

Message from the Chief Election Commissioner

on the 5th National Voters' Day

Namaskar,

On the occasion of our 5th National Voters' Day, indeed it gives me great pleasure to congratulate all citizens, specially the newly enrolled voters, on the auspicious occasion of 5th National Voters' Day. The National Voters' Day is dedicated to the Constitutional Rights of adult suffrage granted to every Indian citizen, irrespective of religion, race, caste, community, language, region or socio-economic considerations.

First and foremost, I take this opportunity to thank all the citizens who made the Lok Sabha Elections 2014 the biggest ever participatory exercise in the world with more than 55 crore of you turning up at the polling station to exercise your valuable franchise. The women of India deserve a special mention, with a record breaking participation of more than 26 crore Indian women voters of the country who cast their vote in these elections.

Citizen's participation in democratic elections starts with the registration and gets completed with voting on the polling day. Through consistent efforts, we have achieved an electoral roll of around 84 crore voters following the recently concluded Roll Revision.

In our pursuit of not just greater participation but complete participation, we strive to guarantee registration of all eligible persons and facilitate voting by all who are enrolled. The theme for the year 2015 is **Easy Registration, Easy Correction**. Thus the entire process of registration and correction of the details on the roll shall be made easier for the citizens. I, on behalf of the Election Commission of India, urge/appeal every citizen of this country on this day to rise to this shared responsibility. The Pledge that we all would be taking today is a reaffirmation of our faith in ourselves, our country and our democracy.

I once again convey my best wishes to every Indian citizen on this happy occasion of National Voters' Day and appeal everyone to make it a great success by becoming an integral part of the democratic electoral process. Let us make our country Great.

Jai Hind!

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