

National Voters Day 2019 commemorated at Kristu Jayanti College

National Voters Day was celebrated at Kristu Jayanti College jointly with the HRMP that was organized by the Department of Political Science and Jayantian Extension Service by spreading awareness among the entire college students about their voting rights and right to vote through promotion in campus quadrangle and rally, dance, plays, musical events and exhibition on creating awareness among citizens on January 25, 2019.

Nation building requires a powerful and effective government, in the selection of whom, young generation along with other citizens plays an important role. It is with this motto that voters day is being celebrated since the past nine years 25th January got its importance from the 1950s as this was the day when the Election Commission was established with an aim to increase the numbers of voters from the young generation and also offer eligible candidates. Every year the

country celebrates National Voters Day by spreading awareness through rallies, dance, plays, musical events, exhibitions etc. Kristu Jayanti College teamed up with the HRMP (The Hresha Hengshita Mahanagar Palike), NSS (National Service Scheme), NCC (National Cadet Corps) and the students from political science department to create an awareness program on National Voters Day. They joined hands and organized a procession in the college quadrangle, dressed in tri-colored costumes, holding the Indian flag and boards in which slogans on voters day was written.

The procession commenced with a short song, followed by a pledge which was called out by Dr. Gopakumar A V, Dean of Humanities, and pledged by the whole college. The pledge was as follows: "We the citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the



dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and to vote in very election fearlessly, and without being influ-

enced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or by any inducement." After the pledge

Fr. Josephy PD, Principal, and Fr. Augustine George, Vice Principal inaugurated the event. The promotion

ended with a short message from the guest of the day, Sri. Jyoti Lakshmi, ADO officer. The political science

students under the guidance of the Faculty of political science also put up an Exhibition in the Mini auditorium, in which various posters based on the power of voting, rights and responsibilities of citizens and NOTA was put forth.

The faculty of the Department of Political Science, Ms. Kavari Swarni stated that "it is important to have a well informed young generation who is aware about their rights and responsibilities, avoid bias on the basis of religion and popularity during voting, and keep themselves safe from being the prey of the leaders. If none of the leaders who are standing in the elections are favorable in your sight, the option of NOTA (None Of The Above) can always be a good rather than selecting anybody by random choice."

The college has also taken an initiative to conduct a rally with the professors of Hindi Department taking lead, followed by the students of po-

litical science, NSS, NCC and USA candidates along with few HRMP candidates.

Prof. Sridhar (HOD of Hindi), stated that "in a young state like Bangalore, where more than half the population comprises educated youth, the voting percentage compared to the literacy rate is quite low. People solely enjoy the Election Day for everything else other than voting, being ignorant that nation building lies in their hands.

And even if a vote is being cast it is often prejudiced on the basis of religion, caste and popularity. It is necessary for every citizen of the country to cast their vote to elect the leaders that represent them and not just merely the duty of those in the village area. The government must take action against those who are eligible to vote and choose not to. Therefore to spread awareness we are having a rally which commences from Korbanur at 2:30 pm and covers the areas of Korbanur and Gundlupalli."

