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# Our Activities: 2016-17

# History of ADR and the beginning of Election Watch Process

With the rise of criminal elements in Indian politics, a group of professors from IIM Ahmedabad filed a petition in Delhi High Court in 1999 seeking mandatory disclosure of background details of candidates contesting elections. The same petition also led to the birth of Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) with the aim of improving governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms.

Delivering judgement on this petition in 2002, the Delhi High Court made it mandatory for the candidates contesting elections to disclose their criminal, financial and other background details, which was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2003. In 2002 itself, ADR started its Election Watch process with Gujarat Assembly Elections under its flagship programme, National Election Watch (NEW). As part of the Election Watch process, NEW analyzes the background details, including Criminal, Financial and Educational information, of the candidates contesting elections, self-declared by them in an affidavit while filing Nomination Papers to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for contesting elections. Since then, NEW has been conducting Election Watches for all the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and Assembly Elections as well as local body elections in some states. To help voters in making an informed choice, ADR disseminates these candidates' information to the citizens through various mediums like National and Vernacular Media, www.myneta.info website, Android App, SMS & Toll Free Helpline Services, Email and grass-root level awareness activities.

Gradually, the process became more streamlined as ADR started to use an online tool (the Election Watch Software) to feed and analyze the details of the contesting candidates, now ADR has the data of over 1.5 lacs candidates on its www.myneta.info website. The Election Watch Process starts at least 2 weeks before the polls at the Central level when the ECI starts uploading Candidates' information on its website. The NEW Data Entry team take out the data from the ECI's website and starts uploading these into an online database, once the data entry is completed, comprehensive reports are released to the public for spreading awareness. Meetings are also held with the Election Commission (or state Chief Electoral Officers at the state levels) to garner the ECI's collaboration during elections.

However, the process of raising grass-root level voter awareness with slogans like, 'do not to vote for candidates with criminal charges', 'do net sell your vote', 'reject candidates who spend lavishly on election campaigns', 'vote only for honest and capable candidates', 'if none of the candidates are suitable, select NOTA' etc., starts 6 to 9 months ahead of any elections. These voter awareness campaigns are run



intensively with the help of our 1200 State Partners across the country. The voter awareness activities, include workshops, meetings, seminars, village chaupals, padyatra, mobile vans, other different outdoor campaigns, quiz competitions, street plays and youth centric activities in schools and colleges, publication of new articles, press conference to release different reports etc.

#### During the year 2016-17, Election Watch was conducted for the following elections:

- State Assembly elections for the following states: Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur.
- Bye elections
- Local Body Elections

Following analysis on background information of Candidates and the Winners contesting different elections were undertaken during 2016-17:

- 1. Assam Assembly Elections 2016 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of candidates).
- 2. Comparative analysis of Assam 2011 and 2016 assembly elections.
- 3. Analysis of assets comparison of re-contesting MLAs in Assam 2016 assembly elections.
- 4. West Bengal Assembly Elections 2016 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of candidates).

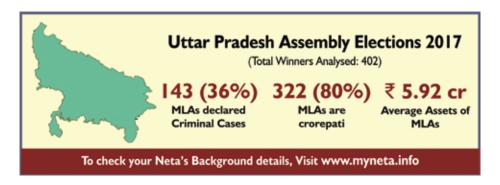
- 5. ADR's survey in Tamil Nadu on Voter Priorities and Government Performance.
- 6. Analysis of Chennai Voter Priorities and Government Performance Tamil Nadu Voter Survey 2016.
- 7. Analysis of newly-elected MLAs in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, West Bengal and Puducherry.



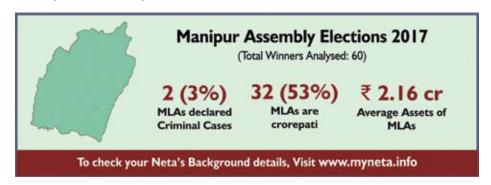
- 8. Puducherry Assembly Elections 2016 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial and Other Details of Candidates).
- 9. Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2016 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial and Other Details of Candidates).
- 10. Kerala Assembly Elections 2016 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of Candidates).
- 11. Analysis of Re-contesting MLAs in Puducherry.
- 12. Analysis of Re-contesting MLAs in Tamil Nadu.
- 13. Analysis of Re-contesting MLAs in Kerala.
- 14. Analysis of Ministers from Assam 2016 Assembly.
- 15. Analysis of Ministers from Tamil Nadu 2016 Assembly.
- 16. Analysis of Ministers in the Kerala 2016 Assembly.
- 17. Analysis of Ministers from the West Bengal Assembly 2016 with declared criminal cases.

- 18. Analysis of newly-elected Rajya Sabha MPs with declared criminal cases.
- 19. Analysis of Criminal, Financial, and Other background details of Union Council of Ministers Post Cabinet Expansion on 5th July, 2016.
- 20. Analysis of Puducherry MLAs who declared election expenditure less than half of the expenditure limit. Analysis of West Bengal MLAs who declared election expenditure less than half of the expenditure limit.
- 21. Analysis of Ministers from State Assemblies across India.
- 22. Analysis of Assam MLAs' who declared election expenditure.
- 23. Analysis of Ministers from Gujarat Assembly.
- 24. Analysis of Kerala MLAs' election expenditure.
- 25. Maharashtra Local Body Pre-Poll Voter Perception Survey 2016.
- 26. Analysis of Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat Elections in Nasik, Ahmednagar, Ratnagiri, Raigad and Sindhu durg districts, 2016.
- 27. Analysis of Maharashtra Local Body Elections 2016.
- 28. Analysis of Municipal Council Elections in Pune and Latur Districts of Maharashtra, 2016.
- 29. Punjab Assembly election 2017 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of Candidates).
- 30. Goa Assembly Elections 2017 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of Candidates).
- 31. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2017 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of Candidates).
- 32. Uttarakhand Assembly Elections 2017 (Analysis of Criminal, Financial & Other Background Details of Candidates).
- 33. Assets Growth of Re-contesting MLAs of Uttarakhand 2017.
- 34. Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporations Analysis.
- 35. Analysis of Maharashtra Local Body Elections 2017 Municipal Corporations.

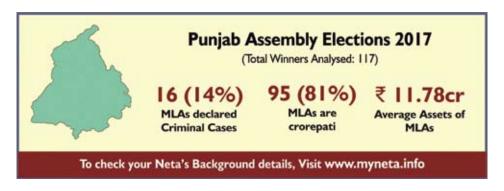
- 36. Nasik Municipal Corporation 2017: Analysis of Candidates.
- 37. Maharashtra Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti Elections Analysis.
- 38. Analysis Manipur Assembly Elections 2017
- 39. Uttar Pradesh Analysis of Candidates Consolidated.
- 40. Manipur 2017 Re-contesting MLAs' Analysis.
- 41. Uttar Pradesh 2017 Re-contesting MLAs' Analysis.
- 42. Uttar Pradesh: Analysis of newly elected MLAs 2017.



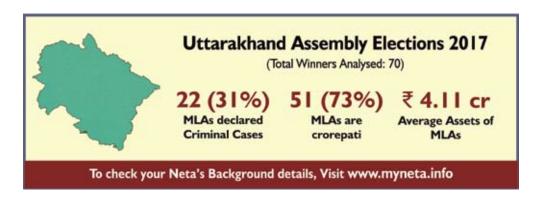
43. Manipur: Analysis of newly elected MLAs 2017.



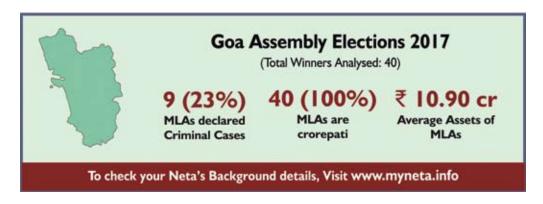
44. Punjab: Analysis of newly elected MLAs 2017.



45. Uttarakhand: Analysis of newly elected MLAs 2017.



46. Goa: Analysis of newly elected MLAs 2017 and Ministers.



- 47. Combined MLAs report 2017 for UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa.
- 48. Analysis of Ministers of recently concluded assembly elections 2017.

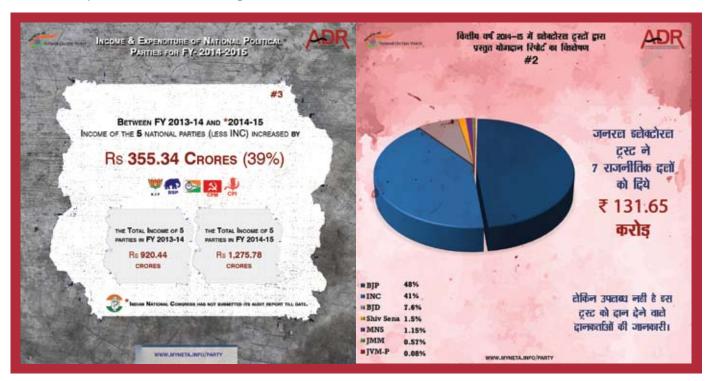
# Political Party Watch

As political parties play a crucial role in a Democracy, good governance would remain a distant dream without accountability and transparency in the internal functioning and financials of Political Parties. In 2008, ADR started a new program called Political Party Watch (PPW) to thoroughly analyze the Donations Report, Income Tax Returns and Election Expenditure Reports of Political Parties and disseminate these information to the Public. For the verification of the facts and figures, PPW always supports its reports with scanned copies of Income Tax Returns of various political parties (national, regional and un-recognised parties) and RTI applications.

