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# ADR Activities: 2018-19

# **History of ADR**

The inception of Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) can be traced back to 1999 when a group of Professors from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad, anguished by the alarming rise of criminality in the Indian political system, filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in Delhi High Court requesting for the disclosure of the criminal, financial and educational background of the candidates contesting elections. Based on this, the Supreme Court in 2002, and subsequently in 2003, made it mandatory for all candidates contesting elections to disclose criminal, financial and educational background prior to the polls by filing a self-sworn affidavit with the Election Commission. In March 2003, ADR was formally registered as an NGO.

# **Mission**

To improve governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms

# **Focus Areas**

- Corruption & criminalization in the political process
- Empowerment of the electorate through greater dissemination of information relating to the candidates and the parties, for a better and informed choice.
- Need for greater accountability of Political Parties.
- Need for inner-party democracy and transparency in party-functioning

# **Election Watch**



The first Election Watch (the flagship programme of ADR) was conducted in 2002 for Gujarat Assembly Elections whereby detailed analysis of the backgrounds of candidates contesting elections was provided to help the electorate make an informed choice during polls. Since then ADR has conducted Election Watches for almost all States, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha elections. State Election Watch chapters help National

Election Watch (NEW) and ADR to reach to the maximum voters.

## During the FY 2018-19, Election Watch was conducted for the following elections:

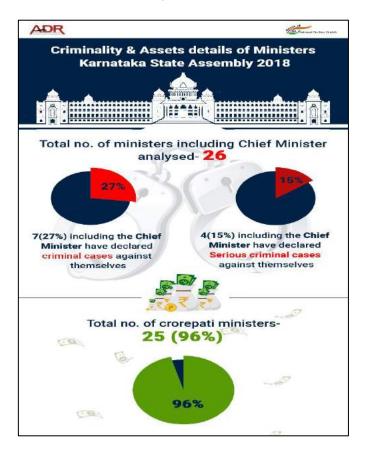
- Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan,
   Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram State Assembly Elections
- Bye Elections
- Local Body Elections

#### Following reports were released by Election Watch during FY 2018-19:

# I. Reports analysing the details of candidates, Winners and Ministers:

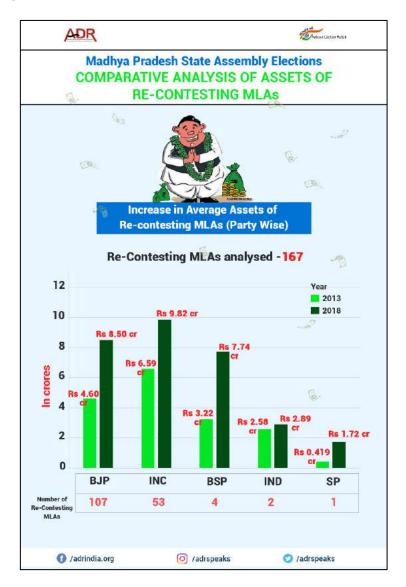
- Karnataka Assembly Elections 2013 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of MLAs – 5th Apr 2018
- 2. Municipal Corporation Bye Elections in Maharashtra, April 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial, Educational and other background details of Winners **9th Apr 2018**
- 3. Nagar Panchayat Elections in Devrukh & Guhagar, Maharashtra, April 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Candidates- 10th Apr 2018
- Nagar Panchayat Elections in Devrukh & Guhagar, Maharashtra, April 2018 Analysis
  of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Winners 14th Apr 2018

- Municipal Council Elections in Jamner & Vaijapur, Maharashtra 2018, Analysis of Criminal, Financial, Educational and other background details of Winners – 15th Apr 2018
- 6. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Candidates **5th May 2018**
- Karnataka Assembly Elections, 2018 Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs – 8th May 2018
- 8. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of MLA's **16th May 2018**
- Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Winners in Legislative Council Biennial Elections (Local Authorities Constituencies) Maharashtra – 25th May 2018
- 10. Lok Sabha Bye Elections in Maharashtra, May 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Candidates **26th May 2018**
- 11. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Karnataka Assembly 2018 **29th Jun 2018**

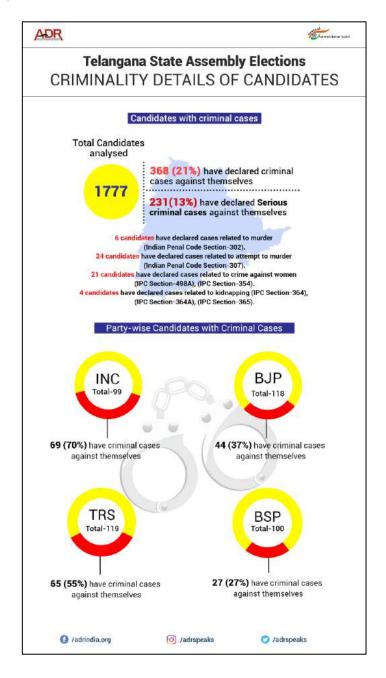


- 12. Maharashtra Legislative Council Biennial Elections (Graduates ; Teachers Constituencies) in Maharashtra, June 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Winners **30th June 2018**
- 13. Municipal Council Elections in Bhor & Wanadongri, Maharashtra, July 2018, Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Candidates **12th Jul 2018**
- 14. Nagar Panchayat Elections in Barshitakli, Wadgaon, Parseoni & Muktainagar, Maharashtra, July 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Candidates – 12th Jul 2018
- 15. Maharashtra Legislative Council Biennial Elections in Maharashtra (Elected by MLAs), July 2018 Analysis of Criminal, Financial and other background details of Winners – 19th Jul 2018
- 16. Analysis of Criminal Background of MPs and MLAs Since 2004 in Bihar 24th Sep 2018
- 17. MPs/MLAs with Declared Criminal Cases All India 25th Sep 2018
- Rajasthan Assembly Election Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education,
   Gender and other details of Sitting MLAs 15th Oct 2018
- 19. Analysis of Performance of MLAs of 4th Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh 31st Oct 2018
- 20. Mizoram Assembly Election Analysis of Financial Background, Education, Gender and other details of Sitting MLAs **3rd Nov 2018**
- 21. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates of Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018(Phase 1) **4th Nov 2018**
- 22. Preliminary Analysis of Candidates Announced by BJP and INC for Madhya Pradesh 2018 Assembly Elections **6th Nov 2018**
- 23. Telangana Assembly Election Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Sitting MLAs **12th Nov 2018**
- 24. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018 Phase 2 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates **13th Nov 2018**
- 25. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018 Comparative Analysis of Assets of Recontesting MLAs **13th Nov 2018**

- 26. Consolidated report for Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018-Criminal and Financial background details of Candidates **15th Nov 2018**
- 27. Comparative Analysis of Assets of Re contesting MLAs Mizoram 22nd Nov 2018
- 28. Mizoram Assembly Elections 2018-Criminal and Financial background details of Candidates **22nd Nov 2018**
- 29. Combined report on analysis of Criminal, Financial, Education, Gender and other background details of Candidates of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana Assembly Elections 2018– **25th Jan 2019**
- 30. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2018, Comparative Analysis of Assets of Recontesting MLAs **25th Nov 2018**



- 31. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates **26th Nov 2018**
- 32. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates **3rd Dec 2018**
- Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2018 Comparative Analysis of Assets of Re-contesting MLAs – 3rd Dec 2018
- 34. Telangana Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates **3rd Dec 2018**



- 35. Telangana Assembly Elections 2018 Comparative Analysis of Assets of Re-contesting MLAs **3rd Dec 2018**
- 36. Mizoram Assembly Elections 2018 Criminal, Financial and other background details of **MLAs 12th Dec 2018**
- 37. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2018 Criminal, Financial and other background details of **MLAs 13th Dec 2018**
- 38. Telangana Assembly Elections 2018 Criminal and Financial background details of MLAs **13th Dec 2018**
- 39. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of MLAs **14th Dec 2018**
- 40. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of MLAs **14th Dec 2018**
- 41. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Chhattisgarh Assembly 2018 **27th Dec 2018**
- 42. Analysis of Criminal Background Financial Education Gender and other details of Ministers in the Rajasthan Assembly 2018- 27th Dec 2018
- 43. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Chhattisgarh Assembly 2018 **27th Dec 2018**
- 44. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Mizoram Assembly 2018 **28th Dec 2018**
- 45. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly 2018 **28th Dec 2018**
- 46. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Telangana Assembly 2018 **19th Jan 2019**
- 47. Report on Financial and Criminal Cases Details of MLAs and MPs of Uttar Pradesh (2004- 2019) 1st Mar 2019
- 48. Comparison of Financial Details Declared by Re-elected Sitting MPs in the 2014 Lok Sabha Elections **19th Mar 2019**
- 49. Lok Sabha Elections 2014 Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Sitting MPs **28th March 2019**

