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(A SVEEP INITIATIVE)

“No Voter to be Left Behind”

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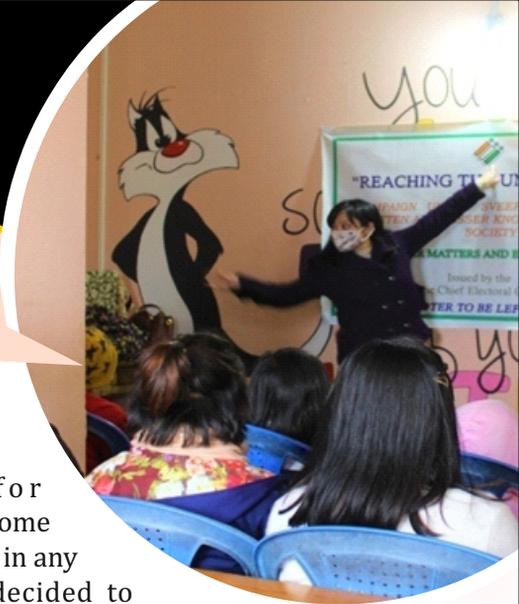
REACHING THE UNREACHED



We as a democracy elect our leaders as per our choices and that's one of the most vital privileges we have got. Voting is one of the basic rights accorded to every person after the attainment of 18 years of age, but this right is not exercised by many people. The reason being either lack of interest in the political activities or not being sensitized towards the Electoral Process. Therefore to spread awareness and improve voter participation, we have the National Voter's Day on 25th of January of every year.

Hence, "NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND" has been the motto of the ECI since the inception of National Voters Day. Taking a leaf from their motto, the office of the Chief Electoral officer, Sikkim initiated the "Reaching the Unreached" Campaign, wherein the Department and the District Election Offices sensitized Child care Institutions, Old age Homes, Sikkim Spastic Society and Detoxification centres in and around Sikkim about the Electoral process.

Balika Niketan Child Care Centre, Tadong – The Joint Chief Electoral Officer is seen here addressing the children. During the campaign, we were able to enroll 04 new electors from this centre.



Often times, in our race for development, we tend to ignore some pockets of society which may not fit in any developmental index. Thus we decided to penetrate some of these ignored pockets and sensitize the last voter in child care institutions and old age homes all over the State. The staff of these institutes were also sensitized.

In order to further the initiative of the Election Commission of India “Accessible Elections”, we went to the Spastic Society of Sikkim and sensitized the staff about involving the children in the electoral process. Under the “Reaching the Unreached” Campaign, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer has written to all the disability homes and centers in the State for nominating a Nodal officer who would be responsible for getting the new PwD Voters enrolled on time.

Another initiative undertaken by the office was printing of Braille EPICs for visually impaired voters. We have a total of 282 visually impaired voters who will be empowered with these cards very shortly.



The residents of detoxification centers are not able to access the benefits of Summary Revision, therefore, the Department visited these Detoxification Centers to sensitize them and also took necessary steps for enrolling new voters, shifting and corrections of electors details of the residents during the Summary Revision, 2021.

The following institutes were covered during the campaign:

EAST DISTRICT

1. OLD AGE HOMES:

- a. Lee Al Old Age Home, Samdong.
- b. Jalipool Old Age Home, Jalipool.

2.CHILD CARE HOME:

- a. Balika Niketan Child Care Centre, Tadong.
- b. Freedom Open Shelter Home, Tathangchen, Gangtok.
- c. Bojoghari Children Welfare Society, Near Shiv Mandir, Bojoghari, Gangtok.

3.REHABILITATION CENTRES:

- a. Sikkim Rehabilitation and De-toxification Centre, Nimtar, East Sikkim.
- b. Association for Social health in India, Sikkim Branch (Jagruti),
Near Co-operative Society, Sichey, Gangtok.
- c. Freedom rehabilitation Centre, Tathangchen, Gangtok.
- d. Serenity Home, Gangtok, East Sikkim.
- 4. PWD Shelters.
 - a. Spastic Society of Sikkim, Syari.

WEST DISTRICT:

- 1. Sunrise Boys Children Home, Kyongsa, West Sikkim .

SOUTH DISTRICT:

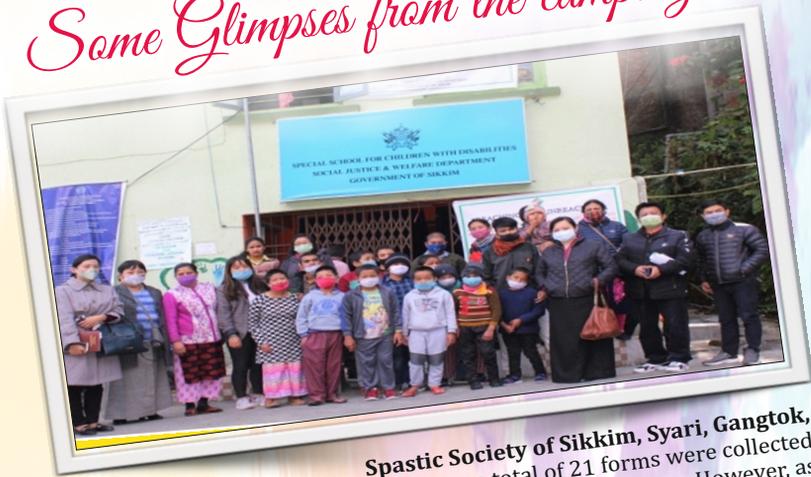
- 1. Turuk Children Home, Namchi.
- 2. Women Rehab Centre, Debrung.

Total Number of forms collected:

- 1. Form 6 – 22
- 2. Form 8 - 02

Total number of EPIC issued during National voters Day, 2021: 10

Some Glimpses from the campaign



Spastic Society of Sikkim, Syari, Gangtok, During the campaign, a total of 21 forms were collected including new enrolment and corrections. However, as most of them had not reached the eligible age, only 04 new enrolments could be accepted.



Freedom Rehabilitation Centre, Tahangchen During the campaign, we were able to shift the EPICs of two residents from this centre



Sikkim Rehabilitation and De- toxification Centre, Nintar



Freedom Open Shelter Home, Tahangchen: We were able to enroll 02 new electors from this centre.



Serenity Home, Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Bojoghari Children Welfare Society, Near Shiv Mandir, East Sikkim



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Reaching the Unreached Campaign at South District.
Women Rehabilitation Centre, Debrung.



Turuk Children Home



Reaching the Unreached Campaign at West District
Sunrise Boys Children Home, Kyongsa, West Sikkim



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