



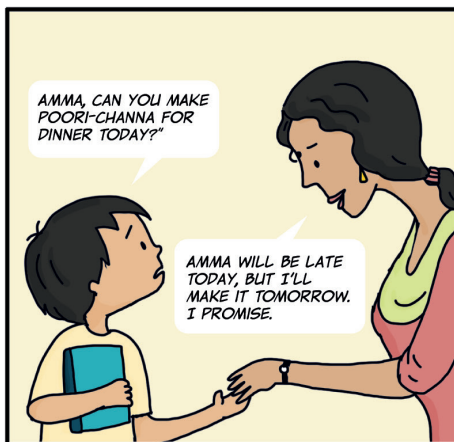
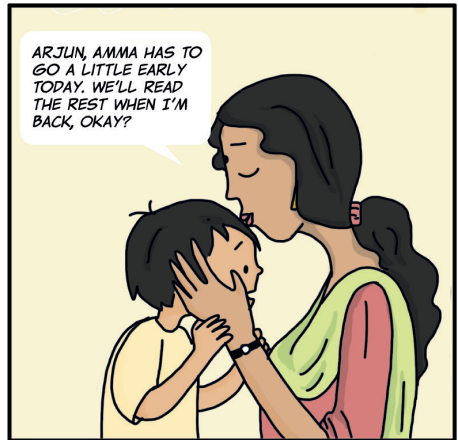
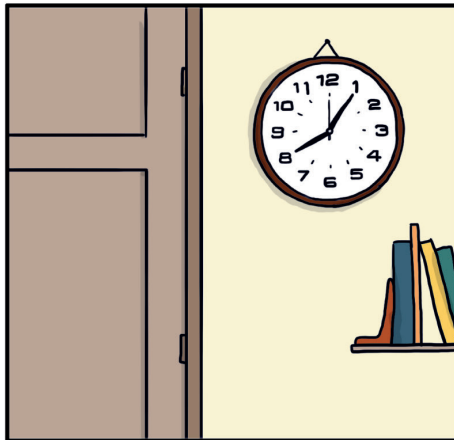
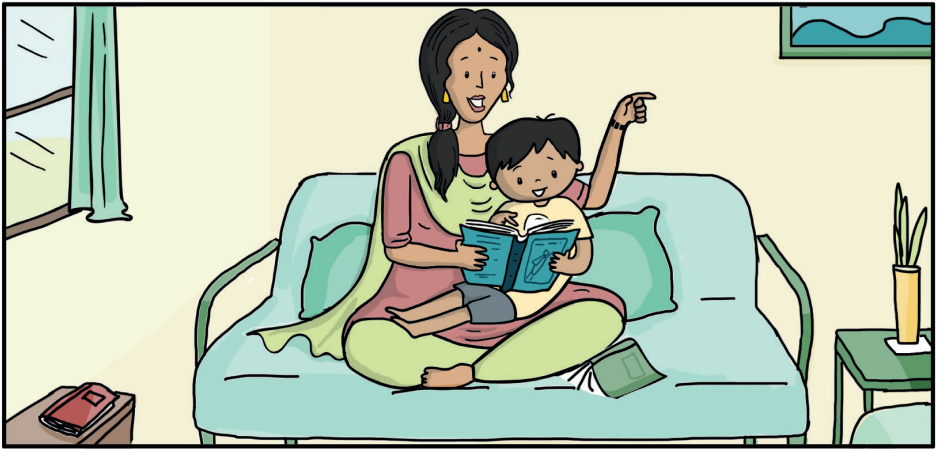
## Kamala

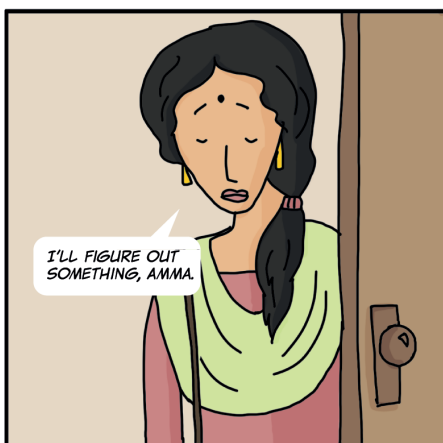
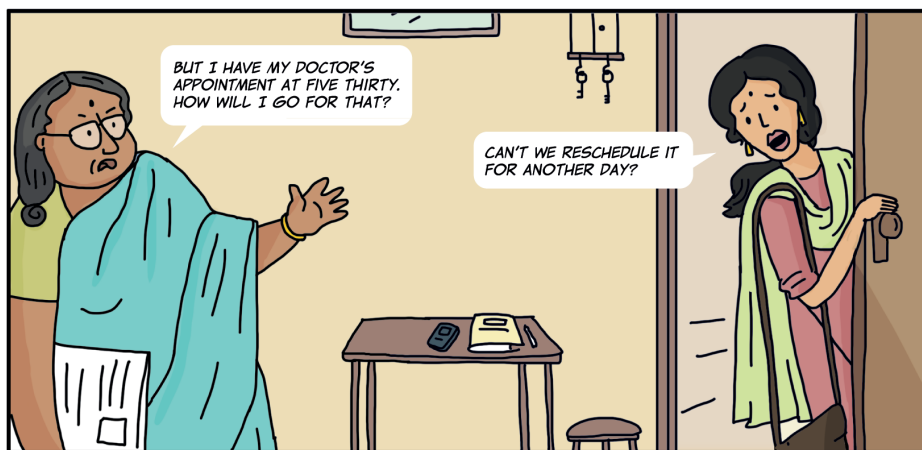
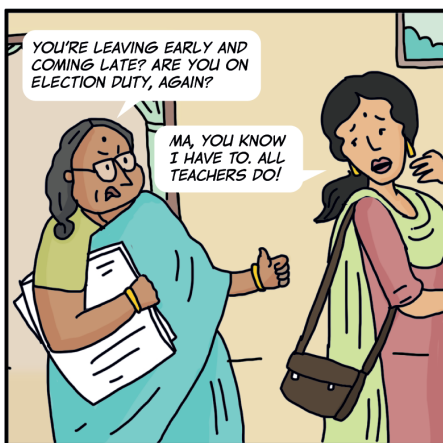
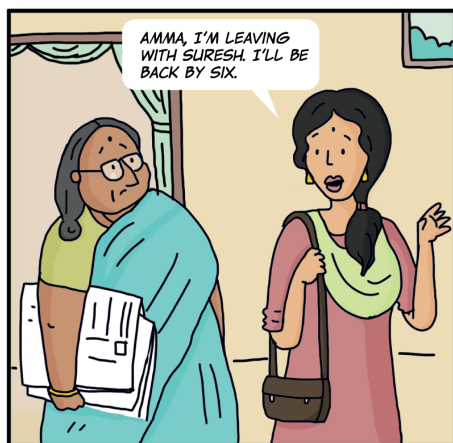
This story is dedicated to the hundreds of thousands of Booth Level Officers (BLOs), who take up the colossal and painstaking exercise of identifying all eligible persons (citizen residents, above 18 years of age) and ensure that they get registered as voters.

