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CLASS – 9

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Democratic Politics - I

CH-3 : Electoral Politics

Part – 1

Why Elections?

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OVERVIEW

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1. Why Elections?
2. What is Our System of Elections?
3. What Makes Elections in India Democratic?

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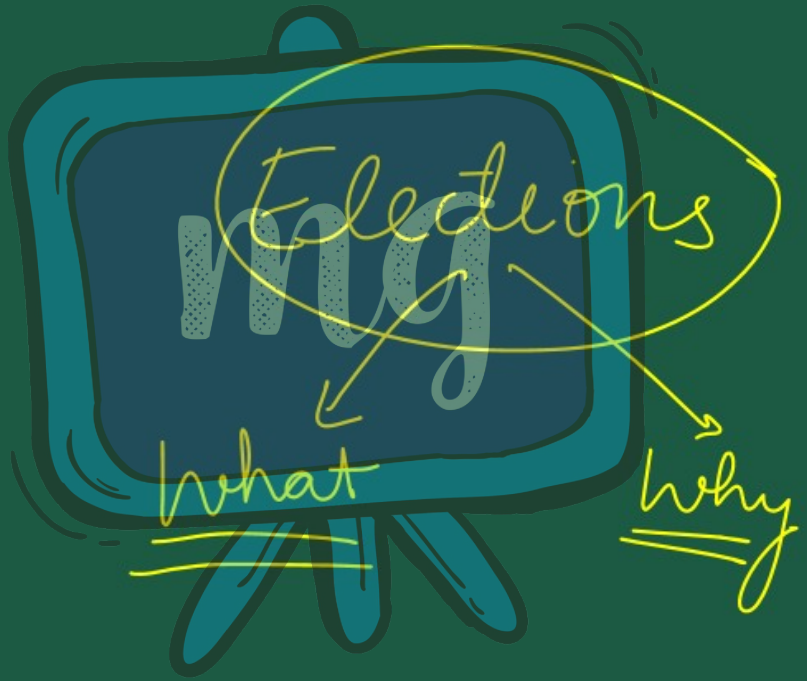

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WHY ELECTIONS?

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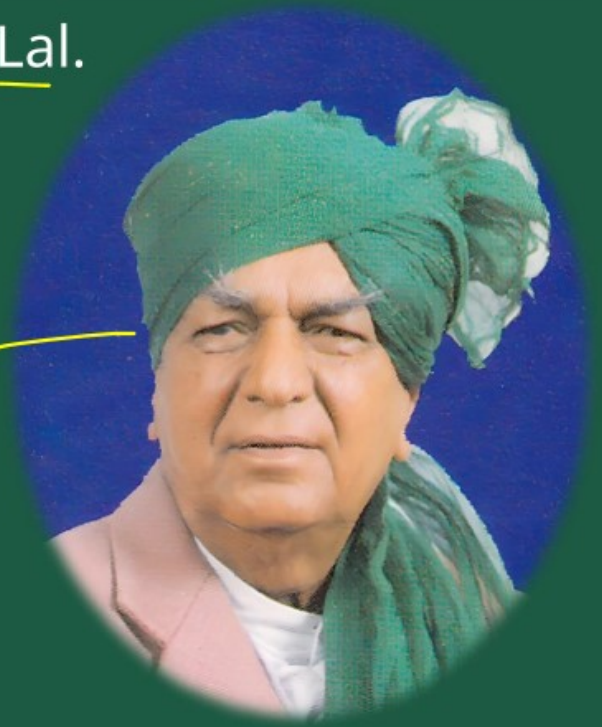
STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION IN HARYANA IN 1987

Congress

- Chaudhary Devi Lal.
- 'Nyaya Yudh'.
- Lok Dal.



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What ?
Why ?

ELECTION

A system that allow people to pick their leaders regularly and change them if they want.

