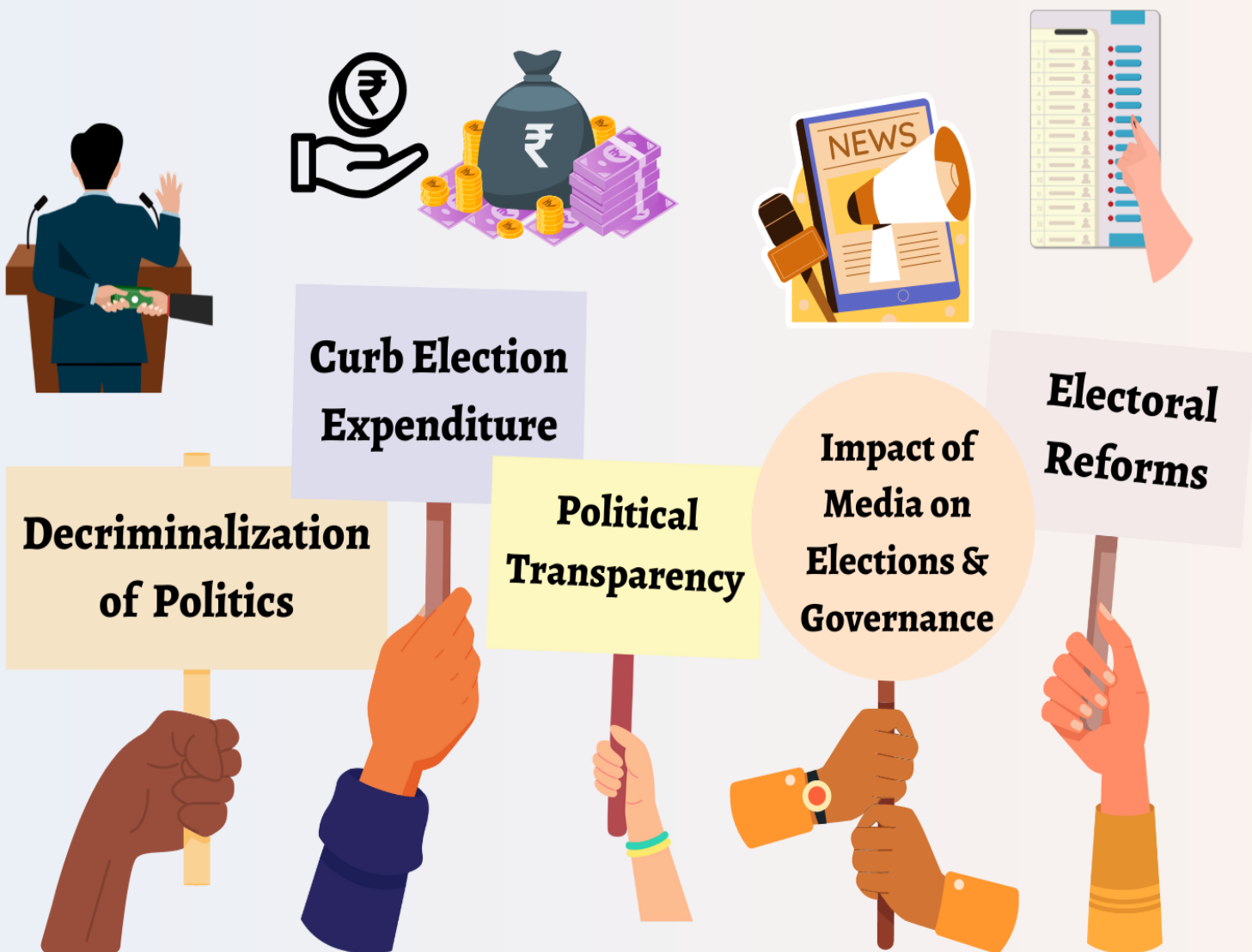


ANNUAL REPORT

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**"No office in the land is more important than that of being a citizen."
-Felix Frankfurter**

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ADR Activities: FY 2023-24

History of ADR

The inception of the 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 details 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 details prior to the polls by filing a self-sworn affidavit with the Election Commission. In March 2003, ADR was formally registered as an NGO.

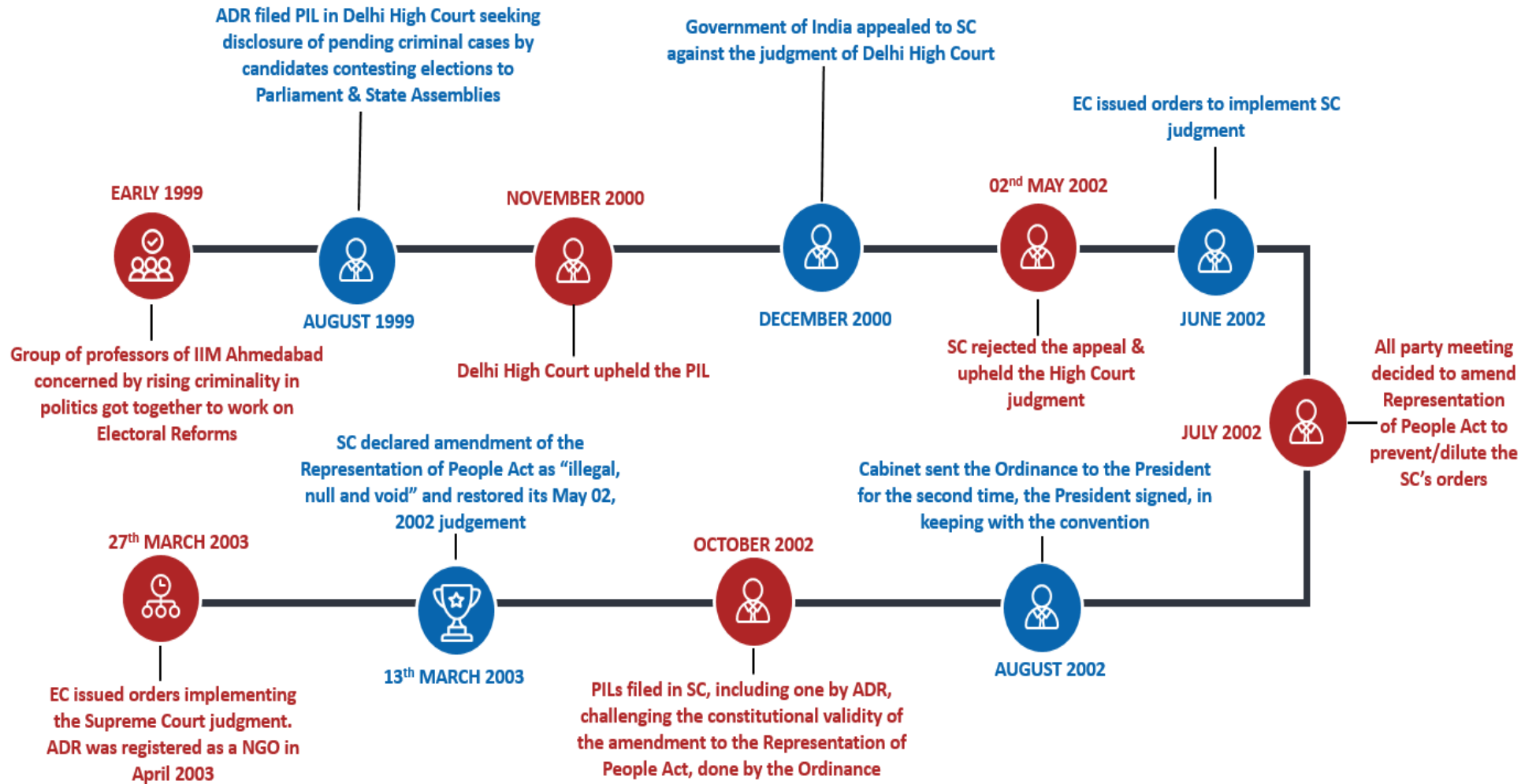
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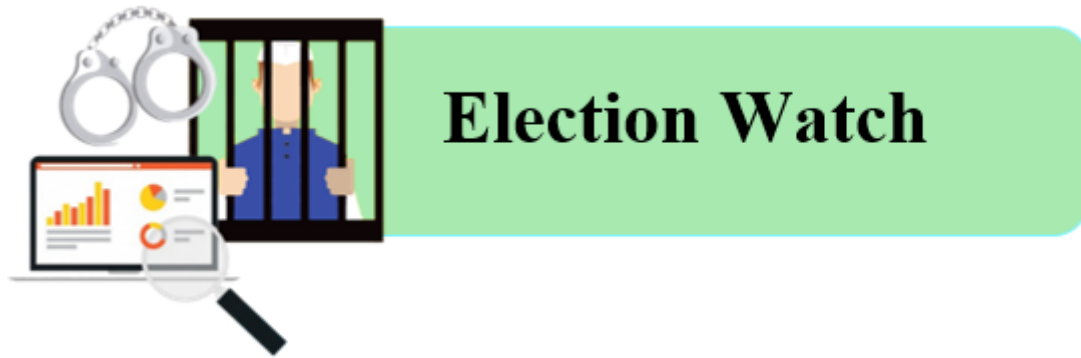
To improve governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms

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**

ADR's Beginning





About: 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 combined are called the National Election Watch (NEW) and along with ADR, their aim is to reach maximum voters.

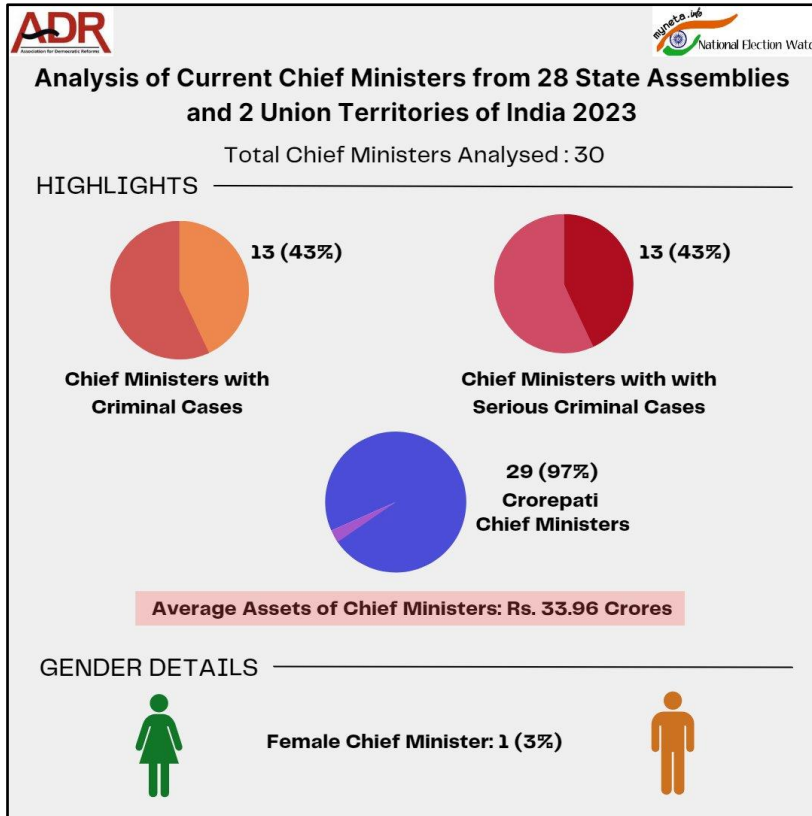
During the FY 2023-2024, Election Watch was conducted for the following elections:

- Rajya Sabha Elections
- Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana State Assembly Elections 2023.
- Bye Elections
- Local Body Elections
- Legislative Council Elections

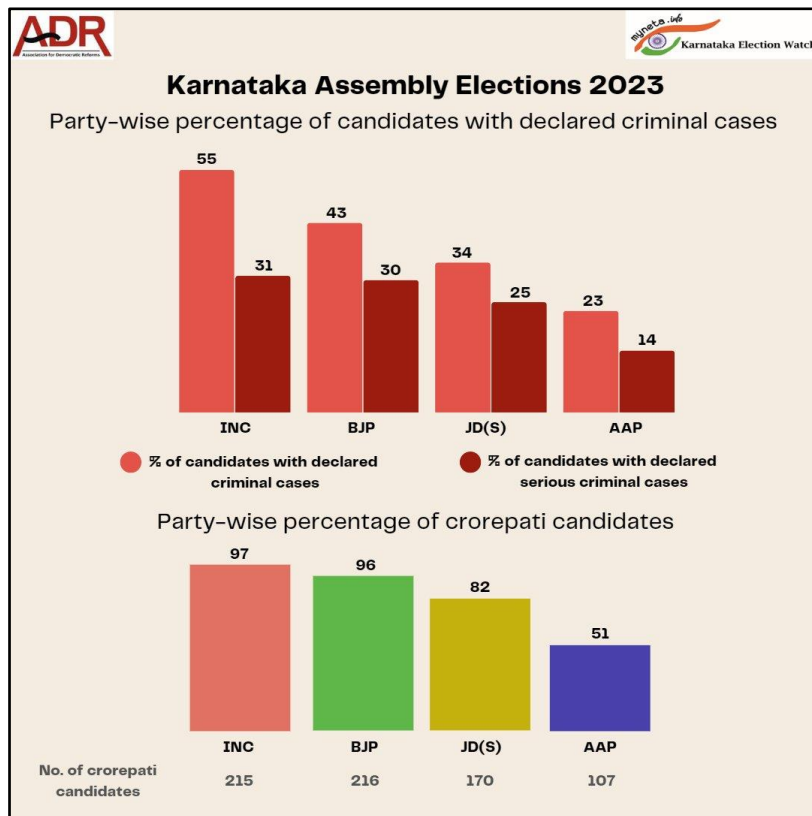
The following reports were released by Election Watch during FY 2023-24:

I. Reports Analysing the Details of Candidates, Winners and Ministers:

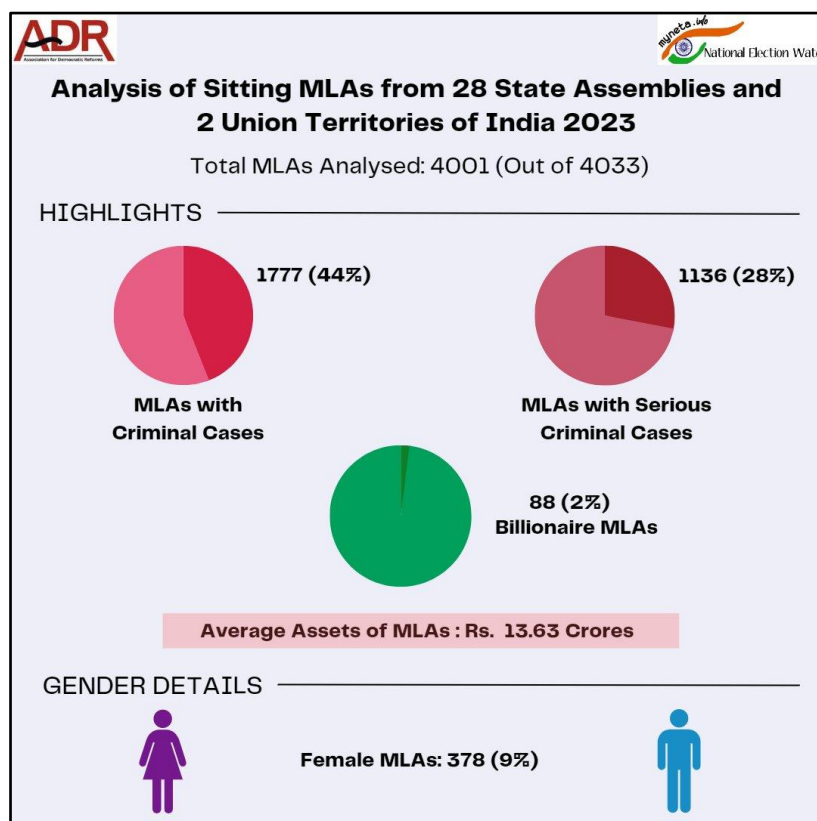
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2. Analysis of Format C7: Publication of Reasons Given for Selection of Candidates with Criminal Cases by Political Parties - **11th April 2023**
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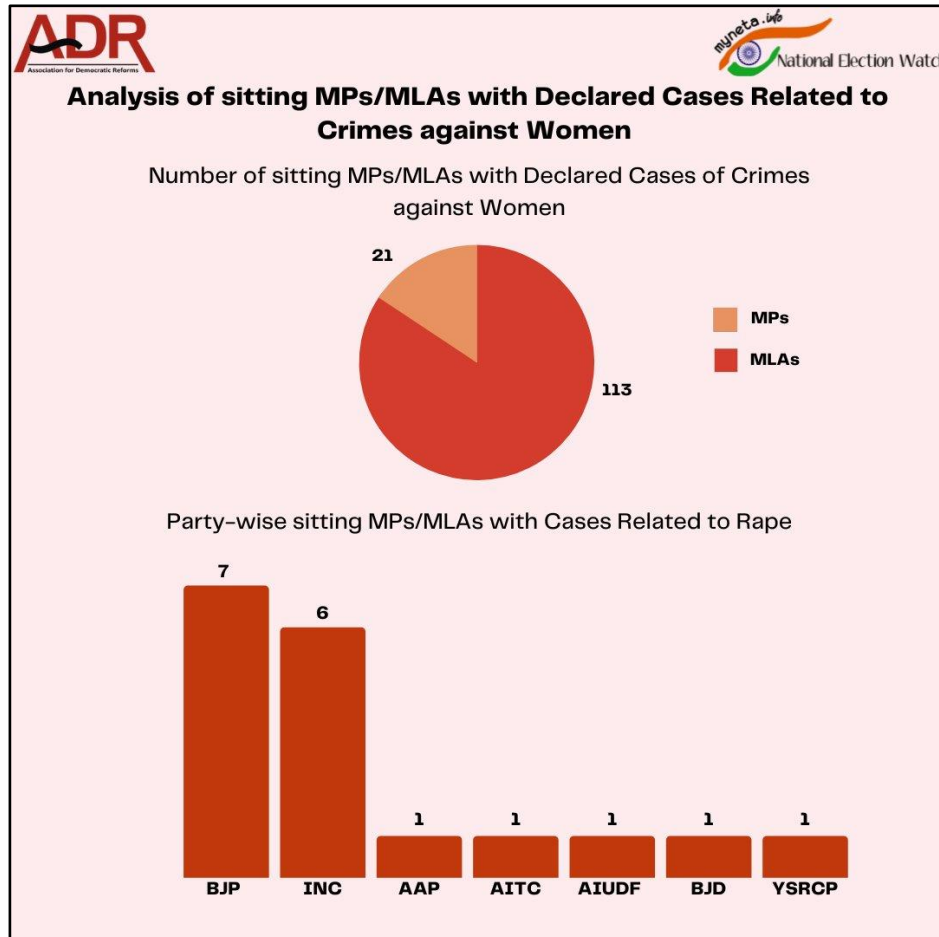
4. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - 03rd May 2023



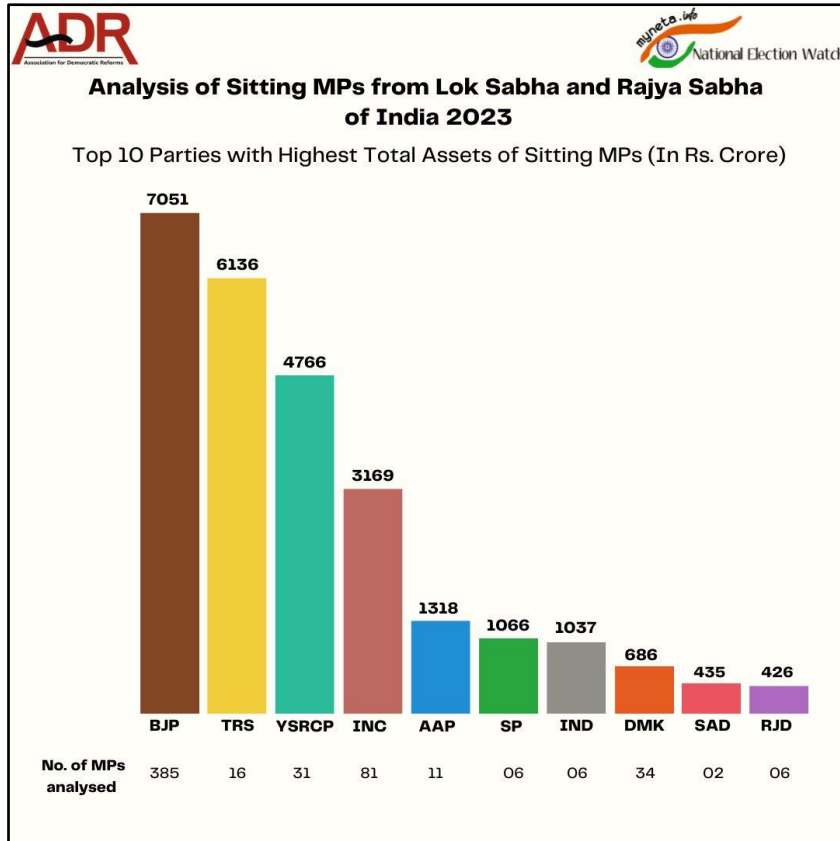
5. Karnataka Assembly Election 2023: Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs - **06th May 2023**
6. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Bengaluru Region: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **07th May 2023**
7. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **15th May 2023**
8. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Karnataka Assembly 2023 - **21st May 2023**
9. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of New Ministers in the Karnataka Assembly 2023 Post Cabinet Expansion on 27th May 2023 - **28th May 2023**
10. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Format C7 - Publication of Reasons Given for Selection of Candidates with Criminal Cases by Political Parties - **29th May 2023**
11. Analysis of Criminal and Financial Background Details of Candidates and MPs/MLAs from 2004 to 2023 in Maharashtra - **14th July 2023**
12. Analysis of Sitting MLAs from 28 State Assemblies and 2 Union Territories of India 2023 - **15th July 2023**



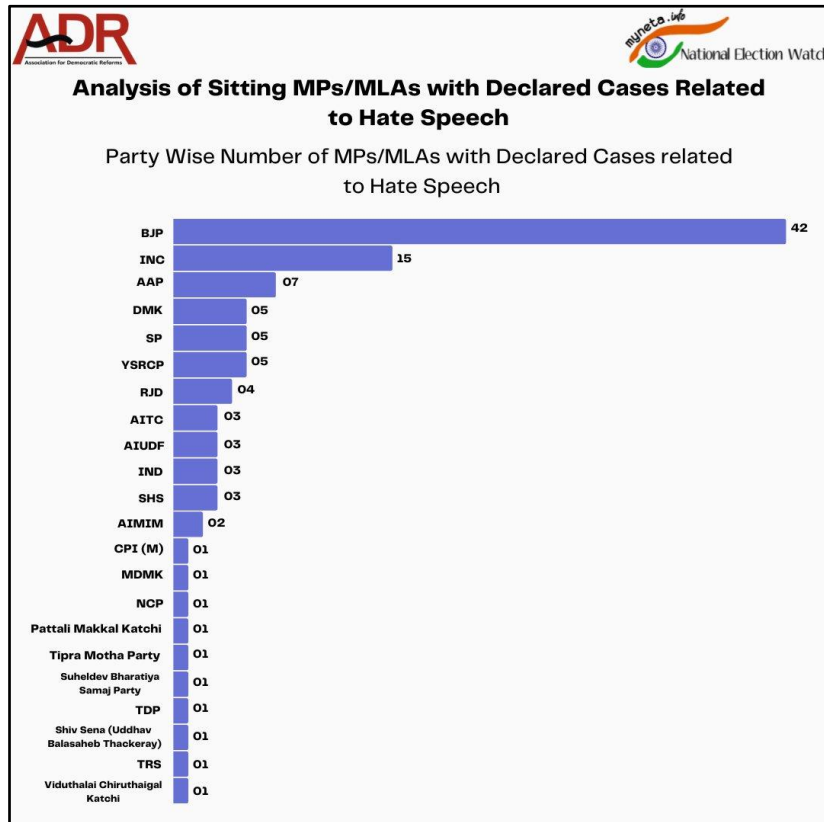
13. Analysis of Party Wise Average Assets & Total Assets and State Wise Total Assets of Sitting MLAs from 28 State Assemblies and 2 Union Territories of India 2023 - **01st August 2023**
14. Analysis of sitting MPs/MLAs with Declared Cases Related to Crimes against Women - **10th August 2023**



