

FORUM ON GENERAL ELECTIONS 2024: ISSUES, CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Organised by:

**Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)
& National Election Watch (NEW)**

March 10, 2024

**Lecture Room - II Basement (Annexe),
India International Centre, New Delhi**

REGISTRATION & MORNING TEA/COFFEE

09:00 AM - 09:25 AM

WELCOME ADDRESS

09:30 AM - 09:35 AM

Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR & NEW)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

09:35 AM - 09:45 AM

Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member, and Trustee of ADR & NEW)

SESSION: 1

Integrity & Inclusiveness of Indian Elections

09:45 AM - 11:20 AM

Chair: Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member and Trustee of ADR & NEW)

Focus Areas:

- Simultaneous Elections
- Counting of 100% VVPATs in all EVMs
- Current practice of declaration of election results based on estimated/raw data
- Voting rights for migrant voters
- Digital Election Campaign

Speakers: (12-15 minutes per speaker)

- Dr SY Quraishi (former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India)
- Dr Guru Prakash Paswan (National Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party and Assistant Professor (Law), Patna University)
- Ms Poonam Agarwal (Independent Senior Journalist)
- Mr Apar Gupta (Lawyer and Observer Trustee, Internet Freedom Foundation)

Question & Answer Session (20 minutes)

TEA BREAK

11:20 AM - 11:40 AM

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SESSION: 2

11:40 AM - 01:30 PM

Money, Muscle and Elections in India

Chair: Dr Vipul Mudgal (Trustee of ADR & NEW and Director & Chief Executive of Common Cause)

Focus Areas:

- Election Funding and Campaign Expenditure
- Winnability of candidates with criminal antecedents
- Factors driving voter behaviour on money and muscle power
- Women and Youth Representation in Politics

Speakers: (12-15 minutes per speaker)

- Hon'ble Mr Justice Madan Bhimarao Lokur (former Judge, Supreme Court of India)
- Ms Reena Gupta (State Secretary, Aam Aadmi Party)
- Mr Krishna Allavaru (Joint Secretary of the All India Congress Committee and National Incharge of the Indian Youth Congress)
- Dr Jeet Singh Mann (Director, Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance and Teacher - Legal Education and Research, National Law University, Delhi)

Question & Answer Session (20 minutes)

CLOSING REMARKS & VOTE OF THANKS

01:30 PM - 01:40 PM

Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member, and Trustee of ADR & NEW)

LUNCH

01:45 PM - 03:00 PM