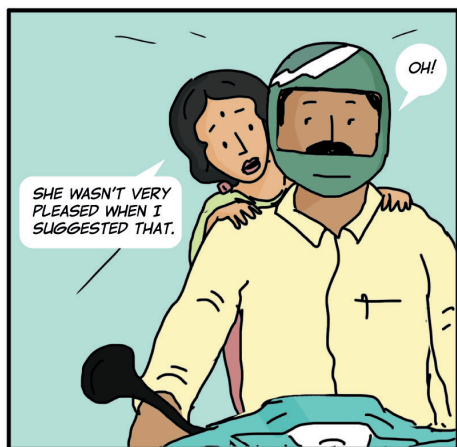
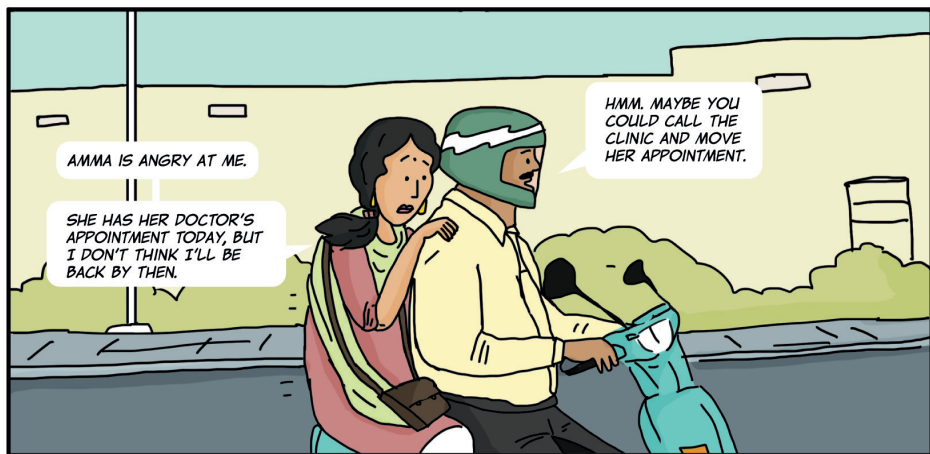
This is the inspiring story of a female Booth Level Officer and a young and aspiring voter; this story will also serve as an illustrated guide to the process of registration and voting.

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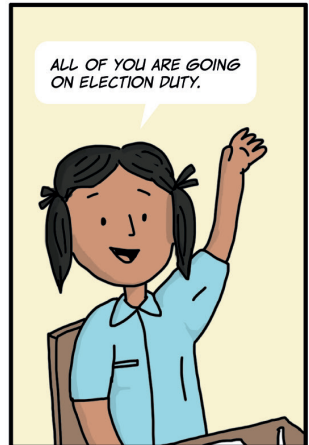
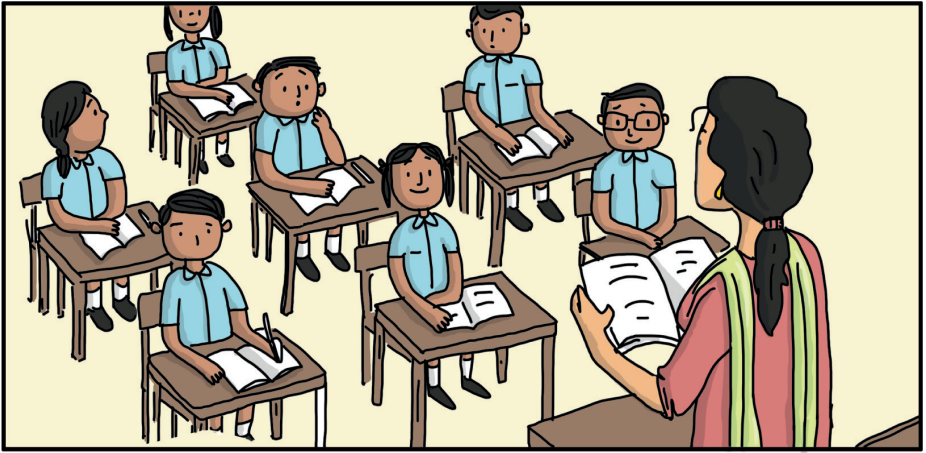
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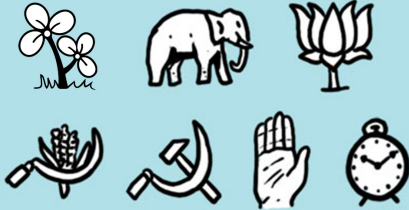




