

ELECTION REFORMS IN INDIA PART 1- RALLY BANDI.

Mega Rallies and show of strengths, during Indian Elections are not just a waste of money and time but a major conduit for black money, corruption and moral decay in public life lending a big blow to the parliamentary democratic system.

These avenues are used without any responsibility or consequences to make statements about opposition, advertise outlandish claims and promises to garner votes. In the times of elections, riches and those in power pretty much control every possible medium of communication like - Rallies, new social and digital media platforms or older news based mediums. Tremendous amount of money, affiliations and oligarchic practices subjugate the whole process.

It is a threat to healthy democracy.

Through this campaign we propose that the practice of political rallies and election campaigning, covertly or overtly over unregulated digital media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Google, etc., should be restricted to make way for the culture of "Democracy Mela" or 'Janmela'.

This 'Janmela' should be organized at convenient locations in the constituency prior to elections where all candidates can setup their stalls and provide information about themselves in a standard format including written, audio and visual mediums. Outlining their accomplishments and visions for their elected role with full responsibility and under oath.

These standards can be finalized by election commission or parliamentary discussion.

Examples of such questions or standards - understanding of sustainable environmental practices, familiarity with local and global culture, education, monetary, economic policy expertise, leanings, administrative or societal experiences, etc. Candidates can prepare their answer in line with their personal and party ideologies, and readily make available to the voters.

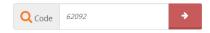
Here voters are expected to render their full support to this fair and participate in full spirits to get the material information to select the right candidate.

We also propose the election donations, instead of paid to individual parties should go to 'Janmela' funds, for smooth operation of such events and processes.

In this effort, we have few a questions for the thought leaders of our communities that would help us taking this campaign in a right direction. We request you to participate and make it a success, and sincerely give your few valuable minutes to fill this questionaire.

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Questionaire

Name									
Age	District								
Occupation									
Email id (will no	t be shared to th	ird party)							
1. Do you agree	with the concept o	of Jan-Mela.							
A. Yes B. No	C. Yes, but have comments. D. Can't Say, Need More Information (Comment								
2. Your views on	expenses in Indi	an elections -							
A. Very costly	<u>в.</u> Expensive bu	t Justified <u>c.</u> Can't	say <u>D.</u> Not	at all costly					
3. If elections ar	re so costly, what	is your advice -							
	st <u>B.</u> No changes. <u>C.</u> If someone would bring meaningful change, I would <u>D.</u> Can't Say								
4. Is black mone	ey also used in ele	ections? –							
A. Yes, on a large scale B. Yes, but lit		B. Yes, but little	bit	<u>C.</u> No	<u>D.</u> Can't say				
5 <mark>. Is candidacy i</mark>	n political parties	awarded on mer	it or money powe	<mark>er?</mark>					
A. Only money	B. Only merit	C. More money	less merit	<u>D.</u> Less money more merit					
6. Are you trouk	oled with regular	rallies, traffic jam	, loudspeaker, etc	<mark>c -</mark>					
<u>A.</u> Yes B <u>.</u> No	<u>C.</u> i dor	n't get distracted with these		<u>D.</u> This should happen in elections					
7. Do these ralli	<mark>es, loudspeakers</mark> ,	, etc are just chao	s or they give you	ı any informatio	n too?				
A. Chaos	в <u>.</u> Informative	c <u>.</u> Less informat	ion, more noise	<u>D.</u> Entertainme	ent				
8. Do you get ri	ght information in	n rallies to select y	our candidate-						
A. No information	on <u>B.</u> Infor	rmation only abou ation	ıt few big candida	ates <u>C.</u> non	ninal information about all				

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9. How do yo	<mark>u get most</mark>	useful informatio	n while choosing a c	andidate?		
A. Family and sources	friends	B. Newspaper	or mainstream medi	a <u>C.</u> New med	dia or social media	<u>D.</u> other
10. Do you t	nink propo	osed 'janmela' wo	ould be able to give	complete and right i	nformation about a	candidate?
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A. No inform	ation B <u>.</u>	Some informatio	n <u>C.</u> Right informa	ntion <u>D.</u> Can't say		
11. Should ja	nmela be	mandatory for ev	<mark>very voter?</mark>			
<u>A.</u> Yes <u>B.</u> N	0					
12. Would y	<mark>u like to p</mark>	participate as a vo	olunteer in organisir	ng 'Janmela'?-		
<u>A.</u> Yes <u>B.</u> N	lo <u>C.</u> Ca	n't say right now				
13. Would ye	ou like to c	coordinate this ca	mpaign from your o	district?		
<u>A.</u> Yes <u>B.</u> N	o <u>C.</u> Car	n't say				
14. Do you t	nink camp	aign for janmela v	would succeed?			
<u>A.</u> Yes, defin	etly <u>B.</u> Yes	s, but looks difficu	ılt			
C. No, not po	ssible in I	ndian context	<u>D.</u> Not that big t	ask but politicians w	on't let it happen	
15. Your vie	vs over 'Ja	<mark>nmela' ,or expen</mark>	sive or extravagant	elections in india –		
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