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Analysis of Women's Representation in the newly elected Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (13 pages in this report)

- Out of the 824 newly elected MLAs, only 72 (9%) women MLAs in the 5 new Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal.
- Overall, the total number of women MLAs in these 5 Assemblies has reduced from 80 in 2006 to 72 in 2011.
- Among all Assemblies, West Bengal has the highest number of women MLAs – 34 (12% of the Assembly). It is followed by Assam with 14 (11%) women MLAs, Tamil Nadu with 17 (7%) and Kerala with only 7 (5%) women MLAs.
- Puducherry Assembly does not have ANY woman as MLA.
- Party-wise the highest number of women MLAs are from AITC – 24 (13%) followed by INC – 17 (10%) and AIADMK – 12 (8%).
- A total of 19 (26%) women MLAs out of the total of 72 women MLAs are crorepati. The maximum number of crorepati women MLAs is from Tamil Nadu (9) followed by Assam (6) and West Bengal (4).
- The top two highest asset women MLAs are Jayalalitha (AIADMK) from Tamil Nadu (51.4 crores) followed by Kasturi Das (AITC) from West Bengal (7.2 crores).
- 13 women MLAs out of 72 (i.e. 18%) have pending criminal cases against them. Comparatively, 244 men MLAs out of a total of 752 (32%) have pending criminal cases against them.
- Full details of MLAs are available on our website www.myneta.info.

Comparison with 2006 Assembly Elections

Overall, the percentage of women MLAs has **decreased** from the last 2006 Assembly Elections.

State	2011 Assembly Elections					2006 Assembly Elections				
	Total MLAs analyzed	No. of men MLAs	% of men MLAs	No. of women MLAs	% of women MLAs	Total MLAs analyzed	No. of men MLAs	% of men MLAs	No. of women MLAs	% of women MLAs
Assam	126	112	89%	14	11%	126	113	90%	13	10%
Kerala	140	133	95%	7	5%	140	133	95%	7	5%
Puducherry	30	30	100%	0	0%	30	30	100%	0	0%
Tamil Nadu	234	217	93%	17	7%	234	212	90%	22	10%
West Bengal	294	260	88%	34	12%	294	257	88%	37	12%
Total	824	752	91%	72	9%	824	744	90%	80	10%

Table: Comparison of MLAs – from 2006 and 2011 Assembly Elections

Women MLAs with pending criminal cases

13 (18%) women MLAs out of 72 have pending criminal cases against them. West Bengal has 9 women MLAs who have pending criminal cases against them, followed by 3 from Tamil Nadu Assembly and 1 from Kerala Assembly.

State	Total MLAs with pending criminal cases	No. of men MLAs with pending criminal cases	No. of women MLAs with pending criminal cases	Total MLAs with serious pending criminal cases	No. of men MLAs with pending serious criminal cases	No. of women MLAs with pending serious criminal cases
Assam	13	13	0	8	8	0
Kerala	67	66	1	12	12	0
Puducherry	9	9	0	2	2	0
Tamil Nadu	66	63	3	36	34	2
West Bengal	102	93	9	75	71	4
Total	257	244	13	133	127	6

Table: Comparison of men and women MLAs – pending criminal cases

(Details regarding women MLAs with pending criminal cases attached below)

Women MLAs who are crorepatis

A total of 19 (26%) women MLAs out of 72 are crorepatis. The maximum number of crorepati women MLAs is from Tamil Nadu (9) followed by Assam (6) and West Bengal (4).

