

**PUBLIC (ELECTIONS-VII) DEPARTMENT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Election Commission of India has planned various activities under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme to enhance the electoral participation. As a part of that, the Election Commission of India has conducted Global Exhibition "Voters' Fest, 2016" and the States throughout the country put up stalls to showcase their best practices in the electoral process at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi from 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016.

The Voters' Fest, 2016 was packed with various activities close to the exhibition venue including Inter-College competitions, Inter-School competitions and cultural programmes to showcase unique performances across the States, featuring singers, dancers, comedians, magicians and other performers.

In addition to that, the Inter- State performance was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. A cultural troupe "Bharathalaya" headed by Thiru S.Sathyan from Tiruchirappalli district has presented a performance on behalf of Tamil Nadu and it has won the second prize in the Inter- State Performance Competition held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at New Delhi.

On the closing day i.e., on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 the Commission arranged for a special programme "Felicitation-cum-Interaction with State Icons" to felicitate the Star Icons from various States in recognition of their role in rendering their voluntary participation in the active campaign on creation of electoral awareness.

Thiru Gobinath, (TV channel Anchor) participated in the Interaction cum Felicitation event on behalf of Tamil Nadu and he was felicitated by the Commission on 17.01.2016 at New Delhi.

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