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Report on a Student Activity on Electoral Awareness

Theme Name: “Nirvachan Saksharta Mahotsav, 2019”

Date & Time of Event: 01 October, 2019 (2:00-4:00PM)

An electoral literacy programme was organized by the class of BA (Hon’rs)-Political Science first Semester in UTD Wing B, Room 81 premises on 1st October 2019 to sensitize the students on their electoral rights and familiarize them with the electoral process. The event embraced interesting and thought-provoking activities with diligent participation of all students performing various important roles.

The event began with the welcome ceremony of chief guest Dr. A N Panda Sir, HOD and honourable faculties of Department of Political Science. Distinguished guests including students from different departments marked their presence in the function. The atmosphere got very festive as they entered.

The anchors introduced to everyone about the Electoral Literacy Club and motive of the programme. A melodic election song motivating the youth to be aware was performed by Samiksha team students. The audience also couldn’t take their eyes off the beautiful ‘Wall of Democracy’ decorated with informative artworks representing the theme of event in a creative manner. Amidst the further proceedings, an amusing ‘Nukkad Natak’ (skit) was presented conveying the important message to vote ethically and make the informed choice.

Students acting as Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) and Booth Level Officer (BLO) explained the important process of getting registered as a voter, gave brief of the eligibility and documents required and prepared a Electoral Roll (Voter List). A list of scrutinized candidates with different symbols allotted to them for contesting in election was made by the Returning Officer (RO) who also stated the rules and code of conduct for campaigning. Total 6 candidates campaigned, gave speeches and presented their manifestoes full of appealing promises to attract voters.

Moving ahead, at polling time the Presiding Officer demonstrated the voting process and assured a fair polling by showing empty ballot-box and making security checks. About 23 voters arrived at the polling booth. They all stood in queue, approached one by one, got their names verified by first Polling Officer (PO), got their fingers inked by second PO and collected the ballot paper from the third one. They were asked to drop the marked papers in the ballot-box secretly after folding it once vertically.

After all votes were put, counting was conducted by Presiding Officer and Polling Officers under supervision of Returning Officer. Few ballot papers were rejected and the reasons were explained. The result was declared and was accepted by all. The winner candidate was congratulated and was expected to fulfill her statements.

The guests praised the class students and encouraged them with valuable remarks. The event came to conclusion with a vote of thanks by. Students enjoyed a lot and dispersed with the sincere hope that such events be organized at frequent times. Summary cannot be ended without mentioning the commendable effort and meticulous planning of Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta.