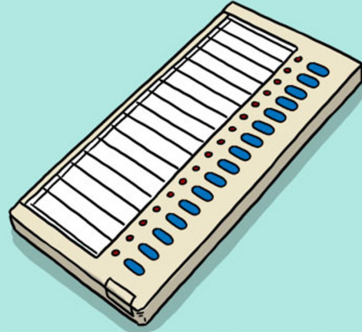




INDIA HAS 7 RECOGNIZED  
NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES,  
42 RECOGNIZED STATE POLITICAL  
PARTIES, AND MORE THAN  
2000 UNRECOGNIZED  
POLITICAL PARTIES



ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA  
USED MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION  
ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES



4-6 MILLION POLLING STAFF AND  
ABOUT 2-5 MILLION SECURITY  
PERSONNEL WERE DEPLOYED IN  
MORE THAN 800,000  
POLLING STATIONS\*



OVER 2000 OBSERVERS,  
140,000 MICRO-OBSERVERS,  
4.5 MILLION SUPERVISORY STAFF,  
AND ABOUT 75,000 VIDEO-  
-GRAPHERS IN THE SAME  
GENERAL ELECTION\*



40,599 DIGITAL CAMERAS, 119  
SPECIAL TRAINS COMPRISING  
3060 COACHES FOR  
TRANSPORTING CENTRAL  
POLICE FORCES ALL OVER  
THE COUNTRY



55 HELICOPTERS TO DO MORE  
THAN 600 SORTIES AND AIRLIFT  
6,800 SECURITY PERSONNEL  
AND INNUMERABLE ELECTION  
MATERIALS



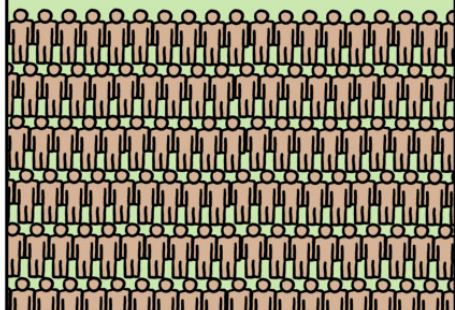
COUNTLESS BUSES AND JEEPS,  
TRACTORS, MOTORCYCLES,  
BULLOCK CARTS, MULES, AND  
CAMELS HELP WITH THE  
TRANSPORTATION OF MEN  
AND MATERIAL



NOT TO FORGET THE HUGE  
EXERCISES DONE IN THE  
PRE-POLL PERIOD



YOU ARE TRYING TO LOCATE  
ELIGIBLE OR MISSING VOTERS  
FROM WITHIN A POPULATION  
OF 1,210,193,422



SPREAD OVER A GEOGRAPHICAL  
AREA OF 3,287,240 SQ. KMS

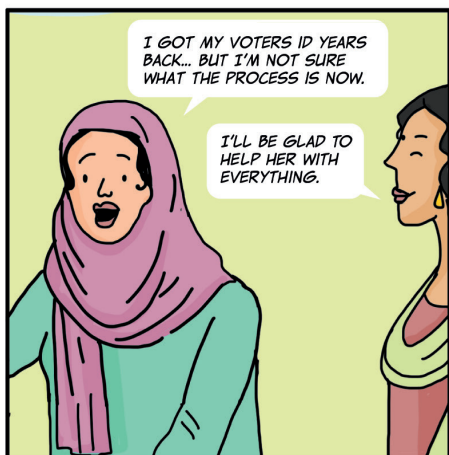
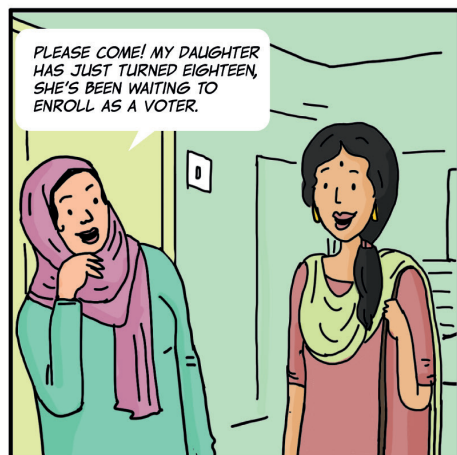


DISTRIBUTED OVER 640  
ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS,  
5924 SUB-DISTRICTS,  
7,935 TOWNS AND  
640,867 VILLAGES