However, these reports have revealed that currently only National Parties and very few Regional Parties file their IT Returns on a regular basis every year. Similarly, financial disclosures are also not consistent among all the parties.

Following analyses on Political Parties were undertaken during 2016-17:

- 1. Analysis of IT Returns of 5 National Parties (except INC) for FY 2014-15.
- 2. Analysis of contribution reports of Electoral Trusts, FY 2014-15.



- 3. Funds collected and expenditure incurred by political parties during elections in 11 years, 2004-15.
- 4. 5 year analysis of income, expenditure and donations of major parties of various states.
  - a) Bihar (Hindi)
  - b) Odisha (English)
  - c) Uttar Pradesh (Hindi & English)
  - d) Punjab (Hindi & English)
  - e) Gujarat (Hindi & English)
  - f) Uttarakhand (English)
  - g) Tamil Nadu (English)
  - h) Himachal Pradesh (English)

- 5. Analysis of sources of funding of political parties of Rajasthan of 11 years.
- 6. Analysis of election expenditure of regional parties during Lok Sabha elections 2004, 2009 and 2014.
- 7. Analysis of income tax returns and donations received by National parties and BJD: FY2012-13 to 2014-15.
- 8. Analysis of income tax returns and donations received by National and regional parties of Punjab: FY 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- 9. Analysis of income tax returns and donations received by National and regional parties of UP: FY 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- 10. Analysis of funds collected and expenditure incurred by major political parties during Bihar Assembly elections held in 2010 and 2015.
- 11. Analysis of income tax returns and donations received by National and regional parties of Goa: FY 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- 12. A presentation on income tax returns and donations received by National and regional parties of Goa: FY 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- 13. Analysis of income, expenditure and donations received by major political parties of Manipur FY 2010-11 to 2014-15 (5 years).
- 14. Analysis of Donations Received above Rs 20,000 by National Political Parties FY 2015-16.
- 15. Analysis of election expenditure of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry parties, Assembly elections 2016.
- 16. Analysis of Donations Received above Rs 20,000 by Regional Political Parties FY 2015-16.
- 17. Analysis of sources of funding of National and Regional Parties of India: FY2004-05 to 2014-15 (11 years).
- 18. Analysis of sources of funding of major parties of Bihar: FY 2004-05 to 2014-15 (11 years).



# Strategic Litigation

- 1. **Political parties under RTI:** ADR filed a petition along with Mr. Subhash Chandra Agarwal on Oct 17, 2016. CPI was granted six-week time by SC to file a counter affidavit, since then the case is pending.
- 2. **Disproportionate assets increase of MPs/MLAs:** On Lok Prahari's petition, which seeks an inquiry into the disproportionate assets increase of the MPs/MLAs, the SC had granted six-week time to Union of India and others to file their counters. On Feb 20, 2017, ADR's application for impleadment was accepted by the court. Union of India submitted its counter affidavit on April 20, 2017, after that ADR had filed a rejoinder against the counter. During the last hearing on May 2, 2017, Union of India sought more time to reply to ADR's counter. Next date of hearing is July 11, 2017.
- 3. Election expenditure of political parties: During the hearing on Jan 7, 2016, Delhi HC observed that in ECI's guidelines on "Transparency & Accountability in Party Funds & Election Expenditure," ADR's grievance has been substantially redressed. ADR contended that ECI guidelines are only recommendatory and some issues still require court's consideration. In view

- of this, ADR filed another counter affidavit pointing out issues that require consideration by the court. May 3, 2017, the court told ECI to report compliance by political parties to their notification/guidelines on transparency issued in August and November. Next date of hearing is Oct 12, 2017.
- 4. **An independent and impartial FCRA tribunal:** ADR appealed to the Delhi HC to direct Union of India to set-up a body or tribunal or committee independent of political executive to administer enforcement of FCRA, 2010. ADR is going to file a counter affidavit based on the affidavit of MHA. The next date of hearing is on July 11, 2017.
- 5. Contempt petition against Govt. of India regarding Delhi HC judgment against INC and BJP on FCRA violation: On March 21, 2017 Delhi High Court issued show cause notice to the Home Secretary, Govt. of India for not implementing its March 28, 2014 order of taking action against Congress and BJP for violating the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976. The notice was issued after a Contempt Petition filed by ADR and Mr E.A.S. Sarma was accepted by the Delhi High Courtand the HC directed the Govt. of India to file its reply within four weeks. The next date of hearing is July 20, 2017.

#### Appeal before Central Information Commission (CIC)

- I. Second Appeal with CIC in MP IT Returns matter: Disclosure of ITRs, Assessment Orders and other details in larger public interest. Final arguments were heard by a Full Bench on April 16, 2016, but the hearing was adjourned sin-die. Next hearing was convened by a Division Bench comprising IC Sridhar Acharyulu and IC Basant Seth on June 14, 2016. ADR could not be present for the hearing as the notice was not served to ADR on its present address. CIC also did not agree on ADR's request for a second hearing. Final order of the Commission was given on August 10, 2016 in which the Bench directed the CPIOs to 1) Examine each point of RTI request, 2) Issue notices to all third parties under Section 11, 3) Secure responses, 4) Duly consider the larger public interest after giving sufficient opportunity to the appellants, and 5) Decide on information with speaking orders on each point within three months from the date of receipt of the order.
- II. **Intervention application filed in the CIC** for a full bench hearing against 6 National political parties who were declared as public authorities on June 3, 2013 by the Commission. There are 17 petitioners in the case. ADR filed an intervention application on May 31, 2016. On Dec 20, 2016, the Commission gave its decision on intervention applications filed by ADR.

As per the order, the Commission has rejected ADR and Mr Venkatesh Nayak's application for intervention. However, in the said order, the Commission has allowed ADR's request to render assistance, preferably in writing but did not allow it to be incorporated as a necessary party.

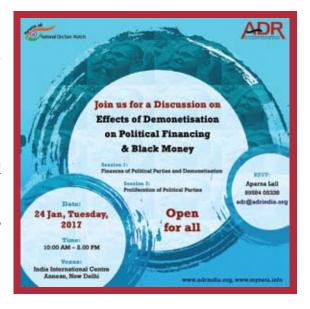
# Networking and Advocacy: Events held

ADR organized/launched many press conferences, panel discussions, outdoor campaigns and Social Media campaigns in the past one year to raise citizens' awareness about Informed and Ethical voting.

Some of the activities conducted by ADR during 2016-17 are mentioned below:

- 1. **Discussion on Simultaneous Elections– Possibilities and Challenges:** The discussion was held on Oct 26th, 2017 at the India International Centre, New Delhi, to discuss the different aspects of the issue of holding both Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections simultaneously.
- 2. Discussion on Effects of Demonetisation on Political Financing & Black Money: The discussion was held on Jan 24, 2017 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The report, "Analysis of Sources of Funding of National and Regional Parties of India: FY 2004-05 to 2014-15" released at the event created ripples in the Media as well as the Political Fraternity as it highlighted the fact that around 70% of the income of political parties comes from unknown sources.
- 3. Voter Awareness Campaigns: Ahead of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry Assembly elections, ADR used various mediums to encourage people to vote for candidates with clean images.





4. **New Celebrity Videos** were created for the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Punjab ahead of 2017 states Assembly Polls.





- 5. **Collaboration with NDTV** online to disseminate information about candidates in the fray in the five States' Assembly elections.
- 6. **Collaboration with the Logical Indian** to disseminate information about candidates in the fray.
- 7. **Collaboration with the Gao Connection** to disseminate information about candidates in the fray in UP elections. Various articles written by ADR staff were also published in the rural paper.
- 8. **Auto Campaigns:** Posters with voter awareness messages were displayed on 2900 autos in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Punjab.





Punjab Uttarakhand

9. **Cable Campaigns:** New and old voter awareness videos were telecast in the states of UP, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur on local Cable channels.

- 10. **FB Boost Post:** Intense social media campaign was launched one month ahead of the five States Polls. Facebook advertisement or boost post facility was used to enhance our reach to citizens.
- 11. **SMS/Out Bound Calls (OBD):** 85 lacs SMS and 40 lacs OBD were pushed during the 5 States Assembly Polls to disseminate information about the candidates in the fray and to encourage voters to select honest Netas.
- 12. **Letters to Parties:** Letters were sent to the winning political parties of the 5 states with an appeal to refrain from including newly-elected MLAs, facing serious criminal charges, in the State Cabinet.
- 13. **Social Media Activities:** ADR created 75 Infographics on various ADR Reports and launched 3 Infographic series on the issues of Crime, Money and Politics Nexus, Black Money and its effect on Elections and the Need for Political Party Reforms with 15, 7 and 8 Infographics, respectively.
- 14. Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat Campaign: ADR has created the outline of a new programme, Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat, to engage youth in strengthening democracy. As part of this Programme, we have plans to hold workshops across the country to educate School and College Students about the "Critical Connection between Informed Voting and Good Governance."
- 15. Online Fund raising Campaign: To make people aware of the Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat campaign and generate interest among the masses besides collecting the initial funds, we conducted an Online Fund-raising campaign during Feb and March'17. This was the first time ADR tapped the potential of crowd funding.





Many of ADR infographics posted on social media platforms received hundreds of shares and likes. Some examples are below:



A creative made for online fund raising for 'Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat' initiative



A creative made on the 5 State Assembly Elections 2017



A creative made on the Women's Day to give an information about the MPs/MLAs facing charges of Crime against Women



Foreign Funding: ADR writes to MHA and ECI, urges them to implement Delhi High Court's ruling against Congress and BJP on FCRA violation

#### Activities organized at the State level

In addition the activities of ADR head office, various grass-root level advocacy campaigns were organized by the State Coordinators of the National Election Watch.

