Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy

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

Yes, order regarding the constitution of ELC via Letter No. 414/ Est. Adm./2022, Dated 09/04/2022 has been attached herewith. It can be accessed through link given below\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Whether students’ co-ordinator and co-ordinating faculty members are appointed by the College and whether the ELCs are functional? Whether the ELCs are representative in character?**

Yes. ELC consist of student’s coordinators as well as faculty members coordinating the club. ABVV ELC is functional right from its inception & students and teacher coordinators are actively engaged in conducting program in every session. Yes, it is representative in character.

**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 Electoral Board of Atal BihariVajpayee Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur conducted many innovative programmes in the jurisdiction of the University, namely, Bilaspur, Korba, Mungeli and GPM (Gorella, Pendra, Marwahi) districts.

* Awareness Programs in Affiliated Colleges: The large scale awareness programs were conducted in affiliated colleges of the University in districts under jurisdiction of University. The objective of such programme was to educate the newly enrolled students attaining the age of 18, regarding registration as a Voter, getting Voter ID card, and about their responsibility to VOTE.
* Awareness Programs in Villages: During the Special camps of NSS, Awareness programs related to Elections were scheduled to educate about the ethical Voting and moral responsibility of citizens of the country. The programs were designed to increase the participation of under privileged sections of society especially disabled persons and senior citizens,
* Innovative Initiatives: The voting campaign initiatives included the Rallies with Slogans, Nukkad Natak (Street drama), Rangoli competition and Door to door campaign.

**District wise information of Programs conducted**

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| Name of District | Rally | Nukkad Natak | Door to door | Wall Painting |
| Bilaspur | **55** | **6** | **20** | **12** |
| Korba | **45** | **7** | **12** | **9** |
| Mungeli | **36** | **4** | **6** | **6** |
| GPM | **26** | **2** | **3** | **3** |

* The model voting activity conducted involve functions of various electoral officers including the knowledge of how to operate Electronic Voting Machines (EVM).
* The newly enrolled students were given hands-on training for online registration process in including their names in Voter ID and acquiring Voter ID card.

**4. Any socially relevant projects/initiatives taken by 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.**

The ELC of ABVV conducted Awareness Drives focusing on the following aspects:

* Target those students who are newly admitted and belong to rural areas.
* Target the villages of remote location of Districts covered under University jurisdiction (Including the under privileged , senior citizens and disabled persons)
* Awareness regarding free and fair election as well as their roles and duties towards the democratic country in various localities.
* General awareness programme about the process of Election in Indian Democracy.
* Motivate the people of urban areas to increase the participation in Voting.

**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 names of UG/PG students who had just been admitted and qualified to register to vote were listed by volunteers and team leaders from the university.
* The ELC provide training to register their names in the voter's list by online filling of election forms related to the election.
* It also educates them about electronic platforms like the voter helpline Application Apps, election commission websites.
* Every year the ELC educate the students of both the UG/PG how to use the forms related to the election which are mentioned below:

• Form 6B - Letter of Information of Aadhaar number for the purpose of electoral roll authentication

• Form 6 - Application Form for New Voters

• Form 6A - Application for inclusion of name in Electoral Roll by an overseas Indian elector.

• Form 7 - Application Form for Objection for Proposed Inclusion/ Deletion of Name in Existing Electoral Roll

• Form 8 - Application Form for shifting of Residence/Correction of Entries in Existing Electoral Roll/Replacement of EPIC/Marking of PwD and filing of other forms related to election also taught by the ELC activities.