People Rule





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WE NEED ELECTIONS

1. People Can't Take All the Decisions
2. People Lack Time and Knowledge

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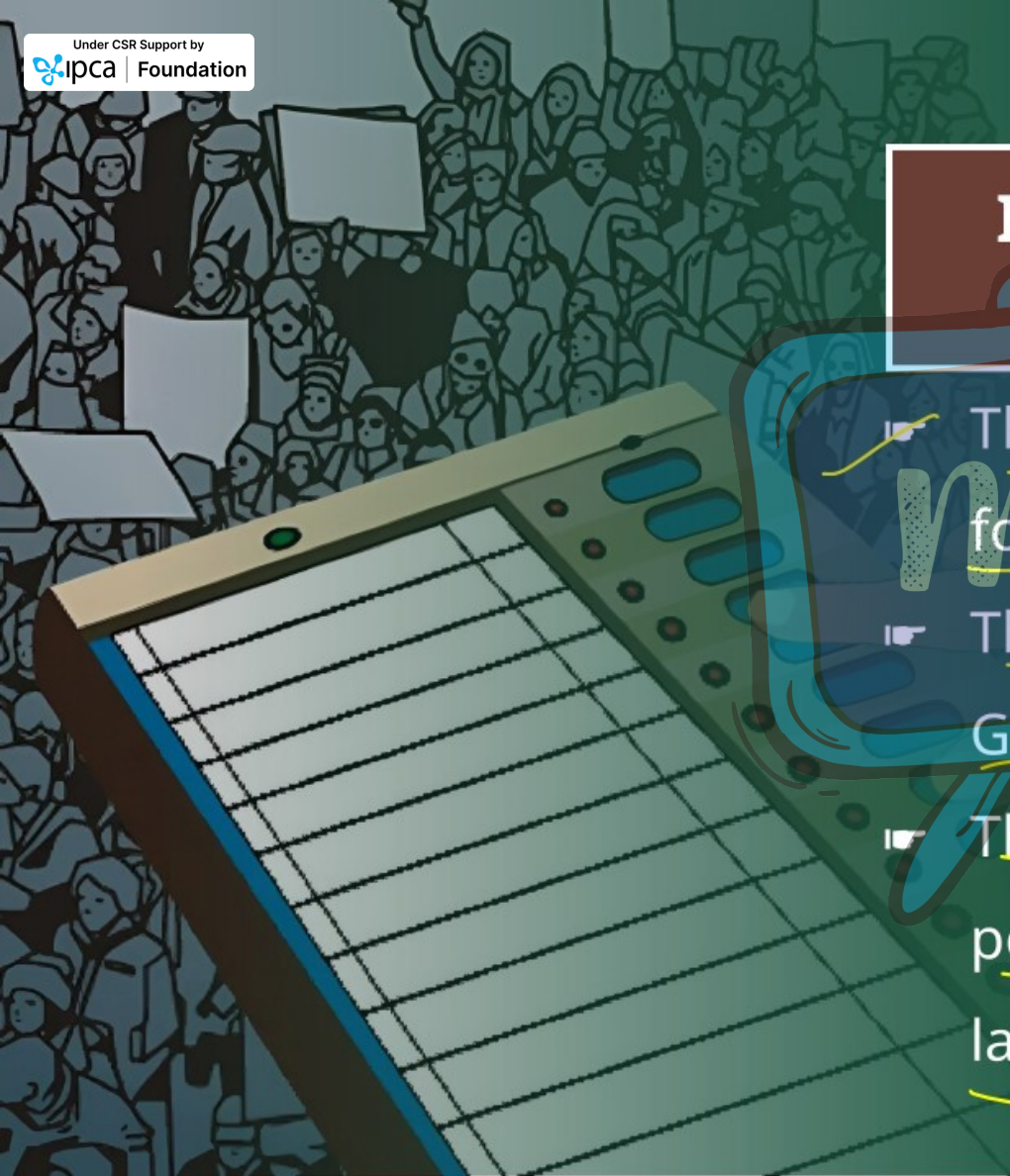

IN AN ELECTION THE VOTERS MAKE MANY CHOICES

- They can choose who will make laws for them.
- They can choose who will form the Government and take major decisions.
- They can choose the party whose policies will guide the Government and law making.

