



**LOK SATTA**

*People Power*

**Mumbai Election Watch**

**AGNI Network**

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## **Mission**

To promote peaceful, democratic transformation of Indian governance process and enable India to achieve full potential through good governance

# Election Watch Activities

- Voter Rolls Verification & Rectification
- Know your candidate
- Screening of candidates
- Common Platforms – Corporator & City Level
- An agenda for the city - Governance, Civic Issues
- Voter Education
- Monitoring of polling
- Post-election agenda for city

# Problems with endorsing/rating

- We have no real impact on outcome
- Change of players does not lead to change of rules of the game
- Resource, legal & procedural constraints remain
- We need to focus on a larger governance agenda

# Post-election agenda for the city

- Citizen's Charters
- Ward committees
- Right to Information
- Metropolitan planning committee
- Anti-corruption measures
- Ombudsman agency for city
- Empowering city government

# What is the larger agenda?

## Electoral reform

- Polling irregularities
- Criminalization
- Unaccounted money
- Disguised executive
- People selling their vote
- Political party regulation
- Better representation

# What is the larger agenda?

## Decentralization

- Funds
- Functions
- Functionaries
- Stake-Holder empowerment
- Ward committees

# What is the larger agenda?

## Rule of law – Speedy & efficient justice

- Police reform – independent crime investigation
- Limited but effective writ jurisdiction
- Time-bound adjudication
- Procedural law changes – CPC & CrPC
- Appointment of higher judiciary
- All India judicial service
- Accountability of subordinate judiciary
- Enhance number of courts
- Local gram nyayalayas



# What is the larger agenda?

## **Instruments of Accountability**

- Right to Information
- Citizen's charters
- Stake-holder empowerment
- Independent crime investigation
- Independent appointment of constitutional functionaries
- Strong, independent anti-corruption machinery

# What can AGNI Network do?

## Build a movement in Maharashtra

- A group of credible persons with excellent track record
- Insights into governance
- An agenda which is acceptable to all segments
- Sustained, professional, full-time institution building

# What can AGNI Network do?

## Focus on four areas

- People's Watch – fight against corruption and misgovernance
- Specific local goals of reform
- Election Watch
- National platform building