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Name of Activity

Electoral Literacy Initiative for Graduate

Constituency Election

Date of Conduction

22-09-2022

Organized by

Student Development Section

Student Participated

100

Brief Report

Graduate Constituency Elections are crucial in India's democratic framework, particularly for public universities. Graduates can influence policies that affect education and other crucial sectors by providing a voice to the educated populace in the legislative framework. They can drive policies that promote scientific temper, innovation, and research. Graduates can also advocate for educational policies, pushing for reforms and improvements in public universities, ensuring adequate funding, infrastructure, and policy support to foster academic excellence and research advancements.



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Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director (Students Development) and other digniteries during the event organized at beautiful campus of Earn and Learn Section

On 22nd September 2022, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, organized an Electoral Literacy Initiative focused on the Graduate Constituency Election. This initiative was part of a community orientation drive aimed at educating graduates and community members about the significance of their participation in the electoral process. The primary objectives of the initiative were to educate graduates and the community about the Graduate Constituency Election, inform them about the voting process, eligibility criteria, and the significance of their vote, encourage active and informed participation in the electoral process, and promote a sense of civic responsibility and engagement within the community. Key attendees included the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Hon'ble Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director (Student Development), Community leaders and activists, University Representatives, faculty members and staff from the Students Development Section, students from various departments, alumni and recent graduates, and residents from the local community. The event began with a welcome address by the Director of the Students Development Section, who emphasized the importance of electoral literacy and community participation in the democratic process. Key activities included lighting a ceremonial lamp to symbolize the enlightenment and knowledge that the event aimed to impart. Informative sessions covered topics such as the introduction to the Graduate Constituency Election, eligibility criteria, voting process, and the role of elected representatives. Community workshops engaged participants in practical exercises related to the electoral process, demystifying the voting process and empowering them with the skills and knowledge needed to participate effectively. The event concluded with a pledgetaking ceremony, where participants committed to exercising their right to vote responsibly

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and encouraging others in their community to do the same. The pledge statement read: "I pledge to exercise my right to vote with integrity, make informed decisions, and uphold the values of democracy and civic responsibility. I will encourage my peers and community to participate actively in the electoral process for the betterment of our society. "The Electoral Literacy Initiative was well-attended, with over [insert number] participants, including students, graduates, and community members. Key outcomes included increased awareness and understanding of the Graduate Constituency Election, enhanced knowledge of the voting process and the importance of voter participation, fostered a sense of civic responsibility and community involvement, and encouraged dialogue and interaction between the university and the local community on issues of democratic participation and governance. Future plans for the Students Development Section include organizing similar initiatives, including voter education workshops, registration drives, and community outreach programs, to continue expanding electoral literacy and fostering a culture of active and informed civic participation among students and community members.



