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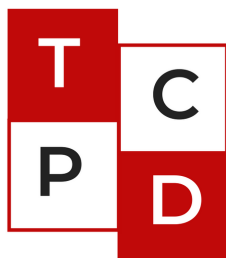
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About the Centre

The Trivedi Centre for Political Data aims at promoting data-driven research, policy work and journalism on India's political life, by producing and disseminating open access scientifically collected and treated political data.

It also aims at improving the quality of existing public data by developing and providing access to web-based tools adapted to Indian data. It seeks to enhance knowledge and understanding on political processes and dynamics by conducting research on the basis of the data collected, in partnership with individual scholars or academic institutions. We see the dissemination of public data as an essential tool of public accountability and democratic transparency and as such, conceive our mission to be a form of public service.

The Centre is the product of a joint venture between the Political Science and Computer Science departments at Ashoka University. We welcome suggestions, remarks, criticisms, and collaboration offers.

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REPORT SUMMARY

This is the fifth annual activity report of the Trivedi Centre for Political Data (TCPD from here on), for the year 2020-21. It contains a description of the activities conducted by the Centre and its members this past year, elements of information regarding the Centre's structure and development as well as a description of the Centre's priorities and plans for the coming year.

The Centre's activities this year focused on releasing new datasets on India's presidents, governors and chief ministers. We have completely overhauled our incumbency data and released a new tool - a Political Career Tracker - that enables users to visualize the political career of every candidate who ever stood for elections since 1962.

The Centre also started new projects on the sociology of India's bureaucracy, judiciary, as well as on an analysis of Facebook political advertisements.

The Centre covered six state elections this year: Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. This year, too, the pandemic did not allow for fieldwork. Instead, we relied on our state-level contacts to collect data, under the coordination of Avishek Jha. The Centre once again produced extensive analysis of state elections and related topics, publishing thirty-three articles in various media.

The Centre launched this year the TCPD Columns, a series of short pieces written by the staff and our interns popularizing the use of data for political analysis.

Priyamvada Trivedi and her team completed the Coding Contention project, a partnership between TCPD, PRIO and the University of Michigan. The data will be released soon, and several publications are expected to follow.

The Centre hosted two conferences, twenty guest lectures, and co-hosted seven "Dialogues on Indian Politics" in partnership with the Centre for Policy Research.

Saloni Bhogale and Basim-u-Nissa left after a long association with the Centre. Ananay Agarwal and Srishti Gupta joined as Junior Research Fellows, enhancing our data analysis and engineering capacity. Maya Mirchandani, faculty in the Media Department at Ashoka, joined as Senior Faculty Associate.

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Despite the pandemic, TCPD held its yet largest internship program this year, with a total of 41 students enrolled through the winter, summer, and some throughout the year. Three MLS students and one undergraduate ASP student were supervised by TCPD faculty. Two of them have been admitted into prestigious postgraduate and PhD programmes.

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Srishti Gupta
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Shoaib Mirza
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Aninthitha Nath (UG, Ashoka)
Atharvi Bais (UG, Ashoka)
Bilal Ahmad Tantray (UG, Jamia Millia Islamia)
Mufti Taha Shah (UG, St. Stephen's College)
Nandini Agrawal (UG, Ashoka)
Prerna Vij (UG, Ashoka)
Rochak Jain (UG, Ashoka)
Samridhi Hooda (UG, Ashoka)
Simran Saini (UG, Ashoka)
Soham Gaikwad (UG, IIT Delhi)
Vaibhav Parik (UG, Ashoka)
Varnika Gangavalli (UG, Ashoka)

WINTER INTERNS

Alapan Chaudhuri (UG, IIIT Delhi)
Dipanita Malik (UG, Ashoka)
Niharika Mehrotra (UG, Ashoka)
Prashasti Agarwal (UG, Ashoka)
Priavi Joshi (UG, Ashoka)
Saniya Deshpande (UG, University of Pune)
Shreyashree Nayak (UG, Ashoka)
Simran Saini (UG, Ashoka)
Yash More (UG, Ashoka)

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Jenish Raj Bajracharya (UG, Ashoka)

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Maleeha Fatima (MLS, Ashoka)

Shantanu Kulshreshtha (MLS, Ashoka)

Thejashri MS (ASP, Ashoka)

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Several team members have secured admissions in various graduate programs or have been offered positions at evidence-based research organizations:

- Avishek Jha has been admitted to the PhD programme in Geography at the University of Melbourne. He has published an article version of his Master's thesis in the peer-reviewed journal, SAMAJ,

- Fahad Hasin and Akashmegh Sharma have been hired by ID Insight

- Vaibhav Parik has been hired by the Centre for Policy Research

- Thejashri MS has been admitted to the Master's program in International Affairs at Sciences Po, Paris

- Arushi Sharan has contributed to a special issue of the Journal of Governance and Public Policy on institutional reforms in India. She has also been admitted to Oxford University, where she will pursue a fully-funded PhD in International Development.

GOVERNING BODY

We have two new members on our Scientific Board: Aaditeshwar Seth, Associate Professor of Computer Science at IIT Delhi, and Tariq Thachil, Director of the Center for Advanced Study of India (CASI), Associate Professor of Political Science and Madan Lal Sobti Chair for the Study of Contemporary India at the University of Pennsylvania.

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SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

01 DATA AND APPLICATION UPDATES AND NEW DATA RELEASES

We have released five new datasets accompanied with documentation that elaborates the variables in the dataset, their sources, our methodology and any caveats. Our two most widely-used applications - Lok Dhaba and the Political Careers Tracker - have been updated with new data and new features.

NEW DATA RELEASES

1.1 INDIAN POLITICAL PARTIES PROJECT

The data on political parties that have participated in state and national elections historically is released by the Election Commission of India (ECI). These parties are identified through ECI-assigned party abbreviations. However, we note that an abbreviation may not be unique to a party - the same political party can have different abbreviations and/or different parties are sometimes assigned the same abbreviations - across space and time. As a part of the Political Parties project, we standardise the names of all parties that have contested Vidhan Sabha or Lok Sabha elections in India since 1962. We do so by using our entity resolution software - Surf - to assign a unique ID to political parties across election types, states, and years. We also seek to resolve bypoll parties that the ECI does not release in expanded party name format. The resultant dataset enables robust incumbency mapping of party candidates while work on coding party factions and mergers is ongoing. Basim-u-Nissa and Mohit Kumar have led this effort.

This dataset is useful to anyone interested in tracing the formation, origins and trajectories of Indian political parties. It can be used as a base to study parties' splits and mergers.

