

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON DEMOCRACY

We live in a society exquisitely dependant on technology. Humans have long surpassed their boundaries to invent things that have continuously shaping our world, improving our knowledge and empowering us in various platforms. The pervasiveness of human capabilities have proved that he is capable of anything and everything. It is in his soul to search and find things, ~~the~~ ^{which} have led to great discoveries igniting the fire within one. From the era of suppression to independence, the collective efforts proved that the potential of the man can transform all the issues and problems to a mere one: this was possible with the introduction of feeling that the man too has the right to live, work, and enjoy for their own and not only the elites. This is ~~where~~ where the democracy comes into play.

India is a developing country surpassing all its boundaries to achieve the concept of self-reliance.

But it was not the condition ~~seen~~ during the pre-independence era. With multiple famines, drought, the exploitation of British, Indians lived in misery due to poverty, malnutrition, racism, unequal opportunities and suppressions. Had it not been for the boiling blood of our leaders and the common man, India would still be in turmoil even after decades have passed. The concept of democracy, which was brought into the minds of Indians where through the revolutions that took place all over the world which paved the way for ideas like liberty, equality, fraternity to the young minds of India. This created the feeling that they too deserved the right to feel and experience the true freedom and opportunities. They demanded for their rights to ^{be} noticed, valued and implemented, for they believed that there ~~is~~ flows the same blood through each citizen, the blood of an Indian, irrespective of whichever caste, creed, religion, gender, they belong to. It was the sheer patriotism that ~~flowed~~ flowed in which had the power to bring in the change we wished to see, so which we made it come true. This is where we realize the vital role of democracy, the significant role it had which made ^{us} live the way like now.

Democracy is not only about granting laws and rights to the citizen, it plays a significant role in shaping the all sectors of our society like from the very agricultural sector to the tourism. It makes sure that the laws are passed and is available and granted for everyone ~~in~~ no matter which ever or whoever maybe. In order for ~~the~~ ~~our~~ ~~own~~ a country



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to be truly democratic, elections should be conducted regularly; laws be applicable to everyone and injustice be removed. For this, our constitution makes sure these are all done. The significant or pivotal role played in a democracy is the constitution, without it a country is not fully democratic. The backbone of our nation is the constitution. It provides the stability to every action which are for the betterment of the society. It was prepared by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and his team which took almost one year and eleven months to complete. Like the agriculture sector being the primary foundation of Indian economy, the constitution also stands to be the one. The fact that all the laws and rules are for the people and the government ~~to~~ ~~has~~ the should ensure all these are being taken ~~to~~ into action and consider every undertaking for the development of the society. Sometimes it is seen that governments fail to ensure some of them but the country remains same though.

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The government changes. It is not about that their actions are not reaching people it is that there are not reaching to people who have no access to communication. It may be due to the illiteracy rate or due to underdevelopment of their regions. So the primary action should be taken with all due responsibilities that those people who are backward and uneducated ~~has~~ are made aware and their ~~to~~ situation should progress. One of the main reasons is that though India is the most populated country with largest no. of young people, the human resource is not utilised effectively. This is due to the unemployment which persist as a major crisis for youngsters. The youths mind are so ~~constricted~~ constricted that India only produces doctors, engineers or civil servants. The youth should realize that there are opportunities other than these occupations and a lot awaits them in their way of life. Why can't Indians become a good politician? a delinquent army officer or work in any other firms? The mindset that India will only progress with the efforts of youth and they should utilize their potential for it should also be instilled in them as they are the ones which would lead the future with their optimistic and hardworking personalities. When India speaks about becoming *atma nirbhar* we don't advocate on a ~~self~~ self centred system, rather there is a concern for whole world's peace, cooperation and progression and this is only possible with the ever ready youth of today who can change the world to something new starting with their own country, Bharat.



