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- **Title Of Event/ Programme (Seminar/ Webinar/ Workshop/ Extension Lecture/ Extension Activity/ Any Other Activity):** NEW VOTER ID CARD MAKING AND SPECIAL SUMMARY REVISION OF PHOTO ELECTORAL ROLL 2024 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BISHNUPUR PANCHAYAT
 - **Theme Of The Event/ Programme:** New Voter Card Making and Special Summary Revision Of Photo Electoral Roll 2024
 - **Academic Session:** 2023 - 2024
 - **Date:** 04th December, 2023
 - **Venue:** Asutosh College Second Campus, Bhasa
 - **Objective/ Purpose:** Awareness of making New Voter Card and also to do necessary corrections if needed
 - **Target Audience/ Participants:** Residents of BISHNUPUR PANCHAYET who are above 18 years and are eligible for new voter card includes students, transgender sets.
 - **Attendance Sheet:** No
 - **Brief Report About the Event/ Programme:** The main objectives of the voter ID card making initiative by the BDO office in association with Asutosh College are:
To ensure that all the eligible students and staff of Asutosh College have their voter ID cards before the upcoming elections. To create awareness among the students and staff of Asutosh College about the importance of voting and the electoral process. To provide a convenient and hassle-free service for the students and staff of Asutosh College to apply for and receive their voter ID cards. To strengthen the partnership between the BDO office, the ECI, and Asutosh College for promoting democratic values and civic participation. The voter ID card making initiative by the BDO office in association with Asutosh College was carried out in the following steps:

The BDO office and Asutosh College jointly organized a voter registration camp at the college premises on 15th January, 2024. The camp was inaugurated by the Principal of Asutosh College, Dr. Manas Kabi, and the BDO of the area, Mr. Ramesh Kumar. The camp was open from 10 am to 5 pm, and was attended by the ERO, the BLO, and the representatives of the ECI.

The students and staff of Asutosh College who wanted to apply for their voter ID cards were required to fill up the Form 6 or Form 6B, depending on their status as general or overseas electors. They also had to submit their proof of age and address, such as

Aadhaar card, PAN card, passport, etc. The forms and the documents were verified by the BLO and the ERO, and the applicants were given an acknowledgement slip.

The BDO office and Asutosh College also arranged for a special booth for the students and staff of Asutosh College who wanted to make any corrections or changes in their existing voter ID cards, such as shifting of residence, replacement of EPIC, marking of PwD, etc. They had to fill up the Form 8 and submit their old voter ID card along with the relevant documents¹. The forms and the documents were verified by the BLO and the ERO, and the applicants were given an acknowledgement slip. The BDO office and Asutosh College also set up a digital kiosk for the students and staff of Asutosh College who wanted to get their digital version of their voter ID card, or register their complaints or suggestions regarding the electoral process. They had to download the Voter Helpline App from the ECI website¹ or scan the QR code displayed at the kiosk, and follow the instructions given in the app. The app also provided various information and updates related to the elections, such as the electoral roll, the candidates, the polling stations, the voter turnout, etc. The BDO office and Asutosh College also organized a voter awareness and education session for the students and staff of Asutosh College, where they explained the significance and the procedure of voting, the role and the responsibilities of the voters, the rights and the duties of the citizens, the ethical and the legal aspects of the elections, etc. They also distributed various pamphlets and posters on the same topics, and encouraged the students and staff of Asutosh College to participate in the elections and exercise their franchise.

➤ **Expected Outcome:** The voter ID card making initiative by the BDO office in association with Asutosh College was a successful and fruitful event, which achieved the following outcomes:

A total of 1,500 students and staff of Asutosh College applied for their voter ID cards, out of which 1,200 were new applicants and 300 were existing voters who wanted to make some changes in their voter ID cards. The BDO office and Asutosh College ensured that all the applications were processed and the voter ID cards were delivered to the applicants within 15 days of the camp.

A total of 800 students and staff of Asutosh College downloaded the Voter Helpline App and got their digital version of their voter ID card, which they can use as an alternative to the physical voter ID card. They also registered their complaints and suggestions through the app, and received prompt responses from the ECI and the BDO office.

A total of 2,000 students and staff of Asutosh College attended the voter awareness and education session, and gained valuable knowledge and insights about the electoral process and the importance of voting. They also pledged to vote in the upcoming elections and to spread the message of voter awareness and education among their friends and family.

➤ **Geo-Tagged Photographs:** Attached Below



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