

DEMOCRACY AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP CAMPAIGN



CAMPAIGN: Democracy and Active Citizenship	
Democracy and Active Citizenship	
 Awareness of Active citizenship in a Democracy for students and visitors Democracy and its privileges How can I redeem democracy 	
 This is an exhibition campaign with 10 posters. It talks about democracy and its importance in India You can conduct this campaign at PTMs or other similar events where parents / visitors come to school You can also have CMCA members conduct the Snakes & Ladders Game. This is as an optional activity. 	
StudentsStaffVisiting parents	
To sensitize visitors to their role as citizens in a democracy	
Pre-campaign preparation - NoneCampaign Duration - Half a day	
Attached below	
 Poster Campaign CMCA members explain exhibits CMCA members conduct the Snakes & Ladder Game (optional activity) 	
For TC Take the required permissions for the exhibition (time, place, arrangements, etc.) For CEs: Go through this campaign kit and familiarize yourselves with all the exhibits and instructions Place Exhibits labeled "a", "b" and so on together as they are connected in messaging to each other	



	 Choose club members to present the exhibits - this must be done prior to the day of the campaign Briefly explain each exhibit to the CMCA members presenting and give them the relevant instructions (explanation sheets) so they can familiarize themselves with what they have to say give them time to practice and request the support of your teacher coordinator in this
Materials required	 10 Posters to Exhibit Printout of explanation sheet for CMCA members 1 Snakes and Ladder game 2 dice for the Snakes and Ladder game Flashcards CMCA banner Twine (clothesline nylon ropes would do), Clothes clips Pens Feedback form Stamp pad Cellophane Tape



Democracy and Active Citizenship-Instructions Sheet

EXHIBIT

EXPLANATION

INDIA TODAY!













Exhibit 1: Nationality gives us an identity

- We are students of X standard and members of CMCA club. As a part of our CMCA club activities we are creating awareness about the importance of protecting the DEMOCRATIC values of our great country
- Are you an American / Chinese / South Indian, North Indian, Punjabi, Bangalorean???
- You may be from different regions and cities, but You are an INDIAN.
- Our nationality gives us an identity









Exhibit 2:

- India is lucky to be a democracy! We are among 45% of the world's countries who are FREE
- ▶ But India has moved down 10 spots, from 32nd place in 2016 to 42nd in 2017, and remains classified among "flawed democracies".
- Why flawed? While people enjoy rights often rights and freedoms get taken away, especially from the poor and backward citizens
- But India is lucky that though it may be flawed, we still have a democracy that ensures our rights and freedoms













Exhibit 3: The Privileges of Democracy

- Democracy gives us the freedom to choose our Leaders
- ▶ This means leaders have to keep the promises that they make to us and the country and if they don't, we can question them and even have them removed
- Our Constitution guarantees our Rights



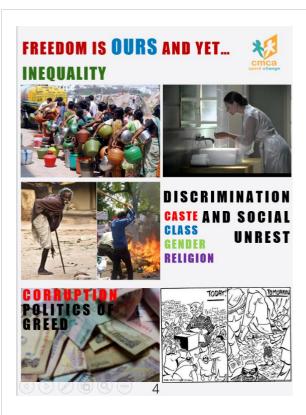


Exhibit 4

- 71 years as an independent nation YET....
 - Inequality: the rich are getting richer and the poor continue to get poorer
 - Unrest: Caused by rising levels of intolerance
 - o Discrimination: Caste, gender and class based discrimination.
 - Corruption: The poor pay the heaviest price because of corruption. Often crimes against them are not registered, they face corruption in government hospitals, when they try to avail schemes introduced by government and even to collect their food rations

Exhibit 5

- Why are we considered a flawed democracy?
 - Our freedom is often under attack through actions of violence or threats.
 - We do not understand the importance of Fraternity (which is a sense of oneness and a principle n our Preamble). We do not come together, stand up for each other, especially for our poor.
 - We ourselves do not take responsibility – we break laws, we do not vote seriously and do not participate in working on issues that do not immediately affect us
- We claim to have national pride but often do and say things that are to the contrary being prejudiced against some religions or castes, discriminating in our daily lives, breaking rules and laws, defacing and destroying national monuments, polluting









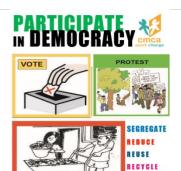
EMPATHY

NATIONAL PRIDE

SPIRIT OF ONENESS

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BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN
STAND UP AGAINST INJUSTICE
ENGAGE

sacred rivers and destroying forests

Exhibit 6: We must participate in democracy by:

- Being informed citizens
- VOTING for the right candidate
- PROTESTING to be heard
- CONFRONTING to secure our rights
- COOPERATING doing our bit at home segregation and composting our waste
- ENGAGING with our government

Exhibit 7: We can Strengthen democracy: by being Active Citizens

- Understand Rights as well as responsibilities
- Discourage and fight corruption
- Make government work for you
- Use RTI as a tool for good governance
- Be what you want your government to be
- Be CONCERN for people and about issues

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☐ BY KEEPING OURSELVES AWARE AND INFORMED OF ISSUES THAT
AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY

Exhibit 8: Democracy and ME Know your constitution

By knowing our constitution, we can become aware of what our rights and also get to know about our duties. We can understand what legal provisions are available to make our government work for us

Vote

- We need to actively participate in electoral process
- You can Volunteer for candidates you support

Fight Corruption

- Don't encourage or practice corruption
- Fight against divisive politics of religion, caste, money, etc.