#### Bihar

- **Consultation** on free and fair panchayat elections: Discussions were held on 'Establishment of free and fair panchayat elections issues & challenges in Panchayat Elections in Bihar'at A.N. Sinha Institute of Social Studies in Patna on the Sept 3, 2016.
- **Discussion** on Political Parties and RTI: Held in Patna on Feb 3, 2017.

#### Odisha

• **State Convention:** The 12th state convention of Odisha Election Watch was organized at IDCOL Auditorium in Bhubaneswar on Sept 4, 2016. Discussions were held on transparency in finances of political parties & conduct of free and fair Panchayat elections, 2017.

#### Punjab

- **Elections Campaign:** Punjab Election Watch organized various press conferences ahead of the State Assembly Elections in 2017 in Ludhiana and Chandigarh.
- **Consultation** on Electoral and Political Reforms: Held in Chandigarh Sept 17, 2016.

#### Uttar Pradesh

- Workshop for Volunteers: A volunteer training workshop was organized at Srinath Place in Jhansi on Sept 30, 2016. At the workshop, volunteers from different parts of Uttar Pradesh attended the training program.
- **Discussion** on Efforts of ADR for Voter Awareness towards Ethical Voting: Held in Varanasi on Feb 6, 2017.
- **Discussion** on Role of Civil Society in Electoral Reforms: Held in Gorakhpur on Feb 5, 2017.
- **Discussion** on Importance of Affidavits filed by Candidates in Elections: Held in Lucknow on Feb 4, 2017.

#### Goa

• **Press Conference** to release Candidates' Report in Goa: Held in Panaji on Jan 31, 2017.

#### Madhya Pradesh

- **Discussion** on Transparency and Accountability of political parties in electoral funding: Held in Indore on Feb 5, 2017.
- **Discussion** on the need to bring political parties under RTI: held in Jabalpur on Nov 27, 2016.
- Press Conference to discuss attendance of MPs and MLAs of Madhya Pradesh: Held in Bhopal on Nov 4, 2016.

#### Gujarat

• **Seminar** on Transparency and Accountability in political parties: Held in Ahmedabad on Feb 11, 2017.

#### **Jharkhand**

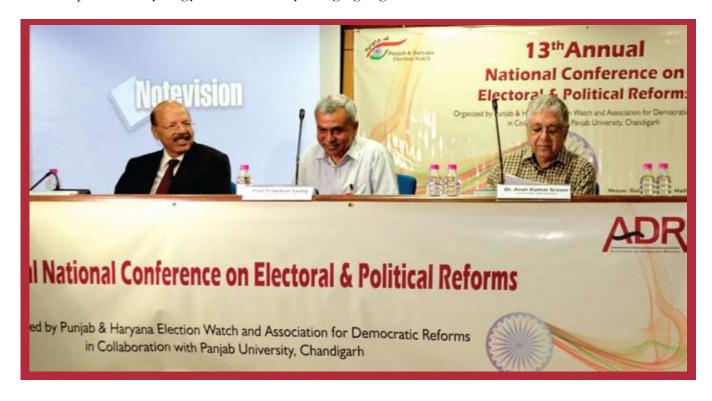
- Conference on Political Parties and Right to information: Held in Ranchi on Dec 9, 2016.
- **State level workshop** on Simultaneous elections, Possibilities and Challenges: Held in Ranchi on Dec 8, 2016.
- The Jharkhand State Partner, Mr. Sudhir Pal, has authored a book on Local Body Elections in the State, named, 'Gram Sabha' with the aim of educating both the Voters and the Elected Representatives about their rights and duties.

# Information Technology

- 1. Collaboration with Maharashtra State Election Commission: For Local Body elections held in 2016 and 2017 Maharashtra SEC collaborated with ADR to analyse the candidate data of 192 Municipal Corporations, 20 Nagar Panchayats, 25 Zila Parishads and 283 Panchayat Samitis. While ADR IT team provided its inputs to Maharashtra SEC on how to improve their digitization software processes. Maharashtra SEC provided ADR with comprehensive candidate criminal, financial and other background data free of charge. ADR team analysed these data and released comprehensive reports prior to the local body elections.
- Map-based infographics: IT Team created map-based infographics at http://myneta.
  info/infographics/index.php for 5 States Assembly elections held in 2017. This allowed
  voters to quickly and interactively check their candidate's data on the map of the state by
  clicking on their constituency.

# 13th Annual National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms

ADR's 13th Annual National Conference was organized in Chandigarh, on April 29th and 30th at the Panjab University to deliberate on the issue of electoral and political reforms. The conference was inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner, Dr. Nasim Zaidi, and attended by eminent personalities, including representatives of the National Election Watch (NEW) from each state chapter, members of political parties, government institutions and media. The National Conference was an opportunity for us to add impetus and synergy to our work by bringing together all stakeholders.



Dr. Zaidi, while addressing the audience, stated that the use of money in the poll process has increased significantly. The ECI seized over Rs350 crores during the recently concluded five state assembly elections which was three times higher than what was seized in the 2012 assembly elections. He expressed grave concern on this issue and mentioned that this is only the tip of the iceberg. The CEC stated that a multi-dimensional approach needs to be taken to curb the misuse of money power in elections. He said that we should formulate a strong anti-bribery law or legal framework, there should be strict enforcement on the ground and lastly, ethical voting practices need to be inculcated by voters.

The CEC observed that there has been steep rise in the assets of the candidates seeking re-election and that the electors have every right to know the causes behind this sharp increase in assets. An important development which has taken place is that the ECI has recommended the amendment of Form 26, where

they would be required to add a column for declaring the details of sources of income of candidates and their spouses.

Topics of discussion during the 13th National Conference ranged from a discussion on *Increasing opacity* in political financing', 'State/ public funding of political parties', 'Innovative ideas towards greater voter awareness at the grass-root level' to 'Criminalization of politics' and 'Impact of media on elections and governance'. At the end of the Conference, the house unanimously came up with recommendations addressing issues related to prevalence of black money in politics, political parties under RTI, criminalization of politics, etc.

Other eminent personalities who participated in the various panel discussions besides Dr. Zaidi, were Prof. Trilochan Sastry (Founder member and Trustee of ADR), Mr. Jaskirat Singh (Trustee of ADR & Coordinator, P&H EW), Dr. Arun Kumar Grover (Vice Chancellor, Panjab University), Prof. Ashutosh Kumar (Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Panjab University), Dr. Ajit Ranade (Founder member and Trustee of ADR), Mr. J.S. Saharia (Maharashtra State Election Commissioner), Mr. Manish Tewari (Former Union Minister and Advocate – Supreme Court of India), Mr. Sukhpal Singh Khaira (Member - Punjab Legislative Assembly), Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder member and Trustee of ADR), Prof. Sanjay Kumar (Director - Centre for the Study of Developing Societies -CSDS), Prof. Arun Kumar (Former Sukhamoy Chakravarty Chair Professor, JNU), Dr. M.R. Madhavan (President – PRS Legislative Research), Dr. Eshwar Anand (Professor, Symbiosis Institute of Media and Communication), Mr V.K. Singh (Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab), Dr. Vipul Mudgal (Trustee of ADR), Mr. Sudhir Pal (Jharkhand EW), Mr. Sanjay Singh (UP EW), Mr. Ranjan Mohanty (Odisha EW), Mr Sharad Kumar (Trustee-Action for Good Governance & Networking in India (AGNI)), Mr. Ashwani Kumar (Chief Electoral Officer, Maharashtra), Mr. S.N. Shukla (General Secretary, Lok Prahari), Adv. H.C. Arora (Advocate-Punjab & Haryana High Court), Prof. Manjit Singh (Member – Swaraj Abhiyan), Mr. Uttam Sengupta (Executive Editor, National Herald), Mr. Mukesh Bhardwaj (Executive Editor, Jansatta), Mr. Vishal Monga (Chief of Bureau, Times Now) and Mr. Sarabjit Pander (Former Special correspondent, The Hindu, Chandigarh).

# Our Achievements: 2016-17

# Impact of our work

- 1. Mid-term Survey: As the ruling BJP government completes three years in the Centre, ADR conducted a mid-term survey to assess whether the MPs are in connect with the masses and meeting their expectation. The ADR survey recorded voter priority of important issues and the performance of the elected representatives on them in 527 Parliamentary Constituencies, covering 2.7 lakh respondents.
- 2. The 13th Annual National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms which was held on April 29, 30, 2017 in Chandigarh, saw the participation of over 500 people, including officials from different Government institutions like ECI and Law Commission, senior leaders from different political parties, eminent civil society activists, senior media persons as well students and citizens.
- **3. ADR and NEW wrote letters** to the newly-appointed Chief Ministers from different states with appeals to provide clean, transparent and exemplary governance.
- 4. ADR has been actively involved in spreading awareness among the people and within this year, scores of articles and TV shows can be cited which quoted data presented by ADR on the issue of electoral and political reforms. Some of the press coverage can be viewed on: http://adrindia.org/media/adr-in-news
- On social media platforms like Facebook/Twitter we are being followed by thousands of people. Our ADR Facebook page has over 60,000 followers, while myneta Facebook page has over 55,000 followers. Within this year, many of our posts/infographics/creatives have seen a viral effect on the Web with hundreds of Likes and Shares. Our Facebook Link is: https://www.facebook.com/adr.new? fref=photo & ref=settings
- 6. The ADR and Maharashtra Election Watch (MEW) partnered with the Maharashtra SEC and Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune to disseminate the findings of a pre-election voter perception survey for the local body elections and to help the voters make an informed choice. The voter perception survey analyzed responses from 5100 respondents during the month of October 2016. The respondents were mostly from semi-urban areas.
- 7. **ADR was invited by the European Commission** to speak at the 'Second Forum of Citizen Observers, held on 15-16 September 2016 at Brussels, Belgium. ADR's Head Maj Gen Anil Verma