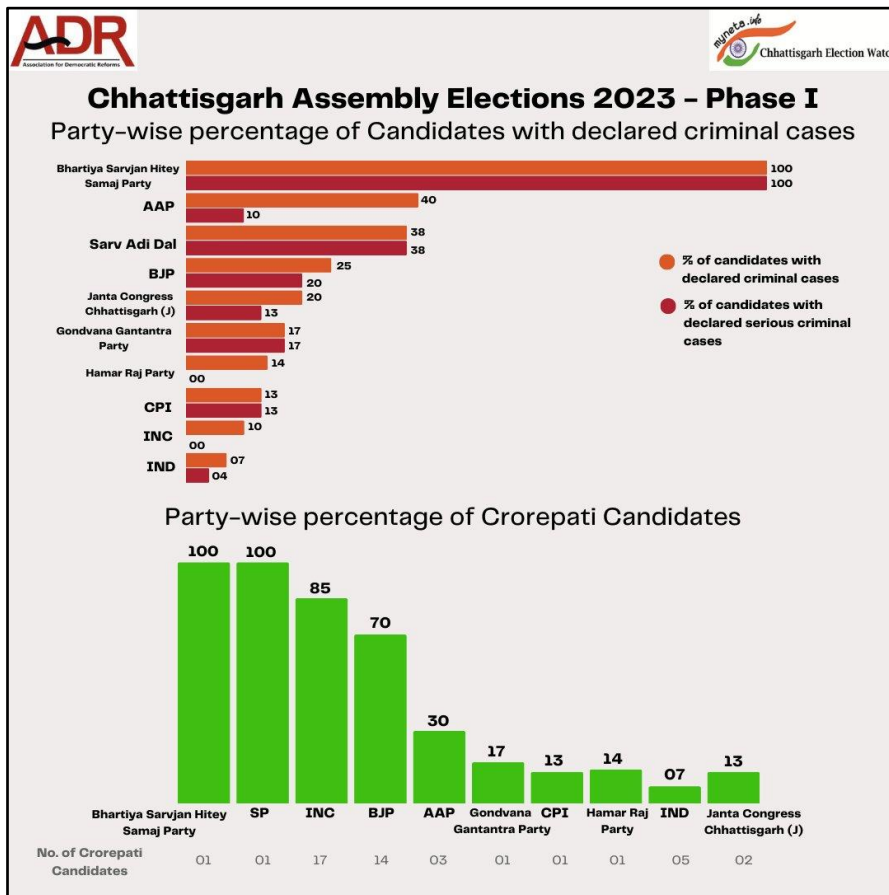
15. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Sitting Rajya Sabha MPs 2023 - **18th August 2023**
16. State Assembly Bye Elections September 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **25th August 2023**
17. Analysis of Sitting MPs from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha of India 2023 - **12th September 2023**



18. Analysis of Sitting MPs/MLAs with Declared Cases Related to Hate Speech - **03rd**
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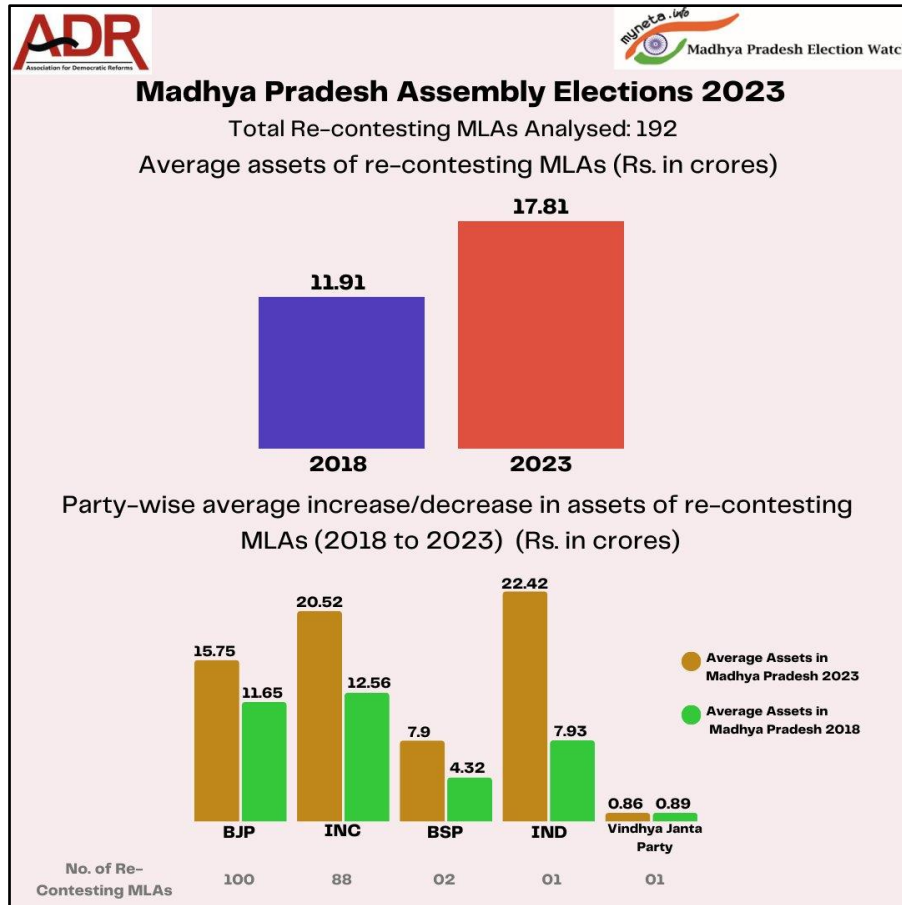


19. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Chhattisgarh Sitting MLAs - **13th October 2023**
20. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Mizoram Sitting MLAs - **16th October 2023**
21. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Madhya Pradesh Sitting MLAs - **19th October 2023**
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23. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Telangana Sitting MLAs - **21st October 2023**
24. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023 Phase I: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **27th October 2023**



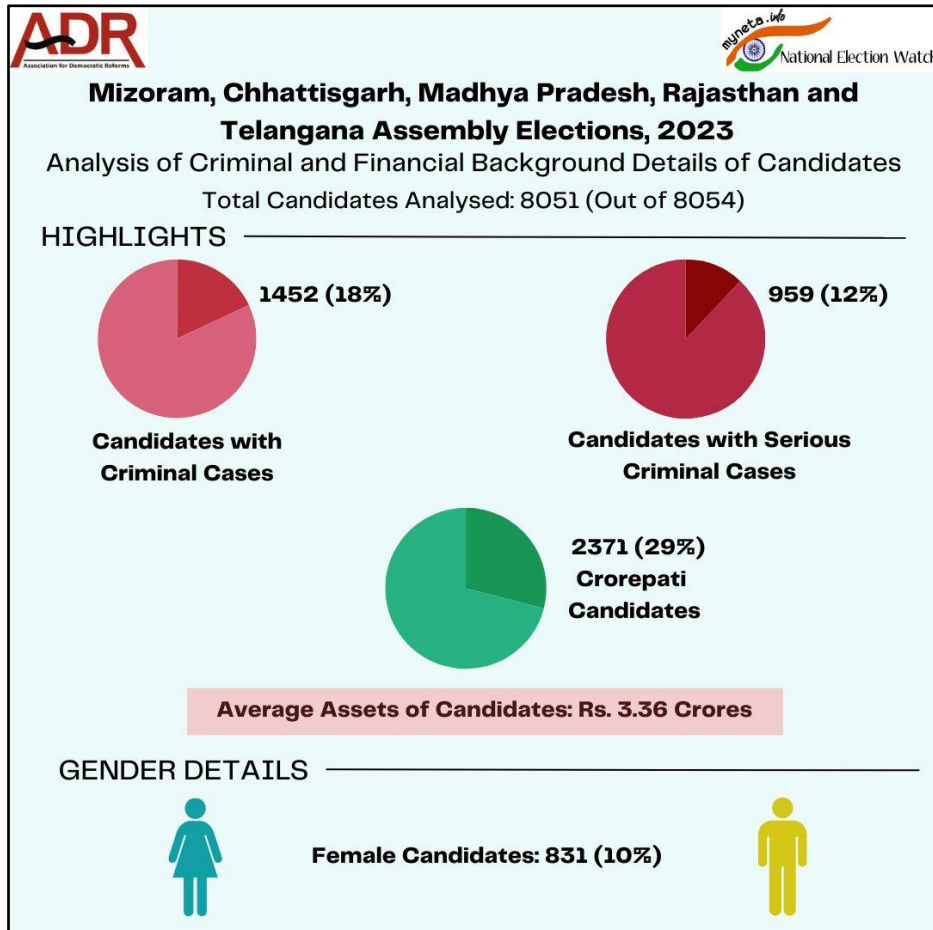
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27. Mizoram Assembly Election 2023: Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs - **02nd November 2023**
28. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **09th November 2023**
29. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023 Phase II: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **10th November 2023**
30. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Election 2023: Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs - **13th November 2023**



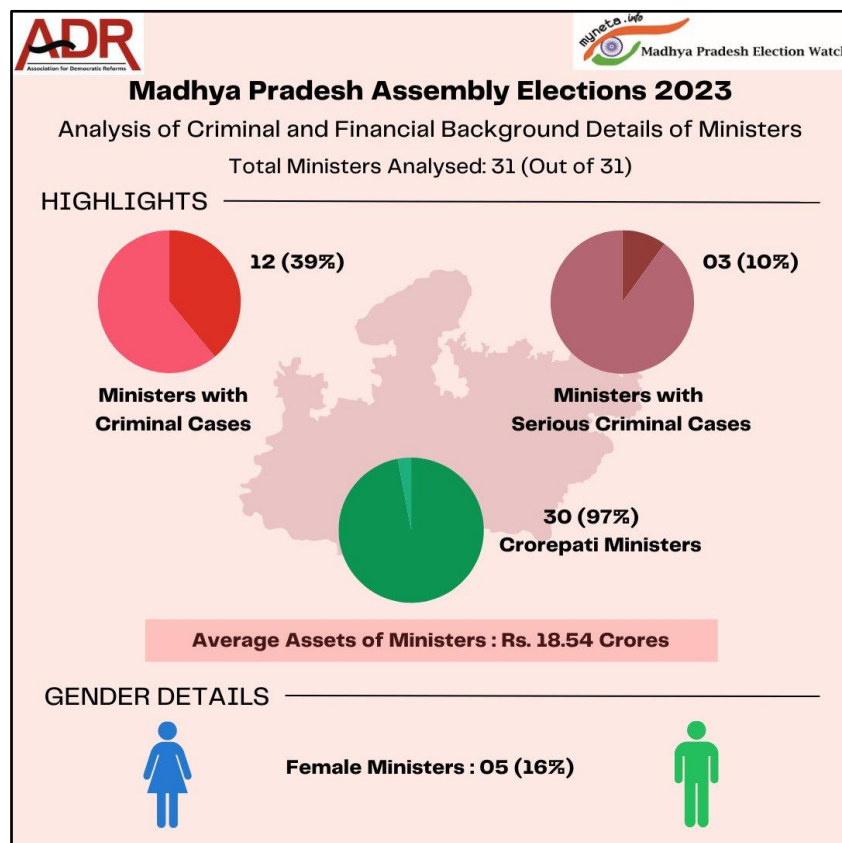
31. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023: Consolidated Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - Phase 1 and 2 - **15th November 2023**
32. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **18th November 2023**
33. Rajasthan Assembly Election 2023: Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs - **21st November 2023**
34. Telangana Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Candidates - **25th November 2023**

35. Telangana Assembly Election 2023: Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-contesting MLAs - **27th November 2023**
36. Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Telangana Assembly Elections 2023: Consolidated Candidates' Report on Criminal Background, Financial, and Other Details of Candidates - **28th November 2023**

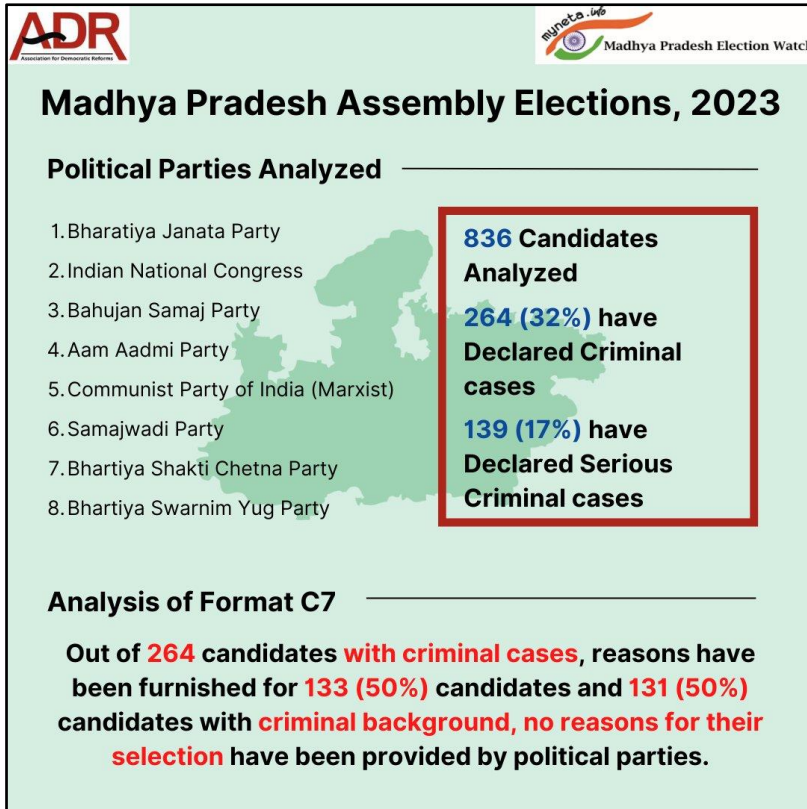


37. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **04th December 2023**
38. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **05th December 2023**
39. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **05th December 2023**
40. Mizoram Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **06th December 2023**
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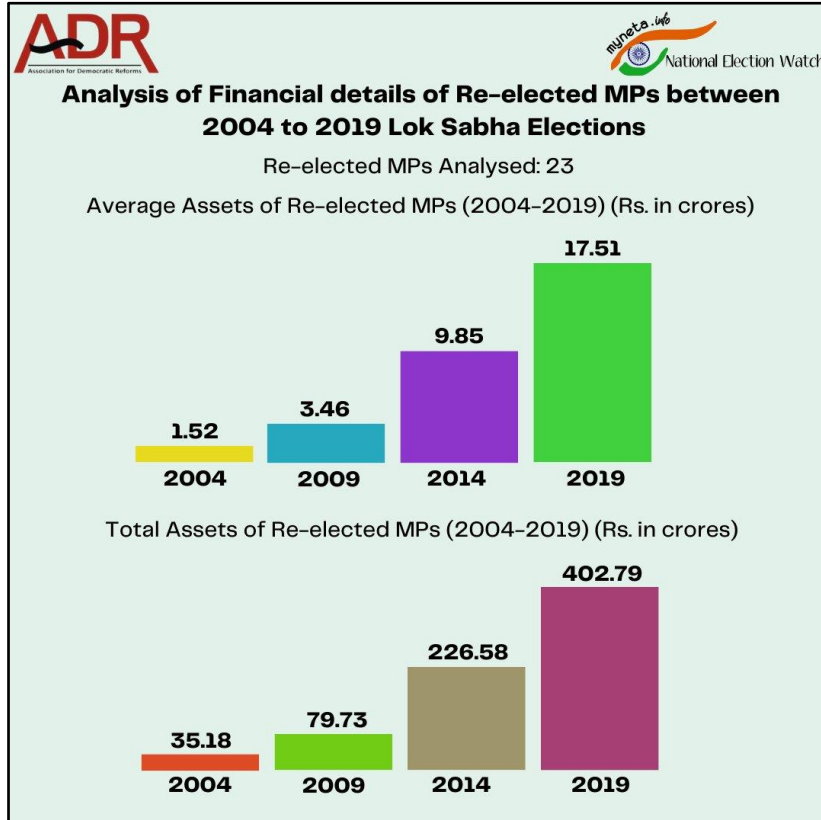
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44. Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana Assembly Elections 2023: Consolidated Winning Candidates Report on Criminal Background, Financial, and Other Details of Winning Candidates - **14th December 2023**
45. Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Ministers - **26th December 2023**



46. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Ministers - **02nd January 2024**
47. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of New Ministers in the Bihar Assembly 2020 Post Cabinet Reconstitution on 28th January 2024 - **29th January 2024**
48. Analysis of Format C7: Publication of Reasons Given for Selection of Candidates with Criminal Cases by Political Parties - **09th February 2024**

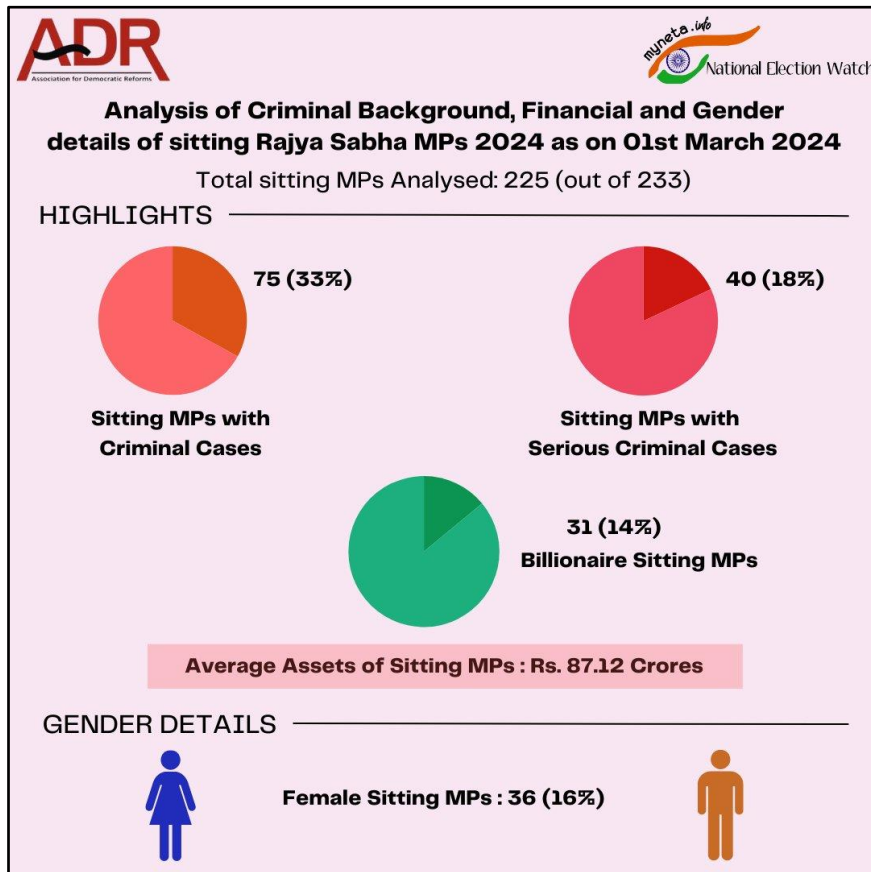


49. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-elected MPs from 2004 to 2019 Lok Sabha Elections - 22nd February 2024



50. Rajya Sabha Elections: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Contesting Candidates - **24th February 2024**

51. Sitting Rajya Sabha MPs 2024: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details - **01st March 2024**

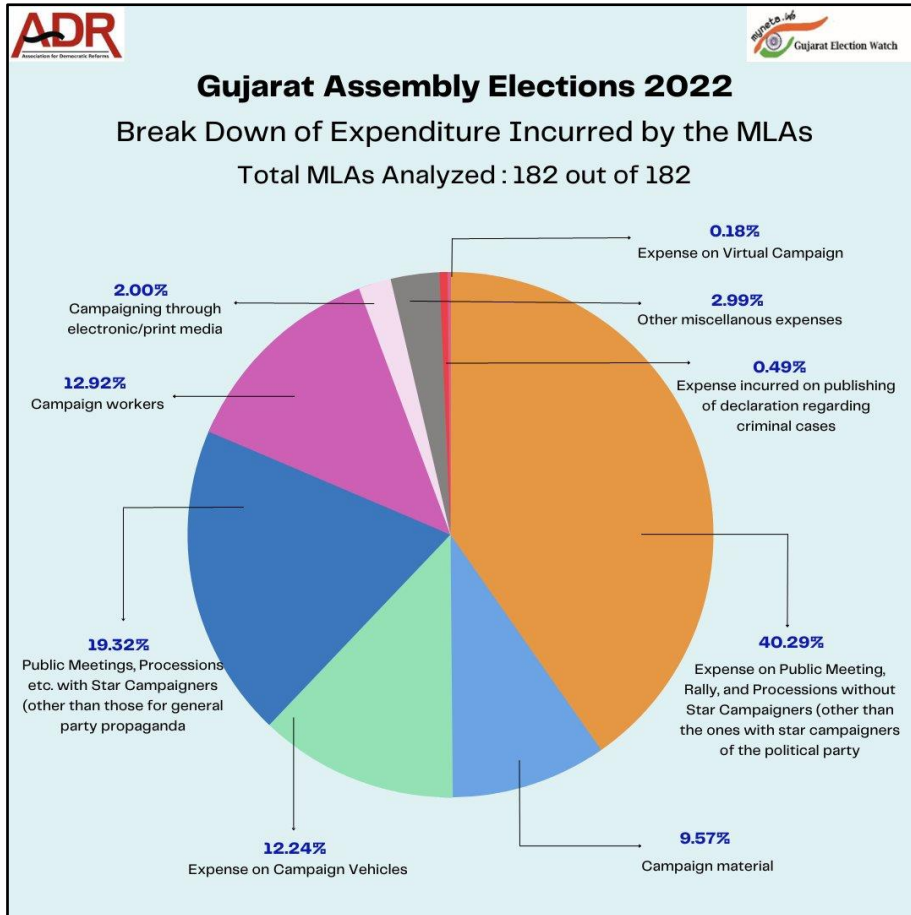


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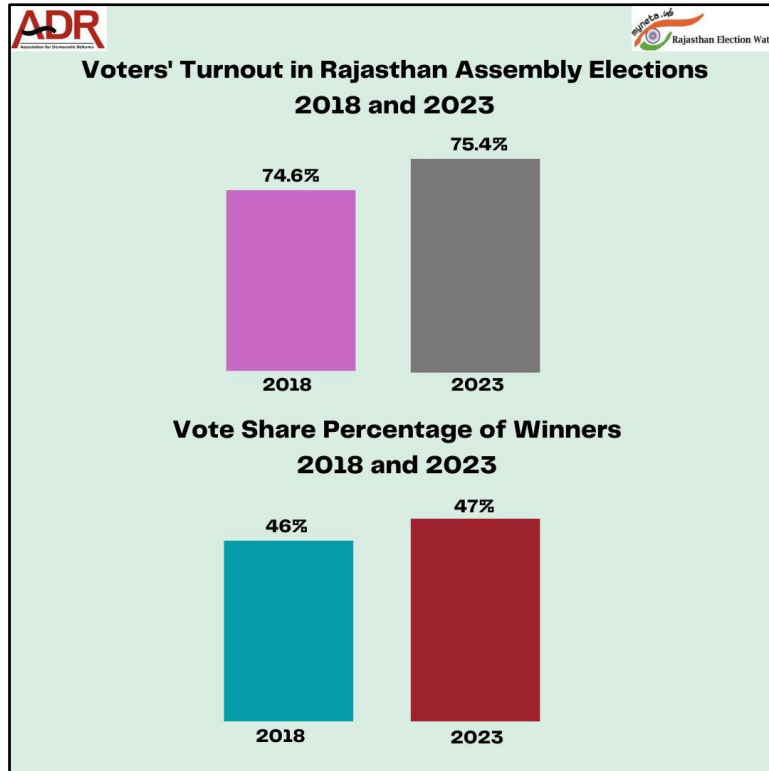
53. Lok Sabha Elections 2019: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender, and Other Details of Sitting MPs - **29th March 2024**

