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PRESS RELEASE

- **The 16th National Voters' Day (NVD) with the theme 'My India, My Vote' 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.**
- **Awards for the Best Electoral Practices were granted to 107 officers/officials at the state and district levels for their outstanding performance in election administration.**
- **On the occasion of NVD-26 CEO, Delhi has inaugurated Call Centre for voters of Delhi.**

NEW DELHI

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Delhi celebrated its 16th 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, 'My India, My Vote' 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 has been started with the inauguration of call centre (1950) for the voters of Delhi and 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).

Awards for the Best Electoral Practices were given to total 107 achievers at the state and district levels, for their outstanding performance in election management. 03 DEOs were awarded in the Best Performing District Election Officer Category. 11 Returning Officer (RO) were awarded in the Best Performing Returning Officer Category. 04 Nodal Officer were awarded in Best Performing Nodal Officer Category. 01 Booth Awareness Group (BAG) was awarded in the Best Performing in BAG Category from Central district. 01 Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) awarded in Best Performing ELC Category from South-West district. 11 ERO and 11 AERO were awarded in the Best Performing ERO/AERO Officer Category. 35 BLOs awarded in Best Performing BLO Category. In addition to this, Best Performing Award was given to 30 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 16th National Voter Day.
