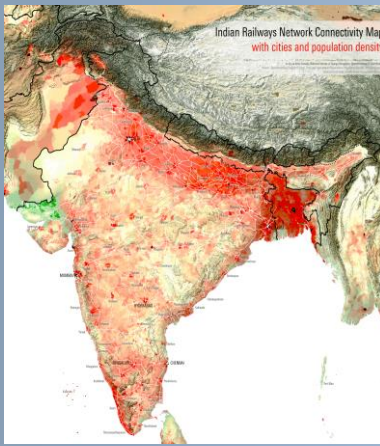


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"Democracy is a government of the people, for the people, by the people." [1]

This is a fact that long time men kind experience finds Democracy as best way to rule the societies, so approach to this way of ruling system is going to be domain in the world and nowadays spectrum of dictatorship ruling systems from one side and semi-real democracy [2] on the other side accept and recognize democracy as excellent and the good valuable way of ruling and so name himself democrat and their systems democratic. But the first question is what democracy is?



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Democracy is a system of governing and also a social philosophy [3] that every member of society has equalled right in



society's resource, opportunities, decision-making (about economic-political-social). This system provides a situation that some elected representatives of society in the behalf of rest, rule society for exact duration of time. Law has a very major and significant rule to regulate all aspects of individual and general process. All eligible

citizens have a share to interfere directly (in the shape of referendum) and indirectly (by elect their representative) in the law making also. Self-determination reflects as vast and fundamental right for every member of society regardless of their class, gender, ethnic, religion... and bases on this conception other rules and laws are come to exist and practise. In other word, democracy means peoples rule, and in this respect is against Monarchy (dictatorship of one person, elites or majority) or oligarchy (dictatorship of a small group). In this school of thought, Power is consider as corrupt-maker and human with this way of ruling wants to control it, and lead it in the sorts of mechanism that power will divide in between some society's representatives with a classified duties and also responsibilities. These society's representatives appointed in determinate-duration that it can be extendable or fishable. So Democracy is one of a common outcome of long time humankind experience and life. They find it the most useful and effective in humankind salvation seeking in world's human interaction mechanism till now.



As result democracy is a common accepted concept of so many political approaches, and we see democracy as common part of deferent kind of world political school of thought, like liberal democracy, social democracy, constitutional monarchy democracy, religion base democracy... so we can see democracy in deferent kind in

deferent levels and also deferent definitions of democracy is available, but with some common foundations defined. Although Democracy has some weak and strong point that One of them is possibility of "Majority dictatorship" against "minority" that if the "check and balance system" that offer by Mr Montesquieu working well these can be solve comparatively also.

With this preface now I want to answer to this question that:

"Why India is calls as begets democracy in the world?"

First of all we can say that with this image-making and evaluation, the world recognises India as democracy system and it is relatively true, because most of

the necessary elements that need for a democratic system is available there to show Indiademocratic.



Some factors like local, state and national changeable government by cast of people vote and elections, recognized multi partiessystem, suitable ruling structure, elected parliament's members, strong and semi-freedom and verified mass media, Low and semi-Lawful process, independent judiciary system,levelled democratic layers from

top to down level of society,definedlimitation and framework of every posts in state and federal and localduties and their responsibility,capacity of changing and handingover power peacefully during the time, recognized lawful democratic action like right of demonstrate and street march by people by law and in practice, recognized right of having social and political syndicate and groups by law and in practice...

So world can see duration of practice democracy in India with the diversity of nations, casts, religions, cultures, ethnics, in somehow history also... and any excuse like war, riot, and powerful overseas and regional enemies don't had a meaningful effect in this regards and didn't stop democracy process there, and relatively majority and minority have exact rightthere.This semi-poor nation doesn't put election practice awaybecause of it costly process in the vast and in somehow unreachable area, so we can see that although the last general election in 2009 costs morethan USA presidential election near one billion dollars for example,They didn't stop their democracy process and they had repeated these costly elections till now perfectly.

Although long India National Congress (INC) ruling over this country maybe



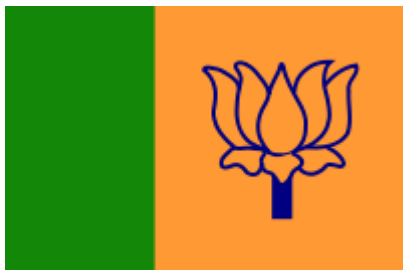
says that,it hasexperiencedone-party dominionsystem before and after independent, but it had and has large number of small and big local and national parties.India is known as multi parties, parliamentary, federal and social

democracy. Indian people directly choose their representative in Panchaya[4]t andMunicipalelections in locallevel and state level and also national parliament. So Indian have direct role in choosing their society runner in local and national level and a kind of effective and relatively democratic way of ruling is going on in this country.



Indian's toleration is as an example in the world. In political performance level it can tolerate a foreigner ruler over a biggest and old party so now Miss Sonia Gandhi [5] as an Italian woman can take ruling INC as well as ruling coalition of political parties called the "United Progressive Alliance" (UPA), was able to gain a majority and forms the government.

