

Theme

‘14th Annual National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms’ will be inaugurated by the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Shri O.P.Rawat, on 10th March, 2018 at 10 AM at IIM - Bangalore. The event will see discussions on major issues related to electoral and political reforms such as role of Judiciary, Media and Information Technology in Governance along with presentations by Sarpanchas and State Coordinators of ADR on successful election campaigns.

Brief Introduction of the Event

The **‘14th Annual National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms’** of **Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)** is being jointly organized with **Karnataka Election Watch (KEW)** on 10th and 11th March, 2018 at IIM - Bangalore.

ADR, a citizen led, non-political and non-governmental organization, has been working for around two decades with the objective of bringing electoral and political reforms, so as to improve democracy and governance in India. **KEW** is the Karnataka chapter of the National Election Watch (NEW), a congregation of over 1200 Civil Society groups across the country. ADR conducts this event in a different state capital every year. The National Conference is an opportunity for us to add impetus and synergy to our work by bringing together all stakeholders.

The Chief Election Commissioner of India, Shri O.P.Rawat, has consented to be the Chief Guest and give the keynote address on 10th March, 2018. Representatives of the National Election Watch from each State Chapter, members of political parties, government institutions and media will be present to deliberate on issues related to electoral and political reform in the country.

Some of the major topics of discussion will be- “Muscle and money power: Impact on Elections, Legal Advocacy: A Tool for Electoral Reforms, Political Reforms and the Fourth Estate, Money power and Elections – Success stories from the exceptions, IT and Governance and Role of Youth & Voter Awareness : Advocacy by State Coordinators.”