## II. Reports analysing the vote share and election expenditure of winners

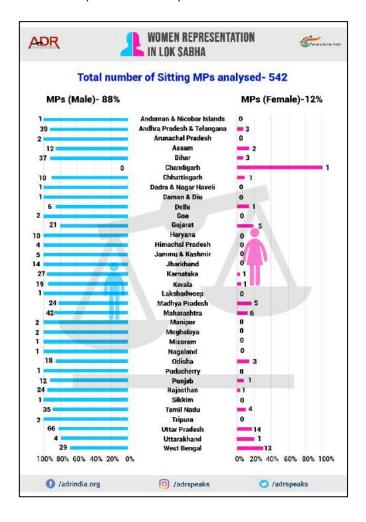
- Tripura Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Vote Share and Representativeness of Winners – 30th Apr 2018
- Nagaland Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Vote Share and Representativeness of Winners – 2nd May 2018
- Karnataka Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners – 1st Jun 2018
- 4. State Wise Analysis of Election Expenditure and Vote Share 2nd Jul 2018
- 5. Analysis of Vote Share Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners Madhya Pradesh **21st Jan 2019**
- Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners, Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2018 – 29th Jan 2019
- 7. Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners, Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2018 **30th Jan 2019**
- 8. Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners Telangana **31st Jan 2019**

#### III. Reports analysing the performance of sitting MLAs

- 14th State Assembly of Karnataka Analysis of Performance of MLAs and Legislative Assembly of Karnataka – 6th Apr 2018
- Analysis of Performance of 14th Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan MLAs- 15th Oct 2018
- 3. Analysis of Performance of MLAs of 4th Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh 31st Oct 2018
- 4. 6th Legislative Assembly of Mizoram Analysis of Performance of MLAs 10th Nov 2018
- 14th Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh Analysis of Performance of MLAs
   13th Nov 2018
- Meghalaya Assembly Elections 2018 Analysis of Vote Share and Representativeness of Winners – 24th May 2018

## IV. Miscellaneous Reports

- Analysis of MPs/MLAs with Declared Cases Related to Crimes against Women 10th Apr 2018
- 2. Analysis of MPs/MLAs with Declared Cases Related to Hate Speech 25th Apr 2018
- Analysis of MPs/MLAs with Declared Criminal Charges Related to Kidnapping – 30<sup>th</sup> Jul 2018
- 4. Analysis of Income, Age and Profession of Sitting MLAs Gujarat 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018
- 5. Analysis of Income, Age and Profession of Sitting MLAs all India 17th Sep 2018
- 6. Analysis of PAN Details of Sitting MPs and MLAs 26th Oct 2018
- Lok Sabha Elections 2014- Analysis of Income and Profession of Sitting MPs
   30th March 2019
- 8. Women's Political Participation and Representation in India 8th Mar 2019



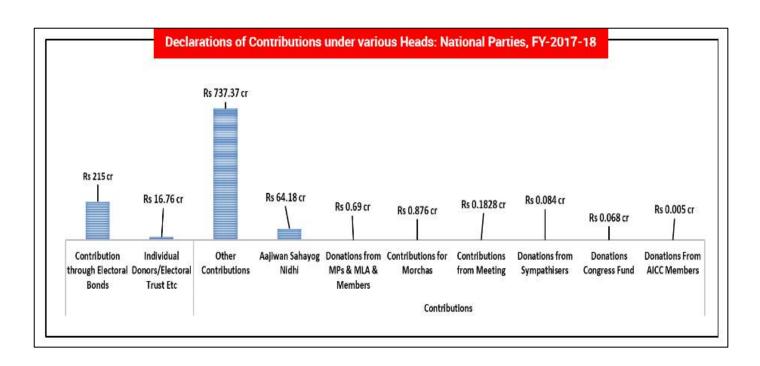
Elections covered during FY 2018-19						
S. No.	Election Name	Election Year	State Name	Number of Seats	Date	Candidates Contesting
1	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Tamil Nadu	1	12-Apr-18	62
2	Legislative Council	2018	Uttar Pradesh	13	26-Apr-18	13
3	Legislative Council	2018	Bihar	11	26-Apr-18	11
4	Assembly Elections	2018	Karnataka	224	12-May-18	2656
5	Legislative Council	2018	Maharashtra	6	21- May -18	6
6	Legislative Council	2018	Andhra Pradesh	1	21-May-18	1
7	Lok Sabha Bye Elections	2018	Maharashtra	2	28-May-18	25
8	Lok Sabha Bye Elections	2018	Nagaland	1	28-May-18	2
9	Lok Sabha Bye Elections	2018	Uttar Pradesh	1	28- May-18	12
10	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Bihar	1	28- May-18	12
11	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Jharkhand	2	28- May-18	24
12	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Kerala	1	28- May-18	17
13	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Meghalaya	1	28- May-18	3
14	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Uttar Pradesh	1	28- May-18	10
15	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	West Bengal	1	28- May-18	3
16	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Maharashtra	1	28- May-18	9
17	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Punjab	1	28- May-18	13
18	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Uttarakhand	1	28- May-18	5
19	Legislative Council	2018	Maharashtra	4	08-Jun-18	4
20	Legislative Council	2018	Karnataka	6	08-Jun-18	6
21	Legislative Council	2018	Karnataka	11	11-Jun-18	11
22	Rajya Sabha	2018	Kerala	3	21-Jun-18	3
23	Legislative Council	2018	Maharashtra	4	25-Jun-18	4
24	Local Body Election	2018	Maharashtra Municipal Council, June,2018 (Bhor,Wanadongri)	23	02-Jul-18	91
25	Local Body Election	2018	Maharashtra Nagar Panchayat, June 2018 (Barshitakli,Muktaina gar,Wadgaon,Parseo ni)	69	02-Jul-18	266
26	Legislative Council	2018	Maharashtra	11	16-Jul-18	11
27	Legislative Council	2018	Karnataka	1	06-Jul-18	1
28	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Meghalaya	2	23-Aug-18	8
29	Legislative Council	2018	Karnataka	3	04-Oct-18	3
30	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Karnataka	2	03-Nov-18	14
31	Lok Sabha Bye Elections	2018	Karnataka	3	03-Nov-18	17
32	A	2040	Chhattisgarh Phase I	18	12-Nov-18	190
33	Assembly Elections	2018	Chhattisgarh Phase II	72	20-Nov-18	1079
34	Assembly Elections	2018	Madhya Pradesh	230	28-Nov-18	2899
35	Assembly Elections	2018	Mizoram	40	28-Nov-18	209
36	Assembly Elections	2018	Rajasthan	200	07-Dec-18	2294
37	Assembly Elections	2018	Telangana	119	07-Dec-18	1821
38	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Gujarat	1	20-Dec-18	8
39	Assembly Bye Elections	2018	Jharkhand	1	20-Dec-18	8
40	Assembly Bye Elections	2019	Haryana	1	28-Jan-19	20
41	Legislative Council	2019	Andhra Pradesh	5	12-Mar-19	7
42	Legislative Council	2019	Telangana	5	12-Mar-19	8
43	Legislative Council	2019	Andhra Pradesh	3	22-Mar-19	5
44	Legislative Council	2019	Telangana	4	22-Mar-19	6
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# **Political Party Watch**



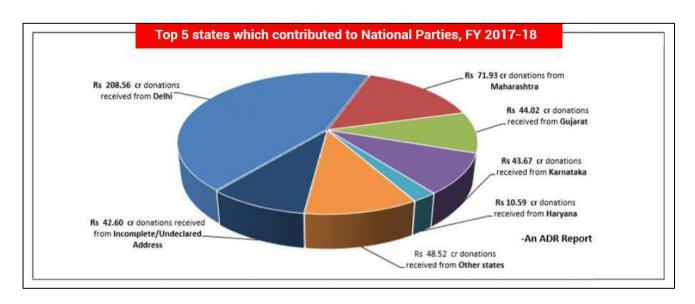
As political parties play a crucial role in a democracy, good governance would remain a distant dream without accountability and transparency in the internal functioning and financials of Political Parties. In 2008, ADR started a new program called Political Party Watch (PPW) to thoroughly analyze the Donations Report, Income Tax Returns and Election Expenditure Reports of Political Parties and disseminate the 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. These reports have revealed that currently only National Parties and very few Regional Parties file their IT Returns on a regular basis every year.



# Following analyses on Political Parties were undertaken during FY 2018-19:

	Reports by Political Party Watch during FY 2018-19					
S.No.	Report Type	Report Name	Date of release	Number of Parties Analysed		
1	Audit Report	Analysis of Income & Expenditure of BJP & INC for FY- 2016-2017	10-Apr-18	7		
2	Audit Report	Analysis of Income & Expenditure of Regional Political Parties for FY 2016-17	22-May-18	32		
3	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations Received by National Political Parties for FY 2016-17	30-May-18	6		
4	Contribution Report	Analysis of Contribution Reports of Unrecognised Parties – FY 2013-14 to 2015-16	6-Jun-18	294		
5	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations declared by Regional Political Parties – FY 2016-17	7-Aug-18	32		
6	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of Regional Parties of India, FY 2016-17	9-Aug-18	29		
7		Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Gujarat & Himachal Pradesh Assembly Elections, 2017	10-Sep-18	10		
8	Contribution Report	Analysis of Contribution reports of Electoral trusts - FY 2017-18	28-Nov-18	5		
9	Audit Report	Analysis of income and expenditure of National Parties - FY 2017- 18	17-Dec-18	6		
10	Contribution Report	Analysis of donations declared by National Parties - FY 2017-18	16-Jan-19	6		
11	Contribution Report	Donations received from Hyderabad, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh FY-2017-18	18-Jan-19	4		
12	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of National Parties of India, FY 2017-18	23-Jan-19	6		
13	Audit Report	Analysis of Income Expenditure of National Political Parties for FY- 2017-18 updated with details of INC	1-Feb-19	7		
14	Expenditure Report	Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Karnataka Assembly Election 2018	6-Feb-19	10		
15	Audit Report	Analysis Of Income & Expenditure Of Regional Political Parties For FY 2017-18	7-Mar-19	37		
16	Expenditure Report	Report on funds collected and expenditure incurred by Political Parties during Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura Assembly Elections, 2018	15-Mar-19	11		
	Total 502					



# **Strategic Litigation**



Strategic litigation is another vital tool through which ADR has been able to create a momentum for required reform in the political and electoral system. ADR has initiated/intervened in several PILs, some of which have resulted in landmark judgments.

