

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 25TH JANUARY 2016

As a measure to enhance participation of citizens in the democratic electoral process, the Election commission has declared 25th January, its foundation day, as National Voters Day every year from 2011. This year, we will be celebrating the 6th National Voters' Day throughout the State. The theme of National Voters' Day, 2016 is 'Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation'.

National Voters' Day is going to be celebrated at State level, District Level and in all the 29291 polling station locations in the state covering the 65616 polling stations. The State level function is going to be held at Raj Bhavan under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu as the chief guest. He will administer the National Voters' Day Pledge and give away EPI cards to newly registered voters and deliver his special address. The State Election commissioner, Thiru P. Seetharaman, IAS., (Retd.) and the Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.K. Gnanadesikan, IAS., will also participate in the function.

On this occasion, school children, will stage cultural programmes highlighting this year's National Voters' Day theme 'Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation' and the importance of greater participation for a stronger democracy.

Similarly, at the District level functions and the Polling Station level functions, National Voters' Day Pledge will be administered and EPI cards given to newly registered voters along with an Information Brochure for General Electors. The Voter's Pledge will also be administered at Government offices, schools and colleges on 25.01.2016 at 11.00 A.M. Similarly, Oath would be taken in all

Grama Sabha meetings scheduled to be held on 26.01.2016. A float depicting the theme of the sixth National Voters' Day would also form part of Republic Day Parade at Chennai. The Districts have already been conducting various activities like rallies, mini marathons, debates, human chains, street plays, hot air balloons, online quiz programmes etc., as a build-up to National Voters' Day, 2016.

Also, all electors are requested to register their mobile number by sending their EPIC number to 1950 from the mobile they want to register, so as to ensure facilitation of electoral services like information of polling station, voter detail information to reach them.

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