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A warm hello from the Lokniti team!

The month of August at Lokniti was dedicated primarily to the special edition of the Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) on the General Elections of India, 2009. Long hours were spent writing, finalising and editing the various articles that are broadly split into two categories – articles on the elections at the level of individual states and more general theme based articles. The state level articles have been authored (sometimes co-authored) by the respective state coordinators, and the team at the Delhi office mainly authored the theme based papers. The special edition is scheduled to be published shortly.

We look forward to your continued support and suggestions.

Best wishes!

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### **Prof. Yogendra Yadav Awarded Global South Solidarity Award**



The International Political Science Association has honoured Prof. Yogendra Yadav with the Global South Solidarity Award "in recognition of outstanding work on the politics of the developing world". This award was presented (in absentia) at the closing ceremony of the 21st World Congress of Political Science held in Santiago, Chile on 16 July 2009.

Prof. Yadav is currently a Fellow at Wissenschaftskolleg Zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin) till July 31, 2010. Wissenschaftskolleg Zu Berlin through its fellowships offers researchers the opportunity to concentrate on their chosen research projects while promoting mutual stimulation across disciplinary boundaries among the natural and social sciences and humanities and among researchers from different cultures of knowledge. Prof. Yadav will continue to be available via email at [yogendra.yadav@gmail.com](mailto:yogendra.yadav@gmail.com).

### **★ Schedule of Assembly Elections Announced**

The schedule for elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Haryana has been announced by the Election Commission of India. Polling day has been set for the 13th of October and counting of votes is to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. The terms of the Legislative Assemblies of Arunachal

Pradesh (60 assembly constituencies (ACs)) and Maharashtra (288 ACs) are due to expire in October and November respectively. The Legislative Assembly of Haryana (90 ACs) was dissolved by orders of the governor in August itself. With the announcement of the schedule the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect.

### **Publications and Other Academic Engagements of Members of the Lokniti Network:**

#### **Praveen Rai and Sanjay Kumar, Delhi**

- Kumar, S and Rai, P. 2009. 'Shrinking Political Space for the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha'. Economic and Political Weekly Vol. XLIV (33): 24-29.

#### **Sanjay Kumar, Delhi**

- Kumar, S. 2009. 'Electoral Patterns in Indian Elections'. South Asian Journal Issue 25: 9-21.

**A.K Verma, Uttar Pradesh**

- Verma, A.K. 2008. 'Sub-regional Identity and Inclusive Politics – New Initiative from Uttar Pradesh'. Journal of Polity and Society Vol. 2 (1): 49-69.
- Lodha, S. 2009. 'Need for meaningful reforms'. Power Politics. August, 46-49.

**Sanjay Lodha, Rajasthan**

- Lodha, S. 2009. 'Exploring the Political behavior of the Scheduled Tribe Community in Rajasthan'. Tribe. Vol. 39-41

**Lectures delivered:**

- Refresher Course, Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, August 3, 2009, Seeking Substantive Democracy: Applying the Gandhian Approach
- Refresher Course, Centre for Gandhian Studies, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, August 3, 2009, Indigenizing Theoretical Traditions of Civil Society: The Gandhian Way
- Orientation Course, JNV University, Jodhpur, August 27, 2009, Understanding Social Capital: A Few Critical Issues
- Refresher Course, Dept of Political Science, JNV University, Jodhpur, August 28, 2009, Why Congress Won Lok Sabha 2009 Elections in Rajasthan: An Empirical Answer
- Refresher Course, Dept of Political Science, JNV University, Jodhpur, August 28, 2009, Nature of Political Competition in Rajasthan

**Dr. Yatindra Singh Sisodia, Madhya Pradesh**

- Presented a paper "Grassroots Governance and People's Participation at Work after Implementation of PESA: Evidences from Tribal Regions of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat" at a national colloquium "Grassroots Level Planning and Local Government Institutions in India: Policy Initiatives and People's Participation since 1992" organised by Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati, in Collaboration with Rajiv Rural Development Foundation, Tirupati, between 19th and 20th August, 2009.