

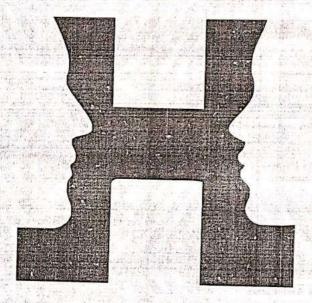
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SOCIAL MEDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIAN POLITICS

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Inroduction: - Indian Politics has observed a whirl of change over the period of time and its dependency over social media to connect with people experiencing the fellow democracies and iteffect. Over its diversified nature, 40% of its total population constitute of Indian youth and concerning to the popular culture, Indian political parties are holding to internet and social media to connect with youth for their agenda and political events. Observing the famous 2014 general elections of India, sociamedia was the battleground of various political campaign and tremendous flow of varied political

Objective of Research:-

- 1. To Search the Types of Social Media.
- 2. To Search the Impact of Social Media on Young Generation.
- 3. To Search the Impact of Social Media on Indian Politics.
- 4. To Search the Use of Social Media in Indian Politics.
- 5. To Search How many Political Parties use The Social Media in Politics.

Use of Social Media in Politics:-

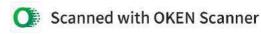
Since that time, use of social media in politics has significantly increased. There are various ways by which people connect, by commenting, creating memes and even trolling. Their news feed is the space which they own and feel more comfortable. They don't have to move out of their room to follow a certain political face or to be a part of campaign. The dependency over print media and electronic media has reduced as people can now be a part of news, express their views with others on this platform. Videos and pictures of sting operation are shared on Facebook, YouTube and other platforms showing the truth without any moderation. The common man participation in politics has

The recent use of social media websites by Indian government has been much talked about. Mr. Suresh Prabhu, along with his team, very efficiently used Twitter for helping out the Indian Rail passengers in need. From sending food to school children by taking action on a tweet to helping women who tweeted that she is in distress due to harassment faced in her train journey, he has done everything right so far. Ministry of Railway's heartiest efforts were truly a sweet surprise for the people who got

Social media has influenced politics and it has also increased interest of people in politics. The political parties have now taken social media as one of the most important channels for their public relations activities and almost every party has its official pages on Facebook and twitter where they post political updates, press releases and news about their campaigns. In recent times, social media has been a integral part of politics and its growth seems to be continuous.

Social Media- A road to reach out to youth:-

It's no hide truth, that youth of this generation is highly invested in politics and the round of ideas around it. Social media has become a platform of voiced opinions and charges and even though politicians for their campaigns still use posters, cut-outs, fliers and graffiti for their rally, but becoming



digital and being attentive over digital platform has changed the picture or urban India and politics. As per various surveys and reports, after 2014 elections, 2-5% of budget is set for every elections' political campaign on social media (which is roughly around 400-500 erores for major leading national parties).

From the very beginning, Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) has strong social media presence, PM Narendra Modi (who was the prime minister candidate that time) achieved highest popularity gain in comparison to another parties. Even parties like AAP, actively started social media and has started to

Social Media Strategy to win elections :-

Twitter is a wonderful platform for the political organisation to broadcast information on a worldwide stream; be it debates or discussions. India is the third largest user of twitter with an estimation of 53.1 million active users (as per census of 2015). The number of masses using for this platform is on high and turns to be the great way of influencing the elections and campaigns. Lately many politicians have adapted to the norms and culture of social media, per se; Arvind Kejriwal, Suresh Prabhu, Smriti Irani and Rahul Gandhi ,Nitin Gadkari our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Conclusion :-

As India is also gradually becoming digital, social media is also becoming one of the powerful tools to reach millions of people with just one click. That it is why it is playing an important role and have a huge impact on Indian elections as well. Therefore, in coming elections, social media will be leveraged to most by political parties with the help of a team of social media experts. These politicians of India have adopted social media because they know where and how to find the youth of the country on majority. One has seen major difference of the power of youth, in the recent times of Gujarat elections 2017, where the voting demographics were torn between urban and rural categories of voting. Needless to say, one can majorly see the effect of social media on Indian politics

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