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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT ELECTION OFFICER, RAYAGADA
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Letter No. 844/2025

Date. 31 /12/2025

To

The Principal Rayagada (Autonomous) College, Rayagada/ Women's (Degree) College, Rayagada/ Model Degree College, Rayagada/ GITAM Science College, Pitamahal, Rayagada/Jupiter Science College, Barijhol, Rayagada / UGMIT College, Rayagada / Govt. ITI, Rayagada /GIET, Khaliguda, Rayagada / IACR College, Barijhol, Rayagada/LS College, JK Pur, Rayagada/RITAM College, Pitamahal/ Manikeswari Higher Secondary School, Kashipur Junior College, Dangasil/ Model Degree College, Amalabhata, Rayagada / Maharshi Vidya Mandir, Rayagada (+2 College) / Sacred Heart School, Rayagada (+2 College) /Maa Markama (Degree) College, Bissamcuttack/Ramamani College Of Nursing-RCN, Muniguda/ R.G. (Degree) College, Padmapur/Muniguda (Degree) College, / Govt. Degree College, Chandrapur/ Science (Degree) College, Gudari/ Gunupur (Degree) College, Gunupur/ Thyarama (Degree) Women's College, Gunupur,/Ayush Degree college, Ramanaguda.

Sub: - Ensuring maximum participation of students in Voter Awareness Contest on the Occasion of upcoming national Voters Day-2026-reg.

Madam/Sir,

In connection with the observance of National Voters Day-2026. It has been decided to organise Voter's awareness Contests for the students of future voters with the objective of promoting Electoral Literacy, Ethical Voting and informed participation in the Democratic process. In this regard all the educational institutions are requested to ensure maximum participation of students in the contest strictly based on the themes prescribed for National Voters Day-2026 as communicated by the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha.

CONTEST TIME LINE: 1ST January,2026-15th January,2026

THEME: "Nothing like Voting I Vote for Sure".

The contest will be conducted under the following three categories.

1. Slogan Contest: The participants shall e-mail the entries along with the details i.e name,address and phone number to the email-id: dm-rayagada@nic.in.

2. Skit Contest: Skit Contest provides an opportunity to stage lovers to create a video that celebrates the diversity & festivity of Indian Elections. Apart from the main theme of the contest the participants can also be explored the following themes: Importance of Ethical voting (inducement free voting),and power of vote displaying importance of inclusive voting i.e, for women, PWDs, senior citizens, young and first time voters. The participants shall create a video on any one of the above themes and video shall be of 1-5 minutes duration only. The participants shall send their video along with the details i.e name,address and phone number to the email-id: dm-rayagada@nic.in.

3. Reel Making Contest: The participants shall have to upload the reel in their social media handles by mentioning their name, district. The participants shall tag the social media handles of district concerned and social media handles of O/o-CEO,Odisha i.e Facebook: Ceoodisha, "x.@OdishaCeo, Instagram: Odishaceo & You Tube Chief Electoral Officer

Odisha. The participants shall send their video along with the details i.e name, address and phone number to the email-id: dm-rayagada@nic.in.

Therefore you are requested to publicize the contest widely among the students through notice boards, class rooms and digital platforms and also encourage large scale student participation across all streams and academic years. Further you are requested to submit the entries /participation details to this office within the stipulated time line. Your cooperation in making the National Voters Day-2026 a meaningful and successful event is highly appreciated.

This may be treated as **Most Urgent**.

Yours Faithfully



Addl. DEO &ADM, RAYAGADA

Dated. 31 /12/2025

Memo No. 845/2025

Copy to the ERO-cum-ADM (General), Rayagada / ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Gunupur / ERO-cum-Sub-Collector, Rayagada for information and necessary follow up action.



Addl. DEO &ADM, RAYAGADA

Dated. 31 /12/2025

Memo No. 846/2025

Copy to Dy. Director-cum-DIPRO, Rayagada, District Level Nodal Officer to handle media / social media platform for ensuring wide publicity of the Voter Awareness Contest in view of the upcoming National Voters Day-2026 through both print and electronic media.



Addl. DEO &ADM, RAYAGADA

Dated. 31 /12/2025

Memo No. 847/2025

Copy to the DIO, NIC Collectorate, Rayagada for information and necessary action.



Addl. DEO &ADM, RAYAGADA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ODISHA
HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

EC-REV-MISC-0046-2025- 8782 /Elec. Dated, BBSR, the 30th Dec., 2025

From

Dr. Laxmi Prasad Sahu, OAS
Dy. Chief Electoral Officer -cum-
Dy. Secretary to Government

To

All DEOs & Collectors
All EROs

Subject: Encouraging participation of Educational Institutions in the Voters' Awareness Contest – reg.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to state that, in view of the upcoming **National Voters' Day, 2026**, the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a **Voter Awareness Contest** titled "**Nothing like voting, I vote for sure**" to reinforce the significance of every vote through creative expression.

About the Contest

1. The contest will be conducted under the following three categories:
 - o **Slogan Contest**
 - o **Skit Contest**
 - o **Reel Making Contest**
2. Any individual born between **01.01.2006 and 25.01.2010** is eligible to participate. The contest will be held from 1st January, 2026 to 15th January, 2026. Detailed guidelines and participation instructions are available on ceoodisha.nic.in.
3. The **top three winners in each category** will be awarded attractive cash prizes during the **State-level National Voters' Day function**.
4. Information on each contest is enclosed at **Annexure-A**, which is indicative and the DEOs & Collectors may include any other point in consultation with CEO.

