

Workshop on “Better Elections for Healthier Democracy”

On 6th July 2018

Event Details

- ❖ Time: 09:00 a.m. to 06:30 p.m.
- ❖ Venue: Virtual Classroom, Pherozeshah Mehta Bhavan, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari, Santacruz (East), Mumbai - 400 098
- ❖ **Schedule:**

Note: Please note that the invitees will be part of groups, created on the basis of the five themes mentioned below, finalised after careful consideration and acknowledgement, on the day of the conference. Kindly refer to the session(s) and timing for the theme selected by you.

Session	Subject	Duration
	Registration and Breakfast	09:00 a.m. to 09:30 a.m.
	Introductory remarks and welcome by Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai Hon. Shri Suhas Pednekar & Keynote address by State Election Commissioner, Maharashtra, Hon. Shri Jageshwar Saharia	09:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Sudha Mohan, Head of Department, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai	
Session I	Introduction to 5 Themes for the Conference by:	10:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (20 minutes per Theme)
	Name of the Theme	Name of the Presenter
	<i>Ownership of Elections by Public/Civil Society Organisations</i>	Dr. Rajas Parchure, Director, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
	<i>Inclusiveness of Multifaceted Society of India (Poor, Downtrodden, Women, Disabled etc.)</i>	Shri. Bhim Raskar, Director, Resource and Support Centre for Development
	<i>Use of Social Media, Fake News During Elections</i>	Shri. Balsing Rajput, S.P., Cyber Branch, Maharashtra

Session I	<i>How to Develop the ‘Institute of Democracy, Elections and Good Governance’ Established by State Election Commission of Maharashtra</i>	Dr. Mrudul Nile, Associate Professor, University of Mumbai
	<i>Strategies for Combatting Misuse of Money, Muscle Power in Elections</i>	Dr. T.R. Raghunandan, Founder & Mentor, Avantika Foundation
	Tea Break	12.00 p.m. to 12.15 p.m.
	Note: <i>As mentioned above, in the Group Discussion, each participating member will be divided according to their respective theme, thereby providing them to discuss and deliberate amongst other group members.</i>	
	Group Discussion(s)	12:15 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.
Lunch		02:00 p.m. to 02:30 p.m.
Note: <i>In Session II of the conference, after the group-based discussions, the participating members will be requested to provide their valued inputs in terms of ideas, suggestions, inputs, policy-driven solutions as part of the theme they will be speaking about.</i>		
Session II	Presentation by Group Members on their respective subject(s) (3 Themes)	02:30 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.
	Tea Break	04.30 p.m. to 04.45 p.m.
	Presentation by Group Members on their respective subject(s) (2 Themes)	04.45 p.m. to 05.30 p.m.
Valedictory Session		05:30 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.
Evening Snacks		06:00 p.m. to 06:30 p.m.

Themes:

- ❖ Ownership of Elections by Public/Civil Society Organizations etc.
- ❖ Use of Social Media, Fake News During Elections
- ❖ Inclusiveness of Multifaceted Society of India (Poor, Downtrodden, Women, Disabled etc.)
- ❖ How to Develop the “Institute of Democracy, Elections and Good Governance” Established by the State Election Commission of Maharashtra
- ❖ Strategies for Combating Misuse of Money, Muscle Power in Elections

List of Invitees:

1. A.N. Siddhewad, Head of Department, Political Science, People's College, Nanded
2. Ajit Ranade, Founder & Trustee, Association for Democratic Reforms
3. Alyssa Heinze, Fulbright Scholar
4. Anuya Kuwar, Project Coordinator, Asia Region, Commonwealth Local Government Forum
5. Avinash Sanas, Deputy Commissioner, State Election Commission, Maharashtra
6. Balsing Rajput, S.P., Cyber Branch, Maharashtra
7. Bhim Raskar, Director, Resource and Support Centre for Development
8. Datta Gurav, Resource and Support Centre for Development, Program Director
9. Deven Bharti, Joint Commissioner of Police (Law & Order), Mumbai
10. Jagdeep Chhokar, Founder Member, Association for Democratic Reforms
11. Mahesh Zagade, Ex- Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Government of Maharashtra
12. Manasi Phadke, Project Consultant, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
13. Mrudul Nile, Associate Professor, Department of Civics & Politics, University of Mumbai
14. Naval Bajaj, Inspector General, Konkan Range
15. Navalkishor Ram, Collector, Pune
16. Nimesh Yadav, Additional Director, Income Tax
17. Nitin Waghmode, Additional Commissioner, Income Tax
18. P.K. Dash, Ex- Director General, Election Commission of India
19. Pravinkumar Padwal, Additional Commissioner of Police (Special Branch), Mumbai
20. Rajas Parchure, Director, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune
21. Rajendra Nimbalkar, Additional Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

22. Rajeshwari Despande, Head of Department, Political Science, University of Pune
23. Rashmi Sharma Shukla, Rtd. I.A.S. Officer
24. Ravindra Shisve, Additional Commissioner Police (Special Branch)
25. S. Chokalingam, Settlement Commissioner and Director Land Records, Pune
26. S.M. Vijayanand, Rtd. I.A.S. Officer
27. Sanjiv Jain, Additional Director, Income Tax
28. T.R. Raghunandan, Founder & Mentor, Avantika Foundation, Bengaluru
29. Vikram Batra, Director, Election Commission of India