

# Democracy and illiteracy do not move together

## (1) Introduction;

(a) Illiteracy is detrimental to democratic growth due to its potential of creating such environment which endangers the existence of democratic system and deprives the electorates. Illiteracy poses serious challenges to the democratic stability. Democracy and illiteracy do not move together because democracy can not bear its fruit in illiterate and ignorant environment.

(b) Grasping the relationship between democracy and illiteracy.

## (2) Why democracy and illiteracy do not move together?

(a) Lack of education leads to unwise decision at the time of elections.

(b) Illiteracy causes political polarization which proves to be threat to democracy.

(c) Illiteracy discourages decentralization of power and authority due to wrong selection of leaders.

(d) Unawareness of electorates about politics and their role in political government due to lack of education.

(e) Illiterate and ignorant people are unable to hold leaders accountable.

(f) Illiteracy produces poor quality of leadership

(g) Illiteracy keeps women marginalized and away from politics and democracy.

(h) Illiteracy causes a large gap of non-participation in politics.

(3) Factors responsible for prevalence of illiteracy;

(a) low budget allocation in educational sector

(b) Unawareness and backwardness can be a major factor.

(c) Bad governance and corruption contribute for prevalence of illiteracy

(d) Cultural and social constraints causes illiteracy.

(4) Way forward to counter illiteracy and strengthen the democracy;

(a) To make an all inclusive curriculum for the whole country promoting democratic norms.

(b) Promote women's participation in democratic structure and education

(c) Setting of rules of minimum education for member of constituent assemblies.

(d) Increase in educational budget could be prevalent for literacy and democracy.

(e) Introduction of e-governance for better democratic values.

(5) Conclusion;