State	Total Crorepati MLAs	Total Men MLAs	Crorepati men MLAs	% of crorepati men MLAs	Total women MLAs	Crorepati women MLAs	% of crorepati women MLAs
Assam	47	112	41	37%	14	6	43%
Kerala	35	133	35	26%	7	0	0
Puducherry	19	30	19	63%	0	0	0%
Tamil Nadu	120	217	111	51%	17	9	53%
West Bengal	47	260	43	17%	34	4	12%
Total	268	752	249	33%	72	19	26%

Table: Comparison of crorepati men and women MLAs

(Details regarding crorepati women MLAs attached below)

Analysis of women MLAs of main party- (state-wise)

Assam

Among major parties, INC has maximum number of women MLAs. INC has 11 women MLAs out of 78 MLAs analyzed. Party- wise list of women MLAs is given below:

Sl. No	Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Men MLAs	Women MLAs
1	INC	78	67	11
2	AIUDF	18	17	1
3	BPF	12	10	2
4	AGP	10	10	0
5	BJP	5	5	0
6	IND	2	2	0
7	AITC	1	1	0
Total		126	112	14

Kerala

Among major parties, CPI(M) has maximum number of women MLAs. CPI(M) has 3 women MLAs out of 45 MLAs analyzed. Party- wise list of women MLAs is given below:

S. No	Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Male	Female
1	CPI[M]	45	42	3
2	INC	38	37	1
3	ML	20	20	0
4	CPI	13	11	2
5	KC[M]	9	9	0
6	JD[S]	4	3	1
7	IND	2	2	0
8	NCP	2	2	0
9	RSP	2	2	0
10	SJD	2	2	0
11	KC(J)	1	1	0
12	KCB	1	1	0
13	RSPB	1	1	0
Total		140	133	7

Puducherry

Puducherry Assembly does not have any woman as MLA. Party- wise list of women MLAs is given below:

Tamil Nadu

Among major parties, AIADMK has maximum number of women MLAs. AIADMK has 12 women MLAs out of 147 MLAs analyzed. Party- wise list of women MLAs is given below:

Sl. No	Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Male	Female
1	AIADMK	147	135	12
2	DMDK	29	27	2
3	DMK	23	22	1
4	CPI(M)	10	9	1
5	CPI	9	9	0
6	INC	5	4	1
7	PMK	3	3	0
8	PT	1	1	0
9	AIFB	1	1	0
10	Puthiya Thamilagam	1	1	0

Sl. No	Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Male	Female
11	MMK	1	1	0
12	Manithaneya Makkal Katchi	1	1	0
Total		231	214	17

West Bengal

Among major parties, AITC has maximum number of women MLAs. AITC has 24 women MLAs out of 183 MLAs analyzed.

Sl. No	Party	Total MLAs analyzed	Male	Female
1	AITC	183	159	24
2	INC	42	38	4
3	CPI(M)	40	35	5
4	AIFB	11	11	
5	RSP	7	6	1
6	GJM	4	4	
7	CPI	2	2	
8	SP	1	1	
9	IND	1	1	
10	SUCI	1	1	
11	DSP(PC)	1	1	
Total		293	259	34

Details of crorepati women MLAs from newly formed assemblies *

S.No	Name	Constituency	Party	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)
Assam						
1	Sushmita Dev	Silchar	INC	1,68,29,533	5,05,00,000	6,73,29,533 6 Crore+
2	SMTI MONIKA BORA	Gohpur	INC	80,00,256	1,89,90,000	2,69,90,256 2 Crore+
3	Jonjonali Barua	Morigaon	INC	1,47,98,489	53,00,000	2,00,98,489 2 Crore+
4	Jibon Tara Ghatowar	Moran	INC	1,00,18,153	65,36,400	1,65,54,553

