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Title of the Topic: "ELECTION & DEMOCRACY: AN INTERFACE"

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOURCE PERSON:

Prof. Jitendra Narayan Dash who is popularity known as Dash Benhur in Odia literature world. He is an eminent Odia writer and Political Scientist in Odisha. He has completed his education career from Utkal University. He retired as Principal of Samanta Chandrasekher (Auto)College, Puri. He is a founder member of Aama Odisha. Now, he is currently working as an editor of "Pilaka Sambad". On his credit he is the author of more than 100 books, including 15 collections of short stories like Kanduri and other stories, Nayakanana and Srestha Galpa. He has honoured with numerous awards like Sahitya Academy Bal Puraskar, Odisha Vigya Academy Popular Science Writer Award, NCERT Academy Award. He is a very good speaker, writer and a very good human being.

ANY OTHER REMARKS:

The webinar was presided by principal Ranjit Ranjan Sahoo. In this virtual meeting theme of the webinar and introduction of the guest was given by Miss Selina Tarai, followed by address of the resource person Prof. Jitendra Narayan Dash. On his address he has explained about election and democracy and how election play a pivoyal role in democratic system. In this webinar more than 65 participants were joined. The webinar was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Mathuri Charan Nayak, IQAC coordinator of our College.

ELECTION AND DEMOPCRACY: AN INTERFACE-

A democratic government is said to be the best kind of government . It ensures the active participation of the people where the citizens get the chance to choose their government. Therefore, we see how elections play a pivotal role in a democracy. The election process in a democracy is usually similar for shaping the government of a democracy. Elections are conducted at regular intervals. During the election process, various parties enroll themselves to contest in the elections. After through campaigning and more, dates are decided on which voting happens. People turn up in great numbers to cast their votes to make their candidate or party win. Most importantly, in a democracy, the election process follows the method of a secret ballot. It is very beneficial for maintaining the fairness of the contest. Moreover, they also protect the privacy and safety of the voter as they are not liable to answer to anyone regarding their vote. The election procedure just shows hoe important and crucial it is for a democracy. The process is very grand and takes place on a great level. Elections form the basis of democracy. They are very important as they help the people in getting a chance to work for their country and make a brighter future. Moreover, it also ensures that any person can become a part of the government without any discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, sex, religion or more. Most importantly,

elections entrust a big responsibility on the citizens. It helps in empowering the citizens of a democracy isn't based on the wants and needs of the people. It turns into another type of government where decisions are made by one person or a group of person based on their own motivating factors. In short, fair and regular elections are a vital part of a democratic government. So for democracy to flourish, it requires the careful selection of the fairest and most efficient electoral system which should mainly ensure the systematic and regular conduct of elections, the non-discriminatory allocation of votes and broadest possible representation of all political parties. It also requires the sustainability of de-ethnicised political parties which are diligently involved in mobilizing popular support thereby linking the demands of all citizens in forming either a opposition. So election and democracy both are correlated to each other. Without election democracy is meaningless.

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