



The Impact of Democracy on Mankind

"Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

- Abraham Lincoln

Human beings consider themselves in the topmost strata of the hierarchy of living beings. They have attributed a name for themselves, 'Homo sapiens', which means wise men. The reason behind this naming is clearly visible from the solutions designed by them, to cease the challenges ~~to~~ faced by mankind.

Democracy is such a solution that erases the inequalities faced by people and helps them in gaining the rights they deserve. This form of governance ensures that the administrative powers aren't vested within a

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royal family. It gives an opportunity to the common people to raise their voice confidently.

"Democracy isn't about making people vote, it's about ensuring that their voices are heard."

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

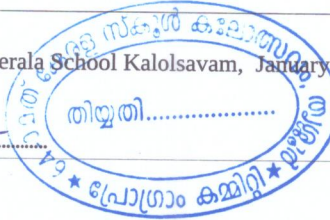
'The French Revolution' and the 'Jennis Court Oath' makes it evident that the commons were the ones who advocated for democracy. They were exploited and treated cruelly by the upper class. They wanted a better living place, where their race, religion, colour, sex or social status isn't considered. This thought resulted in several freedom movements and social movements. 'The Russian Revolution' and the 'Indian Independence Movement' are some among this. Most among the 167 democratic countries are formed from the same desire.



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The sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic, republic country, India, is known for its governance that is deeply rooted in democracy. The story of Indian democracy begins with the formation of 'Election Commission' on 25 January, 1950. It is the institution that supports Indian democracy, from the first generation election of 1951-52.

Even though our country has faced many obstacles like the 'Emergency of 1975' in its democratic journey, we, the people of India, has always managed to overcome it through several ways, primarily public protests. 'The Dalit Panther's Movement', 'the Anti-Arrack Movement', 'the Nirbhaya Movement' and 'the Right to Information Movement' are some among these. Both the constitutional and non-constitutional bodies were formed on its basis.



"Democracy can be called successful if the weakest of the country receives the same privileges as the stronger."

- Mahatma Gandhi

Our great book, 'The Indian Constitution' has always managed to make Gandhiji's words practical. Even though, some of our siblings are being exploited. In fact, India is secular country that considers all of its citizens equal with respect to 'Article 15'. But, in the present scenario, democracy is facing a number of challenges, which is to be overcome.

◉ What makes democracy 'sour'?

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



1) Communalism

It is a situation of creating conflicts in the society based on religion. It adversely affects the formation of public opinion and the complete political process. It leads to the creation of a society without secular values.

2) Tensions in Centre-State Relations

India is a federalism-based country. From the very beginning of democracy, there are tensions in the provisions that come under the state and central governments. 'The Sarkaria Commission' has critically evaluated this and has proposed new policies.

3) Corruption

This is the act of obtaining money or any other kind of services other than the legal remuneration. This results in the concentration of administrative and economic power among some people.

4) Defection

This is act of changing political party after the election in an illegal manner.

This practice is happening because of the greed for power and money, and will affect the democratic process adversely.

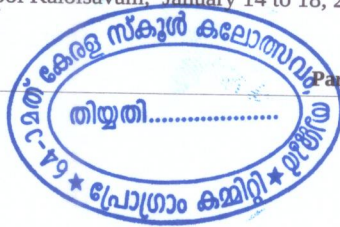
◉ What should be the 'future of democracy'?

We are living in the 21st century, where 'Artificial Intelligence' has gained significance in all spheres of life. Edi Rama, the PM of Albania has announced that their AI-based Minister 'Diella' is 'pregnant' and is going to give birth to many children, who are going to assist all the MLAs in administration.

'Social Media', a part of the 'fourth estate of democracy', has a great role in democracy. It helps the people to express their opinion.



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"Social media is the ultimate equalizer. It gives an opportunity and a platform for all who are willing to engage."

By using social media appropriately in the democratic process and promoting democratic education to children, we can make our country a better living place. By joining our hands together, we can make our nation a super-powered one that finds common solution to all the problems in the present and the future.

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing the best today."

- H. Jackson