- (retd.) participated as a speaker in the workshop titled Engaging with political parties in promoting democratic reform'.
- 8. ADR participated in the 3rd Asian Electoral Stakeholder Forum (AESF III) which was held in Bali, Indonesia from the 22nd to the 26th of August 2016. It was organized by the General Elections Commission (KPU) of the Republic of Indonesia with the cooperation of the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL). ADR was represented by Prof Trilochan Sastry, Founder Member of ADR.
- 9. ADR and the state Election Watch chapters of Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal and Puducherry launched campaign against criminalization and money power in the state. Celebrities like architect Mr. Gopalan Shankar, former CEC Mr. N Gopalaswani, radio jockey Mr. Balaji Patturaj, Bharatnatyam dancer Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, actress Swarnamalya, singer K.S. Chithra, magician Gopinath Muthukad, footballer I.M. Vijayan, agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan, actor and director Nassar etc. volunteered to be a part of videos for voters' awareness where they appealed with voters to elect clean candidates, to vote ethically and make an informed choice. The campaign also involved the use of other offline and online media to reach out to citizens with the same message.
- 10. ADR and the State Election Watch chapters of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur launched voter awareness campaigns in the states against the increasing influence of criminalization and money power in elections ahead of the 2017 State Assembly Elections. Celebrities like actor Kumud Mishra, actor Nivedita Tiwari, cartoonist and activist Aseem Trivedi, journalist and author Mrinal Pande, comedian & lyricist Varun Grover, journalist and activist Alok Dixit, Sufi singers and musicians Wadali Brothers, theatre artist Neelam Mansingh, journalist Hartosh Bal, singer Harpreet and cricketer Harbhajan Singh and theatre director and filmmaker Mr. G.S. Chani etc. volunteered to be a part of the videos created for voters' awareness. In the videos, they appealed to the voters to elect honest and clean candidates, to vote ethically and make an informed choice. The campaign also involved the use of other offline and online media to reach out to citizens with the same message.
- 11. ADR Representative, Ms. Aparna Lall bagged first prize at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research's online fund raising competition held in February'17.
- 12. ADR has published two books, 'ADR's Mid-Term Survey Report All India (Jan '17 Apr '17)' and combined report 'Analysis of Criminal, Financial, and Other background details of the Candidates and Winners of 2017 State Assembly Elections of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur'.

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		SHEET AS AT 31	ST MARCH, 2017		
FUND & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or Corpus : Balance as per last Balance Sheet. Add : During the year	23,814,000.00 5,110,000.00	28,924,000.00	Immovable properties :  Computer : (At Cost) (Fcra)  Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,361,357.00	
Contribution from Founder Members Balance as per last Balance Sheet.		6,000.00	Additions during the year  Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) (Fcra)	16,610.00	1,377,967.00
Other Earmarked Funds : (Created under the provisions of the Trust			Balance as per last Balance Sheet	246,569.00	246,569.00
Deed of Scheme or out of the income)  Ford Fixed Assets Fund (Fcra)Op. Balance:	703,563.00	703,563.00	Office Equipment : (At Cost) (Fcra) Balance as per last Balance Sheet Additions during the year	602,520.00 12,600.00	615,120.00
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Sdtt Fixed Assets Fund (Local) : Op. Balance	623,762.00	623,762.00	Balance as per last Balance Sheet Additions during the year	676,214.00 117,483.30	793,697.30
Fixed Assets Fund - Local : Op. Balance Add : During the year ADR Fixed Assets Fund - (Fcra) : Op. Balance Add : During the year	460,839.00 120,497.30 348,153.00 29,210.00	581,336.30 377,363.00	Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) (Local) Balance as per last Balance Sheet Office Equipment : (At Cost) (Local) Balance as per last Balance Sheet	72,062.00 336,325.00	72,062.00
Accumulation of funds u/s.11(2) [(31.03.14]-Op. Add: Addition during the year(upto 31.03.22)	15,000,000.00 3,000,000.00	10 000 000 00	Additions during the year - Local Investments :	3,014.00	339,339.00
Depreciation Fund : (Fcra) Computer	1,343,799.00	18,000,000.00	In Fixed Deposit Account with HDFC Bank - General Fund HDFC Bank - Corpus Fund	73,833,770.06 33,327,908.14	107,161,678.20
Furniture Office Equipment Depreciation Fund : (Local) Computer Furniture	105,203.00 355,775.00 700,511.00 37,695.00	1,804,777.00	Advances : To Project Advances To Other Advances To Staff Advances	356,273.00 22,195.00 34,500.00	107,107,010.20
Office Equipment  Grants :- Ford Grant -received during the year	165,768.00 7,014,972.40	903,974.00	To Prepaid Expenses To TDS Earlier Years To TDS F.Y 16-17	36,442.48 535,612.58 593,004.91	1,578,027.97
Less: Utilised during the year	(1,142,043.40)	5,872,929.00	Security Deposits:- Additions during the year .	528,000.00 450,000.00	978,000.00
Omidyar Grant(Opening Balance) Add: Grant received during the year Less: Utilised during the year	15,425,910.78 21,347,475.60 (14,625,416.61)	22,147,969.77	(i) Cash And Bank Balances- In Current/Savings Account with :		
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives(Opening) Add: Grant received during the year Less: Utilised during the year	4,649,258.50 13,390,000.00 (8,277,407.30)	9,761,851.20	IndusInd Bank -FC- 200001239243 HDFC Bank -(APPI) 50100131483489 HDFC S/B-16651450000035 HDFC S/B Utilisation -16651450000028	113,371.79 (741,198.94) 855,276.05 3,966,018.84	
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust(Opening) Add: Grant received during the year Less: Utilised during the year	1,347,441.02 17,484,000.00 (13796239.93)	5,035,201.09	PNB S/B A/c -3093000117477093  (ii) Cash in hand - Local Cash in hand - Fcra	5,438,667.09 8,367.00 4,350.00	9,632,134.83 12,717.00
Liabilities : Duties & Taxes Membership Fee(Advance) Sundry Creditors Provisions for Expenses	226,640.00 1,000.00 1,171,144.93 925,042.42	2,323,827.35	Sacriffication Ford	1,555.50	12,777.50
Income and expenditure Account : Balance as per last Balance Sheet Add : Surplus as per Income & Exp A/c	17,054,098.98 7,527,929.61	24582028.59			
Total		122807312.30	Total		122,807,312.30

#### Financial status

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2017					
EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :			By Grants Utilised - Annexure-3		37841107.24
Rates, Taxes, Cessess - Muni. Tax					
Repairs and maintenance - Building			By Voluntary Contributions		8,083,943.00
Salaries					
Insurance			By Interest on Bank Deposits		
Depreciation (by way of provision or			Interest on FDRs-HDFC Bank	5,929,787.91	
adjustments)			Saving Bank Interest	532,428.00	6,462,215.91
Other expenses		-			
			By Other Income		
To Remuneration (in the case of a math to			Member's Entrance Fee	1,000.00	
the head of the math, including his			Annual Membership Fees	4,500.00	
house-hold expenditure, any)		-	Interest on Income Tax Refund	104,811.60	
			Misc. Income	1,800.00	
Income Accumulation u/s.11(2)		3,000,000.00	Interest on Staff Loan	3,059.00	115,170.60
To Depreciation : -					
Depreciation on Computer/printer	156,606.00				
Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures	19,527.00				
Depreciation on Office Equipments	75,286.00				
Income Applied to Fixed Assets	149,707.30	401,126.30			
To Expenditure on objects of the trust					
(a) Religious	-				
(b) Educational	-				
(c) Medical Relief	-				
(d) Relief of poverty	-				
(e) Other charitable objects:-Electoral Reforms					
Administrative Activities Exp- Annexure-1	7,889,510.28				
Election Watch Activities Exp- Annexure-2	33,683,870.56	41573380.84			
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet		7,527,929.61			
Total		52,502,436.75	Total		52,502,436.75

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46 declare that they spent only half of ₹284akh expenditure limit; NGO not convinced

Poll spend: MLAs make miserly claims



The Tribune



ਵਿਦਾਹ ਸਭਾ ਚੰਗਾ ਦੇਵਲ ਵਾਸਤ ਰੀਕੇ 250 ਰਹੇਸ਼ ਤੁਪਰੋ, 'ਚੋਟ ਪ੍ਰਤਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਗਿਆਰੀ ਰੁਵਾਰਾ' ਜਾਰੇ ਰਾਜਨਾਰ ਜਾਣਗੀਰ ਸਟਵਾਰੀ



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बालों पर और सबसे अमीर विधायक

# All 40 MLAs are crorepatis: ADR 9 legislators have criminal cases, six have serious criminal cases against them BY A STAFF REPORTER equilibrility and a Good Millian millian and content against them The minister with the ingressive decision of the ingressive decision o

THE ECONOMIC TIMES | Politics and Nation

#### 27 Punjab MLAs have criminal cases, 95 are 'crorepatis': Association for Democratic Reforms

BY PTI | UPDATED: MAR 15, 2017, 09.05 PM IST

LUDHIANA: As many as 27 of the 117 newly elected MLAs in Punjab allegedly have criminal cases registered against them, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) claimed here today.

