## **ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA**

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001

No.491/ ECI/DO/FUNC/SVEEP-I/NVD/2021

Dated: 11th January, 2022

To

The Chief Secretaries of All States/UTs.

Sub: National Voters' Day (25th January) 2022 - Reg.

Sir / Madam,

As you are aware that the National Voters' Day is celebrated, across the country on 25th January, every year. This year the theme of the NVD celebrations is "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative".

In keeping with the practice, it is requested that schools and Educational Institutions in your state may be instructed to organize events like debate, discussions, competitions (drawing, skit, song, painting, essay etc.), on the sidelines of NVD celebrations on the above mentioned theme. The said events may be organised via an Online mode as per appropriate Covid guidelines/ protocols in place. Further educational institutions may be asked to administer the NVD pledge, on the National Voters' Day, through an Online mode. The photographs of all these events, may be uploaded using hashtag #NVD2022, on their respective social media handles or website, wherever possible. The Copy of the pledge is attached herewith along with the letter.

I would also like to request you to direct that all staff & officers in state Government Departments/ PSUs and officers in your State to take the NVD pledge, following appropriate Covid norms, at around 11:00 AM or at any suitable time during the day, on 25th January, 2022. The photographs of event/pledge taking ceremony may be uploaded using hashtag #NVD2022, on their respective social media handles and website.

Encl: NVD pledge (Hindi/English)

Yours faithfully,

(Santosh Ajmera)

Copy to: The Chief Electoral Officers of All States/UTs.

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## Pledge For National Voters' Day, 25th January 2022 मतदाताओं द्वारा ली जाने वाली शपथ

"हम, भारत के नागरिक, लोकतंत्र में अपनी पूर्ण आस्था रखते हुए यह शपथ लेते हैं कि हम अपने देश की की लोकतांत्रिक परम्पराओं की मर्यादा को बनाए रखेंगे तथा स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण निर्वाचन की गरिमा को अक्षुण्ण रखते हुए, निर्भीक होकर, धर्म, वर्ग, जाति, समुदाय, भाषा अथवा अन्य किसी भी प्रलोभन से प्रभावित हुए बिना सभी निर्वाचनों में अपने मताधिकार का प्रयोग करेंगे"।

## Voters' 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".

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