

DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN: HOPES AND HURDLES

A. Introduction

Plz substantiate your introduction

B. Hopes for Democracy in Pakistan:

1. Institutional Reforms can administer accountability of government.

Case in Point: Transparency International has suggested NAB Reforms.

2. Progress of Digital Media creates fear in oppressors.

Case in Point: Cancel Culture on social media

3. Political Participation and awareness in masses is evident.

Case in Point: 47.6% voter turnout in February 2024 Polls (FAFEN).

4. Political Pluralism is practised

Case in Point: 46+ parties are registered with Election Commission of Pakistan.

Good much mature

5. Civil Society is working on Human and Minority Rights.

Case in Point: The Citizen Foundation (TCF), HDF ~~etc~~ are functional.

6. Hurdles for Democracy in Pakistan:

1. Political Polarisation, mass protests lead to chaos.

Case in Point: Mid-November Islamabad has induced 1.9 B loss daily owing to protests. (Govt. Officials).

2. Lack of Transparency in state institutions mainly due to Social Capital (Pierre Bourdieu's concept).

Case in Point: The dilemma of EVMS and ECP in February Polls.

3. Injustice against minorities in Pakistan threaten democracy.

Case in Point: Jaranwala Church massacre.

4. Non-inclusion/lesser gender

Inclusivity in Pakistan's parliament.

Case in Point: Only 10% women quota. Comparison to Rwanda, Kiwis.

5. Widespread disregard for constitution is a hindrance to democratic progress.

Case in Point: Controversial 26th Amendment.

6. Lack of freedom of speech.

Case in Point: Matiullah Jan arrested, fourth schedule controversy.

BLA, BYC banned.

Conclusion

Good relevant