State coordinator of ADR, an NGO working in the area of political reforms Jaskirat Singh told mediapersons that 27 of the newly elected MLAs have criminal cases against them of which 11 MLAs who face serious allegations.



tune of Rts 10 crore amongst the newly elected mbers of Punjab, the organization said.





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#### Manipur elections 2017: 54 crorepatis in the fray

Written by: Vicky Nanjappa Published: Monday, February 27, 2017, 18:07 [IST]

There are 54 crorepati candidates contesting the Manipur assembly elections 2017. Out of the 167 candidates analysed by the Association for Democratic Reforms, 54 or 32 per cent are crorepatis. 21 out of 37 candidates from INC, 21 out of 38 candidates from BJP, 5 out of 12 candidates from National Peoples Party, 2 out of 8 candidates from North East India Development Party and 3 out of 6 candidates from NCP have declared assets worth more than Rs 1 crore.

Read more at: http://www.oneindia.com/india/manipur-elections-2017-54-crorepatis-in-the-fray-2359977.html

# 5% पर दुराचार-हत्या जैसे आरोप ADR REPORT विधानसभा चुनाव 2017

#### **Business Standard**

#### In Uttarakhand polls, 200 crorepatis, 91 with criminal cases: ADR

al of 200 crorepati candidates are in the frey for the Uttarakhand Assembly election — to be held usry 15 — while 91 have declaced that they have criminal cases against them, says a latest report

sty-vise, \$2 out of the total 70 fielded by the Congress are crorepail candidates, whereas it reads 48 (20) the Bharstys Janata Parry (85P), 12 (85) for the Unarakhand and Dal (1820), 4 (20) for the Barsajmati Parry (85P) and 83 (261) independents, who have declared their sets worth more than Rs 1 crore, it said.

1.67 crore. A total of 78 candidates have post furnished their PAN talk, the report noted.

ADR said seven candidates have declared a total annual income of more than Rs 1 crore. Independent Moha Prased Kala topped the chart with a total income of over Rs 16 crore followed by Chief Misiater Hartsh Rawat (over Rs 2 crore) as declared in income tax returns (TID).

The top three candidates with highest assets are Satpal Maharaj of the BJP with a total figure of over Rs 80 crore, followed by Mohan Prased Kala, an independent (over Rs 76 crore), and Shallendra Mohan Singhal also from the BJP (ever Rs 36 crore).

lawat has more than Rs 6 crore of assets, it added.

Ittarakhand Election Walnih and ADR have analysed the self-eworn affidirvits of all 637 candidates from 34 colitical parties, including 6 national, 4 state, 24 unrecognised parties and 261 independent candidates, who

The report also said 91 candidates have shown criminal cases against them whereas 54 have declared serious criminal cases.

19 from the BJP, 17 from the Congress, 7 from the BSP, 4 from the UKD, 2 from the SP and 32 independent

# 9% candidates figure in serious criminal cases

Records analysed by NGO shows 30 per cent candidates have assets worth more than Rs 1 crore

#### ARITA SARKAR

MUMBAL FEBRUARY 16

AN ANALYSIS of records of candidates contesting in the civic elections indicated that at least 154 candidates have serious criminal cases against them.

The figures were a part of a partial analysis of the criminal backgrounds, assets and other details of 1641 candidates conducted by the NGO, Association for Democratic Reforms. Following the submission of nominations earlier this month, the state election commission finalised a list of 2275 candidates for the civic elections.

The criteria for serious criminal cases include offences that are non-bailable, attract a punishment of five years or more. Committing electoral offences as well as crimes against women also count as serious criminal cases. Among the major political parties, analysis of 1641 candidates indicated that the highest number of candidates who declared serious criminal offences were from Shiv Sena comprising 16 per cent of the candidates analysed, followed by 14 per cent for the MNS.

The report also stated that at least 216

candidates analyzed have declared criminal cases against themselves. Among the major parties, the highest number of such candidates were from MNS comprising 25 per cent of the candidates' affidavits analysed followed by 24 per cent for the Shiv Sena and 23 per cent for the BJP. The report also analysed the financial status of candidates which indicated 30 per cent of the candidates analysed have declared assets worth more than Rs 1 crore while 10 candidates declared the value of their assets to be zero.

Another 102 candidates declared the value of their assets to be below Rs 1 laids, The average of the assets per candidate analyzed for this election is Rs. 1.93 Crores. Among the top 10 candidates with the highest declared assets include three candidates from BJP including Parag Shah with assets worth Rs 689 crores, four from Shiv Sena, two from Congress and one from NCP.

An age analysis of the candidates indicated that at least 71 candidates have declared their ages to be between 21 to 24 years. Of the total candidates analysed, 74% are between 25-50 years while 22% are between 51-80 years. Four candidates fall within the 71-80 years age group.





# Sena, MNS field maximum number of history-sheeters

with criminal cases against them are contesting in the BMC polls. Of these 154 have serious offences registered against them. The Association for Democratic Reforms and Maharashtra Election Watch have analyzed the affidavits of 1,641 out of 2,275 candidates who are in the fray, While many crorepatis are vying for a seat in the civic body, 10 aspirants have declared zero assets

#### SERIOUS CRIMINAL CASES INCLUDE

- > Offence for which maximum punishment is of 5 years or more > If an offence is non-ballable
- ➤ If it is an electoral offence (for eg. IPC 171E or bribery) ➤ Offence related to loss
- to exchequer

  > Offences like assault,
  murder, kidnapping, rape
- > Offences that are mentioned under the Representation of People Act (Section 8)
- Offences under Prevention of Corruption Act
- Crimes against women

#### ASPIRANTS WITH ZERO ASSETS Sonali Vasant Rukhsana

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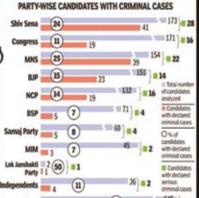
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# एक दशक के चुनावों में दोगुने हो गए थे दागी उम्मीदवार

एडीआर की 5 राज्यों की रिपोर्ट से हुआ खुलासा

विधानसभा चुनाव- वर्ष 2007 में 777 और वर्ष 2012 में खड़े थे 1557 दागी उम्मीदवार

र राज्यों में विधानसभा का जुनावो बिगुल कर जुका इस बार रेखना दिलचाम होया कि युवाबी सुधार की ले करने वाली पार्टियां कितने दर्शियों को टिकट देने से राती हैं। क्वॉकि पितले विध्वनसभा चुनाव में सभी रे परियों ने जनकर चरिपों और रमुखधारी की टिकट ह थे। एडीआर की रिफेर्ट के मुताबिक वर्ष 2007 की ल वर्ष 2012 में राषी उम्मीरकारों की संख्या रोज्जी गई थी। वर्ष 2007 में 777 और वर्ष 2012 में 557 क्यों उम्मीतवार भूमाम मैकन में ततरे थे।

एसोसिएटन चार डेमोडोटेच रिपॉर्म (एडोसर) चुनाडी सुधार पर काम करने वाली एक पैर सावारी संच्या है। इसने वर्ष 2007 और 2012 में उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तरखंड, पंजाब, योचा और स्थितुर में विश्वनसभा पुराब में खड़े हुए उच्छेरकों के इलास्त्रकों का विश्तरेका किया था। इस इनकानामें में चुनाव में सहें 316 उम्मीरकारों पर पंचीर मामले रंजें में उम्मीरकार को जरूरी जनकारी दर्ज करा कर चुनाव भारी उन्तरकोंड में 777 उम्मीरकारों ने वर्ष की सीमा होता है। वर्ष 2007 के विकासना चुनाव में 4433 और वर्ष 2012 में 8978 उम्मीरवारों के शतकाराचें का विश्लेषण किया।

1299 दानी उम्मीदबार थे, जबनि 567 उम्मीदबारों पर मेहद वांक्षेत्र व्यक्तने कर्त थे। कार 2007 के चुराब में 3169 इम्फिएक्टों में में 629 दानी में और वहीं उनगण्डंड में 777 उम्मीदवरों ने वर्ष 2012 में विधानमध्य मुख्य लड़ा था। इनमें से 106 उन्मीदवरों पर क्रिकिनल और 28 उन्मीदवरों पर संभीर मामले दर्ज के हातकार्यों का विश्तिपत्र किया। ये। साँ 2007 में कुल 260 उम्मीवार्ति में से 46 पर एटीआर को रिपोर्ट के मुख्यिक उत्तर प्रदेश में वर्ष 2012 में कुल 6665 उम्मीवार जह प्रदेश में वर्ष 2012 में कुल 6665 उम्मीवार जह थे। इसमें से संग्रेक मामले दर्ज थे। प्रदेश वार सीटों की स्थिति

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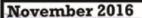
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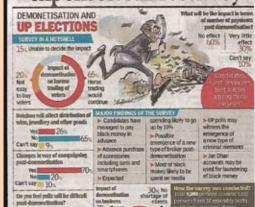
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## Note ban won't affect poll expenses: ADR survey



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# राजनीतिक पार्टियों को जवाबदेह बनाने की जरूरित : अनिव