II. Reports analysing the election expenditure, vote share of winners, and MLAs performance

1. Himachal Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Election Expenditure statements of MLAs - **21st April 2023**
2. 15th Legislative Assembly of Karnataka: Analysis of Performance of MLAs (2018 - 2023) - **26th April 2023**
3. Gujarat Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Election Expenditure Statements of MLAs - **12th May 2023**



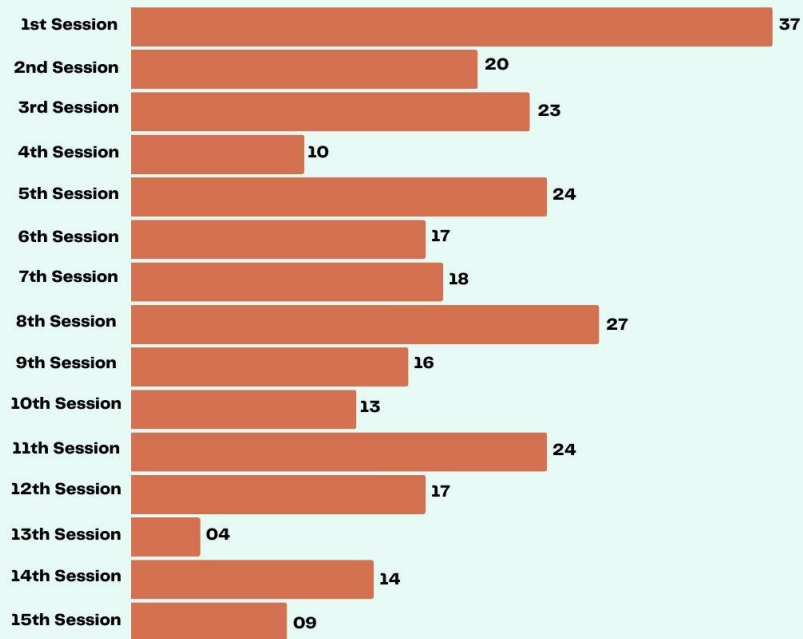
4. Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Vote Share and Margin of Victory of Winners - **19th May 2023**
5. 15th Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh: Analysis of Performance of MLAs (2018 - 2023) - **25th October 2023**
6. 5th Legislative Assembly of Chhattisgarh: Analysis of Performance of MLAs (2018 - 2023) - **26th October 2023**
7. 15th Legislative Assembly of Rajasthan: Analysis of Performance of MLAs (2018 - 2023) - **28th October 2023**
8. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory, and Representativeness of Winners - **21st December 2023**
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11. Telangana Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory, and Representativeness of Winners - **11th January 2024**
12. Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Election Expenditure Statements of MLAs - **02nd February 2024**
13. Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Election Expenditure Statements of MLAs - **19th February 2024**
14. 17th Lok Sabha: Analysis of Performance of MPs - **26th March 2024**

Analysis of Performance of MPs in 17th Lok Sabha

Number of sittings held per session



Elections Covered during FY 2023-2024						
S. No.	Election Name	Election Year	State Name	Number of Seats	Date of Poll	Candidates Contesting
1	Assembly Elections	2023	Karnataka	224	10 th May 2023	2,615
2	Lok Sabha Bye Elections	2023	Punjab	1	10 th May 2023	19
3	Assembly Bye Elections	2023	Odisha	1	10 th May 2023	9
4		2023	Uttar Pradesh	2	10 th May 2023	14
5		2023	Meghalaya	1	10 th May 2023	6
6	Legislative Council	2023	Uttar Pradesh	2	29 th May 2023	2
7	Legislative Council	2023	Karnataka	3	30 th June 2023	3
8	Rajya Sabha Bye Elections	2023	West Bengal	1	24 th July 2023	1
9	Rajya Sabha	2023	Goa	1	24 th July 2023	1
10		2023	Gujarat	3	24 th July 2023	3
11		2023	West Bengal	6	24 th July 2023	6
12		2023	Jharkhand	1	5 th September 2023	6

Elections Covered during FY 2023-2024						
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13	Assembly Bye Elections	2023	Kerala	1	5 th September 2023	7
14		2023	Tripura	2	5 th September 2023	8
15		2023	Uttar Pradesh	1	5 th September 2023	10
16		2023	Uttarakhand	1	5 th September 2023	5
17		2023	West Bengal	1	5 th September 2023	7
18	Rajya Sabha Bye Elections	2023	Uttar Pradesh	1	15 th September 2023	1
19	Assembly Bye Elections	2023	Nagaland	1	07 th November 2023	2
20	Assembly Elections	2023	Chhattisgarh Phase- I	20	07 th November 2023	223
21		2023	Chhattisgarh Phase- II	70	17 th November 2023	958
22		2023	Madhya Pradesh	230	17 th November 2023	2534
23		2023	Mizoram	40	07 th November 2023	174
24		2023	Rajasthan	200	23 rd November 2023	1875
25		2023	Telangana	119	30 th November 2023	2290
26	Assembly Bye Elections	2024	Rajasthan	1	05 th January 2024	12
27	Rajya Sabha Elections	2024	Delhi	3	19 th January 2024	3
28		2024	Sikkim	1	19 th January 2024	1
29	Legislative Council	2024	Telangana	2	29 th January 2024	2
30	Legislative Council	2024	Uttar Pradesh	1	30 th January 2024	1
31	Legislative Council	2024	Karnataka	1	16 th February 2024	1
32	Rajya Sabha Elections	2024	Andhra Pradesh	3	27 th February 2024	3
33		2024	Bihar	6	27 th February 2024	6
34		2024	Chhattisgarh	1	27 th February 2024	1
35		2024	Gujarat	4	27 th February 2024	4
36		2024	Haryana	1	27 th February 2024	1
37		2024	Himachal Pradesh	1	27 th February 2024	2
38		2024	Karnataka	4	27 th February 2024	5

Elections Covered during FY 2023-2024						
S. No.	Election Name	Election Year	State Name	Number of Seats	Date of Poll	Candidates Contesting
39		2024	Madhya Pradesh	5	27 th February 2024	5
40		2024	Maharashtra	6	27 th February 2024	6
41		2024	Telangana	3	27 th February 2024	3
42		2024	Uttar Pradesh	10	27 th February 2024	11
43		2024	Uttarakhand	1	27 th February 2024	1
44		2024	West Bengal	5	27 th February 2024	5
45		2024	Odisha	3	27 th February 2024	3
46		2024	Rajasthan	3	27 th February 2024	3
47	Rajya Sabha Elections	2024	Jharkhand	2	21 st March 2024	2
48	Legislative Council	2024	Uttar Pradesh	13	21 st March 2024	13
49	Legislative Council	2024	Bihar	11	21 st March 2024	11
50	Legislative Council	2024	Telangana	1	28 th March 2024	1
Total				1,025		10,885



Political Party Watch

About: 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.

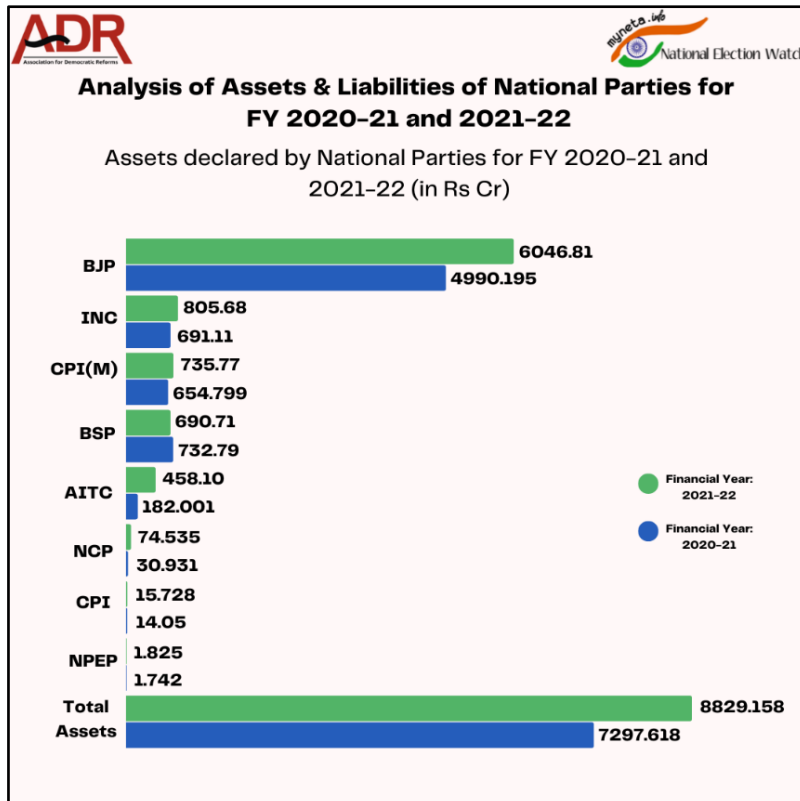
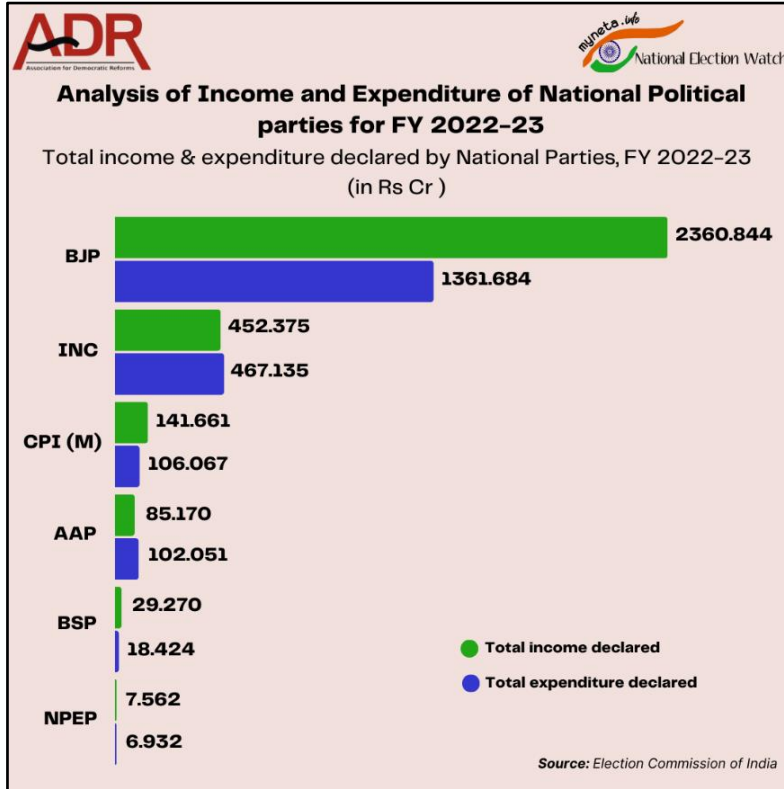
PPW Data Source: Income Tax returns and the donations details submitted to the IT Department and the Election Commission respectively by the political parties themselves.

The following analyses on Political Parties were undertaken during FY 2023-24:

Reports Released by Political Party Watch from April 2023 to March 2024				
S. No.	Report Type	Report Name	Date of release	Number of Parties Analysed
1	Audit Report	Analysis of Income & Expenditure of Regional Political Parties for FY 2021-22	8th April 2023	36
2	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations Declared by Regional Political Parties for FY 2021-22	24th April 2023	33
3	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of Regional Parties of India, FY 2021-22	16th May 2023	28
4	Electoral Bonds	Updated Background Note on Electoral Bonds - April 2023	14th June 2023	-
5	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations to Registered Recognised Political Parties from FY 2016-17 to FY 2021-22	11th July 2023	31
6	Audit Report	Analysis of Assets & Liabilities of National Parties for FY 2020-21 And 2021-22	04th September 2023	16

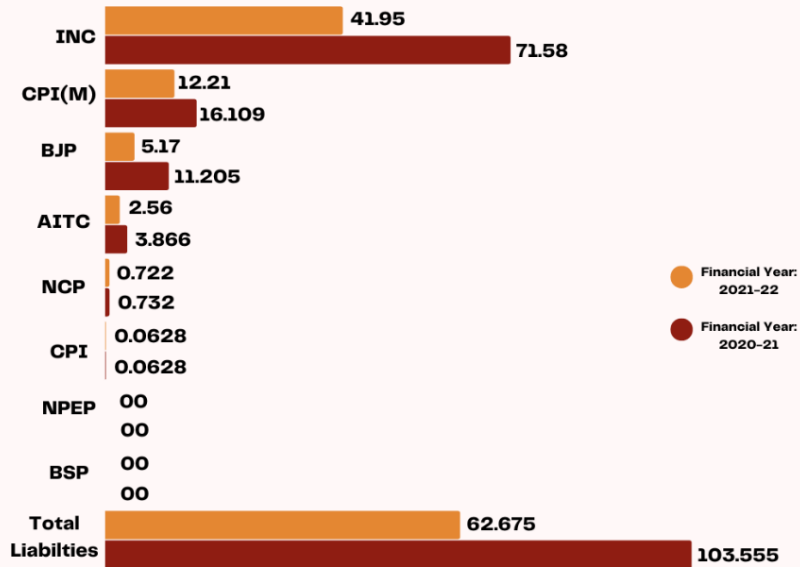
7	Election Expenditure Report	Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat Assembly Elections, 2022	17th October 2023	17
8	Electoral Bonds	Updated Background Note on Electoral Bonds - October 2023	18 October 2023	-
9	Election Expenditure Report	Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana & Mizoram Assembly Elections, 2018 (Updated - 28 October 2023)	28th October 2023	44
10	Audit Report	Analysis of Assets and Liabilities of Regional Parties for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22	02nd December 2023	81
11	Electoral Trusts Reports	Analysis Of Contribution Reports of Electoral Trusts – FY 2022-23	03rd January 2024	5
12	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations (Above Rs 20,000) Received by National Political Parties, FY 2022-23	14th February 2024	6
13	Electoral Bonds	Updated Data on Electoral Bonds - January 2024	15th February 2024	-
14	Audit Report	Analysis of Income and Expenditure of National Political Parties for FY 2022-23	28th February 2024	6
15	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of National Parties: FY 2022-23	07th March 2024	6
16	Electoral Bonds	Share of Corporate & Individual Donors who purchased Electoral Bonds between 12 April 2019 to 15 February 2024	15th March 2024	-
17	Electoral Bonds	Phase-wise Encashment Details of Electoral Bonds between 12 April 2019 to 15 February 2024	15th March 2024	-
18	Electoral Bonds	Party-wise Encashment Details of Electoral Bonds between 12 April 2019 to 15 February 2024	15th March 2024	26
19	Electoral Bonds	Party-wise Data on the Denomination of Electoral Bonds Encashed between 12 April 2019 to 15 February 2024	17th March 2024	27
20	Electoral Bonds	Analysis of Electoral Bonds Redeemed by National Political Parties	22nd March 2024	5
Total				367 Parties

Important Findings by PPW



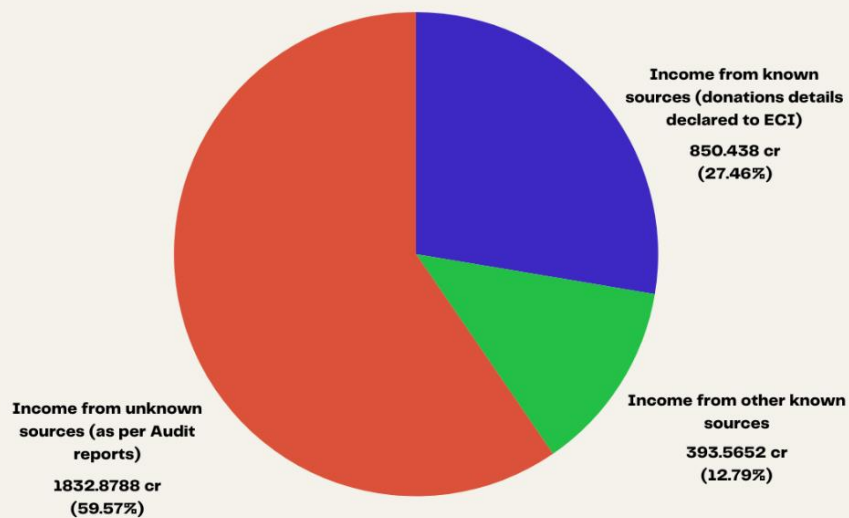
Analysis of Assets & Liabilities of National Parties for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22

Liabilities declared by National Parties for FY 2020-21 and
2021-22 (in Rs Cr)



Analysis of Sources of Funding of National Parties: FY 2022-23

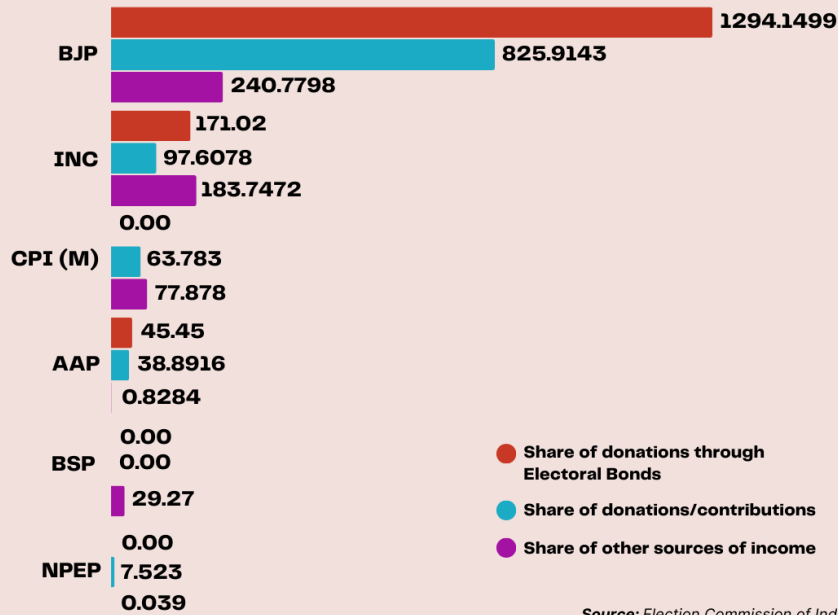
Sources of Income of National Parties for FY 2022-23 (in Rs Cr)



Source: Election Commission of India
Data compilation: ADR

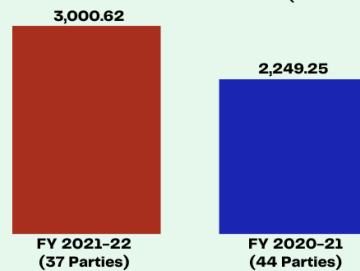
Analysis of Income and Expenditure of National Political parties for FY 2022-23

Share of income of political parties through Electoral Bonds, Donations/ Contributions & other Income, FY 2022-23 (in Rs Cr)



Analysis of Assets & Liabilities of Regional Parties FY 2020-21 & 2021-22

Total assets declared by Regional Parties for FY 2020-21 & 2021-22 (in Rs Cr)

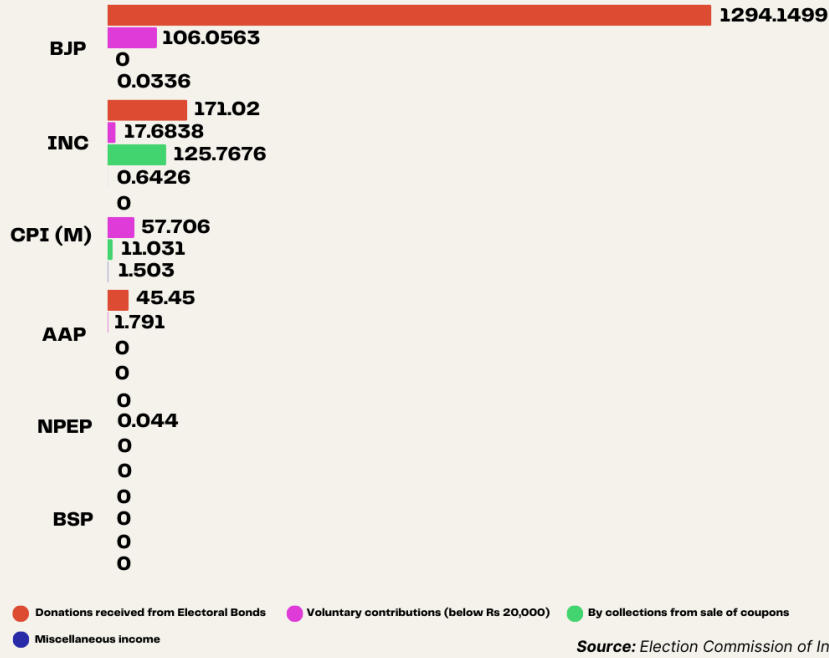


Assets declared by Top 10 Regional Parties for FY 2020-21 & 2021-22 (in Rs Cr)



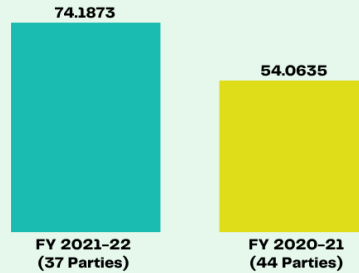
Analysis of Sources of Funding of National Parties: FY 2022-23

Unknown sources of Income of National Parties, FY 2022-23 (in Rs Cr)

