

ASSOCIATION FOR DEMOCRATIC REFORMS

BASIC DETAILS

1. **Year of Formation** – 1999
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1. Prof. Trilochan Sastry – Founder and Trustee
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3. Dr. Ajit Ranade – Founder and Trustee
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EXPERIENCE

Mission - To improve governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms, namely:

1. Corruption and criminalization in the political process.
2. Empowerment of the electorate through greater dissemination of information relating to the candidates and the parties, for a better and informed choice.
3. Greater accountability of political parties.
4. Inner-party democracy and transparency in party-functioning.

What we do

1. **Election Watch** – preparing background reports based on Criminal, Financial, Educational and Income Tax details of Candidates and Winners (MPs, MLAs and Ministers) who have contested Elections to State Assemblies, the Parliament, and a few local bodies.
2. **Political Party Watch** – preparing reports on income and expenditure of political parties during elections, and donations received by them.

3. **Legal advocacy** - filing complaints, RTI applications, and Public Interest Litigation (PILs) with Central Information Commission, Supreme Court/ High Court as well as other Central and State agencies.
4. **Communication** – managing Campus Ambassador Program, which engages with first-time or young voters on issues related to democracy by involving them in proactively organizing events in educational campuses; b) coordinating with ADR State Partners for activities undertaken by them for voter awareness campaigns; c) strengthening media collaborations; d) furthering digital media engagement strategies; e) dissemination of ADR reports/data/press releases/blogs, podcasts on all social media platforms.
5. **Information and Technology (IT)** – technical assistance to ADR; maintaining and upgrading ADR's main website and MyNeta website, which is an open-data repository where the voter/user can obtain and compare background information like criminal records, assets and liabilities, educational qualifications of the candidates, as also details of sitting MPs/MLAs/Municipal councilors who have contested elections/or are contesting in national or regional elections. The MyNeta website also has a user friendly android app.

AWARDS

1. **February 2020:** "eNGO Challenge" award by Digital Empowerment Foundation for ADR's "Mera Vote Mera Desh" ("My Vote My Country") project.
2. **January 2020:** Received the Election Commission of India's CSO Award for taking up measures for electoral awareness by organizing district level conference aiming togetherness with synergizing efforts towards strengthening democracy during Lok Sabha Election, 2019, at the hands of President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
3. **July 2019:** Received the first Democracy Award in the category of "Increasing Citizens' Participation in Electoral Process" (Instituted by Maharashtra State Election Commission) at the hands of Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu.
4. **December 2015:** Award of outstanding achievement in the 2015 category of Citizen's Engagement at the International Electoral Awards 2015 from iCPS.
5. **January 2015:** Election Commission of India's prestigious 'National CSO Award – 2014' for "Best Voter Education and Awareness for General Election to Lok Sabha 2014". State Election Watch chapters of Bihar, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh received special mention in the award.
6. **April 2014:** The 'NDTV Indian of the Year- India's Future' in Public Service Category.
7. **March 2014:** Innovation for India Awards 2014 by Marico Innovation Foundation under the Social Category.
8. **December 2013:** The CNN IBN Indian of the Year Award in the category of Public Service, along with Ms Lily Thomas.
9. **January 2013:** The 'Times of India Social Impact Award' in Advocacy and Empowerment category.
10. **August 2012:** 'mBillionth Award South Asia' for 'Mobile Innovations for Good Governance' by Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF).
11. **December 2011:** 'NASSCOM Award' for ICT led Innovation by Multi-stakeholder Partnership for its Election Watch Software with Webrosoft.

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