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Electoral Reforms Decriminalize Politics



Curb Election Expenditure



Impact of media on elections and governance



Political Transparency and Accountability



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

-Felix Frankfurter

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History of ADR

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

Mission

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

Focus Areas

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



Election Watch

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

During the FY 2021-2022, Election Watch was conducted for the following elections:

- Rajya Sabha Elections
- Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal State Assembly Elections 2021
- Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur State Assembly Elections 2022
- Bye Elections
- Local Body Elections
- Legislative Council Elections

Following reports were released by Election Watch during FY 2021-22:

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

- Kerala Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 01st April 2021
- Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 01st April 2021



- Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates - Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal Assembly Elections, 2021- 01st April 2021
- Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Assam Assembly Election 2021-03rd April 2021
- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021 Phase IV: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates - 03rd April 2021
- Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Kerala Assembly Election 2021 - 4th April 2021
- Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Puducherry Assembly Election 2021- 5th April 2021
- Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021- 5th April 2021
- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021 Phase V: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 9th April 2021
- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021 Phase VI: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 12th April 2021
- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021 Phase VII: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 19th April 2021

- 12. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the West Bengal Assembly Election 2021- 23rd April 2021
- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021 Phase VIII: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 23rd April 2021
- 14. Consolidated winning candidates report on Criminal Background, Financial and other Details of winning candidates of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry Assembly Elections, 2021- 5th May 2021



- 15. Assam Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- **5th May 2021**
- Kerala Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- 5th May 2021
- Puducherry Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- 5th May 2021
- Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- 5th May 2021

- West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- 5th May 2021
- Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Tamil Nadu Assembly 2021 -11th May 2021
- 21. West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the West Bengal Assembly 2021-12th May 2021
- 22. Assam Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Assam Assembly 2021- 13th May 2021
- 23. Kerala Assembly Elections 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers in the Kerala Assembly 2021 - 24th May 2021
- 24. Analysis of Criminal, Financial, and Other background details of Union Council of Ministers Post Cabinet Expansion on 7th July, 2021 - 9th July 2021
- Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of New Ministers in the Gujarat Assembly 2017 Post Cabinet Reconstitution on 16th September, 2021- 17th September 2021
- 26. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of New Ministers in the Punjab Assembly 2017 Post Cabinet Expansion on 26th September 2021- 4th October 2021
- 27. Lok Sabha and Assembly Bye Elections October 2021: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 27th October 2021
- 28. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Goa Sitting MLAs- 15th November 2021
- Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of New Ministers in the Rajasthan Assembly 2018 - Post Cabinet Expansion on 21st November 2021- 24th November 2021
- 30. Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Uttarakhand Sitting MLAs- 2nd December 2021



- Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of New Ministers in the Haryana Assembly 2019 - Post Cabinet Expansion on 28th December 2021- 29th December 2021
- 32. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase I: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 2nd February 2022
- 33. Uttarakhand Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 7th February 2022
- 34. Goa Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 8th February 2022
- 35. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase II: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **9th February 2022**
- 36. Punjab Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **11th February 2022**
- 37. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Uttarakhand Assembly Election 2022- **12th February 2022**
- 38. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Goa Assembly Election 2022- 12th February 2022

- 39. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase III: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **15**th **February 2022**
- 40. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Punjab Assembly Election 2022- **16th February 2022**
- 41. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase IV: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **17**th **February 2022**
- 42. Manipur Assembly Elections 2022 Phase I: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **18th February 2022**
- 43. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase V: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **21**st **February 2022**
- 44. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase VI: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **24th February 2022**
- 45. Manipur Assembly Elections 2022 Phase II: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- 25th February 2022
- Manipur Assembly Elections, 2022: Consolidated Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Candidates - Phase 1 and 2- 26th February 2022
- 47. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs in the Manipur Assembly Election 2022- **26th February 2022**
- 48. Analysis of Assets Comparison of Re-Contesting MLAs/MLCs in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly Election 2022- 2nd March 2022



- 49. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022 Phase VII: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates- **3rd March 2022**
- 50. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections, 2022: Consolidated Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Candidates Phase 1 to 7- 3rd March 2022
- 51. Consolidated candidates' report on Criminal Background, Financial and other Details of candidates of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections, 2022- 4th March 2022



- 52. Uttarakhand Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- **11th March 2022**
- 53. Goa Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidate- 12th March 2022
- 54. Manipur Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- **12th March 2022**

- 55. Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- **13th March 2022**
- 56. Punjab Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates- **14th March 2022**
- 57. Consolidated winning candidates' report on Criminal Background, Financial and other Details of candidates of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections, 2022- 15th March 2022
- 58. Punjab Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers - 21st March 2022
- 59. Manipur Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers **22**nd **March 2022**
- 60. Uttarakhand Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers **24**th **March 2022**
- Ottar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers - 26th March 2022



62. Goa Assembly Elections 2022: Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of Ministers - **29**th **March 2022**

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

- Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners in Kerala Assembly Elections, 2021- 20th May 2021
- Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners in West Bengal Assembly Elections, 2021- 25th May 2021
- Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners in Puducherry Assembly Elections, 2021- 4th June 2021
- Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners in Assam Assembly Elections, 2021- 15th June 2021
- Analysis of Vote Share and Margin of Victory of Winners in Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections, 2021- 22nd June 2021



- Analysis of Election Expenditure statements of MLAs from the Puducherry Assembly Elections 2021- 29th June 2021
- Analysis of Election Expenditure statements of MPs for the Lok Sabha Elections 2019-2nd July 2021
- Analysis of Election Expenditure statements of MLAs from the West Bengal Assembly Elections 2021- 26th August 2021
- Analysis of Performance of MLAs 7th Legislative Assembly of Goa (2017 2021)- 15th November 2021
- Analysis of Performance of MLAs 11th Legislative Assembly of Manipur (2017 2021) **10th January 2022**

III. New Reports

- Analysis of Re-contesting Candidates and MLAs Who Changed Parties in the recent Assembly Elections 2021- 8th June 2021
- Analysis of Format C7 Publication of Reasons Given for Selection of Candidates with Criminal Cases by Political Parties- 22nd July 2021
- Analysis of MPs, MLAs and Ministers who have declared criminal cases where the charges have been framed under Section 8(1) (2) & (3) of the R.P Act,1951- 23rd August 2021
- Analysis of Re-Contesting Candidates and MPs/MLAs who changed parties in the Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections (For the Period 2014 to 2021)- 9th September 2021



Elections Covered during FY 2021-2022							
S. No.	Election Name	Election Year	State Name	Number of Seats	Date of Poll	Candidates Contesting	
1	Assembly Elections	2021	Assam Phase- II	39	01- Apr-21	345	
2	Assembly Elections	2021	Assam Phase- III	40	06- Apr-21	337	
3		2021	West Bengal Phase- II	30	01- Apr-21	171	
4		2021	West Bengal Phase- III	31	06- Apr-21	205	
5	Assembly Elections	2021	West Bengal Phase- IV	44	10- Apr-21	373	
6		2021	West Bengal Phase- V	45	17- Apr-21	319	
7		2021	West Bengal Phase- VI	43	22- Apr-21	306	
8		2021	West Bengal Phase- VII	36	26- Apr-21	286	
9		2021	West Bengal Phase- VIII	35	29- Apr-21	283	
10	Assembly Elections	2021	Kerala	140	06- Apr-21	957	
11	Assembly Elections	2021	Puducherry	30	06- Apr-21	324	
12	Assembly Elections	2021	Tamil Nadu	234	06- Apr-21	3998	
13	Lok Sabha Bye Election	2021	Kerala, Tamil Nadu	2	06- Apr-21	18	
14	Lok Sabha Bye Election	2021	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka	2	17- Apr-21	38	
15	Assembly Bye Elections	2021	11 States (Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttarakhand)	14	17- Apr-21	162	
16	Rajya Sabha	2021	Kerala	3	12- Apr-21	3	
17	Rajya Sabha	2021	West Bengal	1	09- Aug-21	1	
18	Rajya Sabha	2021	Tamil Nadu	1	13- Sep-21	1	
19	Assembly Bye Elections	2021	West Bengal, Odisha	4	30- Sep-21	22	
20	Rajya Sabha	2021	Puducherry, West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh	7	04-Oct-21	7	
21	Legislative Council	2021	Bihar	1	04-Oct-21	1	
22	Lok Sabha Bye Election	2021	3 States (UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh)	3	30-Oct-21	26	
23	Assembly Bye Elections	2021	14 States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Telangana, West Bengal)	30	30-Oct-21	239	
24	Rajya Sabha	2021	Kerala, West Bengal	2	29-Nov-21	2	
25	Legislative Council	2021	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana	3	29-Nov-21	3	
26	Legislative Council	2021	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra	54	10-Dec-21	54	
27	Local Body Elections	2022	Odisha	851	16-Feb-22	726	
28	Assembly Elections	2022	Goa	40	14-Feb-22	301	
29	Assembly Elections	2022	Manipur Phase- I	38	28-Feb-22	173	
30	.,		Manipur Phase- II	22	05-Mar-22	92	
31	Assembly Elections	2022	Punjab	117	20-Feb-22	1304	
32	Assembly Elections	2022	Uttarakhand	70	14-Feb-22	636	
33		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- I	58	10-Feb-22	623	
34	Assembly Elections	2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- II	55	14-Feb-22	586	

	Elections Covered during FY 2021-2022						
S. No.	Election Name	Election Year	State Name	Number of Seats	Date of Poll	Candidates Contesting	
35		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- III	59	20-Feb-22	627	
36		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- IV	59	23-Feb-22	624	
37		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- V	61	27-Feb-22	693	
38		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- VI	57	03-Mar-22	676	
39		2022	Uttar Pradesh Phase- VII	54	07-Mar-22	613	
40	Assembly Bye Elections	2022	Assam	1	07-Mar-22	3	
41	Legislative Council	2022	Andhra Pradesh	1	24-Mar-22	1	
		Total		2417		16159	



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.

