CITIZEN VIGILANT

(cVIGIL)

**WHAT IS IT?**

The new app launched by Election Commission of India. ‘cVIGIL’ stands for Vigilant Citizen and emphasizes the proactive and responsible role citizens can play in the conduct of free and fair elections.

**WHO USE IT?**

cVIGIL is an innovative mobile application for citizens to report Model Code of Conduct and Expenditure violations. cVIGIL, a user-friendly and easy to operate the android application, which can be used for reporting violations from the date of notifications for bye-election/ assembly/ parliamentary elections.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The uniqueness of the app is that it only allows Live Photo/ video with auto location capture from within the app to ensure digital evidence for flying squads to act upon in a time-bound manner. The app could be installed and used on any Android (Jellybean and above) smartphone equipped with a camera, good internet connection, and GPS access.

cVIGIL connects vigilant citizens with District Control Room, Returning Officer, and Field Unit (Flying Squads) / Static Surveillance Teams, thereby, creating a rapid and accurate reporting, action will be taken within 100minutes.

After its successful submission, the citizen gets a Unique ID to track and receive follow up updates on his mobile. A citizen can report many incidents in this manner and will get a unique id for each report for follow up updates. The app user has the option of registering complaints anonymously through cVIGIL App to hide the identity.

Some of the MCC issues are:

* Money distribution
* Liquor/drug distribution
* Intimidation
* Fake news
* Paid news.

Features:

* cVIGIL application will be usable only within geographical boundary of States where elections are being held.
* The app will not allow uploading of the pre-recorded images/ videos, neither would it allow users to save photos/videos clicked from this app into the phone gallery directly.
* District Controller has the option of dropping duplicate, frivolous and unrelated cases even before the cases are assigned to the field unit.

**Data FLOW:**

PHOTO

VIDEO

ANONYMOUS

CONTROL

ROOM

ID

GENERATED

LOGGED IN CLICK

cVIGIL

ACTION

TAKEN

cVIGIL UPDATED STATUS

**IMPACT OF IT?**

By using this app, citizens can immediately report on incidents of political misconduct within minutes of having witnessed them and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer. cVIGIL provide time stamped evidentiary proof of model code of conduct / Expenditure Violation, having live photo/video with auto location data.