



# Presidential Election in Indian Parliamentary Democracy with Special Reference to Presidential Election 2012

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**Abstract :** *The study of the Presidential election in the Indian Parliamentary Democracy is of immense significance as the President is the constitutional head of the state and the Constitution of India ordains indirect election for the President. The nomination, campaign and election of the 13<sup>th</sup> President of India witnessed a high political drama, though the President is supposed to be apolitical. Political issues, controversies, debates, result and reaction to the result surrounding the 14<sup>th</sup> Presidential election are highlighted in this research project.*

*Here subtle attempt is made through empirical method to collect and analyse the data to investigate the problem under study, especially in the coalition era of multi party system in India characterised with confrontationalist - conflictual orientation coupled with cooperative - bargaining orientation. The election of the President now being dominated with party politics as each political party used the election of the President as a yardstick to measure their power and strength in the political scenario of India. The regional political parties play an influential role not only in the regional politics and the formation of government at Centre but also in the selection of Presidential candidate and its election. Since the beginning, Congress was confident about Pranab Mukherjee's victory and claimed that Pranab Mukherjee would secure about 70 percent majority against the oppositional candidate. While the citizens of India hoped for a dignified contest things threatened to take an acrimonious turn due to allegation and element of desperation.*

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