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

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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 nyayalayanas
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

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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