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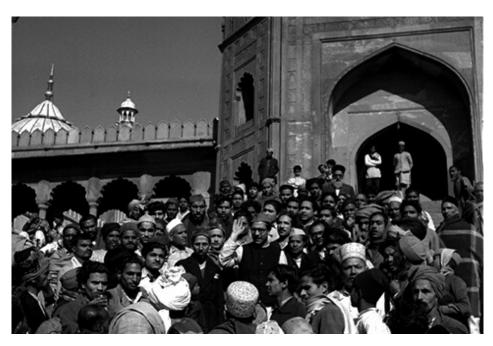## TRIVEDI CENTER FOR POLITICAL DATA

"Rare images of independent India's first general election in 1952"
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PROJECTS

DATA RELEASE: TCPD INDIAN
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DATASET

The TCPD-ICoM: Indian Council of Ministers Dataset contains information on the Indian Council of Ministers between 1990 and 2019.

The data has been carefully extracted and verified from the official website of the Cabinet Secretariat and a publication of the Lok Sabha secretariat titled "क ।य म प रषद (1947 - 2011)" which documents the names and portfolios allotted to ministers in this time period.

We table it in an orderly manner in order to systematically place the information under variables such as name of the candidates, election year, party name, gender, portfolio, rank, start date of appointment, end date of appointment, and constituency.

Moreover, it has also incorporated various minister shuffles between the terms. The data also mentions the sources of information for each instance captured, so that users can verify the same.

Details on the documentation process can be found in our codebook. If you do use this data, please cite the data as follows: Malik, Dipanita, Saloni Bhogale and Aritro Bose. 2020. "TCPD- ICoM: Indian Council of Ministers Dataset 1.0", Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University.

UPDATE: WOMENS' REPRESENTATION
PROJECT

The Womens' Representation Project is a study of the motivations of elected female (and male) representatives at the panchayat level in Haryana.

The study aims to understand how female political ambition differs from that of men and compare the factors that motivate entry into politics for both men and women.

The project has been completed under the supervision of Gilles Verniers, Susan Ostermann (University of Notre Dame) and Sampurna Khasnabis.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

Jan 4—5, 2020

Gilles Verniers participated in the Harvard US- India conference, held in Mumbai on January 4th and 5th. He spoke in two panels on the tensions between media and politics and on the role and impact of disinformation in Indian elections.

Jan 9—10, 2020

Gilles Verniers participated in the Conference on "*Money Power in Politic*s" hosted by the Indian School of Business and the University of Hyderabad. He spoke on barriers to entry in politics in a panel with Aliz Thoth, Ashutosh Varshney, Priyanka Chaturvedi and Neelanjan Sircar.

Jan 15, 2020

Priyamvada Trivedi and **Yusuf Sai**t presented on *"How do we make sense of everyday politics?"* organised by the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities at IIIT Delhi.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Our current student interns are working with TCPD team members on unique projects:

Aditi Shah is working with Basim Nissa and Mohit Kumar on **assigning unique codes to all Indian political partie**s.

Priya Basumatary, Dipanita Malik and Prajwal Seth are working with Saloni Bhogale on **collecting and building a database on varying attributes of politicians.**

Dhairya Chheda is working with Mohit Kumar on building **an interface for field data collection.**

Visvesha Murthi is working with Sampurna Khasnabis on the womens' representation project and Simran Saini and Emily Russell are working with Basim Nissa on coding contention.

IN THE MEDIA

Ideas for India
Bhogale Saloni, January 13, 2020

What can Question Hour tell us about representation in the Indian Parliament?

VACANCIES

You may take a look at our vacancies and their respective job descriptions here and proceed to apply.

OTHER NEWS

Gilles Verniers has been appointed **Senior Visiting Fellow** at the Centre for Policy Research, Delhi. This appointment will help strengthen the existing partnership between TCPD and CPR, notably through the Dialogues on Indian Politics project, whose scope has been expanded beyond electoral analysis. Congratulations Gilles!

TCPD welcomes **Aishwarya Sunaad** who joined the team this month as a **web intern**. Welcome Aishwarya!