# PILs filed by ADR during FY 2018-19:

1. PIL in the Supreme Court against electoral

## Bonds and removal of the 7.5% of the company's aggregate limit to donate:

This petition challenges the Finance Act, 2017 which was enacted as a money bill which introduced the electoral bond scheme for the purpose of electoral funding. The Act has also removed the previous limit of 7.5% of the company's average three-year net profit for political donations. A company is no longer required to name the political parties to which such contributions are made. The donors' name is also not revealed to the public. These amendments will result in opaqueness, heighten the odds of conflict of interest and also drastically increase black money and corruption. It will also lead to the creation of shell companies and rise of benami transactions to channelize the undocumented money into the political and electoral process in India.

**Status:** The petition was admitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017. On 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 ADR filed an application for stay against the sale/purchase of electoral bonds for Lok Sabha 2019 elections. In the stay application ADR had contended that enormous amount of corporate funding would be received by political parties during the general elections and this would play a critical role in the elections. It was also argued that the common citizens are not buying these bonds and these are being bought only by big corporates to protect their interests. It was also revealed during the hearing that there was hardly any demand for electoral bonds of smaller denomination as 99.9% of bonds sold were of Rs. 10 lakh & Rs. 1 crore denomination.

In response to ADR's application, the Supreme Court in its interim order dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 directed all political parties to submit details of donations received via Electoral Bonds to the

Election Commission of India in a sealed cover on or before 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. As per the interim order, political parties are required to submit the flowing details:

- Detailed particulars of the donors as against each Bond.
- The amount of each such bond and the full particulars of the credit received against each bond, namely the particulars of the bank account to which the amount has been credited and the date of each such credit.

Next date of hearing yet to be given.

# 2. PIL in the Supreme Court against amendments in the FCRA, 1976 and 2010:

This petition challenges the amendments made in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 through the Finance Act, 2016 and Finance Act, 2018, which has been passed as a Money Bill with retrospective effect from the year 1976. These amendments now allow foreign companies with subsidiaries in India to fund political parties in India. These amendments have been made in an attempt to overturn the judgment passed by the Delhi High Court in March 2014 holding the two major political parties the BJP and the Congress guilty of taking foreign funding, against which the SLPs were dismissed by the Court. These amendments in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 have opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate donations to political parties and anonymous financing by Indian as well as foreign companies which can have serious repercussions on the Indian democracy. These amendments also effectively exposes the Indian politics and democracy to international lobbyists who may want to further their agenda.

**Status:** Filed in April, 2018. Date of hearing is yet to be given.

#### 3. PIL on Election Expenditure of the Political Parties:

This petition filed in the Delhi High Court seeks to regulate and monitor election expenditure of political parties including directions to impose a limit on the election expenditure of political parties.

**Current Status:** The matter is ongoing. In the previous hearings ECI had argued that they have already issued transparency guidelines on political finance and therefore, the court need not pass any direction. However, a representation was made by ADR that though the Election Commission of India had issued guidelines dated 29th August, 2014 which were captioned "Transparency and accountability in party funds and election expenditure", no information is forthcoming with regard to the compliance thereof. The court agreed to examine this

aspect. ECI has filed a **Status Report** on action taken against the political parties which have not filed their annual audited reports and contribution reports. Next date of hearing is 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

## 4. PIL on an Impartial FCRA Tribunal:

This petition is filed asking for an independent, impartial quasi-judicial tribunal to administer enforcement of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 (FCRA), in order to avoid the misuse of FCRA law. Executive is tasked with effective enforcement even against the political parties, politicians, legislators, quasi-political institutions with strong political affinity and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). However, legislators being the political masters of the executive and with capability to influence the executive, enforcement against them and quasi-political institutions may not be effective in view of the conflict of interest.

**Current Status**: The matter is ongoing. In the previous hearings ADR had raised the issue of conflict of interest. ADR brought to the notice of the court complaints against various ministers who had violated FCRA law and in which no action was taken by the government. The respondents have asked for more time to file their counter. The court has given them six weeks' time to file their reply with no further adjournments. Next date of hearing is 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

#### **Upcoming PIL:**

ADR has filed an intervention application in the Supreme Court in an SLP in the matter of Satish Ukey vs. Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis SLP (Crl.) 19-20/2018. This matter deals with concealment of information by Maharashtra C.M. Devendra Fadnavis in his affidavit during the Maharashtra State Assembly elections, 2014. In his affidavit he had not mentioned the information regarding two criminal cases prescribing punishment of more than two years and where cognizance was taken by the court. ADR has intervened in the matter since the matter is pertaining to furnishing of information in the affidavits by candidates at the time of election and ADR was the original party in the 2000, 2002 and 2003 affidavit judgments.

**Current Status**: The petition was filed on 14-08-2018. ADR filed its application for intervention in January, 2019. The matter was heard on 23rd July 2019 and the judgment has been reserved.

To know more about ADR's commitment to improve democracy please refer to our complete list of recommendations here: <a href="https://adrindia.org/legal-advocacy/recommendations-submissions">https://adrindia.org/legal-advocacy/recommendations-submissions</a>.

# **Activities on Advocacy, Networking and Voter Awareness**



ADR organized many press conferences and panel discussions along with outdoor and social media campaigns. Many informative articles were also written by in-house researchers that were published in reputed newspapers and magazines. Over 20 years, ADR has associated with 1200 state partners and 41 eminent personalities who continue to collaborate with ADR for various campaign activities like meetings, workshop, seminars and outdoor campaigns to make voters aware of the criminal, financial and other background

details of contesting candidates and help citizens make an informed choice.

# Some of the activities conducted by ADR during 2018-19 are mentioned below:

# 1. Southern Regional Consultation on Electoral and Political Reforms

A Southern Regional Consultation on Electoral and Political Reforms was organized by Tamil Nadu Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras on 30th June 2018 to discuss feasibility of simultaneous elections, increasing concerns of electoral malpractices, opacity in political financing and its effect on governance, accelerating cost of elections, among other challenges.

The conference was attended by Dr Nasim Zaidi and Mr TS Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioners of India. Expert panelists and speakers from non-profit organizations, government bodies, political parties, media and academic communities, representatives of National Election Watch from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry participated in the consultation along with students, senior journalists and exbureaucrats.

# 2. Western Regional Consultation on Electoral and Political Reforms

A consultation on Electoral and Political Reforms was organized by the Gujarat Election Watch and ADR on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Ahmedabad Management Association, Ahmedabad for the Western Region to review simultaneous elections in India, electoral bonds and increasing opacity, curb electoral malpractices, explore new initiatives and improve transparency and accountability in urban and local governance. Members of political parties, eminent scholars, civil society organizations and media were present to deliberate on issues related to electoral and political reform in the country.



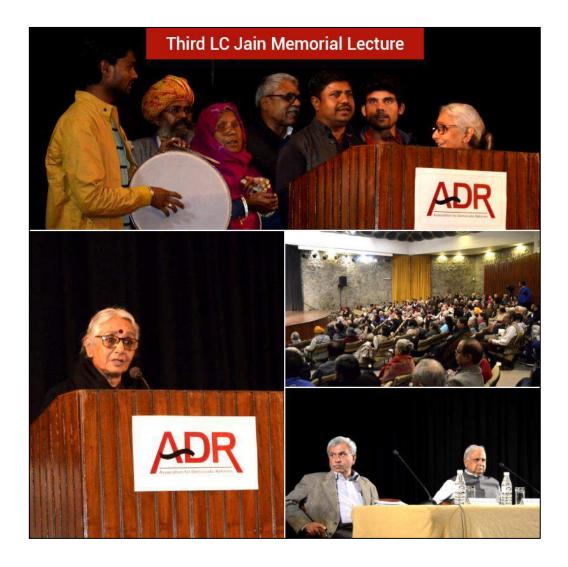
# 3. International Conference by State Election Commission of Maharashtra

ADR was invited by the State Election Commission of Maharashtra to participate in the International Conference in Mumbai on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The conference was on 'Better elections for a healthier democracy' and it also marked the silver jubilee of the 73rd and 74th Amendment Act of the Indian Constitution for creating Local Self Governments (LSGs). The event was attended by Representatives from countries (like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Maldives and Sri Lanka), State Election Commissions and organizations working in the field.



# 4. Third LC Jain Memorial Lecture by Ms. Aruna Roy on "Civil Disobedience in Uncivil Times"

ADR and the LC Jain family organized the "Third LC Jain Memorial Lecture" which was delivered by Ms. Aruna Roy, a prominent social activist, on the theme "Civil Disobedience in Uncivil Times" on 13th December 2018 at India International Centre, New Delhi.



# 5. ADR Youth Outreach Programme

To motivate, inform and involve youth in the political & electoral reforms processes, and raise awareness among them about ethical and informed voting, ADR has come up with two programmes – Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat and Campus Ambassador Programme.

