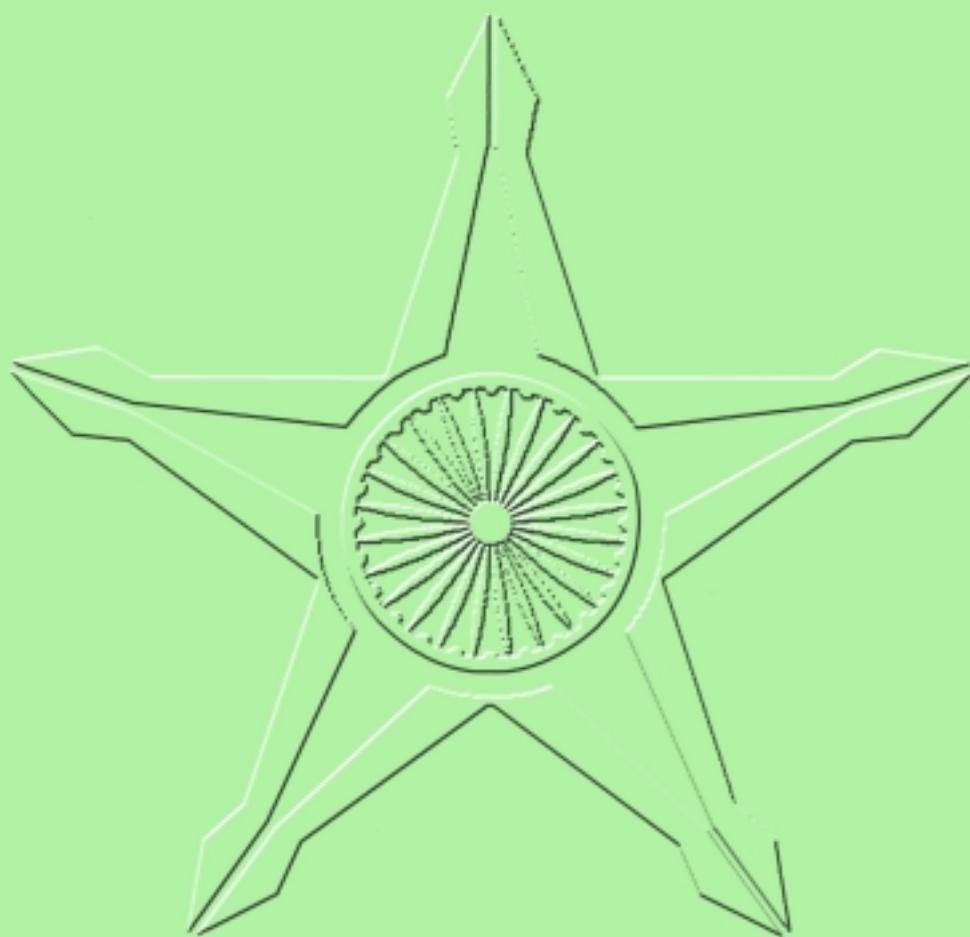


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Message from LOK SATTA



Foundation for Democratic Reforms (FDR) and LOK SATTA have been launched with the specific objective of engineering democratic reforms in Indian governance. Our focus has always been on electoral reform, decentralization of power, speedy and efficient justice and instruments of citizen empowerment. FDR was registered in November 1996 and LOK SATTA in October 1997. In the life of the nation, a few years is a short span. But FDR/LOK SATTA have made rapid strides in building a popular reform movement, articulating specific and practical goals, building consensus around them and actually achieving several significant results.