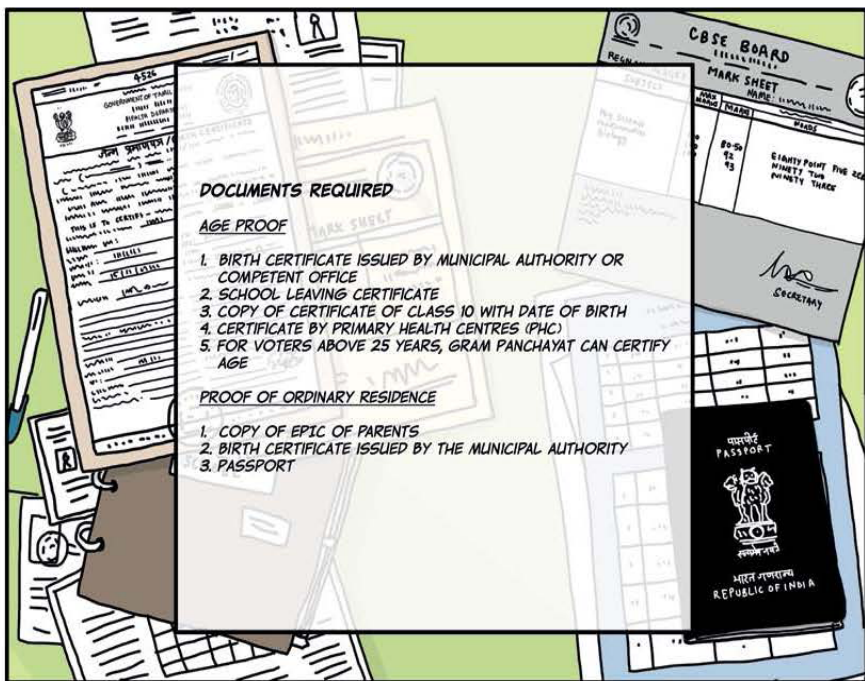
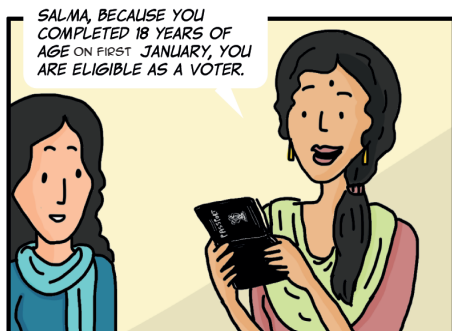
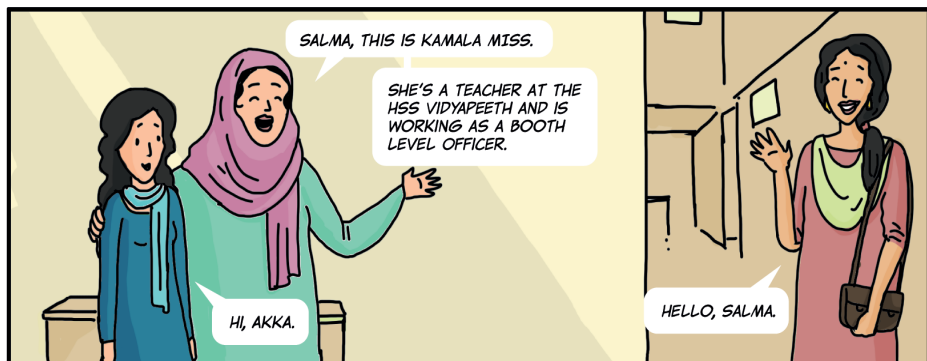


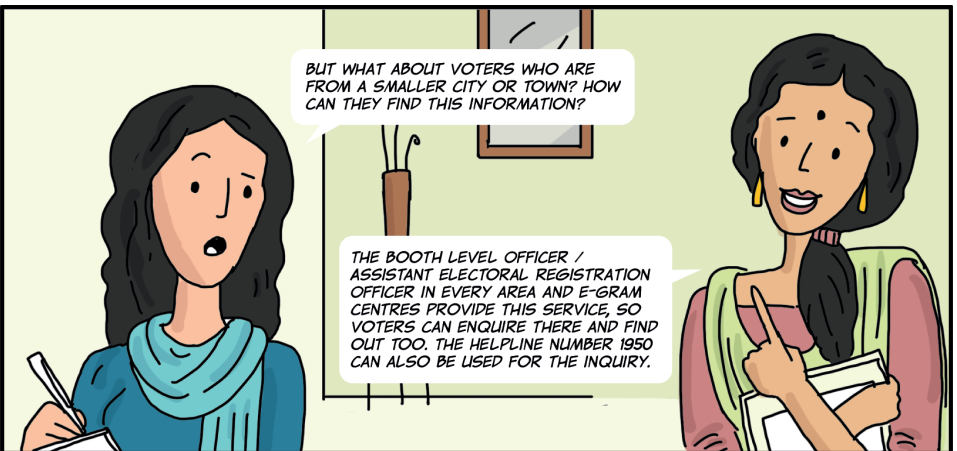
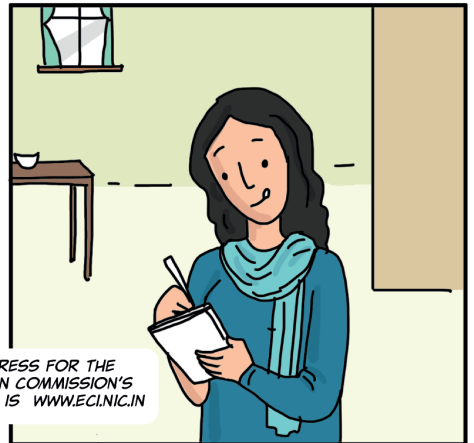
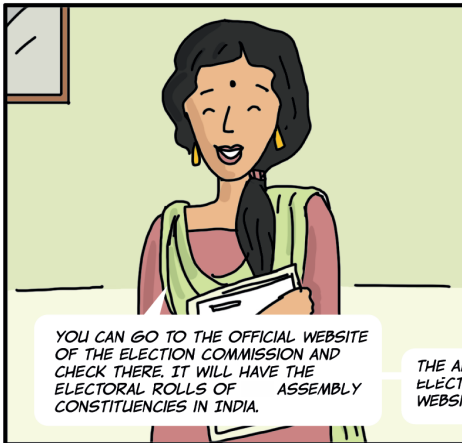
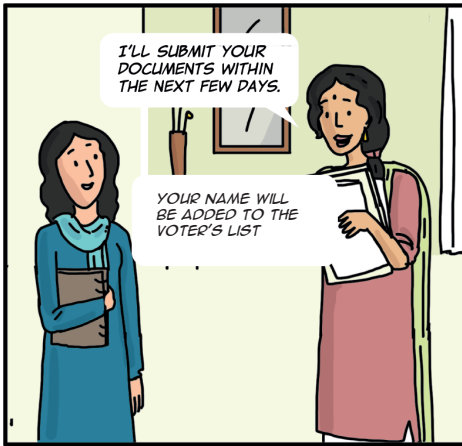
IT IS NO MEAN TASK, AND ALL  
EFFORTS HAVE TO BE MAMMOTH,  
NAY GIGANTIC OR JUST INFINITELY  
COLOSSAL TO MATCH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
TASK AT HAND.