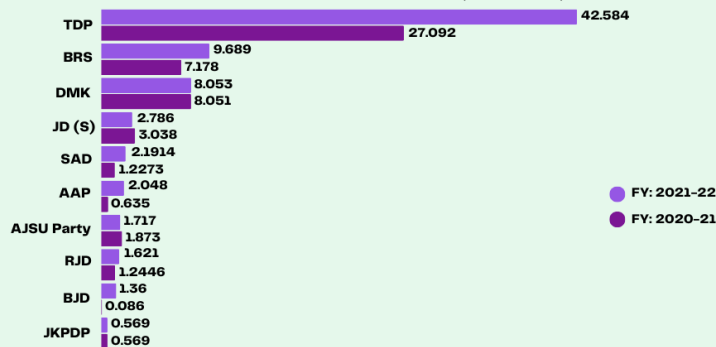


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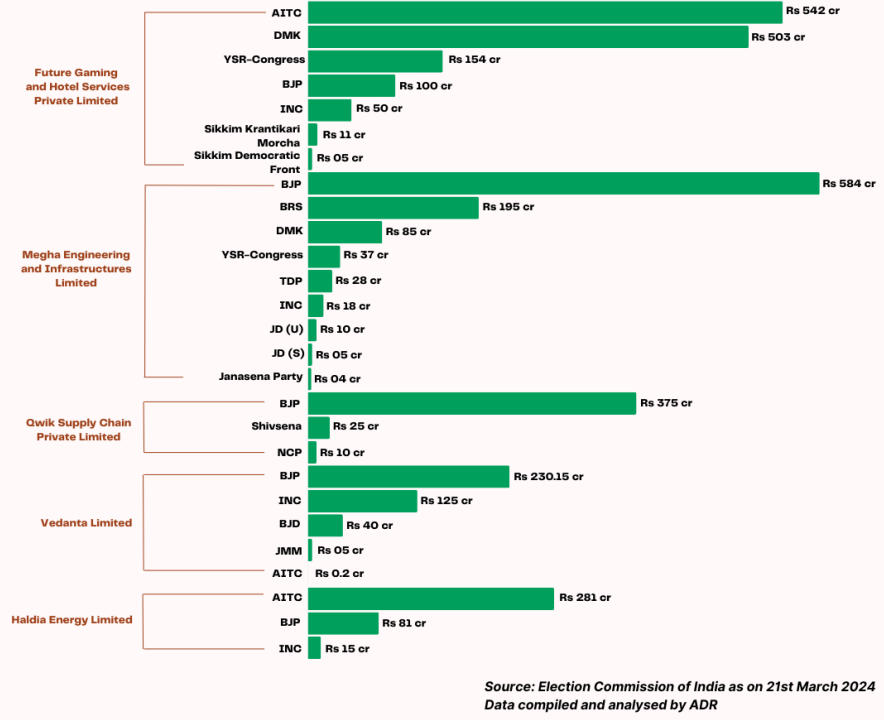
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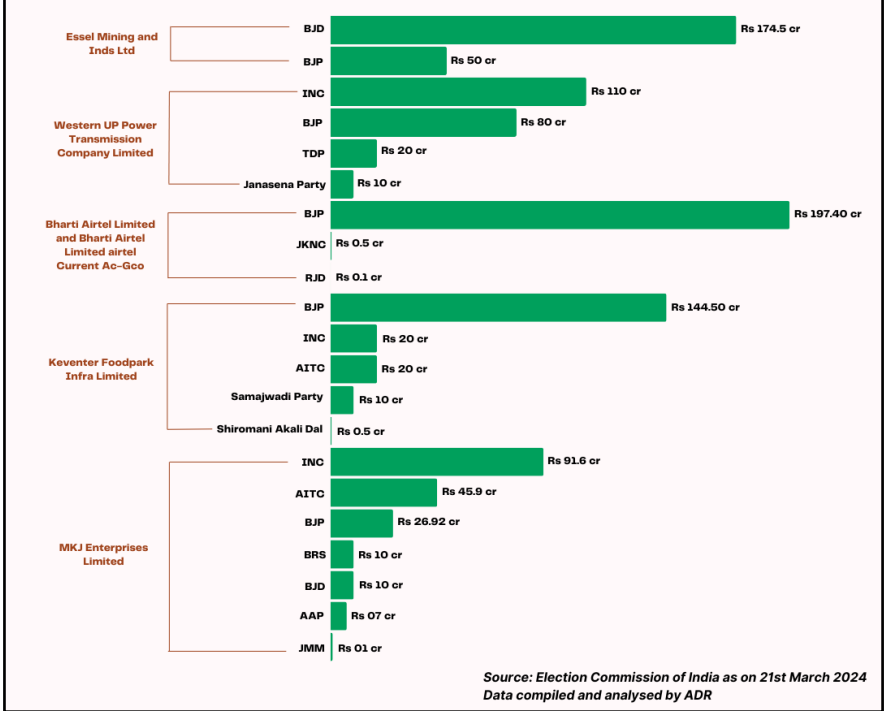
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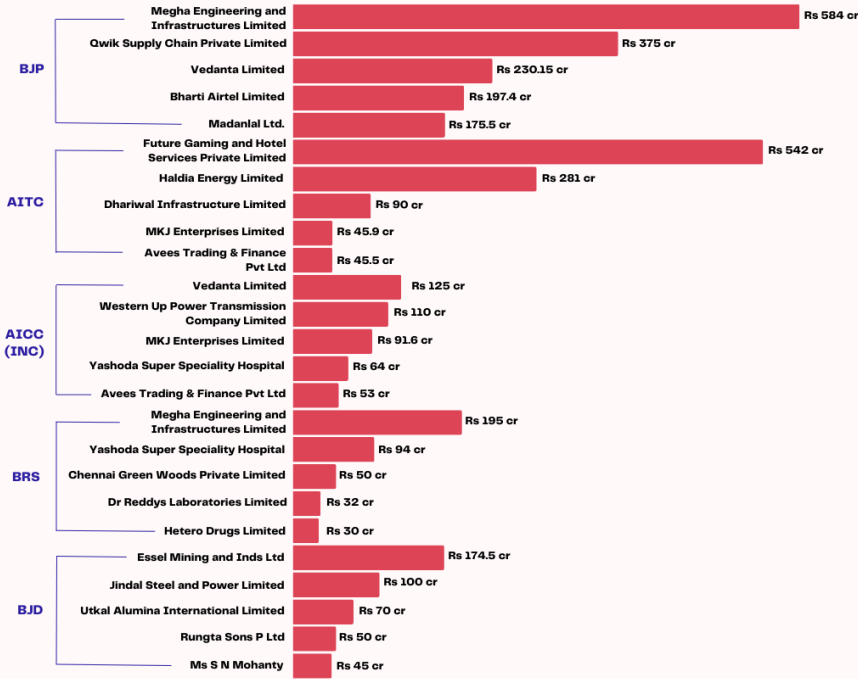
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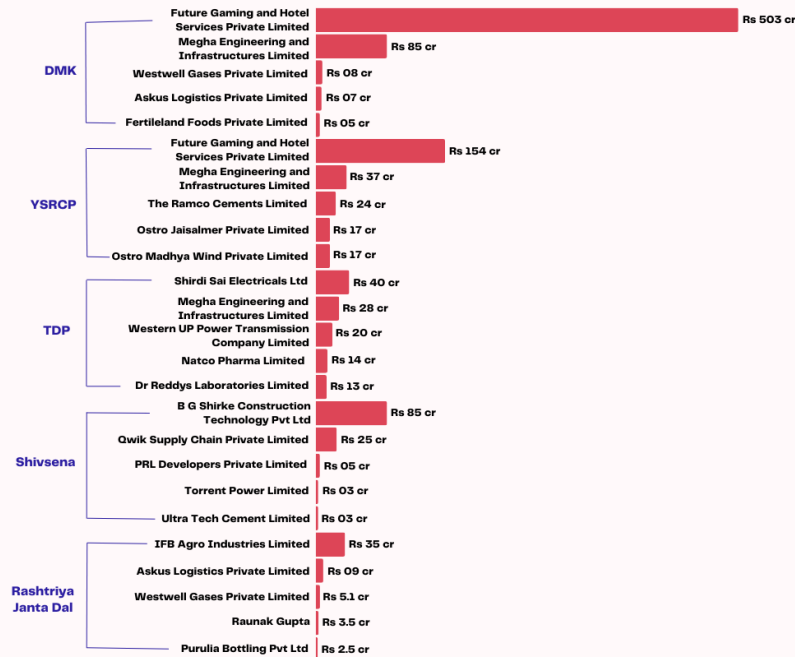


Electoral Bonds donations encashed by top 10 Recognised Political Parties and their Top 5 Donors (12th April 2019 to 15 February 2024)



Source: Election Commission of India as on 21st March 2024
Data compiled and analysed by ADR

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Strategic Litigation

About: 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 Public Interest Litigations (PILs), some of which have resulted in landmark judgments.

Some of the important PILs filed by ADR are listed below:

A) Petitions filed in the Supreme Court:

I. Petition bringing Political Parties under RTI, W.P (C) No. 333/2015:

Summary: On 03rd June 2013, the Central Information Commission (CIC) declared six national political parties, namely the INC, BJP, CPI(M), CPI, NCP, and BSP to be “public authorities” under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, on a complaint filed by ADR and Mr. Subhash Chandra Agrawal but none of the parties complied with the order. Ultimately on 16th March 2015, the CIC said that the RTI Act does not provide the Commission with ample powers to deal with the cases of contempt and non-compliance. On 19th May 2015, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court to declare all the national and regional political parties as “public authorities” and bring them within the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act

Current Status: ADR had contended before the Supreme Court that there are several constitutional questions involved in the petitions which have a bearing on the sanctity of the electoral process and therefore, whether it should be referred to a Constitution Bench can be looked at first.

Next date of hearing: Dates of the next hearing not available on the Supreme Court website at the time of going to print.

II. Petition challenging amendments in the FCRA, 1976 and 2010 W.P No. 434/2018:

Summary: On 25th April 2018, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the amendments made with retrospective effect in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010 through the Finance Act, 2016, and Finance Act, 2018, which was passed as a Money Bill. These amendments were seen as an attempt to overturn the judgment passed by the Delhi High Court on 28th March, 2014 holding the two major political parties, BJP and INC, guilty of accepting foreign funding. In addition, the Delhi High Court had ordered the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Election Commission of India (ECI) to take action against BJP and INC within six months.

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Next date of hearing: Dates of the next hearing not available on the Supreme Court website at the time of going to print.

III. Petition on voter discrepancies and mechanism of declaration of election result W.P (C) No. 1382/2019:

Summary: On 04th November 2019, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India to seek directions from the Supreme Court to order the Election Commission of India to completely stop the practice of announcing election results based on provisional and estimated data, prior to an actual and accurate reconciliation of data. Even for Lok Sabha 2019 Elections, the Election Commission had announced election results in all constituencies on 23rd May 2019, based on estimated data. This is verified by the Election Commission's Press Note dated 01st June 2019 that stated "*...the final data on votes counted has been made available within a few days of declaration of results.....*"

On 27th February 2020, an application was filed against the 'mysterious rush and urgency' shown by the Election Commission of India by destroying the VVPAT slips used in 2019 Lok Sabha elections in just four months after the results were declared. This was in contravention of the rules prescribed under the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961. Rule 94 (b) of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961 states that, "the used or printed slips in any election shall be retained for one year from the date of declaration of the results of the election. and shall thereafter be destroyed. ADR's petition has been pending in the Supreme Court since November, 2019. ADR's application sought the following directions from the court;

- Not to destroy or dispose of VVPAT paper slips generated in any election in the last one year and to retain the same at least for a period of one year in consonance with the rules of Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961; 2024-25 16
- To retain all other documents pertaining to the 17th Lok Sabha elections held in April, 2019.

On **04th and 09th May 2024**, ADR filed two separate applications in the matter asking the court to direct the ECI to;

- Immediately upload on its website scanned legible copies of Form 17C Part-I (Account of Votes Recorded) of all polling stations after close of polling of each phase in the on-going 2024 Lok Sabha elections;
- Provide tabulated polling station-wise data in absolute figures of the number of votes polled as recorded in Form 17C Part- I after each phase of polling in the on-going 2024 Lok Sabha elections and also a tabulation of constituency wise figures of voter turnout in absolute numbers in the on-going 2024 Lok Sabha elections;
- Upload on its website scanned legible copies of Form 17C Part- II which contains the candidate-wise Result of Counting after the compilation of results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections;

Current Status: On **24th May 2024**, the matter was adjourned by the Supreme court. Taking a hands-off approach in between elections, the court will hear the application along with the main petition filed by ADR in 2019 challenging the mechanism of declaration of election results based on raw/provisional data prior to an actual and accurate reconciliation of data.

Next date of hearing: Dates of the next hearing not available on the Supreme Court website at the time of going to print.

IV. Petition challenging the constitutional validity of the new law dealing with the appointment of Members of Election Commission W.P (C) 87/2024:

Summary: On **5th February 2024**, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the constitutional validity of '*The Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023*'. The petition states that leaving the appointment of the members of the Election Commission who are critical for our electoral democracy in the hands of the executive would be seriously detrimental to the health of our democracy and for the conduct of free and fair election. The Election Commission should be fearlessly independent and therefore such appointment should only be done by the President of India based on the advice tendered by a committee consisting of the Prime

Minister of India, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and, in case, there is no such Leader, the Leader of the largest party in the Opposition in the Lok Sabha having the largest numerical strength, and the Chief Justice of India.

Current Status:

On **13th February 2024**, the Supreme Court issued notices to the government to file its reply.

On **15th March 2024**, ADR filed an application for grant of stay of the selection and appointment of two newly appointed Election Commissioners. The application stated that the new law on appointment dilutes the judgment of this Court's Constitution Bench in *Anoop Baranwal v. Union of India (2023) 6 SCC 161* by substituting the Chief Justice of India with a Union Cabinet Minister nominated by the Prime Minister in the Selection Committee for the post of the Chief Election Commissioner and the ECs. The application also stated that the current appointment of the two new Election Commissioners were made in contravention of the Supreme Court directions and procedural irregularity, affecting the fairness, transparency and objectivity in the selection process in question. In addition, the Leader of Opposition in the House of the People was not furnished necessary details of the six shortlisted candidates in advance to effectively participate in the selection process.

Based on ADR's application, the court expressed serious concerns on the procedure adopted for selection of the incumbents to the two vacant posts of EC and observed that *such selections should be made with full details and particulars of the candidates being circulated to all members of the Selection Committee*. The court further held that the *procedural sanctity of the selection process requires fair deliberation with examination of background and merits of the candidate*. However, while noting the shortcomings in the selection process, the refused to grant stay keeping in view the timelines for the upcoming 18th General Elections for the Lok Sabha.

Next date of hearing: Dates of the next hearing not available on the Supreme Court website at the time of going to print.

V. Intervention application in Ashwini Kumar Upadhyaya vs. Union of India and others; Matter relating to disqualification of candidates on charges framed, W.P (C) 1142/2020:

Summary: This intervention application has been filed by ADR in the Supreme Court with a sole objective to decriminalize Indian political system which is severely infested with tainted legislators by disqualifying such candidates from contesting elections against whom charges have been framed for serious offences.

Current Status: On 3rd November 2023, the Union of India asked for more time to file their response. Four weeks' time was granted to them. Since then, the matter is getting adjourned.

Next date of hearing: Dates of the next hearing not available on the Supreme Court website at the time of going to print.

B) Landmark Judgments:

I. Supreme Court Judgment in a petition challenging Finance Act, 2017; Electoral Bonds and Removal of company's limit to donate: W.P (C) 880/2017:

Summary: On 15th February 2024, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India in a petition filed by Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) gave a landmark judgment holding the anonymous, unregulated and unlimited funding through electoral bonds and companies as unconstitutional. The court relied on the fact that such a system of political funding which is completely anonymous, unchecked and unlimited goes against the basic principles of citizen's Right to know under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution and free and fair election and therefore the amendments brought through the Finance Act,2017 and passed as Money bill to Section 29C of RP Act,1951, Sections 181 & 183(3) of the Companies Act,2013, Section 13A(b) of the Income Tax Act,1961 were struck down as being violative of the Constitution. The court observed the principle that the citizens have a duty to hold the government of the day accountable for their actions and inactions, and they can effectively fulfil this duty only if the government is open and not clothed in secrecy.

II. Follow-up Action in the Petition challenging Finance Act, 2017; Electoral Bonds and Removal of company's limit to donate: W.P (C) 880/2017:

Summary: On 7th March 2024, ADR filed a contempt petition in the Supreme Court seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against State Bank of India for wilfully and deliberately disobeying the Supreme Court directions dated 15th February 2024 wherein the court had directed SBI to submit details of the contribution made to the political parties through Electoral Bonds to the Election Commission of India (ECI) by 06th March 2024.

On 11th March 2024, the Supreme Court dismissed SBI's application seeking an extension of time until 30th June 2024 for complying with the directions. The application was filed by SBI two days before the expiry of the deadline of furnishing of the data relating to electoral bonds i.e., 04th March 2024. In its order dated 11th March 2024, the Supreme Court while rejecting their request directed SBI to disclose the details by the close of business hours on 12th March 2024 and further directed SBI to file an affidavit of its Chairman and Managing

Director upon compliance with the directions. The court also directed ECI to compile the information and publish the details on its official website no later than 5 PM on 15th March 2024.

III. Supreme Court Judgment in a petition seeking direction for counting of 100% VVPATS in all EVMS W.P (C)434/2023:

Summary: On **14th March 2023**, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking for counting of 100% VVPATs in the EVMs. The petition stated that in order to have the fullest transparency in the system and to restore the confidence of the voters' paper trail is an indispensable requirement of free and fair elections, and therefore, ECI should be directed to introduce Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail ('VVPAT') in all EVMs.

On 26th April 2024, a two Judges' Bench of the Supreme Court refused ADR's prayer for counting of 100% VVPATs in all EVMs. However, to strengthen the integrity of the electoral process the following directions were issued by the Bench:

- On completion of the symbol loading process in the VVPATs undertaken on or after 01.05.2024, the symbol loading units shall be sealed and secured in a container. The candidates or their representatives shall sign the seal. The sealed containers, containing the symbol loading units, shall be kept in the strong room along with the EVMs at least for a period of 45 days post the declaration of results. They shall be opened, examined and dealt with as in the case of EVMs.
- The burnt memory/microcontroller in 5% of the EVMs, that is, the control unit, ballot unit and the VVPAT, per assembly constituency/assembly segment of a parliamentary constituency shall be checked and verified by the team of engineers from the manufacturers of the EVMs, post the announcement of the results, for any tampering or modification, on a written request made by candidates who are at Sl.No.2 or Sl. No.3, behind the highest polled candidate. Such candidates or their representatives shall identify the EVMs by the polling station or serial number. All the candidates and their representatives shall have an option to remain present at the time of verification. Such a request should be made within a period of 7 days from the date of declaration of the result. The District Election Officer, in consultation with the team of engineers, shall certify the authenticity/intactness of the burnt memory/ microcontroller after the verification process is conducted. The actual cost or expenses for the said verification will be notified by the ECI, and the candidate making the said request will pay for such expenses. The expenses will be refunded, in case the EVM is found to be tampered.

C) Letters to the Election Commission of India and High-Level Committee:

I. ADR's Letter to ECI: Request for an immediate action against political parties and their office bearers for wilful disobedience and blatant disregard of the lawful directions of the Election Commission of India issued in pursuance to the Supreme Court judgments in (2019) 3 SCC 224 and 2014 (3) SCALE 563:

On 19th June 2023, ADR filed an application before the Election Commission of India against political parties regarding the wilful disobedience and violation of the mandatory directions of this Commission issued in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions dated 25th September 2018 and 13th February 2020 passed in *Rambabu Singh Thakur Vs. Sunil Arora and others, (2019) 3 SCC224* wherein the court had directed political parties to list out reasons on their website including their social media platforms for nominating candidates with criminal background within 72 hours of the selection of such candidates. The application filed by ADR had sought strict action to be initiated against the defaulting political parties which had contested 2023 Assembly Elections held in Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Karnataka, 2022 Assembly elections held in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur and Punjab and 2021 Assembly Elections held in the States of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and UT of Puducherry. The application stated that in spite of the repeated requests and reminders given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and other main stakeholders, political parties had completely failed to follow the aforementioned directions during the Assembly Elections held in the years 2023, 2022, and 2021. The application revealed major shortcomings in the implementation of the SC directions such as non-functional or inaccessible website, dysfunctional website tabs, language barriers, copy-pasting of the same reasons for different candidates, justifying fielding of tainted candidates with unfounded and baseless reasons like chances of winning, popularity of the person, good social work, offences not being grave in nature, politically motivated cases, repetition of reasons, etc. This application was filed before the ECI as per the directions of the Supreme Court dated 17th March 2023.

II. ADR's Letter to ECI: Reminder letter requesting immediate action against political parties and their office bearers for wilful disobedience and blatant disregard of the lawful directions of the Election Commission of India issued in pursuance to the Supreme Court judgments in (2019) 3 SCC 224 and 2014 (3) SCALE 563 during the Assembly Elections held in the years 2023, 2022 and 2021:

On **28th November 2023**, ADR sent a **reminder letter to the Election Commission of India** on the issue of '**publication of criminal cases against candidates selected by political parties along with reasons for such selection**'. The letter was sent to the ECI during the 2023 State Assembly elections held in the States of **Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan and Telangana**. The letter also stated that no response regarding any action taken by the Commission nor any acknowledgment of the application filed by ADR was received with respect to its earlier letter on the similar issue during the 2021, 2022 and 2023 State Assembly elections. The letter stated there was a high possibility of complete disregard and violation of the directions dated 25th September, 2018 and 13th February, 2020 by political parties during the November, 2023 Assembly elections by not only giving tickets to the candidates with criminal background but also without paying any heed towards giving concrete reasons for choosing such tainted candidates instead of honest, credible and worthy candidates. Through its letter, ADR had requested the Election Commission to follow directions of the Supreme Court in its letter and spirit by taking immediate and concrete steps so as to ensure that political parties contesting elections not only publish correct and useful details about candidates selected by them but in doing so parties are also forced to select credible and honest candidates due to necessary public glare because of the availability as well as accessibility of such crucial background information about criminal antecedents amongst voters.

III. Request for an immediate action against political parties and their office bearers for willful disobedience and blatant disregard of the lawful directions of the Election Commission of India issued in pursuance to the Supreme Court judgments in (2019) 3 SCC 224 and 2014 (3) SCALE 563 in the light of discrepancies found in Forms C7 and C8 during Gujarat State Assembly Elections 2022:

On **08th January 2024**, ADR along with **Mahiti Adhikar Gujarat Pahel** wrote a letter to the Election Commission of India requesting an immediate action against political parties and their office bearers for the blatant disregard of the lawful directions of the Election Commission of India issued in pursuance to the Supreme Court judgments in (2019) 3 SCC 224 and 2014 (3) SCALE 563 in the light of discrepancies found in Forms C7 and C8 during Gujarat State Assembly Elections 2022. The letter highlighted the serious discrepancies while publishing Form C7 and C8 by political parties and candidates. To name a few publishing of Form C7 in English language only and not in the vernacular language depriving lakhs of voters from crucial background information about the candidates, unfounded reasons while fielding candidates with criminal background,

smaller font size, lack of wide publicity as stipulated in the judgment, disparity and ambiguity in publishing of Form C7, no mechanism of cross verification of Form C7 and lack of compliance of the Supreme Court judgment.

IV. Comments from Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), New Delhi to the High-Level Committee – One Nation, One Election:

On **15-01-2024**, ADR made a **submission** before **the Secretary of the High-Level Committee on ‘One Nation One Election’** on the views submitted by Department related- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice, Election Commission of India and Niti Ayog. Through its submission, ADR highlighted the substantial issue of voting behaviour in case of simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and State Assembly elections at the same time where there is a strong tendency for voters to vote for the same political party for both Legislatures. The letter also made a strong case for the Local Body Elections where the Local Bodies are invariably dropped from the discourse. The letter not only stated that simultaneous elections divert attention from local issues to national issues but also highlighted the logistical challenges in holding such elections. Simultaneous elections will also require substantial amendments to the Constitution which will lead to the violation of Basic Structure of the Constitution which has been held to be inviolable by the Supreme Court.