The Supreme Court judgment of May 2, 2002, the consequent campaign for disclosure of candidate details and the resultant amendments to electoral law providing for reasonable disclosures of criminal record are a good recent illustration of our initiatives leading to success. The Election Watch and screening and disclosure of criminal record of candidates in 1999 started this chain of events. Cleaning up voter lists by making post office the nodal agency for registration is now accepted in principle by the Election Commission thanks to our pioneering work, and we should pursue it to the logical end. We have been pursuing the issue of making tendered votes a ground for repolling in order to check rigging. FDR/LOK SATTA have been in the forefront of electoral funding reform. Our reform proposals have been substantially incorporated in the Bill now pending before Parliament. This Bill, once enacted, will be a significant milestone in the evolution of our democracy, and makes a great victory for us.

At the state and national level, we have tasted several other successes. The citizen's charters with penalties for non-performance are very successful, and are being extended to panchayats. A right to information law has

been enacted recently by Parliament, and we should ensure its effective enforcement and citizen's active involvement in obtaining information applying it as an instrument of accountability. Local courts for speedy justice are vital for upholding rule of law. We have created the climate for such a law, and its successful application has immense potential to transform justice delivery all over India.

We need to focus on a National Judicial Commission and an All India Judicial Service for improving the quality of justice. Above all, our belief is that mere change of players is not enough. We need a change in the rules of the game. Genuine empowerment of local governments, to ensure that our vote is linked to public good, proportional representation to truly reflect the will of the people and to eliminate the stranglehold of political fiefdoms, and direct election of the head of government at the state and local levels to eliminate unaccountable and disguised executive power and to ensure that popular verdicts are reflected in government formation and survival - these are the three fundamental goals which will alter the process of power and herald genuine democracy and popular sovereignty.

In order to accomplish these great goals, we need to mobilize people at various levels – local, state and national. And there are many smaller, but important goals which are the stepping stones for Indian transformation.

Our democracy is ripe for fundamental changes. The people are ready for governance reform. There are specific, practical, acceptable, solutions to our maladies. There is no room for cynicism or despair. Collective and informed assertion is bound to yield significant results. FDR/LOK SATTA's experiences demonstrate that success is inevitable if we work with clarity, determination and good sense. The coming years are crucial for the future of our great republic. If we make the citizen the centre of our universe and rebuild our institutions, we can easily fulfil our great, but so far untapped potential. This is time for decisive action.

Jayaprakash Narayan

Lok Satta names candidates with criminal record

The Hindu 19/1/02

By Our Staff Reporter

HYDERABAD, JAN. 18. Lok Satta which has launched Election Watch-2002 for the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad MCH elections, said here on Friday that it identified 14 contesting candidates with a criminal record.

Addressing a press conference here, the Lok Satta campaign coordinator, Jayaprakash Narayan, said a screening committee comprising 22 citizens, would file 25 candidates with criminal records with nominations and 19 of them withdrew their papers.

According to the list prepared by the Lok Satta, mayoral candidates are: M. Jayaram, P. Bhanu Prasad, M. Mahesh Babu, Lakshmi and Sarath. Only single third

of 18 cases registered against him with conviction in two cases, the Lok Satta, said.

Among the contestants for municipal divisions three MCH candidates were found to have criminal records. They were M. Muralidhar, Chanchengula Mohd. Masrur Khan, Madanraj Reddy and Md. Meer Wahid Pateerajiff.

Two MPs - Lakshmi Masthineni, M.M. candidates Avanthi Lakshmi Khan, Moghulpuram and Hanu. B. Ganapathi S. Zaffar Khan, Y. Lakshmi Reddy, C. Anil Kumar, candidates, G. Narayana Swamy Reddy and P. Narayana Swamy Reddy are the only Lok Satta candidates with criminal records.

date. A Srifaiah, Yadda Jabire Hills, and two independent candidates, Chanchengula, and M. Mahesh Babu, Muralidhar, were also found to be either contesting, having a cloudy sheet or having criminal case in which the MCH state had raised charges.

The Chairman of Election Watch, Lakshmi Reddy, said the screening committee did not take into consideration cases of conviction with political agitation, public nuisance and violation assembly. Slightly instance their history slugs were close following Court orders, and in cases where the accused was in custody by a Court of law, were not considered.

