

**Message from the Chief Election Commissioner
on the 2nd National Voters' Day**

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all citizens, especially the newly enrolled voters, on this historic occasion of the 2nd National Voters' Day. The National Voters' Day is dedicated to the Constitutional Rights bestowed on us by the founding fathers of the nation, who granted the right of adult suffrage to every India citizen, irrespective of religion, race, caste, community, language, region or socio-economic considerations.

The Election Commission of India is proud to uphold the democratic structure of the country and strives for greater participation of the people in the electoral process. Through consistent efforts, we have achieved an electoral roll of 75 crore voters following the recently concluded Roll Revision exercise.

We know that quite a few eligible people are still uncovered, unreached, unwilling and indifferent. Our endeavour is to ensure that everyone eligible should be enrolled and those enrolled should participate in the elections, whenever the opportunity comes. This is how we strengthen the roots of democracy, by making use of the best gift of our Constitution to elect our representatives. The Pledge that we all would be taking today is a reaffirmation of our faith in ourselves, our country and our democracy.

I once again wish every citizen on the National Voters' Day and appeal to all to make it a great success by becoming an integral part of the democratic electoral process. I am sure that your participation will lead to a stronger, vibrant and more fulfilled democracy.