#### i. Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat

Under Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat (launched in FY 2016-17), we conduct workshops with the aim of educating senior school students (to-be-voters) regarding challenges being faced by Indian Democracy. The workshop trainers use videos, audios, quiz and other interactive materials to engage with the youth. We are committed to take this programme to the maximum number of schools & colleges across the country.

In FY 2018-19, with the support of our Odisha Election Watch team, we reached out to over 8200 youth. In Delhi, in a year, we conducted 4 workshops in Hedwig and Robert Samuel Foundation, a fashion designing school for underprivileged students, located at two locations in Delhi- Garhi & Uttam Nagar.



# ii. Campus Ambassador Programme

Campus Ambassador Programme, an ADR Youth Outreach Programme, aims to engage with college youth on issues related to Indian democracy and involve them proactively in organizing events. The selected Campus Ambassadors are apprised about the issues ADR is working on and their roles and responsibilities as ADR campus representative. These Ambassadors later hold various programmes in their colleges to spread awareness about the issues ADR is fighting for. All the activities are approved, sponsored, assisted & supervised by the ADR Team.

In FY 2018-19, ADR had 15 Campus Ambassadors across India. The table below shows details of events conducted by our Campus Ambassadors.

Event Name	Date	Location	Brief Detail
Voting 101: Doorway to Electoral Awareness	7-Jul-18	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Discussion on electoral awareness
Informed and Ethical Voting- a Doorway to Good Governance	14-Jul-18	FTK-Centre for Information Technology (CIT) Hall, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	A panel discussion on informed and ethical voting
Elections in conflict zones	12-Sep-18	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Screening of movie Newton followed by discussion on elections in conflict zones

Elections: Communalism and Minorities	04-Jan-19	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Discussion on living constitutional values in India Today
Elections and Vote Bank Politics	14-Feb-19	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Discussion on unravelling and comprehending electoral politics in India
Visit to State Election Commission #BehindTheScenes	18-Feb-19	State Election Commission, Mumbai	Visit by students of St. Xavier's College, Mumbai
Baithak	25-Feb-19	St. Xavier's College, Mumbai	Impromptu performances, skit, rap songs, parody art, poetry-recitation and any creative demonstration on issues covered throughout the year by the ADR CAP



#### Miscellaneous Student Collaborations/Visits

- ADR was one of the Academic Partners of **Model United Nations 2019** organized by students of **St. Stephen's College, Delhi** from 01<sup>st</sup> to 03<sup>rd</sup> February 2019. ADR provided research papers to raise the academic standards of the conference.
- ADR was a Knowledge Partner of Jagran Youth Parliament. The vision of the
  partnership was to leverage expertise of ADR to benefit youth parliamentarians and
  provide an opportunity for public outreach.
- Under Chhatra Sansad's Intern Nation Leadership programme, 15 interns visited
   ADR on 09th July 2018 who were addressed by Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.).
- Students from Assam Down Town University visited ADR as part of their Study Tour to understand the social sector on 01st August 2018.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and 04th February 2019, students from MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG), Pune visited ADR to know how ADR is strengthening the Democracy. They were addressed by Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.).

# 6. Voter Awareness Campaigns

Ahead of Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka Assembly elections, ADR used various mediums to encourage people to vote for candidates with clean images. Various creative and engaging videos, posters, pamphlets, and brochures were designed to educate the people about the importance of Informed and Ethical Voting, Issue of Criminality etc., were disseminated via various mediums during the elections.

Creation of new videos: Vox-pop videos (public opinion-based videos) were made
on the issue of increasing influence of criminality in politics, informed voting and
women in politics. Apart from that, videos were made in vernacular languages
featuring regional celebrities with the aim to reach out to maximum voters. Celebrities
featured in our videos are listed below:

	Madhya Pradesh			
S. No.	Celebrity Name	Profession		
1	Swanand Kirkire	Singer, Lyricist		
2	Rahat Indori	Urdu Poet & Lyricist		
3	Saumya Tandon	Actress		
4	Pooja Kadian	Wushu Champion, Arjuna Awardee		
5	Sandhya Agarwal	Cricketer, Arjuna Awardee		

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	Chhattisgarh			
S. No.	S. No. Celebrity Name Profession			
1	Dr Alka Kriplani	Renowned Gynecologist, PadmaShri Awardee		
2	G C D Bharti	Musician, Padma Shri Awardee		
3	Mamta Chandrakar	Singer, Padma Shri Awardee		
4	Anuj Sharma	Actor & Singer, Padma Shri Awardee		
5	Phoolbasan Bai Yadav	Social Worker, Padma Shri Awardee		
6	Saba Anjum	Hockey Player, Padma Shri Awardee		
		Rajasthan		
S. No.	Celebrity Name	Profession		
1	Mame Khan	Folk Music Artist		
2	Gulabo Sapera	Folk Dancer, Padma Shri Winner		
3	Suvighya Sharma	Artist, Padma Shri Winner		
4	Roop Kumar Rathod	Playback Singer		
5	Devendra Jhanjharia	Indian Paralympic Javelin Thrower, Padma Shri & Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee		
6	Dr. Rajendra Singh	Environmentalist, Magsaysay Award Winner		
		Telangana		
S. No.	Celebrity Name	Profession		
1	Hanuman Chowdhary	Padma Shri , Civil Service		
2	Aekka Yadagiri Rao	Padma Shri, Art		
3	Talat Aziz	Ghazal Singer		
4	Warsi Brother	Folk Qawaali Artist		
5	Simran Chowdhary	Miss Telangana, Actress		
6	Rashid Ali	Singer		

- Letters to Political Parties: Letters were sent to the Heads of Political Parties & newly
  sworn-in Chief Ministers of Karnataka, Telangana, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Madhya
  Pradesh and Chhattisgarh to provide a clean and exemplary governance to the people
  by choosing honest and capable Ministers. The same letters were made public by
  posting them on social media platforms by tagging the Head of Political Parties and
  CMs.
- Media Collaborations: ADR collaborated with NDTV, Amar Ujala, Bennett Coleman
   & Company Co. Ltd. and Jagran Prakashan to display ADR's reports and details of candidates contesting elections on their website with our logo and name.
   For Lok Sabha Elections 2019, ADR collaborated with several media houses during

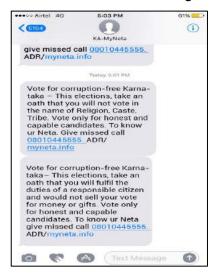
March-April 2019. Some of these include: Times Now (Swachh Neta campaign), The

Logical Indian, Hans India, Razor Pay etc.

- Print and TV Presence: ADR remained an active part of debates around the issues
  of electoral reforms. Some of the press coverage can be viewed herehttp://adrindia.org/media/adr-in-news.
- Community Radio Campaign: A 10-day Community Radio campaign was run in 8 cities of Karnataka during Karnataka Assembly elections wherein ADR reached out to people conveying how important it is to vote for the right candidate and be an informed voter. Community Radio Stations and the cities covered are listed below:

Commu	Community Radio Campaign during Karnataka Assembly Elections					
S. No.	Station	City				
1	Radio Active	Bangalore				
2	Venudhwani	Belgaum				
3	Siddhartha	Tumkur				
4	Dhwani	Hubli				
5	Krishi Community	Dharwad				
6	Antarvani	Gulbarga				
7	Sarang	Mangalore				
8	Manipal Community	Manipal				

- Auto Campaign: During Karnataka Assembly Election, posters with messages encouraging people to select the right leader in elections were displayed on 1500 autos in 9 cities (Bangalore, Bellary, Bidar, Davanager, Hassan, Mangalore, Mysore, Raichur and Shimoga).
- Digital Presence:
  - Push SMS/ Outbound Calls (OBD): For Karnataka Assembly Election, total of 39,87,315 SMS and 28,75,581 OBD calls were pushed to encourage people to know about the background details of the contesting candidates.



Screenshot of a Push SMS

Social Media and Website Engagement: Throughout the year, more intensively ahead of elections, ADR kept posting informative creative/ infographics/news items on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter to disseminate information. Many of the infographics posted on these social media platforms received hundreds of shares and likes. The reports were first released in ADR's Google Groups which have researchers, scholars, journalists, politics-enthusiasts, lawyers and people from different arenas. Post that, infographics based on the reports were published on social media platforms.

In FY 2018-19, about 61 infographics, 31 videos, 48 pics and other 82 relevant content (ADR report links and news articles) were posted on FB page- Association for Democratic Reforms & National Election Watch. On another FB page- MyNeta.info, ADR posted 27 infographics, 10 pics, 5 videos and other 25 relevant content. Also, On ADR's YouTube channel which had 1752 subscribers in FY 2018-19, 29 videos were uploaded.

ADR also participated in the famous **#10YearChallenege** where candidates with criminal antecedents in Lok Sabha 2009 and Lok Sabha 2019 were compared which later got a lot of attention.

ADR also has a **WhatsApp Business Account** which was used to disseminate press releases, reports and infographics directly to around 140 subscribers.

On <u>www.adrindia.org</u> website, engaging creatives like banners, pictures, posters, videos, relevant news articles were posted, other than ADR's reports. The content on the website aims to be resourceful, interesting and user friendly.



