

VOTER AWARENESS FORUM



No Voter to be Left Behind



WHAT IS A VOTER AWARENESS FORUM (VAF)?

- Informal Forum
- Generating discussions and awareness around the electoral process
- How to and where to give vote?
- Spread voter awareness and facilitate voter education in various Government Departments, Non-Governmental Organizations and as well as in Corporate





REASONS TO VOTE

Every vote counts equally

It is a citizens' right and also a responsibility

Voting is one of the ways through which you can express your opinion in democracy

It gives you the opportunity to choose your leaders and hold them accountable for development

Voting allows you to express your feelings and opinions about the current leaders

It gives a voice how a local body, state or country is run

Voting gives you positive attitudes about the government



HOW TO VOTE



You can vote only if your name appears in
Voter List (Also known as Electoral Roll)

Name in the Voter List (find by )

Logging on to electoralsearch.in

Calling the Voter Helpline 1950 (please add your STD
code before dialling)

SMS <ECI> space <EPIC No> to 1950 (EPIC stands for
Electors Photo Identity Card also commonly known as
Voter ID card). Example - If your EPIC is 12345678 then
sms ECI 12345678 to 1950

[Download](#) Voter Helpline App

WHERE TO VOTE



FIND POLLING BOOTH (WHERE TO VOTE)



Voters can go to electoralsearch.in or use [Voter Helpline App](#) to find their polling booth

Voters can call the Voter Helpline, the number is 1950 (please add your STD code before dialling)

For Polling station location SMS <ECIPS> space <EPIC No> to 1950

Mobile phones, cameras or any other gadget is not allowed inside a polling booth.



VOTING PROCESS AT POLLING BOOTH

First polling official will check your name on the voter list and check your ID proof

Second polling official will ink your finger, give you a slip and take your signature on a register (Form 17A)

You will have to deposit the slip at the third polling official and show your inked finger and then proceed to the polling booth

Record your vote by pressing the ballot button opposite the symbol of the candidate of your choice on the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM); You will hear a beep sound

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VOTING PROCESS AT POLLING BOOTH

Check the slip that appears in the transparent window of the VVPAT machine. The slip with the Candidate serial No., Name and Symbol shall be visible for 7 seconds before it drops in the sealed VVPAT box

You can press NOTA, None of the Above, if you don't like any candidate; it's the last button on the EVM

For more information, please see the Voter Guide on <http://ecisveep.nic.in/>

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ACCEPTED/ RECOGNIZED ID CARDS FOR VOTING



1. EPIC (Voter ID card)
2. Passport
3. Driving License
4. Service Identity Cards with photograph issued to employees by Central/State Govt./PSUs/Public Limited Companies
5. Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office
6. PAN Card
7. Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR
8. MNREGA Job Card (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee)
9. Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour
10. Pension document with photograph
11. Official identity cards issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs
12. Aadhaar Card



ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE (EVM)



Control Unit

VSDU

Printer (VVPAT)

Balloting Unit

Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) is an electronic device for recording votes. EVM consists of two Units – a Control Unit and a Balloting Unit – joined by a cable. The Control Unit is placed with the Presiding Officer/ Polling Officer and the Balloting Unit is placed inside the voting compartment. Instead of issuing a ballot paper, the Polling Officer in-charge of the Control Unit will release a ballot by pressing the Ballot Button on the Control Unit. This will enable the voter to cast his vote by pressing the blue button on the Balloting Unit against the candidate and symbol of his choice.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVM-VVPAT IN INDIAN ELECTIONS (1/2)



