





ETHICAL VOTING

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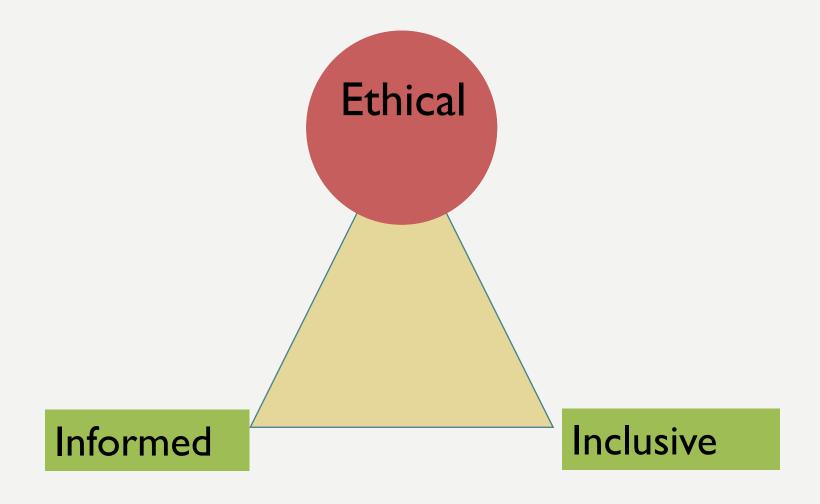
ETHICAL VOTING - DEFINITION

Nothing is more integral to democracy than **voting**. Most people believe that every citizen has the civic duty or moral obligation to **vote**, that any sincere **vote** is morally acceptable, and that buying, selling, or trading votes is inherently wrong.

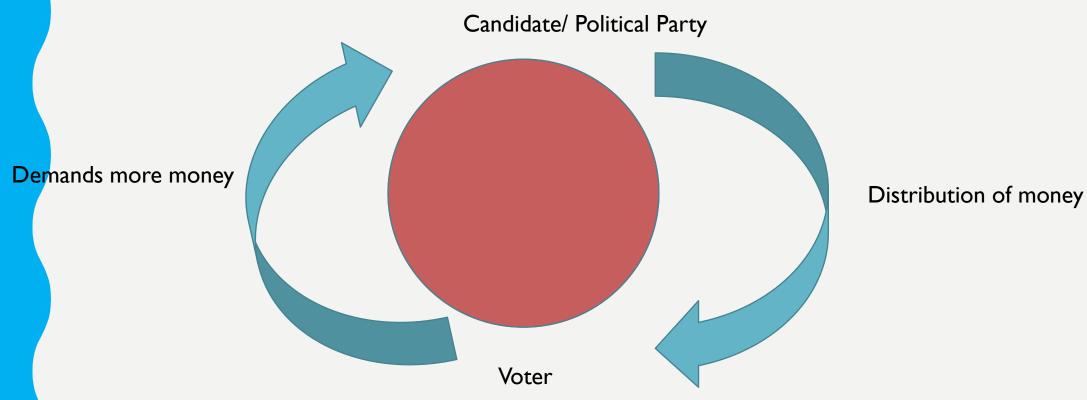
ETHICAL PRINCIPLES OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

- Demonstrate respect for Law
- Must be non partisan and neutral
- Must be transparent
- Must be accurate and designed to serve the voters