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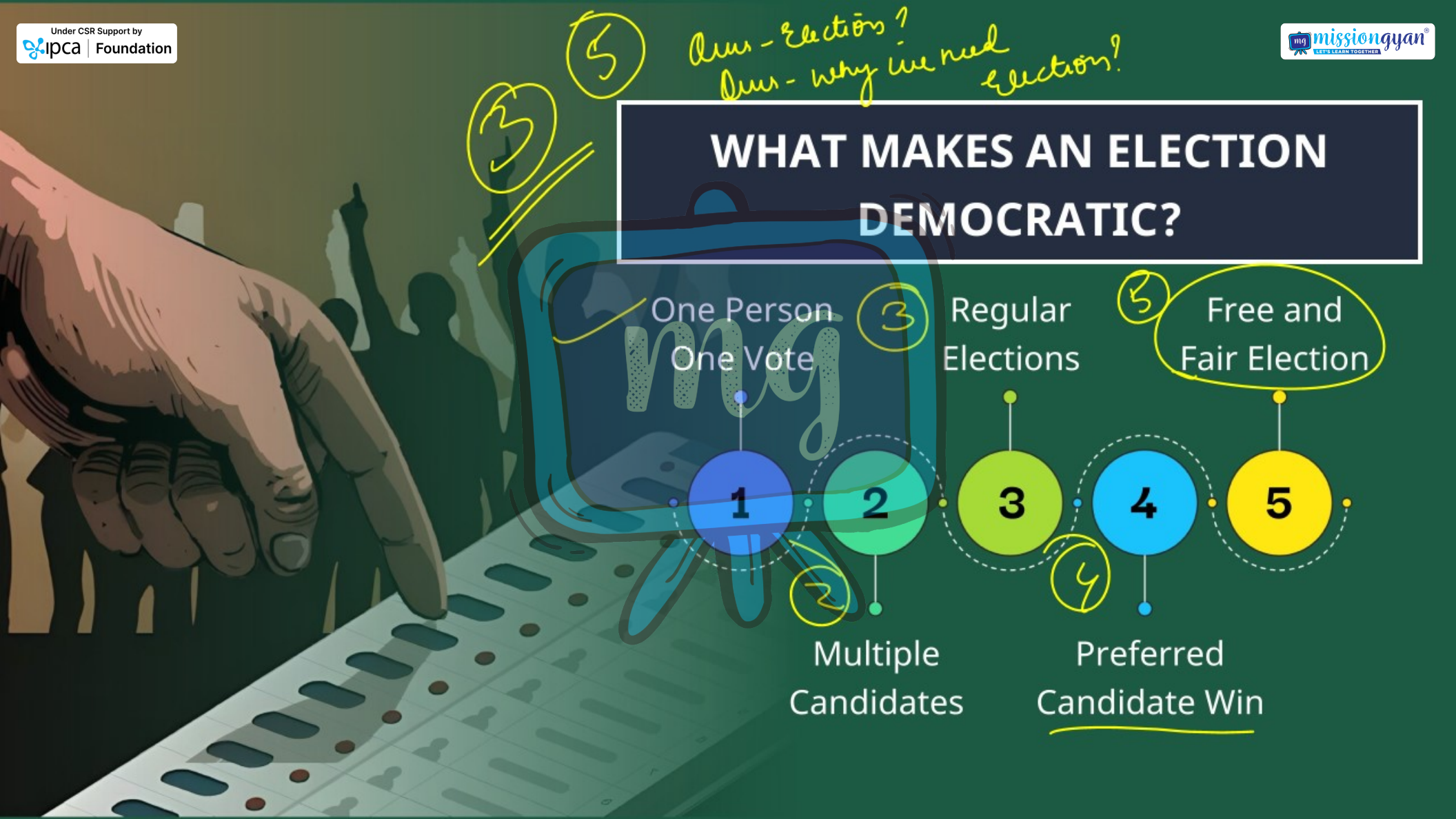
WHAT MAKES AN ELECTION DEMOCRATIC?