1.2 GOVERNORS OF INDIA
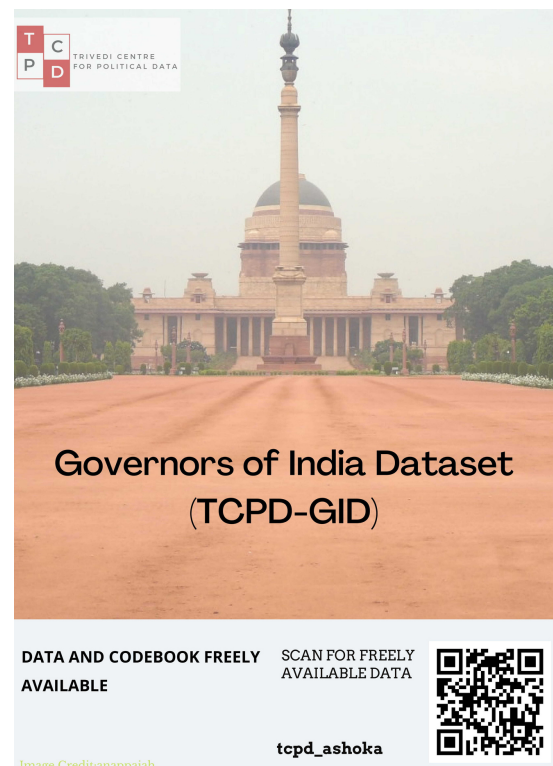
This dataset contains information on the Governors (or equivalent administrative heads) of all the states and union territories of India, since 1947. The released dataset also provides information on acting Governors and their tenures. The data has been carefully extracted and verified from official government websites that document their names and tenure dates. Where official government sources proved insufficient, data was extracted from credible and verifiable news sources published by reputed and trustworthy media organisations.

Link to the data: https://github.com/tcpd/gov-data-releas

1.3 PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF INDIA

This dataset contains information on India's presidents and vice-presidents, since 1947. The dataset provides information on their tenure and pre-presidential and pre-vice-presidential careers. The data has been carefully extracted and verified from official government websites and archives. Where official government sources proved insufficient, data was extracted from credible and verifiable news sources published by reputed and trustworthy media organisations. This project, led by Neelesh Agrawal, will be enriched by adding data on their official activities such as the number of Bills and ordinances they signed and a textual analysis of their public speeches.

1.4 CHIEF MINISTERS OF INDIA

This dataset contains information on the chief ministers of the states of India, along with their electoral history. The released dataset provides information on chief ministers of 20 states ,between 1962 and 2021. The data has been carefully extracted and verified from official government websites that document their names and tenure dates.

Where official government sources proved insufficient, data was extracted from credible and verifiable news sources published by reputed and trustworthy media organisations.

Link to the data: https://tcpd.ashoka.edu.in/chief-ministers-of-india/

1.5 CODING CONTENTION

This is the third and final year of collaboration between the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and TCPD on extracting information on different forms of contention from one national and two local dailies. Priyamvada Trivedi led this effort. The data and documentation will be available in the public domain after joint consultations with the PRIO team.

1.6 JUDICIARY DATASET

As part of a new project on the sociology of India's public institutions, TCPD has collected data on all judges and justices appointed to India's High Courts and to the Supreme Court since Independence. The data collection phase is over and the dataset is in the process of being structured, with a number of added socio-demographic variables on judges and their tenures. Gilles Verniers, in collaboration with Christophe Jaffrelot and Saniya Deshpande, are responsible for this project.

APPLICATION UPDATES

1.7 POLITICAL CAREERS TRACKER

Indian politicians tend to have short careers. Often, in a given assembly, more than half of the sitting MPs or MLAs do not serve a consecutive term. As a result, most elected representatives tend to be first-time MPs or MLAs.

The Political Career Tracker (PCT), designed by TCPD, is a visualisation tool that measures this phenomenon and other aspects of Indian politicians' careers. Its interface helps you visualize all candidates contesting a particular election and enables you to filter these candidates by various categories: first-time contestants, re-running incumbents, turncoats, among others. The data interface also provides information on the number of terms served by MPs and MLAs, and the number of times that the candidates have contested.
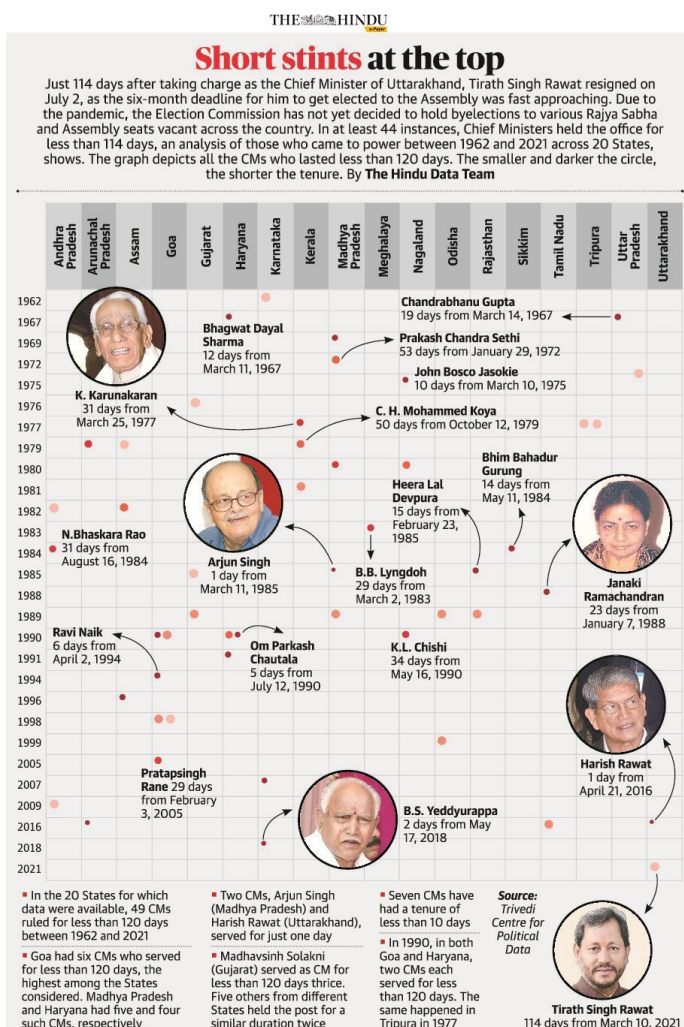
Every individual who contested a state or national election since 1962 has been given a unique identification number (PID), thanks to TCPD's tool, Surf, a name-matching software that identifies and groups possible identical entities in a list of names, regardless of spelling variations. Link to the application: https://lokdhaba.ashoka.edu.in/pct/home.html


1.8 LOK DHABA - DATA UPDATE

Lok Dhaba data was updated systematically through the year, with candidates' contesting information released at the close of nominations, and all visualisations updated on the respective results dates during the state assembly elections for Bihar, Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Improvements were made to the architecture as well to make the tool more robust and scalable. Many new variables have also been added to make the data more comprehensive and expansive. These include variables on election phase information, alliance, party type, party ID (to identify party with different abbreviations across elections), as well as sociological variables on the educational and professional background of candidates.