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



Activities on Advocacy, Networking & Voter Awareness

ADR organized several voter awareness activities, press conferences, and panel discussions along with social media campaigns. Many informative articles were also written by in-house researchers; these were published in reputed newspapers and magazines. For around 25 years, ADR has associated with several state partners and eminent personalities who continue to collaborate with ADR for various campaign activities such as meetings, workshops, 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 FY 2023-24 are mentioned below:

1. Research Papers and Authored Articles by ADR

Research Papers by the ADR Team			
Research Paper Title	Publication	Author(s)	Link
Electoral Bonds Affect Transparency & Accountability Of Political Parties With Regard To Political Funding	October 2023 Magazine of the Center of Transparency and Accountability by National Law University (NLU), Delhi	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/TAG_Magazine_October_2023.pdf
Annual Issue of The Probe, a Hindu College student-run magazine	Electoral Bonds: A Threat to Democracy?	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR)	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MGugJOMNG9-aRYEDLkIITnGgr_GpWjpm/view?usp=sharing
Political Parties' Disclosure of Reasons for Selecting Candidates with Criminal Cases	February 2024 Magazine of the Center of Transparency and Accountability by NLU, Delhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR Ms Shivani Kapoor, (Program Lead & Manager (Legal), ADR) 	https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/TAG_Magazine_Volume_V_Feb_1.pdf
The Road Ahead to Strengthen India's Democracy	Pax Lumina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR) Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (Political Party Watch), ADR) 	https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/THE_ROAD_AHEAD_TO_STRENGTHEN_INDIA%E2%80%99S_DEMOCRACY.pdf

Case Analysis Association for Democratic Reforms v. UOI, 2024 INSC 113	March 2024 Magazine of the Center of Transparency and Accountability by NLU, Delhi	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/March_2024_Magazine_of_Center_of_Transparency_and_Accountability_NLU.pdf
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Authored Articles by ADR			
Headline	Publication	Author(s)	Link
Money & star campaigners may not always be decisive	The Times of India	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/money-star-campaigners-may-not-always-be-decisive/articleshow/100219989.cms
Karnataka: A thumping victory and some concerns	The Free Press Journal	Dr Ajit Ranade (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.freepressjournal.in/analysis/karnataka-a-thumping-victory-and-some-concerns
Does the long-awaited Election Commission reform through legislation pass the smell test?	Money Control	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR)	https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/opinion/does-the-long-awaited-election-commission-reform-through-legislation-pass-the-smell-test-11195241.html
Is There Life After Electoral Bonds?	The Wire	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://thewire.in/law/is-there-life-after-electoral-bonds
Electoral Bonds: Key Rebuttals to the Stand Taken by the Union Government	The Quint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead and Manager (Legal), ADR) Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (Political Party Watch), ADR) 	https://www.thequint.com/opinion/electoral-bonds-key-rebuttals-to-the-stand-taken-by-the-union-government#read-more
SC verdict removes a major election funding mistake	Deccan Herald	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/sc-verdict-removes-a-major-election-funding-mistake-2897894?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=socialshare
Electoral Bonds and the muzzling of people's right to know who funds political parties	Money Control	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head of ADR)	https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/opinion/electoral-bonds-and-the-muzzling-of-peoples-right-to-know-who-funds-political-parties-12284581.html
The clear message in the Court's 'no' to electoral bonds	The Hindu	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-clear-message-in-the-courts-no-to-electoral-bonds/article67854474.ece
Opportunity to save democracy from big money	The Tribune	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/opportunity-to-save-democracy-from-big-money-592142

Electoral Bonds and the Curious Case of SBI Keeping Crucial Data in Physical Form	The Wire	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://thewire.in/banking/electoral-bonds-and-the-curious-case-of-sbi-keeping-crucial-data-in-physical-form
Electoral Bonds The Way Forward: Tackling the Pre-2017 System	The Quint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead and Manager (Legal), ADR) Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (Political Party Watch), ADR) 	https://www.thequint.com/opinion/electoral-bonds-the-way-forward-tackling-the-pre-2017-system#read-more
Their notes before your votes	The Times of India	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/their-notes-before-your-votes/articleshow/108403437.cms
Filling up vacancies in Election Commission is a matter of public interest	Deccan Herald	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/filling-up-vacancies-in-election-commission-is-a-matter-of-public-interest-2934302
Five facts, five takeaways	The Times of India	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/electoral-bonds-five-facts-five-takeaways/amp_articleshow/108531290.cms
Funding politics: Many ideas, no takers	The Times of India	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/funding-politics-many-ideas-no-takers/
Transparency in poll funding could lead to a national clean-up	Mint	Dr Ajit Ranade (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/transparency-in-poll-funding-could-lead-to-a-national-cleanup-11711552801220.html

2. 16th Annual National Conference in Electoral & Political Reforms

The Annual National Conference was held in Pune on 15th and 16th July 2023 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 former Chief Election Commissioner, **Dr Nasim Zaidi**, inaugurated the Conference and delivered the keynote address. The representatives of the National Election Watch (NEW) from each state chapter, members of political parties, government institutions, students, scholars, and media were present to deliberate on issues related to electoral and political reforms in the country. The National Conference was an opportunity for ADR to add impetus and synergy to our work by bringing together all stakeholders. Their participation and input were instrumental in making the Conference a success.



From Left to Right: Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee –ADR/National Election Watch (NEW)), **Dr Ajit Ranade** (Founder Member & Trustee-ADR/NEW; Maharashtra Election Watch Coordinator; Vice-Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune), **Dr Nasim Zaidi** (former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India), **Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar** (former Judge, Bombay High Court), **Dr Kiran B. Chhokar** (Trustee-ADR/NEW), and Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)

Pic Description: Release of Report on “Analysis of Sitting MLAs from 28 State Assemblies and 2 Union Territories of India 2023” & ADR Annual Report 2022-23

Ahead of the 2-day National Conference, ADR organised a strategy workshop wherein all the state-chapters under the National Election Watch participated and strategized for the future plans. Please read the National Conference report for further details.

Full National Conference report link: <https://bit.ly/47vNezl>

Video recording link: <https://bit.ly/44Vnafs>

Press Conference by ADR				
Date	Location/Platform	Topic	Speakers	Link
14-Jul-23	Pune Union of Working Journalist, Pune	Announcement of 16th Annual National Conference & Release of a report on "Analysis of Criminal and Financial Background Details of Candidates and MPs/MLAs from 2004 to 2023 in Maharashtra"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ajit Ranade (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR and NEW, Maharashtra Election Watch Coordinator, and Vice-Chancellor, Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune) • Mr. Sharad Kumar (Maharashtra Election Watch Coordinator) 	https://adrindia.org/content/press-conference-pune-adr-and-maharashtra-election-watch

16th Annual National Conference - DAY 1			
Topic of Discussion	Chairperson	Speaker(s)	Focus Areas
Keynote Address	Dr Ajit Ranade (Founder Member & Trustee - ADR/NEW)	Dr Nasim Zaidi, former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India	Not Applicable
Challenges to Indian Democracy	Dr Ajit Ranade (Founder Member & Trustee - ADR/NEW)	Hon'ble Mr Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar (former Judge, Bombay High Court)	Not Applicable
The Continuing Trend of Money Power and Criminality in Indian Politics: What is the way forward?	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr J. S. Saharia, IAS (Retd) (Chairman, International Society for Human Awakening & Development (ISHAD); former Chief Secretary; former State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra) Dr Sanjay Paswan (Member, Bihar Legislative Council; former Central Minister; Member, N.E.C, B.J.P; Professor at Patna University, Patna) Mr Vijai Sardesai (Member of the Goa Legislative Assembly (Fatorda Constituency) from Goa Forward Party; former Deputy Chief Minister of Goa) Prof Yugank Goyal (Associate Professor - Public Policy, Flame University, Pune) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of information on voter turnout and voters' choice Innovative strategies to address voter apathy and encourage informed & ethical voting Research findings and best practices from around the world Publication of criminal cases against candidates selected by political parties along with reasons for such selection
Decoding the Controversial Electoral Bonds Scheme: How long for Supreme Court to adjudicate?	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof M.V. Rajeev Gowda (National Spokesperson, All India Congress Committee (AICC); Chairman, AICC Research Department; former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, from Karnataka) Prof Satya Narayan Misra (Professor at KIIT School of Management (KSOM), Bhubaneswar) Mr Nitin Sethi (Founding Member, The Reporters' Collective; Senior Journalist) Dr Vipul Mudgal (Trustee – ADR/NEW; Director and Chief Executive, Common Cause) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional paralysis and Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018 Judicial intervention and electoral bonds case Opposing parties continue to accept electoral bonds
Importance of NOTA and Measures to Improve Indian Elections	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)	Address by Dr Dalip Singh, IAS (Retd) (former State Election Commissioner, Haryana)	Not Applicable
Bringing Political Parties under RTI: Fostering inner-party democracy	Dr Vipul Mudgal (Trustee – ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr TR Raghunandan (Consultant in Anti-corruption, Decentralised Public Wealth, and Heritage Restoration; Director of Avantika Foundation) Mr Venkatesh Nayak (Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)) Prof Narayana A (Faculty-School of Policy & Governance, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru) Mr Ruben Mascarenhas (National Joint Secretary & Campaign Secretary, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP); Working President of AAP Mumbai) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parties' refusal to come under the purview of RTI Absence of legal oversight or public scrutiny over political party functioning outside of elections Inner party democracy & transparency in ticket distribution Emergence of RTI as a powerful tool in exposing the truth

Local & Urban Governance	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd) (Head - ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Malti Sagane (President, Mahila Rajsatta Aandolan (MRA)) • Mr Bhim Raskar (Director, Resource and Support Centre for Development (RSCD)) • Dr Ujjaini Halim (ADR's State Coordinator – West Bengal) • Mr Sudhir Pal (ADR's State Coordinator - Jharkhand) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing influence of money and muscle power in Panchayat/ULBs elections and its impact on governance • Community mobilisation and participation in the decision-making process • Role of CSOs & People's movements in strengthening electoral politics and local governance • Experience sharing/case studies and suggested reforms
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16th Annual National Conference - DAY 2			
Topic of Discussion	Chairperson	Speaker(s)	Focus Areas
Youth and Women Participation in Electoral Politics: In preparation for General Elections 2024	Dr Kiran B. Chhokar (Trustee-ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Chaitra Redkar (Associate Professor-Humanities and Social Sciences, Dy. Chair, and Associate Dean at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune) • Dr Sonia Bhaidas Nagarale (Associate Professor at the Department of Law, Savitribai Phule Pune University) • Ms Angellica Aribam (Founder, Femme First Foundation) • Prof Sridhar Pabbisetty (Senior Director of School of Government, MIT-World Peace University, Pune) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique entry barriers to female political participation • Tickets to untainted young male and female candidates over dynastic candidates or those with muscle/money power • Gap between low women representation and high women participation • 33% Women Reservation in Lok Sabha & Assemblies still pending-Why political parties resist women empowerment? • 65% of the Indian population is under 35 years of age but only 12% MPs are below 40 years of age. What measures can be undertaken to enhance the role of young politicians in designing policies for better governance?
Decentralisation of Economy using Technology	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)	Dr Anand Deshpande (Founder, Chairman, and Managing Director, Persistent Systems)	Not Applicable
Election Campaigns, Digital Technology, and Social Media Mobilization in India	Mr Jaskirat Singh (Trustee-ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Saurabh Dwivedi (Editor and Founder, The Lallantop; Senior Journalist) • Ms Karen Rebelo (Editor, Boom Live) • Mr Rakesh Reddy Dubbudu (Founder, Factly.in and ADR's State Coordinator- Andhra Pradesh & Telangana) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence of robust institutional framework to trace/regulate the actual expenditure by parties on digital media • Covert nature of political campaigns & data-driven micro-targeting • Parties and political consultancy • Fake news, hate speech, deep fakes, voter suppression, surrogate advertising etc.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pulkit Sharma (Political Strategist and Digital Media Specialist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of social media in shaping the narrative for youth • Blockchain Voting, Artificial Intelligence, Biometrics, Bogus Voting, Booth Capturing, Voter Intimidation, Misuse of electoral rolls
Concluding Session (with institutional stakeholders)	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee – ADR/NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Babloo Loitongbam (ADR's State Coordinator- Manipur) • Ms Rolly Shivhare (ADR's State Coordinator – Madhya Pradesh) • Mr Sanjay Singh (ADR's State Coordinator – Uttar Pradesh) • Mr Manoj Dhyani (ADR's State Coordinator –Uttarakhand) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summation of ideas generated over the two-day conference • Discussing some concrete solutions to be taken forward • Open discussion inviting suggestions • Mera Vote Mera Desh Campaign for Lok Sabha 2024 Elections



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3. ADR's Forum on "General Elections 2024: Issues, Challenges & Opportunities"

ADR and National Election Watch organised a Forum on "General Elections 2024: Issues, Challenges & Opportunities" on 10th March 2024 at India International Centre, New Delhi. The event had two sessions.



SESSION 1: (From Left to Right) **Mr Apar Gupta** (Lawyer and Observer Trustee, Internet Freedom Foundation), **Dr Guru Prakash Paswan** (National Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party and Assistant Professor (Law), Patna University), **Prof Jagdeep Chhokar** (Founder Member and Trustee of ADR & NEW), **Dr SY Quraishi** (former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India), and **Ms Poonam Agarwal** (Independent Senior Journalist)

The focus areas of the session one, which was on "Integrity & Inclusiveness of Indian Elections" were:

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

Link: <https://bit.ly/3Y1TEVo>

Important quotation link: <https://x.com/adrspeaks/status/1768936721666777260>



Session 2: (From Left to Right) **Ms Reena Gupta** (State Secretary, Aam Aadmi Party), **Hon'ble Mr Justice Madan Bhimarao Lokur** (former Judge, Supreme Court of India), **Dr Vipul Mudgal** (Trustee of ADR & NEW and Director & Chief Executive of Common Cause), **Mr Krishna Allavaru** (Joint Secretary of the All India Congress Committee and National Incharge of the Indian Youth Congress), and **Dr Jeet Singh Mann** (Director, Centre for Transparency and Accountability in Governance and Teacher - Legal Education and Research, National Law University, Delhi)

The focus areas of the session two, which was on "Money, Muscle, and Elections in India" were:

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

Link: <https://bit.ly/4cG3XDh>

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4. Webinars Organised by ADR

ADR organised webinars on pertinent issues via StreamYard. Expert panellists and speakers from non-profit organizations, political parties, media, academic communities, ECI officials and former bureaucrats participated in the forum. The panellists delivered interesting talks which added great value to the discussions and also answered multiple questions from the audience during the interactive sessions towards the end.

Webinars Organised by ADR via StreamYard				
Date	Topic	Moderator	Speakers	Link
08-May-23	Karnataka Assembly Elections over the years	Prof Trilochan Sastry, Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nasim Zaidi, former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India • Prof M.V. Rajeev Gowda, National Spokesperson, All India Congress Committee (AICC); Chairman AICC Research Department; former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, from Karnataka • Dr Bhaskar Hegde, Editor, TV9 Kannada Digital • Prof Jasmine Joseph, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru 	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar-adr-4
19-Dec-23	Electoral Bonds: Citizens' Right To Know Vs Company's Confidentiality	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Vijay Hansaria, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India • Shri Kamal Kant Jaswal, President of the Governing Council, Common Cause • Dr Fuad Halim, Senior Leader, Communist Party of India (Marxist) • Shri Sanjay Raman Sinha, Senior Executive Editor (legal) TV Channel – APN News Publication – “India Legal” 	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar-adr-5

Webinars by ADR



Dr Nasim Zaidi, former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India



Prof M.V. Rajeev Gowda, National Spokesperson, All India Congress Committee (AICC); Chairman, AICC Research Department; former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, from Karnataka



Prof Jasmine Joseph, Assistant Professor of Law, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru



Dr Bhaskar Hegde, Editor, TV9 Kannada Digital



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Shri Sanjay Raman Sinha, Senior Executive Editor (legal) TV Channel – APN News Publication – "India Legal"

5. Invited Speakers from ADR

Various organisations invited ADR to share its work/research/findings/opinions related to electoral and political reforms. The table below contains details of the same:

Invited Speakers from ADR					
Event	Date	Location/ Platform	Topic	Invited Speaker(s) from ADR	Link
Talk at UNICEF India CAP Network Meeting	24-Jul-23	Zoom Webinar	Navigating the Current Socio-political Landscape	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/talk-unicef-india-cap-network-meeting
NextTalks by Yi Next	27-Jul-23	Online	About Association for Democratic Reforms	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/nexttalks-yi-next
Interactive Discussion by Citizens' Forum India	12-Aug-23	Zoom Webinar	Bringing Political Parties Under RTI	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/interactive-discussion-citizens-forum-india-2
GALTER-AIM Public Lecture	12-Aug-23	Zoom Webinar	The State of India's Democracy	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/galter-aim-public-lecture
3rd Asian Summer School on "Parties & Democracy"	14-Aug-23	University of Nottingham, Malaysia	The Changing Landscape of Political Funding Regulations in India and the Pressing Need for Reforms	Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (PPW), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/3rd-asian-summer-school-parties-democracy
Interactive Discussion by Citizens' Forum India	19-Aug-23	Zoom Webinar	VVPATs and Political Parties Not Publishing Criminal Cases Data	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/interactive-discussion-citizens-forum-india-1
Press Conference	04-Sep-23	Press Club of India, Raisina Road, New Delhi	Memorandum Presented to the Election Commission of India on Ensuring Free and Fair Elections	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member and Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/press-conference-6
India Today Conclave 2023	04-Oct-23	Hotel Hyatt, Mumbai	Election 2024: Why the Youth Vote Matters	Ms Nandini Raj (Program Officer (Communications), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/india-today-conclave-2023
190th CFonZOOM Interaction	02-Dec-23	Zoom Webinar	ELECTORAL BONDS- Licensed to Kill Transparency	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/190th-cfonzoom-interaction

Justicemaker Showcase Agami Summit 2023	03-Dec-23	Asia Plateau, MRA Centre, Panchgani	A Healthy Democracy & Me	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member and Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/justicemaker-showcase-agami-summit-2023
Human Rights Defenders Unite: Challenges, Experiences, and Opportunities	11-Dec-23	Counterpart International, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue Suite #425, Washington, DC / Zoom	Regional Perspectives on the Impact that Human Rights Defenders Have on Protecting Civic Space	Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (PPW), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/human-rights-defenders-unite-challenges-experiences-and-opportunities
BBW's Talking Point	19-Feb-24	Cafe Blue Brick Wall, Goa	Electoral Bonds - From Legal to Unconstitutional	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member and Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/bbws-talking-point
18 Dialogues for the 18th Lok Sabha by Young India Foundation	21-Feb-24	Zoom Webinar & LinkedIn Live	The Youth Vote Across The World: Perspectives from the USA, Europe, UK, and India	Ms Nandini Raj (Program Officer (Communications), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/18-dialogues-18th-lok-sabha-young-india-foundation
Roundtable Discussion by Google & Ikigai Law	29-Feb-24	Ikigai Law Office, New Delhi	Elections & Content Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR) • Ms Shelly Mahajan (Program and Research Officer (Political Party Watch, ADR) 	https://adrindia.org/content/roundtable-discussion-google-ikigai-law
Seminar by CPDRS	03-Mar-24	Naihati Samresh Basu Sabha Kaksha, Naihati	Is it possible to accurately reflect democracy in the election process in India?	Dr Ujjaini Halim (ADR's State Coordinator - West Bengal)	https://adrindia.org/content/seminar-cpdrs
Asia Global Democracy Coalition (GDC) Forum	14-Mar-24	Event was in Jongro-gu, Seoul; ADR attended online	Narratives and Strategies for Democracy in Asia	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/asia-global-democracy-coalition-gdc-forum
Interactive Discussion by Citizens' Forum India	23-Mar-24	Zoom Webinar	Electoral Bonds: Disclosing Donor Data	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/interactive-discussion-citizens-forum-india-3
Bangalore International Centre's Election Series	25-Mar-24	Seminar Hall, Bangalore International Centre (BIC), Bengaluru	Electoral Bonds and the Politics of Funding an Indian Election (India Votes 2024)	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/bic%E2%80%99s-election-series

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GALTER – AIM Public Lecture
 On
The State of India's Democracy
 By
PROF. JAGDEEP S. CHHOKAR

Jagdeep S. Chhokar is a concerned citizen. Starting out as a mechanical engineer in the Indian Railways, he has been professor, Dean and Director In-charge at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad. He is a founder-member of Association for Democratic Reforms (<https://www.adrindia.org/>), working on electoral & political reforms for over two decades; and with Aajeevika Bureau, working on internal migration (<https://www.aajeevika.org/>).

Saturday, 12 August 2023 at 6 PM

All are cordially invited

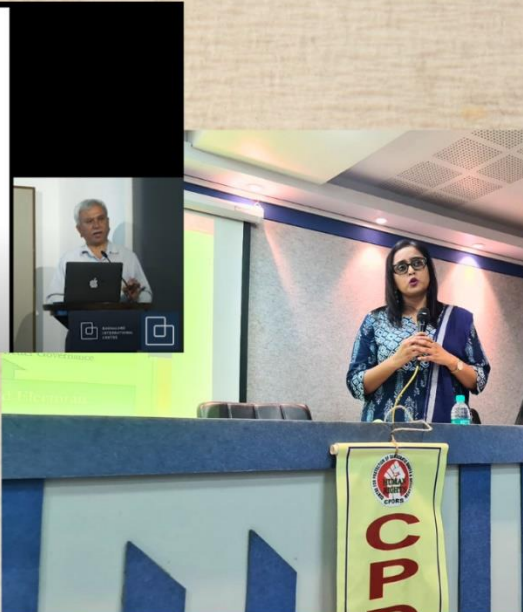
RSVP: Prof. Dr. M. K. Bhandari, Founder & Director, GALTER- Global Academy of Law Tech & Research, Hubballi, Karnataka, Mobile: 91677-24112

Coordinator: Dr. Sharda G. Patil, Ex-Principal, KLE's SK Law College, Hubballi, Karnataka

RSVP: Prof. Varun Arya, Founder & Director, Aravali Institute of Management, Mobile: 96940-36500

Reasons for the petition

- The petitioners said that voters would not know who funded whom
- This information was important in a democracy
- Article 32 of the Indian Constitution gives the right to every citizen to seek constitutional remedy from the Supreme Court, when they have been deprived of their fundamental rights.
- Specifically, Article 19(1)(a), is about the fundamental right to information. The Electoral Bonds Scheme violated this right
- Technically, provisions of the Finance Act 2017 which amended provisions of the RBI Act 1934, the RP Act 1951, the IT Act 1961, and Companies Act 2013 were also challenged.



6. Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat, an ADR Youth Outreach Programme

To motivate, inform and involve youth in the political & electoral reforms processes, ADR initiated a Youth Outreach programme called **Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat (HBAB)** in FY 2016-17. The programme aims to educate Indian youths of the challenges faced by Indian Democracy today. With the support of our State Coordinators, we are committed to taking this programme to the maximum number of youths across the country.

i. Organize workshops/talks/lectures

ADR organises workshops in colleges where important points such as **Criminalization of Politics, Expenditure on Election Campaigns, Functioning of Political Parties and Role of Youth in Strengthening Democracy** are highlighted. On the request of colleges and schools, ADR also organises a topic-centric workshop. The workshop trainers use videos, audio, quiz papers and other interactive materials to engage with the youth. The table below shows details of events conducted under this programme in FY 2023-24:

Organise workshops/talks/lectures					
Event	Date	Location/ Platform	Topic	Invited Speaker from ADR	Link
Online Course on "Indian Democracy: A Synergy of Constitution, Parliament, Judiciary, and Civil Society"	18-Jun-23	IIT, Madras, Chennai	"Representation of the People Act and its importance in a Democracy" & "Unique features of Indian Electoral system"	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/online-course-indian-democracy-synergy-constitution-parliament-judiciary-and-civil-society
Talk at XVIII International Conference on Public Policy & Management	22-Aug-23	IIM, Bangalore	Association for Democratic Reforms' efforts and achievements in strengthening Indian electoral process	Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/talk-xviii-international-conference-public-policy-management
Sessions	15-Nov-23	Centre for South East Asian Studies, Gauhati University, Guwahati	Political Ethics and Electoral Reforms	Prof Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/sessions-gauhati-university
Workshop	24-Jan-24	Mini Auditorium, Christ (Deemed to be University), Ghaziabad	Understanding Electoral Process in India	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/workshop-understanding-electoral-process-india

National Voters' Day and Republic Day celebration at Amity University, Raipur	25-Jan-24	Seminar Hall, Amity University, Raipur	Several Themes	Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead & Manager (Legal), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/national-voters-day-and-republic-day-celebration-amity-university-raipur
Talk hosted by Centre for Public Policy (CPP), IIM Bangalore	20-Feb-24	Zoom Webinar, Bengaluru	The Judgment on Electoral Bonds: Its Background and Significance	Prof. Trilochan Sastry (Faculty of the Decision Sciences area of IIM Bangalore, and Chairman, Founder Member and Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/talk-hosted-centre-public-policy-cpp-iim-bangalore

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. The table below shows the details of the events organised by Campus Ambassadors in FY 2023-24:

Campus Ambassador Programme						
Event	Date	Location/ Platform	Topic	Campus Ambassador	Speakers	Link
Seminar	28-Apr-23	Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	Informed Voting ahead of the Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023	Chantal D'Costa from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member and Trustee of ADR) Narayana A (Faculty at Azim Premji University) 	https://adrindia.org/content/seminar-adrs-campus-ambassador-apu-azim-premji-university-apu
Webinar	01-Jul-23	Google Meet	Existence of Internal Democracy in Political Parties: A myth or reality?	Drishti Chauhan from Jesus and Mary College	Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead & Manager (Legal) at ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar-adrs-campus-ambassador-jesus-and-mary-college

Neeti Reeti Talk	23-Sep-23	Central Lecture Theatre, IIT, Madras, Chennai	Role of Technology in Improving Democracy	Tejaswini Jagtap from IIT, Madras	Mr Jaskirat Singh (Trustee of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/neeti-reeti-talk
Neeti Reeti, a case study competition	23-Sep-23	Central Lecture Theatre, IIT, Madras, Chennai	Various Topics	Tejaswini Jagtap from IIT, Madras	Not Applicable	https://adrindia.org/content/neeti-reeti-case-study-competition

iii. Visits to ADR

ADR also accepts tour visits of students/other delegations to the ADR office and briefs them on the electoral and political issues.

Student Visits to ADR Office				
College	Date	Topic	Speaker	Link
MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG)	07-Feb-24	Impending Electoral Reforms: Who will Bell the Cat?	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/visit-adr-students-mit-school-government-mit-sog-2
The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda	09-Feb-24	Impending Electoral Reforms: Who will Bell the Cat?	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.) (Head of ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/visit-adr-students-maharaja-sayajirao-university-baroda

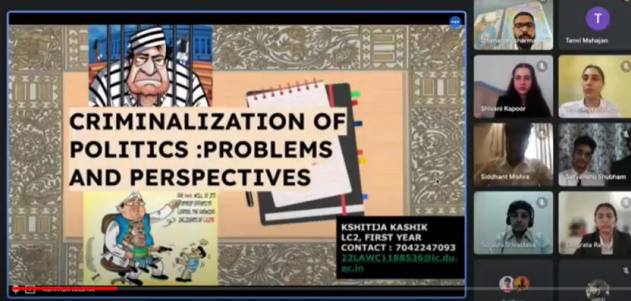
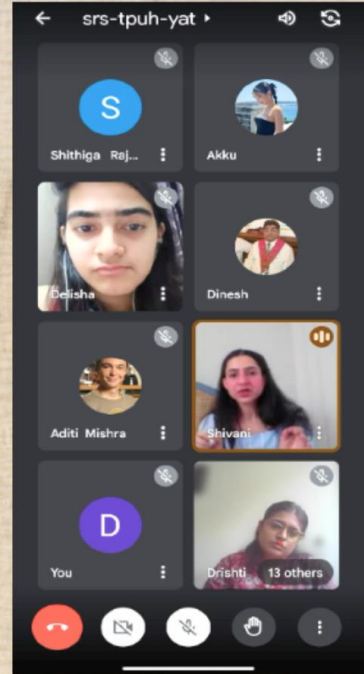
iv. Other Student Collaborations

ADR partnered with colleges to organise case study, article writing and quiz competitions. The table below contains details of the same:

Other Student Collaborations					
Event	Date	Location	Topic	Judges/Representatives from ADR	Link
Conquonomics by Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC)	08-Apr-23	At SRCC & ADR judges were online	Transparency and accountability Political Parties that default on or delay the submissions of their Contribution Reports or file incomplete information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead & Manager (Legal), ADR) Ms Shelly Mahajan, Program and Research Officer (Political Party Watch), ADR) 	https://adrindia.org/content/conquonomics-shri-ram-college-commerce

"SHASTRARTH " by The Debating Society of IEST, Shibpur	21-Apr-23	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur	Bring Political Parties under RTI & Removal of the company's limit to donate to political parties	Not Applicable	https://adrindia.org/content/shastrarth-debating-society-iest-shibpur
Policy Review Competition	13-May-23	Law Center-II, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi (via Zoom)	Criminalisation of Politics: Problems and Perspective	Ms Shivani Kapoor (Program Lead & Manager (Legal), ADR)	https://adrindia.org/content/policy-review-competition
Exhibition on "Understanding Electoral Process in India"	24-Jan-24	Synergy Square, Christ (Deemed to be University), Ghaziabad	Understanding Electoral Process in India	Mr Hemant Singh (Program Associate (Political Party Watch), ADR) and Mr Sachin Kumar (Senior Program Executive (Election Watch), ADR) interacted with the students.	https://adrindia.org/content/exhibition-understanding-electoral-process-india
Shri Ram Conquonomics	19-Mar-24	SRCC, University of Delhi	Collaborated as a Knowledge Partner	Not Applicable	https://adrindia.org/content/shri-ram-conquonomics

Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat



7. Crowdfunding Campaign

ADR ran a crowdfunding campaign from September 2023 to March 2024 to generate funds for the National Election Watch voter awareness activities for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections. The overwhelming support of concerned citizens of India helped us achieve the target amount. Link: <https://adrindia.org/content/adr-donation-campaign>



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Without your support, it will be difficult for us to run our grassroots campaigns this time. We will be grateful to you for helping us reach our goal and your participation in strengthening our democracy.


Let's make 2024 the year of a "strong and vibrant Democracy"!

Jai Hind!
- Team ADR

DONATE NOW

Donation plea by Prof Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder Member & Trustee of ADR):

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I am a Founder-Member of ADR since 1999. ADR has had a very interesting, but not easy, journey over the last 25 years.

Throughout this journey, ADR has stood firmly in favour of citizens of this country, fully committed to improving democracy and governance in India, and for this purpose, providing citizens correct information to enable citizens to make an INFORMED CHOICE while casting their vote at the time of elections.

While doing the above, ADR has been steadfastly neutral and non-partisan. It has never supported nor opposed any political party or a candidate contesting elections. It is committed to never do so in future too.

So far, ADR has been supported by a variety of sources with a clear understanding that ADR will do whatever it does ABSOLUTELY INDEPENDENTLY, and it will continue to do so in future. Institutional funds have also seen a decline in recent years.

With the continuing efforts of ADR and many others, citizens are now becoming aware of civil society engagement in Political and Electoral Reforms. ADR, therefore, wishes to move towards making its work directly citizen-funded.

It is in this context that I request you to donate generously to ADR.

Receiving funds directly from citizens while satisfying all stringent rules and regulations is not simple. Donation to ADR was exempt under 80G(5) of the I.T. Act, 1961 vide order DIN AAAAA2503PF2021501 dated 24-09-2021 upto 31-03-2024. Application for renewal of 80G certificate has been filed.

So, please follow either of the routes given below:

1. Refer to ADR's donation page on <https://adrindia.org/content/adr-donation-campaign> and use either of the methods mentioned in it; or
2. Send an email to adr@adrindia.org for any queries
3. Call mobile number +91 7840047840.

I hope you will respond generously. That is the only way ADR can continue what it has been doing till now.

Thank you.

8. Voter Awareness Campaigns

Ahead of **Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana Assembly Elections 2023**, 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.

- **Videos:**

For Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Telangana Assembly Elections 2023, old celebrity videos urging the voters to be informed voters were updated and shared over social media platforms. Link: <https://bit.ly/3W7iKQa>

West Bengal Election Watch also launched a campaign song in Bengali for voter awareness. This song was played at all the campaigns and also at public places in the rural areas for generating mass awareness among the voters. The song is about motivating the voters to cast their vote freely and how to choose their ideal representative. The song also describes how an ideal candidate should be, and the qualities that the candidate should possess. Song link: <https://bit.ly/3Sdonv4>

- **Media Collaborations:** ADR collaborated with **media houses** to disseminate and display ADR's reports and details of candidates contesting elections via media houses' websites with ADR's logo and name. **ADR also shared data with Vote ki Awaaz to promote informed voting in Telangana.** The data was shared via Application Program Interfaces (APIs) with the following media houses.

Name of the media house	State Assembly Elections in FY 2023-24
Network 18	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
Amar Ujala Web Series	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
T.V. Today Network Limited (Aaj Tak, India Today, etc.)	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
NDTV Convergence Limited (NDTV)	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
Independent News Service Private Limited (India TV)	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
ABP Network Private Limited (ABP)	• 2023- Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana
Times Internet Limited	• 2023- Madhya Pradesh

- **Letters to Political Parties:** Letters were sent to the Presidents of Political Parties and newly sworn-in Chief Ministers of **Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Telangana** to provide a clean and exemplary governance to the people by choosing honest and capable Ministers.

- **Print and TV Presence:** ADR remained an active participant in debates around the issues of electoral reforms. ADR garnered press coverage of **over 3,011 and participated in 53 TV interviews, debates, and discussions** in FY 2023-24.

Coverage link- <https://adrindia.org/media/adr-in-news>

Debate & Discussions: <https://adrindia.org/media/video-gallery>

- **Digital Presence:** 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.

ADR also has a **WhatsApp Business Account** which was used to disseminate press releases, reports and infographics directly to around 209 subscribers.

On www.adrindia.org website, engaging creatives such as banners, pictures, posters, videos, relevant news articles were posted, other than ADR’s reports. The contents on the website aimed to be resourceful, interesting, and user-friendly.



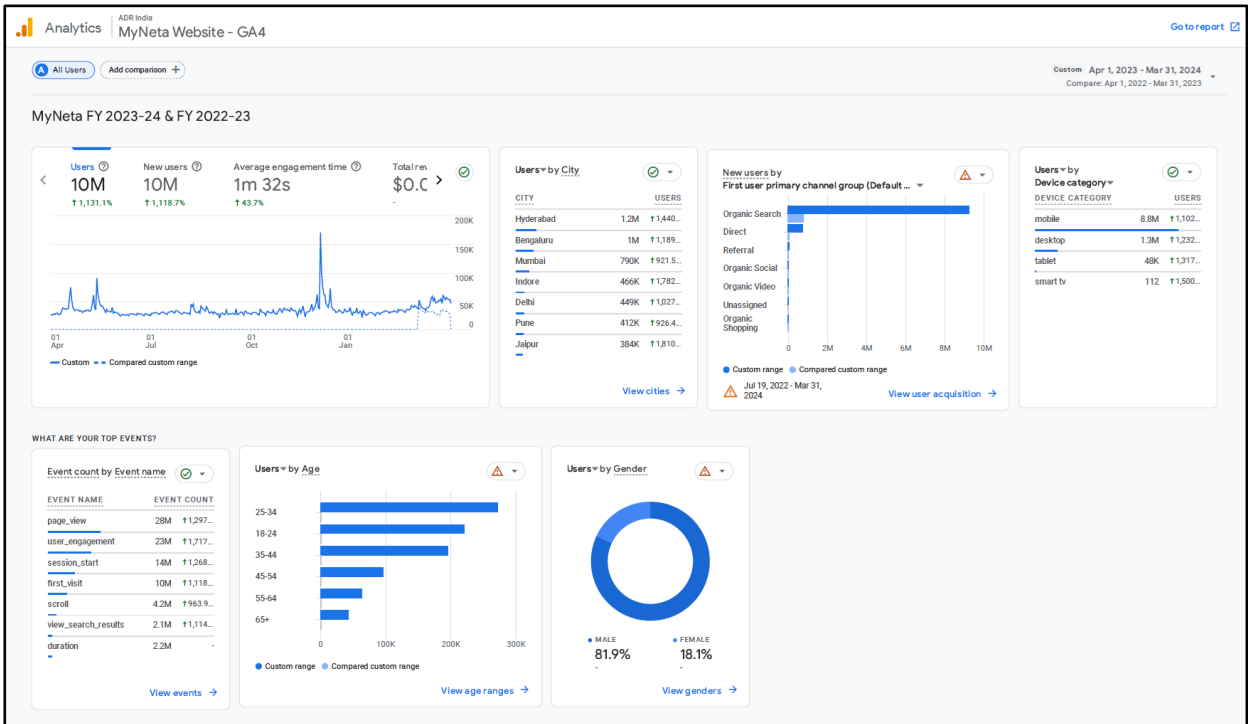
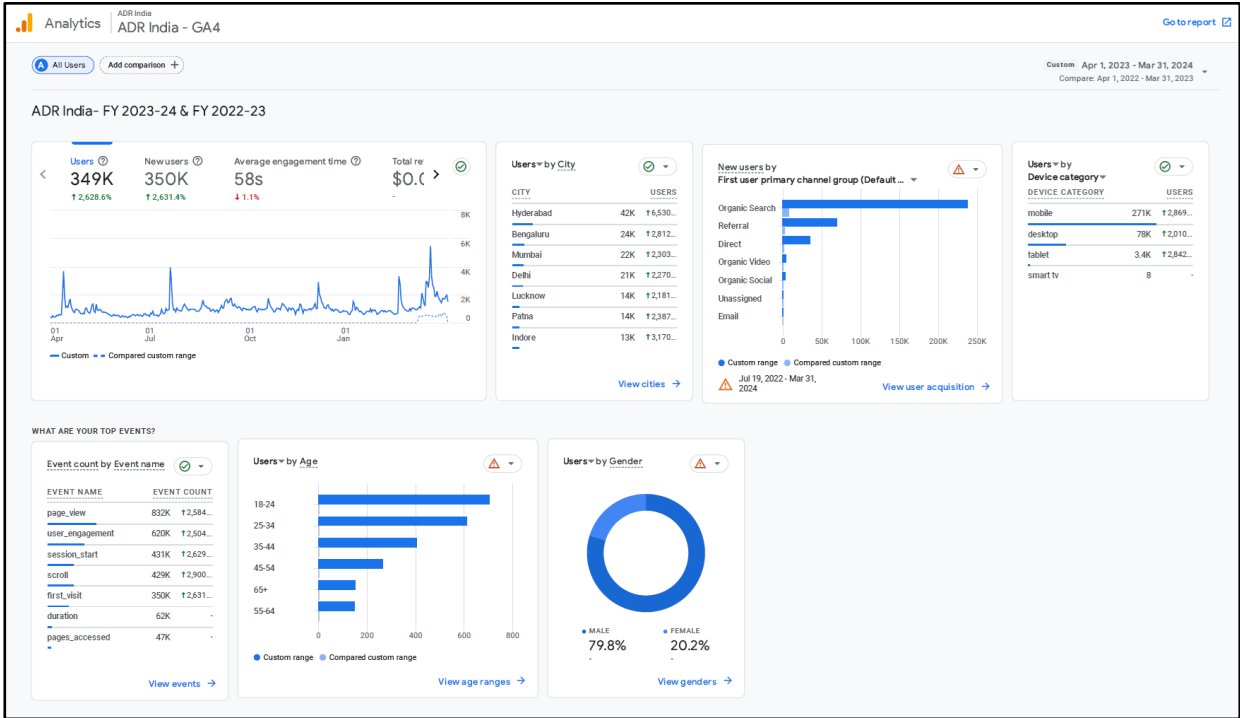
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National Election Watch News
(Only for Journalists) till 05th July 2024
 Group Members: 6,350



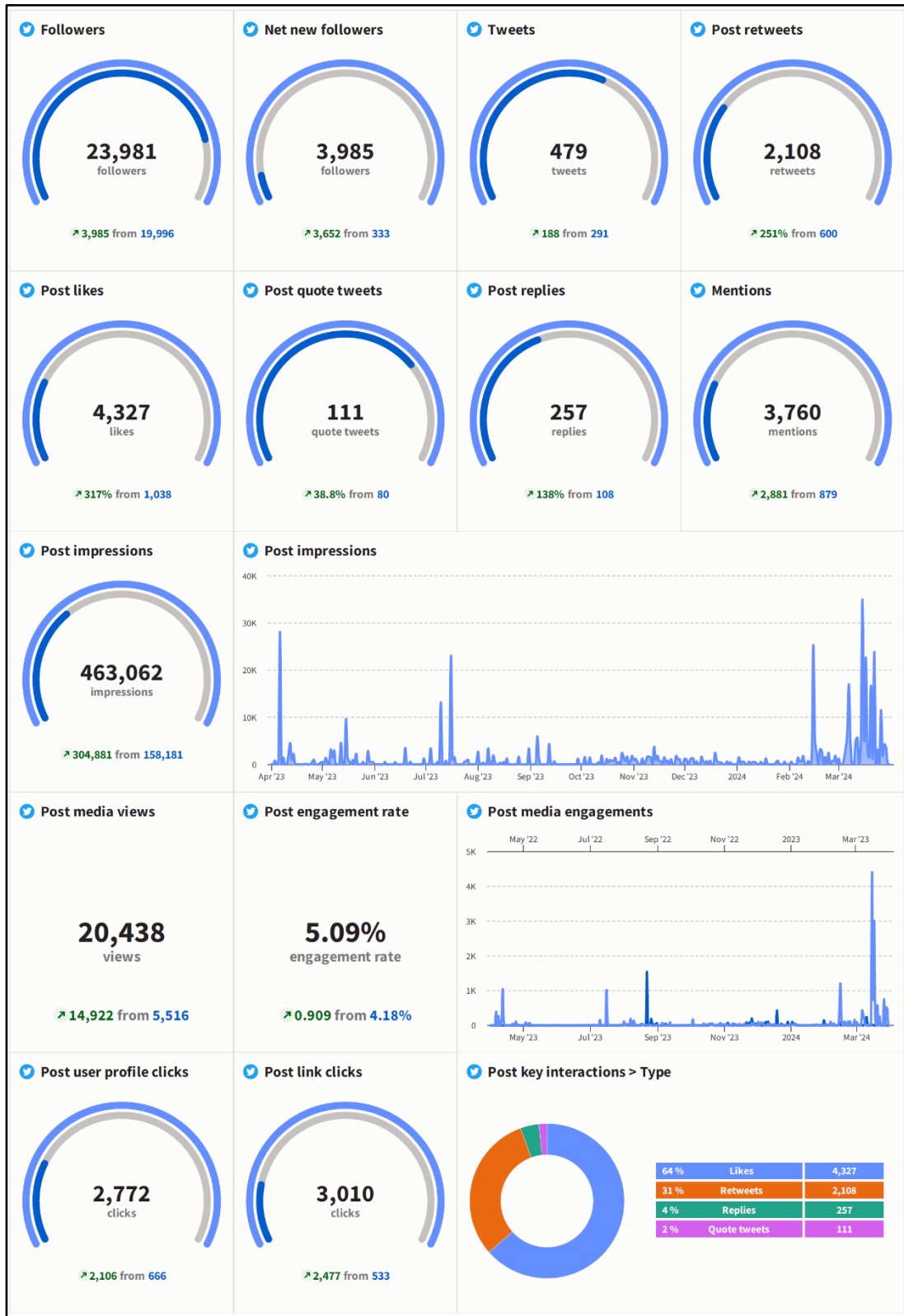
01st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	
Unique Opens	58,322
Total Opens	77,653
Unique Clicks	2,871
Total Clicks	13,713
Newsletters	23 (including reminders)

