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 09:45 AM - 11:20 AM
Integrity & Inclusiveness of Indian Elections

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) 11:20 AM - 11:40 AM

TEA BREAK
SESSION: 2  
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)