MCH Election Watch

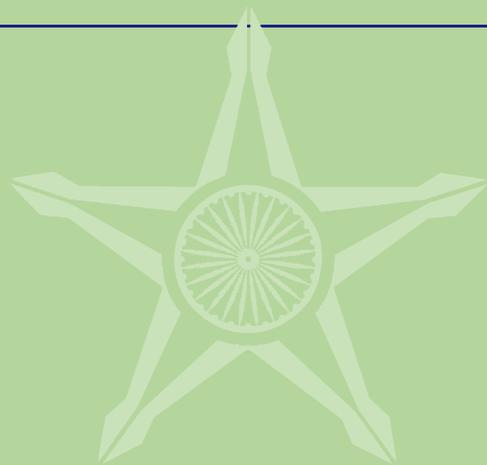
LOK SATTA started off the year 2002 with “Election Watch” for the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad elections held in January 2002. In the first phase, LOK SATTA took up a campaign for additions of names of eligible voters and deletion of ineligible names. LOK SATTA’s efforts in this regard were actively supported by State Election Commission, Chief Electoral officer, and the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad. In the second phase of the campaign, LOK SATTA conducted a Mayoral Debate on 12th January, 2002 at Ravindra Bharathi. Eminent citizens acted as moderators and panelists. The debate was covered live by most of the cable TV channels. It gave an opportunity for the Mayoral candidates to respond to the questions posed by the audience, elucidate their views and commitment on various aspects of local governance. It also gave the citizens of Hyderabad an opportunity to gain better understanding of the candidates.

As part of the “Know Your Candidate” program, LOK SATTA has taken up screening of candidates

for criminal records. Lok Satta invited the public to inform the names of the candidates with criminal record, along with supporting evidence to Post Box No.100 Hyderabad - 4, which was widely publicized. A Screening Committee consisting of 22 eminent citizens was constituted to scrutinize the information received and arrive at names of the candidates with criminal antecedents. The screening committee met thrice. LOK SATTA received information on 33 candidates who filed nominations. Subsequently 12 candidates withdrew. The details of the 14 candidates who are found to have criminal record is made public, of whom only one candidate got elected. Thanks to the earlier Election watch efforts, public opinion has been mobilized against criminalization of politics. As a result most major parties desisted from nominating persons with criminal record as candidates.

Lok Satta office-bearers

HYDERABAD, APRIL 29. Jayaprakash Narayan was elected national coordinator of Lok Satta, D.V.V.S.Varma as campaign coordinator and B Ankiah as general secretary at its elections here. As part of its programme to invite non-partisan, credible state level voluntary organisations to join the apex committee, Jata Vignana Vedika and Satyanveshana Mandal were invited as members. In the next two years, Lok



Change of Guard at LOK SATTA

Organizational elections for grassroots units of LOK SATTA were held between January and March 2002. As per the new organizational policy of limiting key offices to one term only, new teams of office bearers were elected in all the districts. The newly elected Apex Committee, the general body of the organization met on April 27th in Hyderabad to elect key office bearers and the Coordination Committee, which is the executive body of the organization.

In a historic meeting, the Apex committee of LOK SATTA has unanimously elected Sri DVVS Varma as the new Campaign Coordinator for Andhra Pradesh and has thus ushered in the first major leadership change for the movement. Recognizing the growing need for building a national movement, the organization has created a new position of National Coordinator and unanimously elected Dr Jayaprakash Narayan for that position. The Apex committee has also elected members for the new Coordination Committee and has appointed Sri B Ankiah as its General Secretary.

LOK SATTA continued to spread its reach in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Our estimates indicate that approximately 35 % of the state's population are aware of LOK SATTA. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Sri DVVS Varma, and his colleagues, the district and local units have been strengthened and are functioning with a new vigor and sense of purpose. As of March 2002, there are approximately 1536 primary units, 312 intermediate units including 67 municipal and 245 mandal units of the organization in AP covering all 23 districts of the state.

