

Political Parties

Chapter 12: Political Parties · Topic 1

Key Concept

Political parties organise citizens with shared ideologies, contest elections, and form governments based on electoral success.

India has a multi-party system, including national parties operating across the country and regional parties focused on specific states.

Political parties perform functions like representing public interests, forming policies, and providing organised opposition to hold governments accountable.

A healthy democracy requires political parties to compete fairly, represent diverse views, and work within constitutional boundaries.

Quick Revision Notes

- Parties organise citizens with shared ideologies.
- They contest elections, form governments.
- India: multi-party system.
- National parties (whole country), regional (specific states).
- Party functions: represent interests, form policies.
- Also provide organised opposition.
- Opposition holds government accountable.
- Healthy democracy needs fair party competition.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research a national political party in India.
- 2 Research a regional political party in India.
- 3 Discuss the role of opposition parties.
- 4 Discuss why fair party competition matters.
- 5 Research how parties form policies.
- 6 Explain political parties' role in your own words.