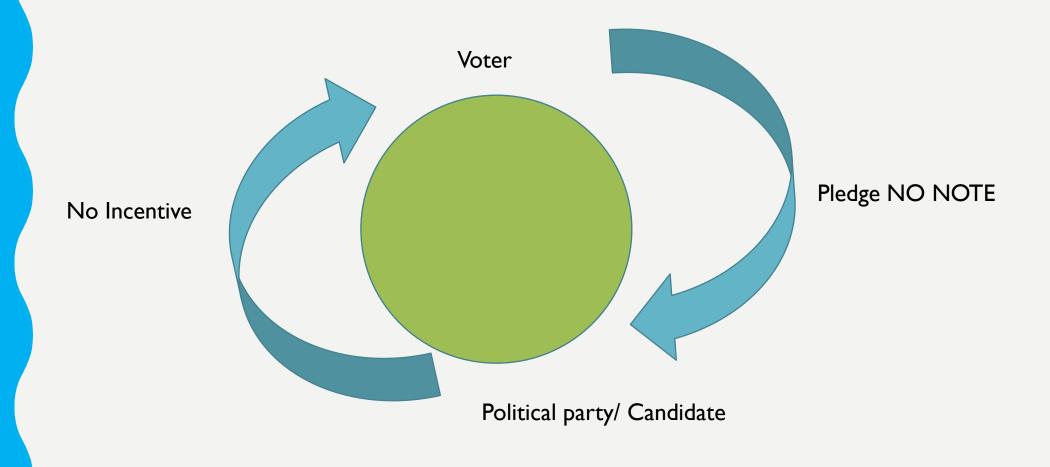
THREE DIMENSIONS OF ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION



VICIOUS CYCLE



VIRTUOUS CYCLE



ETHICAL AND INFORMED VOTING

- Buying, selling, or trading votes is inherently wrong.
- Don't be induced into voting for money
- Don't be induced into voting on caste and religious lines
- Vote for right candidate
- Vote without fear
- Giving as well as taking bribe for voting is an electoral offence and punishable under law with one year imprisonment

LEGAL PROVISIONS AT A GLANCE

Indian Penal Code 1860

Sec.171 B – Bribery

Sec. 171 E – Provision of punishment

Sec. 171 C – Undue influence at election

Sec. 171 F - Provision of

punishment

Sec.171 H Illegal
payments
and
punishment

LEGAL PROVISIONS AT A GLANCE

Representation of People Act, 1951

Sec. 8, 8A

Disqualification
on conviction
for certain
offences
(promoting
enmity on
ground of
religion, race,
language, etc),
on ground of
corrupt
practices

Sec. 9, 9A, 10

Disqualification for corruption or disloyalty, for Government contracts, etc. office under Government company, for failure to lodge account of election expenses.

Sec. IIA.

Disqualification arising out of conviction and corrupt practices

MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

- The Model Code of Conduct for guidance of political parties and candidates is a set of norms which has been evolved with the consensus of political parties who have consented to abide by the principles embodied in the said code and also binds them to respect and observe it in its letter and spirit.
- The salient features of the Model Code of Conduct lay down how political parties, contesting candidates and party(s) in power should conduct themselves during the process of elections i.e. on their general conduct during electioneering, holding meetings and processions, poll day activities and functioning of the party in power etc.
- MCC comes into operation from the day ECI announces the program for election in a constituency.
- Developed for maintaining a healthy and peaceful atmosphere conducive to the conduct of smooth elections
- Also, provides level playing field for all parties.

SVEEP (SYSTEMATIC VOTER' EDUCATION AND ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION)

- Started by Election Commission of India during 2009
- Multi Intervention programme
- Reaches out through different modes and media
- To educate citizens electors and voters about the electoral process in order to increase their awareness and participation
- Is designed according to the socio economic, cultural and demographic profile of the State as well as history of electoral participation in previous rounds of elections and learning thereof

A Look at the Numbers

675 Districts

36 States and Union Territories tricts 543

Parliamentary Constituencies

5,120

Assembly Constituencies 36 Chief Electoral Officers

675 District Election Officers 931,877 Booth Level Officers

927,553 Polling Stations

850,630,207 Electors enrolled in the Electoral Roll at present 2,274

Election Observers
Engaged during the
Parliamentary Elections
2014 (including
General, Expenditure,
Awareness and Police
Observers)

1,225,303 Control Units &

1,641,605 Ballot Units

Electronic Voting Machines used in Lok Sabha 2014 6,696,084

Polling Personnel Involved (including Police) in Lok Sabha 2014 834,082,814

Electors in the Parliamentary Elections 2014 554,175,405

Voters in the Parliamentary Elections 2014

^{*} As on 30th July, 2015

CASE STUDY

ETHICAL VOTING — THE CAMPAIGN

• Create awareness among the voters by educating them to cast their votes without any inducement

