



**The ways and means to impart
electoral literacy,**

Through

**Curricula and extra Curricula in
educational institutes of Sri
Lanka.**

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Introduction



- Sri Lanka is divided in to 9 provinces and 25 District for the Administrative purposes.
- The total population of the county is 21.9 Million by 2015.
- Population ,below 25 years of the age is 8.5 Million
- The total number of the voters in 2015 is 15.4 Million.

Introduction



Election management body and other related agencies of a country is responsible for nurturing a democratic nation with a political literate and empowered citizenry that cherishes democratic values and promotes good governance.

Introduction



- The competence required to adjust for different activities of the society as a future citizen should be given by and large through education.
- School children and youths in higher educational institutes must be provided with opportunities to gain the required competencies to acquire the core values of the society where they are living.

Level of Educational Institutes in Sri Lanka



- Primary education lasts five to six years (Grades 1–5).
- Junior secondary level lasts for 4 years (Grades 6–9)
- Senior secondary level (Grades 10–11) which is the preparation for the General Certificate of Education (G.C.E)
- Collegiate level to study for another 2 years (grades 12–13) to sit for the G.C.E Advanced Level.
- Tertiary education is mainly done by the National Universities, Institutes designed for study on entrance/membership for professional bodies both foreign (such as CIMA, BCS, etc.) and local (such as SLIM, NSBM, NAITA) and vocational / technical colleges

Electoral literacy in curricula



- **Democracy is a social system and a way of life, it is also a system of Government.**
- **The future generation is given the experiences of Democratic system of government, its practice and values.**

Electoral literacy in curricula



A research study on Civic Education was conducted In Sri Lanka in 2003 to assess the status of democratic and civic competencies of students completing Grade 9 in the school system, to develop a comprehensive long-term program to promote democratic and pluralistic values through the school education system.

Electoral literacy in curricula



There were two main findings in that research study.

- ✓ Teacher training is required for civic related curriculum
- ✓ Schools are places where civic education ought to be taught and can be taught effectively and that civic education matters a great deal in facilitating students' civic development.

Electoral literacy in curricula



Ministry of education and National Institute of Education have prepared and revising the materials and textbooks on civic education from Grade 9 onwards as an optional subject.

Electoral literacy in Co-curricula



For school students,

❖ The Student Parliament program

It has been introduced by the authorities, in order to give students a practical experience of democracy, the values of the democratic government and representative democracy, its responsibility, accountability, exercising the vote and significance of exercising the vote, supremacy of the Law.

Electoral literacy in Co-curricula



For school students,

❖ Educational camps on democracy

It is a concept of understanding of the principles of democracy and its practices while developing leadership skills in children both in government and non government sector schools focusing Democracy and Importance of the right to universal suffrage.

Arts, and essay competitions, debates, fun games / group activities and guest lectures, are being scheduled.

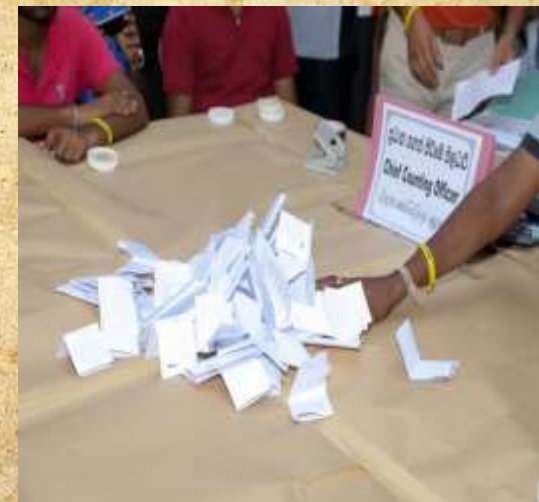
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For youths,

❖ Youth vote Sri Lanka program

- ❑ This is to ensure broader awareness among students in tertiary level educational institutes on democracy. Theme of this program is “An informed voter is a powerful voter.”
- ❑ This program is mainly conducted as a one day formal work shop. During the sessions participants are exposed to topics like, Electoral process in Sri Lanka while touching the laws related to the elections. Democracy and Importance of the right to universal suffrage,





In order to educate the public on the importance of having their names registered in the electoral roll, Voters' Day was celebrated island-wide on



Legal Basis of Registration of Voters



- Registration of Electors Act No. 44 of 1980
- Registering Officer
 - Government Agent/ District Secretary
- Enumerators
 - Grama Niladhari/ Village Headman

Eligibility to be a voter in Sri Lanka



- ◆ Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- ◆ Must have attained the age of 18 years on the qualifying date.
- ◆ Must be an ordinary resident of the relevant address.
- ◆ Must not have found or declared to be of unsound mind under any law in force.
- ◆ Must not have been serving or not served imprisonment during the immediate presiding seven years.

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Voter Registration



Distribution of Enumeration Forms to Chief Occupants

Collecting of Forms from Chief Occupants

Collecting of Forms @ Election Offices

A, B List Preparation, Checking

Double Processing

Displaying A, B List

Claims / Objections

Add / Remove Names

Displaying the Draft

Certifying the Register

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Sovereignty in the people is inalienable
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The right to vote is of top priority
when it comes to exercising and enjoying sovereignty
(See the 3rd and the 4th acts of the constitution)

“Vote is Your Power, Your Right”

In order to cast vote all that a citizen need is
to have registered in the
electoral register and a valid identity card.
(It is the responsibility of the citizens to ensure the inclusion of their names in
the Register of Electors. Election Officials are entrusted to provide
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You can participate, contribute in the powers of
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Presidential	2005	2010	2015
Total Polled %	72.91	74.49	81.52
Rejection %	1.10	1.15	0.97

Challenges on electoral literacy in formal education



- ❑ There is a greater problem in accessing voter educational strategies.
- ❑ No way to educate people who are dropped out from main educational stream.
- ❑ Difficulties in addressing students with disabilities.
- ❑ Problem pertaining in linkage of researches done, monitoring and evaluation with policy formulation.



Thank you !

