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Government

Important Notes

* Government

- (i) Government is an element of the state. This element formulates, expresses and fulfills the will of the state.
- (ii) Government includes all persons or organisations which exercise the power of the state.

* The role it plays in our lives.

- (i) Government makes the laws and protects the life and property of the people.
- (ii) It maintains law and order in which the individual can live peacefully.

* Order / functions of government.

- (i) It build road, dig canals, construct schools and hospitals.
- (ii) Controlling traffic, eyeing crimes and fighting wars.
- (iii) It set up industries, run medical services, give pensions to retired people etc.

* Levels of Government

- (i) The government works at different

levels -

- Local level
means town and village.
- State level
means state like UP, MP.
- National level
like country India, America

* Types of Government

* Democratic government

- i) In democracy, people elect their representatives and these representative from the government.
- ii) the government has to explain its actions and defend its decision to the people.

* Monarchy

- i) In this form of government, the monarch [king or Queen] has the power to make decision and run the government.
- ii) Kings and Queen do not have to explain their actions or defend the decisions they take.
- iii) India is a Democratic country. It follows Universal Adult franchise.
- iv) Universal Adult franchise means every citizen who is 18 or above has right to one vote.

* Suffrage movement

- Women's struggle for vote in Europe and U.S.A is called suffrag movement. It gave women right to vote and they began to be seen as being equally capable of making decision.
- American women got the right to vote in 1920
- UK women got the right to vote in 1928

* Laws and government

- The government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws because without these laws the government power to make decision is not of much use.
- * Writing in the journal "Young" India in 1931 Gandhi ji said, "Every citizen of India should have right to vote."

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Q/A

Q.1- what do you understand by the word 'government'? List 5 ways in which you think the government affects your life.

Ans - In Notes

Q.2- why do you think the government needs to make rules for everyone in the form of laws?

Ans - In Notes

Q.3- Name 2 essential features of a democratic government.

Ans - In Notes

Q.4- what was the suffrage movement? what did it accomplish?

Ans - In Notes