	Reports by Political Party Watch during FY 2021-22							
S. No.	Report Type	Report Name	Date of Release	Number of Parties Analysed				
1	Audit Report	Analysis of Income & Expenditure of National & Regional Political Parties- FY 2019-20	18-Apr-21	19				
2	Election Expenditure Report	Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Bihar Assembly Election, 2020	03-Jun-21	9				
3	Electoral Trusts Report	Analysis of Contribution Reports of Electoral Trusts – FY 2019- 20	23-Jun-21	14				
4	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations Received By National Political Parties – FY 2019-20	04-Aug-21	7				
5	Electoral Bonds Report	Electoral Bonds and Opacity In Political Funding-Updated	10-Aug-21	-				
6	Audit Report	Analysis of Income and Expenditure of National Parties for FY 2019-20	27-Aug-21	7				
7	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of National Parties: FY 2019-20	31-Aug-21	7				

Following analyses on Political Parties were undertaken during FY 2021-22:

8	Audit Report	Analysis of Income and Expenditure of Regional Political Parties For FY 2019-20 - As on 11th October 2021	11-Oct-21	42
9	Contribution Report	Analysis of Donations Received by Regional Political Parties for FY 2019-20	29-Oct-21	30
10	Audit Report	Analysis of Sources of Funding of Regional Parties - FY 2019- 2020	11-Nov-21	28
11	Election Expenditure Report	Analysis of Funds Collected and Expenditure Incurred by Political Parties during Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry Assembly Elections, 2021	03-Dec-21	19
12	Audit Report	Analysis of Status of Submission of Annual Audit, Contribution Reports and Election Activity of Registered Unrecognised Political Parties of UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa & Manipur during FY 2019-20	10-Jan-22	90
13	Audit Report	Analysis of Assets & Liabilities of National & Regional Political Parties for FY 2019-20	28-Jan-22	51
		Total		323

Important Findings by PPW













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:

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

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

Current status of the petition:

On 5th March, 2019 ADR and Common Cause filed the first application for stay against the sale/purchase of electoral bonds for Lok Sabha 2019 elections. In the stay application ADR had contended that enormous amounts of corporate funding would be received by political parties during the general elections and this would play a critical role in the elections. In response to ADR's application, the Supreme Court in its interim order dated 12th April, 2019 directed all political parties to submit details of donations received via Electoral Bonds to the Election Commission of India in a sealed cover on or before 30th May 2019.

- On 29th November 2019, ADR and Common Cause filed a second application for stay against the sale/purchase of Electoral bonds to bring on record certain vital documents which have surfaced recently and have a strong bearing on the instant case.
- **On 26th October, 2020** ADR and Common Cause filed a third application for an urgent listing of the petition before the Supreme Court of India. The application for an urgent hearing was filed because;
 - I. ADR's petition was last heard by the Supreme Court on 20-01-2020 and hasn't been listed since then, i.e., for the last 9 months, even though very significant questions concerning democratic functioning of the country are raised in the instant matter which requires urgent adjudication.
 - II. Right before the Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections, the State Bank of India, in the XIV Phase of sale, issued Electoral Bonds through its 29 Authorized branches w.e.f. 19.10.2020 to 28.10.2020.
 - III. Whereas the Electoral Bond Scheme dated 02-01-2018 clearly stipulates sale of electoral bonds in January, April, July and October months of each year; however, the window was not opened in April and July, but was opened in October'20, right before the Bihar Legislative Elections, 2020.
- **On 9th March, 2021,** ADR and Common Cause filed a fourth application for stay on any further purchase of Electoral Bonds before the then-upcoming state elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry and Assam as it would further increase the illegal, illicit and anonymous political funding.
- **On 23rd August, 2021,** ADR and Common Cause filed a fifth application for stay on any further purchase of Electoral Bonds as it would further increase the illegal, illicit and anonymous political funding.

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

On 4th November, 2019, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Common Cause 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 Election Commission's Press Note dated 01 June 2019 that stated "… *the final data on votes counted has been made available within a few days of declaration of results……"*

In addition, ADR also seeks a direction from Supreme Court to the ECI to evolve an efficient, transparent, rational and robust procedure/mechanism by creating a separate department/grievance cell for investigation of discrepancies in election data and for responding to the elector's queries on the same. Through this petition, ADR is not challenging or questioning the final result of 2019 General Elections or the election process in the country. However, the issues and irregularities that arose in the conduct of the election/result of 2019 General Elections for effectuating free and fair elections, the survival of democracy and enforcement of fundamental rights. Based on our petition, on **13th December, 2019**, the Supreme Court of India had issued notices to the Election Commission of India and Union of India.

Current status of the petition:

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. Therefore, an application in the Supreme Court was filed on 27th February, 2020 to direct the Election Commission of India to;

- 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;
- To retain all other documents pertaining to the 17th Lok Sabha elections held in April, 2019.

ADR's petition has been pending in the Supreme Court since November, 2019.

Next date of hearing: As per the Supreme Court's website, there is no further/next date of hearing given by the court.

III. H.C.P 90/2020, Jamuna Vs. Secretary to Government of India and Others:

On 30th September, 2020, Madras High Court suo motu impleaded Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) in a Habeas Corpus petition in the matter of Jamuna vs. The Secretary to Government of India and Others; H.C.P No. 90/2020. In the said matter, the Madras High Court in its order dated 30/08/2020 had taken a serious note of the close and an alarming nexus between criminals, police and political parties. The court had further made the following observations:

"1) The Central Government has to come out with a comprehensive legislation to prohibit persons with criminal background from contesting elections to Parliament, State Legislatures and local bodies.

2) Why not the Central Government enact a law to prohibit candidates with criminal background contesting the elections to the Parliament as well as State legislatures as suggested by the Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 25.09.2018."

Current status of the petition:

On **1st October, 2020,** ADR also filed its written submission before the Madras High Court. In its submission ADR had contented the following:

- Disqualification of persons from contesting any of the elections to the public offices against whom charges have been framed for having committed serious criminal offences punishable by imprisonment of at least 5 years, and the case is filed at least 6 months prior to the election in question;
- Permanent disqualification of persons convicted of heinous crimes.
- Trial of cases in which the politicians are accused to be concluded in a time bound manner; and/or
- De-register and de-recognise any political party if it knowingly put up a candidate with a tainted background;
- Each political party to annually file the information on criminal antecedents of their Office Bearers and make such records available to the public, including NIL records.

On 6th September, 2021 the Habeas Corpus petition was disposed of by Madras High Court stating "*Since the period of detention itself is over, nothing survives for adjudication in this habeas corpus petition and accordingly, the same is closed.*"

IV. Suo Motu PIL in Karnataka High Court to monitor the progress of criminal cases against MPs and MLAs of Karnataka:

The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in a suo motu PIL (WP 10240/2020) is monitoring the progress of trials before Special Courts dealing with criminal cases against Members of Parliament, Members of State Legislative Assembly and Members of State Legislative Council. With a view to assist the Hon'ble High Court, Association for Democratic Reforms had submitted data pertaining to criminal cases against MPs and MLAs before the Amicus Curiae appointed by the High Court.

In addition, based on the data collated and analysed by ADR on criminal cases against MPs and MLAs of Karnataka, Daksh had analysed and submitted before the Amicus Curiae the progress of 8 criminal cases pending against MPs and 131 criminal cases that were filed against MLAs of Karnataka.

V. Petition challenging the constitutional validity of the current practice of appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners by Executive:

On 17th May, 2021 ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Constitutional validity of the current practice adopted by the government in appointment of Members of the Election Commission. In addition, the petition also seeks a direction from the court for constituting a neutral and independent collegium/ selection committee for appointment of Members of Election Commission on the lines of the recommendations given by the Law Commission in its 255thReport of March 2015; Second Administrative Reform Commission in its fourth Report of January 2007; Dr. Dinesh Goswami Committee in its Report of May 1990; and Justice Tarkunde Committee in its Report of 1975. In its petition, ADR has also contended that any practice of appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners solely by Executive is violative of Article 14 and Article 324(2) of the Constitution.

