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PRESS RELEASE

The 12th National Voters' Day (NVD) with the theme "Making Elections inclusive, accessible and participative" was observed today in Delhi with the solemnity and earnestness befitting the occasion.

The primary purpose of the NVD celebration is to encourage, facilitate, and promote voter registration and participation, particularly among first-time voters: Dr. Ranbir Singh

All participants took pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of India and to vote in an ethical manner in every election: CEO

Sh. Kiren Rijju, Minister of Law and Justice, India, presented the Best Electoral Practices Award to Sh. J L Gupta, OSD to the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi, for his contribution towards promotion of electoral literacy clubs in the NCT of Delhi.

Several young voters of Delhi of diverse categories were given their Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) at the National and the State level functions.

Certificates of Achievement and Cash prize to winners of various competitions held amongst members of Electoral Literacy Clubs were awarded to 32 young achievers of schools and colleges of Delhi.

Awards for the Best Electoral Practises were granted to 30 officers at the state and district levels for their outstanding performance in election administration.

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India celebrated its 12th National Voters Day today with the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi scheduling a number of activities to mark the occasion with the solemnity and earnestness befitting the occasion. In this regard, Dr. Ranbir Singh stated that the main purpose of the National Voters' Day celebration is to encourage, facilitate, and maximise voter registration and participation, particularly among first-time voters. This year's NVD theme, 'Making elections inclusive, accessible and participative,' captures the essence of successful elections in a truly vibrant democracy.

Since 2011, the 25th of January has been commemorated as National Voters' Day across the country to celebrate the foundation day of the Election Commission of India. The day is devoted to the country's voters and is intended to improve voter awareness and encourage their informed involvement in the electoral process.

The programme commenced with welcoming dignitaries Sh. S. K. Srivastava, Commissioner, State Election Commission, Sh. Narender Kumar, Chairman, UT Election Commission and the state icons Ms. Alaknanda Das Gupta, Sh. Neeraj Yadav, Paralympics, Sh. Ankur Dhama, Para athlete, following the lighting of the auspicious lamp by CEO Delhi. The programme involved transmission of the audio-visual message of the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India addressed to the nation on the occasion of the National Voters' Day. It was followed with taking of the NVD 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 inducement"

Dr. Singh informed that on the occasion of National Voter's Day, Sh. Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Law and Justice, India, presented the Best Electoral Practices Award under the category "Electoral Literacy Club" to Sh. J L Gupta, OSD to the Chief Electoral Officer of Delhi. He is Director in Information Technology under Ministry of Telecommunications' and is currently working in the CEO office in Delhi.

In the NVD function, several first time voters of Delhi of diverse categories were felicitated and given their Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC).

Certificates of Achievement and Cash prizes for the competitions held amongst members of Electoral Literacy Clubs in various categories like Poster Making, Cartoon Making, Video making, Article Writing in Hindi and English, Slogan Writing in Hindi and English and Online Quiz Competition, were bestowed upon 32 young achievers of schools and colleges in Delhi.

Awards for the Best Electoral Practises were given to 30 achievers at the state and district levels, for their outstanding performance in election management. Ms. Monica Priyadarshini, DM, New Delhi was awarded for Improvement in overall Health of Electoral Roll, Ms. Geetika Sharma DM, North-East for Enrolment of Female and Young Electors, Ms. Sonika Singh, DM, East for Deletion of Shifted/Dead Electors. Other categories included Overall Performance of Voter Centre, Election Management and Voter's Education and Electoral Participation.

Special awards were given to Sh. Akhil Kumar, Joint Chief Electoral Officer, Office of the CEO-Delhi and Sh. Ashish Kumar Pandey, Section Officer, SVEEP Branch, Office of the CEO- Delhi.

Sh. Deep Chandra, Director of the Community Empowerment Trust received the Award for Best Electoral Practises 2021 in CSO Category on behalf of the NGO.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Ranbir said that the Special Summary Revision outcomes as seen in the final Electoral Roll signify our march towards the ECI's vision of 'No Voter to be Left Behind'. He thanked all officers and officials of the office of the Chief Electoral Officer for working tenaciously to make the SSR-2022 a success.

Dr. Ranbir Singh said, "Voters are the backbone of a democracy. Our constant endeavour is to educate, motivate, facilitate, engage and empower the voters so that they could play their democratic role more and more effectively. Let's renew our commitment for making elections truly inclusive, accessible and participative on this special occasion of 12th NVD".