LOK SATTA has thus emerged as a major force in influencing and mobilizing public opinion. It is the largest non-party civil society initiative in India with wide mass base and credibility. While the goals of LOK SATTA are national, the movement recognizes the need to build mass base in Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly the AP chapter of LOK SATTA is fully geared to meet the challenges of building a non-partisan mass movement for democratic governance reforms.



LOK SATTA Spearheads Disclosure Campaign

LOK SATTA's most vital success in the year 2002 is in the field of electoral reforms at the national level. Lok Satta's Election Watch campaigns in the past few years resulted in the successful public interest litigation by sister organizations. Lok Satta's work was cited before courts, and finally it resulted in the landmark Supreme Court judgment on disclosures on May 2, 2002. Lok Satta launched a national campaign, and in a short span of time achieved impressive results:

- a. A broad national coalition - National Campaign for Electoral Reforms (NCER) – has been formed, with Lok Satta playing the lead role.
- b. The Election Commission's order of June 28, providing for rejection of nominations for non disclosure was largely a result of Lok Satta's campaign.
- c. The major political parties, notably Congress, which initially opposed disclosures, are now firmly in support of Supreme Court judgment.
- d. Lok Satta sensitized media all over the country and there is a quantum jump in public awareness and support for electoral reforms.
- e. Lok Satta took the lead in urging the President to intervene decisively and refer the matter to Supreme Court under Art 143. This advocacy succeeded to the extent that, the President sent back the Bill for the reconsideration of the cabinet,

which seldom happens in our parliamentary democracy.

- f. The greatest success of Lok Satta's campaign is in creating a national platform with tremendous possibilities for building future movement for comprehensive electoral and governance reforms.

National Campaign Partners

The following organizations and individuals from across the country joined hands with LOK SATTA in the National Campaign for Electoral Reforms (NCER):

Name	Organization
Justice Rajindar Sachar	People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), Delhi
Kuldip Nayar, Sri R H Tahiliani	MP, Journalist, Delhi Former Chief of Naval Staff, Delhi
Syed Shahid Mehdi	Vice Chancellor, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi
Dr N Bhaskara Rao	Chairman, Centre for Media Studies, Delhi
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Sri Sanjay Parikh	Advocate, Supreme Court, PUCL Counsel, Delhi
Dr Samuel Paul	Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore

Active Citizens' Training

LOK SATTAs undertook a 3 year programme for training of 100,000 citizens in Andhra Pradesh with an aim to impart techniques of collective assertion and citizen's initiative. The programme was launched in 2001 and is scheduled to end in March 2004. The core focus of this training is on techniques of citizen's initiative and effective use of right to information as a tool to fight corruption and increase transparency. The emphasis is on "collective informed assertion" with Lok Satta as a platform. This effort is partly funded by a grant from Sir Ratan Tata Trust.

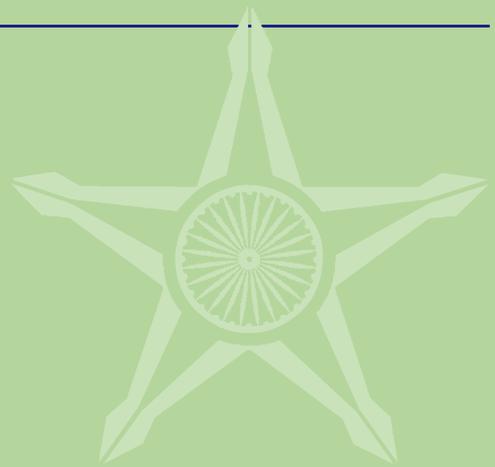
Empowerment of Women Representatives

As part of their project "Associating of Elected Women Representatives of Local Governments", the Singamma Sreenivasan Foundation has sought LOK SATTAs assistance in the training and empowerment of elected women representatives in AP.

