

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION**

Press Release

**Celebrations of National Voters' Day**

**Chandigarh, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018:** The Election Department, U.T., Chandigarh today celebrated the State Level function on National Voters' Day at Post Graduate Govt. College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh. All the Asstt. Electoral Registration Officer's also celebrated the 8<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day at their respective areas in Chandigarh. Celebrations were also done at all the polling stations in Union Territory, Chandigarh.

Shri. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Finance Secretary-cum-Chief Electoral Officer was the Chief Guest of the function. Additional Chief Electoral Officer, Joint Chief Electoral Officer and Electoral Officers of Chandigarh Parliamentary Constituency were also present at the State Level National Voters' Day function. During the function, students of Govt. College of Girls performed the cultural programme. Public and officers took the Pledge for the faith in Democracy and to vote in every election fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement.

Chief Electoral Officer stated that for all the eligible voters, who have attained the age of 18 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, a campaign was carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and thereafter a special drive was carried out by the BLO's which was extended up to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 to identify the eligible voters. Best efforts have been made by the Election Department to enroll all eligible electors who have attained the age of 18 years. At present Chandigarh Parliamentary Constituency have 5, 85,630 electors which was finally published on 10-01-2018.

The Chief Guest facilitated the young and millennium electors by distributing the newly prepared Electors Photo Identity Cards, also awarded the winner of the Election Quiz and congratulated all citizens, especially the newly enrolled voters, on this historic occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day.

Sh. Saurabh Mishra, IAS, Jt.CEO also highlighted the importance of a single vote in his speech and thanked the Chief Guest and all participants on National Voters' Day.

As directed by the ECI, the Electoral Literacy Clubs will be formulated in all Educational Institutes, Polling Stations and other organization to create awareness among residents. Young electors and future electors were educated about the electoral process and to establish electoral literacy culture throughout the India, so that the person when eligible can enroll and exercise his/her vote.

The National Voter's Day is dedicated to the Constitutional Rights bestowed on every citizen of India by the founder fathers of the Nation, who granted the right of adult suffrage to every Indian citizen, irrespective of religion, race, caste, community, language, region or socio-economic considerations.