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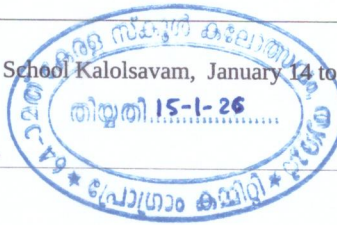
The idea of Democracy :
what is and will happen?

Introduction

As Citizens of the largest Democratic Nation in the world, Democratic feeling holds a significance in our daily lives. The free will, freedom and most importantly the rule of the common citizens is what makes India an abode of the Democratic dream.

In this era of changing values and norms, the era of progressive life, Democracy holds great power. It empowers the people to stand against unfair treatment wherever they may be.

"The government of the people, for the people, by the people" - Truly explains the essence of Democracy, But we shall look into how it is really going on.



Is the Democratic value being applied effectively?

The question arises, Although India and many other "Democratic" countries boast of their values and effective practices, Are they truly free from corruption?

Many incidents have occurred where democracy is subject to many wrong doings and are simply avoided and ignored by the officials and therefore, the common man is forced to do the same. The system in which the people deserve the highest respect is essentially being exploited by the 'Government Servants' AKA, the ministers, politicians, government employees etc... A Yes, India may be the largest Democratic Republic but that doesn't let us conclude that the great nation is free from corruption, It is as corrupted and ignorant as any other nation may be.



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Youth and the change they hold

The young individuals of any nation are indeed their future leaders.

“ youth is not a phase of life : but a state of mind. ”

The participation of youth in the society is crucial in its development, as in their point of view, they will uncover many unjust practices and will take effort to resolve them. That is indeed what India had witnessed at the time of struggle and fight for independence. The young citizens and their sharp mind with a heart of resilience, have proven their power before and will continue to fight.

Many may not recognize the power that they hold, but the living conditions and experiences are sure to make them think twice about the so called 'freedom' they may be experiencing.



But, that alone is not enough. For our lives to be free of oppression and negligence it is essential to educate our children about the problems they may face and reassure them that doing the right thing is always important.

Our current educational system seems to celebrate the past, but never teaches us, how to celebrate the future.

Inclusion of everyone

While discussing what may become of Democracy, we have to consider how it could be implemented more effectively, how the freedom of man is infinite when granted but how cruel it feels, we feel, when the democratic value may be kept in chains.

Democracy defines the power of man in deciding his own life. How he lives, and experiences the sense of security anywhere he is.



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The term Democracy is not only applied for the wealthy, the powerful, or even the literate, it holds the positions of billions of people who are claimed to be enjoying it irrespective of whoever, wherever and however they may be. It holds dear the illiterate, homeless and abolished individuals, it must anyway.

In this era of advancement in technology, it is more easier and effective to analyse people's living conditions broadly and ~~apply~~ implement solutions. It can be used for ensuring education of values, importance of voting and more importantly fair and impartial mode of voting.

challenges faced

As mentioned at the beginning, Democracy is facing many challenges that is leading to its deterioration. We shall discuss, what those may be.



→ Incomplete pollings,

the officials are required to reach out to each and every one of the citizens and invite them, to take a part in the elections, to use their power. But even in certain cases, particular individuals may be ignored and votings shall not be truly complete.

To overcome this, compulsory ~~polls~~ participation must be required.

→ fake votes,

In the light of recent events, we've realized that the so called fair election protocols are not fair, it seems. Fake ID's and impersonating of individuals have been occurring and they have been dug deep to favor the opinions of politicians.

→ Lack of strict surveillance,

It can be seen that in almost every elections, some individuals may be appearing twice or even thrice on the voter's list. This proves that the



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list must not have been cross-checked and the arising issue is that it may hold, another free vote for another person leading to unfair polling.

It is also evident that some may poll twice and it is let go by the officials. This proves that the lack of surveillance and favouring in the process, where it is supposed to be impartial is leading this country through corruption.