In the 1st phase, LOK SATTAs has launched a programme to create awareness among elected women representatives in the three districts of Krishna, Mahaboobnagar and Medak. LOK SATTAs held intensive deliberations with these elected women representatives at all levels and helped them form federations in their respective districts. In the 2nd phase LOK SATTAs will undertake similar activities in 11 other districts of AP culminating in the formation of a state level federation of elected women representatives.

Power Sector Reforms - Leading by example

Ever since power sector reforms commenced in Andhra Pradesh and the Electricity Regulatory Commission was constituted, LOK SATTAs has endeavoured to assist the authorities concerned to improve the performance of the electricity sector and enable the consumers to have good quality power



supply at a reasonable price. The Regulatory Commission has so far issued three Tariff Orders for 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 finalising the tariffs for the respective years and issuing directives to the licensees to improve their performance. Unfortunately, though the Licensees have been making efforts, the results are hardly encouraging. Many directives of the Commission were not complied with. As such, last year, CORE (Consumer Organization for Reforms in Electricity) of LOK SATTAs filed an appeal against the last Tariff Order in the High Court of A.P. The appeal is still pending.

In the meantime, the proposal of the Licensees for the year 2003-04 has been received and objections if any are to be filed by 3rd Feb. 2003. If we follow the previous practice of merely raising objections and being heard at Public Hearings, the Commission will continue to pass Tariff Orders with Directives. But these will remain ineffective as before. LOK SATTAs has therefore decided to insist on the Commission setting reasonable standards of performance such as, Losses, Interruptions, Voltage fluctuations, prompt consumer service etc. and offer to the Licensees incentive for exceeding the standards set and impose severe penalties for failure to achieve. Fortunately, there is a Supreme Court judgment, which gives us hope that such a course of action may be possible.

Current activities in AP

Purchase of Power accounts for 70 % of the cost of electricity supply. LOK SATTA has last year objected to the approval of four gas based private power projects, unless the long term government policy in regard to gas price is in place and its availability is insured. As otherwise, consumers of Andhra Pradesh may have to bear the brunt of escalating gas prices in the coming years. There is real risk of gas prices doubling or trebling in the near future as decontrolling takes effect fully.

LOK SATTA has just now embarked on setting up four pilot projects in East and West Godavari, Guntur and Krishna Districts to demonstrate how distribution systems can be made more efficient and consumer friendly with a single point responsibility of a Franchisee, working in tandem with LOK SATTA volunteers and the consumers of the area, particularly, the farmers. Sri S R Vijayakar, (former secretary, Government of India) one of the foremost experts on power sector in India and Sri Madanmohan (retd. Engineer, APSEB) are spearheading LOK SATTA's efforts in this sector.

School Education Reform

One of the key issues crying for attention is improvement of public education. There are three main goals:

- empowerment of parents as stake holders
- Improving the content (syllabus and text books) and making education child - centered.
- better evaluation methods to be able to assess the real calibre of the pupils.

LOK SATTA formed a core group along with Jana Vignana Vedika and Satyanveshana Mandali. Specific, practical and achievable steps are identified for improving school functioning. This group is in close interaction with the government, and detailed work is being done on each aspects of school education reform. We hope to have tangible changes in the policy level and grassroots education in two years time.

