

A training programme was conducted for all the Dy. DEOs from 31 districts of Telangana on EVMs & VVPATs. The Dy. DEOs were taken around the production facilities and also introduced to the special safety features of the machines. The technical personnel of ECIL explained that the machines are only One Time Programmable and if anybody tries to interfere with the machine, it is self-destruct. They have also explained that every machine is tested for security access and interference from other devices like radio, WiFi, etc. is impossible and since they are standalone machines it is impossible to access them through network also. All the Dy. DEOs were given hands-on training on EVMs and VVPATs to acquaint themselves with the machines.

Dr.Rajat Kumar, CEO, Telangana State, addressed the gathering and emphasised the need for conducting rigorous campaign for raising confidence levels on EVMs and VVPATs. In this context he has directed that awareness campaign should be conducted by the DEOs involving all the stakeholders like political parties, judicial and police officers, Media, general public explaining the salient features of these machines.

The CEO stated that about 84,400 VVPATs will be supplied by the ECIL by the end of September 2018 and after comprehensive checking they will be deployed at the Districts.