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ABSTRACT

Democracy means rule by the people to ensure that every citizen takes part in the decision making process either directly or indirectly through elected representatives. Most of the countries of the world including India have adopted the democratic setup of Governance. Amongst the democratic countries, India is the largest democracy in the World. Though India is considered as one of the largest democracy in the world, but in reality there are various challenges that are responsible for creating hindrance in the true functioning of democratic republic of India. It is a matter of concern that despite the elapse of many years of independence since 1947, there is lot of illiteracy and corruption in India. Independence of agencies remains in papers only. C131, Election Commission, Income Tax Departments, etc. are like paper tigers and have miserably failed to combat with the issues. India needs to develop new proposals to reform democracy. In this paper ; It has been attempted to study and analyse the existing democratic setup in India and suggest necessary reforms in order to ensure a sustainable democracy in India.

Key Words :- Democracy, Illiteracy, Corruption, Unemployment, Terrorism.

Introduction

Most of the countries of the world including India have adopted the democratic setup of Governance. Amongst the democratic countries, India is the largest democracy in the World. The concept of origin of democracy can be traced to ancient Greece. Democracy existed in ancient Greece prior to wider interpretation and development of the concept of democracy. The 'city state' system that existed in ancient Greece between 422 BC and 322 BC was considered as a great model by western thinkers, political scientists and scholars alike. The word 'democracy' is derived from the Greek words 'demos'.

Democracy in India

The Constitution of India came into force from January 26, 1950, declares India as a democratic Republic. The Constitution lays down the requisites for sustaining a democratic governmental system.

Our Constitution contains the following democratic ideals:

- Government system that holds people as the source of sovereign power, with the head of state elected by the people.
- Fully protected fundamental rights.
- Governing process established under rule of law. These are held as the lifeblood of democracy in India.
- Special protection for those who are socially and educationally marginalized.
- Directive Principles of State Policy that ensure social and economic equality.
- Transparent and independent elections.

Objectives of the Study:

- To assess the different problems faced by Indian democracy.
- To ascertain the extent of impact of different problems faced by Indian democracy.
- To find out the probable solutions that may be resorted to by India to eradicate the different problems.
- Finally to come out with some effective suggestions & recommendations.

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