

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, DELHI**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

- **The 15th National Voters' Day (NVD) with the theme "Nothing like voting, I vote for sure" was observed today in Delhi with the solemnity and earnestness befitting the occasion.**
- **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 Delhi Election Quiz-2025: 33 Winners Rewarded for Electoral Knowledge.**
- **Awards for the Best Electoral Practices were granted to 16 officers at the state and district levels for their outstanding performance in election administration**

**NEW DELHI**

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Delhi celebrated its 15th 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, Ms. Alice Vaz stated that the main purpose of the National Voters' Day celebration is to encourage, facilitate, and maximise voter participation, particularly among first-time voters. This year's NVD theme, 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure,' captures the essence of 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 Mr. Naved (Radio Jockey), Sh. Ankur Dhama(Para Athlete) and Suvarna Raj (Para Athlete) ECI Ambassador, following the lighting of the auspicious lamp by CEO Delhi. The programme involved transmission of the audiovisual 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".

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 competition namely 15th National Voters' Day Delhi Election Quiz-2025 competition held by The Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi. The competition saw enthusiastic participation, with prizes awarded to the top three winners from each of the 11 Districts. The winners were awarded with the first prize of Rs. 10,000, second prize of Rs. 7,000, and third prize of Rs. 5,000. This initiative aimed to promote voter awareness and engagement, celebrating the importance of elections and democratic participation. The event successfully brought together individuals from across Delhi, fostering a spirit of knowledge and civic responsibility.

Awards for the Best Electoral Practices were given to total 16 achievers at the state and district levels, for their outstanding performance in election management. Three DEOs namely Dr. Kinni Singh, IAS (DEO-West), Sh. Mekala Chaitanya Prasad, IAS(DEO-South) and Sh. Amol Srivastava, IAS(DEO-EAST) were awarded for Election Management and Voter's Education & Electoral Participation, Election Management, IT initiatives, Election Management and innovative measures. 02 ERO/AERO were awarded in the Best Performing ERO/AERO Officer Category. 05 BLOs awarded in Best Performing BLO Category. In addition to this, Special Category Award was given to 06 Officers/officials of CEO (HQ).

Ms. Vaz 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 15th NVD".