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Himachal Pradesh Fieldwork, 2017 Courtesy: Basim-u-Nissa, TCPD archives

### IN THE MEDIA

Mojo - POV Gilles Verniers 12 November, 2021

## Why a Unified Opposition in India Seems Like a Political Urban Legend

While the BJP has won two national elections on its own strength, it is the fragmentation of the opposition that enabled it to convert a minority of votes into a majority of seats.

Hindustan Times Neelanjan Sircar 13 November, 2021

#### The centralisation of politics and business

Over the past decade, there have been two observable trends: Rapid economic centralisation and the changing face of business-politics relations in India. Times of India Gilles Verniers 21 November, 2021

#### 2024 polls are BJP's worry, not 2022 UP

Why did GoI really repeal farm laws, how do we assess farmer leaders and is protest politics going to cost India?

The Wire M.K. Venu & Maya Mirchandani 29 November, 2021

#### Locating Pegasus in Doval's Civil Society as New Frontier of War

It is no longer just free speech vs hate speech, but privacy vs the deep state, and privacy vs big tech, that has become the new frontier in this new war. Hindustan Times Neelanjan Sircar 29 November, 2021

## Where the State failed to build a credible case for agricultural reforms

An IANS-CVoter survey, conducted after the laws were repealed, found that while a majority supported farm laws, around 70% of respondents believed farmers were justified in asking for MSP to be extended to fruits, vegetables, and meats.

## INTERVIEWS & PANEL DISCUSSIONS

AP Archive 24 November, 2021

## Analysis as India farmers celebrate U-turn on laws

Speaking to The Associated Press, Ashoka University's Professor of Political Science Gilles Verniers said the withdrawal was "an important moment also for India's battered democracy".

CNN-News18 25 November, 2021

#### Supreme Push To Centre | 'Swacch' Elections Debate | Time To Ban Convicts For Life?

Former Chief Election Commissioner and Distinguished Fellow at TCPD, SY Quraishi joins CNN's panel to discuss the idea of a life-time ban on MLAs convicted of criminal offences.

### TCPD COLUMNS

Exploring the representation of women in Haryana State Politics

29 November, 2021 | Ojas Arora

The article looks at the levels of representation of women in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha from 2000 to 2019.

## Southern Leaders: An analysis of the tenures of Chief Ministers (Part 1)

24 November, 2021 | Aishwarya Sunaad

This article looks at the tenures of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and analyses political instability in the region with respect to the number of days a CM has been in office.

## EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENTS

IIIDEM, ECI in association with IFES and I-DEA 16 - 17 November, 2021

### Online Technical workshop on Electoral Training: Content development, Andragogy and Training methods

Gilles Verniers was part of an open discussion on the topic "Creating Content Outside EMBs" under the theme of "Tertiary Organisation". The discussion revolved around a Master's Programme in Electoral Management and Practices.

University of Chicago, Delhi Centre 23 November, 2021

### Forecasting Elections in India

Gilles Verniers participated in the event hosted by the Delhi Centre of the University of Chicago on "Forecasting Elections in India".



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2021 TCPD Winter Internship was announced and received an overwhelming response. We thank all those who applied for taking the time to do so. Applicants will be informed of final decisions by 10 December, 2021.

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