Furthermore, Lok Sabha visualisations have also been updated with assembly segment wise results for general elections, which allows users to compare Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha visualisations seamlessly. In an effort to make Lok Dhaba more accessible, the team also held workshops on using the tool with local journalists from Bihar and West Bengal, as well as with Ashoka students. Link to the application: https://lokdhaba.ashoka.edu.in
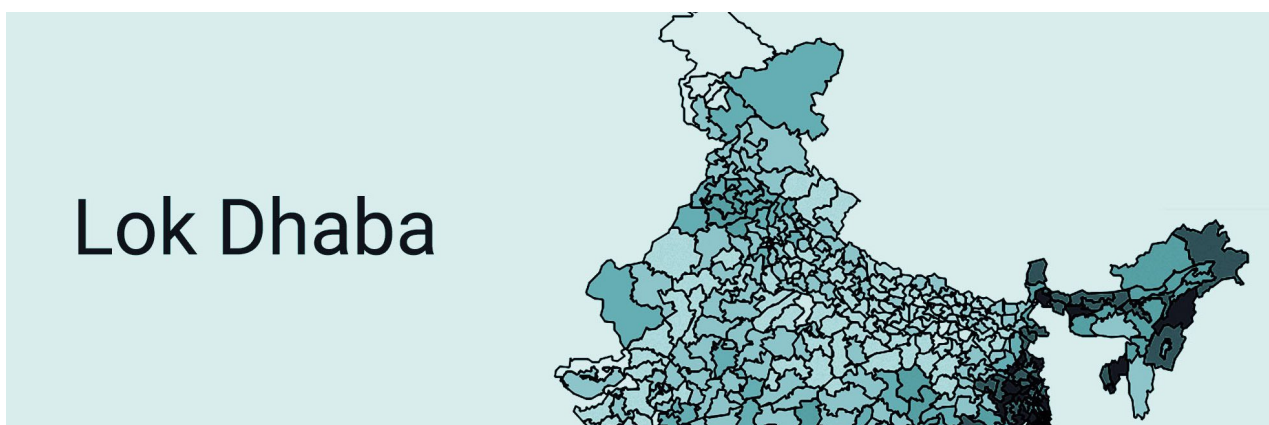
02 RECURRENT PROJECTS

2.1 MAPPING STATE ELECTIONS

*Avishek Jha (Research Fellow) captured a few shots during the 2021 West Bengal Vidhan Sabha Elections.*

The Centre covered six state elections this year: Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. The pandemic, however, did not allow for fieldwork. Instead, we relied on our state-level contacts to collect data on major parties' candidates' caste and religion, and organized a team of interns under the supervision of our research assistant, Avishek Jha, to collect information about political families and women candidates.

The Centre's analysis has attracted wide attention through various publications, public events, and participation in television shows (see media section).

Vignesh Karthik KR, our collaborator for Tamil Nadu, shared this picture during the 2021 Tamil Nadu Vidhan Sabha Elections.

Bihar: Strike rate of incumbents by party

Source: TCPD-IID: TCPD Individual Incumbency Dataset, 1969-current
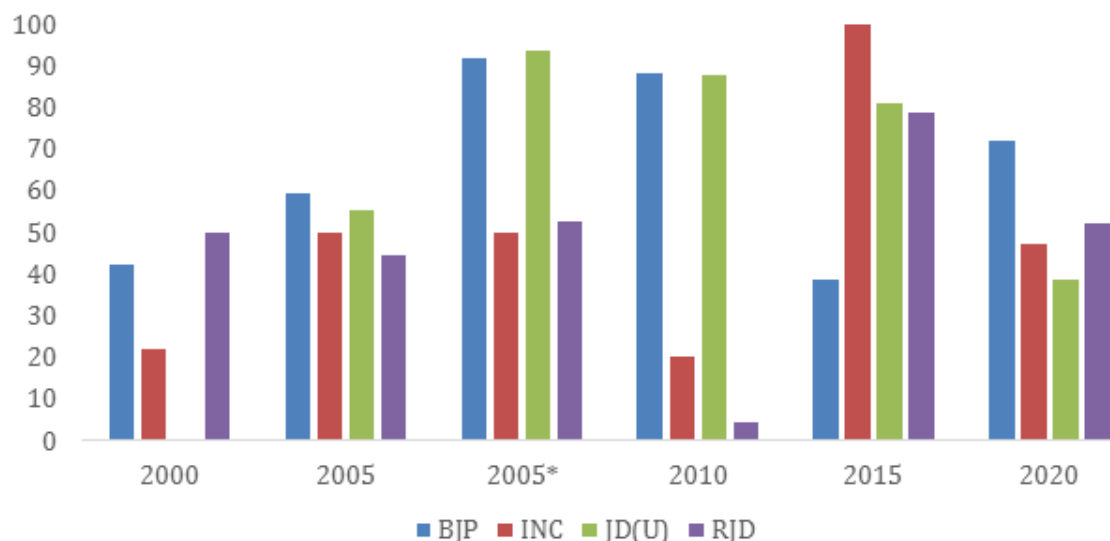
"Bihar: What does an analysis of incumbents' performances reflect about Election 2020?", Scroll.in. November 14, 2020
Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar, Neelesh Agrawal & Priyamvada Trivedi

2.2 INCUMBENCY MAPPING

We have made significant progress in checking and releasing incumbency data this past year. We have also released a short tutorial on SURF on our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBAhqzWYxuk.

The incumbency mapping process involves assigning unique IDs to individual political actors who have contested any Vidhan Sabha or Lok Sabha election in India since 1962 across states and years. For this, we rely on our entity resolution tool - SURF - and secondary research. During the past year, the process was carried out and data released for the following states/UTs: Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur,

Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, and West Bengal.

Currently, the process is being implemented on data from Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh and from pre-1962 election results. For all these states, the candidates were mapped such that those who contested state elections can also be identified in national elections and vice versa. Ananay Agarwal and Basim-U-Nissa have led this effort in association with several interns.

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2.3 INCUMBENCY VISUALISATION

The data generated from incumbency mapping can be found in its raw form in Lok Dhaba and can also be visualized in our incumbency visualization application.

The application has been improved based on feedback from users, student interns and staff members. The improvements are reflected in the selection of filters that are now available to the user along with detailed documentation and a feedback form that can be accessed via links at the bottom of the page. Users now have the option to choose the inclusion or exclusion of bye-elections, the type of constituencies (General, SC or ST) among other filters. Mohit Kumar and Neelesh Agrawal lead the development of this application.

2.4 WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS

The Centre ran its first survey of 1,100 sarpanches across 22 districts of Haryana. The objective of the survey is to measure possible gendered variations in political ambitions of men and women serving in local elective bodies. Thanks to the supervision of Sampurna Khasnabis, and the steering of Susan Osterman and Julia Kowalski (University of Notre Dame), the survey was successfully completed within four months with an excellent response rate.

The survey was conducted in a total of 1100 villages across 22 districts in Haryana. 649 male sarpanches and 447 female sarpanches responded to the survey. The response rates are 100% and 96% for male and female sarpanches respectively. Susan Ostermann and Gilles Verniers will be analysing the data over the summer and the Fall of 2021. Preliminary results were presented at a conference on Gender and Politics hosted by the CentrE on Contemporary India at the University of California, Berkeley, May 3-6.
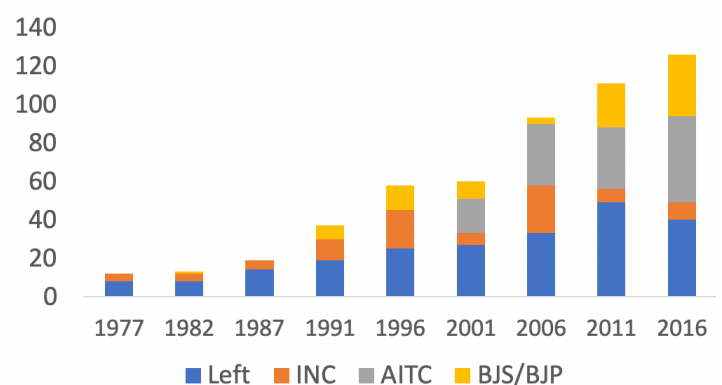
"How Mamata's Trinamool Broke The Glass Ceiling For Women In Politics," Article 14. March 22, 2021. Gilles Verniers and Maya Mirchandani

2.5 PROFILING INDIAN LEGISLATORS AND CANDIDATES TO INDIAN ELECTIONS

This project is the subject of the LIA-SPINPER partnership with Sciences Po and the CNRS and consists of a large-scale data collection effort on major parties' candidates to national and state elections. We have covered five states/UT during their regional elections (Assam, Bihar, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal) and have worked on consolidating the state datasets, by chasing empty entries and cleaning the data further. Avishek Jha and Basim-u-Nissa coordinated the data collection on this project.

