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Now Voters Can Reject All Candidate in India

NEW DELHI: In a landmark judgment on 27 September 2013, the Supreme Court for the first time allowed voters to cast negative vote by pressing a button saying none of the candidates is worthy of his vote. The SC asked the Election Commission to provide None Of The Above (NOTA) button on EVMs (Electronic Voting Machine) and ballot papers. The apex court said the right to vote and the 'right to reject' are both part of basic right of voters. "When a large number of voters will press NOTA button, it will force political parties to choose better candidates. Negative voting would lead to systemic change in polls," the apex bench observed. The bench also observed that implementation of NOTA option was akin to 'abstain option' given to MPs and MLAs during voting in respective houses.

India-Pakistan Parliamentarians Dialogue

Parliamentarians from 11 political parties from India and 7 parties from Pakistan had 2 days of parliamentarians dialogue in Islamabad this month arrange by Pakistan Institute of legislative development and transparency. They agreed to 16 points programs to deal with all bilateral issues.—(Express Tribune)

Civil Society Invited to Debate Bills in Belarus Parliament

Parliament should invite representatives of public organizations and

international ones to take part in commission and working group. This is the opinion of the speaker of the house of representative of the national assembly of Belarus. "Don't be afraid of it, we limit our discussion to ourselves we never invite representatives of civil society, international organizations, political parties, noted the chairman of the house of representative, national assembly of Belarus.—(Belarusian Telegraph Agency)

Pakistan-Afghanistan Parliamentarians promoted people to people contact

ISLAMABAD, Parliamentarians of Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday agreed to take further mutual steps in promoting people to people contacts to boost bilateral friendship. In a joint statement issued at the conclusion of 9th round of dialogue between the Parliamentarians of Pakistan and Afghanistan here, they said mutual contacts are important for creating proper atmosphere for enhancing cooperation between the two countries. Parliamentarians from Pakistan and Afghanistan stressed that the proposed interactions between the people from both sides should include all segments of society including women, youth, businessmen, media, cultural and professional groups.

Facilitated by PILDAT, the two day dialogue was hosted by Pakistan-Afghanistan Parliamentary Friendship Group in Pakistan Senate.—(A.P. of Pakistan)

Pacific Leader calls to save islands

In the context of calls for concrete action to ensure the "Survival of Small Island developing States (SIDS)", the 44th Pacific Islands Forum convened under the theme 'Marshalling the Pacific Response to the Climate Challenge.' The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership, underlining the need for urgent action at all levels to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. This was attended by political leader, government officials and UN agencies.

The meeting was from 3-6 September 2013 in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. It is "a real and most serious threat to the livelihoods, security and well-being of the peoples of the Pacific."—(iisd)

ASEAN Women Parliamentarians Meet on Maternal and Child Health

Brunei – Women parliamentarians from ten ASEAN countries gathered in Brunei in conjunction with the annual meeting of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) from 17th to 23rd September

with the theme “Fostering Maternal and Child Health in ASEAN. The draft resolution which they prepared was to be adopted at the ASEAN general assembly. Women parliamentarians also reported progress on MDGs 4 and 5 in their country and said that it has been streamlined into national legislation. —(ASEAN Secretariat)

Women Leaders

Research on women leader in Malaysia

Women Leadership center of the University of Malaysia will collaborate with University of Sarawak (Malaysia) to conduct extensive research among women in Sarawak. The primary objective is to study the current situation of women holding a leadership position in the public and private sector. The research will not only provide statistics but also views of women on perspective towards women's leadership position. When we talk about women at decision making level, this does not only apply to those in politics but also those from various professions. It is noted that women work force in Sarawak is slightly higher than national average at 53.2% and 46.9% respectively. Malaysia also has women leadership center also.— (Bouneo Post Online)

51% of Corporate Leaders in China are Women

A recent report by “FORBES” indicates that 51% of senior management positions in mainland china are held by women, where as global average is 24% only and mere 19% in the UK. A British government senior negotiator for China, dispute this figure and says that he has never noticed so many women in high positions during his negotiations.—(Guardian)

Three Leaderships Events in America

There will be three leaderships related events in America in September and October. One will be sixth annual Women in Insurance Leadership Forum. Where 60 professionals women will be recognized on 29 and 30 October in Chicago. The second will be in Houston that is 7th annual international financial leadership summit on September 26 and 27 organized by the Texas Women Empowerment, Foundation. This will also include ‘million dollar leadership round table’, ‘women and money leadership luncheon’ and international leadership award ceremony. The third event will be the Fourth Annual Leadership Forum in New York on 10 October. Approximately 300 women will gather to learn and network.

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A leader or a man of action in a crisis almost always acts subconsciously and then think of the reason for his action"—(Jawahar Nehru)



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