

## How democracy can be instrumental to promote cause of National Integration.

Abraham Lincoln says, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, should not perish from earth." Democracy plays a crucial role in promoting national integration by increasing inclusivity through representation, protection of minority rights, conflict resolution mechanisms, and fostering social cohesion among diverse groups within society which will ultimately help in achieving national unity.

Democracy is a system of government in which power lies in the hands of people, either directly or through elected representative. It is based on some principle; such as equality, political justice, human rights and rule of law. On the other hand, national integration is a process in which diverse groups come together and form single nation which is united. It is based on sense of belonging, mutual respect, and equal rights.

Democracy can be instrumental to promote cause of national integration by fostering inclusivity through representation. In this, democracy ensures inclusivity by granting every citizen the right to



participate in the political party. If they are joining any political party, they will talk about their rights and problems. By giving them position, it will generate sense of belonging. As a result, they will not feel separate from other groups. There are many faction who are marginalized from particular group or government. Hence, it is necessary to give them chance in higher position and decision making process. So, they cannot consider themselves different from other faction on the basis of caste, religious, ethnics and culture.

Not only this, but also democracy emphasizes the protection of minority rights. There are many cases in which minority rights are being marginalized and people of minorities are being suppressed by majority. This will create disintegration of groups.

Therefore, it is necessary to protect the minority rights. By upholding the rights of minority communities; including linguistic and religious rights, democracy increases a sense of security and belonging among all citizens. This will prevent the domination of particular group and promote harmony and inclusiveness within society.

In order to promote national integration, it is dispensible that ~~in~~ government



should introduce the conflict resolution mechanisms because democracy provides peaceful mechanisms for resolving conflict and addressing differences through debate, negotiation and compromise. This is one of good ~~initial~~ initiatives which can abridge gap between diverse faction and promote peace and harmony. By doing this, Democracy can promote cause of national integration.

Also, it is helpful to foster social cohesion by promoting equality, human rights, mutual respect, and rule of law. Democracy emphasizes to promote these principles in order to create national unity among diverse groups. If people of the different groups treat equally and fairly, they are more likely to avail the opportunity and will struggle to identify with the nation as a whole rather than just their particular or specific group or community.

To cut the long story short, democracy plays vital role in promoting the cause of national integration by enhancing inclusivity through representation, protection of minority rights, conflict resolution mechanisms, and increasing social cohesion among diverse communities within society.