



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as “MoU”) is signed on
3rd August, 2022 between

The Chief Electoral Officer, Gujarat State (hereinafter referred to as “CEO Office”) on One Part

AND

Director, Social Defense,

Social Justice & Empowerment Department on the Other Part

And shall hereafter be collectively known as “Partners”

The Office of the CEO works under superintendence, direction and control of Election Commission of India mandated to conduct elections to the offices of President & Vice President of India and to Parliament & every State Legislature. The CEO Office works with the vision of “Informed and ethical electoral participation by all eligible citizens of Gujarat for a thriving and robust democracy”.

CEO Office is working diligently towards awareness, education and motivation of citizens on electoral participation through the ECI flagship programme SVEEP (Systematic Voters’ Education and Electoral Participation).

CEO Office intends to build strategic partnerships with an aim of extending the SVEEP interventions with help of other organizations and their networks.

The Social Justice & Empowerment Department through Director, Social Defence aims for economic development and empowerment of persons belonging to society’s underprivileged sections. The Director, Social Defence works for the betterment of persons with disabilities. Through its network, the Director, Social Defence is in position to help in CEO Gujarat’s initiatives under SVEEP programme, esp. for persons with disabilities.

The CEO Office and Director, Social Defense jointly agrees to enter into this MoU of mutual support and cooperation for working towards 100% electoral participation by the citizens of Gujarat.

Under this MoU, Director, Social Defense in consultation with CEO Office, will;

- Will identify persons with disabilities, share the database with election functionaries so that their names are enrolled and facilities can be provided for poll;
- Check that names of all beneficiaries and their family members/CSO associated with are registered in the electoral roll;

- Disseminate message regarding PwD App, encourage beneficiaries to download the app, mark his/her self as "PwD" in voter list;
- Motivate them to unfailingly cast their vote on poll day;
- Motivate all office bearers/CSO associated with to seamlessly integrated SVEEP communication regarding enrolment and casting vote, like downloading of PwD App;
- Active role of all office bearers/CSO associated with to educate and motivate the citizens, esp. society's underprivileged sections for registration and voting will be highly appreciated;
- All office bearers/CSO associated with will contribute towards enhancement of electoral participation programmes/campaigns in close coordination with election functionaries esp. Booth Level Officers (BLOs) ;

That the CEO Office will;

- Provide guidance and orientation to all office bearers/CSO associated with your office on electoral participation;
- Depute resource persons, if required, for any campaign activities/programmes etc. where electoral participation related activities are to be carried out;
- Regularly share communication material developed by ECI/CEO office for wider circulation and dissemination;
- Suitably direct election functionaries esp. Electoral Registration Officers & BLOs to co-ordinate with all office bearers/CSO associated with your office and extend necessary support.

It is mutually agreed that;

- Election Commission of India has taken various pioneering efforts through its flagship programme "SVEEP", both partners will work together under this banner for enhancement of objectives of the programme.
- Both partners will work together for enhancement "SVEEP" objective of participative democracy by inspiring all qualified people to vote and make a knowledgeable choice during the Indian elections.
- Both partners will appoint a Nodal Officer to coordinate with each other;
- Not to create any obligations/liabilities, legal or financial or otherwise for each other under this MoU;
- Review the activities at regular intervals and take corrective measures.



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Chief Electoral Officer
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