Subscribed Contacts (as of 18th Jul'23): 23,095



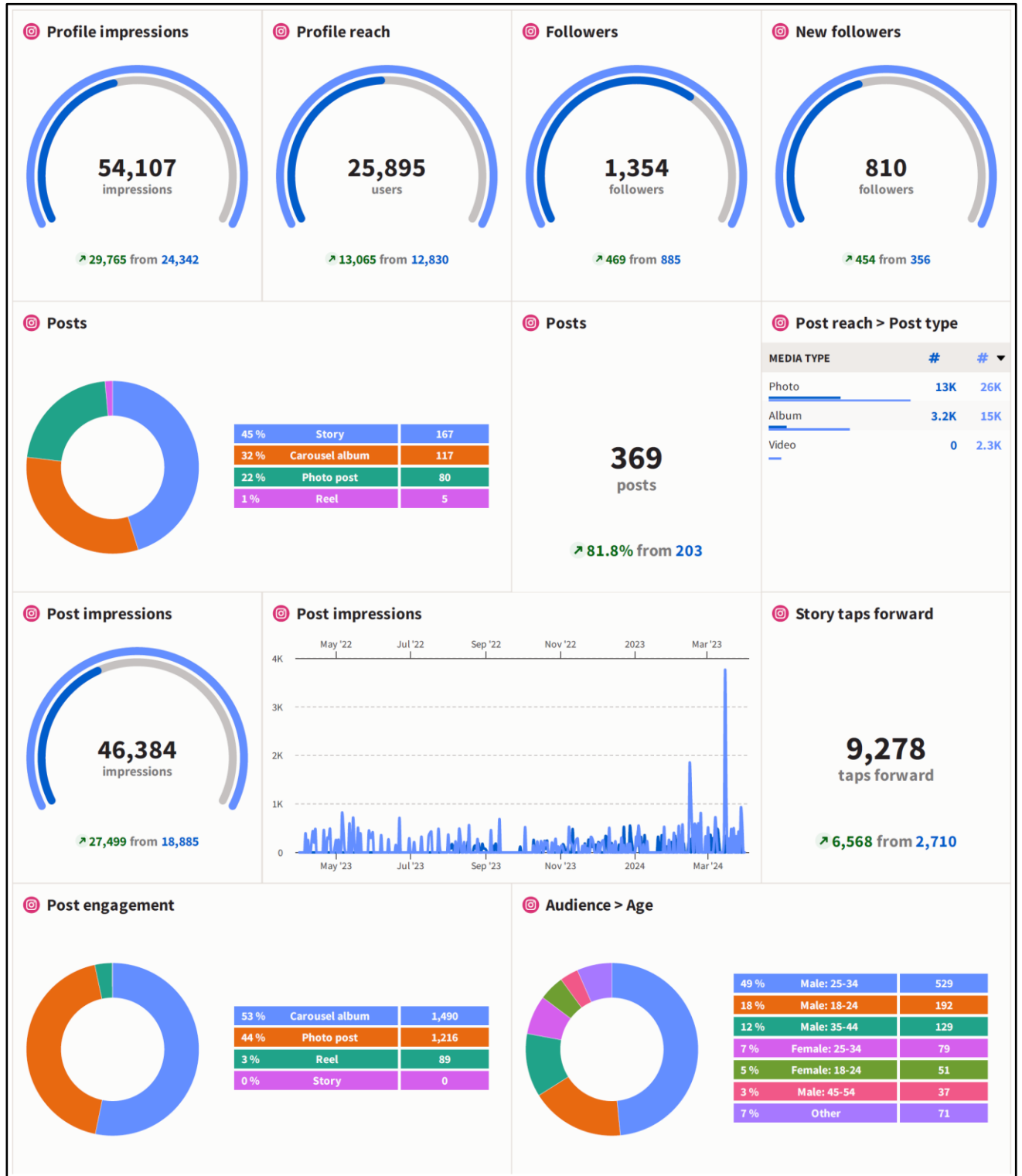


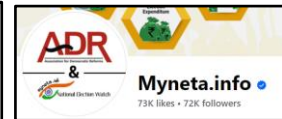
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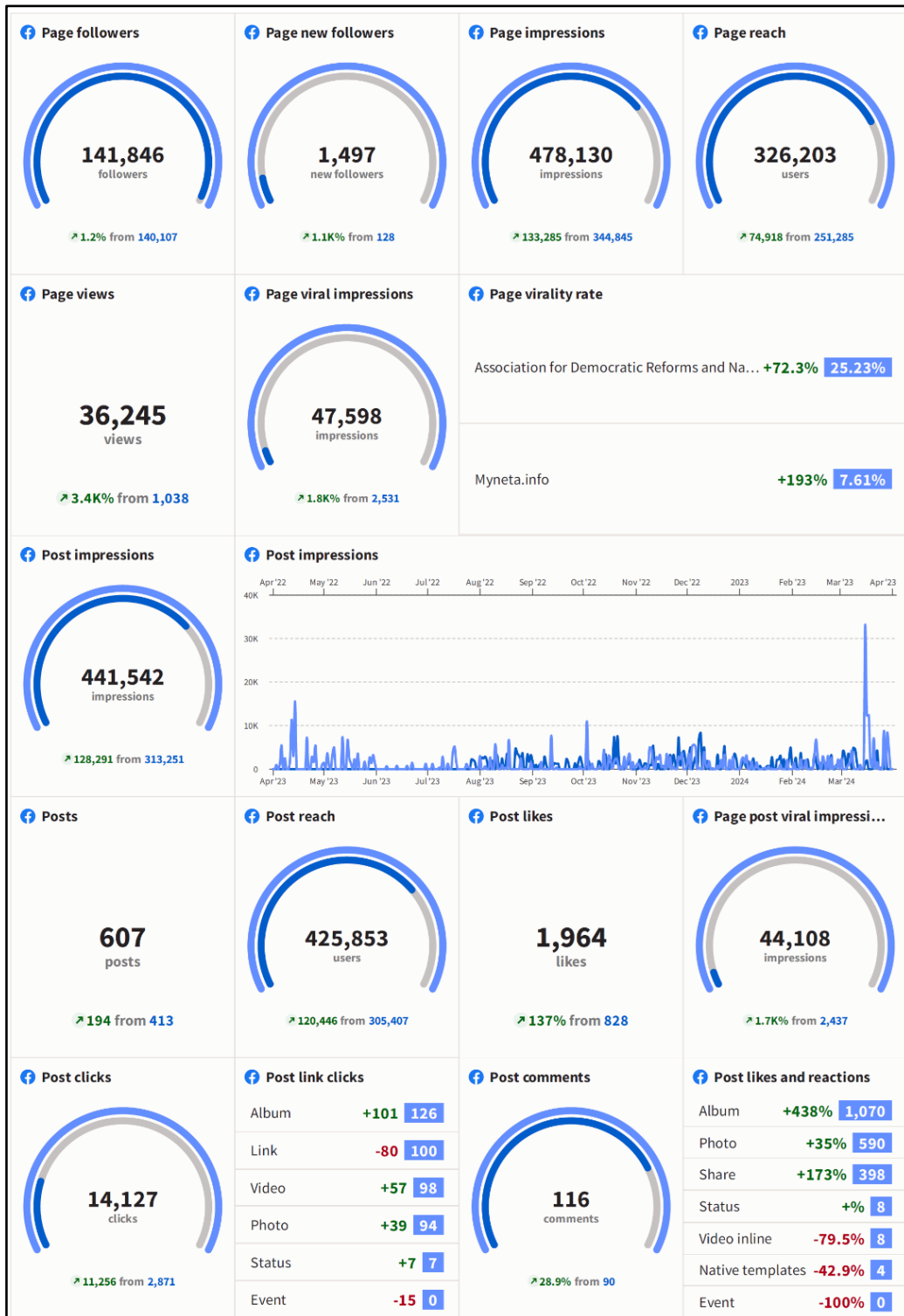


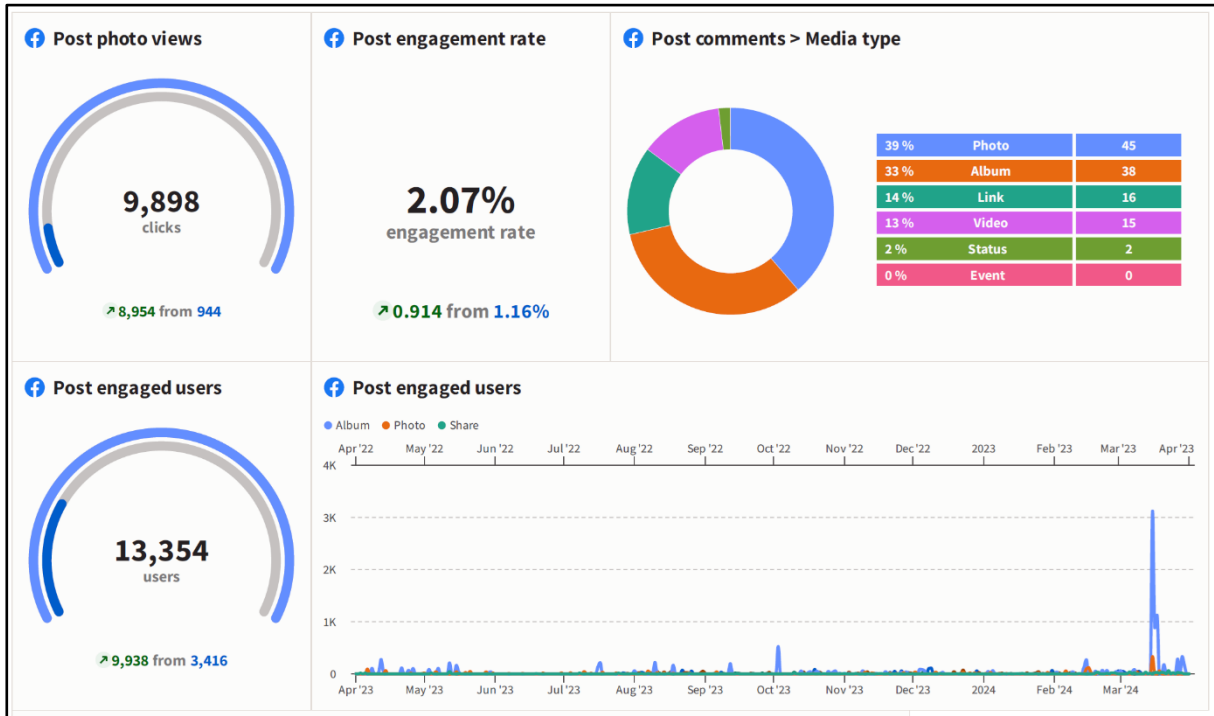
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01st Apr'23 to 31st Mar'24	
Total Videos	22
Total Live Streams	2
Total Posts	209
Total Views	91,886
New Subscribers	2,480
Total Impressions	6,443,149
Impressions Click-through rate	1.0%
Watch Time (Hours)	1,342
Average View Duration	0:48

Followers as on 05th July 2024: 7,700

Activities Organized by ADR's State Chapters

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

- Gujarat Election Watch**

Youth Training Workshops by Gujarat Election Watch				
Date	Location	Topic	No. of Participants	Link
17-Oct-23	Dahod	Voter Helpline, KYC, MyNeta	30	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-training-workshop-gujarat-election-watch
18-Oct-23	Dahod	Voter Helpline, KYC, MyNeta	40	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-training-workshop-gujarat-election-watch-0



- Karnataka Election Watch**

Event Organised by Karnataka Election Watch					
Event	Date	Location	Topic	Speakers	Link
Seminar by ADR & Karnataka Election Watch	26-Apr-23	Students' Christian Movement of India House (SCMI House), Bengaluru	Voter Awareness, Money and Muscle Power in the Karnataka Election 2023	Prof Trilochan Sastry, Chairman, Founder Member and Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/seminar-adr-karnataka-election-watch
Press Conference	03-May-23	Press Club of Bengaluru	Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Trilochan Sastry (Chairman, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR) Ms Kathyayini Chamaraaj (Karnataka State Coordinator) 	https://adrindia.org/content/press-conference-5



- **Madhya Pradesh Election Watch**

Voter Awareness Campaign by Madhya Pradesh Election Watch in October			
Event	Date	Location	Link
#MeraVoteMeraMadhyaPradesh	03-Oct-23	Niwari	https://adrindia.org/content/meravotemeramadhyapradesh

Assembly elections to Madhya Pradesh, November/December 2023:

- i. **Review of Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) Resources Material:** The Election Commission of India has taken a proactive step by creating educational materials to promote electoral literacy through Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELCs). These clubs are intended to be established within schools, specifically targeting students in classes 9 to 12, and also within colleges. The goal is to foster a better understanding of the electoral process among young citizens.
The review of the resource materials and the activities associated with the ELCs involved engaging in discussions with numerous stakeholders, including members and leaders responsible for overseeing ELCs in urban and rural areas. A detailed note containing feedback, recommendations, and insights into areas where improvements can be made to enhance the effectiveness of these clubs was prepared.
- ii. **Volunteer Drive:** The primary goal was to recruit volunteers, who are passionate about addressing voting issues and increasing voter engagement. MP Election Watch (MP EW) reached out to college groups and organizations, such as student clubs, political science departments, and NSS. MP EW organized small group discussions to discuss, and highlight the significance of the voting issues and explain how volunteers can contribute.
- iii. **Awareness Regarding Voter ID Card:** The objective was to increase awareness among the youth in Madhya Pradesh about the importance of obtaining a Voter ID card. The initiative was in line with the guidelines set by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Madhya Pradesh. The campaign included a series of posts, videos, infographics, and other content designed to educate and inform young people about the significance of having a Voter ID card, especially via social media platforms.

An essential part of this initiative was connecting directly with Booth Level Officers (BLOs). The engagement of BLOs helped in registration camps in local communities or colleges, or providing contact information for BLOs, so that, interested individuals could reach out for assistance.

iv. Flash Mobs: From 16th-20th August 2023, MP EW trained 30 volunteers from different colleges.

a. Flash Mob at DB Mall on 27th August 2023: The flash mob in the mall successfully reached approximately 1000 people. It was performed by 25 participants.

b. Flash Mob at Markets on 27th August 2023: Engaging in Flash mobs in markets helped MPEW reach out to approx. 800 people. It was performed by 25 participants.

c. Flash Mob at Democracy Carnival: This unique carnival of democracy was organized by the Madhya Pradesh Election Commission in Bhopal to promote voter awareness. 30 MP EW volunteers organised various cultural activities and a flash mob. They wore different costumes representing diverse communities of the state and tried to convey the message of impartial and ethical voting. They also conveyed the message of ensuring active participation in democracy and reached out to 2000 people.

v. Street Plays at Multiple Locations: Different teams of young students participated in street plays at multiple locations in Bhopal on the theme of “**Use of Money and Muscle Power in Elections**”. These performances were primarily made in the low voting percentages areas as well as crowded places consisting district bus stands, railway stations, malls, markets and other crowd-gathering places within the city.

vi. Awareness Via Cartoon Characters and Multimedia Van (02nd November 2023):

To accelerate the awareness campaign, MP EW designed a unique multi-media van consisting of multiple messages and information related to voting and others. The multimedia van travelled throughout the city to create awareness while playing songs related to voting awareness and elections. In this activity, they included cartoon characters such as *Motu-Patlu*, *Tom-Jerry* and *Chhota Bheem*. The characters worked in different sections of society such as communities, youth, senior citizens and covered multiple urban areas as well as rural areas. These characters portrayed the “Use of Muscle and Money Power in Elections” and enriched the electoral literacy among communities. Via this activity, MP EW reached out to 200 persons.

Voter Awareness Campaign – Multimedia Van		
Date	Name of college	Location
02-Nov-23	-	Areas around Barkatullah University Bhopal Areas around MP Nagar, Madhya Pradesh Election Commission, Satpura Bhawan, Vindhyachal Bhawan, Roshanpura.
03-Nov-23	Naveen College	Areas around Jahangirabad, Bhopal Railway Station, Sabzi Mandi, Bhim Nagar Basti
04-Nov-23	MBM College	Areas around low voting booths around Jahangirabad Weekly Market, Banganga slum
05-Nov-23	Excellence College	Slums around Excellence College and areas around Nehru Nagar.
06-Nov-23	Syama Prasad Mukherjee	Area around Kolar Lalita Nagar Mandakani.
07-Nov-23	Gitanjali College	Areas around DIG Bagla, Narayal Kheda, Gautam Nagar, Qazi Camp
08-Nov-23	Career College	Areas around Anna Nagar, Madina Nagar, Shiv Nagar.
09-Nov-23	Hamidia College	Areas around Budhwara, Mangalwara, Hathi Khana, Kamalapark, Professor Colony
10-Nov-23	BHEL College	Areas around Bhel Haat Bazaar, Avadhपुरi, Anand Nagar
11-Nov-23	B.S.S.S University	Habibganj Naka, Bagsevania, No. 7, Areas around Rani Kamlapati Railway Station.
13-Nov-23	-	Areas around Bagmugalia AIIMS.
14-Nov-23	-	Areas around M.P Nagar
15-Nov-23	-	Areas around Vote Club Talaiya
16-Nov-23	-	Areas around Mata Mandir Ambedkar Nagar

vii. Ludo at Cafeterias: To engage first time voters and youth with the process of elections and create voter awareness, MPEW, ADR, and Youngshala with District Panchayat Bhopal innovated a ludo board game which promoted ethical voting. It included multiple processes, such as the process of making a voter ID card voting and others. This activity was conducted at the Bhopal School of Social Sciences and the Institute for Excellence in Higher Education colleges.

viii. Competitions at Multiple Colleges: Multiple competitions such as Rangoli, Poster Making, Face Painting, Essay, and Slogan Writing were organised to promote creativity, artistic expression, and awareness of a crucial societal issue- "Money and Muscle Power in Elections". In these competitions, more than 100 students participated from different colleges of Bhopal.

Voter awareness campaign competitions in various colleges		
Date	Name of college	Competition Name
09-Oct-23	Naveen College	Rangoli
15-Oct-23	Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee	Poster Making and Rangoli
17-Oct-23	Govt. Gitanjali Girls College	Rangoli and Slogan-Essay Competition (>30 participants)
18-Oct-23	Maharani Laxmibai College	Rangoli Competition and Poster Making
20-Oct-23	Naveen College	Poster Slogan Competition
26-Oct-23	Bhopal School of Social Sciences College	Poster, Rangoli, and Face Painting
-	Satya Sai College	Poster Making
-	Govt. Sarojini Naidu Girls Post Graduate (Autonomous) College	Poster Making

ix. Gigantic Rangoli to Awaken the Sense of Responsibility Towards Democracy:

On 15th November 2023, the message of 100 percent voting and inclusive voting was conveyed by a huge 400-square-foot rangoli created by five artists from Bhopal. They used 40 kg of colours and 4 hours of hard work to complete their work. Along with this, it provided information about what kind of arrangements have been made for different categories at the polling stations, such as arrangement of wheelchairs, ramps, etc. for disabled people and elderly people, and information regarding how to file complaints on the C-VIGIL app in any kind of irregularities during or before voting. This rangoli was made under the joint aegis of ADR, Collector Bhopal, and District Election Officer.

x. Snakes and Ladders Game: To create awareness on ethical voting, Snakes and Ladder board game of substantial 10x10 feet and visually striking was developed. This size ensures that participants can immerse themselves in the game and absorb the

ethical voting messages it conveys. Snakes represent unethical voting practices, such as voter suppression or bribery, while ladders depict ethical actions, like informed voting or participating in discussions on candidates' policies. To reach the finish line located at the highest number on the board, a player rolls dice or spin a wheel to navigate through the grid. Facilitators or educators posed questions or scenarios related to voting ethics, fostering valuable conversations and critical thinking.

MP EW conducted multiple game cum discussion sessions at different colleges of Bhopal namely: Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Science and Commerce College, Govt Arts and Commerce (Naveen) College, Govt Geetanjali Girls College, Govt Maharani Laxmibai Girls College, Institute for Excellence in Higher Education, Carrier College and Bhopal School of Social Sciences. More than 300 students participated in this game cum discussion session.

xi. Activities in Betul district

- a. Meeting with Betul District officials:** In the targeted Betul district, a crucial meeting was convened with the district officials to discuss and strategize for the voter awareness campaign.
- b. Acquiring Volunteers in Betul:** After securing the support of college principals, the organizers proceeded to engage with college students. This involved giving presentations or workshops to students, explaining the volunteer opportunities available, and encouraging them to participate. MP EW successfully recruited 50 volunteers to support the campaign in Betul.
- c. Flash Mob in Betul (11th-12th September 2023):** To promote ethical voting and raise awareness about the importance of participating in democratic processes, three flash mobs were organized in key public locations – the bus stand, railway station, and stadium. These flash mobs aimed to engage and educate the local population, ultimately reaching around 800 people in total. The success of this event was made possible through a collaborative effort between community and the District Administration. Alongside the performances, participants held up play cards with compelling messages related to ethical voting. It was organised by 40 participants.
- d. Organizing Gondli Performances in Betul (1st-14th November 2023):** Under the joint initiative of ADR and District Administration Betul, Gondli performance was organised to create voter awareness. The Gondali is an art form of tribal community in which they earn their living by roaming around in the rural areas and singing bhajans. Via these songs, the people of Betul were motivated to be informed voters.

- e. **Bhajan Competition to Strengthen the Idea of Ethical Voting in Betul:** A unique Bhajan Competition was organized to promote voter awareness among communities in the interior rural areas of Betul district of MP. This program took place in several villages and panchayats of Betul district. Around 10 villages and 5 panchayats participated in this competition. Along with this, MP EW visited houses in the areas with low voter turnout and gave them invitation cards requesting them to vote.
- f. **Bailgadi/Bullock Cart Rally for Election Awareness in Rural Communities:** On 09th November 2023 to promote informed voting in many rural areas of Betul, MPEW organised bailgadi/ bullock cart rally.
- g. **Cycle Rally:** On 03rd November 2023, MP EW organised a cycle rally called **Pedalling for Democracy**. This cycle rally emerged as a powerful tool for promoting voter awareness and electoral literacy among people from various demographics. MP EW tried to bring school & college students, civil society groups, and individuals from different communities to ride through different areas, raising awareness about the importance of voting and civic engagement.
- h. **Mashal Rally/ Lighting the Flame of Voter Awareness:** On 01st November 2023, a Mashal rally was organised to create voter awareness and encourage 100% voting in the rural areas of Betul. The program was held in Gram Panchayat Pipariya of Betul district. In the rally members from the local panchayat body, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, and others participated.
- i. **Snake Ladder Game in Betul:** A snake ladder on voter awareness was also organised in Betul.
- xii. **Activities in Sagar & Balaghat:** Through different activities, MP EW to strengthen civic engagement for healthy and positive democracy by advocating people's active participation in elections.

- Odisha Election Watch**

Awareness Campaigns on Informed Voting for Youths by Odisha Election Watch				
Date	District	Venue	No. of Participants	Link
02-Mar-24	Khordha	Capital Nurshing College, Puranpradhan, Baliana	114	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kordha
05-Mar-24	Koraput	Radhakrishna Degree College, Padua	90	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-koraput-2
06-Mar-24	Khordha	Swami Vivekananda Institute of Hotel Management and Tourism, Pokhariput, Bhubaneswar	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kordha-0
06-Mar-24	Keonjhar	Anchalika Degree Mahavidyalaya Padmapur	103	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-keonjhar
06-Mar-24	Koraput	Biju Pattnaik Degree College, Kundra, Koraput	154	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-koraput
07-Mar-24	Keonjhar	Pataeswar Degree Mahavidyalaya, Suakati	102	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-keonjhar-1
07-Mar-24	Koraput	Government College	177	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-koraput-1
07-Mar-24	Keonjhar	Mahapat Degree Mahavidyalaya, Janghira	102	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-keonjhar-2
07-Mar-24	Jajpur	Biraj School of Nursing, Jajpur Block	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-jajpur
09-Mar-24	Koraput	Gangeswary Degree College, Pottangi	114	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-koraput-0
11-Mar-24	Jajpur	FUTURE School of Nursing, Vyasnager Municipality	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-jajpur-0
11-Mar-24	Balasore	Kalam Group of Institution, Soro	99	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore

12-Mar-24	Khordha	Swami Vivekananda Institute of Management, Baneitangi	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-1
12-Mar-24	Sambalpur	Bichhalal Ramachandra Gupta College, Bhojpur	90	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sambalpur-0
12-Mar-24	Balasore	Jhadeswar Group of Institutions, Balasore	99	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore-0
12-Mar-24	Sambalpur	Jamankira Degree College, Jamankira	118	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sambalpur
12-Mar-24	Kandhamal	Sudhakiran Degree College, Raikia	112	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kandhamal
13-Mar-24	Khordha	Govt. ITI, Bhubaneswar	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kordha-1
13-Mar-24	Sambalpur	Jujumura College, Jujumura	87	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sambalpur-1
13-Mar-24	Balasore	K.C.Pipili Mahavidyalaya, Baliapal	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore-1
13-Mar-24	Kandhamal	Adivasi College, Baliguda	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kandhamal-1
13-Mar-24	Sambalpur	Parbati Giri Degree College, Phuljharan	93	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sambalpur-2
14-Mar-24	Balasore	Laxmipriya Women's College, Baliapal	98	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore-2
14-Mar-24	Kandhamal	Jeeban Joti College, Raikia	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kandhamal-0
14-Mar-24	Jajpur	Badachana Block	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-jajpur-2
14-Mar-24	Jajpur	Manorama School of Nursing	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-jajpur-1

14-Mar-24	Dhenkanal	Pingua Degree College, Gondia Block	46	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-dhenkanal
15-Mar-24	Kandhamal	K B Hist College, Baliguda	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-kandhamal-2
16-Mar-24	Bargarh	Vindhya Vasini Degree College, Paikmal	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-bargarh
16-Mar-24	Bargarh	Mandosil Degree College, Mandosil	80	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-bargarh-0
18-Mar-24	Dhenkanal	Mahima Mahavidyala, Joranda	48	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-dhenkanal-0
23-Mar-24	Sundergarh	Nirmal Munda College, Bhalulata	150	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sundergarh-0
28-Mar-24	Balasore	Jagannath Degree College, Jaleswar	110	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore-3
28-Mar-24	Sundergarh	DAMITS College, Rourkela	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-sundergarh
30-Mar-24	Balasore	L.P Degree College, Baliapal	100	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-balasore-4
31-Mar-24	Khordha	Sanatan Harichandan Degree Mahavidyaya, Madanpur	102	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaign-youths-odisha-election-watch-3

Seminars by Odisha Election Watch				
Event	Date	Location	Topic	Link
State-level Seminar	29-Sep-23	Panthanivas, Bhubaneswar	No Voter To Be Left Behind: Making Elections Inclusive and Accessible	https://adrindia.org/content/state-level-seminar-odisha-election-watch
Seminar on Youth Empowerment through Civic Education: Tool for Informed Voting	29-Mar-24	Ground Floor Conference Hall, Red Cross Bhawan, Bhubaneswar	a.) Civic Education & Youth Empowerment b.) Electoral Process in India c.) Critical Thinking & Media Literacy d.) Tools & Technologies for Informed Voting	https://adrindia.org/content/seminar-youth-empowerment-through-civic-education-tool-informed-voting

Odisha Election Watch



- **Rajasthan Election Watch**

- ❖ **Janmanch (Forums):** Ahead of the 2023 Assembly Elections, Rajasthan Election Watch, along with local organisations, organised Janmanch (forums) in Bharatpur, Kota, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Rajsamand, and Beawar districts to remind common voters and parties of their responsibilities. Hundreds of men and women participated in these forums, showing great enthusiasm regarding the elections. All citizens were encouraged to contribute to the local issues for inclusion in the public manifestos, including water, employment, land rights, pensions, education, accountable laws, and more.

