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## **Press Note**

### **Sub: Launch of Second Edition of VoICE International, a VoICE.NET e-publication**

The second edition of the VoICE International, a VoICE.NET e-publication was launched in Election Commission of India today.

Launching the magazine, Chief Election Commissioner, Dr. Nasim Zaidi appreciated the role of VoICE.NET as a platform for sharing information and encouraging international participation. He advised on providing a platform at VoICE NET for discussions and also information on the structure/ organization of each EMB, emerging legal trends in the electoral process, electoral reforms and technology amongst others. Dr. Zaidi asked the officials of Election Commission of India, CEOs and DEOs to enrich VoICE International through their vast experiences. He congratulated the team of VoICE International and hoped that this issue of VoICE International would serve as a reference guide for gender related good practices in elections.

Speaking on the occasion, Election Commissioner Mr. A.K. Joti stressed on the need on adopting and adapting good practices in the field. He stressed that VoICE.NET should not remain as just a research document. Along with voters, the political parties, CEOs and DEOs of different regions too need to be involved in implementing the good practices in voter education. He complimented the team of VoICE International for taking up themes such as youth, gender, PwDs, NRI and service voters.

Deputy Election Commissioner, Mr. Umesh Sinha informed that the first quarterly issue (Jan- March 2017) of VoICE International focused on the theme 'Empowering Young and Future Voters'. The second and present issue is based on the theme 'Voter education for Enhancing Gender Participation'. Subsequent issues will work on themes around Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Service Voters and NRIs.

Voter Information, Communication & Education Network (VoICE.NET) is a Global Knowledge Network for sharing knowledge, resources and expertise on Voter Education. An ECI initiative, it comprises 23 members from Election Management Bodies (EMBs) across the World and also international organizations like UNDP, IFES and IDEA.



*Dr. Nasim Zaidi ,CEC, Mr. A.K. Joti, EC and other officials from ECI release 2<sup>nd</sup> Issue of VoICE International*

VoICE.NET was launched during the International Conference on Voter Education for Inclusive, Informed & Ethical participation held at New Delhi in October 2016 as a part of New Delhi Declaration. VoICE International is the quarterly global magazine for Voter Information, Communication and Education at VoICE.NET portal.



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