

Gopal Narayan Singh University, **Jamuhar, Sasaram, Rohtas (Bihar)**

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GUIDELINES ON ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUBS, GNSU

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1. INTRODUCTION		
	<p>The significance of literacy and electoral engagement for these young, potential voters in our nation has been recognized by the Election Commission of India (ECI). In 2010, the ECI launched a nationwide initiative called Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) with this goal in mind. Voter awareness, knowledge, and motivation were the program's primary goals in order to increase Indian voters' electoral participation.</p>	
2. VISION		
	<p>To contribute as much as possible to the development of an engaged democratic populace, starting with integrated civic and voter education and early electoral engagement.</p>	
3. ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUBS		
	<p>By entering SVEEP Phase III, the ECI has made the decision to continue the work of both SVEEP stages. SVEEP III's "Continuous Electoral Literacy and Democracy Education" is one of its strategic pillars. Through curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular interventions at the school, college, and university levels, as well as carefully planned coverage to the voter populations of that age group not covered by the formal educational system, this phase is being built up with the goal of mainstreaming electoral literacy among the young and future voters.</p> <p>ECI has decided to introduce Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELC) in educational institutions in an effort to encourage a voting culture among youth and prospective voters. The objective of these clubs is to function as a vibrant hub for hands-on electoral literacy education in schools and other educational institutions around the country. Establishing an Electoral Literacy Club at Gopal Narayan Singh University in Jamuhar is the first stage in this process. Its goal is to teach electoral literacy to incoming and young voters.</p>	
4. Objectives and Functions of ELC		
	4.1	To Give practical experience to students so, they may learn about voter registration, the electoral process, and other related topics.
	4.2	Organizing workshops and demonstrations to teach students about Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), focusing on how strong EVMs are and how fare the voting process is.

	4.3	Giving students the tools they need to realize how important their vote is and encouraging them to use their voting rights with confidence, comfort, and a sense of moral duty.
	4.4	Helping and supporting eligible members of the target audience who are not yet registered voters, making it easier for them to register to vote.
	4.5	Running campaigns and events that teach people about the importance of each person's vote and how important it is to get involved in the democratic process.
	4.6	Working with the right authorities and groups to make sure that people get the most accurate and up-to-date information about how to register to vote and what they need to do.
	4.7	Putting together workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions to answer any questions or worries people may have about registering to vote and the voting process.
	4.8	Establishing voter registration drives and on-campus registration centers in cooperation with the local election authorities to provide students with easy access to voter registration.
	4.9	Integrating voter education programs into the curriculum and extracurricular activities in order to foster a culture of civic engagement and ethical voting.
	4.10	Voter education programs should be regularly reviewed and updated to make sure they are providing students with the information and abilities they need to actively participate in the political process.
5.	ELC	
	5.1	Gopal Narayan Singh University has set up an Electoral Literacy Club on 2nd September 2021 and has been functioning along with National Service Scheme of our Institute. For smooth functioning of the Club the GNS University appointed the coordinator and members amongst the faculty members of the University. One of the faculty members is appointed as faculty coordinator for ELC along with NSS program officer and few student coordinators as the members of NSS. The University has taken steps to promote electoral literacy and civic engagement recognizing the significance of voting as a fundamental democratic right and responsibility. The Club will work under the aegis of University Administration under the guidance of District officers. The University level committee will be headed by Prof. (Dr.) Ashutosh Dwivedi university students as campus Ambassadors.
6.	Function of the ELC	

6.1	GNS University's Electoral Literacy Club has been came in formation recently and planned its annual activities wherein the 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 the conduct of polls, voter awareness campaigns, promotion of ethical voting Promoting ethical voting practices is a primary focus of the ELCs at GNSU.
6.2	Interactive sessions, debates, and awareness programs are conducted to educate students on the importance of free and fair elections. The ELCs aim to install a sense of integrity and responsibility in our members, cultivating a culture of ethical voting.
6.3	Awareness Programs have been organized by ELC in neighbouring villages. Enhancing Participation of Underprivileged Sections of Society.
6.4	The ELCs are dedicated to ensuring the meaningful participation of underprivileged sections of society. By reaching out to marginalized communities such as transgender individuals, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and other vulnerable groups, we provide essential information, support, and assistance to enable their active engagement in the electoral process. Through these initiatives, the ELCs at GNSU strive to promote a culture of responsible citizenship and inclusive democratic participation.
6.5	ELCs of Gopal Narayan Singh University, prioritize democratic participation and empower our students to exercise their right to vote. The University announces regularly that nearly all eligible students aged 18 and above have been successfully enrolled as voters.
6.6	Through consistent efforts and proactive measures, the GNS University plan to ensure the inclusion of eligible students in the electoral process. Recognizing the importance of voter registration, The University established institutional mechanisms to facilitate and streamline the process.
6.7	<p>The following initiatives will conduct regularly at Gopal Narayan Singh University:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Voter Registration Drives: Regular voter registration drives will be organized within the university premises to enrol eligible students as voters. These drives are conducted in collaboration with local election authorities, who provide the necessary infrastructure and assistance to facilitate the registration process. By bringing registration services directly to students, the university may aim to remove barriers and make the

		process more accessible and convenient.
		b. Awareness Campaigns: To raise awareness about the significance of voter registration, the university will conduct targeted campaigns for students approaching or reaching 18 years of age. These campaigns include workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions where students are educated about their voting rights and the registration process. Through these initiatives, University will strive to cultivate a culture of active citizenship and encourage students to fulfill their civic duty by becoming registered.
7.	Constitution of ELC of Gopal Narayan Singh University	
	1.	Dr. Ashutosh Dwivedi, Dean, Faculty of Commerce
	2.	Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, NIAS
	3.	Dr. Aditi Raj, Assistant. Professor, NMCH
	4.	Dr. P. Ponnarasi, Narayan Nursing College
	5.	Dr. Ranjit Kumar, Narayan Institute of Pharmacy
	6.	Dr. Rajkamal Vibhuti, NPIAS
	7.	Dr. Simal Singh, Narayan School of Law
	8.	Dr Manish Kumar, Faculty of Management Studies
	9.	Dr Sandeep Maurya, NIAS
	10.	Dr Mayank Rai. Faculty of Commerce.
	11.	Dr Rajkumar Mandal, FITE
	12.	Ms. Shruti Kumari, Student Nominee, FOC
	13.	Mr. Kshitij Prakash, Student Nominee, NMCH

