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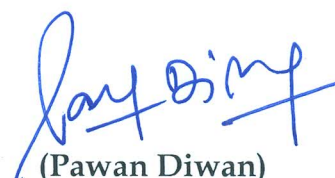
PRESS NOTE

Subject: National Elections Quiz 2017-18

As a part of its theme for the year 2017- '*Empowering Young and Future Electors*', the Election Commission of India is organizing the National Elections Quiz (NEQ) - an All-India, Inter-School Quiz for students from Classes IX to XII, who are the future electors. Designed and developed as a part of the Systematic Voter's Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme, NEQ is geared to include content of varying difficulty on topics ranging from the most functional aspects of electoral processes to themes like, *History of Democracies and Elections, Types of Elections, Elections across the World, Election Management Bodies, different Electoral Systems, Voter Education* and more. Roped in as student partners for NEQ 2017-18, the Quiz Societies of Ambedkar University, New Delhi and Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi would be extending content support for the national-level rounds of the event.

An extension of the ECI's Interactive School Engagement (ISE) programme that covered nearly 30,000 schools and more than 55 lakh students over its two phases in January and July 2017, the National Elections Quiz began on the 1st of November, 2017 with the Intra-School Rounds, which included an MCQ Set on elementary electoral knowledge and was followed by the District Round (organized by the Offices of the District Election Officers from 27th November, 2017 to 3rd December, 2017). With the State Rounds currently in progress, the 6 National Semi-Finals, slated to be held in New Delhi around the middle of January, 2018 would feature 36 School teams (of 2 participants) from across every State and Union Territory of the country.

Set to take place as a run-up to the National Voters' Day, the Finals of the inaugural edition of NEQ would witness 6 qualifying teams battle out for the Contest Title. The winning team would be Awarded on the 25th of January, 2018 as a part of the 8th National Voter's Day celebrations.


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Under Secretary