S.No	Name	Constituency	Party	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)
						1 Crore+
5	AJANTA NEOG	Golaghat	INC	91,80,995	49,31,000	1,41,11,995 1 Crore+
6	Amiya Gogoi	Duliajan	INC	54,64,505	48,62,000	1,03,26,505 1 Crore+
Tamil Nadu						
1	J JAYALALITHAA	Srirangam	AIADMK	13,03,27,979	38,37,40,000	51,40,67,979 51 Crore+
2	Vijayadharani	Vilavancode	INC	1,49,23,000	5,26,54,000	6,75,77,000 6 Crore+
3	R. Rajalakshmi	Mylapore	AIADMK	29,22,429*	5,60,00,000	5,89,22,429 5 Crore+
4	JAYASUDHA.L	Polur	AIADMK	1,56,70,013	2,63,41,800*	4,20,11,813 4 Crore+
5	B.Valarmathi	Thousand Lights	AIADMK	44,44,407	2,91,52,250	3,35,96,657 3 Crore+
6	ALAGUVELU K	Kallakurichi	AIADMK	61,87,162	94,60,000	1,56,47,162 1 Crore+
7	P.VIJAYALAKSHMI PALANISAMY	Sankari	AIADMK	24,98,209	1,13,98,209	1,38,96,418 1 Crore+
8	S.Kanitha	Madurantakam	AIADMK	49,30,071	62,35,000	1,11,65,071 1 Crore+
9	Gokula Indra	Anna Nagar	AIADMK	59,59,540	45,34,273	1,04,93,813 1 Crore+
West Bengal						
1	Kasturi Das	MAHESHTALA	AITC	38,55,504	6,80,00,000	7,18,55,504 7 Crore+
2	SHASHI PANJA	SHYAMPUKUR	AITC	2,76,91,602	96,68,308	3,73,59,910 3 Crore+
3	SIKHA CHOWDHURY	CHOWRANGEE	AITC	1,34,99,765	81,35,798	2,16,35,563

S.No	Name	Constituency	Party	Movable Assets (Rs)	Immovable Assets (Rs)	Total Assets (Rs)
						2 Crore+
4	SMITA BAKSHI	JORASANKO	AITC	39,89,316	80,00,000	1,19,89,316 1 Crore+

* No women MLAs crorepati in Kerala and Puducherry

* For MLAs who have not given their totals in the affidavit, it has been calculated from the details given by her in the same
Table: Crorepati women MLAs- (state-wise)

Details of women MLAs with pending criminal cases from newly formed assemblies*

Serial	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
Tamil Nadu		
1	<p>Name:Gokula Indra State/Dist:Chennai Constituency:Anna Nagar</p> <p>Party:AIADMK</p> <p>Total Cases:3 Serious IPC:2 Other IPC:3</p>	<p>1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC Section-324)</p> <p>1 charges related to theft (IPC Section-379) 1 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147)</p> <p>1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148)</p> <p>1 charges related to Assault or criminal force with intent to dishonour person, otherwise than on grave provocation (IPC Section-355)</p> <p>Other details:4(1)A, TNOPP ACT (CR.No.24/2011) Cr.No.569/2010 4(1)A, TNOPP ACT (CR.No.32/2011)</p>
2	<p>Name:B.Valarmathi State/Dist:Chennai Constituency:Thousand Lights</p> <p>Party:AIADMK</p> <p>Total Cases:2 Serious IPC:2 Other IPC:7</p>	<p>1 charges related to undue influence or personation at an election (IPC Section-171F)</p> <p>1 charges related to Attempt to murder (IPC Section-307) 1 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147)</p> <p>1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148)</p> <p>1 charges related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353)</p> <p>1 charges related to Negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance (IPC Section-286)</p> <p>1 charges related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B)</p> <p>1 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34)</p>