India has 35 states and territories that at its local, state and national level, power is divided between local, state and national parties so you cannot find any moment in the more than 60 years after India independent's history that power in all level gathered in the hand of one party, so every time, also small parties find opportunity to have a share in power, somewhere in local or



national level and based on their representation in parliaments can take share in power. So Indian democracy make and prepare appropriate opportunity for independent persons, local and national parties members as well as two big parties like BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) and INC

nominee members to show their weight in any levels to taste democracy capacities.

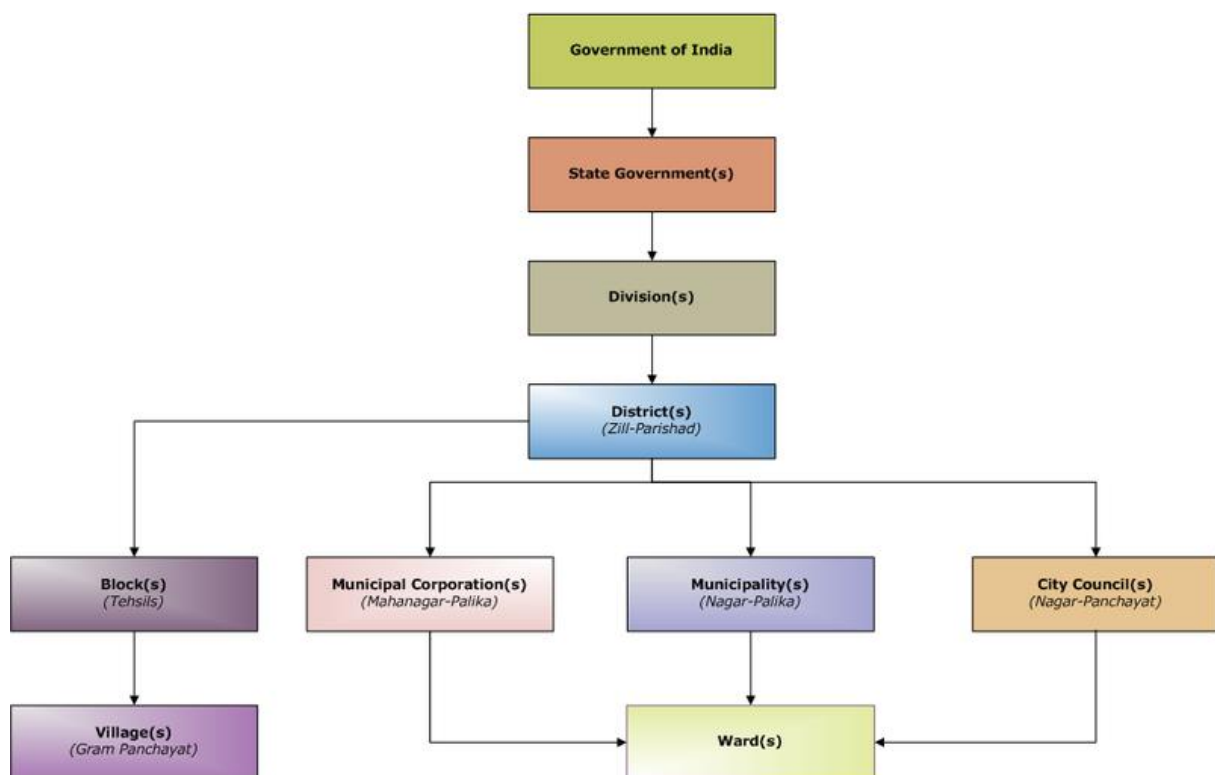


India's democracy have a capacity to tolerate a big and all India level anti-corruption movement that one person mobilize it to force prime minister of India and Indian national parliament at the end of day to take action toward corruption by pass a Law. Mr Anna Hazare's [6] present movement is a good

example in this regard.

India considers as biggest democracy in the world, because of two reasons in one hand India is known as second most populated country in the world after China and so because China has no democracy foundation so India will be the most populated democratic country in the world. Secondly India is seventh biggest country in the world (with 3,166,414 KM² after Russia, Canada, China, USA, Brazil, Australia) so in this regard also is one of the tenth biggest in the world. So in time of elections vast number of people comes to cast their vote in the one of the world most costly election that this poor people pay it to

Administrative structure of India



safeguard their right.

India's symbolic and practical Icons of democracy are its parliaments that's name it "LokSabha" as the "House of the People" or the lower house, that it has 545 members, Most of them are elect by people's direct vote. Upper house or "RajyaSabha" known as "Council of States", that can have a maximum of 250 members. And "VidhanSabhas" as state legislatures, and based on people willing the government can change at least every 5 years. Indian can cast their vote toward three kinds of candidates, A) candidates that belong to main two-parties (BJP or INC) B) candidates that come to election under the flag of local parties C) independents candidates.



And although there are many critical problems that need to be solved in the India democracy performance, but we can elaborate India as marching ahead and progressive democratic country.

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