Best Practices

TRAINING AND SENSITIZATION ON EVM/VVPAT FOR VOTERS OF LOCAL VILLEGES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL RECOGNISED NATIONAL AND STATE POLITICAL PARTIES

Department of Political Science , Nilamani Mahavidyalaya, Rupsa organized a hands-on training and sensitization programme for Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)/Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for local villagers and representatives of all recognised National and State political parties

Objectives of the Programme

Elections require citizens to participate in the electoral process and to make an informed decision when voting. Elections imply decision-making, and democracy implies actively participating. Decision-making and active participation are based on information, skills, values and practices, which have to be provided to the entire voter population. Voter information, awareness and education campaigns provide voters with the knowledge, skills and values to do this.

There is, however, a common misunderstanding regarding use of the terms voter information, voter awareness and voter education. While these concepts are inter-related and complementary (and can occasionally overlap), they need to be distinct when designing specific activities and programs to avoid confusion and ambiguities. There are crucial differences between these concepts and their application: (a) voter information enables eligible citizens to vote, including basic facts about the elections and voting; (b) voter awareness addresses voters' motivation and preparedness to participate fully in elections and aims to increase trust in the electoral process. This includes the secrecy of the ballot, the value of each vote, freedom of choice and the impact of voting on public accountability; (c) voter education refers to a longer-term pedagogical process involving more complex information, including why the electoral process is important and necessary, the link between human rights and voting rights, the relationship between elections and democracy and the conditions necessary for democratic elections. Such concepts involve explanation, not just a statement of facts.

Training Practices

In view of the upcoming election a hands-on training and sensitization programme for Electronic Voting Machine (EVM)/Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for local villagers and representatives of all recognised National and State political parties was held today at the college campus

The training was carried out by the Lectures of the department and Govt officials,

The primary objective of the training is to create awareness on the complete functioning of the EVMs and to be briefed on the voting process that takes place in the polling booth.

The training was participated villegers and representatives political parties.
The participants were also briefed on the protocols and Election Commission of India (ECI) instruction on EVM transportation and storage.

Principal,
Nilamani Mahavidyalaya
Rupsa, Balasore