

# National Voters' Day 2022

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**In news-** The 12th National Voters' Day was celebrated on January 25 2022.

## **About National Voters' Day(NVD)-**

- It seeks to encourage the country's voters to participate in the electoral process.
- **The theme for this year's NVD** is '*Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative*'.
- During the event, National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices for the year 2021-22 were given to state and district level officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections in different areas.
- On the other hand, the newly enrolled voters received the EPIC during the event.
- ECI also launched National Voter Awareness Contest- 'My Vote is my Future- Power of One Vote'
- **The first-ever National Voters' Day was celebrated on January 25, 2011** as the then Central government had pointed out that new voters who attained the age of 18 were showing less interest in getting enrolled in the electoral rolls.
- To address this issue, the Election Commission decided to launch a nationwide effort to identify all eligible voters who reach the age of 18 on January 1 of each year in all polling stations across India,
- Such voters would be enrolled and be given the Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) on January 25 every year.
- **NVD 2022 marks 70 successful years of elections in India.**

## **Voting rights in India-**

- Every Indian citizen (above 18 years of age) who is of sound mind is given a universal voting right.
- **Article 326** of the Constitution provides for universal adult suffrage, but does not specifically mention the right to vote.
- Right to Vote in elections is an important **constitutional right** in India.
- The voter is not discriminated against on the basis of factors like religion, caste, creed, economic status, etc.