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Highlights of the Month

- * NATIONAL OPINION POLL ON NUCLEAR DEAL
- * ELECTION OBSERVATION VISIT TO CAMBODIA
- * STATE OF NATION SURVEY- WAVE VI, AUGUST 2008

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Editor's Note,

I am happy to bring out the Lokniti Newsletter of the month and highlight our activities during the month of July 2008. I would also be very happy if our Lokniti members could contribute some information of their activities and achievements in each and every month, so that we all can share the information through this Newsletter.

Rajiv Kshetri, Editor

Opinion Poll Survey on Indo-US Nuclear Deal

As the Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh government went for a trust vote in the Lok Sabha on 22nd July 2008 after the withdrawal of support by the CPM from UPA government on the issue of Indo-US nuclear deal, CSDS in partnership CNN-IBN went to the people across urban India to get a sense of where they stand on the issue. The opinion poll was an all-urban survey conducted in 96 locations spread across 12 cities of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. The survey was conducted between 12 and 15 July 2009 using a standard-structured questionnaire which was translated in local languages. A total of 1,520 respondents selected from the latest electoral rolls using random sampling technique were interviewed in these locations.

To reflect an exclusive opinion poll on the mood of the nation, the findings of the survey were discussed by Rajdeep Sardesai of CNN-IBN along with Congress MP Sachin Pilot, BJP MP Manvendra Singh, Head-Economic Cell of CPI-M Prasenjit Bose, National Conference President and MP Omar Abdullah, and CSDS' Political Analyst Yogendra Yadav on CNN-IBN on 19th July 2008 from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Besides, based on these findings, an article by Yogendra Yadav of CSDS was also published in *Hindustan Times* on 20th July 2008.

SOME KEY FINDINGS: CSDS NATIONAL SURVEY ON INDO-US NUCLEAR DEAL, JULY 2008

Table: 1: Opinion about the Deal

	September 2007	July 2008
For	27	34
Against	17	13
Government knows best	21	21
No opinion	35	32

Table: 2: Who stood for and against the deal:

Those who are enthusiastic about the Deal...		
	For	Against
Young (18-25 years)	47	10
Graduates and above	56	17
And those who are less enthusiastic about the Deal...		
Muslims	22	18
Elderly (56 and above)	24	16

Table: 3: what people say?

PM should have focused on...	
Controlling inflation	62
Indo-US Deal	18
No opinion	20

Table: 4: People's opinion on price rise

Government's performance on price-rise...	
Doing its best	26
Proved incompetent	57
No opinion	17

Source: CSDS Data Bank, National Opinion Poll on Nuclear Deal: July 2008, (Weighted Data Sets),

Note: All Figures in per cent.

Sample size: 1520.

ANFREL MISSION: Cambodia Parliamentary Election 2008:

Cambodian Parliamentary Election was held on 27th July 2008. The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) sent an observation mission of international observers from various countries to monitor the freeness and fairness of the election. Sanjay Kumar of CSDS joined the ANFREL team as an international observer. He spent about two weeks observing freeness and fairness of election in the provincial capital of Kampot City, a coastal region of Cambodia.



Election Campaign Rally in Cambodia, 2008



People Casting their Vote: Election in Cambodia, 2008

State of Nation Survey- Wave VI, August 2008

SONS Wave VI, August 2009 is being conducted in 18 states of India. Being an urban survey, the selection of the states was done on the basis of states having more than one percent of urban population out of the total urban population of the country. The cities and towns were selected on the basis of class criteria as used by census of India 2001 and were sampled in proportion to it. The sample for survey would be around 4000. The focus of this round of survey is on Indian Family and the themes would be as follows: conditions of senior citizens, status of family and money, attitude of parenting, perception of marriage and its morals and generation gap.

The findings of the survey will be telecasted on CNN-IBN Channel and other channels of TV18 groups from 11 August to 15 August 2008 on a daily basis.

ALL LOKNITI MEMBERS AND STATE COORDINATORS ARE REQUESTED TO WRITE TO THE EDITOR ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THEIR LATEST PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES SO THAT OTHER MEMBERS CAN ALSO SHARE THE INFORMATION THROUGH THE LOKNITI NEWSLETTER.

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