

# Political Parties

## Quick Study Guide

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

HIGHLIGHTED TEXT SHOWS IMPORTANT POINTS

★ MARKS HIGH-FOCUS TOPICS

📝 INDICATES EXAM TIPS

⚠️ SHOWS COMMON ERRORS

💡 GIVES QUICK TIPS

## NEED FOR PARTIES

Mnemonic: "PARTY BOSS"

- |          |                    |          |                     |
|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>P</b> | - People's voice   | <b>B</b> | - Better governance |
| <b>A</b> | - Agenda setting   | <b>O</b> | - Organize people   |
| <b>R</b> | - Represent groups | <b>S</b> | - Social welfare    |
| <b>T</b> | - Take decisions   | <b>S</b> | - Serve public      |
| <b>Y</b> | - Your choice      |          |                     |

Remember As:

"DEMOCRACY GAME"

### Common Errors:

- \* Role confusion
- \* Function mixing
- \* Purpose unclear
- \* System misunderstanding

1. Functions:

- \* Contest elections
- \* Form government
- \* Opposition role
- \* Public welfare

## PARTY SYSTEMS

Mnemonic: "SYSTEM HERO"

- |          |                   |          |                   |
|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| <b>S</b> | - Single party    | <b>H</b> | - How they work   |
| <b>Y</b> | - Your choice     | <b>E</b> | - Election system |
| <b>S</b> | - Some multiparty | <b>R</b> | - Rules follow    |
| <b>T</b> | - Two-party       | <b>O</b> | - Organize well   |
| <b>E</b> | - Each different  |          |                   |
| <b>M</b> | - Many types      |          |                   |

### KEY FUNCTION : "TEEN TYPE"

- |                  |                     |                      |
|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Single Party  | 2. Two Party        | 3. Multi Party       |
| * China          | * UK, USA           | * India              |
| * One party rule | * Main parties      | * Many parties       |
| * No competition | * Alternative power | * Coalition possible |

## NATIONAL PARTIES

Mnemonic: "NATIONAL POWER"

- |          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| <b>N</b> | - Nation wide         |
| <b>A</b> | - All states presence |
| <b>T</b> | - Total reach         |
| <b>I</b> | - Important role      |
| <b>O</b> | - Organize nationally |
| <b>N</b> | - Nation first        |
| <b>A</b> | - Agenda broad        |
| <b>L</b> | - Large scale         |

Examples:

- \* BJP
- \* Congress
- \* BSP
- \* CPI
- \* CPI(M)

REQUIREMENTS:

"VOTE BANK"

- \* 6% votes in 4 states
- \* Or 2% seats in Lok Sabha
- \* From 3 different states
- \* Recognition by EC

## STATE PARTIES

Mnemonic: "STATE GAME"

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|----------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| <b>S</b> | - State focused     | <b>G</b> | - Growth in states |
| <b>T</b> | - Territory limited | <b>A</b> | - Agenda regional  |
| <b>A</b> | - Area specific     | <b>M</b> | - Major role       |
| <b>T</b> | - Take local issues | <b>E</b> | - Election focus   |
| <b>E</b> | - Ethnic base       |          |                    |

EXAMPLES :

"LOCAL HERO"

- \* DMK (Tamil Nadu)
- \* BJD (Odisha)
- \* TDP (Andhra)
- \* AAP (Delhi)
- \* TMC (West Bengal)

## PARTY CHALLENGES

Mnemonic: "PROBLEM SET"

- |          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| <b>P</b> | - Power abuse      |
| <b>R</b> | - Resource waste   |
| <b>O</b> | - Opposition weak  |
| <b>B</b> | - Bad leadership   |
| <b>L</b> | - Lack democracy   |
| <b>E</b> | - Elections costly |
| <b>M</b> | - Money power      |

Main Issues:

"SUDHAR DO"

1. Internal democracy
2. Dynastic politics
3. Money power
4. Criminalization
5. Party defection
6. Lack of ideology

Solutions:

- \* Electoral reforms
- \* Inner democracy
- \* Transparency
- \* Public funding

## REFORMS NEEDED

Mnemonic: "CHANGE TIME"

- |          |                    |          |                       |
|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| <b>C</b> | - Clean politics   | <b>T</b> | - Transparent funding |
| <b>H</b> | - Honest leaders   | <b>I</b> | - Inside democracy    |
| <b>A</b> | - Anti-defection   | <b>M</b> | - More accountability |
| <b>N</b> | - New rules        | <b>E</b> | - Election Commission |
| <b>G</b> | - Good practices   |          |                       |
| <b>E</b> | - Election reforms |          |                       |

KEY REFORMS:

"SUDHAR PATH"

1. Anti-defection law
2. Right to information
3. Election funding
4. Inner democracy
5. Leadership rotation



## PARTY IDEOLOGY

Mnemonic: "SOCH KARO"

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>S</b> - Social vision     | <b>K</b> - Key beliefs     |
| <b>O</b> - Organize thoughts | <b>A</b> - Agenda set      |
| <b>C</b> - Clear stand       | <b>R</b> - Right direction |
| <b>H</b> - Help people       | <b>O</b> - Organize people |

### TYPES:

"IDEA BANK"

- |               |                |                   |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Left Wing  | 2. Right Wing  | 3. Centrist       |
| * Communist   | * Conservative | * Balanced view   |
| * Socialist   | * Free market  | * Mixed economy   |
| * Progressive | * Traditional  | * Moderate stance |

## QUICK REVISION CHECKLIST

Before Exam:

- ✓ Party needs
- ✓ Party systems
- ✓ National parties
- ✓ State parties
- ✓ Challenges
- ✓ Reforms
- ✓ Ideologies

### Scoring Tips:

1. Give examples
2. Current affairs
3. Link concepts
4. Show reforms
5. Add case studies

### HIGH FOCUS AREAS

1. Party Functions (5 marks)
2. Party Systems (5 marks)
3. National Parties (5 marks)
4. State Parties (4 marks)
5. Challenges (4 marks)

## KEY CONCEPTS TABLE

YAAD RAKHNA

TYPE	FEATURES	EXAMPLE
National	All India presence	BJP, Congress
State	Regional focus	DMK, BJD
Left	Socialist ideas	CPI, CPI(M)
Right	Market focus	BJP

### IMPORTANT TERMS

- \* Political party
- \* Coalition
- \* Opposition
- \* Party system
- \* Defection
- \* Party symbol
- \* Party ideology

### CURRENT EXAMPLE

1. Election Commission
2. Anti-defection law
3. Coalition politics
4. State elections
5. Party reforms

GOOD LUCK!

