

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
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PRESS NOTE

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4th National Voters' Day celebrated across the country; 3.91 crore new electors registered across the country; National Awards presented for Best Electoral Practices: Total electorate is about 80 crore now.

The Election Commission of India celebrated the 4th National Voters' Day across the country today. The theme for the 4th NVD is 'Ethical Voting'. NVD functions were held at more than 6.56 lakh locations across the country covering nearly all 9 lakh Polling Stations. **3.91 crore** new electors were added in the run up to the fourth National Voters' Day, among which **1.27 crore** are the newly eligible 18-19yrs old. With this, the total electorate of the country is approximately 80 crore. The final figure will be released after 31st January, 2014.

The National Function to mark the 4th National Voters' Day was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi and was presided over by Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. The President gave away the National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices. The Award comprises three awards for District Election officers and Superintendent of Police of district and a Special Award for Officers outside the district machinery. Awards for excellence to states for 2013 were also given away to Delhi, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Tripura. Media Awards for the Best Campaign on Voter Education and Awareness was also given away. The list of the Award winners is appended. The President also gave EPIC (Voter ID card) to 6 new voters of Delhi.

The function was attended by the Chief Election Commissioner, Shri V S Sampath, Election Commissioners, Shri H S Brahma and Dr. Nasim Zaidi, former CECs, ECs, representatives of political parties, delegates from Election Management Bodies from abroad, dignitaries, diplomats, senior officials and groups of new electors and youth.

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25th January is also the foundation day of the Commission, which came into being on this day in 1950. The Commission's objective through NVD is to increase enrolment of voters, especially of the newly eligible ones, to make universal adult suffrage a complete reality. The National Voters' Day is also utilized to spread awareness among voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process.

(The draft of the speech of the Chief Election Commissioner is appended)

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Director,

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