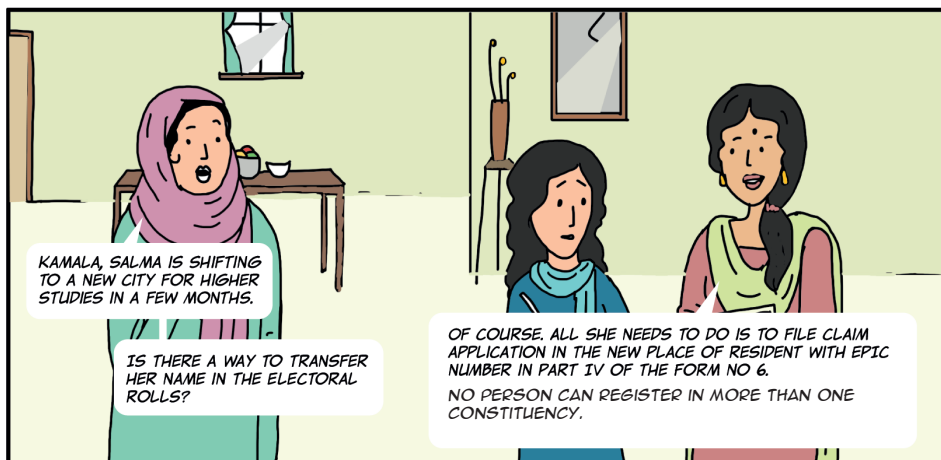








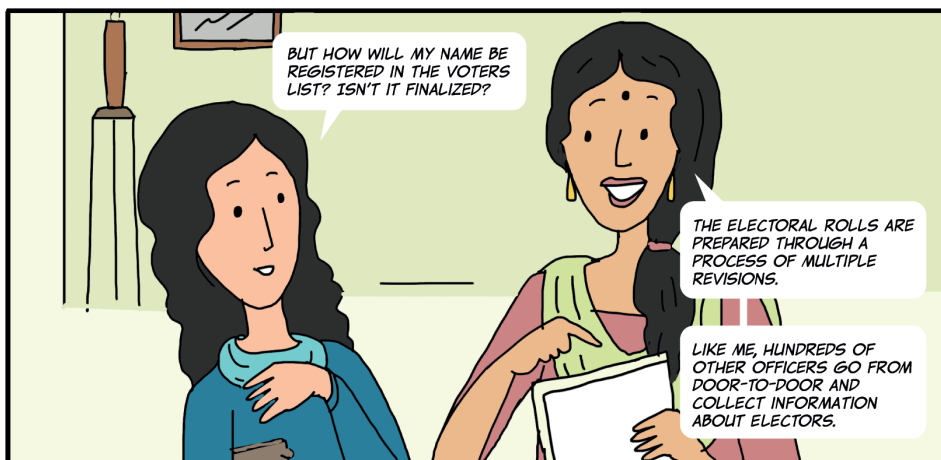




KAMALA, SALMA IS SHIFTING TO A NEW CITY FOR HIGHER STUDIES IN A FEW MONTHS.

IS THERE A WAY TO TRANSFER HER NAME IN THE ELECTORAL ROLLS?

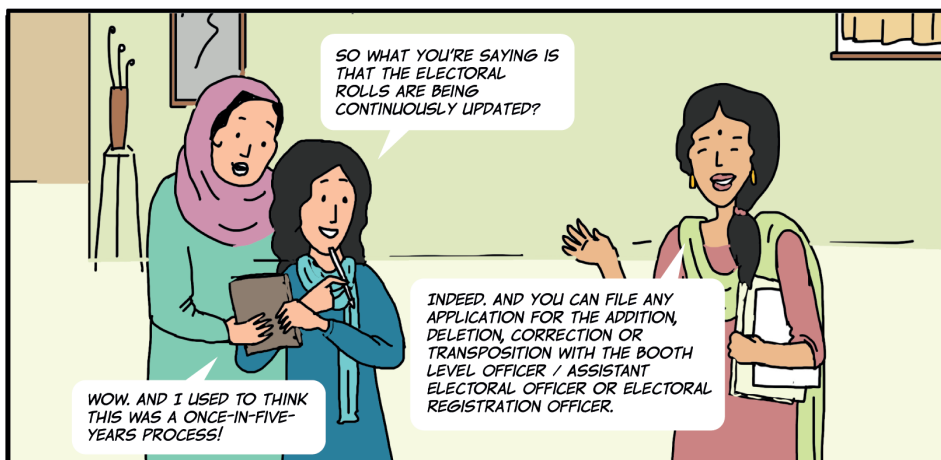
OF COURSE. ALL SHE NEEDS TO DO IS TO FILE CLAIM APPLICATION IN THE NEW PLACE OF RESIDENT WITH EPIC NUMBER IN PART IV OF THE FORM NO 6.  
NO PERSON CAN REGISTER IN MORE THAN ONE CONSTITUENCY.



BUT HOW WILL MY NAME BE REGISTERED IN THE VOTERS LIST? ISN'T IT FINALIZED?

THE ELECTORAL ROLLS ARE PREPARED THROUGH A PROCESS OF MULTIPLE REVISIONS.

