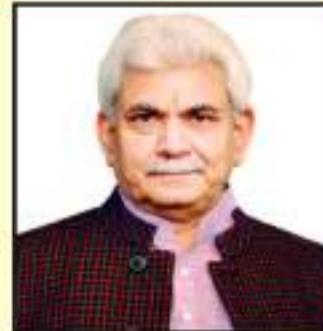




Lieutenant Governor
Jammu & Kashmir



Raj Bhavan
Jammu-180001

I would like to congratulate the citizens of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on the occasion of 12th National Voters' Day. National Voters' Day is observed annually on 25th January across the country. The central theme of this year's celebration is "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative".

The very foundation of a democracy lies in the representation of all the communities and an indispensable part of nation building starts with the inclusion of women voters, youth and PwDs in its electoral process and to uphold the sanctity of free and fair elections.

In a democracy in true spirit of universal adult suffrage, every vote matters, every vote counts and given this fundamental premise, equal and inclusive access is vital and in fact the lifeblood of a vibrant and functional Democracy.

I am pleased to know that more than 1.5 lac new voters have been enrolled in J&K during the continuous updation of electoral roll since the last Summary Revision.

I urge all remaining eligible citizens in the UT to enrol themselves in the voters list as and when the new revision of electoral roll is undertaken so as to exercise their franchise in a free, fair and ethical manner.

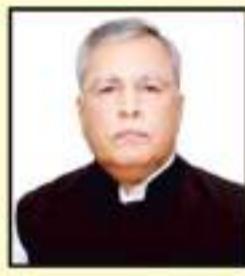
I compliment the J&K's Election Department for its sustained efforts and wish it success for future endeavours.

January 20, 2022
Jammu

(Manoj Singh)



Farooq Khan



Advisor to
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor,
J&K

MESSAGE

The National Voters' Day (NVD) is celebrated on 25th January every year since 2011, all across the country, including the UT of Jammu & Kashmir at District Headquarters, AERO/ERO offices, at all polling station locations, to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India (25th January 1950).

Dedicated to the voters of the country, the day is utilized to spread awareness among voters and for promoting informed participation in the electoral process. The main purpose of celebrating NVD is to encourage, facilitate and maximize enrolment, especially for the new voters.

The very foundation of a democracy lies in the representation of all stakeholders and an indispensable part of nation-building starts with the inclusion of all including specially abled (PwDs) in its electoral process.

To uphold the spirit of free and fair elections, and participation of all, Election Commission of India has selected "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative" as the theme of this year's NVD. The theme seamlessly integrates with the underlying philosophy of universal adult suffrage and the concept of 'No Voter to be Left Behind.'

I convey my best wishes to every citizen, election department officers/officials associated with the process across the UT of J&K, on this happy occasion of National Voters' Day and appeal everyone to make it a great success by becoming an integral part of the democratic electoral process.

Jammu
20th January, 2022

(Farooq Khan)



Dr Arun Kumar Mehta
IAS



MESSAGE

It is a matter of pleasure to know that the 12th National Voter's Day is being celebrated across Jammu & Kashmir at all the polling stations, AERO/ERO offices and district headquarters to raise awareness regarding the citizen's rights and responsibilities in the electoral practices of our democracy.

This year, National Voter's Day is being celebrated under the theme "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative" for strengthening our democratic processes and structures and making them more inclusive, accessible, and participative for all segments, of our society, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities. Towards this end, more than 1.5 lac new voters have been registered in the electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir this year.

I compliment the Chief Electoral Officer, Jammu & Kashmir, and his staff for their steadfast efforts towards realizing the vision of an inclusive, accessible, and participative democracy, and extend my greetings to all voters on National Voters' Day.

(Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta)



Hirdesh Kumar, IAS
Chief Electoral Officer
Jammu & Kashmir
And Ladakh



MESSAGE

National Voters' Day is celebrated on January 25 every year since 2011, all across the country to mark the foundation day of Election Commission of India, an independent and constitutional body. The 12th National Voters' Day is being celebrated on 25th January, 2022 in the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The main purpose of the National Voters' Day is to encourage, facilitate and maximize the enrolment, especially for the new voters. The day is also utilized to spread awareness among the voters and for promoting informed participation in the electoral process.

The Election Commission of India has selected "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative", as the central theme for the 12th National Voters' Day. The theme seamlessly integrates into the underlying philosophy of universal adult suffrage and the concept of 'No Voter to be Left Behind.' Hitherto, the focus is to enhance participation, strengthen facilitation, mould public perceptions about the potential of all segments of society like youth, women voters, senior citizens and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and to include their voice as equal citizens and set the stage for their social and economic integration.

More than twelve thousand new voters were added in the electoral roll during the recently held Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls (w.r.t 01-01-2022 as qualifying date) in the UT of Ladakh and which resulted in the enhanced figures of EPIC percentage 94.22%, 100% PER and 987 Gender ratio. In the UT of Jammu & Kashmir, more than 1.5 lac new electors have been added in the electoral roll during the continuous updation since last Summary Revision.

I convey my best wishes to every citizen of UTs of J&K and Ladakh on this happy occasion of National Voters' Day and appeal everyone to make it a great success by becoming an integral part of the democratic electoral process.

21st January, 2022
Place: Jammu

(Hirdesh Kumar) IAS

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