

Election Commission of India

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Election Commission of India hosts 6th National Voters' Day in New Delhi on 25th January (Monday), 2016.

Election Commission of India is celebrating 6th National Voters' Day (NVD) across the country on 25th January. The theme for the 6th National Voters' Day is 'Inclusive and Qualitative Participation'.

The National function of the NVD will be held in New Delhi and presided over by President of India, Shri. Pranab Mukherjee.

Chief Election Commissioner Dr. Nasim zaidi will release the book titled, 'Belief in the Ballot' and present the first copy to the President.

The Chief Guest will give away Awards for Best Electoral Practices to Chief Electoral Officers, District Electoral Officers, SPs, Officers involved in election management. Awards will also be given to Media Houses and Civil Society Organisations for best campaign in Voters' Education and Awareness.

This year a new Award has been introduced to recognise the contribution of Government department/ Agencies to the efforts of ECI for enhancing electoral participation. Six newly eligible electors would be given their EPICs by President of India.

25th January is also the foundation day of the Commission, which came into being on this day in 1950. The Commission's objective through NVD is to increase enrolment of voters, especially of the newly eligible ones. The National Voters' Day is also utilised to spread awareness among voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process. National Voters' Day celebrations will be organised in all polling station locations across the country. State level function is organised by the Chief Electoral Officers of the State concerned.

After the completion of the NVD National function, the Commission will inaugurate the construction of India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) campus at sector-22 Dwarka, New Delhi.

Election Commission of India will be presenting a Tableau with the theme 'Inclusive and Qualitative Participation' at the Republic Day parade on 26th January at Rajpath, New Delhi.

Enclosed is a list of Awardees.



(Dhirendra Ojha)
Director

BEST ELECTORAL PRACTICES AWARD (Plaque & Citation; Cash Prize of Rs 50,000/-)

1. Best Electoral Practices Award for **Innovation** to **Sanjay Kumar Agarwal**, DEO Gaya, Bihar for a series of innovative measures for inclusive women participation resulting in enhanced women turnout in the district in the State Assembly Election 2015
2. Best Electoral Practices Award for **Voter Education & Electoral Participation** jointly to
 - a. **Shri Lokesh Kumar Singh** DEO West Champaran, Bihar for sustained campaign on voter education and awareness which ensured record voter turnout in the district in the State Assembly Election 2015
 - b. **Shri Aboobacker Siddique** DEO West Singhbhum, Jharkhand for sustained campaign for voter education and awareness which ensured record voter turnout in the district in the State Assembly Election 2014
3. Best Electoral Practices Award for **Security Management** to **Shri Manu Maharaj** SSP Gaya, Bihar for comprehensive security management and confidence building measures for electorate leading to increase in turnout in the district during State Assembly elections 2015
4. Best Electoral Practices Award for **Electoral Roll Management** to **Ms Antara Acharya** DEO Medinipur, West Bengal for effective electoral roll management and improved gender ratio on the roll and registration of persons with disability besides carrying out sustained programme to increase voters awareness

SPECIAL AWARD (Plaque & Citation; Cash Prize of Rs 40,000/-)

5. Special Award for **Innovation** to **Shri Balamurugan D** DEO Purnea, Bihar for innovative measures for election management like vehicle cell management, facilitating postal ballot for polling personnel, and other initiatives in the district in the State Assembly Election 2015
6. Special Award for **Voter Education & Electoral Participation** jointly to
 - a. **Shri Shekhar Channe**, District Election Officer, Mumbai Suburban
 - b. **Shri Shirish Mohod** Dy CEO, Maharashtrafor sustained campaign for people's participation particularly the marginalized segments through forging effective partnerships for voter education and awareness
7. Special Award for **Security Management** to **Shri Sharat Kumar Sinha** DCP Delhi for comprehensive security management, maintaining law and order and curbing flow of contrabands in the State Assembly Election 2015

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE TO STATES (Plaque & Citation)

8. Award for Excellence to States to **Bihar** for a series of innovative measures for voter awareness, purification of rolls, security management, efficient use of technology for grievance redressal and voter facilitation resulting in increased turnout during State Assembly Election 2015. It is being received by **Shri Ajay Nayak**, Chief Electoral Officer

9. Award for Excellence to States to **Tamil Nadu** for a series of innovative measures in use of technology for election management and voter facilitation. It is being received by **Shri Rajesh Lakhoni**, Chief Electoral Officer
10. Award for Excellence to States to **NCT of Delhi** for a series of innovative measures for facilitation of Persons with Disability, purification of rolls, voter facilitation and voter education resulting in increased turnout during State Assembly Election 2015. It is being received by **Shri Chandra Bhushan Kumar**, Chief Electoral Officer

NATIONAL AWARD TO GOVT DEPARTMENT/AGENCY FOR ENHANCING ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION (Plaque & Citation)

11. National Award to Govt Department/Agency for Enhancing Electoral Participation to **Jeevika, Bihar** for promoting electoral literacy among rural women through various activities during the State Assembly Election 2015. It is being received by **Shri Arvind Kumar Chaudhary**, Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Bihar
12. National Award to Govt Department/Agency for Enhancing Electoral Participation to **Department of Posts, Delhi** for round-the-clock facilitation for collection of postal ballots during State Assembly Election in Delhi 2015. It is being received by **Shri Vasumitra**, Chief Postmaster General
13. National Award to Govt Department/Agency for Enhancing Electoral Participation to **Education Department, Gujarat** for promoting electoral and democracy education among school children and college students through various activities and initiatives. It is being received by **Shri Anish Mankad**, Commissioner, Technical Education, Government of Gujarat

National CSO Award (Plaque & Citation)

14. on Voters' Education and Awareness to **Young Mizo Association, Mizoram** for spreading awareness through various activities to promote electoral education. It is being received by **Shri Lalbiakzuala & Shri Lalmachhuanaion** of YMA

National Media Award (Plaque & Citation)

15. National Media Award(Print Media category) for **Best Campaign on Voters' Education and Awareness** to **Hindustan Media Ventures Limited** (Hindustan Newspaper, Bihar Edition), for its media campaign to increase electoral participation during the Bihar State Assembly Election 2015. It is being received by **Dr. Tirvijay Singh**, Senior Editor and **Sh. Sanjay Sinha**, Business Head