

Democracy as a global concern

- Dem Theories supporting expansion of democracy.
e.g. Emanuel Kant's idea of perpetual peace.
- Democratic Peace Theory
- UN Foreign Policy which has active agenda of promotion of democracy.
- Expansion of democracy under 3rd wave of democracy.
- Debates on models of democracy. western, non western, guided democracies.
- Democratic deficit in institutions of global governance
reform of IMF, WB, UNSC
- How WTO undermines democracy
"globalisation —" —
- UN & Democracy
explicitly UN Charter does not mention democracy as goal of UN. However preamble of UN mentions 'We, The people' which reflects the fundamental principle of democracy.
Democracy & Human Rights are interlinked.
Democracy creates better environment for realisation of Human Rights.
UN is involved in promotion of democracy through programmes like UN Development Programme.
Around \$1.5 billion are given each year to support democratic processes.
UN provides technical cooperation for strengthening of democracy.
UN has also created a special fund, i.e., UN Democracy Fund
India is 2nd largest contributor to this fund after USA.
Various activities of UN revolve around promotion of

democracy & human rights.

India & Democracy in context of intⁿ affairs

India's stand on democracy lacks consistency.

No. of times criticised by both West as well as Rest.

- Since beginning India has stood for democratisation of world order. India always talks about strengthening of voice of smaller nations.
- Even at present times, India has an agenda of democratisation of UNSC, IMF, WB, increasing its representativeness.
- At same time from very beginning India had commitments towards respecting sovereignty of states.
- Non interference in domestic affairs has been the principle of India's foreign policy. However democracy has impacted India's relations with its neighbours.
- India's policy towards Myanmar upto 1990s has been impacted by India's concern for democracy in Myanmar.
- Since 1990s on one hand, India has overlooked democracy factor w.r.t. Myanmar but on the other hand India also joined conference on Democracy or League of Democracies sponsored by USA.
- One of the agenda of this league is promotion of democracy.
- India contributing to UN Democracy Fund.