

National Voters Day is observed every year on **25 January** to increase the number of voters all around the country, especially young voters. It is also celebrated to spread awareness regarding effective participation in the electoral process among voters.



Principal Dr S MariGowda along with Other Teaching, Non-Teaching staffs and students taking pledge on 9th National Voters Day

National Voters Day: History

25th January is the foundation day of the **Election Commission of India** (ECI) which came into existence on **1950**. This day was first celebrated in **2011** to encourage as much as young voters to take part in the electoral process. No doubt it is the day to celebrate the right to vote and also the democracy of India. Election Commission main objective is to increase the enrolment of voters, especially the eligible ones.

earlier the eligibility age of the voter was 21 years but in 1988 it was lowered to 18 years. Sixty-First Amendment Bill of 1998 lowered the voter's eligibility age in India.

National Voters Day: Significance

India is a democratic country. Every citizen has basic rights to vote. He or she has right to select his leader to whomever they think is capable of leading the nation, solve the problems of common people, bring about change etc. National Voters Day is a significant root of India as future of the country lies in the leader that we choose.

National Voters Day: Theme

Theme 2019: "No Voter to be left behind"

Theme 2018: "Assessable Elections"

Theme 2017: "Empowering Young and Future Voters" **Theme 2016:** "Inclusive and qualitative participation"

Theme 2015: "Easy Registration, Easy Correction"

Therefore, we can say that National Voters Day is an important day celebrated in India every year on 25 January to spread the awareness among the youths so that they can cast their votes to a responsible person and participate in the development of the country.

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