03 NEW PROJECTS

3.1 URBAN LOCAL BODIES

TCPD has tied up with the Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI, UPenn) to begin building a public repository of local urban elections across six states (Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala and Telangana). A team of computer scientists, led by Shristi Gupta, has built and documented municipal election results for these six states and will continue to develop this data through the incoming year.

3.2 POLITICAL DIGITAL ADVERTISING

The objective of this project, led by Neelesh Agrawal, is to analyze political campaigning on social media at the level of contesting candidates. For this purpose, Neelesh is building a dataset of paid political posts on Facebook known as "ads". These Facebook ads are of particular significance, as these are "paid-for". These ads are made available to researchers and journalists through the Facebook Ads library. While the meta data (spending on ads, outreach, etc.) are easy to gather, the analysis of the content itself requires a lengthy exercise involving human annotators due to the material's visual nature.

The steps for the content classification involve filtering relevant pages, looking through each ad published by such pages, and marking them on parameters that are indicative of the tactics, sentiment, theme and coherence across constituency, state and national levels.

The classification of content for the 2020 Bihar elections, as well as for the 2021 Kerala and West Bengal elections, has been nearly completed. Once ready, the dataset will enable the study of the following questions:

- Trends across parties (both at party-level and candidate-level) or alliances
- Coherence within a party
- Trends within a constituency
- Trends across socio-economic background of candidates
- Winning trends and agendas

The next steps of this project involve identifying candidates' Twitter profiles and analyzing their tweets (largely textual data) to understand the correlation between Facebook ads, which are paid, and tweets (which are free).

3.3 A SOCIOLOGY OF INDIA'S BUREAUCRACY

As part of a future project on the study of Indian public institutions, a team from TCPD led by Srishti Gupta has started to structure datasets on IAS and IPS officers. This will provide the base material for a large study of representation trajectories of minorities and women in major public institutions.

3.4 PROFILING INDIA'S JUDICIARY

As part of a larger project on the profiling of major public institutions in India, a team lead by Gilles Verniers has started compiling information and data on India's high courts and the Supreme Court. Building on Gadbois' early work on the prosopography of India's Supreme Court, this project aims at creating the resources necessary to conduct a thorough sociological profile and study of careers of top magistrates in India.

04 RESEARCH FUNDING

Several partners have contributed to funding research activities and supported the hiring of research assistants on the following projects:

- King's College, London: Covid portal project
- Princeton: Coding gender political data
- Sciences Po/CNRS: SPINPER project
- UPIASI (UPenn): Urban Local Bodies project

05 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS
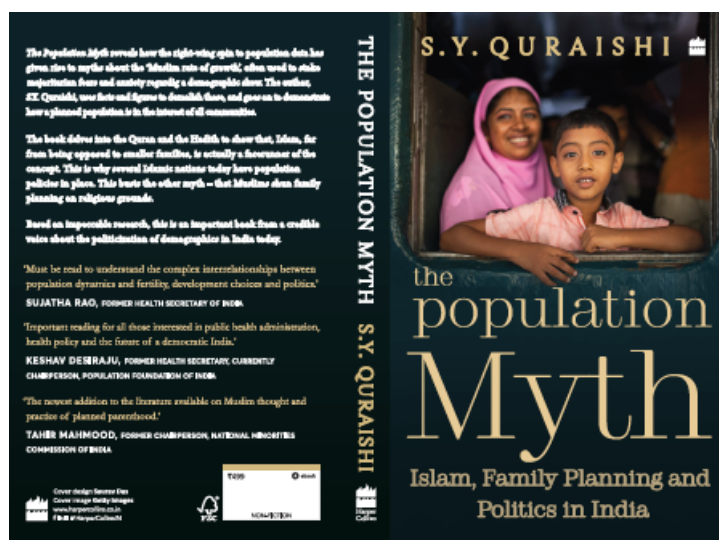
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TEACHING

As in previous years, several courses taught in the Political Science Department at Ashoka University have drawn from TCPD's work and data. TCPD staff were involved as teaching assistants or as technical support.

01 PARTY AND ELECTORAL POLITICS

This undergraduate course taught by Gilles Verniers covers the trajectory of various families of political parties in India. The course took place concomitantly with the Delhi elections. TCPD data was used to analyse the election results in real time and to run exercises during tutorial sessions.

03 QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS 1

The goal of this course, taught by Neelanjan Sircar, is to introduce Political Science students to the basics of statistical analysis of data. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing and study design, based on exercises largely designed and derived from TCPD data.

02 MAKING SENSE OF INDIAN ELECTIONS (YIF)

This is a recurrent six-week course taught by Gilles Verniers in the Young India Fellowship. The course consists of an introduction to Indian electoral politics combined with an introduction
 to political data handling, including mapping of state elections, political cartography and field data collection. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no fieldwork assignment could be conducted.

04 QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS 2

This is the second part of a two-course sequence in quantitative methods in Political Science, taught by Neelanjan Sircar. This course covers regression methods, including ordinary least squares, binary logistic, probit, and Poisson techniques. It provides a brief introduction to classification approaches and data mining, based on exercises largely designed and derived from TCPD data.

PARTNERSHIPS

EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS

HINDUSTAN TIMES

The Centre has published 10 articles in the Hindustan Times, as part of our partnership (see publications section).

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH (CPR)

The Centre held seven panel discussions as part of the CPR-TCPD Dialogues on Indian Politics (see events section).

SCIENCES PO

The LIA SPINPER project entered its fourth year. The work this year involved consolidating the data collected from past fieldwork and recent elections, in preparation for the edited volume scheduled for 2022. We held a contributors' conference in September 2020.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

CENTRE FOR THE ADVANCED STUDY OF INDIA (CASI), UPENN, PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to share the news of a new partnership with the Centre for the Advanced Study of India at the University of Pennsylvania. We will be working together to build a public database of municipal elections under the supervision of Tariq Thachil (CASI, UPenn), Adam Auerbach (American University) and Gilles Verniers (TCPD). We are grateful to members of the Ashoka administration - Vanita Shastri, Rajesh Garodia, Manish Gupta, and Sachin Sharma - and to colleagues at UPenn - Juliana di Giustini and Dr. Sridharan (UPIASI) - for their prompt responses and support to the process.

