## **Electoral Literacy Club**

The Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs) are venues for involving college students and residents of rural communities through engaging activities and practical experience to make them aware of their voting rights. It is established in all educational institutions at the request of the Election Commission of India (ECI) with the goal of educating and ensuring the participation of the youth and future voters, who are the foundation of Indian democracy.

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of ICEEM College (BAC) is being set up to promote electoral literacy targeting the new voters (in the age group of 18-21 years old) who are pursuing their graduation and residents of rural communities through engaging and interesting activities and hands-on experience in an apolitical, neutral, and non-partisan manner. The club functions as per the mission, vision & objective mentioned below:

#### Mission:

- 1. Promote Electoral Literacy: Educate students about the electoral process, including voter registration, voting procedures, and the significance of elections in a democratic society.
- 2. Raise Awareness: Organize seminars, workshops, and campaigns to raise awareness about the importance of civic engagement, democracy, and responsible citizenship.
- 3. Encourage Voter Participation: Motivate students to exercise their right to vote by providing them with the necessary information and resources to make informed decisions during elections.

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- 4. Forcer Critical Chinking: Foster critical thinking skills among students to evaluate political candidates, parties and policies based on merit and alignment with democratic values.
- 5. Promote Diversity and Inclusivity: Advocate for the inclusion of diverse voices and perspectives in the electoral process, ensuring that all students feel represented and empowered to participate.
- 6. Collaborate with Stakeholders: Collaborate with electoral authorities, government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to enhance electoral literacy and civic engagement both within the college and the wider community.
- 7. Encourage Leadership and Responsibility: Provide opportunities for students to take on leadership roles within the club and develop skills in organizing, communication, and advocacy, fostering a sense of responsibility towards society.
- 8. Monitor and Evaluate Impact: Continuously monitor and evaluate the club's activities to measure their effectiveness in achieving the goals of electoral literacy and civic engagement, making adjustments as necessary.

#### Vision:

To cultivate an informed and engaged student body that actively participates in the democratic process, contributing positively to society.

### Objectives:

- 1. To educate the targeted population about voter registration, electoral process and related matters through hands on experience.
- 2. To cultivate a culture of voting, and uphold the values of "Every Vote Counts" and "No Voters to Be Left Behind".
- 3. To encourage critical thinking about issues involving voting rights, democracy, and its procedure.
- **4.** To facilitate Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and Voter-verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) familiarization and education about the robustness of EVM as well as the integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.

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