

Event: Talk on Electoral politics in Punjab: Emergence of three-party system by Ashutosh Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Organized by: Civil Society of Department of Political Science

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Number of Participants: College faculties and studies attended the event

The Civil Society of Department of Political Science organized a talk on Electoral politics in Punjab: Emergence of three-party system by Ashutosh Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The event was conducted on September 17, 2017. The focus of the event was on electoral politics specifically in context of Punjab and discussion was focusing around party system. He emphasized states as units for political analyses which needs to be situated in the larger context. A careful study of the emerging trends in electoral politics does reveals how Punjab has its own exceptionalism or the specificities in terms of electoral trends. He then proceeds to discuss the determinants of the electoral politics in the state which brings out the specificity of the electoral politics of the state. Further, he brought the trends and developments which have dominated politics in Punjab and continue to play important role in the government of Punjab. Accordingly, the discussion on examining the leadership factor in context of campaigning, election verdict and alliance was done. Besides this, he pointed how state has become an analytical unit for electoral analysis especially when we attempt to look it in reference to dera wala system or with the emergence of three-party system itself, which itself has played a significant role in shaping and changing the nature of state. The event ended with addressing the questions of participants and concluded with vote of thanks.