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GAUHATI UNIVERSITY Electoral Literacy Club

ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB



No Voter to be Left Behind



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Electoral Literacy Club of Gauhati University was established in 2020 with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University with an outlining of its introduction, objectives, and functions. The club conducts regular meetings with a formalized structure in place. The President, along with students and faculty members, are appointed by Vice Chancellor Prof. Pratap Jyoti Handique, following consultations with the Registrar and the Deans of various faculties of Gauhati University.

Introduction

An Electoral Literacy Club actively involves University students through interactive activities and practical experiences to inform them about their electoral rights and familiarize them with the electoral registration and voting procedures. Within the ELC, enjoyment and education blend seamlessly. The aim of these activities is to stimulate curiosity and encourage students to inquire and contemplate. The Election Commission of India aims to cultivate a culture of electoral engagement among young and prospective voters through initiatives like the ELC.

Vision

The Electoral Literacy Club endeavours to enhance the culture of electoral engagement among youth and prospective voters of Gauhati University.

Objectives

1. Actively participate in raising awareness about the 'Right to Vote' among students, faculty members, and the broader community.
2. Foster critical thinking on topics concerning elections, rights, democracies, non-democracies, electoral systems, and their processes.
3. Promote student engagement and involvement in the aforementioned issues, both in theory and practice.
4. Emphasize the importance of citizens exercising their adult suffrage rights confidently and ethically.
5. Foster a culture of active participation in elections and promote ethical voting, adhering to the principles of "Every vote counts" and "Ensuring no voter is left behind".

Committee of ELC, GU

Teacher Members:

1. Prof. Dhruba Pratim Sharma, Professor, Department of Political Science, GU (**Programme Coordinator**)
2. Director of Students' Welfare, GU (**Nodal Officer**)
3. Dr. Aparajita Baruah, Department of Law, GU
4. Dr. Bharati Bharali, Department of Communication and Journalism, GU
5. Dr. Rituparna Borah, Department of Bioengineering and Technology, GU (**Convener**)

Student Members:

1. Debate Secretary, Postgraduate Student Union, GU
2. Debate Secretary, Law College Student Union, GU
3. Student Coordinator, NSS Cell, GU
4. All the Departmental Representative (DR) of the academic departments, GU

Functions

The function of the Electoral Literacy Club at Gauhati University is to promote awareness and understanding of electoral processes, encourage voter participation among students and the broader community, and cultivate a culture of democratic engagement.

The members of the ELC will convene periodically for either close or open group sessions to partake in thematic discussions on pertinent subjects.

They will arrange activities such as outreach programs and on-campus events tailored to specific groups to foster awareness about voting.

Their efforts will be directed towards the objective of developing and maintaining the club's literature.

Responsibilities of the ELC, GU

The responsibility of the Electoral Literacy Club at Gauhati University includes:

1. Educating students and the community about electoral processes, rights, and responsibilities.
2. Organizing voter awareness campaigns and events to promote voter participation.
3. Providing information and assistance for voter registration and electoral procedures.
4. Conducting workshops and discussions on democratic values, ethical voting, and civic engagement.
5. Collaborating with relevant authorities and organizations to support fair and transparent elections.
6. Fostering a culture of electoral literacy and civic responsibility among students and the wider community.
7. Encouraging dialogue and critical thinking on electoral issues and democratic practices.
8. Empowering students to become informed and active participants in the democratic process.

Mandatory Rules

1. **Regular Attendance:** Members are expected to attend club meetings and activities regularly, unless excused for valid reasons.
2. **Active Participation:** Members are encouraged to actively participate in club activities, discussions, and initiatives aimed at promoting electoral literacy.
3. **Compliance with University Policies:** Members must adhere to all university rules, regulations, and policies while participating in club activities.
4. **Respect and Civility:** Members are expected to treat each other with respect and civility, fostering a positive and inclusive club environment.

5. Confidentiality: Members must maintain confidentiality regarding club discussions, plans, and any sensitive information shared during meetings.
6. Commitment to Objectives: Members should uphold the objectives of the club, which include promoting awareness of electoral processes, encouraging voter participation, and fostering a culture of democratic engagement.
7. Cooperation and Collaboration: Members are encouraged to cooperate and collaborate with club leaders, advisors, and fellow members to achieve the club's goals effectively.
8. Accountability: Members may be held accountable for their actions and conduct within the club, and may face disciplinary measures for any violations of club rules or university policies.
9. These rules are designed to ensure the smooth functioning of the Electoral Literacy Club and to uphold its mission of promoting electoral literacy and civic engagement among students at Gauhati University.

Inclusion of students with disabilities in the ELC, Gauhati University

The inclusion of students with disabilities in the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) at Gauhati University is essential to ensure equal participation and representation. Here are some ways to promote inclusion:

1. Ensure that club meetings, events, and materials are accessible to students with disabilities. This may include providing accommodations such as wheelchair ramps, sign language interpreters, and materials in accessible formats (e.g., Braille, large print).
2. Raise awareness among club members about the needs and challenges faced by students with disabilities. Promote sensitivity and understanding to create an inclusive and supportive environment within the club.


3. Offer tailored support and assistance to students with disabilities to facilitate their participation in club activities. This may involve providing additional resources, support staff, or assistance with transportation as needed.
4. Ensure that students with disabilities are represented in leadership positions within the club. Encourage their active involvement in decision-making processes and provide opportunities for them to contribute their perspectives and ideas.
5. Collaborate with the university's disability services or support offices to ensure that students with disabilities have access to appropriate accommodations and support services. Work together to address any barriers to participation and promote inclusivity within the club.
6. Offer flexible participation options to accommodate the diverse needs and preferences of students with disabilities. This may include virtual participation, asynchronous communication, or alternative formats for meetings and activities.
7. Provide training and education to club members on disability awareness, accessibility best practices, and inclusive communication strategies. Foster a culture of respect, empathy, and inclusion within the club community.

By actively promoting the inclusion of students with disabilities in the ELC at Gauhati University, the club shall create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment where all members shall actively participate and contribute to the club's mission of promoting electoral literacy and civic engagement.

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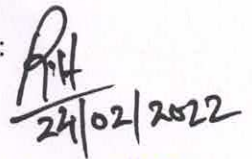
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