Political Parties

- **Functions**
  - Group of people wid similar views and programmes and wish to promote it
  - Partisanship
  - Contest elections
  - Policies & programs are framed
  - Making laws
  - Work as opposition
  - Shaping public opinion
  - Comprised of leaders active members followers
- **Political Party Systems**
  - Single party system (China)
  - Bi-Party system (U.S.A.)
  - Multiple party system (India)
- **Challenges to political parties**
  - Lack of internal democrcy
  - Dynastic succession
  - Money & muscle power
  - No. meaningful choices
- **Reformation of political parties**
  - Law against defection
  - Filing of affidavit
  - Holding of internal elections
  - Suggestion of reservation & State fanding for Pol partion
- **National political parties**
  (6% voles in L.S. elections or L.A elections in 4 states) + 4 seats in L.S.
  - INC
  - BJP
  - NCP
  - BSP
  - CPI-M
  - CPI
- **State political parties**
  (6% votes in L.A. elections +2 seats in L.A.)
  - Samajwadi Party
  - Samata Party
  - Rarttriya Janata Dal
  - Sikkim Democratic Front
  - DMK
  - Telugu Desam
  - Forward Bloc
  - Shivsena