राजनीतिक दलों का कहना है- बताने से बिगड जाएगा भाईचारा

प्रदेश टुडे संवाददाता, जबलपुर

एडीआर एवं मध्यप्रदेश इलेक्शन बाँच हारा सूचना का अधिकार एवं राजनीतिक दल विषय पर आयोजित परिचर्चा में संबठन प्रतिनिधियों एवं सामानिक कार्यकर्ताओं द्वारा अपनी बात रखी गई।दिल्ली से आए पादीआर के गाडीय संयोजक रिटायर कर्नल अनिल वर्मा ने बताया कि चृकि इस संबंध में सुप्रीम कोर्ट में ननहित याधिका दायर है तथा वितीय परदर्शिता के मसले पर सभी दल सूचना के अधिकार से बाहर रहने की वकालत कर रहे हैं, इसलिए इसके कारणों को समझना जरुरी है, क्वोंकि चुनाव के बक्त एकत्रित फंड और बेधे जा रहे कुपनों पर राजनीतिक दल न तो स्त्रोतों का खुलासा कर रहे हैं न ही किसी प्रकार का लेखा-नोखा रख रहे हैं। जबकि केंद्रीय सूचना आयोग 3 जून 2013 को छड राष्ट्रीय दलों को इसके दावरे में ला चुका है, लेकिन 29 महीने बीत जाने के बायजूद दावीं ने इसे स्थर्य पर लागू नहीं किया है। कविस से गीता शरद तिवारी एवं विचार विभाग के प्रदेश अध्यक्ष राजेंद्र चंद्रकांत राय ने कता किस इस दायरे में आने से शह में धले ही पोशामी हो लेकिन अंतर: इससे लोकनंत्र को मनवती मिलेगी। पहेतीं को टिकट दिलाने धनवल. बाइबल, जाठबल का प्रयोग राजनीति को गंदा करता है। भाजपा की ओर से सुनील जैन ने कहा कि उनकी पार्टी पैसे का पूरा हिसाब-किताब रखती है और टिकट विकरण पारदर्शी इंग से ही होता है. लेकिन पड़ीआर का दाबा है कि सूचना के अधिकार के मसले पर उन्होंने कुछ नहीं कहा।

भोपीआई से आसिंद श्रीवास्तव बोले विलीय पारदर्शिता से परहेज नहीं, लेकिन आंतरिक लोकतंत्र

की बात बाहर आने से सरकार का इस्तक्षेप बद नाएता। शीपीआईएम के शिवेंद्र कुतरिया ने कता कि विसीय लेखा-जोखा जनता को बताना चाहिए, लेकिन अंदरूनी मसले जनता के सामने आए तो पार्टी का लोकतांत्रिक दांचा ध्वस्त हो सकता है।

आम आदमी पार्टी के सिद्धार्थ गीतम ने राजनीतिक दलों पर सचना के अधिकार लाग होने की वकालत की। बहुजन समाज पार्टी के आर्थिद चौधरी ने कहा कि इससे पार्टी के भीतर भाईचारा बिगढ़ जाएगा। अध्यक्षता कर रहे जर्पत वर्मा ने बड़ा कि दलों की कथनी और करनी में फर्क नहीं होना चाहिए। राज्य स्टरीय संयोजिका रोली शियहरे ने कहा कि किसी सूचना के मनि जाने पर बंदि दल को लगता है कि सुचना की निजता पर असर हो रहा है तो ने अधिनियम की धारा 8 के तहत इससे इंकार कर सकते हैं।

#### RTI activists urge IT Deptt to scrutinise assets increase of MLAs

STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Balwinder Singh
Convener Sangarsh RTI Movement, who is also the State Coordinator of sociation for Democratic Reforms (ADR) along with Deepak Sharma of Sangarsh RTI Movement in a press conference held here today appreciated the Central Government for cracking down beavily on the black money hoarders in the coun-try and further urged upon the government to make the politicians also accountable by honestly scrutinising their assets which has been increased manifolds, by applying the same yardstick as has been applied to a common man.

Sharing the analysis done by Association of Democratic Reform (ADR) regarding sets comparison of re-con-sting MLAs in the State asembly Election held in



RTI activist Balwinder Singh addressing a press conference at Jammu on Monday.

2014, the activists said that ADR has analysed the data of 45 re-contesting MLAs on the basis of the assets detail given by them in their Sworn-in affidavits, submit-Commission at the time of filling the nomination forms during 2008 and 2014 Assembly Election, which are also available on ECI website www.eci.nic.in. As per the data analysed, the average assets of 45 re-contesting

Election was Rs. 1.49 crore whereas in 2014 it rose to Rs 3.10 crore, thereby making an average asset growth of Rs. 1.60 crore. Shockingly in one case the asset of a politi-cian has been increased even more than 20,000 per cent within a short period of his

six year tenure as MLA.

Both Balvinder Singh and
Deepak Sharma urged upon
the Income Tax Department to scrutinise and verify the

Income Tax Return filed by the politicians with the assets declaration made by them in the sworn in affidavits sub-mitted to the Election Commission to find out the source of the tremendous increase in their assets during their term as an MLA.

They further stated that the work of the Income Tax Department has already been eased by the ADR by uploading the analysed data of assets comparison of all the re-contesting MLAs, (based on the candidates' affidavits obtained from the ECI website www.eci.nic.in,) on their website www.adrindia.org, www.myneta.info. They also disclosed in the

press conference that they will also meet the Income Tax Commissioner of J and K to submit the analysed data of assets comparison of all the re-contesting MLAs by ADR.

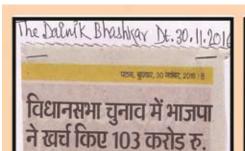
# आरटीआई पर नेताओं की हां-ना

जबलपुर @ पत्रिका, आरटीआई के दायरे में आने के मामले में कुछ राजनीतिक दल सहमति जता रहे हैं तो कुछ इसे पार्टी के अंदरूनी लोकतंत्र के लिए खतरा बता रहे हैं। यह बात सचना का अधिकार और राजनीतिक दल' विषय पर आयोजित परिचर्चा में विभिन्न राजनितक दलों ने कही।

एसो. फॉर डेमोक्रेटिक रिफॉर्म्स एडीआर के राष्ट्रीय संयोजक सेवानिवृत्त कर्नल अनिल वर्मा ने कहा कि सचना आयोग ने तीन जुन 2013 को छह गृष्टीव दलो को सावंजनिक निकाय घोषित कर आरटीआई के दायरे में ला दिया। 29 महीने बाद भी राजनीतिक दलो द्वारा इसे लागु नहीं किया जाना उनकी कार्यप्रणाली पर सवाल खंडे करता है। भारतीय गृष्टीय महिला कांग्रेस की गीता शरत तिवारी. विचार विभाग के प्रदेशाध्यक्ष राजेंद्र चंद्रकांत राय ने कहा कि दलों को आरटीआई के दायरे में आने से शरू में परेशानी हो सकती है, लेकिन बाद में इससे लोकतंत्र मजबत होगा। सीपीआई के अरविंद श्रीवास्तव व सीपीआईएम के राज्य सचिव सदस्य शिवेन्द्र कुरारिया ने कहा कि वित्तीय लेखा-जोखा जनता को बताना चाहिए पर पार्टी के अंदरूनी आएंगे सामने लोकतांत्रिक ढांचा ध्वस्त होगा। बसपा के अरविंद चौधरी का कहना था कि आरटीआई लागु होने से पार्टी के अंदर का भाईचारा बिगड जाएगा। इस मौके पर राद्यवेन्द्र कुमार, राजेश चॉद, नित्यानंद मिश्रा उपस्थित थे।







9.87 करोड़ खर्च के साथ कांग्रेस दूसरे नंबर पर

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2010 में 66 करोड़ खर्च

के लिहान से 2010 की चुलना में उन्हें उजनीतिक वार्ड में 66.75 बाई युना महंगा रहा। 2010 युनाव में राजनीतिक दलों ने कुल 66.75 2015 में यह आंकड़ा बड़कर वरोड़ रुप्प वा संग्र में इस पुक्रव में 150.91 करोड़ रूपर हो गया। 1.76 करेड़ और खेळा ने 1.05 करेड़ हरतकि, 2010 में भाजपा ने असने उपए कर्च किया था हरतकि, अजय खर्च का व्योग अव्योग में जमा नहीं हो 2010 में अपने खर्च का हैताब नहीं कया था।

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2015 का विधानसभा चुनाव खार्च वर्ष 2010 के विधानतभा चुनाव मे करेड़ रुपए टार्च किया। इत पुनव में कांडोत में 46.96 करेड रुपए सार्च करोड़ रूपर खर्च किया, जबकि क्षेत्र्य हा जबकि तारपूका सर्वा 9.06 दिख था। इन दोनें चुनद में इक्टा एडीआर और निराम इलेक्शन की वर्ड कुल राजि 247.17 करोड

सता में साझीदार राजद ने पिछले इस चुनाव में जदबू ने 13.63 चुनाव में 88 लाख रुपए खर्च

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पिछले दो विधानसभा चुनावों के दौरान क्षेत्रीय देलों ने राष्ट्रीय दलों की तुलना में अधिक धन जुटाया। क्षेत्रीय दलों ने 2010 विस चुनाव की तुलना में 2015 में 637 प्रतिशत अधिक धन जुटावा। वहीं, राष्ट्रीय दलों ने 2010 विस चुनाव की तुलना में 2015 में 140 प्रतिशत अधिक धन जुटाया। इसका विश्लेषण मंगलवार को जारी रिपोर्ट में एसोसिएशन फॉर डेमोक्रेटिक रिफॉर्म्स (एडीआर) ने किया।

129.43 करोड़ हो गई। हालांकि 2010 विस चनाव के दौरान राष्ट्रीय दलों में केवल

भाजपा ने चुनावी खर्च का विवरण अबतक आयोग को जमा नहीं किया है, जबकि कांग्रेस, बसपा, राकांपा, भाकपा व माकपा ने ब्योरा वाखिल किया है। वहीं एडीआर ने क्षेत्रीय दलों में जदव्, राजद, लोजपा, रालोसपा, फॉरवर्ड ब्लॉक, जेडीएस, जेकेएनपीपी, जेएमएम, जेवीएम-पी, आईवृएमएल, आरएसपी, शिवसेना, सपा, एआईएमआइएम व एनपीपी का विश्लेषण किया। क्षेत्रीय दलों में 15 दलों ने 2010 व 2015 के विधानसभा चुनाव लड़ा।

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#### **Political** funding will get opaque, say experts

Ahmedabad: Lowering the li-Altinedabas: Lowering the li-mit for anonymous cash dona-tions from Rs 20,000 to Rs 2,000, as announced in the Budget will only make political funding mo-re-opaque, experts and critics as-id at a special seminar on Trans-

parency and Accountability in Political Parties' on Saturday. Founding member of Asso-ciation of Democratic Reforms (ADR) Professor Jagdeep Chho-kar said most parties that don't

kar said most parties that don't want to declare the identity of their donors, will now convert donations into even smaller amounts such as Rs 1599.

