

*Lokniti, (CSDS)*

**Selected Abstracts for**

*Seminar on: Explorations in Indian Democracy*

*April 4-5, 2017*

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*Lokniti, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies(CSDS), Delhi*

We thank everyone for responding enthusiastically to our call for papers for the seminar **Explorations in Indian Democracy** to be held at CSDS, Delhi, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We received 72 abstracts in total. The selection for the abstracts was done after a thorough reading of the abstracts for a period of one week. The criteria involved 1) clear and innovative research question 2) empirically grounded research with a sound methodology 3) representation of the themes.

The names and institutional affiliation of the selected participants are as follows:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Participant</b>	<b>Institutional Affiliation</b>	<b>Title of abstract</b>	<b>Theme</b>
1	Mohammed Akram Hossain & Ajit Phadnis	North South University, Dhaka & Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	Examining Political Representation in India: Who does a Member of Parliament Represent?	Parties & Democracy
2	Prashant Kumar	ISEC, Bengaluru	Do Issues Matter in elections?	Parties & Democracy
3	Rashmi Singh	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	Women and Party Politics in India- Party Work and Political in the Bharatiya Janata Party	Parties & Democracy
4	Pranav Gupta & Rahul	University of	Exploring Role	Parties &

	Verma	California, Berkeley, USA & Independent Researcher	of Issues & politics in Indian Elections.	Democracy
5	Vikas Kumar	University of Delhi	When caste ethnicity meets class: the electoral strategy of selection before election in India	Parties & Democracy
6	B.L. Biju	University of Hyderabad	Identity Politics in a decentralized democracy	Parties & Democracy
7	Sunayna Sharma	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Changing Social Basis of Electoral Politics in Punjab (1967-2017)	Parties & Democracy
8	Tarun Arora & Reetika Syal	Janagraaha, Bangalore & Jain University, Bengaluru	Citizens and States: Perceptions, Expectations & Attitudes	Clientelism & Indian Democracy
9	Sarthak Bagchi	University of Leiden, Netherlands	Comparing Clientelistic Politics: A study of brokers & mediators in Bihar and Maharashtra	Clientelism & Indian Democracy
10	Tansuhree Dahiya	University of Oxford, United Kingdom	Neither Clientelism nor programmatic: moving beyond binary	Clientelism & Indian democracy
11	Rajkamal Singh & Rahul Hemrajani	Ashoka University, Sonapat & Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	Concentric Clientelism: A case study of a Zila Parishad in Saharanpur	Clientelism & Indian Democracy
12	Nirmal Singh	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Politics of Freebies in Punjab	Clientelism & Indian Democracy

13	Viay Prakash & Aarushi Kalra	Delhi School of Economics, Delhi	Effect of the Contraction of Voting Franchise on Indian Elections	Public Policy & Politics
14	Souradeep Banerjee & Shashwat Dhar	Lokniti, CSDS	Do welfare gains matter in shaping electoral choices?	Public Policy & Politics
15	Mofidur Rehman	Gauhati University	What determines electoral choices in India? Politics or Public Policies?	Public Policy & Politics
16	Pankaj Kumar Jha	University of Delhi	Does Public Policy Matter in electoral outcomes in India	Public Policy & Politics
17	Shakeb Ayez	Common Cause, Delhi	Why distrust exists between the Muslims and the State? Nature and working of programmatic regimes in Jamia Nagar	Public Policy & Politics
18	Rajeena Ayesha	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	The paradox of higher voting percentage and lower political representation of women in Kerala	Social Engagement and Political Action
19	Ram Shanker Singh	G.B. Pant Institute, Allahabad	Nomads & their political space: an empirical study	Social Engagement and Political Action
20	Karabi Chetia	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	Institutional framework & level of participation in	Social Engagement and Political Action

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Selected participants are required to confirm their participation by 30<sup>th</sup> January,2017 and once confirmed, submit the draft papers by 1<sup>st</sup> March,2017.