

Electoral Literacy Club Inauguration and Update

The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) was instituted in the college on 17th October, 2022 by Prof. Vinita Fernandes under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. (Ms) Marie Fernandes. The ELC consists of the Chairperson Prof. Vinita Fernandes and 5 core team members.

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Before the institution of the ELC the Prof-in-Charge and the Principal took a decision to have a survey in college with regards to Elections. In this survey students from Degree college (Aided and Self-Financed) had to answer with regards to their Voter ID, and whether they had voted or not. The survey was answered by 1256 students through the online medium of Google Forms. Given the immense response it was then decided to have a Voter ID campaign. In this campaign students who were 18 years and above were made aware about the importance of voting and were made to register themselves on the online portal by the Government of India for making a Voters ID.

The students were provided guidance by Mrs. Lillian Dias and Prabha Pandey. Two Election Officers came along with Mrs. Dias and helped the students register themselves on the official Voters ID app by the Government of India. Mrs Lillian Dias works for Agni Foundation while Prabha Pandey is a Writer and Senior Committee Member of the Health Wing, of the Aam Aadmi Party, Maharashtra. They held a seminar before guiding the students about the application. They received a wonderful feedback from the students and it turned out to be very engaging and informative.

The ELC has started with an Instagram handle in order to have more students engage in the process and be informed. The Instagram page aims at getting in contact with more organisations which spread awareness with regards to elections so that more opportunities can be created for the students of the college.

One of the upcoming activities of the ELC out of the many is the LEXCONCILIO 2022. LexConcilio is a Modern Indian Parliamentary Style Debate Competition. It is a holistic

parliamentary environment set up for students to understand “The Law Making Process” and debate on the current issues faced by our country.

This is just the beginning, the ELC plans to bring forth more engaging seminars, campaigns, discussions, etc. Through all these activities the main aim of the club would be to encourage more students to come forward and register themselves for their Voters ID and become a part of the voting process. Henceforth, the club will try to keep Voters ID registration drives more frequently in the college campus.





Electoral Literacy Club Report - An Update

On 18 November 2022 a seminar on the topic “Democracy and the Rule of Law” was conducted in the college conference Room. The session was in collaboration with PCGT (Public Concern and Governance Trust). The Speaker for the event was Dr. Shailesh Gandhi (Former Central Information Commissioner). The event was attended by 60 students from all departments in the college.

Dr. Gandhi began the seminar by asking a few questions about “Democracy” and its meaning. Further Dr. Gandhi spoke about his understanding of the terms with the audience. Later he elaborated on the topics, and allowed the listeners to interpret intellectual concepts under his guidance. Dr. Shailesh also included short but precise stories in the presentation for the student’s understanding. Subsequently, there was a question-and-answer session where students interacted with our speaker and received erudite answers to their unique questions.

At the end of the session students received a certificate. Our audience’s response to the seminar was outstanding, hence the club is determined to organise more such interactive sessions to create awareness and educate the youth on similar topics.

Ms. Simran Surve (S.Y.B.B.I.)

