

PRESS RELEASE

**NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS ON
25TH JANUARY 2019**

As a measure to enhance participation of citizens in the democratic electoral process, the Election Commission of India has declared 25th January, its Foundation Day, as National Voters' Day every year from 2011. This year, the 9th National Voters' Day will be celebrated throughout the State, and the theme is 'No Voter to be left Behind'.

The National Voters' Day will be celebrated at State level, District Level and in all the 29988 polling station locations in the state covering the 67664 polling stations. The State level function will be held at Amma Maaligai, Greater Chennai Corporation under the Chairmanship of the Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu on 25.01.2019 at 11.00 AM. He will administer the National Voters' Day Pledge, distribute Awards to the winners of SVEEP Contest-2018 conducted by the Public (Elections) Department during the month of October, 2018 and deliver his Special Address. The District Election Officer & Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation and the Deputy Commissioner(R&F), Greater Chennai Corporation will also participate in the function.

On this occasion, the winners of the SVEEP contest- 2018 will stage cultural programmes highlighting this year's National Voters' Day theme 'No Voter to be left Behind' and the importance of greater participation for a stronger democracy.

Similarly, at the District level functions and the Polling Station level functions, National Voters' Day Pledge will be administered. The Voter's Pledge will also be administered at Government offices, schools and colleges on 25.01.2019 at 11.00 A.M. Similarly, Oath would be taken in all Grama Sabha meetings scheduled to be held on 26.01.2019. A float depicting the theme of the ninth National Voters' Day being **"NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND"** would also form part of Republic Day Parade at Chennai.

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