



Election Awareness Pathanatya

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Introduction

As the election season approaches, the campus community witnessed an initiative aimed at educating and encouraging voter participation among students and faculty. **The Performing Arts Club of ICT Mumbai organized a *Pathanatya*** (street play) as a medium to raise awareness about the importance of voting and active civic engagement. The event focused on empowering students, particularly new college voters, to understand their role in the democratic process and to inspire a sense of responsibility and community belonging through the act of voting.

The Significance of Voting for College Students

Voting is a vital aspect of democracy, especially for college students who are newly eligible voters. By participating in elections, students can influence policies directly affecting them, including education reforms, student loans, and campus safety. The act of voting allows them to express their preferences and advocate for their interests and those of their peers, fostering active citizenship and involvement in governance.

Pathanatya Performance: The road not taken.

The skit opens with two brothers discussing poor infrastructure and governance issues, including bad roads, limited healthcare access, and water shortages. As they talk, a corrupt politician arrives, subtly coercing them to vote for him with bribes and threats. The younger brother resists, advocating for integrity in voting.

On Election Day, both brothers face intimidation to vote for the politician. Despite threats, the younger brother stands firm, determined to vote responsibly.

Five years later, the elder brother visits the younger's improved area, led by an honest politician focused on community development. He's impressed by the well-maintained roads, reduced crime, and clean environment, contrasting his own area's continued neglect. The skit concludes with the good politician visiting the younger brother's home, showing genuine concern for the community's well-being, and committing to resign if he fails to deliver results, emphasizing the importance of choosing leaders wisely.

Interactive Session and Community Engagement

Following the play, an interactive session was held where audience members had the opportunity to ask questions and share their thoughts on the electoral process. This session provided a platform for attendees to deepen their understanding of the voting process, fostering a sense of responsibility to participate in future elections.

Acknowledgment

The success of this event was largely due to the dedication of the PFA Club and its core members, who coordinated the event, managed logistics, and effectively promoted the performance in such short timeframe. Using humor, drama, and emotionally engaging narratives, the actors were able to captivate the audience, bringing attention to essential elements of the election process such as making informed choices and the power of each vote.

The election awareness *Pathanaty* was a resounding success, achieving its goal of educating and inspiring young voters.

