

ELECTORAL LITERACY CLUB

Department of Political Science

St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

EVENT : NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY 2026

Date: January 25, 2026

The National Voters' Day 2026 celebrations at St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, were a vibrant showcase of civic engagement and youth empowerment. The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club, meticulously organised a series of activities aimed at raising awareness among students regarding the importance of voting and democratic participation. The event sought not only to educate but also to inspire students to become responsible citizens who value their right to vote.

The programme began with a spirited Prabhat Pheri (awareness rally) at 8:00 AM, flagged off by the Principal Rev. Dr. Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur S.J. Under the guidance of Dr. Fr. Ajay Arun Minj S.J., Vice Principal, Dr. Fr. Prabhat Kennedy Soreng S.J., Registrar of college, Prof. B.K. Sinha, President of ELC, Dr. Ashutosh Kr. Pandey, Nodal Officer of ELC, Dr. Shreya Pandey, Prof. Utkarsh Unnayan and Prof. Sneha Violet Kindo, students marched from the college campus to Dangratoli Chowk, carrying colourful, hand-painted banners and placards with impactful slogans like "*No Voter to be Left Behind*", "*My Vote, My Future*", and "*Desh ko kaun badlega, Mera Vote, Mera Vote.*" The rally reverberated with energetic chants, capturing the attention of local residents and commuters, thereby effectively disseminating the message of ethical and informed voting.

Alongside the rally, a variety of competitions were organised to further promote voter awareness among students. These included placard making, slogan writing, and poster designing contests. The creative efforts of the participants were recognised in a prize distribution ceremony held after the Prabhat Pheri, where the Vice Principal Rev. Dr. Fr. Ajay Arun Minj, S.J., the Registrar Rev. Dr. Fr. Prabhat Kennedy Soreng, and Prof. B.K. Sinha, Head of the Department, congratulated the winners and handed over their prizes. Such recognition not only encouraged individual talent but also reinforced the significance of electoral literacy.

The winners of the competitions were announced. Each participant's work reflected thoughtful engagement with the theme, showcasing the creative spirit and commitment of the college's youth towards strengthening democracy.

Key Activities on the occasion

PRABHAT PHERI (AWARENESS RALLY):

The celebration commenced at 8:00 AM with a Prabhat Pheri that was flagged by the Principal Rev. Dr. Fr. Robert Pradeep Kujur. Led by the faculty of the Political Science department and the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC), students marched from the college campus towards Dangratoli Chowk. Students carried hand-painted banners and placards featuring slogans such

as “No Voter to be Left Behind”, “*My Vote, My Future,*” “*Desh ko kaun badlega, Mera Vote, Mera Vote.*”

The rally echoed with rhythmic slogans, drawing the attention of local residents and commuters, effectively spreading the message of ethical and informed voting.

COMPETITIONS :

Various competitions were held to spread Voter Awareness among the students beforehand and the prize distribution for the same took place after the prabhat pheri. The Vice Principal Rev. Dr.Fr. Ajay Arun Minj, S.J., the Registrar Rev. Dr. Fr. Prabhat Kennedy Soreng and the Head of the Department of Political Science, Prof. B.K. Sinha handed over the prizes to the students.

The following are the winners of the competitions:

- 1. Placard Making :** The Placard Making competition was a vibrant display of artistic skill and civic consciousness. Students crafted placards featuring compelling slogans and creative designs that underscored the importance of voting and active participation in democracy. The event not only encouraged artistic expression but also served as a powerful medium to spread voter awareness. The winners were selected based on originality, relevance to the theme, and overall presentation. Mishika Topno secured the First Position for her innovative and impactful placard, followed by Abhishek Xess in Second Position, whose work demonstrated keen insight and creativity. Neyaz Ahmad was awarded Third Position, his placard resonating strongly with the ethos of electoral literacy.

a) Mishika Topno	-	First Position
b) Abhishek Xess	-	Second Position
c) Neyaz Ahmad	-	Third Position

Each placard served as a visual reminder of the power of the individual vote and the collective responsibility of citizens in shaping the nation’s future. The winners’ efforts stood out for their clarity, creativity, and alignment with the event’s theme of ethical and informed voting.

- 2. Reel Making :** The Reel Making competition channelled the digital creativity of students, allowing them to produce short video reels that highlighted the significance of voting and democratic engagement. Participants used storytelling, visual effects, and persuasive messaging to reach out to their peers and the wider community. The reels were judged on content quality, originality, and effectiveness in delivering the electoral literacy message. Ritik Kumar emerged as the winner, clinching First Position with a reel that was both informative and engaging. Dravin Singh received the Second Position for his compelling narrative and clear call to action, while Sharib Ahmad was awarded Third Position for his innovative approach and visual appeal.

a) Ritik Kumar	-	First Position
b) Dravin Singh	-	Second Position
c) Sharib Ahmad	-	Third Position

The winning reels not only demonstrated technical prowess but also effectively conveyed the importance of participating in elections, thus inspiring viewers to embrace their role as responsible citizens.

3. Collage Making :The Collage Making competition provided students with an opportunity to express their vision of democracy and electoral participation through a blend of images, colours, and text. Participants assembled collages that illustrated the journey of voting, the collective power of a nation, and the aspirations of its citizens. The event fostered teamwork, creativity, and a deeper understanding of the democratic process. Though the winners' names for this category have not been specified in the provided text, the competition contributed significantly to the overall spirit of electoral literacy and encouraged holistic engagement with the theme.

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| a) Ritik Kumar | - | First Position |
| b) Siddharth Gautam | - | Second Position |
| c) Muskan Shukla | - | Third Position |

Overall, these competitions not only celebrated artistic and digital talent but also reinforced the importance of informed voting and the role of youth in strengthening the democratic fabric of the country. The recognition of winners served as motivation for all students to remain active, aware, and responsible citizens.

NATIONAL VOTER'S PLEDGE

The formal session concluded with the National Voter's Pledge, administered by one of the Campus Ambassadors. Students and faculty solemnly resolved to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and to vote in every election fearlessly and without inducement.

National Voter's Pledge

We, the citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and to vote in every election fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement ”

" हम, भारत के नागरिक लोकतंत्र में अपनी पूर्ण आस्था रखते हुए यह शपथ लेते हैं कि हम अपने देश की लोकतांत्रिक परम्पराओं की मर्यादा को बनाये रखेंगे तथा स्वतंत्र, निष्पक्ष एवं शांतिपूर्ण निर्वाचन की गरिमा को अक्षुण्ण रखते हुए, निर्भीक होकर, धर्म, वर्ग, जाति, समुदाय, भाषा अथवा अन्य किसी भी प्रलोभन से प्रभावित हुए बिना सभी निर्वाचनों में अपने मताधिकार का प्रयोग करेंगे।"