EVENTS

The Centre organised 19 guest lectures which are available on our Youtube channel along with organising one conference and taking part in 10 panel discussions and workshops.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED BY TCPD

"THE CASTE PROFILE OF INDIAN MLAs" (NOVEMBER 27 2020)

TCPD hosted a SPINPER conference on "The Caste Profile of Indian MLAs". Participants included: Christophe Jaffrelot, Gilles Verniers, Shantanu Kulshreshtha, Jusmeet Singh Sihra, Pralay Kanungo, Neelanjan Sircar, Sharik Laliwala, James Manor, Rajeshwari Deshpande, Vignesh Rajahmani, Andrew Wyatt, Kiran Kumar Gowd, Surya Rao, Nissim Mannathukkaren, Saloni Bhogale, Aaditya Dar, Basim-u-Nissa, and Smitana Saikia

Discussants: Ashwini Deshpande, Suhas Palshikar

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

- July 16-17, 2020: Priyamvada Trivedi participated in an online workshop on The Political Science of Collective Vigilantism and Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective organized by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. A co-authored paper with Christian Davenport (University of Michigan) "They Don't Lynch Their Own, Do They? Sexual Predation During Slavery and Anti-Black Political Violence, 1882-1930" was discussed.

- December 15, 2020: TCPD organized a workshop on public and political data as a part of the 8th International Conference on Big Data Analytics hosted by Ashoka University. The workshop included Aaditya Dar (Indian School of Business), Chahat Bansal (IIT Delhi), Neelesh Agrawal (TCPD, Ashoka University), Mohit Kumar (TCPD, Ashoka University) and Basim-u-Nissa (TCPD, Ashoka University) and Saloni Bhogale (University of Wisconsin, Madison).

THE 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIG DATA ANALYTICS
Ashoka University

Workshop on Public and Political Data
December 15, 2020

Electoral Cycles in Food Prices: Evidence from India
Aaditya Dar (Indian School of Business)

A Methodology and Application of Pixel-level Land Cover Classification in India over Three Satellite Systems
Chahat Bansal (IIT Delhi)

Facebooking for Political Likes: Preliminary Analysis of Trends in Paid Advertising on Facebook and Election Outcomes during the Bihar 2020 Assembly Elections
Neelesh Agrawal, Mohit Kumar & Basim-U-Nissa (TCPD, Ashoka University)

What can the Question Hour tell us about Representation in India?
Saloni Bhogale (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

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Trivedi Centre for Political Data

- December 16, 2020: With the upcoming 2021 West Bengal elections, Neelesh Agarwal, Basim Nissa and Ananay Agarwal engaged with journalists from West Bengal and demonstrated how Lok Dhaba could be used in their own coverage of elections. The session was organized with the help of the Ashoka Media Team.

- December 18, 2020: Sudheendra Hangal spoke about the Challenging problems in Indian Political Data at the Indian Symposium on Machine Learning (IndoML) organized by IIT Gandhinagar.

- January 28, 2020: Priyamvada Trivedi spoke on "The trajectory of Data-Driven Solutions and Products over the next 10 years? And what should we do now about it?" at an online panel discussion organized by IIIT Hyderabad.

- February 19, 2021: Gilles Verniers spoke about "Women's participation in India's State Elections since the 2019 General Elections" in a panel organized by the University of Nottingham.

"The trajectory of Data-Driven Solutions and Products over the next 10 years? And what should we do now about it?" by Priyamvada Trivedi at IIIT-Hyderabad's online panel discussion.

- April 9, 2021: Basim-u-Nissa and Ishika Sharan presented their co-authored paper on torture in India at the Annual International Studies Aassociation (ISA) Conference.

- April 14, 2021: Basim-u-Nissa and Ishika Sharan presented their co-authored paper on torture in India at the 2021 Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference.

- May 2-4: Gilles Verniers and Susan Ostermann presented findings from the Haryana survey at a conference on Gender and Politics organized by the South Asia Institute at the University of Berkeley, California.

- June 18, 2021: Gilles Verniers spoke about the reconfiguration of the DMK elite in a panel organized by the South Asia Institute at SOAS, London.
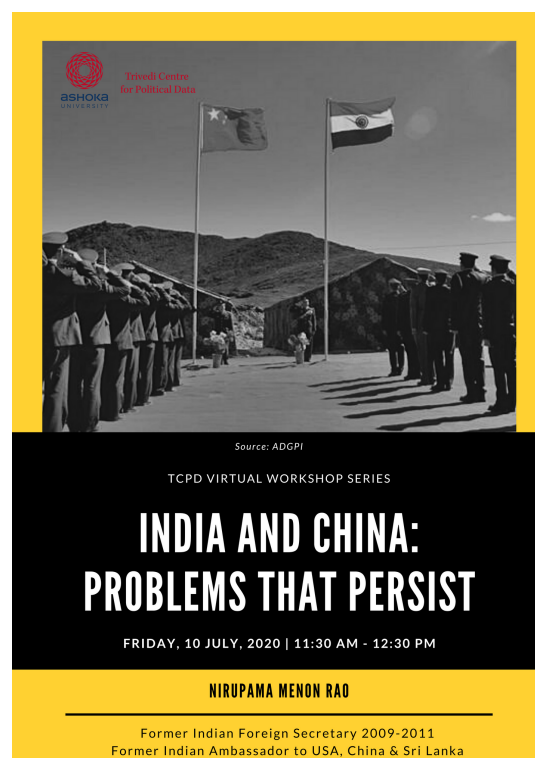
TCPD GUEST LECTURES

July 3, 2020

Digital politics and networks of environmental activism during the climate strikes in 2019
Speaker: Aasim Khan (Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, IIIT Delhi)

July 10, 2020

India and China: Problems that Persist
Speaker: Nirupama Rao (Former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to China)

July 17, 2020

Politicians, Gurus or Technocrats? Insights from Prime Minister's Speeches in Contemporary India
Speaker: Jean-Thomas Martelli (Head Researcher, Centre de Sciences Humaines)

July 24, 2020

Where does government come from?
Speaker: Jagdeep Chhokar (Founder and Trustee, Association of Democratic Reforms)

July 31, 2020

Researching Criminal Justice in India
Speaker: Anup Surendranath (Assistant Professor, NLU Delhi; Director, Centre on the Death Penalty)

August 7, 2020

Explaining variation in Civilian Attitudes towards Insurgents and the State: Theory and Evidence from India
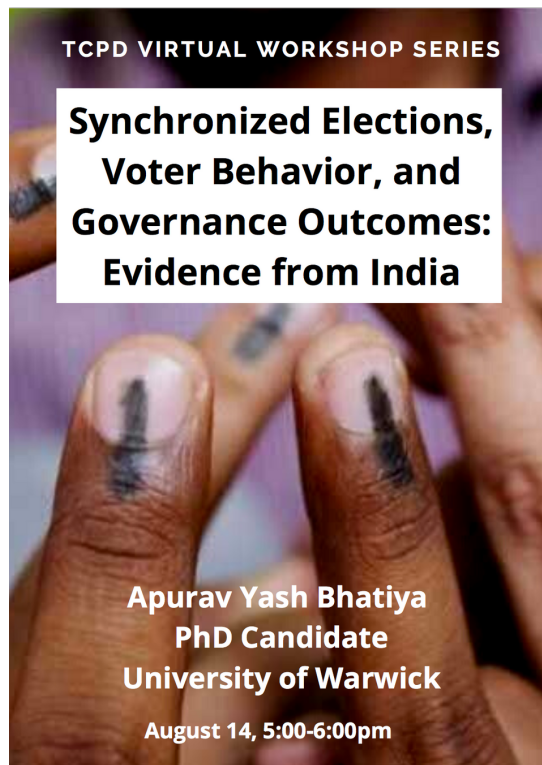Speaker: Dipin Kaur (PhD candidate, Yale)