- Spreading awareness messages such as
 - √"Vote with consciousness"
 - √ "Vote without Note"
 - ✓ "No Vote for Note"

ETHICAL VOTING — THE CAMPAIGN

- The provision for imprisonment for receiving bribe for vote was published widely by posters, media etc.,
- Ethical voting pledge was taken by candidates during nomination and the same was widely disseminated in all media.
- Mass Ethical voting pledge was taken throughout the state by all stake holders

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT

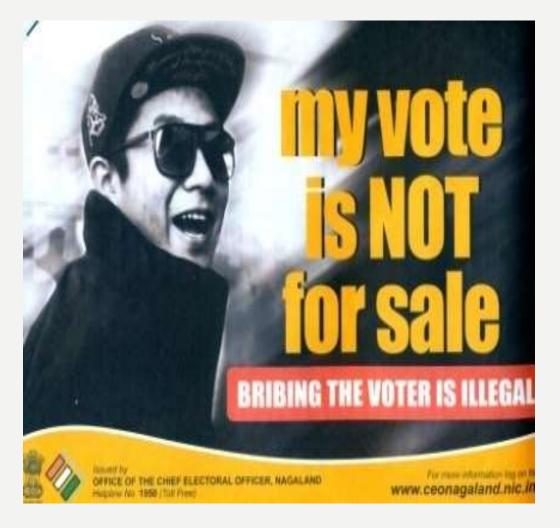


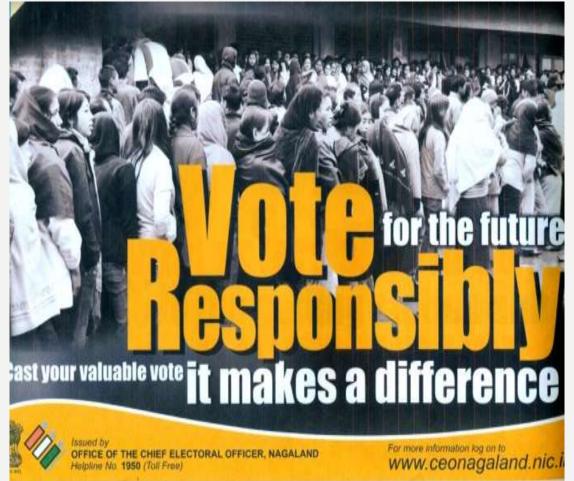
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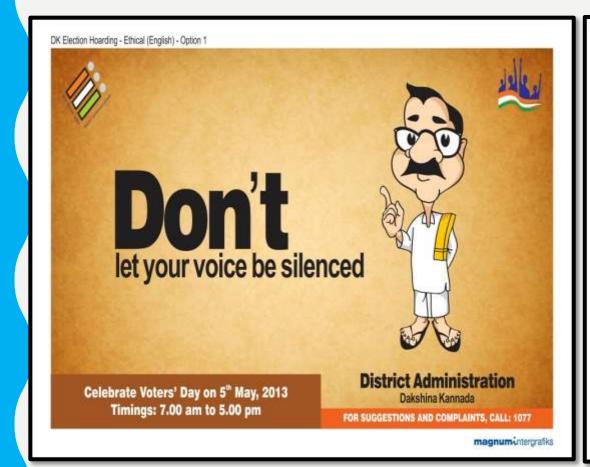


