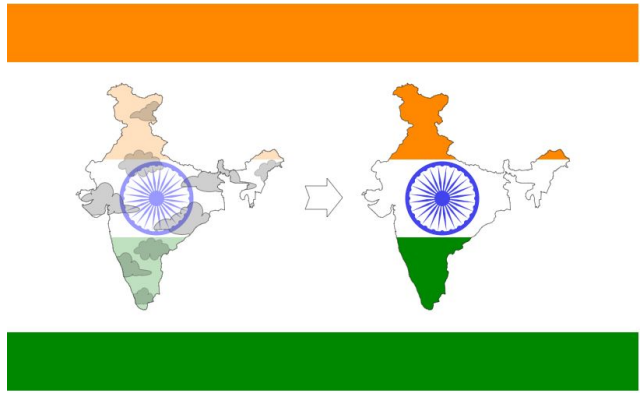
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We all dream of a Nav Bhart (New India) where:

- Politics is free from divisive rhetoric and governance is free from polarizing policies.
- Constitutional offices such as the President of India and the Chief Election Commissioner are truly independent and autonomous.
- Visionary leaders are in power, constantly opening up new vistas and championing causes for accelerated and equitable development.
- Principled leaders are in power, decisively dealing with vices such as corruption and nepotism.
- Committed leaders are in power, relentlessly working for the advancement of various communities and fields.
- The current ratio of some 70% politics and 30% leadership is flipped to 70% leadership and 30% politics.
- Every section of society—under SC, ST, BC, OBC, and other classifications— and even emerging groups such as transport workers, media professionals, sports enthusiasts and environmental activists are represented exactly in proportion to its numbers.
- Leaders and citizens work together on long-term solutions, beyond inducements, appeasements and freebies.
- Issue-based debates and merit-based legislation replace partisan debates and whip-driven legislation.
- Legislatures truly hold the executive accountable.
- Constructive collaboration replaces chronic friction between the Centre and the states, and between the executive and the judiciary.
- Local bodies focus on civic issues such as sanitation, property encroachments, and other local concerns, free from factionalism.

But over time, we have grown too cynical to believe that any of these can come true. Yet history invites us to set aside that cynicism and think in terms of systemic solutions.The economic reforms of 1991 in India, 1978 in China, and 1994 in Brazil show how systemic change can turn nations around and set them on an entirely new path of accelerated development and growth.

Structural Innovations

Inspired by these examples, we spent over five years examining our political and governance systems in depth and arrived at the conclusion that transforming our democracy into an **Organic Democracy**—one whose structures are built more around people's natural organizing tendencies than around abstract theoretical frameworks—could truly make our dream a reality.

In practical terms, this meant thinking beyond constituency-based elections, the first-past-the-post (FPTP) method of electing leaders, political party culture, the parliamentary system, as well as alternatives such as proportional representation (PR) and the presidential system, and devising a few **structural innovations** that could move us towards Organic Democracy:

- **Adaptive Political System (APS)** for national and state elections.
- **Inculot model** for local body and higher office elections.
- **Constitutional Steward** for nurturing, safeguarding, and interpreting the Constitution.
- **Varishth Parishad**, an apolitical body to appoint holders of neutral constitutional offices.
- **Transforming** the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabhas into Lok Nayak Sabhas (Leadership Councils).
- **Decoupling** the executive completely from the Leadership Councils (legislatures).
- **Reimagining** the Preamble with an inspiring mission that energizes the nation.

Many of these innovations may well be world firsts, much like UPI—which, in fact, should serve as a source of pride rather than hesitation. It befits the world's largest democracy, already admired for its regular elections and peaceful transfers of power, to lead the world in democratic innovation.

To explore Organic Democracy in detail, including its transformative potential to reshape our politics and governance and its far-reaching implications, please view or download the full proposal at:

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