Impact of LOK SATTA in Andhra Pradesh

- Arrested criminalization of politics, through its innovative "Election Watch" campaign.
- Introduced Citizen's Charters in Municipalities with provision for penalties - first of its kind in the country.
- Largely as a result of LOK SATTA's advocacy, state government has taken up construction of millions toilets for individual households across the state.
- Common electoral rolls for all elections became a reality in the state.
- The state election commission accepted automatic re-poll provision if tendered votes exceed 2% of votes polled.
- Empowerment of stakeholder groups became a reality through formation of water user associations and school education committees.
- Altered the nature of debate on power sector reforms. Our proposal for micro privatization of distribution is accepted and adopted by the state government.
- LOK SATTA has emerged as one of the most authoritative and authentic voices on power sector reforms in the country.
- Emerged as a powerful advocate for genuine decentralization and empowerment of local governments.
- LOK SATTA was instrumental in bringing about an enabling legislation for registration of societies in place of a very restrictive law.
- LOK SATTA created wide public awareness on the necessity for a Right to Information law in the state to increase transparency in government.
- LOK SATTA is relied on as a non-partisan and credible advisor by the government and all major political parties on arrange of public policy issues.
- LOK SATTA emerged as a powerful civil society platform to give voice to people's concerns.
- Largest people's movement in AP reaching out to almost 35% of the state's population.

Lok Satta calls for revamp of state's health sector

Times News Network
HYDERABAD: The Andhra Pradesh health sector needs a revamp, especially the 1,000 public health centres (PHC) in the 1,100 mandals across the state.

According to Lok Satta convenor Dr Jayaprakash Narayan, 80 per cent of PHCs do not have doctors nor do they have basic health care facilities.

Due to this, most people do not have access to basic health facilities and either have to go to the district medical hospitals or to the medical colleges in the state.

He said as a result of this, most of the hospitals in the state are overcrowded and people come to hospitals for small ailments that could be cured at the PHC level.

"There is a need for accountability on the part of the doctors," he said. "They have not accepted the

postings, none are present at the PHCs. The Lok Satta is studying the health sector in the state and will come out with a recommendations.

Accountability could be enforced only if the administration of the PHCs is given to the mandal parishads, who will be able to



ensure basic health care facilities are provided to all.

As a result of lack of effective health care facilities in the government sector, poor people have to go to private hospitals, where they are fleeced, hence a poor person ends up paying more than a person from the middle class strata of society.

This system by which mandal

parishads look after the administrative framework of the PHC was in place in the state prior to 1965. 1966, Jayaprakash Narayan said.

Lok Satta is also advocating the concept of paid and non-paid beds in district hospitals and also the need for doctors working in government service to be given incentives in addition to their salary for each patient they treat, which will improve quality of health care.

The funds generated by a hospital need to be ploughed back into the hospital for further development, he said.

The quality of education in medical colleges could be improved if the barriers between private and government medical colleges is removed in the health sector in the state and professors teaching in government colleges must be allowed to teach in private medical colleges and vice versa, he said.

Working for the Health of AP

LOK SATTA has constituted a panel of eminent experts in primary health care and organized a conference in Hyderabad to come up with practical measures to improve the delivery of primary health care in the state. Dr R S Arole, an eminent public health expert and Magasaysay award recipient, participated in the deliberations and offered valuable suggestions. He has kindly agreed to lend his support to LOK SATTA's initiatives for the improvement of health sector in Andhra Pradesh.

LOK SATTA is closely working with Co-operative Development Foundation (CDF) and Mulkanoor Coperative Rural Bank (MCRB) to implement an innovative public health project in approximately 70 villages in the vicinity of Mulkanoor, Karimnagar District. The initiative will be modeled after the Comprehensive Rural Health Care Project (CRHP) of Jamkhed, Maharashtra, pioneered by Dr Arole.

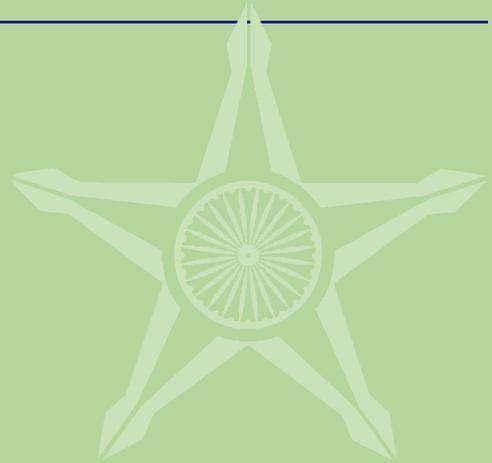
Campaign for Empowerment of Local Governments

