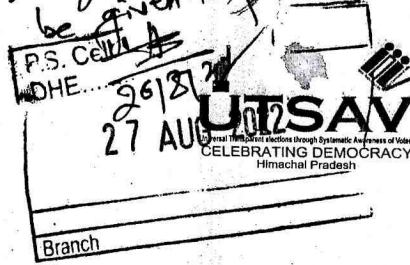




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D.O. No.12-07/2021-ELN-2183
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER-CUM-
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (ELECTIONS)
GOVERNMENT OF
HIMACHAL PRADESH,
SHIMLA-171009
Dated: 23 August, 2022

Dear Dr. Amarjit,

As you are aware, the strength of any democracy depends on the foundation of free, fair and inclusive elections. Elections to constitute 14th Vidhan Sabha are due in the coming months and Election Commission of India is making all possible efforts for conducting elections in a manner where all voters can cast their votes and contribute in nation building by taking active part in the democratic process.

In this context, the Department has launched a programme "UTSAV" (Universal Transparent elections through Systematic Awareness of Voters) on 27th July, 2022, for undertaking various SVEEP related activities and to inform, motivate and facilitate all eligible citizens to enroll themselves and subsequently participate in electoral process. Therefore, the said programme may be endorsed and all SVEEP related activities, henceforth, be undertaken with #UTSAV. This will create an UTSAV like environment across the state and encourage every eligible person to participate in the democratic process and thus contribute in Nation building.

Taking forward the theme 'No Voter to be Left Behind,' and in pursuance of the recommendations given in the Commission's report on 'Mainstreaming of Electoral Literacy through Educational Institutions, Organizations', Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs) in Educational Institutions, Chunar Pathshalas in communities not covered under the formal education system were established in the state of Himachal Pradesh in November, 2017 to engage future and new voters. Despite best efforts put by the educational institutions for informing and motivating the youth to participate in electoral process, there is still a major gap in terms of registration of eligible youth of 18-19 years age group in electoral rolls as merely 1.53% of this age group have so far enrolled themselves against the eligible 3.23% of the census population in the state.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the department of Education which has always extended invaluable support and contribution be it in terms of providing Electoral Literacy to the students or sparing the services of its Teaching/Non-Teaching staff to act as polling personnel, since time immemorial. I, once again, request you to provide the following support during the ensuing Vidhan Sabha Elections-2022 also:

- Mainstreaming of Electoral Literacy in all Educational Institutions.
- Educate the targeted populations about voter registration, entire electoral process and related matters by engaging them through well designed attractive resources and hands on experience.
- EVM and VVPAT familiarisation and education about robustness and integrity of the electoral process using EVMs.
- Capacity building for generating/locating information on what, when, where and how of the elections and electoral process right from a young age of around 14 years (Class IX onwards).
- To help target audience to understand the value of their vote and exercise their suffrage right in a confident, comfortable and ethical manner.
- To facilitate the target audience to understand the constitutional, legislative and legal provisions besides the technological innovation and integration in elections and nature and role of the Election Commission, Courts, Media and other stakeholders.
- To harness the potential of ELC members for carrying the electoral literacy in communities.
- To facilitate voter registration for the students as they achieve the age of 18 years.
- Facilitating training of Teachers, preferably from Political Science Department, who will be conducting the ELC activities in the school on specific Resources/Tools.
- Guiding the Teachers for conduct of the ELC activities.
- Guiding the School Elections as per the ELC activity.
- Creating new resources and forwarding the same to the concerned District Election Officer.

I am sure that as a pro-active partner department, you would extend your invaluable support in the whole election process this time also, by creating an UTSAV like atmosphere, where every eligible citizen takes pride to participate in electoral process voluntarily.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Maneesh Garg
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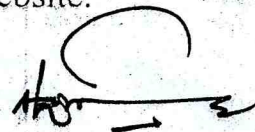
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2. All the Branch officers / Superintendents, Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
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