

*The world is going through the tumultuous times that is throwing complex demands and challenges for the society and polity to respond. Amidst these complexities, the nature and character of democratic regimes across different parts of the world is experiencing the emergence of newer forms of populist politics that thrives on widening the distance between communities. The 'othering' around religious and ethnic identities, migration, and perceived 'burden' on welfare are often deployed by majoritarian democratic regimes. It is in this backdrop; the address would explicate the changing contours of democratic governance and influence of majoritarian politics on the life and circumstances of people and communities that are vulnerable and marginalized...*