Participation in local governance

- ▶ Hold elected representatives accountable
- Stay informed on issues at local, state and national levels





- COOPERATE

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 UNDERSTANDING OUR ROLE AS CITIZENS
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 THE RULES
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- ☐ CELEBRATING DIVERSITY- BY RESPECTING THE CULTURES OF OTHER COMMUNITIES AN NOT STEREOTYPING PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR RELIGION, GENDER OR ECONOMIC BACKGROUND





Stay informed on performance of the government and elected representatives BE AN ACTIVE CITIZEN!

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☐ STANDING UP FOR OUR RIGHTS

☐ FIGHTING AGAINST INJUSTICE AND PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A VOICE-POOR PEOPLE, UNDERPRIVILEGED GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND EVEN NATURE!

Exhibit 9: Fragile Democracy needs care

Democracy is so fragile that it can be taken away. Therefore, protecting democracy is a continuous process.

As Active Citizens we can protect our democracy by:

- Making sure our government works for us and keeps their promises
- Standing up for our Rights
- Fight injustice and stand up for the poor and less-privileged

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CONFRONT AND ENGAGE WITH
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celebrate and appreciate India's different religions & ways of life

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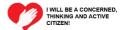


Exhibit 10: Pledge to preserve democracy

Visitors take the pledge and sign or put thumb impression on the pledge handmade chart.



TIP

- CCMs campaigning could wear aprons like this to stand out during the campaign and attract visitors!!
- Do not use cellophane tape on any exhibit



A healthy democracy is in the hands of the active citizens.

Democracy is reflected in out daily life as our quality of life.

Our rights being secured and how we fulfil our responsibilities.



Optional Activity: Snakes and ladders game (roll of dice)

- Ask the visitor to roll two dice, the number decides the act visible on the banner.
- Every Good (democratic) act takes you up the ladder and every undemocratic act results in a snake bite that brings you down to the tail!
- (at the foot of ladder is a good democratic act) (at the mouth of snake is the undemocratic act)
- Every act as a citizen takes Democracy forward towards progress or backward towards.
- See for yourselves.
- A healthy democracy is in the hands of Active citizens.
- Always be an Active citizen



ANNEXURE: POSTERS



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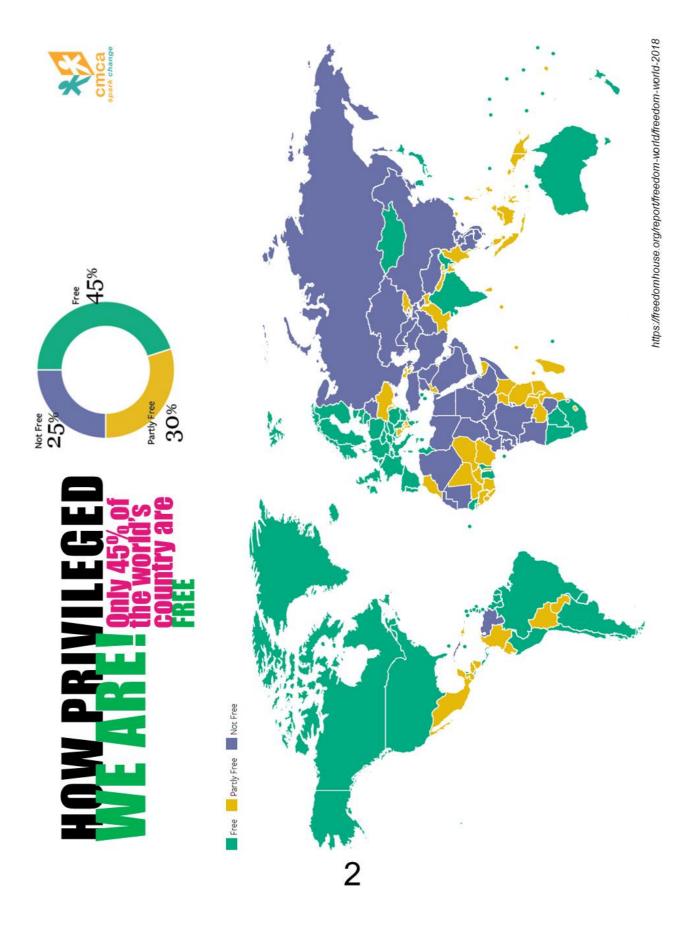
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WE REPRESENT A COUNTRY!









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Power to fulfill one's own potential.



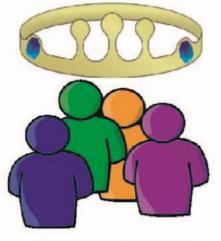
Democracy gives Freedom.



People have Rights secured.



Constitution gives Rights.



People have the power



FREEDOM IS OURS AND YET...



INEQUALITY









CASTE AND SOCIAL CLASS UNREST RELIGION





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WHY A FLAWED DEMOCRACY







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EMPATHY

NATIONAL PRIDE

SPIRIT OF ONENESS

UNITY

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PARTICIPATE XI IN DEMOCRACY CMCa Spark change







SEGREGATE
REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE
COMPOST

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ENGAGE
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SERVICERACY







Rights and responsibilities are two sides of a coin.



Make government work for you



CONCERN | COOPERATE | COEXIST | CONFRONT

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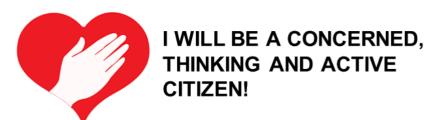




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