

PO-O14: Party System in India

Objectives: The course introduces students to the nature of party system in India and to the functioning of main political parties operating in the system. The course will also acquaint students with analytical perspectives on party politics in India.

1. Early phase of party politics
 - a. Nationalist movement and issues of representation
 - b. Party politics up to 1950
2. Congress
 - a. Congress dominance
 - b. Decline of the Congress
 - c. Congress resurgence
3. BJP
 - a. BJS
 - b. Rise of the BJP
 - c. BJP's stagnation post 1999
4. Other all- India parties
 - a. Left parties
 - b. BSP
5. State parties
 - a. Role before 1980
 - b. Rise of regional parties after 1980
6. Perspectives on party politics in India
 - a. Dominant party system
 - b. Convergence party system

Readings:

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4. Prasad Nageshwar, 1980, *Ideology and Organization in Indian Politics*, Bombay, Allied Publishers.
5. Sisson Richard and Ramashray Roy (eds.), 1990, *Diversity and Dominance in Indian Politics*, New Delhi, Sage.
6. Suri K C, 2005, *Parties under Pressure: Political parties in India since Independence*, Delhi, Lokniti-CSDS, working paper I