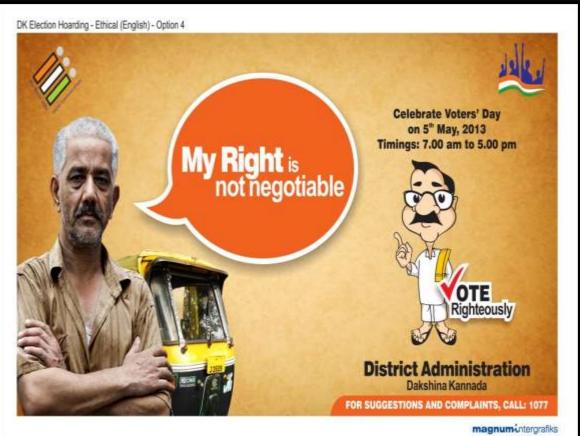


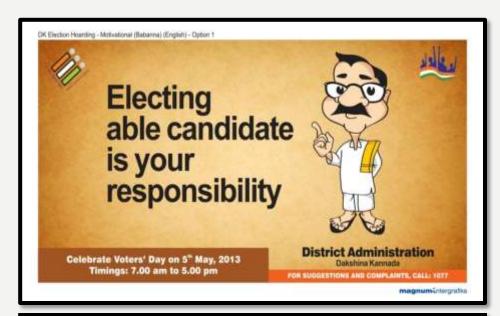


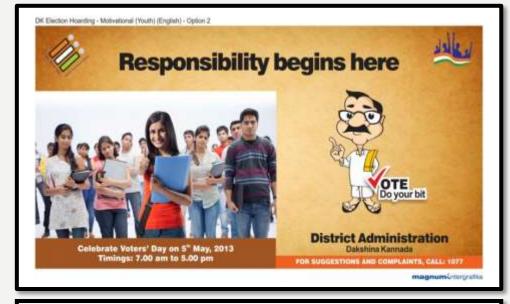


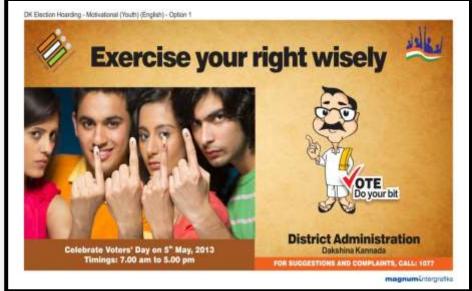




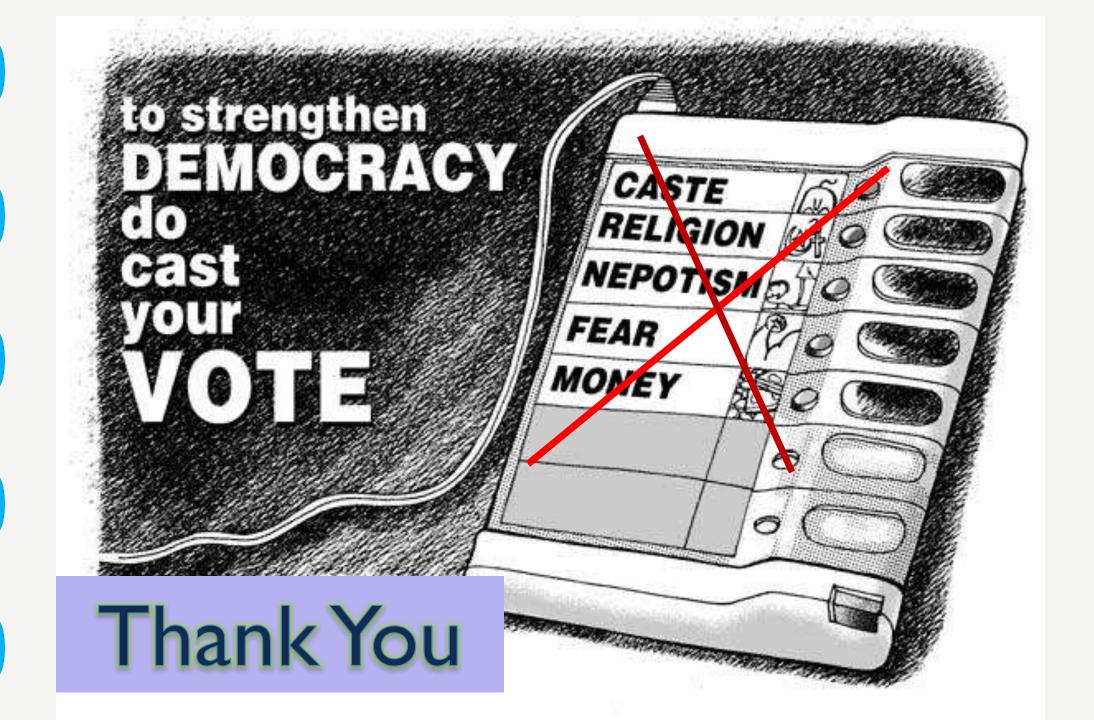














CELEBRITY VIDEOS TO CREATE AWARENESS



DUBSMASH VIDEO WITH ACTOR SURYA TO PROMOTE #TN100PERCENT



ACTOR SURYA
PROMOTING
THE #TN100PERCENT
CAMPAIGN



CRICKETER DINESH
KARTHICK AND HIS
WIFE DIPIKA
PALLIKAL
PROMOTING
THE #TN100PERCENT
CAMPAIGN

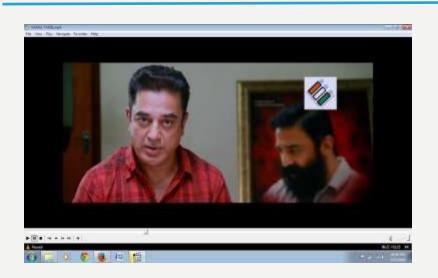
NO NOTE FOR VOTE





CELEBRITY VIDEO MESSAGES











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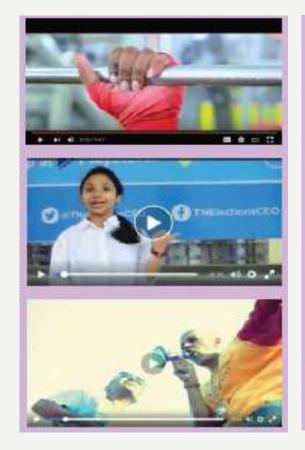






CITIZEN PARTICIPATION









CELEBRITY VIDEO





BUS SHELTERS



MILK SACHETS



SHOPPING BAGS



PLASTIC BAGS

TN 100 PERCENT











SVEEP Buses



REACHING OUT TO PARENTS THROUGH THEIR WARDS







ELECTORS AND CANDIDATES PLEDGE FOR ETHICAL VOTING



ETHICAL VOTING - PLEDGE BY CANDIDATES