In its petition, ADR has also contended that presently the current practice of appointment of Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioners is done solely by the executive which is violative of Article 14 and Article 324(2) of the Constitution of India. The impugned practice is manifestly arbitrary and incompatible with Article 14 and Article 324(2) because these articles mandate Parliament to make a just, fair, and reasonable law for the appointment of Chief Election Commissioners and Election Commissioners. At present, appointment of members of the Election Commission is on the whims and fancies of the executive making the Commission an extended branch of the executive and therefore, violates the very foundation on which it was created. The Election Commission of India is not only responsible for conducting free and fair elections but it also renders a quasi-judicial function between the various political parties including the ruling government and other parties. In such circumstances the executive cannot be the sole participant in the appointment of members of the Election Commission as it gives unfettered discretion to the ruling party to choose someone whose loyalty to it is ensured and thereby renders the selection process vulnerable to manipulation.

Current status of the petition:

There are no court orders given in this petition. The petition has not been listed/come up before the court since the time it has been filed. There are no notices issued to the parties (respondents) in this petition by the court.

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



Activities on Advocacy, Networking & Voter Awareness

ADR organized many press conferences and panel discussions along with outdoor and social media campaigns. Many informative articles were also written by in-house researchers that were published in reputed newspapers and magazines. Over 20 years, ADR has associated with several state partners and eminent personalities who continue to collaborate with ADR for various campaign activities like 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 2021-22 are mentioned below:

1. Research Paper by Ms Shelly Mahajan, Senior Program Associate (Political Party Watch), ADR

The 2019 edition of the International Journal of Transparency and Accountability in Governance (IJTAG) focuses on the thematic area of governance or 'good governance' and features a research paper/article, 'Election campaign expenditure in India: A need for reforms', authored by Ms Shelly Mahajan, Senior Program Associate (Political Party Watch), Association for Democratic Reforms, from Pg 39-70.

Link:

https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/International_journal_of_transparency_accountability and_governance_2019.pdf

2. Letters to the Election Commission of India

On **01**st **April 2021**, Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) made a request before the Election Commission of India (ECI) *for an immediate implementation of reforms to stop instances of booth capturing, violence, bogus voting, voter intimidation etc. during elections and proposed recommendations for the same.*

Link:

https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/ADR%20Letter_ECI_booth%20capturing_1stApr21.p

On **05th May 2021**, ADR made a request before the ECI for immediate action for implementation of Voting Facilities for the Migrant Workers to enable them to vote from anywhere, during the upcoming State Assembly and Parliamentary elections. Link:

https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/ADR%20Letter_ECI_Voting%20Facilities%20for%20 the%20Migrant%20Workers.pdf

On 20th January 2022, ADR made an appeal before the ECI for immediate and full implementation of the Standard Operating Procedure issued vide letter no. 76/instructions/EEPS/2015/VoIII on seizure and release of cash/other items dated 29.05.2015 by the Election Commission of India.

Link: https://adrindia.org/sites/default/files/Letter_to_ECI_20thJanuary22_updated.pdf

3. Webinars and Online Press Conferences Organised by ADR

ADR organised webinars and online press conferences on pertinent issues. 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 and Online Press Conferences Organised by ADR						
Date	Торіс	Moderator	Speakers	Link			
01-Apr-21	Online Press Conference on Assembly Elections 2021 (Candidates Report)	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.), Head of ADR & National Election Watch (NEW)	 Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR & NEW Dr. Ujjaini Halim, West Bengal State Coordinator, NEW Mr. Tasaduk Ariful Hussain, Assam State Coordinator, NEW Mr. P. Joseph Victor Raj, Puducherry & Tamil Nadu State Coordinator, NEW 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/online-press- conference-adr- national-election- watch			
05-May-21	Online Press Conference on Assembly Elections 2021 (Winning	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.), Head of ADR & National Election Watch (NEW)	 Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR & NEW Dr. Ujjaini Halim, West Bengal State Coordinator, NEW Mr. Tasaduk Ariful Hussain, Assam State Coordinator, NEW 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/online-press- conference-adr- national-election- watch-0			

	Candidates Report)		 Mr. P. Joseph Victor Raj, Puducherry & Tamil Nadu State Coordinator, NEW 	
10-Jun-21	Publication of criminal cases against candidates selected by political parties along with reasons for such selection	Verma (Retd.),	 Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) from West Bengal, AITC Member Hon'ble Mr Justice Madan Bhimarao Lokur, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India Shri OP Rawat, Former Chief Election Commissioner Prof Trilochan Sastry, Founder Member, Chairman & Trustee of ADR Shri Alok Prasanna, Co-founder and Lead, Vidhi Karnataka 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/webinar-adr
15-Sep-21 (International Day of Democracy)	Role of Citizens in Improving the Future of Indian Democracy	Head of ADR & National Election	 Dr S.Y. Quraishi, Former CEC, Election Commission of India Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee – ADR and NEW Ms Leena Rikkila Tamang (Regional Director, The International Institute for Democracy & Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)) Mr Nikhil Dey (Founder Member, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) & National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI)) 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/webinar- occasion- international-day- democracy
25-Oct-21	Institutional Laxity towards Increasing Criminality in Indian Legislature	Prof Trilochan Sastry, Founder Member, Chairman and Trustee of ADR	 Dr Nasim Zaidi, Former Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India Dr K.V.K. Santhy, Associate Professor at NALSAR Ms Poonam Agarwal, Editor-Investigations, The Quint 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/webinar-adr-0
7-Dec-21 (in collaboration with Global Democracy Coalition Forum (GDCF) by International IDEA)	Political Finance Regime in India: Challenges and Remedies	Dr Ajit Ranade, Founder Member and Trustee, ADR	 Ms Khushbu Agrawal, Programme Officer at International IDEA Prof M.V. Rajeev Gowda, National Spokesperson, All India Congress Committee (AICC); former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, from Karnataka Mr Prashant Bhushan, Senior Lawyer, Supreme Court of India Mr J. S. Saharia, IAS (Retd), Chairman, International Society for Human Awakening & Development (ISHAD); former Chief Secretary & former State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra Prof Rahul Verma, Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research; Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, Ashoka University Mr Maneesh Chhibber, Senior Journalist 	https://adrindia.org/c ontent/global- democracy-coalition- forum-gdcf- international-idea
21-Jan-22	"धनबल, बाहुबल और अपराधीकरण का राजनीति और	प्रोफेसर त्रिलोचन शास्त्री, एडीआर के फाउंडर मेम्बर, अध्यक्ष व ट्रस्टी	• डॉ. नसीम ज़ैदी, पूर्व मुख्य चुनाव आयुक्त, भारत निर्वाचन आयोग • श्री शक्ति कांत, पूर्व जिला न्यायाधीश, कोर टीम मेंबर उत्तर प्रदेश इलेक्शन वॉच	https://bit.ly/3cpJGY4

	लोकतंत्र पर दुष्प्रभाव"		• प्रोफेसर निरंजन साहू, आब्जर्वर रिसर्च फाउंडेशन में सीनियर फेलो • श्री शरद गुप्ता, लोकमत ग्रुप ऑफ पब्लिकेशन में सीनियर संपादक	
14-Feb-22	Search and seizure of cash and other prohibited items during elections	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	 Mr J. S. Saharia, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, International Society for Human Awakening & Development; former Chief Secretary & former State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra Mr Venkatesh Nayak, Programme Head, Access to Information Programme, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative Mr Gulam Jeelani, Assistant Editor, Moneycontrol 	<u>https://adrindia.org/c</u> ontent/webinar-adr-1



4. Invited Speaker(s) 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:

Event	Date	Webinar Topic	Invited Speaker(s) from ADR	Link
Let's Talk Policy by Kautilya School of Public Policy	14-Apr-21	How to clean up elections?	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/lets-talk- policy-kautilya-school-public-policy
Webinar by International Society for Human Awakening & Development (ISHAD)	25-Apr-21	Strengthening Local Democracy: a Concerted Approach" & "Opportunities and Constraints of Digital democracy	ADR was one of the supporters.	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- ishad
Lecture organised by Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI)	23-Jul-21	Politicising the Pandemic: Impact on Electoral Democracy	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/lecture- maj-gen-anil-verma-retd-head-adr
Janta Parliament: Response to the Monsoon Session on Digital Rights and Civil Liberties	11-Sep-21	Privacy and Rights to Association and Freedom of Expression (Criminalisation of Citizens and Aadhaar – Voter ID linkage)	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/janta- parliament-response-monsoon- session-digital-rights-and-civil- liberties
16th Annual Discussion by India International Centre	12-Nov-21	State of Parliamentary Democracy in India	Prof Trilochan Sastry, Chairman, Founder Member and Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/16th- annual-discussion-iic
Webinar by International Society for Human Awakening & Development (ISHAD)	28-Nov-21	Election Funding Reforms and Influence of Money on Elections	 Moderator: Dr Ajit Ranade, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR Speaker: Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR 	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- ishad-0
Webinar by Citizens' Forum India	01-Jan-22	AADHAAR VOTER- ID LINKING: Election Laws (Amendment) Bill 2021	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- citizens%E2%80%99-forum-india- cfi
8th Anniversary of the RTI Katta	02-Jan-22	Civic Elections and Citizen Activism	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/8th- anniversary-rti-katta
One Vote Annual Conference	25-Jan-22	Rights, access and introduction of technology in elections	Prof Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member & Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/one- vote-annual-conference