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DEMERIT OF ELECTORAL COMPETITION



1. Disunity
2. Dirty Tricks
3. Long Term Policies
4. Unhealthy Competition

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MERITS OF ELECTORAL COMPETITION

To Win Elections Politicians will Have to Work for the People

- When leaders know that they need to help people to win elections, they'll try harder.
- Just like a shopkeeper treats customers well to keep them coming back.

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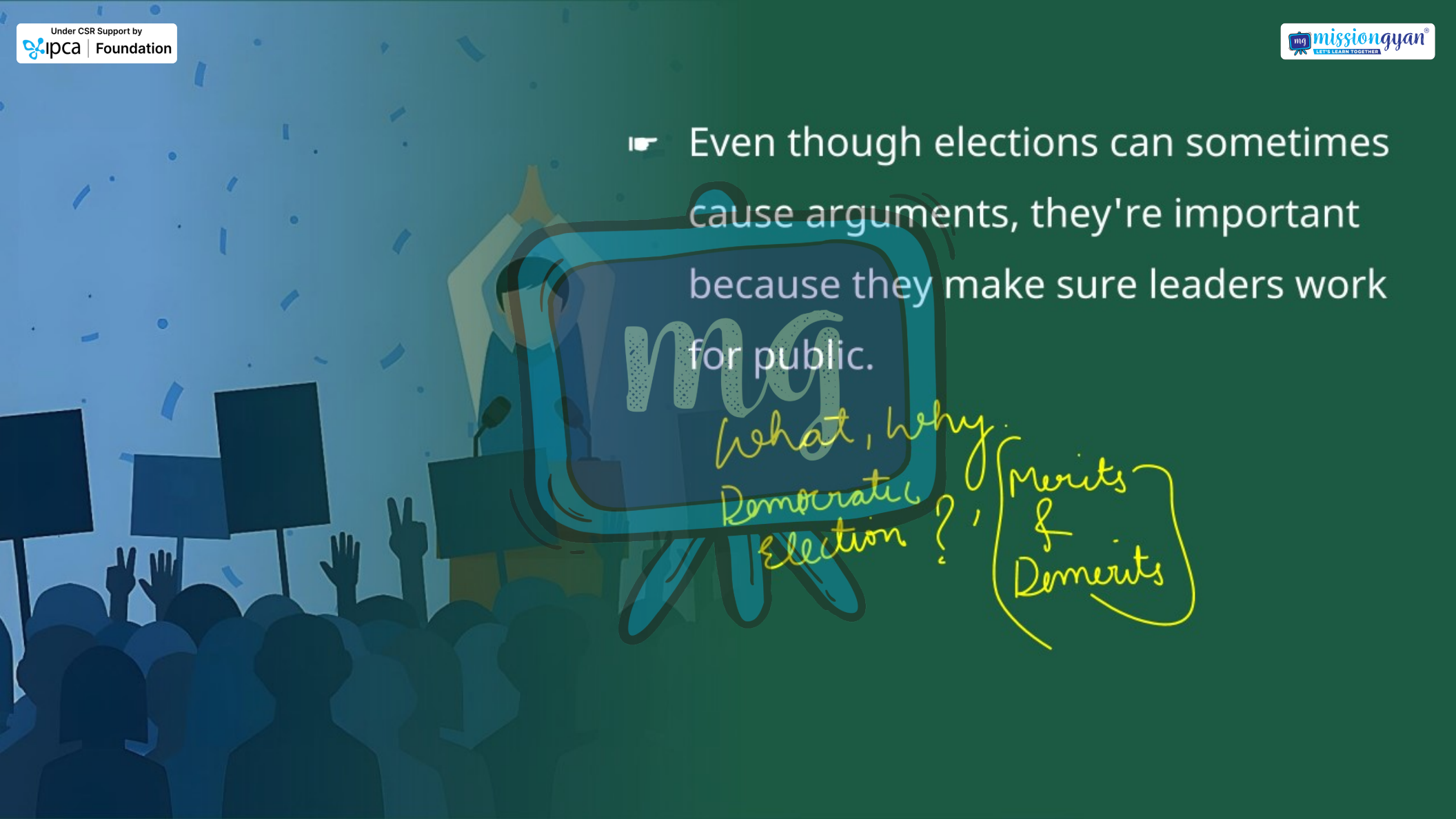