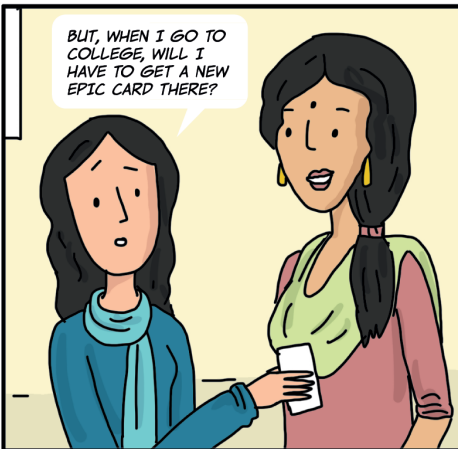
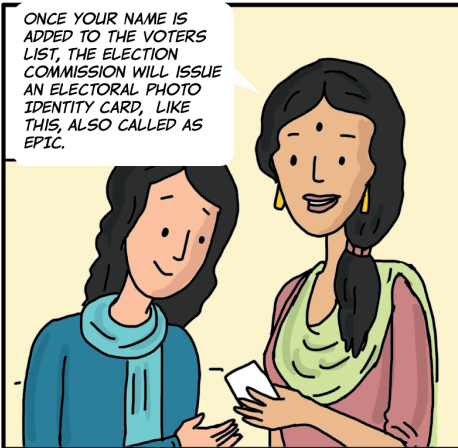
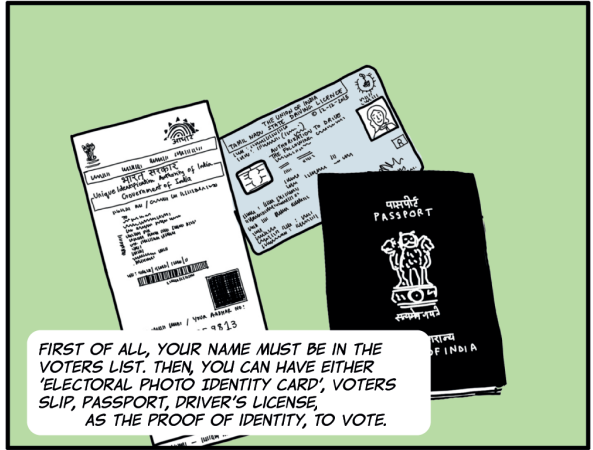
LIKE ME, HUNDREDS OF OTHER OFFICERS GO FROM DOOR-TO-DOOR AND COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTORS.

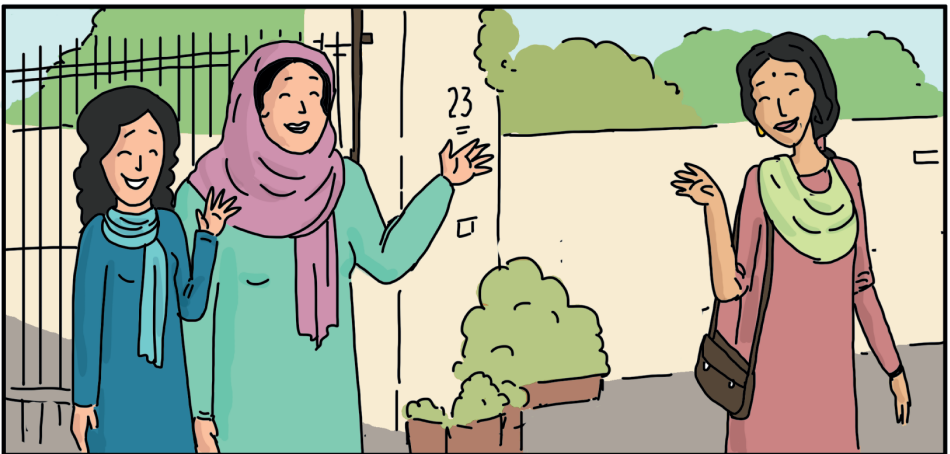
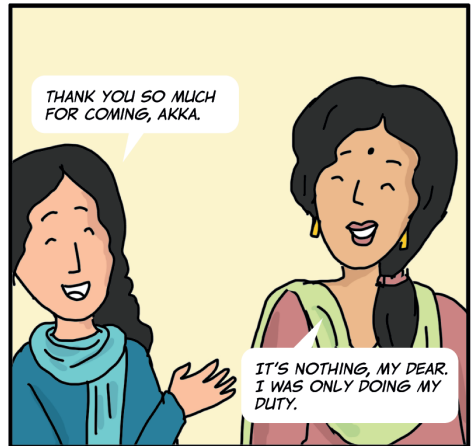
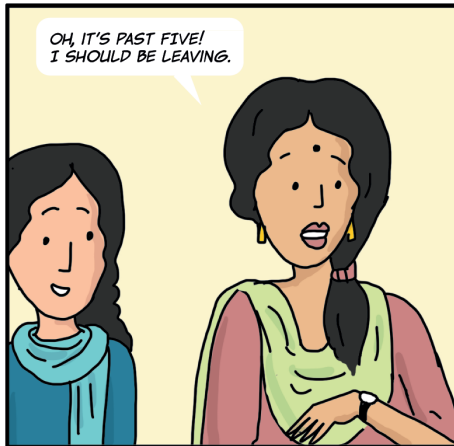
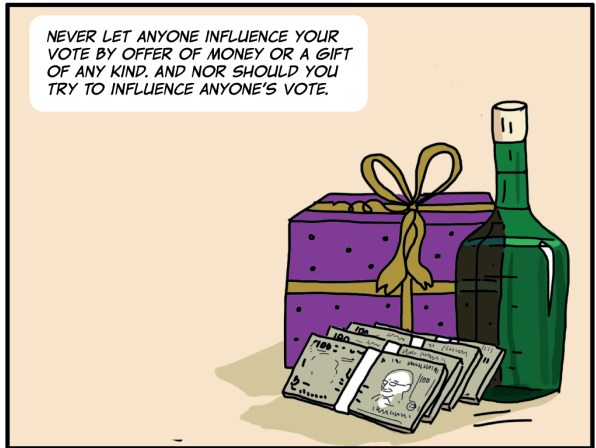