"Close to 70% of political funding is firon unknown sour-ces. Political parties get exemp-tion in income tax and many other benefits in terms of land and bousing which amounts to considerable public resources. They are bound to give informa-They are bound to give informa-

They are bound to give informa-tion to public," said Chokkar.
Former CM Sureshbhai
Mehta claimed that the biggest
concern was how the govern-ment and ruling political party ment and ruling political party maintain secrecy in their cruci-al decisions while allotting pub-lic resources to private entities. "Political parties don't adhere to democratic principles within their own organizations. How can they uphold electoral re-forms?" asked Indukumar Jani fran Niew Marc. from Naya Marg.

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# Note ban did not affect political parties: Experts

any impact on political parties as they were not bound to reveal the names of their donors if the amount received happened to be less than 10.000 and they were also hundred per cent exempted.

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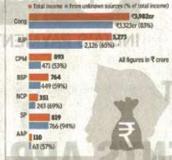
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69% OF PARTIES' INCOMES FROM UNKNOWN SOURCES



711.367cr Income of national & regional parties from fiscal 2004-05 to 2014-15

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clause in the Representation of the People Act that makes it mandatory for parties to disclose donors only if indi-vidual contributions exceed The BSP, which collected
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According to the Associa-tion for Democratic Reforms (ADR), an NGO working for probity in elections, the Congress and the BJP ac-count for over 63% of the to-tal income of Rs 11.267 crors of all national and regional recties.

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installated transferred even by the dip in the country's sonemic fortunes. Jugdeep Chocker. ADR founder member and a former IBM Ahmedabad probases, said 68% of the total incomes of all parties is from unknown sources, which is around fix 7,000 crors in 11 years. "Decor details should be made available for public servatiny under RTL." Chocker demanded, and observed that this is important for strengthening of parties, elections and the democracy. There's some hope that the NDA government may insiste electional reformand mike parties economically and the parties of the par

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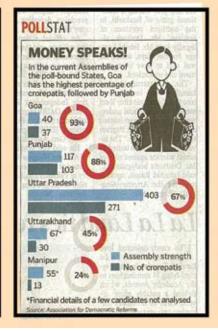
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आरटीआई : निर्वाचन आयोग में डेढ़ साल में नए राजनीतिक दल के लिए आए ३९२ आवेदन

# नए राजनातिक दलों को बाढ

अमित कुमार निरंजन

नई दिल्ली। कई राज्यों में विधानसभा चुनाव नजदीक हैं। कुछ माह बाद पंजाब, उत्तर प्रदेश, उत्तराखंड में विधानसभा चुनाव की घोषणा हो सकती है।

लेकिन इस बीच निर्वाचन आयोग से आरटीआई के तहत दिलचस्प जानकारी मिली है। आयोग में नए राजनीतिक दल बनाने के लिए पिछले डेढ़ साल में 392 आवेदन आए हैं। अमर उजाला को यह जानकारी 16 जून को मिली। निर्वाचन आयोग में 1

जून 2016 को आरटीआई आवेदन के जरिए राजनीतिक दलों के रजिस्ट्रेशन के बारे में जानकारी मांगी गई थी। आयोग ने 1 जनवरी 2015 से 31 मई 2016 तक का व्योरा दिया। इसके मुताबिक देश में कुल 2005 राजनीतिक दल राष्ट्रीय, क्षेत्रीय व अमान्य पार्टी के रूप में रजिस्टर्ड हैं। इनमें छह राष्ट्रीय दल, 50 क्षेत्रीय दल और 1949 अमान्य पार्टी (जिनका वोट प्रतिशत कुल मतदान का 4 प्रतिशत से भी कम हो) हैं। अगर 392 आवेदन स्वीकृत हो जाते हैं तो आगामी विधानसभा चुनाव तक



सुप्रीम कोर्ट के एक आदेश के अनुसार निर्वाचन आयोग को राजनीतिक दलों का रजिस्ट्रेशन रदद करने का अधिकार नहीं हैं, लेकिन 10 साल तक चनाव में हिस्सा न लेने और कार्यालय का सही या नया पता न देने पर आयोग इन दलों को राजनीतिक पार्टियों की सूची से बाहर कर सकता है।

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आयोग में पंजीकृत राजनीतिक फीसदी से ज्यादा दल चुनाव दलों की संख्या 2400 के करीब हो सकती है। ये आंकड़े इसलिए

आयोग और आयकर विभाग में अपने चंदे का ब्योरा भी नहीं देते भी चौंकाते हैं क्योंकि इनमें से 90 हैं। कितने राजनीतिक दलों ने अपने चुनावी चंदे का ब्योरा नहीं दिया फिलहाल इस बात की जानकारी आयोग ने सार्वजनिक नहीं की है।

आयोग के एक नोटिफिकेशन के अनुसार 2014 के लोकसभा चुनाव में 25 प्रतिशत पार्टियों ने चुनाव लड़ा था। इनमें सिर्फ 15 नए राजनीतिक दल थे। आयोग ने 200 राजनीतिक दलों को वर्ष1995 में चुनाव में ssहिस्सा न लेने के लिए और 1999 व 2004 के चुनावों के लिए 220 राजनीतिक दलों को नोटिस थमाया था।

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# MP Assembly worked only 4.5 hours a day!

ADR data says House gathered for just 72 days in two years

DB-Post Correspondent

Bhopal: The total sittings of the 14th State Assembly in 10 sessions was only 72 days and on an average the House worked only for 4.6 hours a day, said a data put together by the ADR (Association for Democratic Reforms) and Madhya Pradesh Election Watch on Friday

It said that 66% of 194 MLAs (MP Assembly has 230 members but record of CM, ministers was not available) who were included in the study registered an attendance of more than 76%. The information was sought through an RTL

During these 72 sittings from January, 2014, to April, 2016, the House conducted legislative work for 333.5 hours.

#### CM & ministers can give a miss

ADR and MP Election Watch said that the attendance of CM, ministers, Speaker and deputy speaker was not registered as there is no such rule to mark their presence.

According to salary, allowances and pension for Members of Legislative Assembly Act, 1972, the persons holding these posts are not entitled to get allowances. So, these members get relaxation from signing the attendance register.

#### Flouting norms

ADR and Election Watch said that the Article 190(4) of Constitution said that MLA/MPs should attend 60 meetings in one year or the seat would be declared vacant. However, only 72 sittings were organised during the past two years.

"It should be obligatory for the MLAs to apply for leave like other government servants and private employees. In addition, there is no rule making presence of MLAs obligatory. There should be a 75% attendance norm for MLAs," said Roli Shivbare, coordinator of MP Election Watch in a press conference





लोका सार्वजीवस किया है। एक्केसर मंत्र्य की रोली लिकारे ने पत्रकारों से बार्च करते हुए

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असरीजाई चारकारी के जनुवार विधानगन्द पत्र में प्रदेश के 66 तात विधानकों की उपस्थित 76 प्रतिकार, 'यांच विधानकों की परिवर्तत ५५ मेर २५ प्रतिसार के बीच, ५३ विच्यापकों को उपरिवर्त ३५ ये 30 प्रतिशत के मोच दर्ज भी गई है। बढ़ी अपरकाह के कांद्रेस चित्रपत्र कमानेत प्रश्न सिंह को उपनियति रिप्ने 25 प्रतिशत एवं हां है। यहि कमलेश प्रसम्पति हिल्ली ३४ दिन ही विकासकार समाजे धत रहे । वहीं कट्टावरी के कांद्रेश विश्वावक त्येश प्रदेश 25 दिए बार रहे । पश्चादेश विश्वावत्त्व सरस्य वेतर, अब उन्हें देशर विधियाम १४७३ में एक्ट मेंडी, अध्यक्ष, प्रयम्मक, पेता प्रतिस्था मो वाब राज टिंग्स भारा गाँँ जब होटा है। इसलिए कर्षे आंद्रिस टिंसटा में थाइन करच जोई फस्तो गाँ है। फॉम्स ने समाल उटाए कि सभी भी फेरर परित अस्मिक राज्य तो रिका ही उनहाँ है, फिर इन प्रदर्भों को इस अनिकारीता से यूट को जिलाती हैं। प्रतिकता का अनुभीद 190(4) के अनुसार महि दिवसे विश्वासक एसे स्तानत की र में उपनियान एक पूर्व में 40 दिन म डोगी, तो आएक राज स्थान की त्व धीरित कर रेखा मिक्स प्रदेश विकासका में इस्ताक भी रेस्क्रोल की होने के कारण एक नवा है निवस करा दिया गया।



#### 75 प्रतिरात हाजिरी का बने नियम

संस्था के प्रमुख्यानियों में प्रमाननीयों स साम्याना को आपन् पंचाबत स्टीत को है कि सोवटीय लोकाईड में विश्वास्था को की सद्दर में कम से कम 75 प्रतिसद द्वारियों का रिचय करना साह। Then your story if retail all rediseds to feeten with in तित एक स्विति कर्ता हो है जो इसन एक विकास से पी इस इका की शर्मित कर तथा दिवस कर । होता के चीते विकास अल्डा, राज्यक, तैत प्रतिक आहे को अहेंद्रैंक विकास संस्कृत कर्मा, राज्यक, तैत प्रतिक आहे को अहेंद्रैंक प्रतिकार में सहस् काणाचीनकारों होता चाहिए।

रोती में बता कि सम्बद्धित के 14 में किरान्यन्त के बनने के बाद बीते 32 जुनाई 2014 को सम्बद्धित के दान्यकर द्वारा सीत औ सीकों की विकासक के होन्से इतिसम्बद्धार के अन में मुख्य क्या पान विकास कर कर के साथ की साथ की साथ कर के साथ की साथ की साथ किया है। अपने का साथ की साथ किया की साथ कर की साथ किया की साथ कर की साथ क

कर्पने व्यक्ति ।



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#### PHASE II POLLS

# 125 crorepatis in fray

GUWAHATI, April 6: h's raining Corresponds this assembly elections. Out of the 523 candidates in fray in the second phase, as many as 125

(24%) are correpatis.

