12/1/16

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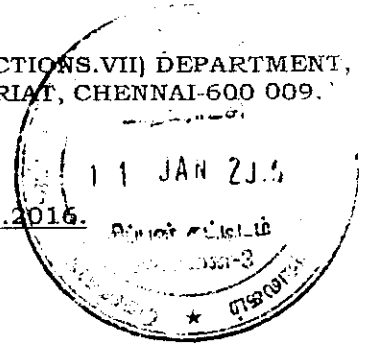
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PUBLIC (ELECTIONS.VII) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009.



Letter No.7877/Ele.VII/2015-14, Dated: 11.01.2016.

From
Thiru. Rajesh Lakhoni, I.A.S.,
Chief Electoral Officer &
Secretary to Government.

To
The Vice-Chancellors of all
Universities in Tamil Nadu (w.e)

Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Elections - National Voters' Day, 2016 - Celebration of
National Voters' Day and Administering Pledge for
National Voters' Day - Regarding

Ref: From the Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter
No.491/SVEEP/NVD/2015 Vol.IV, Dated: 02.12.2015.

I am directed to state that the Election Commission of India has decided to celebrate its foundation day, 25th January every year, as the 'National Voters' Day' throughout the country. The sixth National Voters' Day will be celebrated on 25th January, 2016 and the theme is "**Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation**". The objective is, to use the occasion to create awareness about the importance of getting oneself enrolled as elector, and thereby enhance the participation in our democratic process.

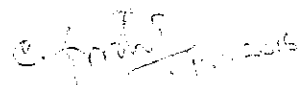
2. The Election Commission of India has instructed that "Young Voters Festival" through competitions in all higher educational institutions i.e., Colleges and Universities are to be organized by ERO/DEO to serve as a build-up to National Voters' Day, and attractive prizes may be given to the winner of the competitions at the District level.

3. Further, the Commission has also prescribed a Pledge to be administered on the National Voters' Day i.e., 25th January, 2016 to all citizens present in the functions to be organized at various levels on the National Voters' Day. At the State-level function to be held at Raj Bhavan on

25.01.2016 at 11.00 a.m, His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu will administer the Voters' Pledge. Similarly, the pledge has to be administered in all educational institutions as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India. A copy of the Pledge (in English and Tamil) is enclosed.

4. I am, therefore directed to request you to kindly issue instructions to the Principals of the Colleges affiliated to your University to co-ordinate with the ERO/DEO in National Voters' Day celebration in educational institutions and in the conduct of competitions as a part of National Voters' Day celebration and to administer the National Voters' Day Pledge at 11.00 a.m., on 25.01.2016 by all the students and teachers in all educational institutions. This will inspire in youth a sense of citizenship, pride and participation in the election process. The activity can be adequately covered in the press and visual media and a brief documentation report can be sent to this office.

Yours faithfully,


for Chief Electoral Officer &
Secretary to Government.

Copy to:-

All District Election officers. (w.e).
The District Collector of Chennai. (w.e).
All District Nodal Officers (SVEEP). (w.e)
The Director of Collegiate Education,
EVK Sampath Maligai, 9th Floor,
College Road, Chennai-6 (w.e).

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