

Session 4: Strengthening SEC to meet the emerging challenges

Theme: Changing dynamics of Grassroots democracy and electoral reforms to meet new challenges

- Evolution of election law historically
- Evolution of election law through various judicial pronouncements

The changing dynamics of grassroots democracy and electoral reforms in India reflect the evolving nature of the country's political landscape. Historically, the evolution of election law has played a pivotal role in shaping the democratic process. From the early stages of independence to the present day, electoral reforms have been crucial in adapting to new challenges.

The evolution of election law is deeply rooted in the constitutional framework and has been shaped by various judicial pronouncements. Courts have played a significant role in interpreting and refining election laws, ensuring their alignment with the principles of democracy and justice. Judicial interventions have addressed issues such as electoral malpractices, candidate eligibility, and the protection of voters' rights.

In the context of grassroots democracy, the emphasis is on empowering local communities and ensuring their active participation in the decision-making process. Electoral reforms have sought to strengthen the representation of diverse voices at the grassroots level, fostering a more inclusive and responsive democratic system.

As India faces new challenges, including technological advancements and changing societal dynamics, continuous dialogue in conclave settings is essential. This session will provide a platform to assess the effectiveness of existing electoral reforms and propose innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of grassroots democracy.