- ❖ **Initiatives and future plans:** Rajasthan Election Watch conveyed to upcoming voters that this time, before the release of political parties' manifestos, they would present the public manifesto to political parties, emphasising the acknowledgment of public sentiments in their election manifestos, stressing unity in society, creating plans for the benefit of the poor, and increasing public participation. During these forums, rural men and women decided to organise local-level meetings in their respective areas and agreed to support meritorious candidates who aligned with public manifestos. They pledged to motivate everyone to vote for genuine and good candidates.

It was decided, at the end of each district forum, to form local-level Election Watch Committees for election monitoring and to ensure strict adherence to the Model Code of Conduct during elections.

More than 10,000 leaflets were distributed across Rajasthan, conveying messages about choosing genuine and good candidates to millions of voters.

Other Events Organised by Rajasthan Election Watch			
Event	Date	Location	Link
Voter Awareness Campaigns	From 15-Apr-23 to 17-Apr-23	Ajmer	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness-campaigns-rajasthan-election-watch
Public Manifesto Drafting	14-Sep-23	Shiv Charan Mathur Social Policy Research Center, Jaipur	https://adrindia.org/content/public-manifesto-drafting-rajasthan-election-watch
Janmanch (Consultation on Election Watch and the People's Manifesto)	08-Nov-23	Shaheed Smarak Police Commissioner's Office, Jaipur	https://adrindia.org/content/janmanch-rajasthan-election-watch

Rajasthan Election Watch



- Uttarakhand Election Watch**

Grassroot Awareness Campaigns Organised by Uttarakhand Election Watch		
Date	Location	Link
31-Aug-23	Harmani Malla, Gwaldam, Gagadi Gol, Kamedi and Rawainkhal.	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch
01-Sep-23	Bageshwar Market, Moharana Faat, Tagdiya Gaad, Tehsil Road, Bageshwar Bar Association Meeting, Numaish Khet and Bilona	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-0
03-Sep-23	Kausani, Garud; and Baijnath	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-2
04-Sep-23	Mankot, Chati, Mandal Sera, and Joshi Gaon	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-1



- **West Bengal Election Watch**

- ❖ **Grassroots Awareness Camps:** For the **Panchayat Election 2023**, West Bengal Election Watch (WBEW) successfully organized Grassroots Awareness Camps in villages which were also attended by Panchayati Raj Institutions' representatives. The camps aimed to generate mass awareness about voting rights and motivate the rural voters to become informed citizens and voters. They were sensitized about the importance of every vote and its possible effects on their future.

Grassroots Voter Awareness Campaigns Organised by West Bengal Election Watch			
Date	Location	No. of Participants	Link
15-May-23	Coochbehar, Nazirhat, Dinhata	56	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election-watch-9
17-May-23	Birbhum, Ballavpur	56	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election-watch-8
20-May-23	Coochbehar, Salmora, Dinhata	51	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaig-west-bengal-election-watch
20-May-23	South 24 Pgs, Kusumtola, Mousuni Island, Sunderban	51	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election-watch-7
02-Jun-23	Birbhum, Labpur	38	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-3
06-Jun-23	South 24 Pgs, Sonarpur	45	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-9
22-Jun-23	Darjeeling, Mirik	34	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-8
26-Jun-23	Murshidabad, Salar	48	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-7
27-Jun-23	Purba Burdwan, Agradwip	52	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-4
28-Jun-23	Murshidabad, Beldanga	47	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-6
28-Jun-23	Nadia, Bethuadahari	49	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroot-awareness-camps-5

❖ **Youth Outreach Activity:**

Youth Workshop Organised by West Bengal Election Watch				
Date	Location	Topic	No. of Participants	Link
03-Sep-23	South 24 pgs, Champahati	Responsible use of social media	25	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-0

❖ **Survey:**

West Bengal Election Watch conducted the voter's behaviour survey in several districts of West Bengal and collected opinions from the rural voters on their expectations from the government. The survey was conducted by our volunteer across seven districts of West Bengal and collated their responses into a video.

Survey video link: <https://bit.ly/3zXg9AN>

West Bengal Election Watch





Information Technology

About: Along the years, ADR has expanded its Information Technology to streamline its data analysis and multiplied its communication initiatives by incorporating cutting-edge technologies to not only disseminate the information, but also to establish a broad base for the outreach on the ground.

Activities of the IT Team:

1. **Application Program Interfaces (APIs):** Ahead of every State Assembly Elections, ADR generates APIs for media houses/organisations for the dissemination of data related to the candidates' background in a secure and reliable manner. These APIs are used for querying candidates' information from a constituency of interest. Apart from their research, media houses display the details of the candidates on their websites in engaging ways to draw the attention of the voters, hence, facilitating our aim of encouraging citizens to be informed voters.

2. **Exclusive Webpages for State Assembly Elections 2024 and Lok Sabha Elections 2024:** For all the State Assembly Elections in 2024 and Lok Sabha Elections 2024, dedicated webpages were created to list the related reports:
 - i. **Andhra Pradesh Assembly Elections 2024:** <https://adrindia.org/content/andhra-pradesh-elections-2024>
 - ii. **Arunachal Pradesh Assembly Elections 2024:** <https://adrindia.org/content/aranachal-pradesh-elections-2024>
 - iii. **Odisha Assembly Elections 2024:** <https://adrindia.org/content/odisha-elections-2024>
 - iv. **Sikkim Assembly Elections 2024:** <https://adrindia.org/content/sikkim-elections-2024>
 - v. **Lok Sabha Elections 2024:** <https://adrindia.org/content/lok-sabha-elections-2024>

3. **New Section: Publications Using ADR Datasets:**

A new section on adrindia.org titled "Publications Using ADR Datasets" has been added. This section includes various publications, reports, judgments, and orders that utilize any of our datasets or cite ADR's work, data, or legal interventions.

4. **Server Monitoring and Maintenance:**

- Monitoring server performance, uptime, and health.
- Applying software updates, patches, and security updates.
- Performing regular backups and ensuring data recovery processes are in place.

5. **User Management:**

- Managing user accounts and permissions
- Monitoring user activity to ensure compliance with security requirements

6. **Security Management:**

- Conducting regular security audits and vulnerability assessments.
- Implement security best practices such as input validation, encryption, and secure authentication mechanisms.

7. **Server Configuration and Deployment:**

- Installing and configuring new virtual servers
- Managing server roles and services (e.g., web servers, database servers, mail servers)

8. **Disaster Recovery Planning:**

- Developing and maintaining disaster recovery plans
- Performing regular disaster recovery tests to ensure systems can be restored in the event of a failure

9. **Capacity Planning:**

- Assessing current server capacity and planning for future growth.

10. **Automation and Scripting:**

- Developing and maintaining scripts to automate routine tasks and improve efficiency

11. Design and Architecture:

- Design the overall architecture of the application, including database schema, user interface, and backend logic.

12. Programming and Development:

- Write code in programming languages (e.g., php, JQuery, JavaScript) to implement application features and functionality.

13. Testing and Debugging:

- Conduct integration testing to ensure different modules work together seamlessly.
- Debug and troubleshoot issues found during testing phases.

14. Version Control and Collaboration:

- Use version control systems (e.g., Git) to manage codebase changes.
- Code review to ensure code quality and adherence to coding standards.

15. Performance Optimisation:

- Monitoring resource usage and ensuring efficient allocation of resources
- Identify and address performance bottlenecks in the application code
- Optimize database queries, caching mechanisms, and frontend rendering for improved performance

16. API Design and Development:

- Design and develop RESTful APIs to provide access to application functionality to external systems
- Define endpoints, request/response formats, authentication mechanisms



Our Achievements

- **Landmark judgment of the Supreme Court in ADR's petition challenging Finance Act, 2017; Electoral Bonds and Removal of company's limit to donate: W.P (C) 880/2017:** On 15th February 2024, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India in a petition filed by ADR gave a landmark judgment holding the anonymous, unregulated and unlimited funding through electoral bonds and companies as unconstitutional. For more information, please visit the Strategic Litigation section of this report.
- **Contempt petition by ADR in the Supreme Court seeking initiation of contempt proceedings against State Bank of India (SBI) for wilfully and deliberately disobeying the Supreme Court directions dated 15th February 2024:** On 11th March 2024, the Supreme Court while rejecting the State Bank of India's request directed SBI to disclose the details by the close of business hours on 12th March 2024 and further directed SBI to file an affidavit of its Chairman and Managing Director upon compliance with the directions. The court also directed ECI to compile the information and publish the details on its official website no later than 5 PM on 15th March 2024.
- **Supreme Court Judgment in a petition seeking direction for counting of 100% VVPATS in all EVMS W.P (C)434/2023:** On 14th March 2023, ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking for counting of 100% VVPATs in the EVMs. The petition stated that in order to have the fullest transparency in the system and to restore the confidence of the voters' paper trail is an indispensable requirement of free and fair elections, and therefore, ECI should be directed to introduce Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail ('VVPAT') in all EVMs. On 26th April 2024, a two Judges' Bench of the Supreme Court refused ADR's prayer for counting of 100% VVPATs in all EVMs. However, to strengthen the integrity of the electoral process two directions were issued by the Bench. For more information, please visit the Strategic Litigation section of this report.
- **Re-affirming ADR's mission of bringing transparency in electoral practices:** The Supreme Court of India has listed ADR's PIL on Political Parties under RTI, PIL against

amendments in the FCRA separately, PIL on voter discrepancies and mechanism of declaration of election result, PIL challenging the constitutional validity of the new law dealing with the appointment of Members of Election Commission of India, and intervention application on matter related to the disqualification of candidates on charges framed.

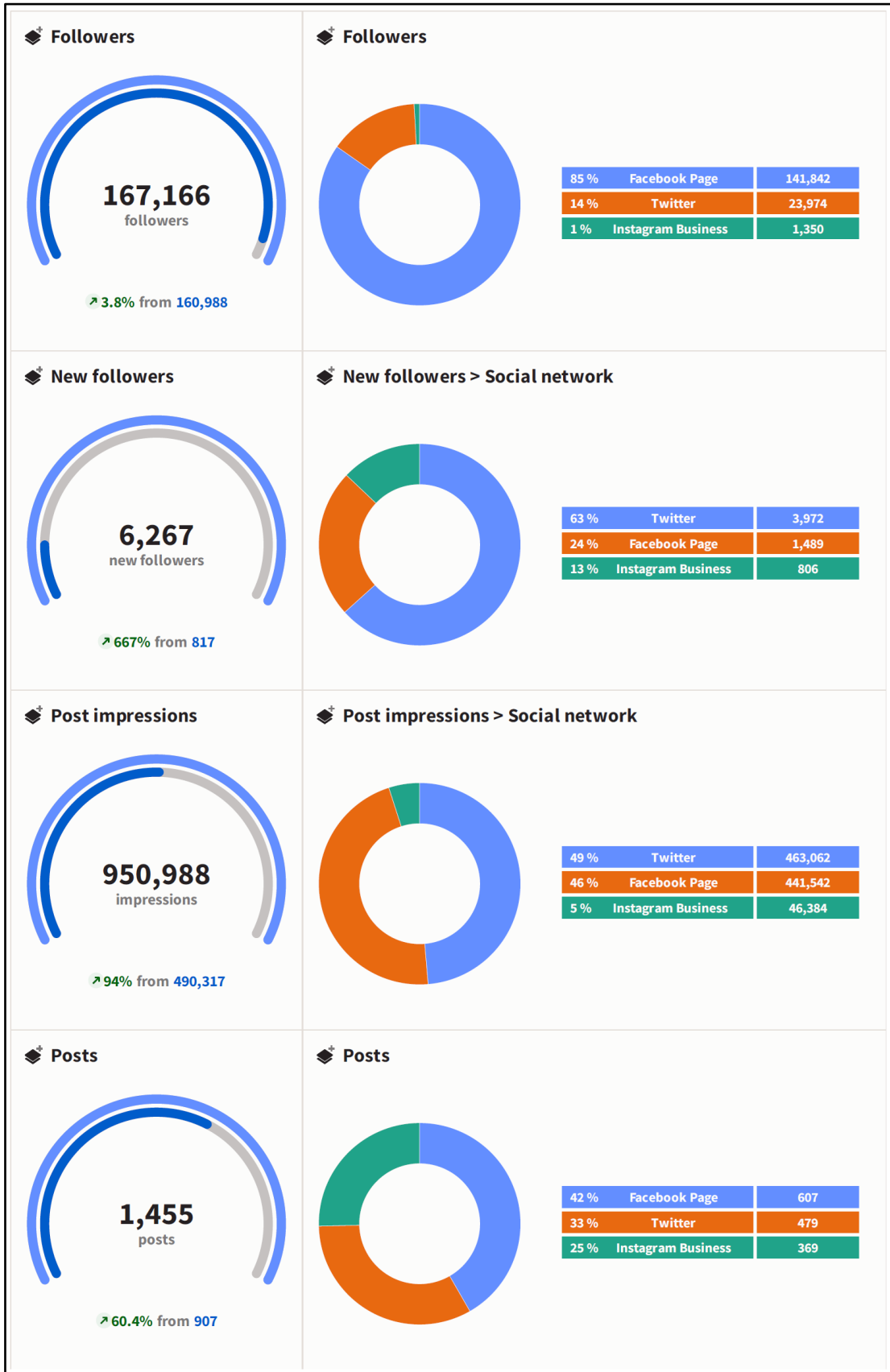
- **Appreciation Certificate from Betul and Bhopal District Election Office: Ms Rolly Shivhare, Madhya Pradesh State Coordinator of ADR**, received an Appreciation Certificate from Betul and Bhopal District Election Office on the occasion of National Voters' Day, 25th January 2024, for the outstanding voter awareness campaign conducted during the Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2023. Her initiative spanned across six districts within the state with the support of ADR showcasing a commitment to widespread civic education. A particular focus was placed on engaging with the youth of Madhya Pradesh, emphasizing their crucial role in shaping the democratic process. Through our outreach, we underlined the importance of voting as a fundamental right, coupled with the idea that posing questions about the country's affairs also comes with the responsibility to actively participate by casting a vote. This approach aimed to empower the youth, fostering a sense of duty towards the nation's democratic fabric.
- **Mera Vote Mera Desh Campaign:** ADR along with National Election Watch managed to run a successful nationwide "Mera Vote Mera Desh" voter awareness campaign in several states. **Over 155 online and offline events were organized** in FY 2023-24.
- **Election Watch Reports:** Election Watch released 67 reports, analyzed 10,885 candidates, and covered 50 elections in FY 2023-24.
- **Political Party Watch Reports:** Political Party Watch released 20 reports and analyzed 367 political parties in FY 2023-24.
- **ADR's Media Coverage:** In FY 2023-24, ADR's data was cited/quoted in **over 3011+ by regional, national, and international media**. ADR participated in **53 interviews, debates, and discussions**, which were broadcast on various national and regional news channels.
- **Website Traffic:** The website traffic for users increased during FY 2023-24 by **1,131.1%** with a total of **10 million users** for myneta.info. MyNeta website garnered **10 million new users** during FY 2023-24 which is higher than new users MyNeta website acquired in FY 2022-23 by **1,118.7%**.

The website traffic for users increased during FY 2023-24 by **2,628.6%** with a total of **349K users** for adrindia.org. ADR India website garnered **350K new users** during FY

2023-24 which is higher than new users ADR India website acquired in FY 2022-23 by **2,631.4%**.

- **Youth Engagement:** Under ADR's Youth Outreach Programme, 'Hum Badlenge Apna Bharat', ADR with the National Election Watch **reached out to thousands of youth through offline & online means**.
- **Voters Reached:** During the 2023 State Assembly Elections and ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections, ADR & National Election Watch via collaborations, media, and other voter awareness activities **reached out to more than one crore voters**.
- **ADR's Social Media Presence:** In FY 2023-24, ADR received **73,47,753 impressions** on Twitter, YouTube, and Facebook; this is more than impressions on the same platforms in FY 2022-23 by **676.2%**. Some overall analyses for Facebook pages, Twitter, and Instagram are the following:

Comparison between Apr 01, 2023 - Mar 30, 2024 and Apr 01, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023



About ADR

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Our Founders

Our Founders at the time of founding ADR in 1999 were:

1. Trilochan Sastry (Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)
2. Jagdeep S. Chhokar (Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad)
3. Sunil Handa (Eklavya Education Foundation, Ahmedabad and visiting Professor, IIM, Ahmedabad)
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Our Supporters

The various activities carried out in FY 2023-24 were made possible through the support of various individuals and organizations. We gratefully acknowledge the financial, material, moral, and technical support of innumerable well-wishers. It would be difficult to list all of them here but even the smallest contribution is deeply appreciated by ADR.

ADR especially acknowledges the donation from the **Lal Family Foundation** and **Mr S. Swaminathan**.

Appeal for Donations to ADR

Dear Supporters,

The present state of electoral politics of India requires organizations like ourselves to scale up their activities and expand reach. Our team is full of new ideas, projects and strategies to reform Indian democracy which will not see the light of the day with the limited resources we have at the moment. We need your help to eradicate corruption and criminalisation in the political process, empower the voters through greater dissemination of information on the candidates and the parties.

The electoral and political reforms we intend to bring demand gradual, unwavering, and long-term efforts. As long as the criminalization of politics, opacity in political party funding, etc., hinder governance and democratic processes, ADR's work as an "Election Watchdog", too, will continue to hold value - leading to measurable impact on electoral politics through insightful data and findings.

The following are the impacts your donation will create:

1. Help ADR to continue its efforts on improving governance in India
2. Expand grassroots-level campaigning
3. Strengthen ADR's MyNeta website and its corresponding Android mobile application
4. Assist ADR in diversifying its data compilation, analysis, and dissemination methods
5. Compile and disseminating new reports by our teams
6. Strengthen ADR's legal advocacy measures

Please note that we are now open to accept donations through stocks, securities, and ESOPs.

For further details, kindly contact us at adr@adrindia.org.

We look forward to your support in making this possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Financial Status

Name of the Public Trust : ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

REGISTRATION No. F/9339/AHMEDABAD

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

FUND & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or Corpus :			Immovable properties :		-
Balance as per last Balance Sheet.		32,174,000.00	<u>Local</u>		
Contribution from Founder Members-Opening		6,000.00	Computer : (At Cost) (Local)-Op.	1,614,126.79	
Other Earmarked Funds :			Add: Addition during the year	367,426.03	1,981,552.82
(Created under the provisions of the Trust					
Deed of Scheme or out of the income)			Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) -Op.		295,517.00
Fixed Assets Fund - Local : Op. Balance	2,756,533.77		Office Equipment : (At Cost) -Op.	557,685.98	
Add: Addition during the year	440,004.03		Add: Addition during the year	57,777.00	
Less: written/disposed off during the year	(16,100.00)	3,180,437.80	Less: written/disposed off during the year	(16,100.00)	599,362.98
Fixed Assets Fund - (Fcra) : Op. Balance	2,643,831.00		Electrical Fittings : (At Cost) -Op.	289,204.00	
Less: written/disposed off during the year	(15,700.00)	2,628,131.00	Add: Addition during the year	14,801.00	304,005.00
<u>Grants:-</u>			<u>Fcra</u>		
DAP Project- Australian High Commission-Op bal.	1,500,000.00		Computer : (At Cost)-Op.		1,640,591.00
Less: utilised during the year	(1,500,000.00)	-	Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) -Op.		401,090.00
Liabilities :			Office Equipment : (At Cost) -Op.	598,865.00	
Duties & Taxes	137,087.00		Less: written/disposed off during the year	(15,700.00)	583,165.00
Sundry Creditors	32,103.41		Electrical Fittings : (At Cost) -Op.		3,285.00
Staff Expenses Payable	140,160.00		Investments :		
Employee Gratuity Payable	3,994,589.00		In Fixed Deposit Account with		
Provisions for Expenses	21,843.48	4,325,782.89	HDFC Bank - General Fund	11,930,778.62	
Income and expenditure Account :			HDFC Bank - Corpus Fund	32,334,260.00	44,265,038.62
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	12,421,082.52		Advances :		
Less : Deficit as per Income & Exp A/c	(477,356.41)	11,943,726.11	To Staff Advances	49,974.00	
			To Other Advances	8,980.00	
			To Donation collection A/c.-Razor Pay	662,859.00	
			To Prepaid Expenses	300,334.71	1,022,147.71
			To TDS Earlier Years(opening)	890,407.23	
			Add: Addition during the year	228,935.58	1,119,342.81
			Security Deposits:- Opening Balance		420,000.00
			(i) Cash And Bank Balances-		
			In Current/Savings Account with :		
			HDFC Bank - 50100131483489	161,433.27	
			HDFC S/B-16651450000035	1,268,202.26	
			HDFC S/B Utilisation -16651450000028	16.02	
			PNB S/B A/c -3093000117477093	16,555.48	
			SBI FCRA S/B A/c-40053893403	172,435.83	1,618,642.86
			(ii) Cash in hand - Local		4,337.00
Total		54,258,077.80	Total		54,258,077.80

Name of the Public Trust : ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

Registration No. F/9339/AHMEDABAD

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.
To Expenditure in respect of properties : Rates, Taxes, Cessess - Muni. Tax Repairs and maintenance - Building Salaries Insurance Depreciation (by way of provision or adjustments) Other expenses			By Grants Utilised - Annexure-3		1,500,000.00
To Remuneration (in the case of a math to the head of the math, including his house-hold expenditure, any)			By Voluntary Contributions Donation Received- in Bank Donation Received- in kind(Shares)	12,953,183.20 7,905,000.00	20,858,183.20
To Income Applied to Fixed Assets	440,004.03	440,004.03	By Interest on Bank Deposits Interest on FDRs Saving Bank Interest	2,289,397.02 59,940.00	2,349,337.02
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 Election Watch Activities Exp- Annexure-2	- - - - 10,966,525.25 17,650,789.22		By Other Income Refund of Membership Fees from IDEGG Annual Membership Fees Short Term Capital Gain on Sale of Shares Sale proceeds of old scrapped Assets	500,000.00 3,500.00 3,365,741.87 3,200.00	3,872,441.87
			By Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Balance Sheet		477,356.41
Total		29,057,318.50	Total		29,057,318.50

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Others	12	3 (28%)
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