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

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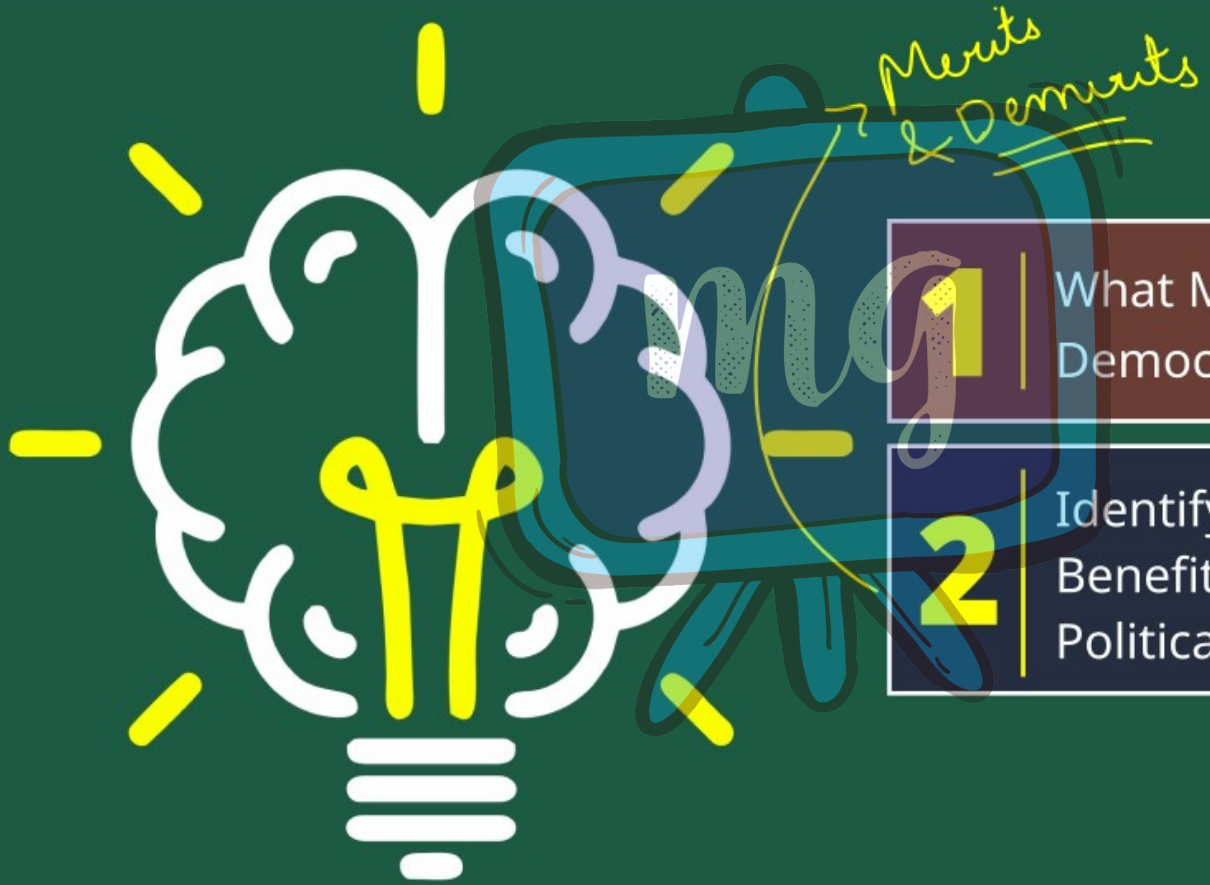

1. What Makes An Election Democratic?
2. Identify the Potential Benefits and Drawbacks of Political Competition

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ASSESSMENT

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1 Why do we need elections?

A To pick our leaders

B To decide our daily meals

C To determine our hobbies

D To choose the weather

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2 What is a benefit of electoral competition?

A Leaders work harder to win

B It makes everyone rich

C It stops elections from happening

D Leaders can ignore voters