Webinar by Citizens' Forum India	29-Jan-22	Vote Wisely, Don't Vote Vice-ly: The Criminalisation of Politics and NOTA	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- citizens%E2%80%99-forum-india- cfi-0
Webinar by One Vote	24-Mar-22	Technology for Democratic Reform: A Case Study of the	 Mr Jaskirat Singh, Trustee ADR & CEO of Webrosoft Solutions (P) Ltd Ms Divya Arora, Program Officer (IT), ADR 	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- one-vote
Webinar by Citizens' Forum India	26-1VIar-22	Political Funding: Money Power in Indian Elections	Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR	https://adrindia.org/content/webinar- citizens%E2%80%99-forum-india- cfi-1



5. 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 organizes a 1.5-hour workshop in schools and colleges where important points like **Criminalization of Politics**, **Expenditure on Election Campaigns**, **Functioning of Political Parties** and Role of Youth in Strengthening Democracy are highlighted. On request of colleges and schools, ADR also organises a topic-centric workshop. The workshop trainers use videos, audios, quiz papers and other interactive materials to engage with the youth.

The table below shows details of events conducted under this programme in FY 2021-22:

Event	Date	Platform	Торіс	Invited Speaker from ADR	Link
Socialis Impulsum 2.0 by 180 Degrees Consulting, IIT Madras	02-Sep-21	Zoom Webinar	Role of Technology in Improving Democracy & Governance	Mr Jaskirat Singh, Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/socialis-impulsum- 20-talk
Neeti Manthan- Public Policy Conclave'21 by Committee for Public Policy Research, XLRI, Jamshedpur	02-Nov-21	Zoom Webinar	Electoral Bonds	Ms Shivani Kapoor, Program Lead & Manager (Legal) at ADR & Ms Shelly Mahajan, Sr Program Associate (Political Party Watch) at ADR	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/neeti-manthan- public-policy- conclave21
Policy Conclave'22 by Public Policy and Opinion Cell, IIT Kanpur	12-Feb-22	Zoom Webinar	Role of Technology in Improving Democracy	Mr Jaskirat Singh, Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/policy-conclave22- public-policy-and- opinion-cell-iit-kanpur
ECODOX 3.0 by Mind over Matter, Economics Society, Aryabhatta College	26-Feb-22	Google Meet	Economics of Indian Electoral Process	Dr Ajit Ranade, Founder Member and Trustee of ADR	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/ecodox-3o-mind- over-matter- economics-society- aryabhatta-college-talk
National Social Summit, IIT Roorkee	19-Mar-22	Webex	Transparency in Democracy and Political Funding	Ms Shelly Mahajan, Sr Program Associate (Political Party Watch), ADR	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/national-social- summit-nss-iit-roorkee- talk

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 2021-22:

Event	Date	Platform	Торіс	Campus Ambassador	Speakers	Link
Online Essay Writing Competition	10-May-21	Submissi on via email	Why political parties should come under the RTI Act? OR Transparency in Political Party Funding in India	Siddhima Sirohi from Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi	Not Required	https://adrindia.or g/content/online- essay-writing- competition
National Quiz	05-Jun-21	Google Form	Election Law	Md Ali Imran from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi	Not Required	https://adrindia.or g/content/national -quiz
Webinar	24-Jul-21	Zoom Webinar	Campaigns, Digital Media and Mobilization in Indian Politics	Kamrul Hoque from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh	 Dr Vipul Mudgal, Trustee of ADR & Director of Common Cause Dr Arshi Khan, Professor, Department of Political Science, AMU 	https://adrindia.or g/content/webinar -adrs-campus- ambassador- aligarh-muslim- university
Webinar	11-Jan-22	Zoom Webinar	Transparency and Accountability in Political Funding	Aditya Shrey from National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru	 Dr SY Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commission of India Maj Gen Anil Verma (Retd), Head of ADR Prof Srijoni Sen, Assistant Professor at NLSIU 	https://adrindia.or g/content/webinar -adrs-campus- ambassador- national-law- school-india- university-nlsiu
Slam Poetry Competition	15-Mar-22	Google Meet	Decriminalization of Politics	Saumya Somesh from Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College, New Delhi	Not Required	https://adrindia.or g/content/slam- poetry- competition
Online Essay Competition	31-Mar-22	Submissi on via email	Linking Voter ID to Aadhaar	Md Ali Imran from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi	Not Required	https://adrindia.or g/content/online- essay-competition



iii. Workshops for Future Leaders

To sensitize future leaders, ADR also conducts workshops on electoral and political reforms for youths who are part of a Fellowship Programme.

Event	Date	Platform	Торіс	Invited Speaker from ADR	Link
Discussion Organised by United by Souls	15-Aug-21	Zoom Webinar	Legalisation of Election Manifesto	Maj. Gen. Anil Verma (Retd.), Head of ADR & National Election Watch (NEW)	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/discussion- organised-united-souls
Women in Government Fellowship	18-Sep-21	Zoom Webinar	Transparency in Democracy & Political Funding	Dr Ujjaini Halim, ADR's West Bengal Coordinator	https://adrindia.org/cont ent/women- government-fellowship

iv. Other Student Collaborations

ADR partnered with colleges to organise case study, article writing and quiz competitions. The

Event	Date	Platform	Торіс	Link
Conquonomics by Economics Society of Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC)	10-Apr-21	Zoom	Transparency and accountability in the seizure of cash, liquor, etc. by the ECI during elections and action taken against defaulting political parties	https://adrindia.org/content /conquonomics- economics-society-shri- ram-college-commerce
Crossfire - The Annual Schools' Debate of SRCC	22-Jun-21	Online	Political Parties to be brought under the ambit of the Right to Information (RTI) Act	https://adrindia.org/content /crossfire-annual- schools%E2%80%99- debate-srcc
Rajakeeyam Charitram - a History and Political quiz by Quiz Society, SRCC	25-Sep-21	Online	History and Political Science	https://adrindia.org/content /rajakeeyam-charitram- history-and-political-quiz- quiz-society-srcc
Article Writing Competition Inquizition'21 by Quiz Society, SRCC	26-Sep-21	Online	Bringing Political Parties under the ambit of RTI	https://adrindia.org/content /article-writing-competition- inquizition21
Socialis Impulsum 2.0 Case Study Competition by 180 Degrees Consulting, IIT Madras Final Round	09-Oct-21	Zoom & Emails	Transparency and accountability in the seizure of cash, liquor, etc. by the ECI during elections and action taken against defaulting political parties	https://adrindia.org/content /socialis-impulsum-20- case-study-competition- final-round
Neeti Manthan- Public Policy Conclave'21 by Committee for Public Policy Research, XLRI, Jamshedpur Final Round	06-Nov-21	Zoom	Chunaav: Design an election manifesto and campaign for the upcoming elections	https://adrindia.org/content /neeti-manthan-public- policy-conclave21-final- round
Lok Niti - Policy Conclave'22 by Public Policy and Opinion Cell, IIT Kanpur Final Round	13-Feb-22	Zoom	Transparency and accountability in the seizure of cash, liquor, etc. by the ECI during elections and action taken against defaulting political parties	https://adrindia.org/content /lok-niti-policy- conclave%E2%80%9922- public-policy-and-opinion- cell-iit-kanpur-final-round
CHANAKYA NEETI- A Case Study Competition by Economics Society, Aryabhatta College Prelim Round	23-Feb-22	Dare2Compete	Quiz on Electoral & Political Reforms	https://adrindia.org/content /chanakya-neeti-case- study-competition- economics-society- aryabhatta-college-prelim- round
CHANAKYA NEETI- A Case Study Competition by Economics Society, Aryabhatta College Final Round	26-Feb-22	Zoom	Transparency and accountability in the seizure of cash, liquor, etc. by the ECI during elections and action taken against defaulting political parties Inflation after Election Taxation & Electoral Funding	https://adrindia.org/content /chanakya-neeti-case- study-competition- economics-society- aryabhatta-college-final- round

	Policy Case Competition by National Social Summit, IIT Roorkee Final Round	20-Mar-22	Online	the seizure of cash, liquor, etc. by the ECI during elections and action taken against defaulting political	https://adrindia.org/content /national-social-summit- nss-iit-roorkee-case-study- competition-final-round	
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6. Voter Awareness Campaigns

Ahead of **Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections**, ADR used various mediums to encourage people to vote for candidates with clean images. Various creative and engaging videos, posters, pamphlets, and brochures were designed to educate the people about the importance of Informed and Ethical Voting, Issue of Criminality etc., were disseminated via various mediums during the elections.

