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Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles

Outline:

I. Introduction

Thesis Statement: Democracy has multiple hopes in Pakistan. On the contrary, it has many hurdles which do not let it to be in practice in a true sense. However, adopting the certain measures can overcome the hurdles.

II. Brief overlook on democracy in Pakistan

III. Hopes for democracy in Pakistan:

- A. Stability in government has brought the way for democracy
- B. Transparency in politics has increased fairness in political institutions
- C. Rules for accountability against culprits of corruption has made a hope for democracy
- D. Stability in civil-military relations has supported the democracy
- E. Consolidation of power between

- C. Rising terrorism has compromised the values of democracy
- D. Political polarization in the state has diverged the ways for democracy
- E. Ethnicity has regionalised the democracy
- F. Religion extremism has challenged the democratic rights
- G. Deprivation of minorities has made problems of stable representation for democracy

V. Suggested measures to curb the hurdles for democracy:

- A. Pakistan should resolve the security issues by dialogues
- B. Pakistan must digitalized the democracy for diverse ideas and out reach access for all
- C. Pakistan ought to introduce the syllabus in the metric and Higher second education.
- D. Pakistan need to get out of the conservative mind set of religious class

V-Conclusion

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A man was reading news paper. His friend, who was sitting near him, asked about that he was reading.

The man replied to friend that he was reading the progress of the United States under democratic rule which has led him to become a super power of world. His friend has become confused and asked that similar governing system is present in Pakistan whether it was possible for Pakistan to achieve such status. The man noted and said that the current stability in government, transparency, accountability and stabilising civil-military relations have given a good hope for the democracy in the country. Further, the consolidation of power, diversity in politics and increasing literacy rate has strengthened the values of democracy in country. Similarly the growing economy has reduced the poverty in the country.

In addition to, the freedom of speech and youth participation has witnessed the democracy's hope in Pakistan. However, multiple hurdles

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also has been in the way of democracy, ~~which has been hindered~~ For instance, Feudalism in the country has become a cancer for progress of democracy. Moreover, the security challenges, rising terrorism, political polarization, ethnicity and religious extremism has increased the stones in the way of democracy. Similarly the deprivation of minorities has made problems for the democracy. However, these hurdles could be curbed by resolving the security issues which will lead to a stable environment for democracy. Further, digitalizing the democracy that will increase the reach out to many of the people. In fact, democracy has multiple hopes in Pakistan. On the other hand, it has many hurdles which do not let it to be practice in a true sense. However, adopting the certain measures can overcome the hurdles.

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To begin with, the stability in government has brought the way for democracy in Pakistan. The continuous democratic rule of government has made a positive step toward democracy. Further it has strengthened the democratic rules till ground level. It has managed the democratic crisis in the country. On the other hand, in the past governments have been toppled by military due to the crisis but in current period of time democratic government has been functioning in a smooth way. For instance, from first people's party government that has completed her parliamentary tenure from 2008 to 2013 till 2024, none of the government has been toppled by military. Hence this shows that stability in a government has paved the way for democracy.