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VOTER REGISTRATION METHODOLOGIES

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Presentation

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Low tech approaches

Mid tech approaches

High tech approaches

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Introduction

- Three conceptual systems:**
 - Standalone “ad hoc”/periodic voter registration**
 - Standalone continuous/permanent voter registration**
 - Voter register based on the civil register**

- Three levels of technological approaches:**
 - Low tech: Manual, paper based**
 - Mid tech: OCR/OMR/ICR based**
 - High tech: Digital registration kits/specialised devices**



Low tech approaches

- How to perform duplicate search which is mandated by several electoral laws?**
- Enabling conditions including civil identification of citizens**

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Mid tech approaches

- Replacement solution for Polaroid?
- Photographic equipment problem versus review of the total solution.

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Polaroid film



Polaroid Instant camera

Laminating Pouches



Pencil



Official Registration Forms

Photograph



Photo die cutter



Fingerprint



Fingerprint pad

Photo-fix

Voter's card

Official

Transport to data centre



Completed OMR Forms

Batch Header Form (one per day)



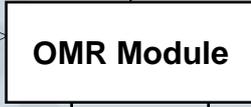
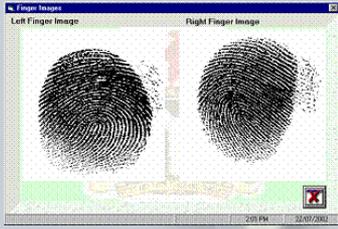
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The Major System for PNVR Preparation that comprised by Different modules



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High tech approaches

- Digital photographs
- Fingerprint scanning
- Facial recognition
- Fingerprint matching

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Local Capture of Information

The application contained can capture data manually inserted in the Vanguard. This data can be, voters information, as well as Voting results.

Digital Camera

The digital camera is embedded onto the unit's Official Panel and may be used to capture a voter's digital photograph during registration.

Transmission of Data

The kit is capable of transmitting all data and results from distributed locations to a central site.

Color Touch-screen

A touch-sensitive, full-color LCD screen displays easy-to-use controls for PenCom officials to use to incorporate or edit data



Printer

The attached printer can be used to print a voter registration card

Signature Pad

The signature capture device may be used to capture a user's signature in electronic format during registration or authentication

Fingerprint Reader

The main fingerprint capture device may be used to capture a fingerprint in digital form during registration or authentication.



Points to ponder

- Technological upgrades**
- Biometrics: Facial recognition versus fingerprint matching for duplicate search**
- What is the added value of duplicate search?**
- Standardisation**
- Sharing experiences**
- Sustainability and relation to voter education**
- Domestic observation**



Moving forward

ICT Study

- Integration with civil registration

- Tutorials for decision makers

- Cost estimator for practitioners

- Auditing tools for stakeholders of the electoral process

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