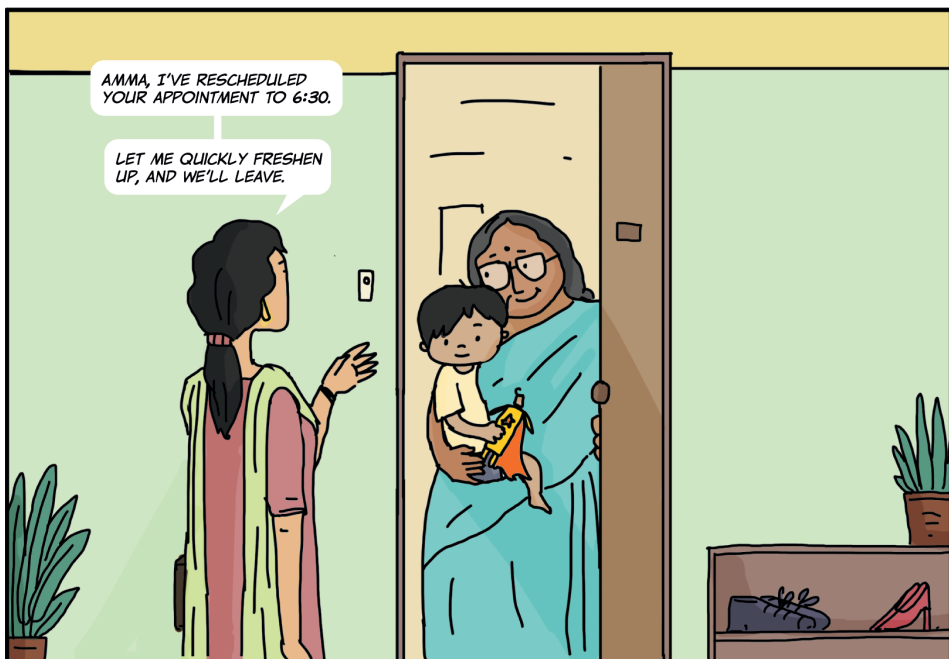
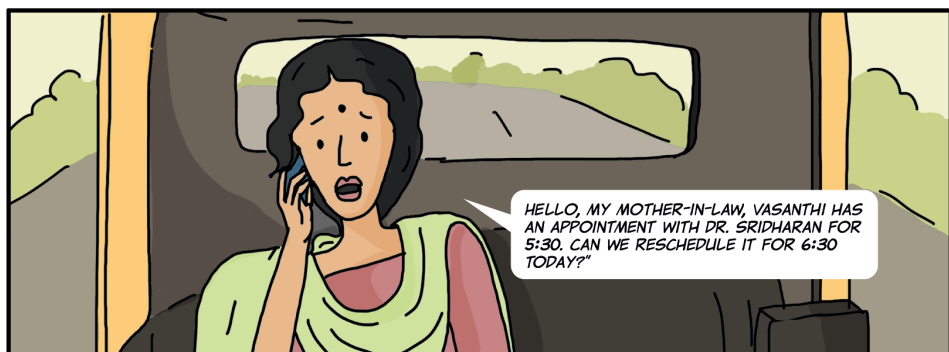
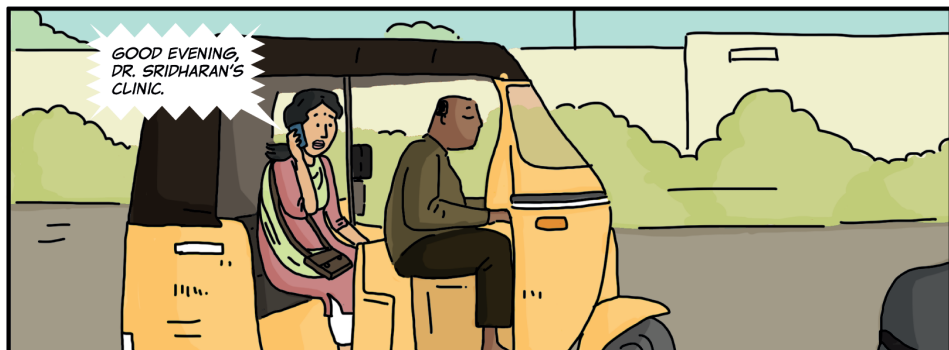
SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT THE ELECTORAL ROLLS ARE BEING CONTINUOUSLY UPDATED?

