

Promotion of Democracy in Bangladesh: The Role of Union Parishad as a Local Self-government Institution

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Abstract

The local self government bodies are the basic units of democracy and driving force of political learning namely election, rule-making, political pressure, publicity and public debate. This is an exploratory study where survey method has been used for collecting data and information. This study tries to explore the role of Union Parishad as a local self-government body promoting democracy and to know the situation of local government. The study found that the voting behaviors of local people, decision making process and people's participations have proved that as a democratic institution Union Parishad has been playing vital role developing democratic learning at the local level.

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