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- The Election Affidavits of 1,352 contesting candidates were scrutinized by the Association for Democratic Reforms, a national election watchdog.
- According to the study, out of 1,352 candidates, 244 have criminal cases and 172 have serious criminal cases.
- 38 have cases against women and 17 have cases registered for hate speech.
- It should be noted that of the total 1,352 candidates in the third phase of the election, only 9% are women.

## Central government grants patent for 'bellow' device

- In order to reduce the humidity in the transformer, Tamil Nadu Power Engineers have invented a new technology called Bellow, which shrinks and expands by connecting with the existing silicon gel.
- By fitting this bellows the transformer is completely protected from external moisture and oxygen. Also, maintenance cost, time and periodic breakdown of transformers is avoided.
- In this case, the Power Board applied for a patent for this bellows device invented by the Power Board in the Indian Patent Office in 2015.
- The patent office of India has granted a patent for this bellows tool for 20 years.