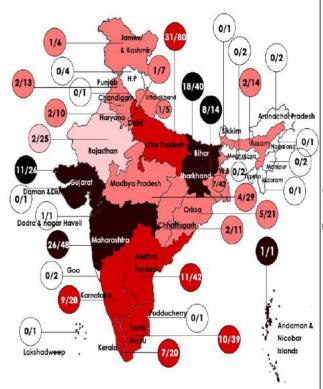
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# Lok Sabha as on 2009

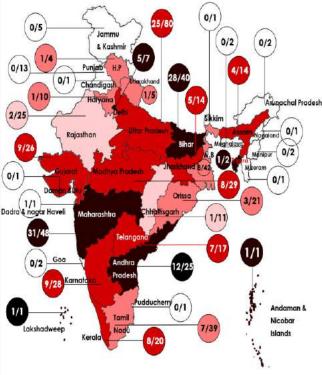
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Parameters	Users	Page Views	Users	Page Views
FY 2017-18	100,514	286,919	4,933,528	14,788,476
FY 2018-19	134,902	433,227	6,782,659	23,033,806



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FY 2017-18	1,629
FY 2018-19	2,501



FY 2018-19	
Total Impressions	1017.2K
Total Tweets	181
Total Retweets	2,977
Total Tweet Likes	3,774
Total Replies on Tweets	254
Total Clicks on Links	3,337

Current Followers: 16.2K+



National Election Watch (General public) Group Members: 12,151+

National Election Watch News (Only for journalists) Group Members: 6,563+



Total Posts	289 posts on both FB pages (infographics, videos, pictures and other news articles)		
Followers on FB Pages	As on 01st April'18	As on 31st March'19	
Association for Democratic Reforms & National Election Watch	1,403	10,799	
MyNeta	63,047	65,704	

# 7. Activities Organized by ADR's State Partners

**ADR and the State Election Chapters** launched voter awareness campaigns against the increasing influence of criminalization and money power in elections.

#### Bihar Pradesh Election Watch

- Organized a seminar on Political Party Funding and Transparency on 02th August 2018 at Bihar Industries Association, Patna.
- Organized a Capacity Building Program for Volunteers in Motihari from 23<sup>rd</sup> 24th August 2018.
- A seminar on Role of Youth in Electoral Reforms was organized in Motihari on 06th September 2018.
- A capacity building workshop was conducted at A.N Sinha Institute of Social Studies,
   Gandhi Maidan, Patna on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.
- A discussion on Electoral and Political Reforms was organized on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Baba Vishwanath Kedarnath Vimal College, Samastipur.
- Organized a training on how to create awareness among voters on 12th March 2019.
- Voter awareness campaign in Samastipur and Jamui were organized on 30<sup>th</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 respectively.
- A seminar was organized on De-criminalisation of Bihar Politics- Towards Good
   Governance on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Bihar Industries Association, Patna.

#### **Chhattisgarh Election Watch**

 Discussion on the role of Civil Society for Free and Fair Elections to Strengthen Parliamentary Democracy at Ambikapur on 11th November, 2018 and at Raipur in Chhattisgarh on 12th November, 2018.

#### **Jharkhand Election Watch**

- Organized a workshop on Panchayati Raj in Jharkhand on 27<sup>th</sup> September'18 in Ranchi.
- Organized a workshop on Role of Youth Making Democracy Meaningful in various schools from September to November 2018.
- Organized a 2-day State Conference on Electoral & Political Reforms at Ranchi Press Club from 30th to 31st October 2018.

 Organized State Consultation on Women in Politics on 06<sup>th</sup> March'19 at Ranchi Press Club.

#### **Karnataka Election Watch**

- Before Karnataka Assembly Elections, on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, a press conference on candidates facing criminal charges was organized.
- Ahead of Karnataka Assembly Elections, several events focusing on awareness of voters were organized. These include: jatha/road shows, door to door campaigns, Bicycle rally, workshop on rights and duties of voters, awareness programs at Degree colleges and banner campaigns etc.
- Mass media program, advertising in the local TV, FM and social media campaigns were also conducted.
- Street plays on voter awareness were organised for 25 days before the polls. In total,
   270 street plays were conducted in 46 taluks of 8 districts (Chamarajanagara,
   Mandya, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban, Tumkuru, Chikkaballapur
   and Chitradurga) of Karnataka.

# **Madhya Pradesh Election Watch**

- On the occasion of Diwali, 451 oil lamps were lit delivering the message- "acche ko chunne, sacche ko chunne".
- A Halloween Rally was organized on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 ahead of Madhya Pradesh Assembly Election in Bhopal on the topic- Indian Politics- A Reality Rally. About 200 activists, mostly first-time-voters, dressed like ghosts and shouted the slogan-"paisa daru unka hathiyaar, nahi chalega abkibaar".
- Ahead of MP Assembly Election, MP Election Watch organized street plays on voter awareness in Bhopal at various locations in October and November 2018.
- **Short film contest** was organized on the topics: Informed Voting, Selling of Votes and Youth Voters in October 2018.
- MP Election Watch team also organized a kite flying rally on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- On 09<sup>th</sup> January 2019, a workshop was conducted under Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat wherein fake news on social media was highlighted.
- In Bhopal School of Social Sciences, a voter awareness campaign was organized on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019, MPEW **represented ADR in Josh Talks** wherein issues related to voter identity card faced by the youth and informed voting were discussed.

- On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, a **workshop on participation of women in elections** was conducted in Nutan College, Bhopal.
- In February 2019, a street play was organized in the slum area wherein importance of participation of every voter was highlighted.
- In March 2019, MP Election Watch had a discussion with Income Tax department on the rise of crorepati MLAs/MPs. MPEW also had a talk with the District Administration on the absence of voter identity card among the youth. During NSS National Camp rally, MPEW participated and highlighted the increasing muscle and money power in politics. In Rapadiya, during Election College Camp organized by NSS, MPEW had a discussion with young voters and others about informed voting.



## **Meghalaya Election Watch**

- Organized a 2-day Youth Parliament from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at Nehru Community Hall, Shillong. It aimed at:
  - Getting the collective voices of the youth
  - Making policy makers participate and respond
  - Discussion on the importance of making democracy transparent
  - Development issues based discussion

It was attended by more than 50 students from graduation to post-graduation levels from all districts of Meghalaya to discuss most important issues in their constituencies along with the strategies to address them. Students made a manifesto containing the most important issues which youth of Meghalaya face such as lack of job opportunities, lack of proper educational institutes and facilities, women safety, substance abuse etc., to present to the Meghalaya Government.

# **Odisha Election Watch**

- State coordination Committee Meeting: A State Coordination Meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to plan the future activities of OEW. The objective of the meeting was to Strengthen OEW's activities for Odisha Assembly and 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The Meeting was presided over by Shri Amiya Bhusan Tripathy, Former D.G. Police Odisha.
- Training of Trainers and Facilitators for Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat Workshops:
   The training was held by Senior Programme Associate-Communications of ADR at Prasaar Bharati, Bhubaneswar on 18th August 2018 on Strengthening of Indian Democracy. It was attended by NSS Program Officers, District Coordinators, facilitators and others who later conducted the workshops in various schools and colleges in Odisha.
- Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat Campaign: With the support of NSS Program officers,
   Odisha Election Watch conducted Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat in 85 colleges and
   reached out to 8247 students.
- Zilla Parishad Affidavit Analysis: Collected Zilla Parishad Winner candidate's affidavits through RTIs.
- Press Conference: OEW organized a press conference on Odisha Assembly
  Elections and General Elections on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The aim of the press
  conference was to strengthen & empower democratic system in Odisha, to create
  greater awareness among voters regarding electoral process, increasing voters'

- participation, particularly youth and women in forthcoming general elections and assembly elections, and also to promote ethical voting.
- Media Workshop: This was held at Hotel Kalinga Ashok on 30th October 2018. The
  main purpose of this media workshop was to promote media's meaningful contribution
  in promoting ethical voting, increasing voter turnout and being a key agent to bring
  desired electoral & political reforms. This workshop was attended by around 130
  participants (NGOs, media representatives, district coordinators, others) from various
  districts of Odisha.
- Regional Consultations followed by a District-level Convention: After conducting
  regional consultations in 30 districts of Odisha on how to strengthen democracy
  system in the grass root level, a District-level Convention was organized in
  Sambalpur district which was attended by the key stakeholders of the district like
  District Collector, Additional District Magistrate, Other Nodal Officers, college
  students, media, SHGs, women and political parties.
- Audio Visual Campaign Material: "Mo Vote Mo Desha-Mo Vote Sauda Nuhen" song, directed by eminent Music Director of Odisha Mr. Prema Nanda and sung by eminent singers Human Sagar and Diptirekha was curated in order to reach out to every districts of Odisha via radio, regional, local and national channels, and was also used during mobile van campaign. Similarly, posters and video films were created for dissemination and display respectively for Odisha Assembly and 2019 Lok Sabha elections.
- Voter Chetna Abhiyaan- Blue Button Express: A mobile van was flagged off on 12th February 2019 from Bhubaneswar. It travelled in all 30 districts of Odisha as part of My Vote My Country campaign urging people to not sell their vote.



# **Uttar Pradesh Election Watch**

- A conference was organised on Role of Youth in Electoral Reforms in Lucknow at Baba Saheb BR Ambedkar University (Central) on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Voter Awareness: UP Election Watch team organized multiple voter awareness campaigns across FY 2018-19 at various locations like Orai, Jhansi, Lalitpur, Ayodhya, Kuthaund and Banda addressing diverse topics like electoral bond, compulsion of Aadhaar Card, increasing criminality in politics and importance of voting.



