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SPECIAL ISSUE ON “ELECTION LAWS”

INTRODUCTION

Democracy is the zenith of modern civilization evolving as a system of government in which the citizens exercise power directly or elect representatives from among themselves to form a governing body. The democratic republic envisioned by drafters of Indian Constitution idolized a liberal democracy, not merely the rule of the majority as determined by free and fair elections, but also a system of government with checks and balances. These exist in the form of fundamental rights for citizens, protections for minorities and socially disadvantaged groups, relative autonomy for historically and culturally distinct regions, all to be safeguarded by an independent judiciary and a free press. The message conveyed by the drafting committee as we find at the end of the process, relates to the pervasive philosophy of democratic republic which Sir Winston Churchill vivified in matchless words:

“At the bottom of all tributes paid to democracy is the little man, walking into a little booth, with a little pencil, making a little cross on a little bit of paper - no amount of rhetoric or voluminous discussion can possibly diminish the overwhelming importance of the point.”¹

Under the Constitution this little voter selects representatives who will generate national wealth and use it in the manner laid down by the Directive Principles, while observing Fundamental Rights. The essence of a democracy therefore centres in the system of representation which formalises a citizen's concerns and aspirations through candidates who represent them in the politico-legal system. This representation through the process of elections has a significant impact on the Constitution and the legal regime which regulates it. Significantly, issues of legal significance are consistently raised around the ideas of political funding, regulation of political rhetoric or modes of representation in itself. Therefore, the theme of 'Election Laws' seeks to broadly analyse and promote discussions on the trends which resonate around elections, trends which are of significant importance in civil society.

¹Dr. Larry Arnn, Churchill's Trial: Winston Churchill and the Salvation of Free Government, Thomas Nelson (October 13, 2015) p.224.



The Special Edition of the National Law University Odisha Law Journal [NLUOLJ], on the theme of ‘Election Laws’ aims to foster and enhance discussion on legal issues related to elections, one of the most exciting, contemporary constitutional discourses among scholars, students and legal practitioners. This volume aims to extend its scope beyond the status quo, looking into the future of elections in India in a world of breakneck social, legal, political and technological development.

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1. Representation of Anglo Indians in Parliament
2. Post-Poll Alliances and Constitutionality
3. Election Manifesto
4. Electoral Bonds and Political Funding
5. NOTA: Contemporary Relevance
6. Electoral Justice and Participation of Under-represented groups
7. Regulating Election Campaign on Social Media/Online Platforms
8. Model Code of Conduct: Application and Analysis
9. Transparency, Disclosure of Assets and Nominations
10. Electronic Voting Machine
11. Role of Civil Society in Electoral Process

Note: The above sub-themes are only illustrative. NLUO would welcome papers on other topics related to Election Law.

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