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Topic

What are the main characteristics of the United Kingdom's current political system?

Has this system been successful in the creating efficient mechanisms to ensure adequate Public Participation in the affairs of State?

Answer.

United Kingdom is only country in the world which have almost 90% unwritten constitution. The properties of UK current Political System are given below:

Characteristics of United Kingdom Political System.

- Mostly unwritten constitution.
- Use of Conventions in day-to-day working of country.
- Parliamentary form of Government.

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- Parliament is Suprem
- Parliament has executive and Legislature Powers.
- Unitary form of Government
- Mixture of Democracy, Aristocracy and monarchy
- Devolution of Powers/ Local Governments.
- Independence of Judiciary.

→ Mostly Unwritten Constitution

UK is the one and only country in the world which has almost 90% unwritten constitutions. The system of the state is being run by some part of written part like Magna Carta (1215), Bill of Rights, Petition of Rights and other documents, conventions and other elements are judicial judgements, moral values and comments of critics.

→ Use of Conventions
in day-to-day working
of country.

Use of conventions is one of the greatest features of UK constitution. Basically conventions are day-to-day usage of court's judgements, criticisms of earlier judgements by critics. The conventions are extremely helpful in day-to-day smooth working of the system of the country.

An example of convention is, King/Queen must have to accept the advice of the Prime Minister & if this is death warrant of Queen/King.

→ Parliamentary Form of Government.
UK political system does have a Parliamentary form of government.

The Prime Minister is elected by a majority party of the Parliament. Then he selects ministers from his majority party holding a party. The Prime Minister is Chief executive of the Country.

→ Parliament is Supreme.
The Parliament of UK is Supreme. It is representative of the people of UK.

Parliament of UK can do anything, means it can make any law. There is no judicial review over

Parliament - It is said about UK Parliament, it can make a woman to a man, and a man to a woman. Everyone is accountable to Parliament in UK.

→ Parliament has the legislature and executive power.

Parliament of UK has both powers, legislature and executive powers. It means, as a parliament is law making body. It creates different laws, and similarly on the other hand it is an executive body of the country. It works as an executive body as the Prime Minister is ~~is~~ executive from Parliament.

→ Unitary Form of Government:-

There is unitary form of Government. It is the center who enjoys all the powers.

Now provinces or state system in UK. Devolution of powers are there but found.

→ Mixture of Democracy, Aristocracy and Monarchy - political system

The UK Parliament is mixture of democracy, aristocracy and monarchy. The Parliament shows democracy in country. Upper house, House of Lords shows aristocracy and King/Queen's Presence shows monarchy in the country.

→ Devolution of Powers/ Local Government -

Another beauty of UK political system is devolution of powers. Local Government is there to serve the people of the country at grass root level. It is one of the greatest features of democracy, because the basic rights of the people of country are protected by local governments.

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→ Independency of Judiciary

Independence of judiciary is also lovely feature of democracy.

Judiciary in UK is free from any pressure and independent.

It preserves the rights of the citizens of the country.

How this system been successful in the creating efficient mechanism to ensure adequate public participation in the affairs of state.

The Political system of the country, UK, has successfully created efficient mechanism to ensure adequate public participation in the affairs of state.

The rights and public participation are protected/ensured in the country where the rule of law prevails. UK system is full of democratic culture.

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- Pressure Groups
- Election
- Accountability
- Local Bodies Governmental system.
- Lobbies

→ Pressure Groups.

These are pressure groups in UK, which influence on government policies directly or indirectly. This is basically public participation in the affairs of state.

→ Elections.

Election is most important mood of public participation in affairs of the state. People choose their representatives, which pass policies of their welfare.

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Conclusion:

UK political system has unique features. It is mostly unwritten constitution, but some part is written, like Magna Carta and Bill of Rights. It has Parliament form of government, rule of law prevails there in UK. There is independence of judiciary. This system of UK has made Public Participation ~~sure~~ in affairs of the state successfully.

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