# **West Bengal Election Watch**

- Organized Voter Awareness Campaigns on Electoral and Political Party Reforms before Panchayat Election 2018 from April-May 2018 at Birbhum, Howrah, Purba Medinipur and Pargana.
- Organized an event on Citizens Convention for Better Governance on 01<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at Kolkata Press Club.
- Organized a workshop on Youth & Democracy on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018
   Viswabharati University, Santiniketan.
- Organized a district level workshop on Functional Democracy and Role of Civil
   Society at Birbhum on 14<sup>th</sup> March'19.
- Organized a district level interface on Role of Media in Functional Democracy at Birbhum on 15<sup>th</sup> March'19.
- Organized a workshop with Newly Elected Women PRI Members at Birbhum on 19th March'19.
- Organized a workshop on Strengthening Functional Democracy among Youths in West Bengal at Parganas, Dinhata-Coochbehar, Vidayasgar College on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 08<sup>th</sup> March 2019 respectively.

- Capacity Building Training On Responsible Use of Social Media was organized on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata.
- Multiple grassroot voter awareness campaigns were organized from January to March 2019. Following table contains the information on the same:

Grassroot Voter Awareness Campaigns	
Location	Date Conducted
Abhradwip-Bardhaman	22-Jan-19
Beldanga – Murshidabad	24-Jan-19
Bethuadahari- Nadia	25-Jan-19
Ballavpur-Birbhum	29-Jan-19
Parui-Birbhum	30-Jan-19
Illambazar-Birbhum	02-Feb-19
Labpur -Birbhum	05-Feb-19
Salar-Murshidabad	08-Feb-19
Dakbangla-Murshidabad	09-Feb-19
Furfura Sharif - Hughly	13-Feb-19
Debogram-Nadia	15-Feb-19
Chanchal- Malda	24-Mar-19
Dinhata-Coochbehar	08-Mar-19



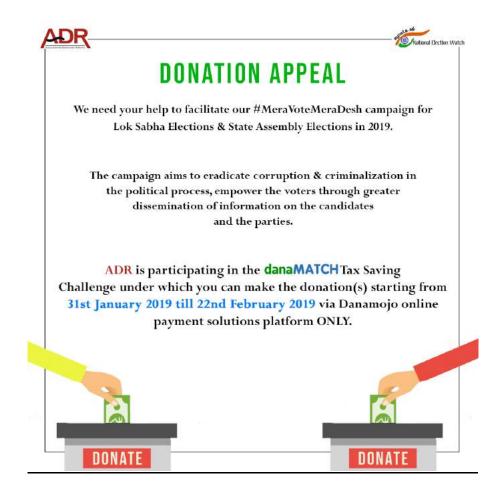
## **Information Technology**



Along the years, ADR has increased the use of Information Technology to streamline its data analysis and multiplied its communication initiatives to not only disseminate this information, but also to establish a broad base for the outreach on the ground.

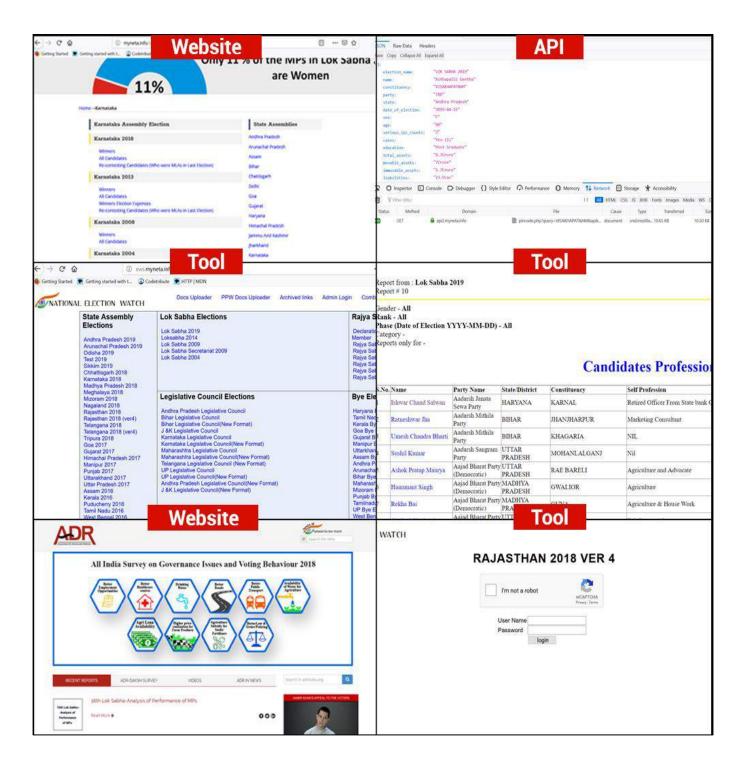
Following are the technical activities done during FY 2018-19:

1. **Danamojo Challenge:** ADR participated in DanaMatch Tax Saving Challenge, a challenge by ADR's donation payment gateway on the adrindia.org in order to facilitate online donations, Danamojo (https://adrindia.org/donate#online-donation).



- 2. Multiple Webservers for Load Handling: From FY 2018-19, ADR has started using three web servers for hosting myneta.info website for load balancing. The aim of load balancing is to optimize the use of resources available, maximize throughput, minimize response time, and avoid overload of any single resource. Instead of using a single webserver, load balancing takes advantage of multiple servers by increasing the architecture availability and reliability.
- Application Program Interfaces (APIs): Since 2018 State Assembly Elections, ADR has started creating APIs for media houses/organisation for disseminating data in secure and reliable manner. These APIs are used for querying candidates' information from a constituency of interest.
- 4. Upgrade of Election Watch Software (EWS) tool: Improvements were made in the earlier EWS tool, especially in data entry section in order to align it with the new format of Form 26. ADR also graduated from EWS version 3 to Version 5. Following were the changes incorporated in the latest version:
  - i. A section for declaring the GST dues for self, spouse and dependents was added in liabilities section.
  - ii. Dependents row was added in source of income section.
  - iii. Under section Details of PAN and status of Income Tax return, a separate column for total income shown in the last 5 financial year ITR was added.
  - Section for contracts with appropriate Government and any public company or companies was added after source of income section.
  - v. Changes were made in the tool of the section for criminal cases. Now, it comprises only two sub-sections: Pending criminal cases and cases of conviction.
  - vi. Following five new reports were added:
    - Contract Details of Candidate
    - Criminal Candidates with Pending Charges
    - Candidates who have filed 5 years Income Details
    - Candidates who have dues to Government departments, Candidate, Spouse and Dependent Sources of Income vs. Assets
    - Candidates who have shown highest Self Income in their Income Tax return
- Availability of Push Notification on ADR website: With online push notifications implemented on myneta.info, subscribers are notified about the release of new data/instances on MyNeta's website.

6. Improved Security of the database: Security changes were implemented on myneta.info and adrindia.org, with the addition of a Google recaptcha to prevent spam, Cloudflare protection to prevent DDoS attacks, debugging of code to prevent cross-site-scripting attacks, and installation of SSL certificates for website traffic encryption.



### 15th Annual National Conference on Electoral & Political Reforms

The Annual National Conference was held in Lucknow on 02<sup>nd</sup> & 03<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 with the primary focus on Electoral and Political reforms. The Conference was held with the aim of bringing together and synergizing efforts towards strengthening democracy in our country. The National Conference was an opportunity for ADR to add impetus and synergy to the work by bringing together all stakeholders. Their participation and inputs were instrumental in making the conference a success.

The Senior Deputy Election Commissioner, **Shri Umesh Sinha**, inaugurated the conference. The Representatives of the National Election Watch (NEW) from each state chapter, members of political parties, government institutions and media were present to deliberate on issues related to electoral and political reforms in the country.

Shri Umesh Sinha commended ADR for publishing documents that improve the transparency of the election procedure on behalf of the Election Commission of India. He said that the EC was honored to work with ADR, and it hoped to be able to work together with the organisation to bring India's electoral process to a higher standard.

Shri Sinha explained that the Election Commission of India faced three major obstacles in conducting free and fair elections: extorting votes using violence or fear, extorting votes using bribes and money, and the widespread presence of fake news over press or social media. Because of these issues, he pointed out the importance of turning rural and urban voters into responsible voters at the grassroot level. He proceeded to highlight the value of the right to vote which was received after a long struggle for independence, which people misuse and fail to exercise despite its significance. He also emphasised that the voter, or the citizen, is the foundation of a democracy, and participation is hence paramount. He advised the voters to be mindful of unethical election practices like vote buying, and take steps to be an educator and motivator against unethical voting behaviour. The Sr. Dy EC explained that the strength of the democracy is the youth, who are the leaders of the family and the society. He advised the youth to actively play a role as a voter, educator, and a motivator in their neighborhood and society. He also stressed the importance of being a vigilant citizen.

The complete details of the conference are available here: <a href="https://adrindia.org/content/15th-annual-national-conference-electoral-and-political-reform">https://adrindia.org/content/15th-annual-national-conference-electoral-and-political-reform</a>.



