

## Press Note

The Election Commission of India has decided to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> January (its foundation day) every year as the National

Voters' Day (NVD) commencing from 2011. The objective is to increase enrollment of voters, by using this occasion to make "Universal Adult Franchise" a complete reality and thereby to enhance the quality of Indian Democracy. This day will also be utilized to spread awareness among voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process.

- 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 will be celebrated as the sixth "National Voters' Day" at the State, District, 28 Non-Headquarter Sub-Division and Polling Station level.
- The theme of 6<sup>th</sup> National Voter's Day 2016 is "Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation".
- The final Electoral Roll of Special Summary Revision, 2016 was published on 16.01.2016. Copies of the Final Electoral Roll are available in the Office of Electoral Registration Officer-Cum-Sub-Collector and with the Booth Level Officer at concerned Polling Stations. The updated search facility is available in CEO's website [www.ceoorissa.nic.in](http://www.ceoorissa.nic.in).
- Total no of electors added during the Special Summary Revision Programme, 8,12,042 (3,61,849 males, 4,50,056 females and 137 Third Gender) were added.
- Total Electors in Final Electoral Rolls, 2016 is 3,03,10,057 (male-1,56,99,820, Female-1,46,08,762 & Third Gender 1475)
- **Activities to be taken up during National Voters' Day, 2016 at the State level**
  - A Blood Donation Camp **will be** held on 25.01.2016 in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Bhubaneswar.
  - Junior level & senior level Quiz & Essay competitions **will be** organized in collaboration with Collector & District Magistrate, Khordha.
  - Poster Making Competitions (junior & senior) **will be** held in collaboration with Utkal University of Culture in two categories i.e. one for up to +2 Students and another for Degree and above Students.

- The winners of the Quiz, Essay & Poster Making competitions **will be** distributed with Certificates & Prizes during the State Level Function at IDCOL, Bhubaneswar.
- A Voters Awareness Rally **will be** taken up from Master Canteen Square to IDCOL, Bhubaneswar via Ram Mandir Square, Odesa Bhawan Sqsquare & IG Park on 25.01.2016 at 7.30 AM.
- Voter's Pledge **will be** administered by Hon'ble Governor of Odisha to all the dignitaries and young voters present in the meeting.
- Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) **will be** distributed to new voters (18+) enrolled for the first time.
- The State Icon Padma Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik, International Sand Artist & the Guru & the Artists of the cultural Troupes who participated in "Matadata Mahotsav" at New Delhi **will be** felicitated in the National Voters' Day 2016.

**"Proud to be a Voter**

**Ready to Vote"**

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