

IIT Kanpur being a fully residential academic institute accommodates more than six thousands students. Major fraction of the total number of student is from distant places. Therefore they do not cast their vote in their native places during national or state elections. The unfortunate part is most of us do not apply for enrolment of our name in the local constituency and hence do not perform our duty as a citizen. With the voter registration becoming online, it has become very easy to do.

The following steps are to be followed for applying for a voter ID card online:

- 1) Fill Form 6 available online on Election Commission's website. Before filling up the form you need to have a scanned copy of following documents:
 - a. Latest Colored Photograph,
 - b. Age Proof i.e. Birth Certificate or Certificate of 10th class (or a school/college certificate mentioning date of birth)
 - c. Address Proof.

Form 6 is available at the following links.

http://eci.nic.in/eci_main1/index.aspx

<http://eci-citizenservices.nic.in/frmForm6New.aspx>

- 2) After nearly one month of registration one can collect the voter ID card from the local voter centre (Here Kanpur).
- 3) This process should start at least one year in advance before the state/national elections.
- 4) For the details, from filling the form till submission has been explained in the following video link in you tube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wns9xMRV9Q&noredirect=1>

With the registration becoming so easy, the three tasks which remain to be seen are

1. The most important, making people aware of this easy process, which can be done by the Student Senate (through email and posters).
2. The address proof for the students applying for Voter ID card, for they might not be having any document with their hostel address mentioned on them (ration card, passport or other documents). If possible can the DoSA help with regards to this.
3. The collection of voter ID cards from the voter centre.

Some useful links for FAQ

<http://www.jaagore.com/site/vote/faq.php?sectId=6>