The conference saw participation of eminent panelists, civil society activists from various parts of Uttar Pradesh, officials from various government institutions like the ECI, Law Commission, senior leaders from political parties, senior journalists, media personalities, students and citizens. A few eminent personalities who participated in the various panel discussions besides **Shri Umesh Sinha**, are listed below, alongside with the topics on which they spoke:

Topic of Discussion	Chairperson	Speakers			
Electoral & Political Reforms: A lack of political will?	Prof Trilochan Sastry (IIM, Bangalore, Founding Member, Chairman and Trustee – ADR)	Shri Arun Gurtoo (Retired DGP -Madhya Pradesh), Dr Niranjan Sahoo (Senior Fellow, ORF), Dr Ajit Ranade (Founding Member and Trustee – ADR/NEW)			
Electoral & Political Reforms and the Role of Judiciary	Dr Ajit Ranade /(Founding Member and Trustee – ADR/NEW)	Shri Shaktikanta Srivastava (Retired District Judge), Ms Kamini Jaiswal (Senior Advocate – Supreme Court, Trustee – ADR), Shri Amit Puri (Spokesperson – BJP), Shri Arvind Singh Gope (Spokesperson – SP)			
Electoral Bonds and Financial Opacity	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head – ADR & NEW)	Shri Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Founder – Factly.in, State Coordinator – Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), Shri Suchindran Baskar Narayan (Advocate, Supreme Court of India and Madras High Court), Shri Sanjay Singh (Secretary – Parmarth, State Coordinator – Uttar Pradesh /NEW)			
Local and Urban Governance	Prof Sudarsan Padmanabhan (Trustee – ADR)	Shri Sudhir Pal (Chief Functionary – Manthan, State Coordinator - Jharkhand/NEW), Ms Pankti Jog (Executive Director – MAGP, Gujarat State Coordinator, NEW), Ms Mukta Soni (President – Talbehat Municipal Corporation)			
Information & Communication Technology for Better Governance	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd)	Shri Jaskirat Singh (Trustee – ADR/NEW, Founder – CRAMAT), Shri Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Founder-Factly.in, State Coordinator – Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), Shri Chandrakant Naidu (Chief Editor, NewsNest), Ms Shelley Thakral (Head of Programs, Facebook)			
Role of Youth & Voter Awareness: In Preparation for General Elections, 2019	Dr Vipul Mudgal (Director of Common Cause, Trustee of ADR)	Shri Lakku Venkateshwarlu, IAS (CEO of UP), Prof Sudarsan Padmanabhan (Trustee – ADR/NEW), Shri Heera Lal, IAS (DM Banda), Shri Ranjan Mohanty (Secretary – PECUC, Odisha State Coordinator, NEW), Shri Mohd Zeeshan (Founder of YES Foundation, Lucknow)			

#### **Books Released during the 15th National Conference**

#### 1. All India Survey on Governance Issues and Voting Behaviour 2018

Ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections, ADR and RAAC conducted a survey on Voters' Priorities and Performance of Government on those priorities. The survey was conducted across 534 Parliamentary constituencies in India with 2,73,487 respondents. The top 3 voters' priorities which emerged after the survey were Better Employment Opportunities, Better Healthcare and Drinking Water. The performance of the Govt. on these priorities was rated Below Average by the voters (3 being average on a scale of 5). The survey report was released by Shri Umesh Sinha, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner, at the 15th National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms on 02nd March 2019. Release of state-wise reports commenced in tandem with the phases of Lok Sabha Elections. Read the full report at <a href="https://adrindia.org/content/all-india-survey-governance-issues-and-voting-behaviour-2018-0">https://adrindia.org/content/all-india-survey-governance-issues-and-voting-behaviour-2018-0</a>.

## Report on Financial and Criminal Cases Details of MLAs and MPs of Uttar Pradesh (2004- 2019)

ADR and Uttar Pradesh Election Watch (UPEW) analysed the last 15 years of elections in Uttar Pradesh, both parliamentary and Assembly Elections. For this analysis, ADR included the parliamentary elections of 2004, 2009 and 2014; and assembly elections of 2007, 2012 and 2017. The book was released by Shri Umesh Sinha, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner on 02nd March 2019. The full report can be accessed here-https://adrindia.org/content/report-financial-and-criminal-cases-details-mlas-and-mps-uttar-pradesh-2004-2019.

#### 3. ADR Handbook 2019:

To create awareness about ADR, an updated handbook (containing information on ADR's various departments, activities conducted by those departments and impact created by those activities) was disseminated during the National Conference. The handbook can be accessed here-

https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/ADR handbook 2019.pdf.

### **Our Achievements**

- Re-affirming ADR's mission on de-criminalization of electoral politics: A petition filed seeking a bar on politicians facing charges of heinous crimes from contesting polls cited ADR data, which was accepted by the Supreme Court. SC in its order in September 2018 directed political parties to display the criminal record of their candidates on their official websites and shall issue a declaration in the widely circulated newspapers in the locality about the antecedents of the candidates and also give wide publicity in electronic media.
- All India Survey on Governance and Voting Behaviour 2018: One of its kind and
  the largest ever voter survey conducted in any one country covering 2.73 lakh
  respondents and 534 Parliamentary constituencies. The survey received massive
  coverage.
- Under School-level youth outreach program, titled 'Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat', with the support of our Odisha Election Watch team, we reached out to over 8200 youth.
- ADR's media coverage: In FY 2018-19, ADR's data was cited/quoted in over 1083
  articles. ADR participated in over 30 debates which were broadcasted on various
  national and regional news channels.
- The website traffic for unique visitors increased during FY 2018-19 by 37.48% with a total of over 67 lakh unique visitors for myneta.info and by 34.21% with a total of over 1.34 lakh unique visitors in case of ADR India website. ADR India website gained 33,653 new users while MyNeta website garnered over 19 lakh new users during the reporting period which is higher than the 10.5 lakh new users MyNeta website acquired in FY 2017-18. The number of both domestic and foreign users experienced a jump domestic users increased by 32.67% for ADR India website and by 35.98% for MyNeta website; foreign users increased by 46.87% and 65.04% respectively.
- ADR's social media presence: In FY 2018-19, ADR India FB page gained 9398 new followers, 9255 new page likes whereas MyNeta FB page gained 2666 new followers and 420 new page likes. ADR also increased YouTube subscribers by 452+.
- Recognition by District Administration: On National Voters' Day, Madhya Pradesh
  Election Watch received a certificate of appreciation by District Administration of
  Bhopal for running a successful Voter Awareness campaign in Madhya Pradesh.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2019

			IST MARCH, 2019		
FUND & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or Corpus :			Immovable properties :		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet.	3,20,49,000.00				
Add : During the year	1,25,000.00	3.21.74.000.00	Computer : (At Cost) (Fcra)		
,	.,==,====	-,,,	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	14.30.094.00	
Contribution from Founder Members-Opening		6,000.00	Additions during the year	5,94,577.00	
		0,000.00			10 27 200 00
Other Earmarked Funds :			Less; Sold/written off during the year	(97,403.00)	19,27,268.00
(Created under the provisions of the Trust					
Deed of Scheme or out of the income)			Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) (Fcra)		
Ford Fixed Assets Fund (Fcra)Op. Balance:	13,65,908.00		Balance as per last Balance Sheet		4,03,565.00
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(41,022.00)	13,24,886.00			
			Office Equipment: (At Cost) (Fcra)		
Hivos Fixed Assets Fund(fcra): Op. Balance	8,25,923.00		Balance as per last Balance Sheet	8,62,702.00	
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(61,331.00)	7,64,592.00	Less; Sold/written off during the year	(21.950.00)	8,40,752.00
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Sdtt Fixed Assets Fund (Local) : Op. Balance	3,44,787.00		Electrical Fittings : (At Cost) (Fcra)	2,205.00	
		2.07.707.00			2 205 00
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(37,000.00)	3,07,787.00	Additions during the year	1,080.00	3,285.00
Fixed Assets Fund - Local : Op. Balance	11,03,259.30		Computer : (At Cost) (Local)		
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	4,35,084.98	15,38,344.28	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5,75,812.30	
			Additions during the year	3,46,988.00	
ADR Fixed Assets Fund - (Fcra) : Op. Balance	5,06,735.00		Less; Sold/written off during the year	(45, 109.00)	8,77,691.30
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	5,78,657.00	10,85,392.00	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	` '	
J , ,	,,	,	Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) (Local)		
Accumulation of funds u/s.11(2) -Opening	1.40.00.000.00		Balance as per last Balance Sheet		2,95,517.00
	.,,,		Dalance as per last balance offeet		2,33,311.00
Less: Utilisation during the year(Trf to I & E)	(1,40,00,000.00)	-	05 5 1 440 04 0		
			Office Equipment : (At Cost) (Local)		
Depreciation Fund : (Fcra)			Balance as per last Balance Sheet	2,86,433.00	
Computer	14,59,425.00		Additions during the year - Local	97,285.98	3,83,718.98
Furniture	1,31,775.00				
Office Equipment	4,16,685.00		Electrical Fittings: (At Cost) (Local)	2,90,284.00	
Electrical Fittings	527.00	20,08,412.00	Less; Sold/written off during the year	(1,080.00)	2,89,204.00
			,	, , , ,	
Depreciation Fund : (Local)			Investments:		
Computer	6,06,003.00		In Fixed Deposit Account with		
				2 05 40 247 05	
Furniture	74,356.00		HDFC Bank - General Fund	3,95,48,247.05	7.00.00.404.75
Office Equipment	1,65,969.00		HDFC Bank - Corpus Fund	4,03,11,947.70	7,98,60,194.75
Electrical Fittings	54,947.00	9,01,275.00			
			Advances :		
Grants :-			To Project Advances (Net)	7,83,475.00	
Ford Grant (Opening Bal)	7,21,550		To Donation Receivable	1,637.00	
Add: Grant recd during the year	63,84,769.24		To Staff Loan	21,000.00	
Less: Utilised during the year	(40,50,144.26)	30,56,174.98	To Prepaid Expenses	55,569.00	8,61,681.00
	(15,50,144.20)	25,50,114.00		23,500.50	3,51,551.00
Omidyar Grant(Opening Balance)	3,25,33,105.74		To TDS Earlier Years	13,69,650.39	
		01 57 207 02			
Less: Utilised during the year	(2,43,75,898.72)	81,57,207.02	Less: Refund received during the year	(5,93,004.91)	44.40.504.05
	0		Add: TDS F.Y 18-19	6,63,915.87	14,40,561.35
Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives(Opening)	94,98,979.00				
Less: Utilised during the year	(94,98,979.00)	-	Security Deposits:- Opening Balance	4,65,000.00	
			Less; Security adjusted during the year	(5,555.00)	4,59,445.00
Sir Dorobii Toto Trust/One-i					
Sir Dorabji Tata Trust(Opening)	23,71,307.74				
			(i) Cash And Bank Balances-		
Less: Utilised during the year	(22,31,110.00)	_	(i) Cash And Bank Balances- In Current/Savings Account with		
		-	In Current/Savings Account with:	61 403 06	
Less: Utilised during the year Less: Refunded during the year	(22,31,110.00)	-	In Current/Savings Account with : IndusInd Bank -FC- 200001239243	61,403.06	
Less: Utilised during the year Less: Refunded during the year Liabilities:	(22,31,110.00) (1,40,197.74)	-	In Current/Savings Account with : IndusInd Bank -FC- 200001239243 HDFC Bank -(APPI) 50100131483489	4,23,874.84	
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#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2019