Serial	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
		<p>1 charges related to Punishment of abetment if the act abetted is committed in consequence, and where no express provision is made for its punishment (IPC Section-109)</p> <p>Other details:13(2),13(l)(e)of PC Act 1988.(Case No.02/07)</p> <p>5 Explosive Substances Act (Case No.775/06)</p>
3	<p>Name:J JAYALALITHAA</p> <p>State/Dist:Tiruchirappalli</p> <p>Constituency:Srirangam</p> <p>Party:AIADMK</p> <p>Total Cases:10</p> <p>Serious IPC:0</p> <p>Other IPC:7</p>	<p>4 charges related to defamation (IPC Section-500)</p> <p>1 charges related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B)</p> <p>1 charges related to Printing or engraving matter known to be defamatory (IPC Section-501)</p> <p>1 charges related to Defamation (IPC Section-499)</p> <p>Other details:11 OF THE PC ACT.1988</p> <p>CrI. M.P No-2972/2007</p> <p>CRIMINAL NO. 3699 OF 2007</p> <p>CrI. M.P No-5347/2007</p> <p>13(2) 13(1)(e)OF P.C.ACT</p> <p>276-CC OF INCOME TAX ACT.</p> <p>35B OF THE WEALTH TAX ACT.</p>
West Bengal		
1	<p>Name:ASIMA PATRA</p> <p>State/Dist:HOOGLY</p> <p>Constituency:DHANEKHALI (SC)</p> <p>Party:AITC</p> <p>Total Cases:3</p> <p>Serious IPC:2</p> <p>Other IPC:19</p>	<p>1 charges related to voluntarily causing grievous hurt (IPC Section-325)</p> <p>1 charges related to theft (IPC Section-379)</p> <p>3 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323)</p> <p>3 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506)</p> <p>2 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147)</p> <p>2 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148)</p> <p>2 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427)</p> <p>1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149)</p> <p>1 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34)</p> <p>1 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143)</p>

Serial	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
		<p>1 charges related to criminal trespass (IPC Section-447)</p> <p>1 charges related to Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace (IPC Section-504)</p> <p>1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341)</p> <p>1 charges related to Mischief by destroying or moving, etc., a land- mark fixed by public authority Mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to cause damage to amount of one hundred or (in case of agricultural produce) ten rupees (IPC Section-435)</p>
2	<p>Name:SHAONI SINGHA ROY State/Dist:MURSHIDABADConsti tuency:MURSHIDABAD Party:INC Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:2 Other IPC:2</p>	<p>1 charges related to voluntarily causing grievous hurt (IPC Section-325)</p> <p>1 charges related to theft (IPC Section-379)</p> <p>1 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143)</p> <p>1 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323)</p>
3	<p>Name:MAMTAJ BEGAM</p> <p>State/Dist:SOUTH 24 PARGANAS</p> <p>Constituency:METIABRUZ</p> <p>Party:AITC</p> <p>Total Cases:3</p> <p>Serious IPC:1</p> <p>Other IPC:13</p>	<p>1 charges related to Attempt to murder (IPC Section-307)</p> <p>2 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147)</p> <p>2 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148)</p> <p>2 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323)</p> <p>1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149)</p> <p>1 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427)</p> <p>1 charges related to Causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others (IPC Section-338)</p> <p>1 charges related to Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty (IPC Section-333)</p> <p>1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341)</p> <p>1 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506)</p> <p>1 charges related to Dishonest or fraudulent removal or concealment of property (IPC Section-424)</p>

Serial	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
		Other details:3+4 u/s Act (CASE NO-90/2009) CASE NO- 32(II)/2005 3 of P.D.P.P ACT (CASE NO-34(4)/2005)
4	Name:SONALI GUHA (BOSE) State/Dist:SOUTH 24 PARGANAS Constituency:SATGACHIA Party:AITC Total Cases:2 Serious IPC:1 Other IPC:7	1 charges related to Voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means (IPC Section-324) 2 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143) 2 charges related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353) 2 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506) 1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341) Other details:3+4 u/s Act (CASE NO-90/2009) CASE NO- 32(II)/2005 3 of P.D.P.P ACT (CASE NO-34(4)/2005)
5	Name:Dipali Saha State/Dist:BANKURA Constituency:SONAMUKHI (SC) Party:AITC Total Cases:2 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:12	1 charges related to Stolen Property (IPC Section-410) 1 charges related to Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property (IPC Section-420) 1 charges related to Forgery for purpose of cheating (IPC Section-468) 1 charges related to Punishment of criminal conspiracy (IPC Section-120B) 1 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147) 1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149) 1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341) 1 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427) 1 charges related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353) 1 charges related to Obstructing public servant in discharge of public functions (IPC Section-186) 1 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506) Other details:CASE NO.-17/02