• For the first time in Indian elections, the contesting candidates were requested to take a pledge on ethical voting while filing their nomination to ensure a free and fair election without any inducement





Candidates taking ethical voting pledge

ETHICAL VOTING — PLEDGE BY CANDIDATE

PLEDGE BY CANDIDATES

I am aware that voting is the democratic right and duty of every voter and votes are not for sale. I am also aware that inducing voters with money or material is an offence. I also promise to help in the conduct of 100% honest election and will not permit my supporters to indulge in any malpractice.

நேர்மையான தேர்தல் வேட்பாளர் உறுதிமொழி

- வாக்களிப்பது அனைவரின் ஜனநாயக உரிமை மற்றும் கடமை என்பதையும்
- எவருடைய வாக்கும் விற்பனைக்கு அல்ல என்பதையும்
- வாக்கிற்காக வாக்காளர்களுக்கு பணமோ, பொருளோ கொடுப்பதும், பெறுவதும் குற்றம் என்பதையும் நான் அறிவேன். எனவே பணமோ, பொருளோ அல்லது வேறு எந்த வித தூண்டுதலோ இன்றி 100 % நேர்மையாக தேர்தல் நடக்க நான் முழு மனதுடன் ஒத்துழைப்பேன் என்றும் இதுபோன்ற செயல்களில் நானோ என்னைச் சார்ந்தவர்களோ ஈடுபட அனுமதிக்க மாட்டேன் என்றும் உறுதி கூறுகிறேன்.

