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Press Release

Assam Assembly Elections 2016

**Comparitive Analysis of Criminal, Assets and other Background of
Candidates**

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Summary and Highlights

Assam Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of **1062 candidates** who are contesting in the **Assam Assembly Election held in 2 phases on 4th April and on 11th April 2016**.

The information of currently contesting candidates is compared against the information of candidates who contested the Assam Assembly Election 2011 to understand the trend of engagement of money and muscle power along with other details of the candidates. Key findings of the analysis are given hereunder.

1. The **criminalization** of Assam politics has decreased in the Assam Assembly Election 2016 in comparison to the Assam Assembly Election 2011. In 2011, a total of 99 candidates with declared criminal record out of 955 candidates (10%) contested the elections, but in Assam Assembly Election 2016 total 72 Candidates out of 1062 candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves (7%).
2. However, less number of candidates contested in the 2011 Assam Assembly Election **with serious criminal** record in comparison to the Election of 2016. Now 57 (5%) candidates with serious criminal record are contesting whereas in 2011, total 37 (4%) candidates with serious criminal record contested.
3. In 2011 only 13% **Crorepati** candidates contested, but 2016, the number of **Crorepatis** has increased to 22%.
4. In this Assembly Election of 2016, an analysis shows that 51% contesting candidates are under graduate where the number of under graduate was 48% in the Assam Assembly Election of 2011.

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Party-wise Comparison of Candidates with criminal cases with 2011 Assembly Elections

Party Name	Assam 2016 Assembly Elections					Assam 2011 Assembly Elections				
	Total number of candidates analyzed	candidates with declared Criminal Cases	% of candidates with declared criminal cases	candidates with serious declared criminal cases	% of candidates with serious declared criminal cases	Total number of Candidates analyzed	Candidates with declared Criminal Cases	% of candidates with declared criminal cases	candidates with serious declared criminal cases	% of candidates with serious declared criminal cases
IND	496	31	6%	25	5%	261	23	9%	7	3%
INC	122	13	11%	9	7%	126	9	7%	4	3%
BJP	89	8	9%	7	8%	112	9	8%	4	4%
AIUDF	74	13	18%	10	14%	77	18	23%	9	12%
CPI(M)	19	2	11%	1	5%	17	1	6%		0%
SP	14	1	7%	1	7%	14	3	21%	1	7%
AITC	12	1	8%	1	8%	93	11	12%	4	4%
CPI(ML)(L)	7	1	14%	1	14%	8	1	13%		0%
Others	229	2	1%	2	1%	247	24	10%	8	3%
Total	1062	72	7%	57	5%	955	99	10%	37	4%

Party-wise Comparison of Crorepatis Candidates with 2011 Assembly Elections

Party Name	Assam 2016 Assembly Elections			Assam 2011 Assembly Elections		
	Number of Candidates Analyzed	Crorepatis	Percentage of Crorepatis Candidates	Number of Candidates Analyzed	Crorepatis	Percentage of Crorepatis Candidates
INC	122	66	54%	126	44	35%
IND	496	65	13%	261	14	5%
BJP	89	42	47%	112	10	9%
AIUDF	74	23	31%	77	11	14%
ASOM GANA PARISHAD	30	16	53%	103	21	20%
BODOLAND PEOPLES FRONT	13	8	62%	29	7	24%
AITC	12	2	17%	93	11	12%
NCP	12	2	17%	35	1	3%
OTHER	214	13	6%	119	1	1%
Total	1062	237	22%	955	120	13%

Education Detail

Education Group	Number of Candidates analyzed in 2016 Assembly Election	Number of Candidates analyzed in 2011 Assembly Election
Illiterate	3	3
Literate	10	8
5th Pass	19	16
8th Pass	92	69
10th Pass	212	205
12th Pass	209	160
Graduate	274	258
Graduate Professional	78	77
Post Graduate	140	123
Doctorate	7	14
Others	15	16
Not Given	3	6
Total	1062	955

Gender Detail

Overall Gender Report	2016 Assembly Election	2011 Assembly Election
Men	971	874
Women	91	81
Total	1062	955

Age Detail

Age Group (In Years)	Number of Candidates Analyzed in 2016 Assembly Election	Number of Candidates Analyzed in 2011 Assembly Election
Not Given	8	3
1-24	0	1
25-30	71	51
31-40	264	261
41-50	343	304
51-60	239	218
61-70	118	98
71-80	17	18
81-110	2	1
Total	1062	955

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