- Celebrity Videos: Videos created in Hindi and vernacular languages featuring regional celebrities were used with the aim of reaching out to maximum voters. For Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, old celebrity videos were updated whereas for Uttarakhand, new celebrities were approached; details of Uttarakhand celebrity videos are listed under Uttarakhand Election Watch section later in this report. In these videos, celebrities urged the voters to be an informed voter.
 - Uttar Pradesh Assembly Elections 2022: <u>https://bit.ly/3BFlqe9</u>
 - Punjab Assembly Elections 2022: <u>https://bit.ly/3oUxmlQ</u>
- Media Collaborations: For State Assembly Elections 2022 (Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh), ADR collaborated with Network 18, Amar Ujala Web Series, MMI Online Limited (www.jagran.com), Associated Broadcasting Company Private Limited (www.tv9bharatvarsh.com), and NDTV Convergence Limited (NDTV) to display ADR's reports and details of candidates contesting elections on their website with our logo and name.
- Letters to Political Parties: Letters were sent to the Presidents of Political Parties, newly sworn-in Chief Ministers, and Governors of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh to provide a clean and exemplary governance to the people by choosing honest and capable Ministers.
- Collaboration with Change.org India: ADR, supported Gaurav Bakshi, actor, in running #CleanUpGoaPolls campaign on Change.org India, urging the ECI to make it mandatory for candidates accused of rape, murder & other serious offences to add label "CRIMINAL RECORD" in bold letters in all their publicity materials. Link: <u>https://twitter.com/adrspeaks/status/1488911036438958080</u>
- Print and TV Presence: ADR remained an active part of debates around the issues of electoral reforms. ADR garnered press coverage of around 1,000 plus media reports in FY 2021-22. Some of the coverage can be viewed here- <u>https://adrindia.org/media/adrin-news</u>.
- 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 194 subscribers.

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



Google Analytics

Websites	ADR India		MyI	Neta
Parameters	Users	Page Views	Users	Page Views
FY 2020-21	116,697	347,998	9,144,182	31,239,148
FY 2021-22	142,549	413,518	10,688,507	32,685,311

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01st Apr'21 to 31st Mar'22					
Total Impressions	637.7K				
Total Tweets	639				
Total Mentions	2,186				
Total Retweets	1,421				
Profile Visits	95,100				
Total Tweet Likes	2,414				
New Followers	633				
Total Replies on Tweets	460				
Total Clicks on Links	1,979				
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01 st Apr'21 to 31 st Mar'22				
Total Videos	15			
Total Live Streams	08			
Total Posts	95			
Total Views	27.4K			
New Subscribers	550			
Total Impressions	253.3K			
Impressions Click-through rate	6.7%			
Watch Time (Hours)	763.1 Hours			
Average View Duration	1:40 min			
Followers: 3,550+				

Followers as in Mar'22 : 19.4K+

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Page Name	Followers: As in Mar'22	Likes: As in Mar'22	Daily Page Engaged Users	Daily Total Reach	Daily Total Impressions	Total Posts	Lifetime Post Total Reach	Lifetime Post Total Impressions
Association for Democratic Reforms & National Election Watch	67,417	66,663	7,998	3,33,108	4,74,347	313	4,08,865	4,21,231
MyNeta	74,755	74,079	5,701	3,20,786	4,61,655	315	4,33,214	4,45,609

Definition of some of the social media metrics:

Daily Total Reach: The number of people who had any content from your Page or about your Page enter their screen. This includes posts, check-ins, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more. (Unique Users)

Daily Total Impressions: The number of times any content from your Page or about your Page entered a person's screen. This includes posts, stories, check-ins, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more. (Total Count)

Lifetime Post Total Reach: The number of people who had your Page's post enter their screen. Posts include statuses, photos, links, videos and more. (Unique Users)

Lifetime Post Total Impressions: The number of times your Page's post entered a person's screen. Posts include statuses, photos, links, videos and more. (Total Count)

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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.

• Bihar Election Watch

	Event Organised by Bihar Election Watch							
Event	Date	Location	Торіс	Link				
Seminar	27-Mar-22		Empowering and strengthening of Urban Local Bodies: Issues and Challenges	https://adrindia.org/con tent/seminar-bihar- election-watch-1				



Gujarat Election Watch

	Event Organised by Gujarat Election Watch					
Event	Date	Location/Platform	Торіс	Link		
Webinar	11-Nov21	Zoom Webinar	How to fill nomination form?	https://adrindia.org/content/ webinar-gujarat-election- watch		
Awareness Campaign	20-Nov-21	Various Locations	Grassroots Voter Awareness	https://adrindia.org/content/a wareness-campaign-gujarat- election-watch		
Webinar	02-Feb-22	Facebook Live	Demystifying Panchayat Budget	https://adrindia.org/content/ webinar-gujarat-election- watch-0		
Webinar	09-Feb-22	Online	Gram Panchayat Development Plan – How to make it a participatory process?	https://adrindia.org/content/ webinar-gujarat-election- watch-3		
Webinar	16-Feb-22	Facebook Live	Maintenance of Financial Record by Panchayat	https://adrindia.org/content/ webinar-gujarat-election- watch-1		
Webinar	23-Feb-22	Facebook Live	Panchayat Audits – Process and Responsibility of Elected Representatives of Panchayats	https://adrindia.org/content/ webinar-gujarat-election- watch-2		



Goa Election Watch

Press Conferences Organised by Goa Election Watch							
Date	Location	Торіс	Link				
08-Feb-22	Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry Hall, Panaji	Know Your Candidate	https://adrindia.org/content/pre ss-conference-goa-election- watch				
12-Mar-22	Panaji	Result of Goa Assembly Elections 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/pre ss-conference-goa-election- watch-0				



• Jammu & Kashmir Election Watch

Event	Date	Webinar Topic	Invited Speakers	Link
Interactive Session by Citizen's Forum India	20-Nov-21	Two Years of The Central RTI Act in	Sinon State	https://adrindia.org/content/interactive- session-citizens-forum-india



Punjab Election Watch

Event	Date	Торіс	Link
Press Conference	20-Jan-22	Plunian Assembly Elections	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-punjab-election-watch



• Tamil Nadu Election Watch

Press Meets Organised by Tamil Nadu Election Watch						
Date	Date Location Topic		Link			
01-Apr-21	Chennai	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-chennai			
02-Apr-21	Coimbatore	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-coimbatore			
02-Apr-21	Salem	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-salem			
03-Apr-21	Trichy	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-trichy			
03-Apr-21	Madurai	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-madurai			
04-Apr-21	Nagercoil	Contesting candidates report for Tamil Nadu Assembly Election 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/press-meet- tamil-nadu-election-watch-nagercoil			

Tamil Nadu Election Watch



• Uttarakhand Election Watch

	Celebrity Videos by Uttarakhand Election Watch (UKEW)						
S. No.	Celebrity Name	Profession	Link				
1	Padmashri Dr Anil	Environmentalist & Social Activist	https://bit.ly/3Q3kypk				
	Prakash Joshi	Environmentalist & Social Activist					
2	Shri Narendra Singh	Garhwali Folk Singer	https://bit.ly/3Qobn2x				
2	Negi	Carriwali i bik binger					
3	Mrs Shakuntala	Culture Worker & Folk Singer	https://bit.ly/3Qk3s69				
5	Ramola	Culture Worker & Folk Olinger					
4	Mrs. Kalpana Chauhan	Folk Singer	https://bit.ly/3zv10CX				
5	Shri Sourav Maithani	Culture Worker & Folk Singer	https://bit.ly/3BK8eFY				
6	Shri Kaavya	Radio Jockie (RJ)	https://bit.ly/3zvJwGO				

Press Conferences/Briefings

All the ADR reports, survey forms, important links were shared with as many as 90 prominent WhatsApp groups, 124 Facebook groups & pages etc. by the UKEW team alone. UKEW regularly interacted with print, electronic & digital media to spread awareness regarding the voter awareness campaign in Uttarakhand. 14 press conferences were organised in different parts of Uttarakhand as under:

Date	Location	Торіс	Link
10-Dec-21	Uttaranchal Press Club, Dehradun	Sitting Uttarakhand Assembly & Mera Vote Mera Uttarakhand Campaign	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference%C2%A0-uttarakhand- election-watch-ukew
01-Feb-22	Shahid Smarak Mussoorie, Dehradun	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew
02-Feb-22	Library, Vikas Nagar, Dehradun	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-0
02-Feb-22	Bartwal Restaurant, Sahaspur, Dehradun	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-1
03-Feb-22	Triveni Ghat, Rishikesh, Dehradun	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-2

05-Feb-22	Press Club, Haridwar	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-2
06-Feb-22	Roorkee, Haridwar	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-3
07-Feb-22	Press Club, Dehradun	Candidates Contesting for Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-1
09-Feb-22	Malviya Udhyan, Kotdwara, Pauri Garhwal	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-4
10-Feb-22	TRH, Ramnagar, Nainital	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-3
11-Feb-22	Shahid Smarak Nirman Sthal, Khatima, Udhamsinghnagar	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-5
12-Feb-22	Athiti Restaurant Haldwani, Nainital	Recontesting Candidates: Uttarakhand Assembly Elections 2017 & 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-0
13-Feb-22	Sanghela Hotel & Resort, Chaukhutiya, Almora	Uttarakhand Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- briefing-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew-6
11-Mar-22	Press Club, Dehradun	Winning Candidates in Uttarakhand for the Legislative Assembly 2022	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttarakhand-election- watch-ukew

Talk Shows

Date	Location	Link
10-Jan-22	Cape Camoriean Institute, Dehradun	https://adrindia.org/content/talk-show-uttarakhand- election-watch
31-Jan-22	Gandhi Park, Dehradun	https://adrindia.org/content/open-talk-show- uttarakhand-election-watch
02-Feb-22	Public Library, Vikas Nagar	https://adrindia.org/content/open-talk-show- uttarakhand-election-watch-0
04-Feb-22	Shivalik Bhagirathi Public School, Rishikesh	https://adrindia.org/content/talk-show-uttarakhand- election-watch-0

✤ Voter Awareness Campaigns

Date	Location	Link
18-Nov-21	Chakrata	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch
19-Nov-21	Chakrata, Purola, Yamunotri	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-0
20-Nov-21	Gangotri	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-1
21-Nov-21	Tehri, Narendra Nagar, Dhanaulti, PratapNagar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-2
22-Nov-21	DevPrayag, Srinagar, Rudraprayag	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-3
23-Nov-21	Rudraprayag, Ghansali, Kedarnath	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-4
24-Nov-21	Kedarnath, Badrinath	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-5
25-Nov-21	Badrinath, Karnprayag	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-6
26-Nov-21	Karnprayag	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-7
27-Nov-21	Karnprayag, Dwarhaat, Ranikhet	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-8
28-Nov-21	Almora, Sult, Someshwar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-9
29-Nov-21	Nainital, Bhimtal	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-10
30-Nov-21	Nainital, Bhimtal	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-11
01-Dec-21	Champawat, Lohaghat, Regdu	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-12
02-Dec-21	Pithoragarh, Kanalichina, Thal, Dharchula Band, Didihat	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-13
03-Dec-21	Udiyari Band, Bageshwar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-14
04-Dec-21	Kapkot, Baijnath, Garud	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-15

05-Dec-21	Gwaldam, Tharali, Karnaprayag, Gochar, Nagrasu, Ratura, Rudraprayag	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-16
06-Dec-21	Pauri, Pattisain, Satpuli	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-17
07-Dec-21	Lansdowne, Jahrikhal, Ghumkhal, Deriakhal, Chundai, Sisaldi	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-18
08-Dec-21	Mohanchatti, GhatooGaad	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-19
26-Dec-21	Hotel Pacific, Dehradun	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-31
31-Jan-22	Rajpur, Raipur (SC), Dehradun Cantt	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-20
01-Feb-22	Mussoorie, Rajpur	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-21
03-Feb-22	Dharampur, Doiwala, Rishikesh	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-23
03-Feb-22	Vikasnagar, Sahaspur	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-22
04-Feb-22	Dharampur, Doiwala, Rishikesh	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-24
05-Feb-22	Haridwar, BHEL Ranipur, Jwalapur, Piran Kaliyar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-25
06-Feb-22	Khanpur, Manglaur, Laksar, Bhagwanpur, Jhabrera, Roorkee	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-26
08-Feb-22	Haridwar Rural, Kotdwar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-27
09-Feb-22	KotDwara, Kashipur, Ramnagar	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-28
10-Feb-22	Ramnagar, Rudrapur, Kitchha	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-29
11-Feb-22	Khatima, Nanakmatta, Jaspur, Bajpur, Sitarganj, Lalkuan	https://adrindia.org/content/voter-awareness- campaign-uttarakhand-election-watch-30

✤ Webinars

Date	Торіс	Collaborator	Link
03-Feb-22	राजनीती मे बढ़ता अपराध और धनबल प्रभाव	Proud Pahadi	https://bit.ly/3S7bOiT
06-Feb-22	Challenges of criminalisation & influence of money in electoral democracy	ICFAI University and Free Smiles Foundation	https://adrindia.org/content /uttarakhand-youth-talks
10-Feb-22	राजनीती मे बढ़ता धनबल और अपराध का प्रभाव	1 UK Team	https://bit.ly/3BG3cIR



• Uttar Pradesh Election Watch

Event	Date	Location	Link
Press Conference- Phase 1 of UP Assembly Elections	02-Feb-22	Press Club, Lucknow	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttar-pradesh-election-watch-0
Dialogue with women	12-Feb-22	Jangipur, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/dialogue-women
Dialogue with labourers	13-Feb-22	Dariyawaganj, Malhani, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/dialogue- labourers
Voter Awareness Campaign	14-Feb-22	Dr. Shiv Prasad Rajpati Mahavidhyalay, Dariba, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/voter- awareness-campaign-uttar-pradesh- election-watch
Deewar Lekhan (Wall Writing)	15-Feb-22	10 Gram Panchayats, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/deewar-lekhan- wall-writing-uttar-pradesh-election-watch
Press Conference- Phase 3 of UP Assembly Elections	15-Feb-22	Press Club, Lucknow	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttar-pradesh-election-watch-1
Human Pyramid	17-Feb-22	Sitaram Primary School, Koiridiha, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/human-pyramid
Press Conference- Phase 4 of UP Assembly Elections	17-Feb-22	Press Club, Lucknow	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttar-pradesh-election-watch-2
Dialogue with public	18-Feb-22	Mahgaon, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/dialogue-public- uttar-pradesh-election-watch
Debate Competition on "How should be our Neta?"	19-Feb-22	Shri Abhimanyu Yadav University, Lapari, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/debate- competition-how-should-be-our-neta
Voter Awareness March and Dialogue with Women	20-Feb-22	Khanpur, Kothwar, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/voter- awareness-march-and-dialogue-women
Voter Awareness Rally	21-Feb-22	Secondary High School, Padampur, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/voter- awareness-rally-uttar-pradesh-election- watch
Nukkad Nataks (Street Plays) and Voter Awareness Songs	25-Feb-22	Ashok Intercollege (Harakhpur), Shri Ganesh Children (Shah Daudpur Urf Kakor Gahana), Maa Sheetla Chaukiya Chauraha (Tihara), Roadways (Bustands), and DDS Coaching Centre, Jaunpur High School, Padampur, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/nukkad-natak- and-voter-awareness-song
Press Conference	27-Feb-22	Durga Marriage Hall, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttar-pradesh-election-watch
Debate Competition	02-Mar-22	Shri Raj Bahadur Yadav University, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/debate- competition-uttar-pradesh-election-watch
Press Conference- Phase 7 of UP Assembly Elections	03-Mar-22	Hotel Hindustan International, Maldahiya, Varanasi	https://adrindia.org/content/press- conference-uttar-pradesh-election-watch-3
Dialogue with youth, Rangoli and Mehandi Competition	05-Mar-22	Dhaneshwar Yadav Women University, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/dialogue-youth- rangoli-and-mehandi-competition-uttar- pradesh-election-watch
Dialogue with youth	05-Mar-22	Maa Vaishnavi University, Karanjakala, Jaunpur	https://adrindia.org/content/dialogue-youth- uttar-pradesh-election-watch

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• West Bengal Election Watch

Grassroots Awareness Camps

WBEW successfully organized Grassroots Awareness Camps in villages which included Panchayati Raj Institutions' representatives. The camps aimed to generate mass awareness about the voting rights and motivate the rural voters to become an informed citizen and voter. They were sensitized about the importance of every vote and its possible effects on their future. These camps were organised following all COVID-19 safety protocols.