The assets per candidate co ing in the second phase are worth

uesing in the second phase are worth an average Rs 1.26 crore. AUDF president Badruddin Ajmal, contesting from South Sal-mara, is the richest candidate with assets worth Rs 34 crore. Independ-ent candidate from Bongajason liesh Bordelos has property worth Rs 50 crore, while BIP's Narayan Deka (Barkhetry) has assets worth Ps 12 crore.

Rs 17 crore.

Twenty nine candidates have assets of over Rs 5 crore.
Independent candidate Rajib Ahmed (Baghbor) has declared a total annual income of Rs 2.95 crore.
Sitting Mangaldai MIA. Busanta Das earms Rs 2.4 crore annually, while Ajmal has an annual income of Rs 1.9 crore, according to the Association of Democrasic Reform which analyzed the affidavits of the candidates.

ASSETS

SOUTH SALMARA Badruddin Ajmat, AIUDF - Rs 54 crore

BONGAIGAON Besh Bordolol, Independent - Rs 50 crore

BARKHETRY Warayan Deka, BJP - Rs 17 crore

for 57 Congress candidates is Rs 2.64 crore. 55 BJP candidates have average assets of Rs 2.46 crore, 47 AIUDF candidates have average assets worth Rs 2.44 crore, 19 Ason Gana Parishad candidates have average assets worth Rs 1.37 crore, while 11 SUCICO candidates have average assets worth Rs 1.37 crore, while 11 SUCICO candidates have average assets worth Rs 2.643 lah. A total of 27 (5%) candidates have not declared their PAM details, while 192 (37%) out of 523 randidates have not declared income tax details.

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ANNUAL INCOME

BAGHBOR

Rajib Ahmed, Independent - Rs 2.95 crore

MANGALDAI Basanta Das, INC

Rs 2.4 crore SOUTH SALMARA

Badruddin Ajmat, AJUDF

- Rs 1.9 crore

Twelve candidates with asset

Twelve candidates with ausets worth more than Rs 50 labh laws not declared income tax details. The party-wise number of core pair candidates in the second phase of elections are: 30 (53%) out of 57 fielded by INC, 19 (54%) out of 57 fielded by INC, 19 (54%) out of 47 candidates from BIP, 0 (47%) out of 19 candidates from Asom Gans Parishad, 12 (26%) out of 47 candidates freided by AILDE, 6 (60%) out of 10 candidates of Bodoland Peoples From (BPF) as well as 79 (15%) out of 216 independent candidates.



# विधानसभा चुनाव के उम्मीदवारों की संपत्ति में बेतहाशा बढ़ोतरी, संजय राज सुब्बा सबसे धनी

नाम के समारा में साम राज दिनकी . यो अधिक को वो कि 2015 में . यो अधिक को हो रही है। यही हो तही हा गया है। इसके टीक फारों असम. अध्यक्त 15 संबंधिक हो गई है। . ये करिय के उन्मीर का अर्थी हु कुआ तीकान क्षत्र और एमंस्थित्तन कर अनी उनको संचीत में 11 करोड़ स्वर में अधिक को बड़ोरते हुई है। वहीं स्मार्ट्स अधिकृत होने ने इस नहीं हम्मार्थ में मिलारी की वे बे सेव्यान नहीं है जान मा जान है से उस पाता पुरत्त १९४१ में देवती भी अधिकरीं था। उम्मीदेवत पोट्ड काम दूसरे नहता है। है कि किसे माई 2011 में आहरता कि मुख्यान बतो हुए सामा कि को नहीं वर्ष कि 2011 में सहस सी में बीन हो की है। 55 मीमावासी सी कुता में दी। सीह प्रभावन के प्राप्त कर किया के अध्यक्ष पर क्षेत्र पूर्ण कर है। इसि विश्व के प्रश्न के प्राप्त कर किया के अध्यक् को लोक एक को उन्हों कर की वर्ष के अध्यक्ष कार कारो हुए कारण कि कीरे तर्थे । वर्ष 3011 में बार की पीर्ट ने प्रते हैं अपेशा इस वर्ष उन्मीतवारों को से अपिक की, लेकिन 2016 में इनकी ही गई है। सन्य है कि चीच वर्ष के काहें। इसकी कुल केरीब निक्ताला उटाउ में 2 करोड़ से शीवत हो शर् नेहारत में उम्मीरकारों को संबंध में - 13 करोड़ रूपन्य केरीबब है। वर्षक है। वर्षक है। वर्षक वर्षक है। वर्षक हो शर् 

भी, जो कि अब बहुबर 6 सर्हित हो। गई है ताथ में प्रता दे ती पता पाता

हुई है। वीरोएक के कुल श्र्यांनाहक की मंग्रीत ३०११ में ३५ तरका से अधिक सी 2016 में बहुबत 2 करोंड़ से स्ट्रीयक मुन्त है (इसके साथ ही आहानहीं के बाहरण हुआहे (इस्केट्सप्त) इसहरोगी में एक प्राप्तदश्वर को प्राचीत में किते चीव वर्षों में 2 करोड़ रम्पोद्यात संक्षणाव मुख्या है। वर्षः संसीत 2011 में बहां मात्व 50 लागः वर्षः सम 2016 में वर्णक में अधिकः संअधिक की आधिक से अधिक की आधिक की आधिक की स्थापिक स्थापि

# Crorepati entrants rise

AVISHEK SENGUPTA

Quwahati, March 31: The number of crorepatis contesting the Assam Assembly elec tions has gone up compared to last time, a study has found.

In the 2011 Assembly polls, 102 crorepati candidates were in the fray. Five years later, that number has shot up to 112 in the first phase itself, a report by the Association of Democratic Reform (ADR) has revealed.

Altogether 65 of the 126 constituencies in the state are going to polls in the first phase elections on April 4. A total of 539 candidates have filed nominations to contest in the first

ADR, an umbrella body representing 1,200 NGOs throughout the nation, in its report revealed that 21 per cent of the candidates contesting the first; phase are crorepatis, compared to 15 per cent in the 2011 polls.

A total of 728 candidates 331 in the first phase and 395 in the second - contested the last Assembly elections five years ago and 47 crorepatis (around 37 per cent of the total seats) were elected as lawmak-

The Assembly elections in 2006 had only 16 crorepati MLAs. A partywise analysis of the report, compiled from the self-sworn affidavits of the candidates, revealed that there had been a sharp rise of crórepati candidates contesting for the BJP and Congress.

Around 27 per cent of Congress candidates were crorepatis in the last Assembly elections as compared to 55 per cent (36 out of 65 contenders) in the first phase this year. For BJP, the numbers last year was a meagre 12 per cent, which rose to 64 per cent (seven of 11 candidates).

Two out of nine AGP candidates, two out of nine NCP candidates, two out of three BPF candidates and 25 out of 280 Independents have declared assets worth more than Rs 1 crore in this election.

A comparative study of the 2011 and 2016 polls has also revealed a surge in Independent



Tasaduk Ariful Hussain Assam coordinator of ADR. addresses the news conference in Guwahati on Thursday, Picture by UB Photos

candidates. While only 88 Independent candidates contested last time, it has increased to 280 this year. In fact, the candidate with the most assets is an Independent

Jyoti Subba, who is contesting from Sootea con-stituency in Tezpur tops the chart with assets worth more than Rs 288 crore. The AGP's Naren Sonowal, contesting in Upper Assam's Naharkatia constituency and Congress's Rahul Roy, a candidate in Barak Valley's Algapur con-stituency, follow with assets worth Rs 33 crore and 25 crore

The CPI (M-L) (Liberation) candidate for Teok constituency, Jiten Tanti and Independent candidate for Mariani, Diganta Phukan, have said they have zero assets.

However, 47 per cent (255 candidates) have not declared their income tax details. "We have retrieved the details of those candidates on the basis of their immovable assets and their income is still unknown," said Tasaduk Ariful Hussain, co-ordinator of ADR.

North Cachar Hills' three candidates top the crorepati chart among those who have not declared income tax details. Independent candidate Holiram Tareng for Baithalangso has assets worth Rs 3 crore while Diphu's BJP ccandidate Sum Ronghang and Lok Janashakti Party's Dipendra Rongpi has assets worth Rs 2 crore and Rs 1 crore respectively