Role of DEOs / EROs

To ensure maximum participation in the above-mentioned contests, DEOs and EROs shall take the following steps:

- a) Disseminate all contest-related information, including posters and guidelines, through multiple communication channels such as social media platforms and WhatsApp groups. The same shall also be uploaded on the official websites of the DEOs' offices.

- b) Share and amplify contest-related posts issued from the O/o CEO, Odisha on their respective social media platforms to enhance outreach.
- c) Issue press notes and organize press-meets to brief media houses about the contest, ensuring wide publicity through both print and electronic media.
- d) Regularly circulate contest information during the contest period through DIPRO, WhatsApp groups of BLOs, NSS, NYK, NCC, media houses, and other relevant stakeholder groups.

Engagement with Educational Institutions

- a) DEOs and EROs shall actively engage with schools, colleges, and other educational institutions to sensitize them about the contest and encourage large-scale student participation.
- b) **Electoral Literacy Clubs** established in schools and colleges shall be effectively utilized to promote awareness about the contests and motivate students to participate.
- c) Educational institutions shall be requested to encourage maximum participation of students in the contest.

Yours faithfully,

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30.12.2015

Dy. Chief Electoral Officer-cum-
Dy. Secretary to Government

VOTER AWARENESS CONTEST

In view of the upcoming 16th National Voters' Day, Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a Voter Awareness Contest – "Nothing Like Voting I vote For Sure" to reiterate the importance of every vote through creative expression. The Voter Awareness Contest by Chief Election Officer, Odisha taps into the talent and creativity of youth, while also strengthening democracy through their active involvement. Open to age group of 16-19, the contest aims at celebrating ideas and content curated on the theme of the importance of every single vote in a democracy.

CONTEST TIMELINE: 1st January, 2026 – 15th January, 2026

THEME: "Nothing like Voting I Vote for Sure"

CONTEST:

1. **Slogan Contest:** As goes the quote, "The pen is mightier than the sword, the contest invites entries to all participants who are good at inspiring people through their words.
 - a) The participants shall e-mail the entries along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
2. **Skit Contest:** Skit Contest provides an opportunity to stage lovers to create a video that celebrates the diversity & festivity of Indian Elections.
 - a) Apart from the main theme of the contest, the following themes can also be explored by the participants: Importance of Informed & Ethical Voting (Inducement Free Voting), and Power of Vote: Displaying Importance of inclusive Voting i.e. for Women, Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Young & First Time Voters.
 - b) Participants shall create a video on any one of the above themes and the video shall be of one – five minute duration only.
 - c) The participants may send their videos along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
3. **Reel Making Contest:**
 - a) The participants shall have to upload the reel in their social media handles by mentioning their name, district.
 - b) The participants shall have to tag the social media handles of district concerned and social media handles of O/o-CEO, Odisha i.e. Facebook: Ceoodisha, "X": @OdishaCeo, Instagram: Odishaceo & YouTube: Chief Electoral Officer Odisha.

- c) The participants may send their videos along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**

Awards & Recognition:

The top three winners in each contest will be awarded exciting cash prizes on the state level function of National Voters' Day.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- All entries shall be submitted by 15.01.2026
- Any entries containing offensive or inappropriate language, references to any political parties or religions containing vulgar, or racist content against particular cultures or communities, or unverified information shall not be accepted.
- A participant is allowed to submit up to one entry per contest.
- The entries submitted would be the sole property of the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha with the right to use and edit for a purpose it considers appropriate.
- The entries will be judged by a jury constituted by the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha.

Selection Guidelines:

1. A District level Screening Committee / Jury shall be constituted for scrutiny of entries and selection of good content received during the competition.
2. The Screening Committee / District Office at the District level shall download the entries from their mail ids (to be provided by the District Offices) or from the district social media platforms.
3. The Screening Committee shall further shortlist the entries in each contest referring to below mentioned rules and regulations.
 - a) Based upon the number of entries received in the skit contest, the districts have to send the following best entries selected by the Screening Committee:

Sr No.	If Entries received from Districts	Selection Criteria
1	0-10	Top 3
2	11-100	Top 10
3	101-300	Top 20
4	301-500	Top 50
5	More than 500	Top 100

(Disclaimer: If the Screening Committee finds more entries suitable and good for consideration by the CEO level committee then they can send more entries than the numbers mentioned above)

- b) Based upon the number of entries received in the Slogan Contest, the districts have to send the following best entries selected by the Screening Committee:

Sr No.	If Entries received from Districts	Selection Criteria
1	0-100	Top 10
2	101-500	Top 30
3	501-1000	Top 50
4	1001-2000	Top 100
5	More than 2000	Top 200

(Disclaimer: If the Screening Committee finds more entries suitable and good for consideration by the CEO level committee then they can send more entries than the numbers mentioned above)

4. For each contestant, if multiple entries are sent, only one best entry per participant per contest is to be considered.
5. Any entries containing offensive or inappropriate language references to nay political parties or religions containing vulgar, or racist content against particular cultures or communities, or unverified information shall not be accepted.
