

INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES FOR ELECTORAL LITERACY

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<p>1. Whether Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the University?</p>	<p>The university appointed Dr. Aniket Anil Ambekar as Nodal officer (vid office order no.006/Tech./105/83/Vol.II/1658 DATED 07/12/2021) for creating awareness among students and faculty regarding voter registration.</p>
<p>2. Whether students' co-ordinator and co-ordinating faculty members are appointed by the University and whether the ELCs are functional? Whether the ELCs are representative in character?</p>	<p>Yes, faculty members are appointed by the University activities has been organized as per instructions provided by concerned authorities with active participation of students.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>The institution has organized innovative programs in collaboration with District and State Election Commission. The university National Social Scheme (NSS) unit is actively organized National Voters Programs. The university conducts special drive for voter registration awareness program for Graduate Constituency of Legislative Council.</p>
<p>4. Any socially relevant projects/initiatives taken by University 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.</p>	<p>Institution promotes and organizes online National Seminar on "Role of Media Research in Election Management" for social awareness among students and faculty members. The university also organized Essay Competition and Elocution competition for promoting awareness for "The importance of Voter in Indian Democracy" and "The importance of Voter in Indian Democracy" in collaboration with District and State Election Commission for MLC election Maharashtra 2019.</p>
<p>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 University to institutionalize mechanisms to register eligible students as voters.</p>	<p>University initiated the awareness among the students regarding their enrollment as voter. Circulars and notices were distributed among students received from District and State Election Commission regularly.</p>