Location	Date	No. of Participants	Link
Durbar (Voter Awareness Campaign for Sex Workers)	13-Apr-21	-	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-camp-sex-workers
Ballavpur, Birbhum	27-Jan-22	34	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-0
Labpur, Birbhum	29-Jan-22	34	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch
Agradwip, Bardhaman	15-Feb-22	35	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-1
Bethuadahari, Nadia	16-Feb-22	32	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-2
Beldanga, Murshidabad	17-Feb-22	28	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-3
Salar, Murshidabad	18-Feb-22	36	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-4
Pathabhaban School Hall, Dinhata Coochbehar	20-Mar-22	40	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-5
Dwarka Nagar, South 24 Parganas	24-Mar-22	38	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-6
Shalmana, Dinhata, Coochbehar	26-Mar-22	45	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-8
Mousuni Island, South 24 Parganas	28-Mar-22	39	https://adrindia.org/content/grassroots- awareness-campaign-west-bengal-election- watch-7

Youth Workshops

WBEW hosted community workshops for youths to gauge their understanding about their fundamental rights in their day to day life and how safe are the online platforms to understand their fundamental rights. Issues related to civic rights and responsibilities, and general awareness on electoral processes were addressed. The youth were introduced to ADR's MyNeta App of ADR and briefed regarding its working. Through MyNeta App, we aim to encourage youth and the first-time voters to become informed and responsible voters.

Location	Date	No. of Participants	Link
Google Meet	27-Apr-21	85 (Views)	https://adrindia.org/content/online-youth-workshop- west-bengal-election-watch
Drawing Competition at Institute for Motivating Self Employment (IMSE) Office	30-Apr-21	-	https://adrindia.org/content/drawing-competition-west- bengal-election-watch
Google Meet	19-Jun-21	-	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-1
Kodalia Netaji Scouts and Guides Group, South 24 Parganas	23-Jan-22	36	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-8
Forum of Voluntary Organisations, West Bengal (Online)	16-Feb-22	27	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-3
Kodalia Netaji Scouts and Guides Group, South 24 Parganas (Online)	06-Mar-22	25	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-6
Bankdaha High School, Bankura (Online)	22-Mar-22	56	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-7
Lok Kalyan Parishad Hall, Bolpur Birbhum	24-Mar-22	30	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-9
Labpur, Birbhum	24-Mar-22	68	https://adrindia.org/content/youth-workshop-west- bengal-election-watch-10

District Level Workshops with Media & Multi-stakeholders

Event	Date	Location/Platform	Торіс	Link
Community Awareness Generation Camp	05-Apr-21	IIMC, Sonarpur	Community Awareness	https://adrindia.org/content/communit y-awareness-generation-camp-west- bengal-election-watch
District Level Workshop with Multi-stakeholders	05-Apr-21	IIMC, Sonarpur	Functional Democracy	https://adrindia.org/content/district- level-workshop-multi-stakeholders- west-bengal-election-watch
District Level Workshop with Multi-stakeholders	24-Mar-22	Samity Hall, Namkhana Block, South 24 Parganas	Right to Information and Functional Democracy	https://adrindia.org/content/district- level-workshop-west-bengal-election- watch

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Press Conferences

Date	Location/Platform	Торіс	Link
03-Apr-21	Press Club Maidan, Kolkata	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates of West Bengal Assembly Election 2021, 4th Phase	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-west-bengal- election-watch-kolkata-4th- phase
09-Apr-21	Press Club Maidan, Kolkata	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates of West Bengal Assembly Election 2021, 5th Phase	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-west-bengal- election-watch-kolkata-5th- phase
12-Apr-21	Press Club Maidan, Kolkata	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates of West Bengal Assembly Election 2021, 6th Phase	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-west-bengal- election-watch-kolkata-6th- phase
19-Apr-21	Press Club Maidan, Kolkata	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates of West Bengal Assembly Election 2021, 7th Phase	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-west-bengal- election-watch-kolkata-7th- phase
23-Apr-21	Press Club Maidan, Kolkata	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Candidates of West Bengal Assembly Election 2021, 8th Phase	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-west-bengal- election-watch-kolkata-8th- phase
26-Apr-21	Facebook Live	Analysis of Criminal, Financial, Education, Gender and other Details of Candidates for West Bengal Legislative Assembly Elections 2021 Phase - III	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-facebook-live- west-bengal-elections- phase-iii
05-May-21	Facebook Live	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Winning Candidates	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-facebook-live- west-bengal-election- winners-report
12-May-21	Facebook Live	Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and Other Details of Ministers in the West Bengal Assembly 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-facebook-live- west-bengal-election- ministers-report
25-May-21	Facebook Live	Analysis of Vote Share, Margin of Victory and Representativeness of Winners	https://adrindia.org/content/p ress-release-facebook-live- west-bengal-election-vote- share-report
11-Jul-21	Facebook Live	17th Lok Sabha Analysis of Criminal, Financial, and Other Background Details of Union Council of Ministers Post Cabinet Expansion on 7th July, 2021	https://adrindia.org/content/f acebook-live-west-bengal- election-watch
27-Jul-21	Facebook Live	Analysis of Format C7 - Publication of Reasons Given for selection of candidates with criminal cases by political parties	https://adrindia.org/content/f acebook-live-west-bengal- election-watch-0





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:

- Multiple Webservers for Load Handling: ADR has been using multiple web servers for hosting myneta.info website for load balancing. Our aim of load balancing is to optimize the use of resources available, maximize throughput, minimize response time, and avoid overload of any single resource. Instead of using a single web server, load balancing takes advantage of multiple servers, by increasing the architecture availability and reliability.
- 2. 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 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 website in engaging ways to draw the attention of the voters, hence, facilitating our aim to encourage voters to be an informed voter.
- Upgrade of Election Watch Software (EWS) Tool: Developments were made in the existing EWS tool. Major changes were incorporated in the Expense Data Entry section of Expense Tool to align it with the new format of Form 26.
- Razorpay Subscription Buttons: ADR has integrated Razorpay Subscriptions on the <u>adrindia.org</u> donations page to accept recurring payments.

Three subscription plans have been introduced (3 months, 6 months & 1 year) with donation amount of Rs. 250 per month for frequent donors.

Below are the links for the subscription buttons:

- 3 months: <u>https://rzp.io/i/2VUelt3iK</u>
- 6 months: <u>https://rzp.io/i/kfIVCY0THd</u>
- 1 year: <u>https://rzp.io/i/PuECae4</u>

Link: https://pages.razorpay.com/ADR_donation_page

- 5. Exclusive Webpages for State Assembly Elections 2021-2022: For all the State Assembly Elections in 2021 and 2022, dedicated webpages were created to list the related reports:
 - i. State Assembly Elections 2021: <u>https://adrindia.org/content/state-assembly-</u> election-2021
 - ii. State Assembly Elections 2022: <u>https://adrindia.org/content/state-assembly-elections-2022</u>
- 6. Certificate Generator for Events organised by ADR: To ensure maximum participation in the youth-related voter awareness webinars/workshops/competitions, ADR provides certificate of participation/appreciation. Generating certificates for each individual is a cumbersome task and to overcome this challenge, ADR opted Certificate Generator which has automated this process.
- 7. ADR Speaks Podcast: In May 2021, ADR launched season 2 of its podcast series on issues related to electoral & political reforms. In FY 2021-22, 18 episodes were released. The episodes focus on the findings of ADR reports analysing background details of candidates, sources of political parties' income, election expenditure, Electoral Bonds etc. In these episodes, ADR breaks down key findings of its reports for simple understanding & accessibility to the general public, enabling them to make an informed choice. To reach out to maximum voters via ADR's Podcast Channel, ADR Speaks, ADR translated and recorded some important episodes in Malayalam & Marathi. For easy accessibility and sorting of the episodes in different languages, a language filter has been added on the podcast webpage.

Link: https://adrindia.org/content/adr-speaks-podcast

- ADR Campus Ambassador Programme (CAP) Webpage: In June 2021, ADR created a Campus Ambassador Programme webpage on its website -<u>adrindia.org</u>- to display the voter awareness activities conducted by the campus ambassadors over the years. Link: <u>https://adrindia.org/content/adr-campus-ambassadors</u>
- GuideStar Rating for ADR: In November 2021, ADR was again awarded the GuideStar India Transparency Key, which is valid till 31st December 2022. GuideStar India is India's largest and most reliable NGO information repository. Link: <u>https://guidestarindia.org.in/Summary.aspx?CCReg=11352</u>

Our Achievements

- Re-affirming ADR's mission on de-criminalization of electoral politics: With a view to assist the Hon'ble High Court in a suo motu PIL to monitor the progress of criminal cases against MPs and MLAs of Karnataka, ADR had submitted data pertaining to criminal cases against MPs and MLAs before the Amicus Curiae appointed by the High Court.
- Re-affirming ADR's mission on bringing transparency in electoral practices: To
 ensure efficient, transparent, rational and robust mechanism of declaration of election
 results, ADR and Common Cause filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India to seek
 directions from the SC 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.
- Re-affirming ADR's mission on bringing transparency in electoral practices: ADR filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging the Constitutional validity of the current practice adopted by the government in appointment of Members of the Election Commission.
- Mera Vote Mera Desh Campaign: ADR along with National Election Watch managed to run a successful nation-wide "Mera Vote Mera Desh" voter awareness campaign in several states covering numerous districts. About 166 online and offline events were organized in FY 2021-22.
- Election Watch Reports: Election Watch released 76 reports and analyzed 16,159 candidates.
- **Political Party Watch Reports:** Political Party Watch released 13 reports and analyzed 323 political parties.
- ADR's Social Media Presence: In FY 2021-22, ADR received around 1.8 million impressions on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook.