→ Criminals let loose,

In this country, during elections more than ever, numerous criminal activities are taking place, including multiple killings on the same day. These killings may be due to personal and political rivalry. What concerns us, as the citizens, are that these criminals are let go, just because they may be affiliated to a certain political party or a friend of a very powerful



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man.

→ open loopholes and back-doors,
It is a well known fact that, to attain any job especially Government jobs, you just have to be a friend, an acquaintance or a relative to a minister, MLA, MP or such. You don't even have to have the qualifications for the job and you could just squeeze in through the open back-door, when far more qualified and hardworking individuals are waiting at the front. This defeats the whole purpose of an impartial and fair to all governance.

Solutions

The problems discussed are just the tip of the iceberg. But, to overcome even this tip, sturdier ships must be built. We have to strengthen ourselves and the representation of the common man, through a series



of changes.

→ Educating young minds about their freedom. Although we always discuss and preach about the freedom that we received back in 1947, we never tell them about the current and future situations that they're going to face and how they should respond to it.

Separate subject and time should be set aside for such real world issues rather than learning our history by heart.

→ The role of technology and media. In this digital age, discussions of Democracy shall not be limited to tea-shops or even afternoon discussions on TV, it should be interactive for each and every person, and should also include young minds to debate for themselves, so that they grow up to be responsible and vigilant citizens.



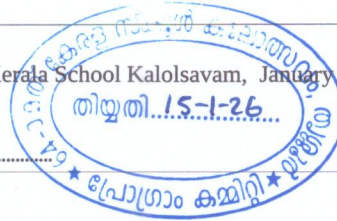
numerous methods can be approached for the fulfillment.

Social Media -

considering that we spend more time on virtual platforms rather than in-person communications, Social Media and other such virtual platforms are an ideal choice. They^{posts} should be attractive and easily grasped by young minds. Posts, Reels, Online Polls, Seminars, Quizzes, unique destinations and activities shall attract the youth and teens as well as the middle ages to the concept.

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics -

AI has proven to be very useful in such occasions. It can be used to analyse the public opinion and generate responses according to their requests. The main attraction and advantage that this holds is it AI can be free from corruption as it is mechanical and has no decisions or wants of its own.



What the future holds

Considering all the shortcomings and challenges of Democracy, a change is essential and we hope such occurs in the coming years. As some countries have already implemented and others preparing to, governance is partially (in the beginning) being transferred to AI's. It was time that AI, not only cause loss of jobs of common man and gain wealth for the capitalists, that it causes the corrupt to lose and the Rulers, as in commons to gain.

We expect such changes in democracy that aims to alleviate shortcomings and failures, so that Democracy shall be accessible to everyone equally, without any strings attached. To implement these, the presence of youth is also essential. Along with strengthening of Democratic ideals, quality of life and security shall be ensured so that our brilliant minds shall not flee abroad.



~~POV~~ of from my prespective ...

As the challenges mentioned and many, many more ... that I am completely unaware of exists in the society with us, among us, I don't think anyone can enjoy, let alone feel a sense of security even in the comfort of their homes. It is only a matter of time that the home thus mentioned and many other possessions, Jobs, and even identities may be captured from us in this so called Democracy.

I hope that the future promises some changes, some improvements, even if it may be automated machines governing us, because that would be much more safer in a way.

My prespective is of a common, the real or in this case, the so-called Ruler of India, that our requests may be heard and even considered, That the society could become a textbook defenition of Democracy; And that all I do with my life is not just hope, but take actions.



Conclusion

There is an Ancient Greek Proverb that I find much suitable for this topic,

"A society is ideal when old men plant trees whose shades they know that they're never going to sit in."

and I believe that we deserve such a society, for ourselves and our future generations. Such an environment is possible, only when we value ourselves, because Democracy is also a sense of individual security, not only as a broad statement. We must be able to take actions and advocate for their full fulfillment, because that is how democracy was established and ought to be continued in the same way.

The only mistakes that we would be performing is to deny democracy by choosing not to vote. We shall always remember the textbook definition of democracy, and ensure its application for the future.

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from the people, by the people.”

~ Abraham Lincoln (Gettysburg
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