LOK SATTA has declared 2003 as the year of local governments and launched a "Little Republics" campaign in Andhra Pradesh, calling for genuine decentralization and empowerment of local governments. District level meetings with elected representatives were held in the districts of Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam, Nalgonda,

Guntur, Krishna, East Godavari, West Godavari, Vishakapatnam and Kadapa. The response was electrifying. Cutting across party lines, hundreds of sarpanchs and other elected representatives participated in each district. At public meetings held on 26th January, 2003 elected representatives were invited to hoist the flag as legitimate heads of "Little Republics", and publicly declare elected local bodies as full-fledged local governments.

As part of its campaign to empower the local governments, LOK SATTA will endeavor to bring all these elected local government representatives under a federation to fight for their rights. As a first step towards that goal, many senior elected representatives and supporters of local government empowerment were brought under a common platform in a meeting held on the 23rd of February in Hyderabad. Approximately 400 elected representatives from across the state including Chairpersons of District Panchayats, Municipalities and former stalwarts in local governments participated in this meeting and laid the foundation for the formation of a "Federation for Empowerment of Local Governments". This federation will be a non-partisan platform and received enthusiastic support from across the political spectrum. The federation discussed, debated and endorsed a policy statement and a future plan of action. The federation has also unanimously elected Dr Jayaprakash Narayan as its coordinator.

LOK SATTA will shortly release a comprehensive report on status of local governments in AP. This is the report of the committee on local governments formed by LOK



SATTA under the chairmanship of Sri BPR Vithal, the distinguished economist and Member, Tenth Finance Commission. The report will contain an exhaustive review of the status of decentralization in AP and the comparative picture in other states along with concrete recommendations on transfer of funds, functions and functionaries to the local governments.

Local Courts for Speedy Justice

Speedy and accessible justice is one of LOK SATT A's key reform goals. The Law Commission in its 114th report suggested a viable mechanism of local courts as an integral part of independent judiciary and due process of law. On similar lines LOK SATT A has prepared a draft legislation for setting up local courts at the rate of one for 25,000 population in rural areas and 50,000 in urban areas headed by a honorary magistrate (Nyayadhikari). The key features of the draft legislation are:

- The local court will be an integral part of the judiciary
- The local court will have original jurisdiction in specified issues/offences - generally not exceeding one lakh rupees in civil cases and one year's imprisonment in criminal cases
- A person of high repute and legal knowledge will be appointed by the District Judge as Nyayadhikari
- The Nyayadhikari is an honorary office with an honorarium and secretariat and travel allowance
- The parties have the option to appear in person or be represented through a lawyer
- The Nyayadhikari may hold court in any village in his jurisdiction and visit any village or location to inspect a site or to record evidence

- The proceedings of the local court will be in Telugu
- The local court will deliver a verdict within 90 days of receiving a petition/complaint
- There will be provision for appeal against the local court's orders.

LOK SATT A circulated the draft legislation for local courts widely to various legal luminaries, jurists and civil society activists and sought their suggestions. LOK SATT A held a consultation meeting on the 12th of February, 2003 in which Justice A Lakshmana Rao (former chief justice Allahabad High Court), Justice Jeevan Reddy (former chairman Law Commission), Smt Rama Devi (former governor of Karnataka), Justice Chalapathi (former judge of Punjab & Haryana High Court), Justice Seetharama Reddy (former Lok Ayukta of AP), Justice Jagannadha Raju (former Lok Ayuktha of AP) and others participated. The participants were very positive about the proposed legislation and heralded it as a step in the right direction and offered very constructive suggestions to improve on the draft Bill. A committee comprising Justice Lakshmana Rao, Justice Chalapathi , Justice Seetharama Reddy, Justice Jagannadha Raju, Sri KSN Murthy and Dr Jayaprakash Narayan was entrusted with the task of considering various suggestions received and revising the draft appropriately. The committee met a number of times over the following weeks and after intense deliberations finalized the draft legislation which can be accessed at www.loksatta.org/draftlocalcourts.pdf. LOK SATT A intends to approach the government, political parties and the High Court to seek broad support for this legislation. We will also make all efforts to build broad public support for this initiative. At the national level also we aim to make this a major advocacy issue for other states.