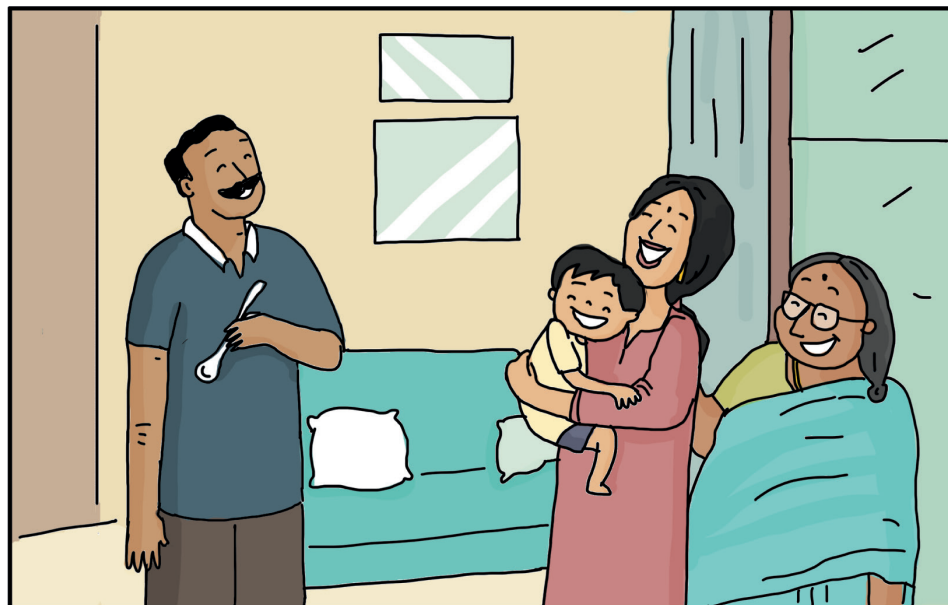
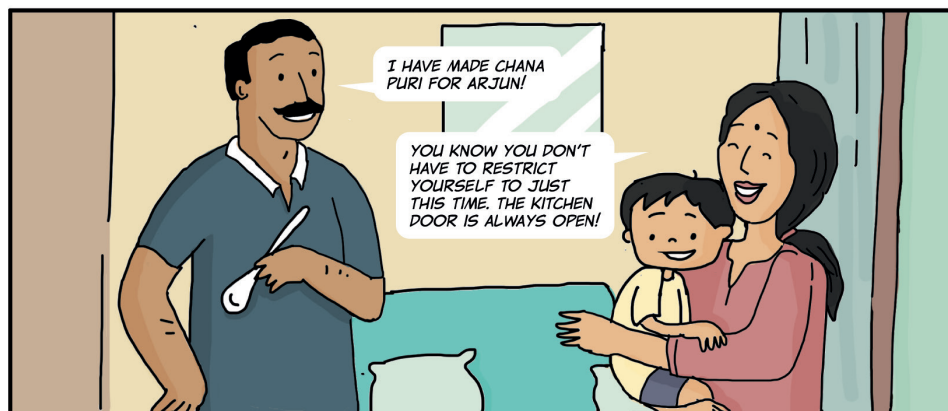
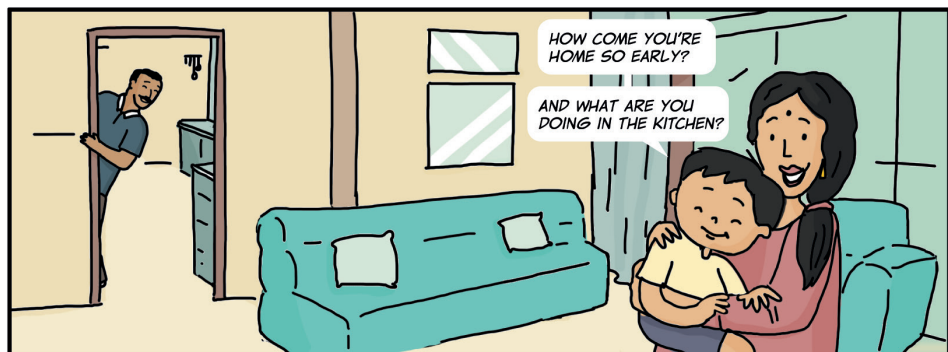
WOW. AND I USED TO THINK THIS WAS A ONCE-IN-FIVE-YEARS PROCESS!

INDEED. AND YOU CAN FILE ANY APPLICATION FOR THE ADDITION, DELETION, CORRECTION OR TRANSPOSITION WITH THE BOOTH LEVEL OFFICER / ASSISTANT ELECTORAL OFFICER OR ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER.

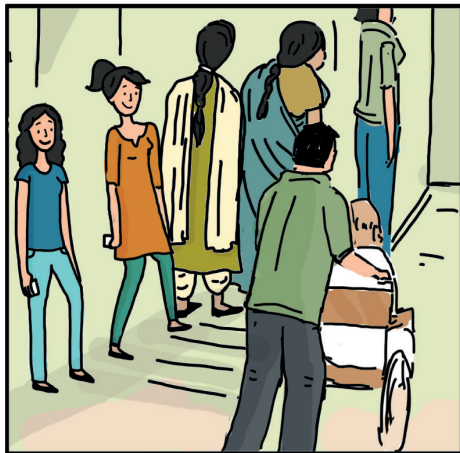
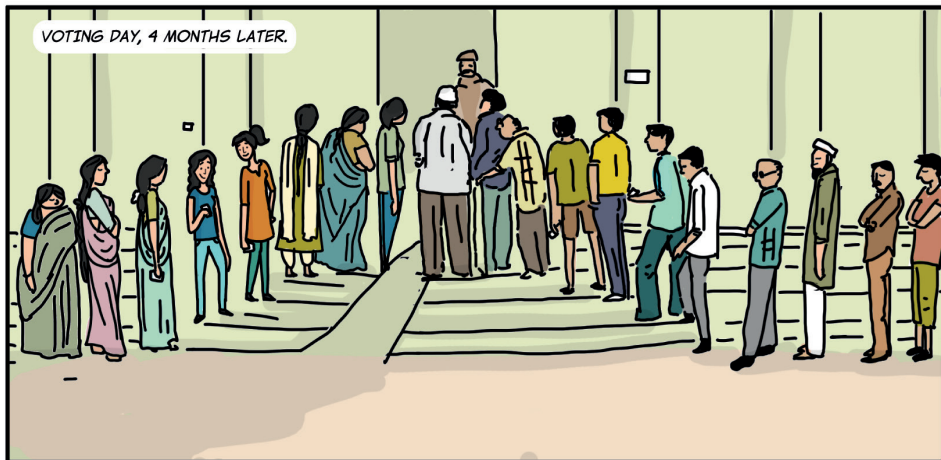








VOTING DAY, 4 MONTHS LATER.



DIFFERENTLY ABLED  
VOTERS ARE GIVEN A  
PREFERENCE IN VOTING.







THE LAW ALLOWS YOU TO CAST A TENDERED VOTE. A TENDERED BALLOT PAPER WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AND YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LIST OF TENDERED VOTES.



