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Night Lights Data Workshop: Tracking Human Activity from Space

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Harvard University

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17 December, 2019

11am to 6:15pm

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## November 26, Constitution Day: Some Reflections

Dr. S. Y. Quraishi

Assembly, the Committee on Fundamental Rights recognized the independence and non-interference. by the executive and legislature in the elections a fundamental right.

The execution of Article 324 bore its fruit in the form of Election Commission of India, which was established on 25th January 1950 - a day before India became a sovereign democratic republic. For the Constituent Assembly, if a democratic country was the end, free and fair elections were its means.

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Events
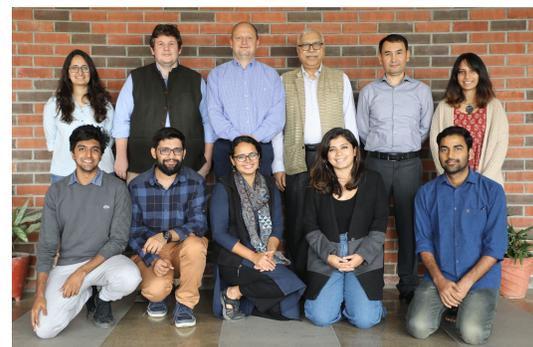
TCPD hosted Peter Wolf and Rashid Soljonov from The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). The members of both the teams shared their work with the focus being on databases, research analysis and building technical
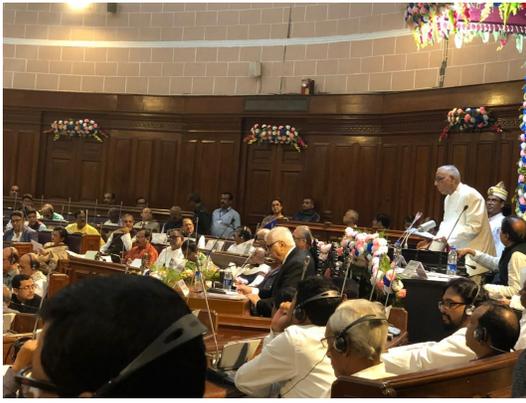
I feel greatly honored to be made a part of this historic function and given the opportunity to share my thoughts and experience with this august house.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate the Bengal Vidhan Sabha, Honorable Speaker, Honorable Chief Minister. and Honorable members of the house for celebrating this momentous occasion, the 70th Constitution Day!

26th November marks a very important milestone in independent India's history. On this day in 1949, India adopted its Constitution after the members of the constituent assembly worked hard for two years, eleven months and seventeen days. The zeal with which they participated in materializing this idea called the Constitution of India is reflected in the fact that they proposed as many as. 7,635 amendments to the draft. And finally, amidst loud cheers and music of national anthem echoing in the Parliament, the founding fathers of the constitution gave the nation its sacred book, comprising 395 articles and 8 schedules.

On this day, sixteen Articles came into effect including Article 324 which laid the foundation for the establishment Election Commission mandated with "superintendence, direction and control" of all elections. During proceedings of the

capacity. Ideas for building a partnership were discussed.

TCPD in collaboration with Sciences Po and National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, organised the 4th bi-annual LIA SPINPER workshop. The workshop aimed to highlight the lack of representation of Scheduled Castes in India using data about the sociological profile of politicians from various Indian states.

External Engagements
November 15, 2019: CPR-TCPD Dialogues: Book Discussion on 'Indian Federalism' by Louise Tillin

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