Observer for Kenyan polls

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: Lok Satta, a national organization, Narmad has been selected as the international observer for the general elections in Kenya to be held in December 2007. Lok Satta general secretary B Anwarul Karim said on Wednesday that the organization Narmad has been selected as an observer for the elections. Narmad is a long time partner Kenya from 1992 till now by the Government Secretariat.



Liberty and State: Constitutional Values vs Colonial Instruments : invited speaker at a conference organized by the Mont Pelerin Society in Goa.

Promoting National Good Governance : invited speaker at a conference organized by 'Sampradan-Indian Centre for Philanthropy' in Mumbai.

Electoral Reforms : invited speaker at a work shop organized by Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore

Elections and Representational Legitimacy: invited speaker at a workshop organized by Centre for Public Affairs, India International Centre and Konrad Adenauer Foundation in New Delhi.

Political and Economic Liberalization in India : invited speaker at a seminar organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi.

Instruments of Accountability : invited speaker at a workshop on "Civil Society, the Poor & Policy" organized by DFID in New Delhi .

Dr Narayan was invited to participate in the seminar on '**Economic Reforms**' organized by the Rajiv

Gandhi Foundation, Delhi.

Dr Narayan was invited to talk at the "**All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan**" organized by the Ministry of Rural Development in New Delhi in which the Prime Minister and the leader of the opposition participated.

Suggested Agenda for Administrative Reforms: invited speaker in the advisory group meeting on Administrative Reforms organized by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Delhi.

Dr Narayan delivered the Sri Gutta Srirama Rao Endowment lecture on "**Constitutional Reforms**" at the National Law School (NALSAR), Hyderabad.

NGOs and Political Parties : Competitors or Counterparts? : Dr Narayan was invited as a lead presenter at the conference on "Targeting Human Rights, Rule of Law and Democracy, Perspectives for Non-Governmental Organizations" in Leipzig, Germany.

LOKSATTA was invited to participate in a roundtable on "**Police Reforms**" organized by CHRI in New Delhi.

Honors



Role sharing and collaboration between governments and NGOs for National Development: invited speaker at the Asia Pacific panel discussion organized by the Kataoka research Institute Japan and International Institute for Administrative Sciences (IIAS) in New Delhi .

Dr Narayan was invited to participate in a seminar on **Globalization, liberalization and poverty alleviation** organized by the government of Netherlands to commemorate 400 years of Indo-Dutch trade relations.

Dr Narayan was invited to be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of **Indians for Collective Action (ICA)** in San Jose, USA.

Dr Narayan was invited to brief a group of parliamentarians on the **Representation of People Bill** by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, New Delhi.

Dr Jayaprakash Narayan, was invited to be a member of the **Commonwealth team of observers for the Kenyan general elections**, which were held on the 27th of December. Dr Narayan was in Kenya for 3 weeks as part of the successful mission, which saw

the peaceful conduct of the general elections as well as the first peaceful transfer of power in the African continent outside of South Africa.

Dr Jayaprakash Narayan was invited to inaugurate the state convention of **Citizen's Action Network** in Trichy, Tamilnadu.

Dr Narayan was invited by the government of Netherlands to participate in a seminar on Globalization held in Amsetrdam to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Indo-Dutch trade relations.

Honors

Dr Jayaprakash Narayan was honored with the “Rotary Manav Seva Award 2002” for his crusade against corruption.

Dr Jayaprakash Narayan was awarded the Eleventh “Yudhvir Memorial Award” for the year 2002 for outstanding contribution to the cause of good governance.

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