

# **Civics Ch 4: Political Parties**

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## **Political Party:**

An organized group that works for the purpose of contesting elections and gaining political power is called a political party. There are three components of a political party: leader, active members, and supporters

### **Functions of Political Parties:**

- 1. Contesting elections.
- 2. To bring the policies and programs of the government in front of the public.
- 3. Assisting in making laws.
- 4. To play the role of opposition to the ruling party when he loses an election.
- 5. In public opinion formation, parties raise issues and debate them.

#### **Need for Political Parties:**

- 1. It is necessary for a democratic system.
- 2. They control the policies of the government.
- 3. Convey people's problems to the government. .

## **Party system**

There are three types of party system in the world

- 1. One-party system or system: In this, the power of the country is held by only one party like China.
- 2. Two-party system: In many countries, power is between only two parties such as America and Britain
- 3. Multi-party system: Countries where many parties get the opportunity to come to power, e.g. India

#### Which Party System is Better:

The multi-party system is considered better because people have many options before them at the time of elections. A lot of parties contest elections.

## **Challenges of Political Parties**

- 1. The Challenge of Dynasty
- 2. Lack of Internal Democracy
- 3. The Role of Increasing Money
- 4. Intrusion of criminal elements
- 5. Choice Lesson
- 6. The challenge of defection

#### **Suggestions for Reforms in Political Parties:**

- 1. The anti-defection law should be made stricter.
- 2. Criminals should not be taken into the party.
- 3. One-third of the seats should be reserved for women.
- 4. Elections should be held from time to time in political parties.
- 5. The work of political parties should be made transparent.

