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Press Release

**Invite to the 11th National Conference on Electoral and Political Reforms,
21st and 22nd March, 2015, Kolkata, West Bengal**

Dear Friends,

We invite you to the forthcoming ‘11th Annual National Conference on Political and Electoral Reforms’ organised by West Bengal Election Watch (NEW) and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata, West Bengal on 21st -22nd March, 2015.

The **Chief Election Commissioner, Shri H. S. Brahma** will be inaugurating the Conference. Representatives of the National Election Watch from each state chapter, members of political parties, government institutions and media will be present to deliberate on issues related to electoral and political reforms in the country.

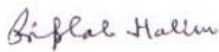
Topics of discussion during the conference will range from ‘Making flow of money in politics transparent: A case for good governance’, ‘Time to build a functional democracy: Empowering local body institutions’ to ‘Media neutrality and its significance in democracy.’ The complete agenda of the event is attached with the mail.

We will also be holding a Press Conference at the Press Club Kolkata on 20th March, 2015. The conference will start at 4 PM to brief the media on the conduct of the National Conference. We will also be releasing **three important reports:** (1) ‘Analysis of Election Expenditure of Major Political Parties of West Bengal – Lok Sabha 2014.’ (2) ‘Comparison of Donations Received by Major Political Parties of West Bengal – FY 2012-13 & 2013-14’ and (3) Analysis of Criminal Background, Financial, Education, Gender and other details of MPs and MLAs of West Bengal.

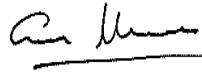
Please find details of the venue below.

We look forward to your participation in strengthening our efforts and in making the Conference a success.

Yours’ sincerely,



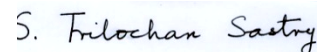
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