Serial	Candidate Information	Brief Details of IPCs
		G.R.-791/07 DATED:-08-07-2010
6	Name:Mahamuda Begam State/Dist:DAKHSIN DINAJPUR Constituency:KUMARGANJ Party:AITC Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:7	1 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143) 1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341) 1 charges related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353) 1 charges related to voluntarily causing hurt (IPC Section-323) 1 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427) 1 charges related to Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention (IPC Section-34) 1 charges related to criminal intimidation (IPC Section-506) Other details:CASE NO.-17/02 G.R.-791/07 DATED:-08-07-2010
7	Name:Chandrima Bhattacharya State/Dist:NORTH 24 PARGANAS Constituency:DUM DUM UTTAR Party:AITC Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:5	1 charges related to Rioting, armed with deadly weapon (IPC Section-148) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149) 1 charges related to wrongful restraint (IPC Section-341) 1 charges related to Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty (IPC Section-353) 1 charges related to Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees (IPC Section-427) Other details:CASE NO.-17/02 G.R.-791/07 DATED:-08-07-2010
8	Name:SMITA BAKSHI State/Dist:KOLKATA NORTHConstituency:JORASANKO Party:AITC Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:4	1 charges related to Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property (IPC Section-420) 1 charges related to Forgery of valuable security, will, etc. (IPC Section-467) 1 charges related to Forgery for purpose of cheating (IPC Section-468)

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		1 charges related to Using as genuine a forged document or electronic record (IPC Section-471) Other details:Section 10 of the S.C and S.T Act
9	Name:Chhaya Dolai State/Dist:PASCHIM MEDINIPURConstituency:CHANDRAK ONA (SC) Party:CPI(M) Total Cases:1 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:0	Other details:N.C.R. NO.547/11,N.G.R. NO.751/11,&N.C.R. NO.548/11,N.G.R. NO.771/11,
Kerala		
1	Name:LATHIKA State/Dist:KOZHIKODE Constituency: KUTTIADI Party:CPI[M] Total Cases:2 Serious IPC:0 Other IPC:5	1 charges related to Punishment (IPC Section-143) 1 charges related to rioting (IPC Section-147) 1 charges related to Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant (IPC Section-188) 1 charges related to Danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation (IPC Section-283) 1 charges related to Every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object (IPC Section-149) Other details:CC589/02 100Rs/- fine cc179/03 200Rs/- fine

* No women MLA from Puducherry and Assam has pending criminal cases against them.

Table: Women MLAs with pending criminal cases of newly formed assemblies

Delhi, May 18th, 2011: Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch (NEW), a nationwide campaign comprising of more than 1200 NGOs and other citizen led organizations, have been working on electoral reforms, improving democracy and governance in India. A total of 824 constituencies went for polls; in Assam (126), Kerala (140), Puducherry (30), Tamil Nadu (234) and West Bengal (294) in these Assembly Elections. National Election Watch groups in these 4 states and 1 Union Territory has analyzed affidavits of 820 MLAs who have won the Assembly Elections. This report is based on the analysis of the information provided in their self sworn affidavits. The following pages give party-wise and MLA-wise analysis of Women MLAs in newly formed assemblies.

Details of Helpline and SMS Campaign:

Toll-free no: **1-800-110-440** Day/Hours of operation: Mon-Sat (10 am – 6pm) Information given: Criminal records, Assets, Liabilities and Education Qualifications Source of Information: Candidate information given in affidavits.

To get information on MLAs from your area **SMS, MYNETA < Constituency name > to 56070 or MYNETA < PINCODE > to 56070**. For e.g. to get data on PANDABESWAR constituency you may send SMS as, **MYNETA PANDABESWAR** to 56070. The information you will receive is:

“Assembly Constituency PANDABESWAR, MLA Gouranga Chatterjee CPI(M): Criminal Cases-No, Assets Rs36677, Liabilities Rs0, Education Post Graduate. Lok Sabha Constituency ASANSOL, MP BANSAGOPAL CHOWDHURY CPM: Criminal Cases-No, Assets Rs14.2Lac, Liabilities Rs0, Education Graduate.”

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