



**OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE**

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**COLLECTORATE, ANGUL**

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**From Shri Udaya Kumar Mohapatra, OAS (SAG)**

**Addl. District Election Officer & ADM , Angul**

**To**

**The ERO-cum-ADM (General), Angul**

**All EROs-cum-Sub Collectors of Angul District**

**The District Education Officer, Angul**

**Sub: Encouraging participation in Voter Awareness Contest in connection with National Voters' Day, 2026 — reg.**

**Ref: Letter No. 8782/ Dt. 30.12.2025 of CEO, Odisha**

**Sir,**

With reference to the letter cited above, it is to inform that the **Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha** has launched a **Voter Awareness Contest** titled **"Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure"** in view of the forthcoming **16th National Voters' Day, 2026**.

The contest will be held from **01.01.2026 to 15.01.2026** under the following categories:

- Slogan Contest
- Skit Contest
- Reel Making Contest

The contest is open to youth aged **16–19 years** (born between **01.01.2006** and **25.01.2010**). Information of each contest is enclosed at Annexure-A.

All **EROs** are hereby requested to ensure **wide publicity** of the contest within their respective jurisdictions by:

1. Disseminating contest-related information through **BLOs, ELCs, NSS, NYK, NCC, WhatsApp groups, and social media platforms**
2. Actively engaging with **schools, colleges, and educational institutions**
3. Sharing and amplifying posts issued from **O/o CEO, Odisha** on official social media handles
4. Encouraging maximum participation of eligible youth.



The **District Education Officer, Angul** is requested to take immediate steps for:

1. Engagement with schools and colleges of the district
2. Sensitizing students about the contest and its importance
3. Encouraging maximum participation of eligible students
4. Utilizing **Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs)**, wherever available, for promotion of the contest
5. Detailed guidelines of the contest are available on the official website **ceoodisha.nic.in**.

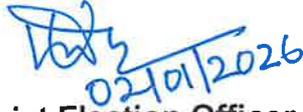
Further, the **District Education Officer, Angul** is requested to conduct the competitions immediately in all schools and colleges of the district in coordination with the concerned EROs

**All entries by the participants shall be submitted to this office on or before 15.01.2026** through the official **e-mail ID: election.angul@od.gov.in**. Entries received after the due date shall not be entertained.

This may be treated as **Most Urgent**.

Yours faithfully,

Encl- as above

  
02/01/2026  
**Addl. District Election Officer,  
& ADM, Angul**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ODISHA  
HOME (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT

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From

Dr. Laxmi Prasad Sahu, OAS  
Dy. Chief Electoral Officer -cum-  
Dy. Secretary to Government

To

All DEOs & Collectors  
All EROs

Subject: Encouraging participation of Educational Institutions in the Voters' Awareness Contest – reg.

Madam/Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to state that, in view of the upcoming **National Voters' Day, 2026**, the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a **Voter Awareness Contest** titled "**Nothing like voting, I vote for sure**" to reinforce the significance of every vote through creative expression.

### **About the Contest**

1. The contest will be conducted under the following three categories:
  - o **Slogan Contest**
  - o **Skit Contest**
  - o **Reel Making Contest**
2. Any individual born between **01.01.2006 and 25.01.2010** is eligible to participate. The contest will be held from **1<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 to 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**. Detailed guidelines and participation instructions are available on **ceoodisha.nic.in**.
3. The **top three winners in each category** will be awarded attractive cash prizes during the **State-level National Voters' Day function**.
4. Information on each contest is enclosed at **Annexure-A**, which is indicative and the DEOs & Collectors may include any other point in consultation with CEO.

### **Role of DEOs / EROs**

To ensure maximum participation in the above-mentioned contests, DEOs and EROs shall take the following steps:

- a) Disseminate all contest-related information, including posters and guidelines, through multiple communication channels such as social media platforms and WhatsApp groups. The same shall also be uploaded on the official websites of the DEOs' offices.

VOTER AWARENESS CONTEST

In view of the upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> National Voters' Day, Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha has launched a Voter Awareness Contest – "Nothing Like Voting I vote For Sure" to reiterate the importance of every vote through creative expression. The Voter Awareness Contest by Chief Election Officer, Odisha taps into the talent and creativity of youth, while also strengthening democracy through their active involvement. Open to age group of 16-19, the contest aims at celebrating ideas and content curated on the theme of the importance of every single vote in a democracy.

**CONTEST TIMELINE:** 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2026 – 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

**THEME:** "Nothing like Voting I Vote for Sure"

**CONTEST:**

1. **Slogan Contest:** As goes the quote, "The pen is mightier than the sword, the contest invites entries to all participants who are good at inspiring people through their words.
  - a) The participants shall e-mail the entries along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
2. **Skit Contest:** Skit Contest provides an opportunity to stage lovers to create a video that celebrates the diversity & festivity of Indian Elections.
  - a) Apart from the main theme of the contest, the following themes can also be explored by the participants: Importance of Informed & Ethical Voting (Inducement Free Voting), and Power of Vote: Displaying Importance of inclusive Voting i.e. for Women, Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, Young & First Time Voters.
  - b) Participants shall create a video on any one of the above themes and the video shall be of one – five minute duration only.
  - c) The participants may send their videos along with the details i.e. name, address and phone number to the **e-mail id assigned by the concerned district.**
3. **Reel Making Contest:**
  - a) The participants shall have to upload the reel in their social media handles by mentioning their name, district.
  - b) The participants shall have to tag the social media handles of district concerned and social media handles of O/o-CEO, Odisha i.e. Facebook: Ceoodisha, "X": @OdishaCeo, Instagram: Odishaceo & YouTube: Chief Electoral Officer Odisha.

- b) Based upon the number of entries received in the Slogan Contest, the districts have to send the following best entries selected by the Screening Committee:

Sr No.	If Entries received from Districts	Selection Criteria
1	0-100	Top 10
2	101-500	Top 30
3	501-1000	Top 50
4	1001-2000	Top 100
5	More than 2000	Top 200

(Disclaimer: If the Screening Committee finds more entries suitable and good for consideration by the CEO level committee then they can send more entries than the numbers mentioned above)

4. For each contestant, if multiple entries are sent, only one best entry per participant per contest is to be considered.
5. Any entries containing offensive or inappropriate language references to nay political parties or religions containing vulgar, or racist content against particular cultures or communities, or unverified information shall not be accepted.

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