August 14, 2020

Synchronized Elections, Voter Behavior, and Governance Outcomes: Evidence from India
Speaker: Apurav Yash Bhatiya (PhD candidate, University of Warwick)

August 21, 2020

Doing Journalism in the Time of Modi
Speakers: Harish Khare (Senior journalist, Former Media Advisor to Prime Minister of India 2009-2012)

September 11, 2020

Does religious bias shape access to public services? A large-scale audit experiment among street-level bureaucrats
Speakers: Charles Crabtree (Assistant Professor of Government, Dartmouth College)
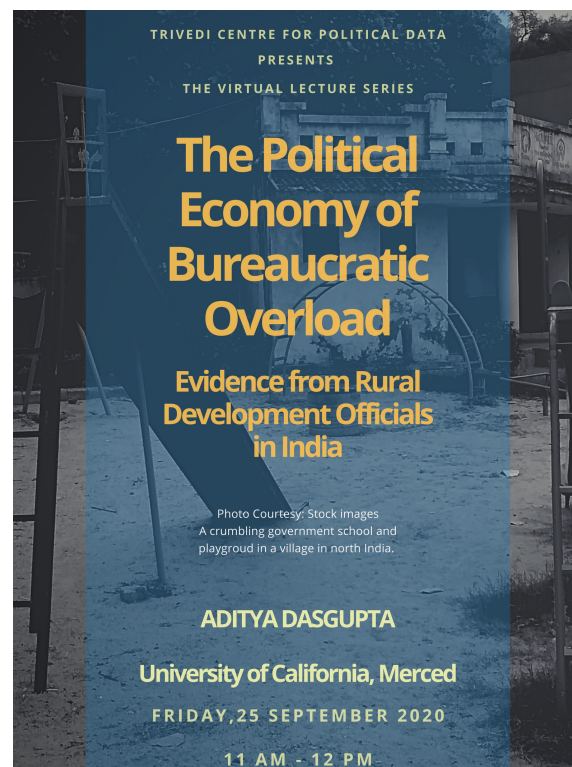
September 18, 2020

Role of Civil Society in India
Speaker: Luis Miranda (Chairman, Centre for Civil Society)

September 25, 2020

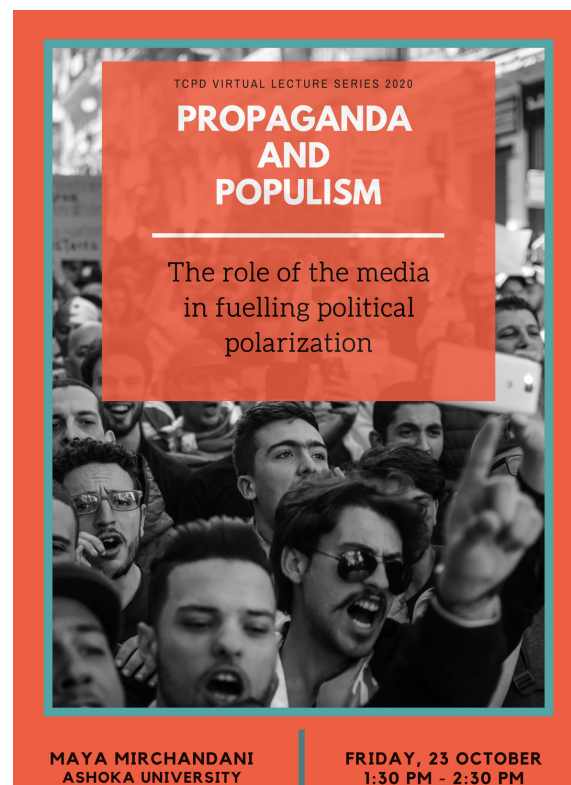**The Political Economy of Bureaucratic Overload: Evidence from Rural Development Officials in India**
Speaker: Aditya Dasgupta (Assistant Professor, University of California, Merced)

October 9, 2020

Political Ethnography: On the Ethnographic Approach to Politics
Speakers: Uday Chandra (Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University, Qatar)

October 23, 2020

Propaganda and Populism: The Role of the Media in Fuelling Political Polarization"
Speaker: Maya Mirchandani (Assistant Professor of Broadcast Journalism and Media Studies, Ashoka University)

October 29, 2020

The Causes and Consequences of Militarized Policing

Speakers: Erica De Bruin (Associate Professor of Government, Hamilton College)

November 6, 2020

Should News be Subject to TRPs?
Speakers: SY Quraishi (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India), Vikram Chandra (Founder , Editorji Technologies), and Maya Mirchandani (Assistant Professor of Broadcast Journalism and Media Studies, Ashoka University)

November 12, 2020

Representation and Forest Conservation: Evidence from India's Scheduled Areas
Speakers: Saad Gulzar (Assistant Professor, Stanford University)

November 18, 2020
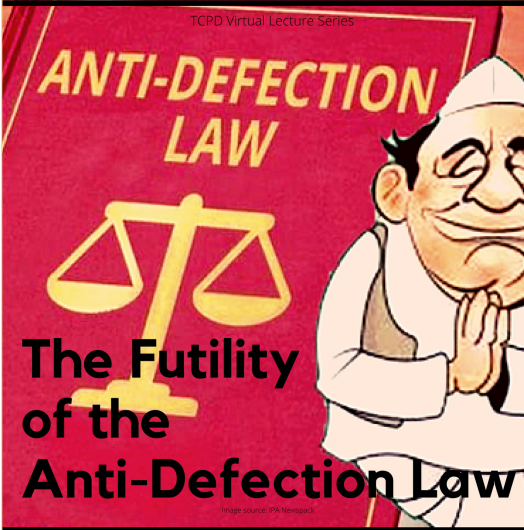
Minority Politics in Bihar
Speakers: Julien Levesque (Researcher, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH))

November 20, 2020

"The Futility of the Anti-Defection Law."
Speaker: Rajeev Gowda (former Rajya Sabha MP)

November 27, 2020

Electoral Violence, Partisanship and Perceptions of Election Quality: A Survey Experiment in West Bengal, India
Speakers: Ursula Daxecker (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Amsterdam) and Hanne Fjelde (Associate Professor, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University)

CPR-TCPD DIALOGUES ON INDIAN POLITICS

The Centre organized seven editions of the CPR-TCPD Dialogues on Indian Politics, in partnership with the Centre for Policy Research.

BOOK RELEASE: 'INDIA TOMORROW: CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NEXT GENERATION OF POLITICAL LEADERS' BY PRADEEP CHHIBBER AND HARSH SHAH

Zoom webinar on 20 August 2020
Speakers: Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis and Former Union Minister of State, Mr. Milind Deora, along with the authors of the book.

