

# ST. ANNE'S DEGREE COLLEGE, VIRAJPET

(SANTHA ANNAMMA DEGREE COLLEGE)

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## Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy

### 1. Whether Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the College?

Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the College in 2022 and is functioning along with National Service Scheme (NSS).

The Principal is the Chair Person, Mrs. Shashikala B A is the Co-ordinator of the ELC with NSS Program Officer as the faculty coordinator. Two students are also appointed as Student Coordinator. 150 Students are member in the club.

The primary objective of the club is sensitizing the student community about democratic rights which includes casting votes in elections.

### 2. Whether Student's Co-Ordinator and Co-ordinating faculty members are appointed by the College and whether the ELC's are functional? Whether the ELC's are representative in character?

Yes, The Students Co-ordinator and Co-ordinating faculty members were appointed by the College:

Sl.No	Name	Designation	Roll
1	Mrs. Trupti Bopanna	Principal	Chair Person
2	Mrs. Shashikala B A	Assistant Professor	Co-ordinator
3	Mr. Shanthibhusan B N	NSS Officer	Faculty Member
4	Mr. Vignesh G R	Student	Student Co-ordinator
5	Ms. Snoha Fernandes		

**The ELC is functioning with the following objectives:**

- To create awareness and interest among faculties and students through awareness activities
- and camps.

- To educate the targeted populations about voter registration, electoral process and related matters.
- To familiarize the targeted populations with EVM and to educate them about robustness of EVM and integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.
- To help the targeted unaware people understand the value of their vote to ensure that they exercise their suffrage right in a confident, comfortable and ethical manner.
- To facilitate voter registration for its eligible members who are not yet registered.
- To develop a culture of electoral participation and maximize the informed and ethical voting and follow the principle 'Every Vote Counts' and 'No Voter to be Left Behind'.
- To motivate the students to participate in the ELC activities.

**3. What innovative programmes and initiatives undertaken by the ELCs? These may include voluntary contribution by the students in electoral processes- participation in voter registration of students and communities where they come from, assisting district election administration in conduct of poll, voter awareness campaigns. Promotion of ethical voting, enhancing participation of the under privileged sections of society especially transgender, commercial sex workers, disabled persons, senior citizens, etc...**

The Following are the initiatives undertaken by the ELC of SACV:

Right to vote -- Pledge

Right to vote -- Awareness in the institution and in nearby villages

Right to vote -- Poster Competition to college students

Right to vote -- Participation in Assembly election duty

Right to vote -- Promotion on ethical voting

Right to vote -- Promotion of voting among senior citizens

Right to vote -- Special camp for training and integrity of the Electoral process.

## Oath Ceremony and Poster Making



On April 8th, 2024, the Municipality/Town Panchayath Virajpet and ELC of St. Anne's Degree College organized a drawing competition aimed at promoting the significance of casting votes among undergraduate students.

**4. Any Socially relevant Projects /initiatives taken by the college in electoral related issues especially research Projects surveys, awareness drives, creating content, publications highlighting their contribution to advancing, democratic values and participation in electoral processes etc...**

### **Report on Voter Registration**



On January 12, 2023, ELC in collaboration with IQAC hosted a voter registration drive to help students sign up as new voters. The initiative aimed to educate young adults about their voting rights and responsibilities and to encourage their active involvement in the democratic process.

During the registration, students were guided through the necessary procedures, which included completing forms, submitting required documents,

and recognizing the significance of their vote. The college administration, along with the NSS and ELC coordinators, supported the process to ensure a smooth and efficient registration experience for the students.

### **SADBHAVANA DIWAS AND AWARENESS PROGRAM**



On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022, St. Anne's Degree College celebrated Sadbhavana Diwas with an awareness program aimed at fostering national unity and harmony. The event took place in the college auditorium and was graced by the presence of the chief guest, Ms. Archana Bhatt, the Tehsildar of Virajpet. The program was organized with the active participation of the Principal, NSS officer, and ELC coordinator.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by the principal, who emphasized the importance of Sadbhavana Diwas, reminding everyone of the need for communal harmony and the spirit of togetherness. This was followed by an inspiring address by the chief guest, Ms. Archana Bhatt, who

highlighted the significance of unity in diversity and the role of youth in promoting peace and goodwill in society.

The event concluded with a pledge-taking ceremony where students and faculty committed to upholding the values of harmony and national integration.



### Election Awareness March



**5. Extent of students above 18 years who are yet to be enrolled as voters in the electoral roll and efforts by ELCs as well as efforts by the college to institutionalize mechanisms to register eligible students as voters.**

The students above 18 years age are cultured to be the registered voter by way of awareness camps and pledge.

The SACV-ELC conducts year wise camps for the same.