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To

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Managing Director, DTTDC,  
18-A, DDA. SCO Complex,  
Defence Colony,  
New Delhi-110024.

Subject :- Election Education Centre-cum-Museum – regarding.

Sir,

An Election Education Centre-cum-Museum has been established in the premises of the CEO, Delhi to showcase the remarkable journey of Indian Elections through archived images, videos and related documents. It also has an important section on Gandhiji's engagement with democracy, set up with assistance of National Gandhi Museum.

I am directed to request you to include the name of our Election Education Centre-cum-Museum in the list of Museums which are on your website so that more and more people/tourist may plan their visit to this museum. I am sending the requisite/relevant details relating to this Museum for your taking further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As above.

(CHARANJIT SINGH)  
Election Officer (SVEEP?)



A. **About :-**

An Election Education Centre-cum-Museum has been inaugurated in the premises of the CEO, Delhi on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 by the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of India (C.E.C), Dr. Nazim Zaidi in the august presence of the Hon'ble Election Commissioners Sh. Achal Kumar Joti and Sh. Om Prakash Rawat to showcase the remarkable journey of Indian Elections through archived images, videos and related documents. It also has an important section on Gandhiji's engagement with democracy, set up with assistance of National Gandhi Museum.

This Centre-cum-Museum has been set up with a view to create an environment and learning place to celebrate our electoral legacy, to peep into our "gold standard" electoral management and to learn democracy with Gandhi. It takes us down the memory lane of election process in the largest democracy of world. With the use of more than hundred archived photographs, maps and references, the centre showcases the electoral journey of country under the supervision, direction and control, of the Election Commission of India till date.

B. **Description of Achievement/Work –**

Tonnes of documents, lakhs of papers including periodicals, journals, newspapers, photographs etc. were scanned to collect the relevant information. Various museums and archives were explored to find the appropriate material for display in this Centre. Interaction with various levels of officials associated and having expertise in museumology helped to shape-up the present Centre.

Additionally, the heritage value of architecture of the building has also been preserved. All the civil works were carried out by ensuring that no damage is done to the building itself. In fact, it has come up as more beautified, stronger and completely preserved building.

C. **Sections :-**

1. Library.
2. Audio Visual Room.
3. Photo Gallery.
4. Electoral Management Section.
5. Gandhi Gallery.

1. **Library :-** In this section, books relating to election and its procedure, English and Hindi literature have been kept for the office staff & visitors. The books have been procured from reputed publications like National Book Trust, Hindi Academy, Sahitya Academy & Publication Division, Govt. of India and are of varied subjects. The Library also provides various newspapers, journals & magazines and an important place of learning for visitors. All the archived narrative election reports of the ECI has been made available for the readers.



2. **Audio Visual Room :-** The section consists of facility for display of films and documentaries including still photographs related with elections. One of the short films is on the first General Election held in Independent India in 1952.

An interesting section presents the transformation from ballot box in 1952 to the Electronic Voting Machine and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in 2015 elections.

3. **Photo Gallery :-** It depicts the election journey of India democracy through the time. Right from the 1951-52, first General Elections to the last election conducted in the year 2015, every aspect of electioneering like preparations for election, voter education, polling, counting, display of results etc. has been showcased. Further, glimpses of various SVEEP activities have also been highlighted in this gallery section. It also covers all the stages of elections and it's connections with the voters in today's time.

4. **Electoral Management Section :-** This section showcase electoral roll of Delhi as old as 1923, various government orders and circulars prior to Independence. This section consists of information regarding every aspect of election procedure. Right from the registration as elector to the counting of result and return of elections has been displayed. Elections of President, Vice-President and Rajya Sabha is also detailed. Each Stage of election process has been described in lucid details. The use of indelible ink is highlighted through exhibits which suggests that this is now being used in more than 25 countries in the world.

5. **Gandhi Gallery :-** It is also added that the building which houses the O/o CEO, Delhi has been declared as one of the Gandhi heritage buildings worldwide. To acknowledge the same and to showcase our respect to our beloved Bapu, one portion of the centre has been entirely dedicated for display related with Gandhiji and his views on democracy.

This section has been setup with the assistance from National Gandhi Museum. It contains the views of Gandhiji on democracy as far back as in year 1894. Further, chronological details of important events of Gandhiji's life has been displayed for knowledge of all visitors. One of the interesting displays is the signature and writings of Gandhiji's in different languages.

D. **Plan your Visit :-**

The Museum is open from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM on working days i.e from Monday to Friday (except national and gazetted holidays). As per convenience of visitors. This centre is open for general public as well as students of ITIs, Schools & Colleges with online booking on the website i.e. [www.ceodelhi.gov.in](http://www.ceodelhi.gov.in) where visitors can plan and book their visit at the time & date of their convenience.

