

## PRAJNYA GENDER EQUALITY ELECTION CHECKLIST

Democracy without gender equality is incomplete and imperfect. Political parties, election officials and voters must all demonstrate **a commitment to inclusivity** and **a concern for gender-related issues** from survival to violence to access to participation.

### GENDER EQUALITY ELECTION GUIDE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

#### Make Gender Parity a Guiding Principle for Selection

1. Encourage members to nominate women.
2. Short-list an equal number of men and women for each seat before making a decision.
3. Actively seek to nominate a roughly equal number of men and women for the 2016 elections.

#### **DO NOT, we repeat,**

1. **Do NOT** nominate those facing charges relating to sexual and gender-based violence unless and until a court absolves them.
2. **Do NOT** nominate those guilty of sexist and misogynistic speech.

#### Make Place for Gender Equality in the Party Manifesto

1. Expressly commit to gender equality.
2. Clarify party positions on issues relating to gender equality—violence, access to justice, access to opportunity and services and property rights, for instance.
3. Expressly commit to gender parity in key party and government positions.

#### VOTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY

##### Vote for a party that shows

1. Zero-tolerance for violence in speech or action.
2. Commitment to gender parity (or something close to it) in nominations.
3. Evidence of equal party support to male and other candidates.
4. Strong and clear positions in favour of gender equality.
5. Genuine concern about gender-related issues in speeches and interviews.

**THIS ELECTION, MAKE TRUE DEMOCRACY NON-NEGOTIABLE.  
VOTE FOR GENDER EQUALITY.**