



Report on an Awareness Session and Quiz Competition under the campaign

"Mera Pehla vote, Desh Ke Liye"

Date: 5th March 2024

Venue: B121, B Block

Event Type: Seminar and Quiz Competition

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: NSS Volunteers

Coordinators: Dr Mina Kumari and Neeraj Kumari

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram

Resource Person: Mr. Rohtash Ji, Master trainer of Election Commission, Gurgaon.

Participants during awareness session: More than 92

Participants during quiz competition: More than 21

Introduction:

The campaign "Mera Pehla Vote, Desh Ke Liye" is launched by Ministry of Education, New Delhi from 28th February to 6th March 2024. This campaign aims to foster a competitive yet collaborative environment wherein the youth can envision the future of our nation through various creative competitions. Under the campaign and the theme of "Mera Pehla Vole, Desh Ke Liye", NSS K. R. Mangalam University conducted an awareness session and quiz competition to provide insights into the electoral system, voter registration process, and the responsibilities of a voter.

Objectives:

The main objective of organizing the event is to highlight the significance of their vote in the upcoming election, he urged the youth to actively participate in this campaign and also motivate others to take part.

Awareness session on use of EVM machine and importance of voting as youth for nation development:

The awareness session was started by Dr. Neeraj Kumari where she briefed about the motto of the campaign and welcomed the guest, Mr. Rohtash Ji, Master trainer of Election Commission, Gurgaon. Mr. Rohtash elaborated on the impact of youth participation in elections and emphasized the role of informed voting in nation-building. He provided the comprehensive knowledge and understanding of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), their functioning, and their significance in the electoral process to the participants. The session aimed to dispel misconceptions and build trust in the use of EVMs as a secure and reliable means of voting. Participants were familiarized with the various components of an EVM, including the control unit, ballot unit, and VVPAT (Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail) system, and their functions during the voting process. The session highlighted the importance of voter education and awareness in promoting the effective use of EVMs and encouraging voter participation in the electoral process. Detailed demonstrations were conducted to illustrate the step-by-step process of casting a vote using an EVM, from the authentication of voters to the recording and counting of votes.

Quiz Competition:

A quiz competition was also conducted by Dr Mina Kumari and Mr. Amit Yadav, NSS Members. The topics of the quiz competition focused on the electoral process, the importance of voting, and the history of Indian democracy. Participants were engaged in a series of rounds comprising multiple-choice questions and rapid-fire rounds.

In the last, a pledge ceremony was conducted by all NSS volunteers, NSS coordinators and members. The pledge emphasized the principles of democracy, integrity, and civic responsibility, urging participants to vote for the right person with diligence, fairness, and respect for diverse opinions. The songs related to the right of vote and power of 18 were also played to motivate the participants for voting.

The quiz was interactive and kept the participants thoroughly engaged. In the quiz competition, the first position was secured by Lokesh Sharma, second position was got by Vaibhav Vaid and Amrit Anand secured 3rd position. The quiz competition and awareness session on "Mera Pehla Vote, Desh Ke Liye" served as an effective platform to educate and empower the youth to become responsible citizens.

Event outcomes:

By promoting voter awareness and engagement, the event will contribute towards building a more informed and participative electorate, thereby strengthening the democratic fabric of the nation.



