

# CMI Mathematics Colloquium

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## Power and Limitations of Opinion Polls

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How can obtaining the opinion of, say 20000 voters be sufficient to predict the outcome of an election in a country with over 80 million voters?

Do the opinion polls conducted say a month before the election accurately predict what is to happen on the voting day?

I will answer these questions and share my own experiences with opinion polls and exit polls in India over the last 2 decades.

Note by speaker: The talk will essentially be repeat of my earlier talks - those who have attended need not attend.