

# NEWSLETTER

TRIVEDI CENTRE FOR POLITICAL DATA



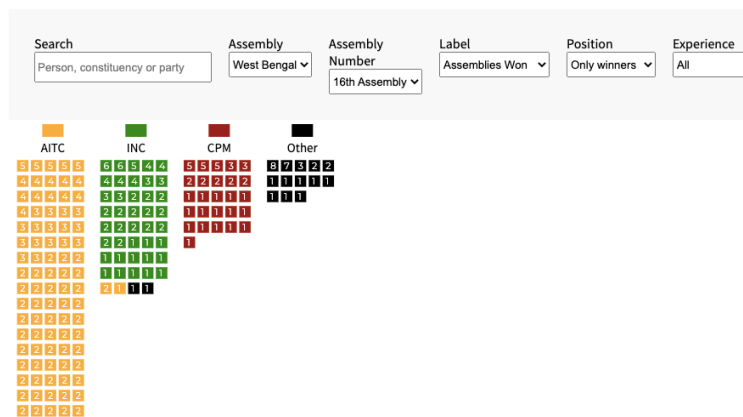
1996 Elections - Philip Oldenburg

## WEST BENGAL INCUMBENCY PROFILE

DATA UPDATED

Incumbency profile of the 16th West Bengal Vidhan Sabha

About this visualization: Each box represents an MLA contesting in the general elections to State Legislative Assembly. The color of the box indicates the party of the MLA. Only the most successful parties are shown; other parties are clubbed into "Other". Hover on a box to see more details such as constituency position. Unsuccessful attempts are shown in grey. The number in the box is the total number of terms in which the person has been an MP, including unsuccessful attempts. Change the Label setting to see the number of terms contested instead. You can also change the Position setting to "All candidates" instead of just winners and circles indicate those who lost. To search for a person or constituency, type the name in the search box.



LokDhaba has been updated with both West Bengal's incumbency profile and data. Given the upcoming elections, we would appreciate feedback from our users. We encourage users to go through the data and visualization and report any issues (email us at [tcpd-contact@ashoka.edu.in](mailto:tcpd-contact@ashoka.edu.in)).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

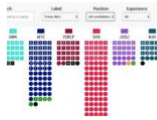
### 2020 TCPD WINTER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM CONCLUDES

We wrapped up our 2020 Winter Internship Program this month. In addition to some of our winter interns continuing their work over the semester, we have a few new interns and we look forward to building and sharing carefully documented data over the course of the year.

# NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH!

## Individual Incumbency Dataset

TCPD-IID is a dataset of candidates contesting elections with a unique politician identifier.



## LokDhaba: Indian Elections Dataset

TCPD-IED is a dataset of Indian election results – both Vidhan Sabha (state level) and Lok Sabha (national level) – beginning 1962.



## Question Hour: Indian Parliament Dataset

TCPD-IPD is a dataset of all questions & answers asked between 1999 (Winter Session) and 2019 (Winter Session) along with full text of question.



## Indian Council of Ministers

TCPD-ICoM is a dataset on the sociological composition of governments in India, both at the Union and at the State level.



## Gender and Politics

Building of an open access composite sociological profile of the women elected to India's national and state assemblies.



## Social Profiling of Legislators

A collaboration with CERI, Sciences Po.



We announce the release of our new website designed in-house by Mohit Kumar (Data Scientist and GIS Engineer), Neelesh Agrawal (Research Engineer) and Yash More (Ashoka UG, TCPD winter intern).

## IN THE MEDIA

Hindustan Times  
19 January, 2021  
Neelanjan Sircar

### The political economy driving farm protests

"Fearing that India's controversial proposed farm laws will disproportionately benefit a few corporate magnates, farmers have made Mukesh Ambani's Reliance storefronts and Reliance Jio infrastructure the sites of major protest over the past few months. While Ambani has insisted that his company has no plans to enter corporate farming, his purported political networks and accrual of wealth in the Narendra Modi-era have created a trust deficit between farmers and corporates."

## WELCOME

Welcome Sampurna Khasnabis who rejoins the team on a part time basis to assist on wrapping up the coding contention project and preparing the data for release later this year.

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

28 January 2021  
IIIT-Hyderabad

Priyamvada Trivedi was a part of an online panel discussion organized by IIIT Hyderabad and spoke on "The trajectory of Data-Driven Solutions and Products over the next 10 years? And what should we do now about it?"

**INTERNATIONAL DATA PRIVACY DAY**  
28 JANUARY 2021 | 6-8 PM

On the occasion of International Data Privacy day, IIIT-H is organizing a technical event that delves into the challenges (fairness, accountability, ethics, privacy) posed by the ever-exploding data. Speakers and a panel discussion will address these challenges and potential way forward from multiple perspectives.

**Talk by Dr. Rahul Panicker, Wadhvani AI**

**What is the trajectory of Data-Driven Solutions and Products over the next 10 years?**  
Data is filled with contradictions about its management, use, and access. Thus, giving rise to questions about fairness/bias, proprietary/public ownership, privacy/transparency, products/end-to-end solutions, etc. The round table will focus on past, present, and future about data relating to the above aspects and address difficult questions that arise.

**PANEL**

- Prof. Jaideep Srivastava, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Shailesh Kumar, Jio
- Dr. Priyamvada Trivedi, Ashoka University
- Dr. Ashwin Machanavajjhala, Duke University
- Prof. Kamal Karlapalem, IIIT Hyderabad

**MODERATOR**

- Prof. Kamal Karlapalem, IIIT Hyderabad

**Talk by Katina Michael, Arizona State University**