- ADR's Media Coverage: In FY 2021-22, ADR's data was cited/quoted in over 1000+ online coverage both in regional and national coverage. ADR participated in 8+ debates which were broadcast on various national and regional news channels.
- Website Traffic: The website traffic for users increased during FY 2021-22 by 16.89% with a total of 10.7 million users for myneta.info. MyNeta website garnered over 10.5 million new users during FY 2021-22 which is higher than 9.2 million new users MyNeta website acquired in FY 2020-21.

The **website traffic** for users increased during FY 2021-22 by 22.15% with a total of **142,549 users** for **adrindia.org**. ADR India website garnered **141,782 new users** during FY 2021-22 which is higher than 115,214 new users ADR India website acquired in FY 2020-21.

- Youth Engagement: Under ADR's Youth Outreach Programme, <u>'Hum Badlenge Apna</u> <u>Bharat'</u>, ADR with the National Election Watch reached out to thousands of youth through offline & online means.
- Voters Reached: During State Assembly Elections 2021 & 2022, ADR & National Election Watch via collaborations, media and other voter awareness activities reached out to more than one crore voters.

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Financial Status

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2022						
EXPENDITURE	Rs.	Rs.	INCOME	Rs.	Rs.	
To Expenditure in respect of properties :			By Grants Utilised - Annexure-3		1,02,87,473.50	
Rates, Taxes, Cessess - Muni. Tax						
Repairs and maintenance - Building			By Voluntary Contributions			
Salaries			Donation Received	10,20,994.31		
Insurance			Anonymous Donation	1,011.00	10,22,005.31	
Depreciation (by way of provision or						
adjustments)			By Interest on Bank Deposits			
Other expenses			Interest on FDRs	26,85,545.78		
			Saving Bank Interest	66,127.00	27,51,672.78	
To Remuneration (in the case of a math to						
the head of the math, including his			By Other Income			
house-hold expenditure, any)			Annual Membership Fees	3,500.00		
			Income from Quiz Competition	2,700.00		
To Depreciation : -			Interest on I.T. Refund	43,150.77		
Depreciation on Computer/printer	2,41,444.00		Miscellaneous Income	1.00		
Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures	39,823.00		Interest on Staff Loan	292.00	49,643.77	
Depreciation on Office Equipments	94,072.00					
Depreciation on Electrical Fittings	19,197.00		By Excess of Expenditure over Income			
Income Applied to Fixed Assets	1,33,312.00		transferred to Balance Sheet		90,60,314.15	
Loss on assets written off/sold	23,026.00	5,50,874.00				
To Expenditure on objects of the trust						
(a) Religious	-					
(b) Educational	-					
(c) Medical Relief	-					
(d) Relief of poverty	-					
(e) Other charitable objects:-Electoral Reforms						
Administrative Activities Exp- Annexure-1	90,65,964.18					
Election Watch Activities Exp- Annexure-2	1,35,54,271.33	2,26,20,235.51				
Total	/	2,31,71,109.51	To	tal	2,31,71,109.51	

FUND & LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.	AT 31ST MARCH, 2022 PROPERTY AND ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
Trust Funds or Corpus :	r\S.	r\\$.	Immovable properties :	r\\$.	INS.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		3,21,74,000.00	immovable properties :		
Balance as per last Balance Sheet.		3,21,74,000.00	Computer : (At Cost) (Fcra)-Op.	1946349	
Contribution from Founder Members-Opening		6.000.00		-305758	16.40.591.00
Other Earmarked Funds :		0,000.00	Less. Old Assets written off	-303730	10,40,581.00
(Created under the provisions of the Trust			Furniture & Fixtures : (At Cost) (Fcra)-Op.		4.01.090.00
Deed of Scheme or out of the income)			rumiture a rixtures . (At cost) (rula)-op.		4,01,080.00
beed of Scheme of Scheme (Income)			Office Equipment : (At Cost) (Fcra)-Op.	6.46.522.00	
Ford Fixed Assets Fund (Fora)Op. Balance:	13,24,886.00		Add: Purchased during the year	1.33.312.00	
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(1,79,770.00)	11.45.116.00	Less: Old Assets written off/sold	(1,80,969.00)	5,98,865.00
, and , the second carring the year (rect)	(1,10,110,00)			(1,00,000.00)	0,00,000.00
Hivos Fixed Assets Fund(fcra): Op. Balance	6,09,867.00		Electrical Fittings : (At Cost) (Fcra)-Op.		3,285.00
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(2,42,567.00)	3.67.300.00	Lieundar Hungs . (At cost) (Fora)-op.		0,200.00
Add. Addition deletion during the year(Net)	(2,42,007.00)	0,07,000.00	Computer : (At Cost) (Local)		
Sdtt Fixed Assets Fund (Local) : Op. Balance		3.07.787.00	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	14,15,858,78	
out inter Asses i and (coool) . Op. balance		0,07,707.00	Less: Old Assets written off	(24,000.00)	13.91.858.78
Fixed Assets Fund - Local : Op. Balance	22,61,587,76		Less. Old Assets whiteh on	(24,000.00)	10,01,000.70
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	(44,997,00)	22,16,590,76	Furniture & Fixtures:(At Cost) (Local)-Op.		2,95,517,00
rad. radionaccont damig are yea (rec)	(11,007.00)	22,10,000.10	rannare a rixares.(// cost/ (cost/ op.		2,00,011.00
ADR Fixed Assets Fund - (Fcra) : Op. Balance	10,62,493.00		Office Equipment : (At Cost) (Local)		
Add: Addition/deletion during the year(Net)	68.922.00	11.31.415.00	Balance as per last Balance Sheet	5.68,794,98	
, and the second damagine year (real)	00,022.00		Less: Old Assets written off	(11,109.00)	5.57.685.98
Depreciation Fund : (Fcra)			Less. Old Assets Miller of	(11,100.00)	0,01,000.00
Computer	15,35,725.00		Electrical Fittings:(At Cost) (Local)-Op.		2.89.204.00
Furniture	2,03,913.00		Licensen hangs.(/ a cost/ (Local) op.		2,00,201.00
Office Equipment	3,34,856.00		Investments :		
Electrical Fittings	1,276.00	20.75.770.00	In Fixed Deposit Account with		
			HDFC Bank - General Fund	1,15,96,120,21	
Depreciation Fund : (Local)			PNB - General Fund	5.000.00	
Computer	11,34,949.00		HDFC Bank - Corpus Fund	3,49,77,528.09	4.65.78.648.30
Furniture	1.34.294.00				
Office Equipment	3.03.046.00		Advances :		
Electrical Fittings	1,18,428.00	16.90,717.00	To Project Advances	92,717.00	
			To Other Advances	9,155.00	
Grants :-			To Staff Advances	2.778.00	
Thakur Family Foundation Grant(opening)	8,92,313,12		To Prepaid Expenses	1,90,628,54	
Less: Utilised during the year	(8,92,313.12)	-	To Membership Fee Receivable	500.00	2,95,778.54
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Omidyar Network Grant(Opening)	93,95,160.38		To TDS Earlier Years(opening)	14,07,375,71	
Less: Utilised during the year	(93,95,160.38)	-	Less: Refund Received during the year	(5,16,399.23)	
			Add : TDS for FY21-22	269585.04	11,60,561.52
Liabilities :					
Duties & Taxes	5,500.00		Security Deposits:- Opening Balance		4,50,000.00
Sundry Creditors	3,61,892.72				
Staff Expenses Payable	11,682.00		(i) Cash And Bank Balances-		
Employee Gratuity Payable	25,63,894.00		In Current/Savings Account with :		
Provisions for Expenses	13,156.30	29,56,125.02	HDFC Bank - 50100131483489	80,167.94	
			HDFC S/B-16651450000035	472.68	
Income and expenditure Account :			HDFC S/B Utilisation -16651450000028	18.46	
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	1,84,15,049.32		PNB S/B A/c -3093000117477093	54,257.54	
Add : Trfd from Fixed Asset Fund	5,31,724.00		SBI FCRA S/B A/c-40053893403	1,58,678.21	2,93,594.83
Less : Deficit as per Income & Exp A/c	(90,60,314.15)	98,86,459.17			
		·	(ii) Cash in hand - Local		600.00
Tota		5,39,57,279.95	Total		5,39,57,279.95

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