

Topic: Future of Democracy

The Future of Democracy..

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Introduction :

"Democracy is not about voting,
but about ensuring that peoples voices are heard"
~ Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

Abraham Lincoln, once remarked democracy as 'the government of the people, for the people and by the people'. Standing in this

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21st century, armed with ^{the} exquisite power of technology and advancements, we still Indians are still concerned among the future of our democratic India. Even though the constitution of India, which came into force on 26th January 1950, grants with plethora of rights and opportunities, the world still suffers ~~due~~ ^{from} diverse predicaments...

Despite living in a nation with the largest democracy in the world, why Indians are still concerned about ~~or its~~ their governance? Amidst all ~~these~~ progresses and recognitions regarding our democracy, ^{mystery behind} the ~~future~~ the future of democracy ^{remains} is still unprecedented. However, it is us, the citizens of India, who have to ~~make this change~~ transform the future awaiting India meaningful and deeply-rooted in democratic values.



Democracy : The rule by the people

"At the stroke of midnight hour,
when the world sleeps, India will awake
to life and freedom."

This is speech conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India, at the midnight of Independence.

After 200 years of colonial British rule, India finally attained its legitimate Independence on August 15, 1947. The colonials left behind a weakened India, infected by the clutches of poverty and caste discrimination. However, our proud political leaders such as Gandhiji and citizens of India, desired and worked hard for a nation, and a ^{ence}government led forward by citizens of ~~the country~~ India.

This is where the concept of democracy originated in the Indian history, and this revolutionary mindset of India ~~outcame~~ ^{gave birth to} a highly

benefitted nations, deeply-rooted in the profound values of equality, justice, liberty, secularism and fraternity.

The word 'democracy' originated from the word demos 'which' people and Kratos, meaning 'rule'. Hence 'democracy' is a system of ^{administration} ~~governance~~ in which the citizens decide and elects the government representatives, and have the right to question and lead the political policies of the country. India In a democratic ^{gation} states, peoples have the ultimate right to express their ideas, ~~de~~ and live with dignity and equality. India has the largest democracy in the world, with 97 crore voters in the 2024 elections.

"Democracy demands trust, discipline and mutual regard"

Jawaharal Nehru

Our democratic system, which is praised internationally by numerous countries has wide impacts on our progress and advancements



The democracy gives us the right to raise our voice against injustice and evils. Through this, most of the nation's predicaments are resolved by the citizens itself. The various social media platforms of the present generation, gives us a stage to fight against political corruption and allows us to oppose political policies.

"Social media is an ultimate equalizer. It gives a voice and a platform to anyone who are willing to engage."

~ Amy Joy.

Apart from the facilities of social media, 'e-governance' is a rapidly progressing sector, through its diverse facilities of online services, the lives online tax paying facilities, and Akshaya centres. E-courts. These facilities are considerably influencing our transparency and accountability.

Various democratic institutions are putting relentless efforts for the active par-



participation of all citizens in democracy, including the marginalised sections. * National commissions for woman, children, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, SC/ST and weaker sections etc. * are the best epitomes of ^{this} ~~all~~ ^{these} society. Consequently, the people from all sections of society, who were once yoked by inequalities, are ~~rising to~~ ^{being} empowered and educated. ~~This~~ ^{is} there is no doubt ~~doubt~~ that democracy also catalyzes the true inclusion of everyone, reinforcing the title of ^{our} land, a nation with Unity in diversity.

Amidst all these utopian fantasies and advancements, the flames of democratic backsliding and corruption are slowly being ~~burned~~ ^{burning}...

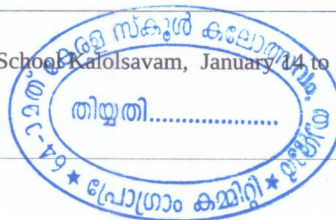
As the democratic values breaks...

"Corruption is a cancer - a cancer that eats away at a citizens trust in democracy"

~ Joe bidden.



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..... In the light of all bane and facilities of Indian democracy such as the power of expression, promotion of true inclusiveness, an independent and impartial judiciary, transparency and accountability, our democratic values are slowly being drained.

The underlying factors of this are innumerable, including the threats of corruption, bribery, nepotism, ~~prop~~ misinformation and fake news and ~~the~~ manipulation of mass medias.

