

Annual Report of Electoral Literacy Club (2019-20)



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On 11 September 2019, training was given to 20 student members of the Club with regard to Electoral Verification Programme (EVP). These students conducted



Electoral Verification Program and special summary revision of electoral rolls from 5th September to 15th October 2019. The existing voters verified their voter card details.

The Club organized Voter Registration Drive from September to December 2019. 1212 students filled voter enrollment forms online and offline. In a bid to create awareness regarding the need to exercise one's right to vote, Slogan Writing Competition was held on the theme 'Significance of Casting Vote' on November 14, 2019. 23 students from



different streams participated in the competition. Devanshi of BAI, Sehajpreet Kaur of BA II, and Shivangi Kohli of BA III bagged first, second and third prizes respectively. Consolation prizes were given to Arshpreet Kaur of BA I, Amanjot Kaur of BA III and Aditi Shekhar of BA II.



Tenth National Voters' Day was celebrated by the Electoral Literacy Club of the College on the theme 'Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy' on 25 January, 2020 as a befitting tribute to the spirit of Indian democracy in India. Open Mic was organized where students voiced their views on the need and importance of using one's right to vote.

A vibrant 'Nukkad Natak' was also staged by the students to encourage the spectators to cast their votes judiciously. Voter Card enrolment helpdesk was put up and form no 6 were distributed to the newly eligible voters. Students and staff members took an oath to uphold their faith in democracy and vote fearlessly in every election. The event concluded with a Campus Rally.



Principal of the College, Dr. Nisha Bhargava graced the event and addressed the young voters. She advised the students to use the hard earned right to vote sagaciously.



Our college students participated in an Inter-college Debate and Essay Writing Competition held at PGGC Sector 42 on the theme ‘Electoral Literacy for Stronger Democracy’ on 20th January 2020. Daanish Kaur of BA II bagged First Position in individual category in Debate competition and Ashwathi of BA III won Third position in Essay Writing competition.



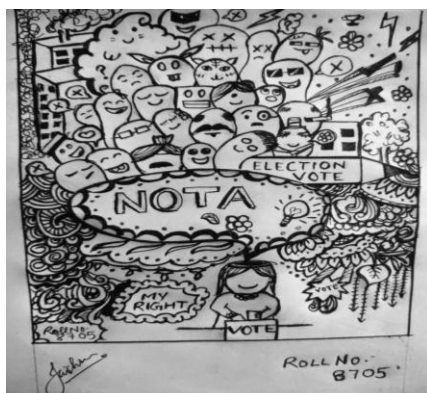
The Club organized the screening of documentary titled ‘Indian Elections- A Mammoth Democratic Exercise’ on February 18, 2020 with an objective to make the students aware about the electoral system in India and the

significance of vote to make the Indian democracy strong. 64 students participated in the screening. Discussion session was held after the screening wherein the challenges faced by the Election Commission were deliberated upon.

The Club organized an online ‘Doodle Art’ competition on 24th April 2020 with an aim to generate awareness among students regarding electoral process and significance of Vote. In addition, doodle as an activity is an emotional outlet and enhances creativity and keeps the mind focused.



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Electoral Literacy Club organized an online Poem Writing Competition on the theme 'Elections', 'Votes' and 'Electoral Awareness' from 4th to 6th June 2020. 20 students participated in the competition and sent their self-composed poems on the theme. Arshpreet Kaur of BA I bagged first position, Shagun Choudhary of BA I and Kajal of BA III got second and third positions respectively.

SHOULD I VOTE?

I woke up in the morning and realized its a holiday,
Oh! Its elections day.

And then I thought,
Should I go to vote or not?
My first instinct said
"Just stay in bed."
Because in a long line, I would have to wait,
And there is no worthy candidate.
And all the promises they make,
Are actually fake.
They do not care,
And build castles in the air.
They threaten others, with a goon and a gun,
And for the people, nothing is done.

"My vote is useless!!!!"

But then again I thought,
What if, I didn't have any choice?
What if, I couldn't raise my voice?
What if, someone with a greater might,
Took from me this basic right?
What if, on the basis of gender or race,
Or the colour of my face,
I was told that I couldn't vote?
And I should suppress the voice in my throat?

I would have felt cheated!!!

And I would have fought my hardest,
And tried my best.
To get this basic right.

History told me that I should vote.
Because, we are like birds in a cage,
Without universal suffrage.

And in the end I thought,
"Yes, I would vote.
So that, I can say my word,
And my voice is heard."

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वोट

मैं सभी को अपनी उंगलियों पर नचाना जानती हूँ
मैं सब को अपने पीछे पागल बनाना जानती हूँ
अरे, इतना इतराईये मत
मैं आप सब की प्यारी वोट ही हूँ।
जी हाँ, सही सुना आपने, वोट!
जिसे पाने के लिए नेताओं की कतारें लग जाती हैं
जिसे पाने के बाद पार्टियों में तकरारें बढ़ जाती हैं
इस वोट के लिए हिन्दू- हिन्दू से लड़ जाता है
और भारत देश तरक्की कर रहा कहलाता है!
पर हकीकत में चुनावों के नाम पर शराब और पैसे से
लोगों का ईमान तक खरीद लिया जाता है।
चुनावों से पहले तो मेरे नाम पर यूँ वादे किये जाते हैं बड़े- बड़े
पर चुनावों के बाद मुझे धोखा दे दिया जाता है।
सिर्फ मुझे पाने के लिए ही, अमीर भी गरीब के आगे
झोली फैलाकर खड़ा हो जाता है।
नए चुनाव होने से पहले फिर से मुझे गुलाब के फूल की तरह
सँभाल- सँभाल कर रखा जाता है
पर चुनाव होते ही मुझे फिर से सूखी पत्ती की भाँति फेंक दिया जाता है
मेरी वजह से ही कभी कांग्रेस तो कभी बीजेपी को कुर्सी मिल जाती है
पर 'अच्छे दिन' लाने के नाम पर हर पार्टी लोगों को बस झूठ का मीठा पानी ही
पिलाती है
लेकिन ये नासमझ लोग पढ़ ही नहीं पाते उस बेबस और लाचार वोट के आँसू
जो हर बार हर चुनाव में रुलाई जाती है।

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