WILL 2020 HERALD A NEW POLITICAL EQUATION IN BIHAR? CPR-TCPD DIALOGUES

Zoom Conference on 20 October 2020
Speakers: Jeffrey Witsoe (Associate Professor, Union College, USA), Sajjan Kumar (Author and Independent Researcher), Poulomi Chakrabarti (Assistant Professor, Queen's University, Canada) and Neelanjan Sircar (Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR)
Moderator: Gilles Verniers, Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR

ANALYSING BIHAR ELECTIONS

Zoom conference on 11 November 2020

A data-driven analysis of the Bihar assembly election results
Speakers: Vandita Mishra (Opinion Editor, The Indian Express), Gilles Verniers (Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR), Taberez Neyazi (Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore) and Neelanjan Sircar (Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR).
In conversation with Rahul Verma (Fellow, CPR)

MOVEMENT IN CONTEXT: AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATIONS IN INDIA

Zoom Webinar on March 2, 2021

Speakers: Mekhala Krishnamurthy (Senior Fellow, CPR and Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Ashoka University), Harish Damodaran (Rural Affairs and Agriculture Editor, Indian Express), Surinder Jhodka (Professor of Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University)
Moderator: Gilles Verniers (Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR)

CPR-TCPD DISCUSSION

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Source: The Hindu Centre, 18 June 2019

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MODERATED BY

Gilles Verniers
Co-Director TCPD, and Assistant Professor Department of Political Science , Ashoka University

**TUESDAY
2 MARCH 2021
6:30 PM - 8 PM**

ISLAM, FAMILY PLANNING AND POLITICS IN INDIA: DISCUSSING 'THE POPULATION MYTH'

Zoom Webinar on April 8, 2021

Speakers: Ashwini Deshpande (Professor of Economics and Founding Director, Centre for Economic Data and Analysis, Ashoka University), Christophe Jaffrelot (Professor of Indian Politics and Sociology, King's India Institute, London), Mohammad A. Khan (Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ashoka University)
Moderator: Gilles Verniers (Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR)

HOW IS THE RSS RESHAPING INDIAN DEMOCRACY

Zoom Webinar on April 15, 2021

Badri Narayan in conversation with Saba Naqvi (Author and Journalist), Varghese K George (Associate Editor, The Hindu), Amit Ahuja (Associate Professor, University of California Santa Barbara)
Moderator: Gilles Verniers (Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR)

ELECTIONS AMIDST A PANDEMIC: DECODING THE VERDICT OF ASSEMBLY POLLS 2021

Zoom Webinar on May 3, 2021

Speakers: Neelanjan Sircar (Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR), Rahul Verma (Fellow, CPR), Gilles Verniers (Co-Director, TCPD & Assistant Professor, Ashoka University and Senior Visiting Fellow, CPR), S.Y. Quraishi (Distinguished Fellow, TCPD)
Moderator: Yamini Aiyar (Director, CPR)

TCPD COLUMNS

TCPD launched its Columns series this year, a collection of short pieces written by the Centre's researchers and interns. Columns aims at providing examples of the ways in which the Centre's data may be used for data analysis or to explain some of the tools we use to build our datasets. Columns' topics range from incumbency mapping to the sociological profile of politicians. Published bi-monthly, TCPD Columns reflects the ideas and work of staff members and interns alike. Its mission is to popularize the use of data in political analysis.

The Fates of Defectors: Looking at the trend of political defections in West Bengal

by Aishwarya Sunaad, Ananay Agarwal and Priyamvada Trivedi

March 12, 2021

New Waves: Looking at the trend of newcomers in Assam's politics

by Aishwarya Sunaad, Ananay Agarwal and Priyamvada Trivedi

March 20, 2021

Analysing the TCPD-ICoM Dataset

by Keya Gupta and Saloni Bhogale

April 5, 2021

Woman Power : Trends in the performance of women candidates in Assam and West Bengal over the years

by Aishwarya Sunaad

April 12, 2021

Kerala: An analysis of newcomers, turncoats and the stable political class

by Basim-u-Nissa and Priyamvada Trivedi

April 23, 2021

Battlegrounds: Analyzing national and state level parties' performances in Assam and West Bengal in the 21st century

by Aishwarya Sunaad and Shoaib Mirza

May 4, 2021

Caste Demography of the Two Major Alliances in the 2021 Tamil Nadu State Elections

by Pulari Baskar

May 11, 2021

How do caste and religion affect the political representation of women in Kerala?

by Shreya Shreya

May 18, 2021

An Analysis of the Criminal Background of Political Candidates in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

by Prashasti Agarwal

May 21, 2021

Surf: An Entity Mapping and Resolution System for Indian Names

by Ananay Agarwal and S.V. Sai Vikas

June 2, 2021

State Assembly Terms and Chief Ministerial Tenures: Mapping Churn and Continuance Among Chief Ministers in India

by Prachi Arya

June 23, 2021

Using Dashboards to visualise data

by Mayank Goel

June 30, 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA

TCPD maintains a presence on social media - Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube. We post regular updates about current projects, publications (media and research) and announcements on upcoming events.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

TCPD's monthly newsletter goes out to the entire Ashoka community and to individual subscribers via our website. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide updates on the Centre's projects and research activities, publications and announcements related to summer school, internships and job opportunities.

LOGO UPDATE

The Centre updated its logo in May 2021. Going forward, TCPD will use its new logo on all public platforms and in its correspondences and documents. The logo was designed by our intern Aishwarya Sunaad.
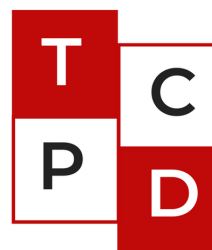
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SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

TCPD held its fifth Summer Internship Program. This program has become increasingly popular both within and outside Ashoka. We had 13 students from Ashoka and beyond who spent 6 to 10 weeks assisting with the Centre's projects and working on their own research. Besides Ashoka, our interns came from Jamia Millia Islamia, St. Stephen's College and IIT Delhi.

Interns worked on the following projects:

Political Representation Project
Entailed sourcing and collecting lists of IAS/IPS personnel

Women in Politics
Involved collection of socio-demographic data such as caste, religion, political family, prior experience on women contestants

Mapping India's Judiciary
Building and expanding the dataset of high court judges

State Election Mapping
Completing the data collection for spring 21 AE elections, including political families

Incumbency Mapping
Required finishing, processing and cleaning data work

Mapping Local Elections
Scraping state election commission websites (Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra)

Legislators' Data
Integration of caste data from varying resources

Affidavit Scraping
Scraping affidavit information for political contestants across all states

Political Digital Advertising
Annotating Facebook ad pictures/videos according to suitable values

Profiling India's State Cabinets
Scraping historical information on state cabinets

Data Visualisation Application
Required the generation of visualisations from existing CM and governors' datasets and displaying them on an interactive application

" WHAT OUR SUMMER INTERNS HAVE TO SAY

Ananya Vahvle

"The internship was an extremely enriching experience as it allowed me to brush up on technical skills as well as learn new skills. Working on the Political Careers Tracker Project (Incumbency Mapping) really enhanced not only my data handling skills, but also my research and analytical skills"

Prerna Vij

"The summer internship at TCPD has given me interesting insight into the ways in which data collection is increasingly having a large impact on how elections and democracy is fundamentally understood. The juxtaposition of both quantitative and qualitative aspects of research have allowed me to gain a more holistic insight into how well rounded research is the backbone to answering some of the more complicated questions in Indian electoral politics."

NEXT STEPS

OBJECTIVES FOR JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

The Centre is already geared towards new projects that will be developed throughout the incoming year. Building repositories on local elected bodies in partnership with CASI/UPIASI, building repositories on members of major public institutions, including the judiciary and the media. We also plan to expand the Union Cabinet Dataset to state Cabinets. Some of these new projects will require new fundings. Applying for grants and building new funded partnerships is a priority for this year.