"Media has the power to make the innocent guilty and a guilty innocent?"

The fake news and misinformation provided by the mass media, also recognized as the 'bridge between democracy and government', is one of the most ~~in~~ non-negotiable factor, causing ~~a citizen~~ the decline of democratic values. During the year of 2018, India was the country, with the highest rate of fake news.

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..... After ~~from~~ this, the rising corruption and the exploitation of public economy by political leaders are another point of concern.

..... The ~~US~~ scholars remarks that, their country's in ~~this~~ the phase of 'democratic backsliding', due to the overreaching power of executive and decline of democratic norms.

..... If this trend continues, if the balance between the legislature, executive, judiciary and the citizens breaks, what fate awaits the future of our democracy?

A future with boons or banes?

..... If the democratic values of the Indian society continues to extinguish and if the corruption and political indifference reigns our future, ~~the~~ our beloved India will lose its glory and ^{the} culture of love and compassion.

..... According to reports of the Pew research, over 74% of the Indians are satisfied with their democracy. However, the ~~4~~ lack



of 26% percentage is what we need to be worried about. It doesn't need much time for changes to happen.

~~In the previous year~~ In the previous year, villagers of a district in Pune received liquor beer bottles before elections. But, these same political leaders denied the funds for irrigation, the next year.

If such incidents continue, our future, our values and our culture will be endangered. Viewing through the lens of our future, there will be terrifying chaos and conflicts in the society, between government and citizens and our developments, infrastructure and advancements will be destroyed.

It will result in ~~terminated~~ faith and trust of citizens ~~over~~ over democracy and India, with its lost values of peace, love and integrity, will become 'soulless'.

As every dark night awaits a bright morning, we, with the power of hardwork and



resilience and still rethink and rebuilt the future of India through pragmatic efforts and determination.

"The best preparation for tomorrow, is doing your best today"

~H. Jackson

To glorify the future of India....

"The cure for the illness of democracy, is more democracy"

~ John Dewey

The future of democracy can still be rebuilt and empowered with unified and determined action.

First and foremost, we should ensure the existence of independent presses, without manipulation or fear. A strong journalism can act as a supreme catalyst to ensure transparency and accountability.

The social medias and mass medias should cast only reliable news and info



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omations. Respecting the decisions of democracy and having faith in our governance can foster this movement.

Apart from this, the active participation of all citizens including youth are necessary to make our democratic system more effective.

With all these coordinated measures and endless faith of citizens in governance, the future of India will be glorified.

The 'RTI act' launched in 2005, the 'Digital India act' of 2015, the 'Sarv Jan Dhan Yojana' project are the examples of the initiatives of the our central government to maintain a democratic nation.

Ensuring these, we are ~~aware~~ ^{bright} entrusted with a future of democracy, led by active youth and citizens, armed with power of 'e-governance' and led forward by the constitution of India. This ethereal future, will be the best example of peace, love, unity, equa

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lity and inclusiveness of all humanity.....
And last but not least, this future
will be the exact dream of the present
India.?

Conclusion

“Youth, Ask not what your country can do for you,
Ask what you can do for your country.”
~ John F. Kennedy

India, with the largest youth population ever with 250 + million people aged between 15 - 24 years of age, is the highly capable nation to contribute massive progress and advancements of for the future world.

The primary cornerstone of this, is by ensuring the ~~overpower~~ reign of democratic values and humanity among the provinces of India.

This mission required perseverance, unity and patience to become a reality, in addition with the relentless efforts and mindset



of its citizen. You, me and each and every
8.2 ^{million} billion people of India should realize that
each action counts and each words ^{of yours} have the
power to kill the hands of corruption and injustice.

"The ^{old} world will not be destroyed by those doing
evils, but by those watching them without
doing Anything"

~ Albert Einstein

Joining our hands together, and raising
our voice against injustice and dangers, and
~~our~~ participating in the ever-evolving race of
democracy, let us also built bright, glorified
future, graced with the bless of love, peace
and humanity.

"Let's work together ^{with} unified ^{hearts,} for ^{our}
^{much} awaiting future, & deeply-relied and rooted
in the magic of democratic values"

"Let's begin, ~~restrast~~ ourselves, into
a long and bitter, but a beautiful world ahead"

~ Martin Luther King Junior