

# NEWSLETTER

TRIVEDI CENTRE FOR POLITICAL DATA



State Elections 2021, Tamil Nadu  
Courtesy: Vignesh Kartik KR

## NEW DATA

### INDIAN POLITICAL PARTIES DATASET

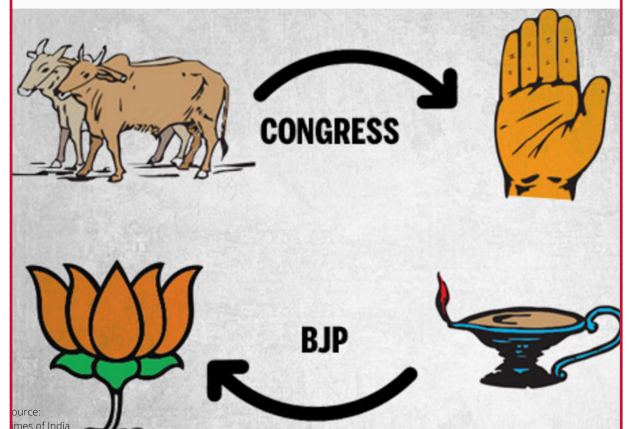
TCPD releases a new dataset on Indian political parties. This dataset is useful to anyone interested in tracing the formation, origins and trajectories of Indian political parties. It can be used as a base to study parties' splits and mergers.

## INCUMBENCY DATA

Incumbency data has been updated for Gujarat, Rajasthan, MP, Chhattisgarh, Goa and the state of Goa, Daman and Diu (1984).

### The Indian Political Parties Dataset

STANDARDISES PARTY NAMES BY ASSIGNING A UNIQUE NUMERICAL CODE TO EACH PARTY THROUGH TCPD'S ENTITY RESOLUTION TOOL 'SURF', THUS ENABLING ANALYSIS WITHOUT DISCREPANCIES



Source:  
Times of India

## Incumbency data for Rajasthan now live!

### Visualising Politics

Interested in looking at how incumbent MLAs perform?  
Curious about political defections?

Track the political careers of candidates with our incumbency visualisation tool.

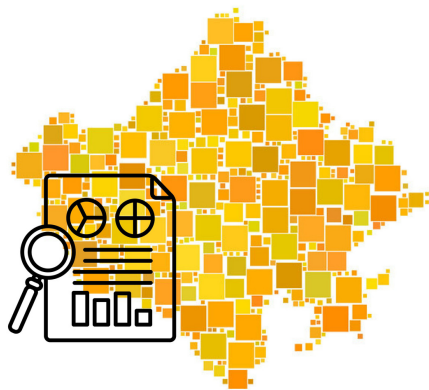


Detailed documentation and user feedback form available



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## IN THE MEDIA

Times of India  
Gilles Verniers  
3 August, 2021

### UP poser for SP, BSP: Two regional parties right now have no answer to BJP's mix of micro caste strategy & nationalism

"Six months ahead of Uttar Pradesh elections, two main state opposition parties are struggling to define a strategy that will help them challenge BJP, which currently holds a three-fourths majority in the assembly. Observing both parties and speaking to some of their cadres, one is struck by the lack of new ideas on how to defeat the BJP."

The Economic Times  
Gilles Verniers  
13 August, 2021

### View: Returning states power to make OBC lists makes sense, but may become fodder for politics

"States have not suddenly been empowered to conduct their own caste census, as a regional party leader claimed. There is a difference between caste classification - which is the object of the amendment - and caste counting, which is an individual enumeration of castes."

The Indian Express  
S.Y. Quraishi  
(Former Chief Election Commissioner of India)  
14 August 2021

### Criminalisation of politics must be curbed

S Y Quraishi writes: While SC recently expressed anguish over the issue, legislature and political parties remain reluctant to act.

ORF  
Maya Mirchandani  
18 August, 2021

### The realignment of geopolitics after the Taliban takeover and what it means for India

The burial of another superpower in the graveyard of empires resets the regional security balance in South Asia with New Delhi being left to make some tough choices.

The Indian Express  
S.Y. Quraishi  
(Former Chief Election Commissioner of India)  
21 August 2021

### On women's rights, can the Taliban pass the scripture test?

S.Y.Quraishi writes: Islamic tenets prescribe equality for women. Unfortunately, Muslims often violate them.

## INTERVIEWS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Mojo Story  
11 August, 2021

### OBC Bill | OBC Quotas & Why Modi Government is saying no to an India-wise count

Barkha Dutt discusses the development with Yashwant Deshmukh, Shantanu Gupta, Ghanshyam Tiwari, Gilles Verniers & Prof. Vivek Kumar.

Bangalore International Centre  
12 August, 2021

### **Pegasus and the Deep State**

Discussed by Siddharth Varadarajan, Praveen Swami, Apar Gupta and Maya Mirchandani.

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TOI Podcast

25 August, 2021

### **Caste takes the stage**

Featuring Gilles Verniers in conversation with Meenal Baghel.

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Mojo Story

28 August, 2021

### **Congress Meltdown in Chhattisgarh & Punjab | Can Gandhis handle Modi without sorting internal rifts?**

Barkha Dutt in conversation with Ashoka University's Gilles Verniers, Congress's Sujata Paul, Political Scientist Neera Chandhoke, and Author & Commentator Sanjay Jha.

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## **“WHAT OUR SUMMER INTERNS HAVE TO SAY!”**

**Prerna Vij**

"The summer internship at TCPD has given me insights 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."

### **COMMENTS?**

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