

ATOMIC ENERGY EDUCATION SOCIETY, MUMBAI.

LESSON: **OUTCOMES OF DEMOCRACY.**

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Handout

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- Democracy is a better form of government.

- It promotes equality among citizens.
- Enhances the dignity of the individuals.
- Improves the quality of decision making.
- Provides a method to resolve conflicts.
- Allows room to correct mistakes.

- Over a hundred countries of the world today claim some kind of democratic politics.
- Our interest in and fascination for democracy often pushes us into taking a position that democracy can address all socio-economic and political problems. If some of our expectations are not met, we start blaming the idea of democracy.
- The first step towards thinking carefully about the outcomes of democracy is to recognize that democracy is just a form of government.
- It can only create conditions for achieving something.
- The most basic outcome of democracy should be that it produces a government that is accountable to the citizens, and responsive to the needs and expectations of the citizens.
- Democracy is based on the idea of deliberation and negotiation.
- Democracy ensures that decision making will be based on norms and procedures.
- The right and means to examine the process of decision making is known as transparency.
- The inability of democracy to achieve higher economic development worries us.
- But this alone cannot be the reason to reject democracy.
- The difference in the rates of economic development between less developed countries with dictatorships and democracy is negligible.
- Economic development depends on
 - Population
 - Global situation
 - Cooperation from other countries
 - Economic priorities adopted by the country.

