



Message from the Chief Election Commissioner

on the 3rd National Voters' Day

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all citizens, especially the newly enrolled voters, on the 3rd 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.

Today is also a day to remember the precious gift that founders of Indian Constitution made to the people of India by the name of Election Commission of India, 63 years ago. The Commission has delivered credible elections to the Indian people each and every time it was called upon to do so.

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 76 crore voters following the recently concluded Roll Revision exercise.

We know that a certain number of eligible people are still uncovered, unreached and unmotivated. Our endeavour is to ensure that everyone eligible should be enrolled and all those enrolled should participate in the elections. Besides, this participation of citizens needs to be informed and ethical, if we like our democracy to be meaningful. 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 citizen on the National Voters' Day and appeal to one and all to make it a great success by becoming an integral part of the democratic electoral process.

Jai Hind!

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