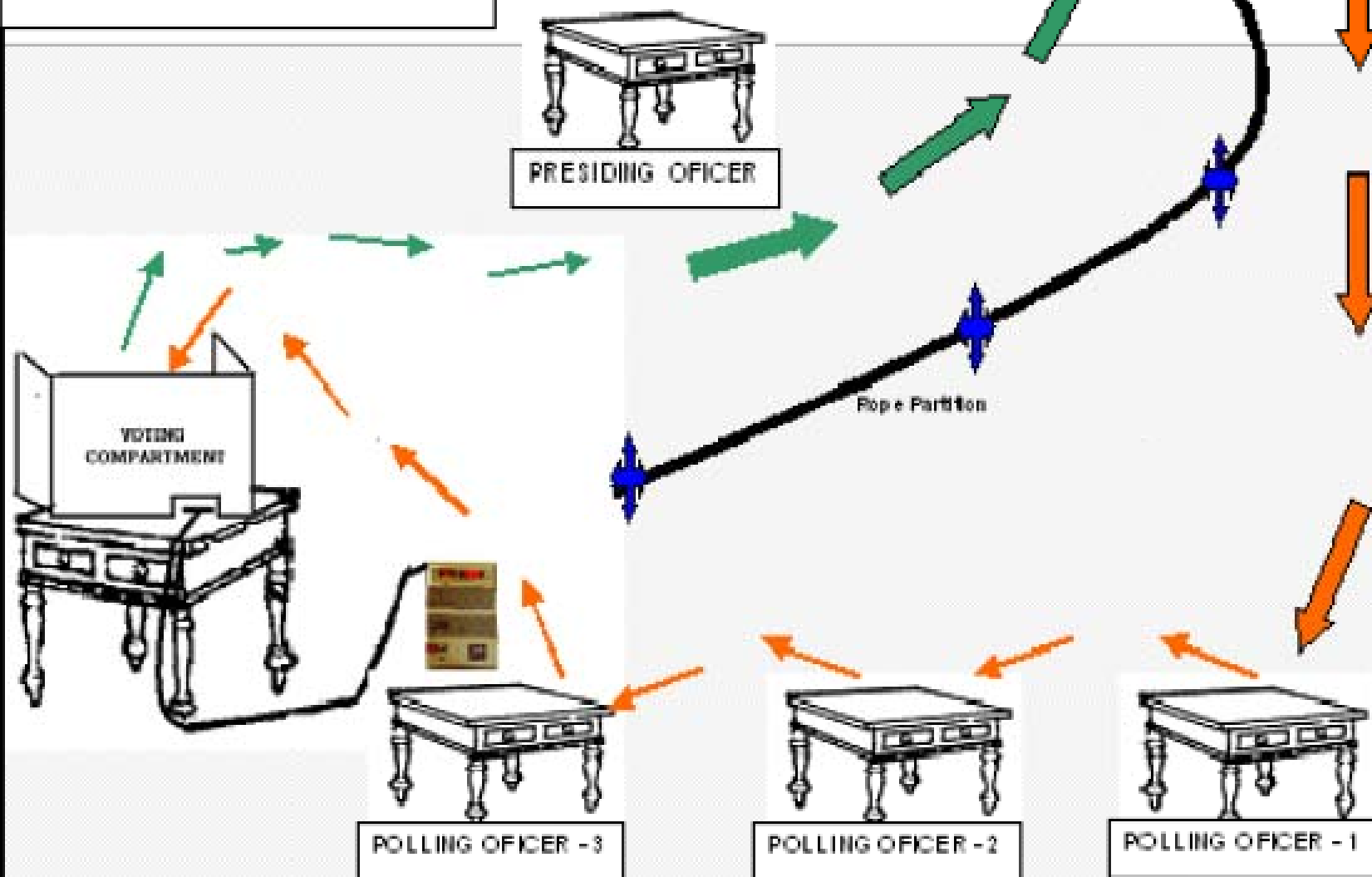
<u>Date</u>	<u>Chronology of Events</u>
1977	ECI mooted the idea of EVM
1979	A proto-type was developed
6 th August, 1980	Demonstration by ECI before the representatives of political parties
January 1981	BEL approached ECI for manufacturing EVMs
29 th July, 1981,	ECI held a meeting with the representatives of BEL, ECIL, the Ministry of Law and Chief Electoral Officers of some state
19 th May, 1982	EVMs first used in 70-Parur AC in Kerala
1982-83	EVMs used in 10 Bye-elections in different parts of the Country

CHRONOLOGY OF EVM-VVPAT IN INDIAN ELECTIONS (2/2)



