

VOTER IS THE BACKBONE OF DEMOCRACY- ASST. COLLECTOR

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In a democratic setup voter is the backbone of democracy. The Election Commission of India intends to have participation of every section of society in the election process for inclusive democracy stated Asst. Collector,(Revenue Miss Ayushi IAS, while addressing at SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation Awareness Rally organized by the Mamlatdar Tiswadi in association with Institutions & NGOs working for persons with disabilities to commemorate International day of Persons with Disabilities at Azad Maidan in the city [today](#).

Ms Ayushi while highlighting the importance of exercising franchise during elections said that casting vote by the disabled persons can influence decisions and policy makers. She stressed the need for involvement in the election process to strengthen democracy. She also suggested to spread the message among others and try to become instrumental in strengthening democracy. Embrace, engage, empower society, cast your vote and carve your future, destiny she added.

President Disability Rights Association of Goa Mr. Avelinho D,sa, while appealing to the participants said that voting is a important right. Do not waste it but cast your vote to become part of development. He suggested to spread awareness among the people. Government has provided required facilities for disabled persons and therefore seek cooperation of organizations working in their interest. He impressed upon them that everybody is important and do not fall prey to temptation, intimidation and vote according to wish.

Deputy Collector (Election) Shri Ishwar Madkaikar congratulated the enthusiastic participants and impressed upon the participants to understand the importance of their voting right in election process and in strengthening democracy. He elaborated on the process of enrolment and facilities that are provided for disabled persons at the polling booth.

Centre In charge National Association for Blinds St. Cruz. Mrs Tanuja Jalmi, Disability Alliance for inclusive Goa Mr Patrick D'Souza, Special Educator Sanjay Higher Secondary School Mrs. Nelly Velho Pereira, Deputy Collector Revenue Miss Vrushika Kauthankar, Goa Association for the Deaf Mr. Prasad Joshi Secretary Hemophilia Society Panaji Chapter, Mr. Sagar Naik,Mamlatdar Tiswadi Shri Kaushik Desai were among those who attended the function.

Senior Journalist Prakash Kamat compered the function.

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