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	IN COME	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties :			By Grants Utilised - Annexure-3		4,01,56,132.30
Rates, Taxes, Cessess - Muni. Tax					
Repairs and maintenance - Building			By Voluntary Contributions		
Salaries			Donation Received	1,93,256.00	
Insurance			Anonymous Donation	202.00	
Depreciation (by way of provision or			Donation in Kind	5,57,768.00	7,51,226.00
adjustments)					
Other expenses			By Interest on Bank Deposits		
			Interest on FDRs	66,39,794.53	
		-	Saving Bank Interest	1,14,443.00	67,54,237.53
To Remuneration (in the case of a math to				, ,	
the head of the math, including his			By Other Income		
house-hold expenditure, any)			Annual Membership Fees	4,000.00	
		-	Interest on Income Tax Refund	50,405.09	
To Depreciation : -			Profit/Loss on Sale /write off of Old assets	1,455.00	
Depreciation on Computer/printer	4,28,419.00		Misc. Income	1,230.00	
Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures	54,774.00		Interest on Staff Loan	1,540.00	58,630.09
Depreciation on Office Equipments	1,11,397.00				
Depreciation on Electrical Fittings	26,429.00		Income Accumulation u/s.11(2)-Trf from		
Income Applied to Fixed Assets	10,39,930.98	16,60,949.98	Balance Sheet on utilisation during the year		1,40,00,000.00
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	94,99,161.23				
Election Watch Activities Exp- Annexure-2	4,70,65,452.06	5,65,64,613.29			
To Surplus carried over to Balance Sheet	1,10,00,102.00	34,94,662.65			
Total		6,17,20,225.92	Total		6,17,20,225.92

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## **Press Coverage**

## Influence of money power on polls higher in south India: Zaidi

Says it is the worst challenge before the Election Commission

FOURT Chief Election Commissioner Nasin Zaidi.

Former Chief Election Commissioner Nasin Zaidi.

Juning whose tenure elections to three Traili Madu Assembly constituencies were cancelled, said on Saurday that elections in south india were more influenced by money than the rest of the country. Was admission is that money power in this part of the country, while those things are yet to be decreased threely, but it is much more visible in this part of the country. We have men consultation on Stectoral three country, while have men consultation on Stectoral three country. We have men and Political Reforms for the country. We have men and Political Reforms for the control with a second in Ambria Pradesh, Telangana, he said, in Kerala, the south of the country who was the comment of the country was the second in Ambria Pradesh, Telangana, he said, in Kerala, the second in Ambria Pradesh, Telangana, he said in Revaluation on Stectoral while the country. We have men to consultation on Stectoral while the control of the country was the second of the country. We have the consultation of Stectoral while the country was the second of the country. We have the consultation of Stectoral while the country was the second of the country was the second of the country. We have the consultation of the consultation of Stectoral while the country was the second of the country was the second of the country. We have the consultation of the country was the second of the country was the second of the country was the second of the country. We have the consultation of the country was the second of the country. We have the country was the second of the second of the country was the second of the second of the second



about electoral bonds. "I cancelled for the alleged bribery of voters, ite described "money power" as the worst challenge before the Election Commission of Mr. Zaidi said the BOI had drawn up a list of 60 ways in which money distribution to writes took place in elections. "To tackle the problem of money use, the power of counternatinding under Section 38 (b) for the Repris Commission." In said, was marked to the question of political form of the political fo Mr Zaidi said the ECI had drawn up a list of 60 ways in which money distribution to the said the said to the said

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# चंदा पाने वाले क्षेत्रीय दलों में 'आप' दूसरे नंबर पर

## एडीआर रिपोर्ट

नई दिल्ली एमेंसियां

17 में कुल 91.37 करोड़ रुपये का को 297 चंदों में 25.65 करोड़ चंदा मिला, जिसमें 25.65 करोड़ रुपये रुपये मिले।' लेकर शिवसेना शीर्ष पर जबकि 24.73 करोड़ रुपये लेकर आम आदमी पार्टी दूसरे स्थान पर थी।

रिफॉर्म्स (एडीआर) द्वारा मंगलवार को रुपये का चंदा मिला।

कि क्षेत्रीय दलों को 20,000 और उससे ज्यादा की रकम के रूप में कुल 91.37 करोड़ रुपये 6,339 चंदों के क्षेत्रीय राजनीतिक दलों को 2016- जिए मिले। इसमें कहा गया, 'शिवसेना

इसके बाद 'आप' को सबसे ज्यादा 3,865 चंदों में 24.73 करोड़ रुपये मिले।शिरोमणि अकाली दल (शिअद) एसोसिएशन फोर डेमोक्रेटिक तीसरेस्थान परथी, उसे 15.45 करोड़



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जनसत्ता, ८ अगस्त, २०१८

# क्षेत्रीय दलों को चंदे में मिले 91.37 करोड

नई दिल्ली, ७ अगस्त (भाषा)।

क्षेत्रीय राजनीतिक दलों को 2016-17 में कुल 91.37 करोड़ रुपए का चंदा मिला जिसमें शिवसेना शीर्ष पर जबकि आम आदमी पार्टी दूसरे स्थान पर थी। एसोसिएशन फोर डेमोक्रेटिक रिफॉर्म्स (एडीआर) के जरिए मंगलवार को जारी की गई एक रिपोर्ट में बताया गया कि क्षेत्रीय दलों को 20,000 और उससे ज्यादा की रकम के रूप में कुल 91.37 करोड़ रुपए 6,339 चंदों के जरिए मिले मिले।

रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, शिवसेना को 297 चंदों में 25.65 करोड़ रुपए मिले। इसके बाद आप को सबसे ज्यादा 3,865 चंदों में 24.73 करोड़ रुपए मिले। शिरोमणि अकाली दल तीसरे स्थान पर थी, उसे 15.45 करोड़ रुपए का चंदा मिला। रिपोर्ट दलों के जरिए चुनाव आयोग को दी गई सुचना पर आधारित है। इसके अनुसार तीन दलों शिवसेना, आप और शिरोमणि अकाली दल को कुल चंदे का 72.05 फीसद हिस्सा या 65.83 करोड़ रुपए मिले। क्षेत्रीय दलों को 2015-16 और 2016-17 में मिले चंदे के बीच तुलना करने पर पता चला कि असम गण परिषद (अगप), शिअद, जनता दल (सेक्युलर), महाराष्ट्र नवनिर्माण सेना (मनसे) को चंदे से हुई आय में अधिकतम फीसद बढ़ोतरी हुई है। नकदी के रूप में ऑल इंडिया एनआर कांग्रेस (एआइएनआरसी) को सबसे ज्यादा 65 लाख रुपए, अगप को 41.2 लाख रुपए और नगा पीपल्स फ्रांट को 41 लाख रुपए का चंदा मिला।

## अमर उजाला

नई दिल्ली बुधवार, 8 अगस्त 2018

क्षेत्रीय दलों में शिवसेना को मिला सबसे अधिक चंदा, 'आप' रही दूसरे स्थान पर

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विभिन्न क्षेत्रीय दलों को 6,339 दानों रुपये प्राप्त हुए। एजेंसी

मिला क्षेत्रीय दलों आप और अकाली

यह जानकारी मंगलवार को जारी में कुल 91.37 करोड़ रुपये की एसोसिएशन ऑफ डेमोक्रेटिक कुल राशि प्राप्त हुई। इसमें 20 हजार रिफॉर्म (एडीआर) की एक रिपोर्ट से रूपये से कम और उससे अधिक दोनों की राशि शामिल है। अगर गैर सरकारी संस्था एडीआर के पार्टियों की बात करें तो शिवसेना को अनुसार, साल 2016-17 में 297 दानों में कुल 25.65 करोड़

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