This year is yet again an important election year, with state polls scheduled for Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Manipur, Goa and Punjab. A significant part of our data collection effort will be focused on Uttar Pradesh.

Another objective for 2022 is to integrate electoral data from the 1950s in our various datasets (electoral results, incumbency). Differing formats prevented us from including this from the start and we hope to complete this integration by the end of the year.

The Centre's data work needs to lead to more academic publications.. Every project head will be responsible for working on papers that are to be submitted for publication within the year.

Remote work continues for the incoming months although the Centre's office has technically re-opened.

For this year, the Centre's priorities are thus the following:

- Release Legislators data and integrate it in Lok Dhaba
- Release our first datasets on bureaucrats and judges
- Seek resources to fund a large-scale data collection effort on local elected bodies.
- Develop new visualizations and a dashboard for the data recently released

Annexure 1 - Publications and Media Exposure

How are the claims of rival factions in a political party settled?
June 19, 2021, The Indian Express
By S.Y Quraishi

Government's attack on digital media shows fear of Narendra Modi
June 1, 2021, The Wire
By M K Venu and Maya Mirchandani

Is Kerala really inclusive? 33 charts about MLAs in new assembly show there's still work to be done
May 13, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

30 charts dissecting the Kerala verdict: LDF victory comes against backdrop of Congress decline
May 11, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

The UP model or how not to face a pandemic
May 10, 2021, The Indian Express
By Ali Khan Mahmudabad, Gilles Verniers

Tamil Nadu's new assembly in 33 charts: Lowest women representation in 25 years, OBCs dominate
May 10, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Vignesh Karthik KR, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

How Tamil Nadu voted in 28 charts: DMK won a clean victory but AIADMK remained competitive adversary
May 9, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Vignesh Karthik KR, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Assam's new assembly in 30 charts: Fewer women, more Muslims – and more crorepatis
May 8, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Avishek Jha, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Assam verdict: 29 charts that show just how polarised the election was
May 7, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

The new Bengal assembly in 28 charts: Fewer Muslims, more Scheduled Caste MLAs – and not much youth | Breaking down the numbers
May 6, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Avishek Jha, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Bengal verdict: 25 charts show how the Trinamool conclusively beat the BJP
May 5, 2021, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Opinion | Decoding women's representation in the 2021 state elections
May 5, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Avishek Jha and Gilles Verniers

Analysis | In state elections, when incumbents had a high success ratio
May 5, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Basim-u-Nissa, Ananay Agarwal and Gilles Verniers

The way these state polls were held should leave us in dismay
May 3, 2021, Mint
By Gilles Verniers

The Bengal model to counter the BJP
May 2, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

In Bengal, the X factor — women and welfare
April 30, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

Supreme Court could have removed secrecy around electoral bonds. Too bad it didn't
April 8, 2021, The Indian Express
By S.Y. Quraishi

What the battle of Nandigram says about Bengal's politics
March 31, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

How Mamata's Trinamool Broke The Glass Ceiling For Women In Politics
March 22, 2021, Article 14
By Gilles Verniers & Maya Mirchandani

Modi's centralisation of welfare delivery has a cost that BJP's state leaders are paying
March 11, 2021, The Print
By Neelanjan Sircar

Why the battle of Bengal matters
March 4, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

The political economy driving farm protests
January 19, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

Bihar polls: 32 charts reveal caste, gender, religious and criminal composition of the new assembly
November 19, 2020, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Decoding the Bihar results in 32 charts: Turnouts, vote shares, victory margins and more
November 15, 2020, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers, Mohit Kumar & Neelesh Agrawal

Bihar: What does an analysis of incumbents' performances reflect about Election 2020?
November 14, 2020, Scroll.in
By Basim-u-Nissa, Mohit Kumar, Neelesh Agrawal & Priyamvada Trivedi

In charts: How BJP swept the bye-elections in 13 states – and what it means
November 12, 2020, Scroll.in
By Gilles Verniers & Ananay Agarwal

Bihar Assembly Election 2020: More women candidates but fewer winners
November 12, 2020, Hindustan Times
By Gilles Verniers & Samridhi Hooda

Bihar can be a leading example of how to successfully conduct a poll in difficult times
November 12, 2020, The Indian Express
By S.Y. Quraishi

Bihar Assembly Election 2020: With superior poll strike rate, BJP may call the shots in NDA
November 11, 2020, Hindustan Times
By Neelanjan Sircar

People-meters have a history of manipulation. Huge penetration of Direct-to-Home television offers a solution
10 October 2020, Indian Express
By S.Y. Quraishi (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India), Distinguished Fellow, TCPD)

Time to give democracy a new lease of life
September 15, 2020, The Tribune
By S.Y. Quraishi (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India), Distinguished Fellow, TCPD)

In Bihar, EC's challenge: To ensure level playing field in a mostly virtual campaign
August 21, 2020, The Indian Express
By S.Y. Quraishi (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India)

Sri Lanka's parliamentary elections will hold lessons for India's Election Commission ahead of Bihar polls
August 3, 2020, The Indian Express
By S.Y. Quraishi (Former Chief Election Commissioner of India)

NEWS ARTICLES BASED ON TCPD DATA

How the BJP is using its Hindi-belt playbook in West Bengal and succeeding
June 1, 2021, The Caravan
By Hartosh Singh Bal

Massive Support From Female Electorate Secured Big Win For Mamata's TMC: Post-Poll Data
May 6, 2021, Shethepeople.tv
By Tanvi Akhauri

With Parties Spewing Millions, Does Campaigning Affect Voter Preference in Multi-Phase Elections?
April 16, 2021, News 18
By Nikita Vashisth

What makes electoral politics in Kerala unique?
March 20, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Roshan Kishore, Abhishek Jha

Which way for Dravidian politics in Tamil Nadu in 2021?
March 16, 2021, Hindustan Times
By Abhishek Jha, Roshan Kishore

Muslim politics and the 2020 Bihar Election
December 4, 2020, The India Forum
By Julien Levesque

Bihar poll results: 'Modi's hanuman' Chirag Paswan hurt JD(U) the most
November 11, 2020, India Today
By Nikhil Rampal

What to look for in the Bihar poll results today
November 10, 2020, Hindustan Times
By Roshan Kishore and Abhishek Jha

Bihar Elections 2020: Why it's not an easy sail for any candidate in Manjhi Assembly seat
16 October 2020, India Today
Nikhil Rampal

Parliament's Question Hour Was Subverted Before Suspension
September 14, 2020, Article-14.com
By Aniket Aga & Chitrangada Chowdhury

Leader or Party? Personalisation in Twitter Political Campaigns during the 2019 Indian Elections
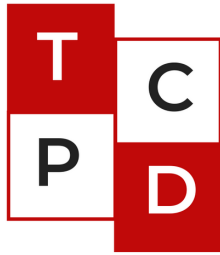July 24, 2020, SMSociety'20: International Conference on Social Media and Society
By Ashwin Rajadesingan, Anmol Panda, Joyojeet Pal

MEDIA EXPOSURE

Gilles Verniers and S.Y. Quraishi have appeared in a variety of televised political shows throughout the year.

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