

Challenges Faced by Indian Democracy

Chapter 14: Challenges Faced by Indian Democracy · Topic 1

Key Concept

Corruption in politics and administration undermines public trust and hampers effective governance and service delivery to citizens.

Communalism, or tension between religious communities, poses challenges to social harmony and can be exploited for political purposes.

Regional disparities in development can create tensions between different states or regions, requiring balanced development policies.

Strengthening democratic institutions, promoting transparency, and fostering civic engagement are essential for addressing these ongoing challenges.

Quick Revision Notes

- Corruption: undermines trust, governance.
- Hampers service delivery to citizens.
- Communalism: religious community tensions.
- Can be exploited for political purposes.
- Regional disparities: uneven development.
- Creates tensions between regions.
- Solutions: strengthen institutions, transparency.
- Also foster civic engagement.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research an anti-corruption effort in India.
- 2 Discuss the impact of communalism on society.
- 3 Research a regional disparity issue in India.
- 4 Discuss how civic engagement strengthens democracy.
- 5 Research a democratic institution and its role.
- 6 Explain challenges to Indian democracy in your own words.