Since youth plays a vital role in fostering cooperation, love, development and implementation of laws, shouldn't they be taken care of? Democracy ensures that not someone but everyone should actively participate for the transformation of our nation. It is only when we have the courage and realization that we are 'one', our democracy can be maintained as it is. ~~with it~~. It is only possible with youth. Why? Because they are the ones capable to nurture the ~~nature~~ from nation with their energy, striving to bring about amendments if needed and more ~~independen~~ importantly work for the better good of the society. But why are they not protected? It is not that the youth are ~~and~~ careless it is that they are 'careless'. They should be given opportunities and platforms to raise their voice but it is not upto us that they diverge from these. Nowadays with technological advancements, many of us are addicted to social media and are prone to

substance abuse. It has become a routine that these electronic gadgets are unavoidable in life. They are essential to an extent for they are used for collecting information, gathering, referring, for services etc. But are we realizing the impact it has on us? Yes we definitely do so ~~is~~ Despite the knowledge of its harmful effects we are still using them. With ~~the~~ every hour we spend on social media, we are becoming prone to various traps. ~~hikursi~~ it has ~~an~~ an adverse effect on our democracy too. The young minds of our nation are engrossed in their mobile phones that they forget their duties towards their nations. A democratic country which provides us the right and protect us from injustice is many a times forced to turn a blind eye towards the truth. Why is that so, it is because of the social media. Unbelievable isn't it? but ~~the~~ during the times of a trial in the court, using social media people can raise their voice in favour of the criminal and make the people believe that the victim is actually framing up a case. Moreover ~~they~~ through different illegal applications they can destroy the technical evidence for a case, cause a decision is implemented as per the evidence submitted and not with any presumptions and assumptions. Social medias like news channels, e-newspaper may sometimes favours the bad, so this can also lead to misconceptions. We are in a state that ~~so~~ everything around us cannot be trusted wholeheartedly and we should analyze the various informations we see and not



hear. cause it is difficult to judge the truth
nowadays: This doesn't mean we turn a blind eye
to them, but it is that we should ^{be} aware about the
~~ways~~ illegal practises and actions done through
social media: We can never avoid them cause they
have become a part and parcel of our life, but by
realizing the misuse we should try to limit our
time on devices and focus on our career: Everything
is a void whenever we are in social media. So
come step out of it cause there is more to the
reality that meets the eye: The opinions and decisions
we take should not provoke or harm others because
who knows ~~the harm~~ we only start believing when
the karma strikes back: Discouraging, humiliating,
destroying others through our actions and words is
simple but in every words we humiliate will backfire
us with the every step we take: Everything can
be changed, maybe even erased that no proof remains
but as science says for every action there is an

equal and an opposite reaction. So as the youth, the generation of tomorrow, it is upto us to create a ^{world} devoid of cyber crimes, injustice and inequality, whatever maybe the platforms or persons, it is the humanity in us that should come first before any action.

India is moving on to become self reliant, with every breath one or the other a person is subjected to injustice. Self reliance without the progression of citizen is never an advancement. So we should work together, realize our potential and work for the betterment of our nation. Let us, the youth strive towards to protect the illiterate, poor people and to raise voice against child abuse, dowry deaths and all injustice for this is our country, a nation were we, me, us and our beloved missile man dreamed to see as a developed nation with its contributions in fostering the diversity of our country. We may never ^{be} able to bring changes overnight but a little help can bring ^{to} changes, transforming our nation to be the one to stand out, ^{be} the ideal, ^{to} be the change, we all wished for, dreamed for. ~~India without its citizen is like a just~~ For that to occur we, the citizen should realize their potential, capabilities, nurture our perseverance, courage and the confidence to raise voice against inequalities. If we are not the one to do so who else will? With every step, let us be a change, a confident citizen, a developed nation, a symbol of pride and love, a symbol of transformation. For we are Indians, the patriotism is what that should lead cause all the sacrifices are done for love and that love remains forever though it is shattered to pieces it will rise again cause it is not mere love, it is the fire which have ignited our nation, our people, our youngsters and forever will. So I am Proud to belong to this nation. Proud to be an Indian, indeed proud to be part of the change!