

12th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE
 on
‘ELECTORAL & POLITICAL REFORMS’

Organized by Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Election Watch (AP&TEW) & Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)

Date: 12th and 13th March 2016

Venue: Dr. Marri Channa Reddy HRD Institute, Road No.25, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad

AGENDA

12th March 2016 (Auditorium)

9:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	National Anthem and Lamp lighting Chief Guest: Dr. Syed Nasim Ahmad Zaidi, Chief Election Commissioner Inauguration & Welcome Address: Prof Trilochan Sastry (Founder member and Trustee of ADR), Shri Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Coordinator, AP&TEW), Shri Vinod K.Agrawal (Director General – Dr MCR HRD Institute)
10:30 – 11:00	Address by Dr. Syed Nasim Ahmad Zaidi, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India, Chairperson – Dr. Ajit Ranade (Founder member and Trustee of ADR) Book release – Bihar Election Watch Book, 2015
11:00 – 12:15	Re-hauling the Electoral System in India Chairperson – Dr. Ajit Ranade (Founder member and Trustee of ADR) Panelists: Shri. K.J Rao (General Secretary, FAME), Prof. Trilochan Sastry (Founder member and Trustee of ADR), Shri. Kingshuk Nag (Resident Editor - ToI), Shri Srinivasan Ramani (Associate Editor, The Hindu)
12:15 – 13:00	Open Session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Criminalization of Politics and lack of transparency in political party finances Chairperson – Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder member and Trustee of ADR) Panelists: Representative - Telangana Rashtra Samithi, Shri H.S.Brahma (Former CEC), Shri Dasoju Sravan (Chief Spokesperson, Indian National Congress), Shri. Shailesh Gandhi (Former Information Commissioner)
15:00 – 15:30	Open discussion
15:30 – 16:30	Conflict of Interest: Impact on good governance Chairperson: Prof. Trilochan Sastry (Founder member and Trustee of ADR) Panelists: Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana (President, Lok Satta Party), Dr. R.Balasubramaniam (Founder & President – Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Founder & Chairman – Grassroots Research & Advocacy Movement), Shri Harish Narasappa (Founding Partner – SAMVAD, Co-Founder and President of Daksh), Ms. Bhanupriya Rao (Founder Member – Gender in Politics & RTI campaigner)
16:30 – 16:50	Open discussion
16:50 – 17:00	Vote of thanks : Shri Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Coordinator, AP& TEW)
20:00 onwards	Dinner

13th March 2016 (Conference Hall)

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:45	<p>Innovative ideas to decrease money and muscle power in elections at the grass-root level</p> <p>Chairperson: Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head – ADR & NEW)</p> <p>Panelists – Shri V.Nagi Reddy, IAS (Telangana State Election Commissioner), Shri V.Panduranga Rao (Former Sarpanch, Nalgonda), Shri Kusam Rajamouli (Former Sarpanch, Warangal), Shri Ajay Gandhi (Member of the Board, Manthan & AP & Telangana EW), Shri Rajiv Kumar (Bihar EW), Shri Sudhir Pal (Jharkhand EW)</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Tea
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Impact of the Internet, Social Media and Data Analysis on Elections & Governance</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Vipul Mudgal (Trustee of ADR)</p> <p>Panelists: Shri Naveen Gattu (COO, Gramener), Shri Abhinandan Sekhri (Co-Founder, NewsLaundry), Shri Nikhil Pahwa (Founder, Editor & Publisher – <i>medianama.com</i>), Shri Sanjay Dubey (Founder & Editor, <i>satyagraha.com</i>), Shri. Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Founder – <i>factly.in</i>, Coordinator, AP&T EW)</p>
12:30 – 12:45	Open Session
12:45 – 13:00	<p>Resolutions and 'Next Steps for NEW'</p> <p>Chairpersons – Prof. Trilochan Sastry and Shri Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Coordinator, AP&TEW)</p>
13:00	Lunch & Dispersal