December 1988	A new Section 61A was included in the Representation of the People Act 1951(The Supreme Court upheld the validity of section 61A in 2001)
January 1990	Electoral Reforms Committee (ERC) formed by Government of India
April 1990	Technical Experts Committee recommended the use of EVMs
24 th March, 1992	Necessary amendments to the Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 were notified by the Government
1998	A general consensus was reached on the use of EVMs for conducting Indian Elections
1999-2004	EVMs used in different state assembly elections
2004 - 2014	EVMs used in three consecutive elections to the Lok Sabha
14 th August, 2013	The Conduct of Elections Rules 1961 were further amended and notified to provide for VVPATs
4 th September, 2013	VVPAT was first used in a bye-election for 51-Noksen AC in Nagaland
8 th October, 2013	Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the ECI to introduce the VVPAT in a phased manner
2013 – March 2017	Limited number of VVPATs introduced in phases by ECI except all 40 Assembly Constituencies of Goa.
May 2017 – present	VVPATs being used in all General/Bye-elections to Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies

EVM – MODEL POLLING STATION



POLLING AGENTS

Know your **EVM**



Uninterrupted
Voting



Saves
Paper



NOTA
Option

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE

1

ENTER THE BOOTH



The Presiding Officer will enable the ballot Unit while you enter the polling compartment.



USING EVM & VVPAT

3

SEE THE LIGHT



The red light against the name/symbol of candidate chosen will glow

2

CAST YOUR VOTE



Press the Blue Button on the Ballot Unit against the name /symbol of candidate of your choice.

4

SEE THE PRINT



The Printer will print a ballot slip containing Serial Number, Name and Symbol of the chosen Candidate as shown.

See the print through the glass, as the printout will not be given to you

The slip will be visible for 7 seconds

NOTE!

If you do not see the ballot slip and hear the loud beep please contact the Presiding officer.



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जानियें कैसे दें अपना वोट

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मतदान केन्द्र में प्रवेश करें



जब आप मतदान प्रकोष्ठ में प्रवेश करेंगे तब पीठासीन अधिकारी बैलेट यूनिट को वोट डालने के लिए तैयार कर देंगे।



ई.वी.एम. और वीवीपैट का उपयोग करते हुए

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अपना वोट दें



बैलेट यूनिट में अपने पसंद के प्रत्याशी के नाम और चुनाव चिन्ह के सामने वाले नीले बटन को दबाएं।



प्रिंट पर्ची को ग्लास में से देखें क्योंकि प्रिंट पर्ची आपको नहीं दी जाएगी।

3

लाइट को देखें



जिस प्रत्याशी को वोट दिया है उसके नाम/चुनाव चिन्ह के सामने वाली लाल लाइट जलेगी।

4

प्रिंट को देखें



प्रिंटर एक बैलेट पर्ची प्रिंट करेगा जिसमें पसंद के प्रत्याशी के कमांक, नाम और चुनाव चिन्ह अंकित होगा।

पर्ची 7 सेकेण्ड के लिए दिखाई देगी।

नोट

अगर आपको बैलेट पर्ची नहीं दिखाई दे और बीप की आवाज सुनाई देती है तो कृपया पीठासीन अधिकारी से सम्पर्क करें।



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NAME



SERIAL
NUMBER

SYMBOL

VERIFY YOUR VOTE

bharat ka bharosa

VVPAT

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail

VVPAT will be used in all the polling stations in the forthcoming General Elections

VVPAT will be kept in voting compartment along with Ballot Unit

VVPAT has a transparent window which shows the printed paper slip when the vote is cast

The printed paper slip will display the Name, Serial Number and Election Symbol of the candidate for seven (7) seconds to the voter

After seven (7) seconds the printed paper slip will automatically get cut and drop in the sealed box below

VVPAT further enhances transparency and reliability in poll process



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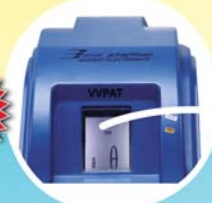


VVPAT

Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail



You can
view it for
7 seconds



VERIFY YOUR VOTE
bharat ka bharosa



The **Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT)** machine allows you to see a printed slip for **7 seconds** showing the Serial No., Name & Symbol of your chosen candidate. It allows you to verify & confirm that your vote has gone to the candidate of your choice.

VERIFY

CONFIRM

SATISFY

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