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To

Dated. 03.01.2026

**The Principals of all Degree Colleges of Malkangiri district**  
**The Head Masters of all Higher Secondary Schools of Malkangiri district**  
**The District Education Officer, Malkangiri**

**Sub: Participation of Educational Institutions in the Voters Awareness Contest-regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to say that the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a Voter Awareness Contest titled **"NOTHING LIKE VOTING, I VOTE FOR SURE"** to conduct competitions among the individual born between 01.01.2006 and 25.01.2010 (age group of 16-19) in view of the upcoming "National Voters' Day, 2026" which will be held from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

In this connection, I am to enclose herewith the detailed guidelines and participation instructions in **Annexure-A** and to request you to organize participation of students of Educational Institutions in the Voters Awareness Contest and reiterate the importance of every vote through creative expression for a successful organization of upcoming **16<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day, 2026** and report compliance.

This should be treated as Urgent and important.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: **As above**

  
**District Election Officer &**  
**Collector, Malkangiri**

*Dist. Election Officer  
and Collector, Malkangiri*

Memo No. 69 /2026

Dated. 03.01 .2026

Copy along with a copy of detailed guidelines and participation instructions in **Annexure-A** forwarded to the District e-Governance Manager, OSWAN, Malkangiri for information and necessary action. He is requested to hoist the same in District Website and post in social media platforms for wide publicity among the electors and participants.

Copy along with a copy of detailed guidelines and participation instructions in **Annexure-A** forwarded to the DI & PRO, Malkangiri for information and necessary action. She is requested to disseminate the contest related information among the print and electronic media.

  
**District Election Officer &**  
**Collector, Malkangiri**

*Dist. Election Officer  
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VOTER AWARENESS CONTEST

In view of the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day, Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a Voter Awareness Contest – “Nothing Like Voting I vote For Sure” to reiterate the importance of every vote through creative expression. The Voter Awareness Contest by Chief Election Officer, Odisha taps into the talent and creativity of youth, while also strengthening democracy through their active involvement. Open to age group of 16-19, the contest aims at celebrating ideas and content curated on the theme of the importance of every single vote in a democracy.

**CONTEST TIMELINE:** 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 – 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**THEME:** “Nothing like Voting I Vote for Sure”

**CONTEST:**

1. **Slogan Contest:** As goes the quote, “The pen is mightier than the sword, the contest invites entries to all participants who are good at inspiring people through their words.
  - a) The participants shall e-mail the entries along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
2. **Skit Contest:** Skit Contest provides an opportunity to stage lovers to create a video that celebrates the diversity & festivity of Indian Elections.
  - a) Apart from the main theme of the contest, the following themes can also be explored by the participants: Importance of Informed & Ethical Voting (Inducement Free Voting), and Power of Vote: Displaying Importance of inclusive Voting i.e. for Women, Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Young & First Time Voters.
  - b) Participants shall create a video on any one of the above themes and the video shall be of one – five minute duration only.
  - c) The participants may send their videos along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
3. **Reel Making Contest:**
  - a) The participants shall have to upload the reel in their social media handles by mentioning their name, district.
  - b) The participants shall have to tag the social media handles of district concerned and social media handles of O/o-CEO, Odisha i.e. Facebook: Ceoodisha, “X”: @OdishaCeo, Instagram: Odishaceo & YouTube: Chief Electoral Officer Odisha.

- c) The participants may send their videos along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**

**Awards & Recognition:**

The top three winners in each contest will be awarded exciting cash prizes on the state level function of National Voters' Day.

**GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- All entries shall be submitted by 15.01.2026
- Any entries containing offensive or inappropriate language, references to any political parties or religions containing vulgar, or racist content against particular cultures or communities, or unverified information shall not be accepted.
- A participant is allowed to submit up to one entry per contest.
- The entries submitted would be the sole property of the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha with the right to use and edit for a purpose it considers appropriate.
- The entries will be judged by a jury constituted by the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha.

**Selection Guidelines:**

1. A District level Screening Committee / Jury shall be constituted for scrutiny of entries and selection of good content received during the competition.
2. The Screening Committee / District Office at the District level shall download the entries from their mail ids (to be provided by the District Offices) or from the district social media platforms.
3. The Screening Committee shall further shortlist the entries in each contest referring to below mentioned rules and regulations.
  - a) Based upon the number of entries received in the skit contest, the districts have to send the following best entries selected by the Screening Committee:

| Sr No. | If Entries received from Districts | Selection Criteria |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1      | 0-10                               | Top 3              |
| 2      | 11-100                             | Top 10             |
| 3      | 101-300                            | Top 20             |
| 4      | 301-500                            | Top 50             |
| 5      | More than 500                      | Top 100            |

(Disclaimer: If the Screening Committee finds more entries suitable and good for consideration by the CEO level committee then they can send more entries than the numbers mentioned above)

- b) Based upon the number of entries received in the Slogan Contest, the districts have to send the following best entries selected by the Screening Committee:

| Sr No. | If Entries received from Districts | Selection Criteria |
|--------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1      | 0-100                              | Top 10             |
| 2      | 101-500                            | Top 30             |
| 3      | 501-1000                           | Top 50             |
| 4      | 1001-2000                          | Top 100            |
| 5      | More than 2000                     | Top 200            |

(Disclaimer: If the Screening Committee finds more entries suitable and good for consideration by the CEO level committee then they can send more entries than the numbers mentioned above)

4. For each contestant, if multiple entries are sent, only one best entry per participant per contest is to be considered.
5. Any entries containing offensive or inappropriate language references to nay political parties or religions containing vulgar, or racist content against particular cultures or communities, or unverified information shall not be accepted.

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