

NEWSLETTER

TRIVEDI CENTER FOR POLITICAL DATA



Scenes from the 2019 Haryana Assembly Elections
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TCPD Archives 2019

ANNOUNCING THE CIVIC DATA FELLOWSHIP

IN COLLABORATION WITH IIIT-DELHI

TCPD is pleased to announce its first cohort for the Civic Data Fellowship in partnership with IIIT-Delhi. The fellowship was instituted with the purpose of bringing together ideas from computer science and the social sciences to unleash innovation in data research and data accessibility in India. This year, the fellowship is supporting two projects: PolNet and Surf, with Tushar and Aditya Garg, computer science students from IIIT-Delhi, working on the projects respectively.

PROJECT POLNET

Project Advisors: Dr. Sambuddho Chakravarty,
Dr. Aasim Khan (IIIT-Delhi),
Dr. Priyamvada Trivedi (TCPD)

2020 Civic Data Fellowship

Project 'PolNet'

Is there any
connection between
political events & internet
slowdowns?



This project entails working on building a dataset of internet slowdowns from various technical databases and then combining it with electoral and other political data from TCPD. The resulting dataset will be used to assess whether there are relationships between political events and internet access.

Project 'Surf'

Creating a unique identifier for each candidate that has ever contested an Indian election by resolving discrepancies in names

*Mr. Kumar,
Mr. Kumaar,
Mr. Kumarr...
They're all the
same person!*



PROJECT SURF

Project Advisors: Dr. V. Raghava Mutharaju (IIIT-Delhi),
Mohit Kumar (TCPD)

SURF is an entity resolution tool built by TCPD for Indian names. The tool is designed to resolve discrepancies in names of candidates in order to create a unique identifier for each candidate that has ever contested an election. The fellow will work on improving the current algorithm by implementing string distance metrics like cosine and soundex while also improving the current Surf UI.

TCPD CITED

News 18 India, 12 June, 2020
Fazil Khan

"BJP to Field Cong Rebels in MP Bypoll? Here's How Turncoats Have Performed for Party Under Modi 2.0"

TCPD VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

WEEKLY CONVERSATIONS

19 June, 2020

Starting and Sustaining Social Enterprises

Trilochan Sastry
(Professor IIM Bangalore, Chairman ADR)

26 June, 2020

One Thousand Land Laws: Mapping the Maze of Land Regulation in India

Namita Wahi
(Fellow, CPR)

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

Mohit Kumar presented *LokDhaba : Acquiring, Visualizing and Disseminating Data on Indian Elections* at the 3rd Annual SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (ACM COMPASS) which was held online on June 15. This paper marks the Centre's first participation in a major computer science conference.

IN THE MEDIA

Hindustan Times
11 June, 2020
Gilles Verniers

Why defections continue to cast a shadow on politics | Opinion

The Print
14 June, 2020
Mukulika Banerjee & Gilles Verniers

Unlike Colston or Columbus, Ambedkar Memorial statues deserve their place in public spaces

The Tribune India
15 June, 2020
SY Quraishi
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Ved Marwah, the protector of my ACR

Indian Express
27 June, 2020
SY Quraishi
Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

In this time of crisis, the most urgent imperative is to protect underprivileged families from starvation

In light of the global Coronavirus crisis, we wish you safety and good health

TAKE CARE

-TEAM TCPD