

1. Whether Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been set up in the College?	Yes, PVKN Government College(A) in Chittoor has an Electoral Literacy Club (ELC). This club is dedicated to educating students about the importance of voting and the electoral process. It is led by a faculty member from the Political Science department and includes student representatives from various academic fields.
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2. Whether students' co-ordinator and co-ordinating faculty members are appointed by the College and whether the ELCs are functional? Whether the ELCs are representative in character?

Yes, the students' coordinator and coordinating faculty members are appointed by PVKN Govt. College to oversee the functioning of the Electoral Literacy Club (ELC), ensuring its activities are well-organized and impactful. The ELC is indeed functional and plays an integral role in the college's efforts to promote electoral literacy among students. The ELC at PVKN Govt. College is actively engaged in educating students about the electoral process. One of the club's key activities is the integration of electoral awareness into the college's daily routine. During the everyday prayer session, topics such as voter registration, the importance of voting, and the distinction between assembly and parliamentary constituencies are discussed. This consistent exposure helps students grasp the fundamental aspects of democracy and the electoral process, fostering a sense of civic responsibility. In addition to these discussions, the club organizes various activities to make the learning experience more engaging and practical. For instance, students conduct mock assembly sessions, which simulate the functioning of a legislative assembly. These sessions allow students to actively participate in debates, propose bills, and understand the legislative process in a hands-on manner. This experiential learning approach not only deepens their understanding of the electoral system but also enhances their critical thinking and public speaking skills. The ELC is also representative in character, with a diverse range of members from different academic streams and backgrounds. This inclusive approach ensures that the club reflects the varied perspectives within the student body, making its activities and initiatives more relevant and relatable to all students. Moreover,

the ELC extends its efforts beyond the college premises by conducting outreach programs aimed at the broader community. These initiatives focus on voter education and the significance of active participation in elections, thereby empowering the community with knowledge about their electoral rights and duties.

<p>3. What innovative programmes and initiatives undertaken by the ELCs? These may include voluntary contribution by the students in electoral processes-participation in voter registration of students and communities where they come from, assisting district election administration in conduct of poll, voter awareness campaigns, promotion of ethical voting, enhancing participation of the under privileged sections of society especially transgender, commercial sex workers, disabled persons, senior citizens, etc.</p>	<p>The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) at PVKN Govt. College has undertaken several innovative programs and initiatives aimed at fostering a deeper understanding of the electoral process and encouraging active participation in democracy. Some of the key initiatives include:</p> <p><b>Voter Registration Drives:</b> The ELC actively participates in voter registration drives, both within the college and in the communities from which students hail. This includes helping students register to vote and guiding them through the process, ensuring that new voters are added to the electoral rolls.</p> <p><b>Assistance in Poll Administration:</b> Students from the ELC voluntarily assist the district election administration during the conduct of polls. This involvement provides them with practical experience in electoral processes and contributes to the smooth functioning of elections.</p> <p><b>Voter Awareness Campaigns:</b> The ELC conducts extensive voter awareness campaigns aimed at educating students and the local community about the importance of voting, ethical voting practices, and the impact of informed voting. These campaigns use a variety of methods, including workshops, seminars, street plays, and social media outreach.</p> <p><b>Promotion of Ethical Voting:</b> The club places a strong emphasis on promoting ethical voting, encouraging voters to make informed decisions based on candidates' policies and integrity rather than inducements or short-term gains.</p> <p><b>Collaboration with District Authorities:</b> The club works closely with district election authorities to align its initiatives with broader electoral goals, ensuring that their efforts are impactful and well-coordinated. Through these initiatives, the ELC at PVKN Govt. College not only educates students about the electoral process but also empowers them to take an active role in promoting democratic values</p>
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within their communities.

4. Any socially relevant projects/initiatives taken by College in electoral related issues especially research projects, surveys, awareness drives, creating content,	Yes, PVKN Govt. College has undertaken socially relevant projects and initiatives related to electoral issues, particularly through its Electoral Literacy
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publications highlighting their contribution to advancing democratic values and participation in electoral processes, etc.

Club (ELC) and community service projects. One notable initiative is the Community Service Project (CSP), conducted during the summer holidays after students finish their II semester end examinations.

**Community Service Project (CSP): Objective:** The CSP aims to engage students in real-world issues related to democracy and electoral participation. By working directly with communities, students gain firsthand experience in understanding the challenges and opportunities related to electoral processes.

**Activities: Surveys and Research:** Students conduct surveys and research projects within their local communities to gather data on voter awareness, participation rates, and barriers to voting. This research often focuses on underrepresented groups, such as the elderly, transgender individuals, and economically disadvantaged communities.

**Awareness Drives:** As part of the CSP, students organize voter awareness drives, educating community members about the importance of voting, the process of voter registration, and the significance of ethical voting practices.

**Creating Educational Content:** Students are encouraged to create informative content, such as brochures, pamphlets, and social media campaigns, to spread awareness about democratic values and the importance of participation in electoral processes.

5. Extent of students above 18 years who are yet to be enrolled as voters in the electoral roll and efforts by ELCs as well as efforts by the College to institutionalize mechanisms to register eligible students as voters.

At PVKN Govt. College, efforts are consistently made to ensure that all eligible students above 18 years are enrolled as voters in the electoral roll. Despite these efforts, there are still students who have not yet registered as voters, which is why the college, through its Electoral Literacy Club (ELC), has institutionalized several mechanisms to address this issue. Voter Registration Drives: On-Campus Drives: The college conducts voter registration drives on campus, with the active support of the District Collector. During these drives, personnel from the Collectorate are sent directly to the college to assist students with the enrollment process. This hands-on assistance makes the process smoother and more accessible for students, ensuring that those eligible can register without any barriers. Pledge Taking: During these voter registration drives, students also take a pledge to participate in the democratic process and exercise their voting rights responsibly. This ceremony underscores the importance of voting and





encourages a culture of civic duty among the student body. National Voters Day Celebrations: January 25th Observance: Every year on January 25th, PVKN Govt. College celebrates National Voters Day, which is an important event to reinforce the significance of voter registration and participation in elections. Processions and Awareness Campaigns: As part of the National Voters Day activities, the college organizes a procession that not only involves students but also reaches out to the neighboring community. This procession serves as a public awareness campaign to encourage voter registration, both within the college and in the surrounding areas. Through this initiative, the college plays a proactive role in promoting voter enrollment and ensuring that all eligible individuals are registered. Institutional Mechanisms: The college has worked to institutionalize voter registration mechanisms by embedding these drives into the regular activities of the ELC. By making voter registration an integral part of student life, the college ensures that every eligible student has the opportunity to enroll. Collaboration with Local Authorities: The collaboration with the District Collectorate and other local authorities ensures that the college is aligned with broader electoral goals and that its efforts are supported by the necessary resources and expertise. Through these sustained efforts, PVKN Govt. College is making significant strides in reducing the

number of unregistered eligible voters among its students and is actively contributing to the larger goal of increasing voter participation in the democratic process.

