

Democracy is OFF the People, BUY the People, FAR from the People

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Abraham Lincoln once said in GETTYSBURG address –
“Democracy is of the people, by the people and for the people.”

The definition of Democracy in the present day scenario has changed because of Muscle and Money power. Politicians are buying votes, buying elected MLAs of Political parties. They are also not shying from using muscle power by forcing the public to vote for their party. We also heard of incidents of ‘Booth Capturing’ in few parts of our country.

In-spite of the above quoted incidents, Democracy; in true sense is still present in our country, as there is a division of power to check the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary.

The independent body of the Election Commission plays an important role to ensure that the elections are held in an unbiased manner, following the code of conduct. We have seen incidents of objections raised by the election commission against the opposition as well as the ruling parties alike for not following the code of conduct.

After the emergency, the elections were held and the Congress Party was thrown out though they had both money as well as muscle power. This is a clear-cut indication that the INDIAN people are sensitive towards their Political Rights..... and Democracy flourishes.

Recently, in-spite of the BJP Wave, the Aam Aadmi Party won the Assembly elections in Delhi. The same happened in other states as well. Hence we can say that the Indian Democracy is – Of the people, By the people and For the people.