

Write an introductory paragraph on the following:

Democracy and illiteracy do not move together

Democracy is popular sovereignty in Abraham Lincoln's words, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people." Democracy and illiteracy do not move together because it is not possible for illiterate people to practice democratic values effectively. There are some reasons like illiteracy increase gender inequality, bring education crisis, perpetuate feudalism, inability to use social media, etc. which make illiterate people unable to run the country smoothly. When a significant portion of the population lacks the ability to read and write, their capacity to understand policies, participate in discussion and hold leaders accountable diminishes. Socrates linked democracy with education in these words, "Democracy is only as good as the education that surrounds it." Therefore, it is need of the hour to increase literacy rate, so that the country will become a democratic state in a true spirit.