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Topic: Political Parties

Module: I

Hand out

Need of political parties:

Parties are the pillars of democracy- popular leaders are elected as rulers – leaders are elected to serve the people – those who wanted to be elected they must serve better – parties reflect fundamental political divisions in a society.

Three components of party: 1. The leaders, 2. The active members

3. The followers.

Functions of parties: 1. Contest elections 2. Put forward policies and programmes 3. Making laws 4. Parties form and run governments 5. Shape public opinions 6. Access to government machinery and welfare schemes.

Necessity: We can't think of democracy without political parties and their roles – Elected representatives are responsible, accountable, and legitimate to the needs of the people.

Limitations of political parties: There is no limitation – 750 parties have registered with the Election Commission of India for it's recognition – there are National and regional parties.anyone can form the party – Parties give suitable choice of candidates to the voters – One party system is not good for democracy – China follows one party system –

The United States of America and the United Kingdom follow two party system – India follows multi-party system.