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## 'I realised my lack of interest in politics was wrong'

I WILL vote because I feel it is better to make a choice now rather than crib later. This is what I have realised from past experiences.

I was an apolitical person earlier. I had no idea about parties, politics or the electoral process. But I would always complain about the way things were. Then, 10

years ago, I realised that my lack of interest in politics was wrong. Since I was not choosing my candidate, someone else was doing it for me, and I felt that I should not keep letting that happen.

The youth should not make the same mistake I had made. I realised the importance of voting at 29, which is a bit late.

The youth today are much more aware of their rights and surroundings. So, why not vote?

Voting for the first time can be quite thrilling. I still remember, the experience made me happy and I was proud of what I had achieved. When you vote, you express your opinion and what you

stand for.

It is necessary for every citizen to exercise this right. As a citizen of this country, we have certain rights and privileges. We also have certain responsibilities and we should be active to bring about a positive change.

*(Rajiv Singhal spoke to Tanya Ashreena)*

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