

## Future of Democracy in Pakistan:

The democracy is the form of government where power belongs to masses. where people elect their leaders through regular, free and fair elections. In addition to this democracy ensures freedom of speech, rule of law and supremacy of the constitution. However, there is a key indicator - which is directly linked to the elements of democracy - that will guide in predicting the future of democracy in Pakistan.

Increasing illiteracy rate in Pakistan is a major growing threat to the future of democracy. To understand and predict the status of democracy in a country, one may know how educated these people are.

The education make people politically aware to elect their leaders wisely. Literate masses ensures the enforcement of their rights and have the capability to make leaders accountable which is a brighter sign of democracy. In Pakistan, the literacy

is 55% - far behind the world's average literacy rate. It has declined 10% in past 20 years - the highest declining literacy rate for any country in such duration. According to international literacy rate agency, Youth in Pakistan comprises 70% of the total population of the country; and out of that only 39% are literate. According to famous Political Scientist Paul John "If you want to know the democratic status of a country, then know the literacy of the youth in that country." In addition to this, there is a famous proverb "democracy and illiteracy can not move together" highlights the growing concern. Therefore, increasing illiteracy is ~~the~~ leading Pakistan towards the darker future of democracy.

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