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To.

1) The Director, Directorate of Education Department, Porvorim Goa.

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REGISTRAR

Sub: ECI signs MOU with Ministry of Education to bring Electoral Literacy to classrooms across the country.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on electoral literacy was signed on 02.11.2023 between the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Ministry of Education, involving the Department of School Education & Literacy and the Department of Higher Education. A copy of the signed MoU is attached herewith for your kind perusal.

The MoU underscores the development of an institutional framework that seeks to incorporate electoral literacy formally into the school and college education system. This includes structured curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities, all of which will help in preparing future and new voters for greater electoral participation and in effect strengthening democracy. It's crucial to capture the attention of young minds and educate them about the significance and value of their vote in every election.

The MoU is aimed at extending the ECI's flagship Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) in schools and colleges. The objective is to encourage universal and enlightened participation of future voters in elections.

The MoU also aims to address the issues like apathy among urban and young voters, as a crucial aspect of Continuous Electoral and Democracy Education. This integration seeks to motivate future voters to participate more actively in elections, fostering responsible citizenship, and reinforcing our democratic system with informed and dutiful citizens.

In this regard it is requested to take necessary steps to operationalise the provisions of this MoU in every School, College and Institution of Higher Education by making it an integral part of their functioning; and on systematically integrating voters education and electoral literacy into the curricular framework starting from classes 6 to 12 in all schools though State Education Board.

Yours Faithfully

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Joint Chief Electoral Officer

Encl:as above