

# **Institutional Initiatives for Electoral Literacy**

**Electoral Literacy club  
(ELC)**



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## **Electoral Literacy club**

### **Vision**

Originating in integrated civic and voter education and electoral participation right to make its ut most contribution to have an active democratic citizenry from a youngage.

### **Mission**

To educate the targeted populations about voter registration, electoral process and related matters through handson experience. To familiarize the targeted populations with EVM and VVPAT and to educate them about robustness of EVM and integrity of the electoral processusing EVMs. To help the target audience understand the value of their vote to ensure that they exercise their suffrage right in a confident,comfortable andethical manner.



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## **About ELC Club**

The college has established an Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) specifically targeting new voters in the age group of 18-21 years who are pursuing their graduation. The ELC serves as a platform to promote electoral literacy among students aged 18-21 through engaging activities and practical experiences, while maintaining an apolitical, neutral, and non-partisan approach.

The ELC focuses on creating an enjoyable learning environment, where activities are designed to stimulate and inspire students, encouraging them to think critically and ask questions. Through the ELC, the college aims to foster a strong culture of electoral participation among young individuals, who are the future voters of our society. Carefully curated activities within the ELC are designed to provide specific learning outcomes that will empower students to become knowledgeable and responsible voters.



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### **Objectives and Functions of ELC**

1. Providing hands-on experience to students, enabling them to learn about voter registration, the electoral process, and related matters.
2. Organizing sessions and demonstrations to familiarize students with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), highlighting the robustness of EVMs and the integrity of the electoral process.
3. Empowering students to understand the significance of their vote and encouraging them to exercise their suffrage rights with confidence, comfort, and ethical responsibility.
4. Offering assistance and support to eligible members of the target audience who are not yet registered voters, facilitating their voter registration process.
5. Conducting informative campaigns and activities that emphasize the value of each individual's vote, emphasizing the importance of active participation in the democratic process.
6. Collaborating with relevant authorities and organizations to provide accurate and up-to-date information on voter registration requirements and procedures.
7. Organizing workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions to address any queries or concerns related to voter registration and the electoral process.
8. Collaborating with local election authorities to establish voter registration drives and on-campus registration centers, ensuring convenient access for students to register as voters.
9. Promoting a culture of civic engagement and responsible voting by incorporating voter education initiatives into the curriculum and extracurricular activities.
10. Regularly evaluating and updating the voter education programs to ensure their effectiveness in equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills for active participation in the electoral process.



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## **Constitution**

The club will be managed by an elected body comprising students who are members of the ELC. Each class will have elected representatives who will serve on the committee. Only students who are eligible voters can become committee members. It is important that no politically active students are included in the committee. The elected representatives will form the Executive Committee of the ELC. Within this committee, one representative will be chosen as the Coordinator, and another as the Co-Coordinator. The Executive Committee, with guidance, consultation, and supervision from a Faculty member, will be responsible for organizing the activities of the ELC.



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## **ELC - COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

An Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) has been established at Anil Neerukonda Institute of Technology & Sciences (ANITS) with the primary objective of enhancing students' awareness and understanding of their democratic rights, particularly the right to participate in elections through voting. The Institution has the ELC functional with the following office bearers.

S.No:	Name	Department	Functional role
1	Dr. K Satyanarayana,	Mechanical Dept,	ELC Coordinator
2	Dr. G Suryanarayana,	Maths Dept.	ELC Co coordinator
3	K Chandu Reddy,	Mechanical Dept	Student Representative
4	K Keerthi Pratusya,	ECE Dept,	Student Representative
5	R V R S Manikanta	EEE DePT.	Student Representative
6	G.V.Manasa	EEE DePT.	Student Representative

**PRINCIPAL**



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## **Activities of the ELC ANITS**

1. Educating the general public in the surrounding villages through Voter Awareness Campaigns.
2. Creating awareness and interest among faculties and students through sensitization.
3. Providing awareness and experience to the targeted population about voter registration, electoral process and related matters.
4. Encouraging students to participate Election related duties in need by ELCs as well as efforts by the College to institutionalize mechanisms to register eligible students as voters.

The ELC takes actions that are socially relevant to issues related to elections, like raising awareness, creating content and publishing materials that highlight their contribution to advancing democratic values and encouraging participation in elections.

1. Students and faculty participated in 2019 General election duties
2. Students and faculty participated in 2021 GVMC election duties

All the eligible students are encouraged to enroll as voters, regular sensitization programs are conducted to enroll new students as voters. ANITS provide experience-based learning of the democratic setup through mock polling activities. ANITS also hold debates, elocution, essay writing, poster presentations, mock parliaments, and other programs to raise awareness of electoral procedures.