ETHICAL VOTING - PLEDGE BY VOTERS

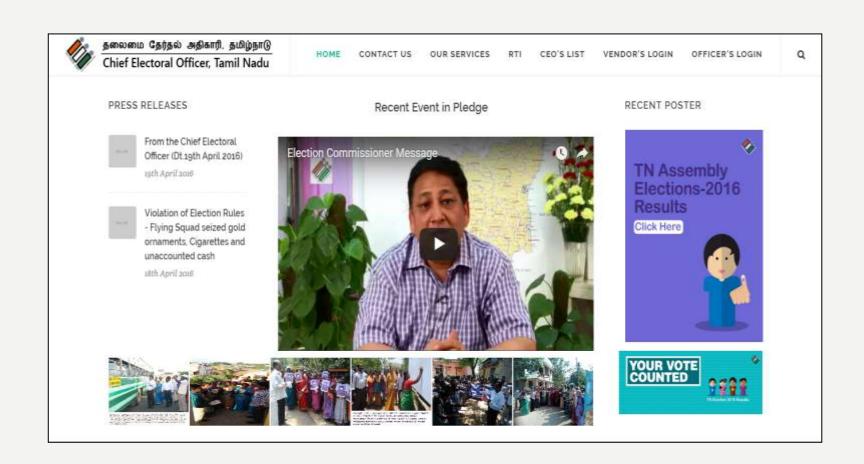
Hospitals



Villages



CEO'S PORTAL - RECENT EVENTS IN PLEDE



ETHICAL VOTING - PLEDGE BY VOTERS

Panchayat Offices

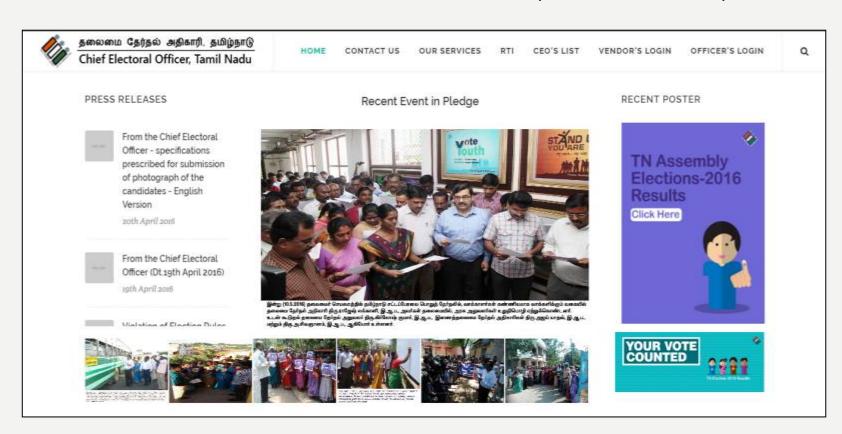


Colleges



CEO'S PORTAL - RECENT EVENTS IN PLEDE

Recent election related events were made available to public in the CEO's portal.



ETHICAL VOTING — PLEDGE BY VOTER

VOTER'S PLEDGE ON ETHICAL VOTING

I, the citizen of India, having faith in democracy, hereby pledge to vote ethically upholding the democratic traditions of my country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections. I promise to vote in this election honestly, fearlessly and without taking money and without being influenced by any undue inducement. If I come to know of any malpractices, I shall bring it to the notice of electoral authorities for taking up corrective actions.

ரோபையாக வாக்களிக்க வாக்காளரின் உறுதிமொழி

ஜனநாயகத்தின் மீது நம்பிக்கையுடைய இந்தியக் குடிமகனாகிய நான், என் நாட்டின் ஜனநாயக மரபுகளையும், சுதந்திரமான, நியாயமான மற்றும் அமைதியான தேர்தல் மாண்பையும் நிலைநிறுத்துவேன் என்றும், மேலும் இத்தேர்தலில் அச்சுமின்றியும், பணமோ, பொருட்களோ பெறாமலும், எந்தவொரு தூண்டுதலுக்கும் உட்படாமலும் நேர்மையாக சிந்தித்து வாக்களிப்பேன் என்றும் உளமார உறுதி ஏற்கிறேன். தேர்தல் விதிமீறல்கள் குறித்த எந்த செயல் பற்றியும் நான் அறிய வந்தால், அதனை தேர்தல் அதிகாரிகளிடம் தெரிவித்து உரிய நடைமுறைக்கு உட்படுத்துவேன் என்றும் உறுதி ஏற்கிறேன்.

ETHICAL VOTING — THE CAMPAIGN

For improving Voter turnout and ensuring Ethical Voting practice

- ✓ Mass Ethical voting pledge was taken throughout the state by all stake holders on 10-05-2016 and a record 160,95,163 persons took the pledge.
- ✓ 107,517 pics uploaded on website



THANK YOU