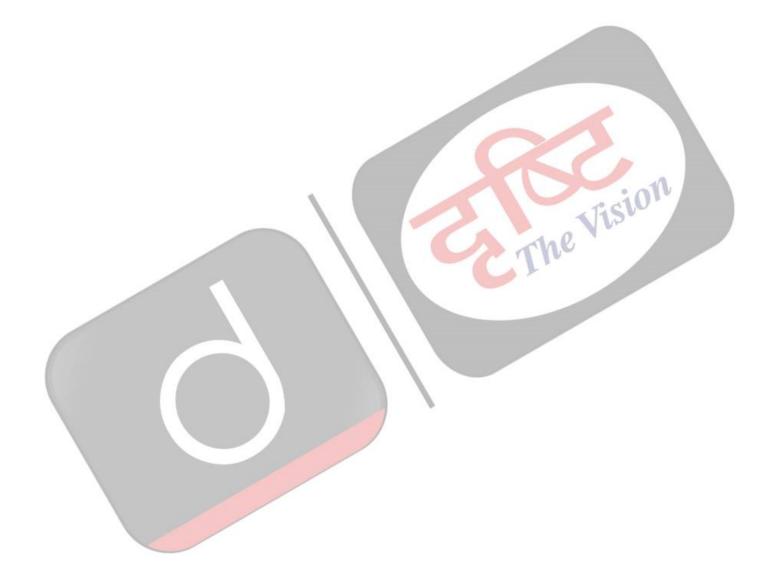


## **Rise of Regional Parties in India**



|                     | <ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>India has a multi-party system of democracy.</li> <li>ECI based on poll performance grants</li> </ul>   |
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|                     | <ul> <li>recognition to political parties as national or state parties.</li> <li>There are eight "recognized national" and more than 50 "recognized state" political parties.</li> </ul>   |
|                     | <ul> <li>Regional Parties in India</li> <li>In India regional parties are based on themes like:</li> <li>Identity: Based on the recognition of the cultural rights of the inhabitants of the states.</li> <li>Statehood: It demands an independent state within the country.</li> <li>Autonomy: Asks for greater powers to the states.</li> <li>Development: Thinks only regional party can bring development in the region.</li> <li>Sometimes regional parties create these 'cultural specificities' for electoral gains.</li> </ul> |
| Rise of Regional    | <ul> <li>Various Stages of the Indian Party System</li> <li>1952-64: Indian democracy was a one-party system, termed as 'Congress system'.</li> <li>1964-77: After the Nehru era and 1967 elections growth of regional parties came about.</li> <li>1977-80: Emergence of a multi-party system, in the aftermath of emergency, led by Janata</li> </ul>  |
| Parties in India    | <ul> <li>Party in 1977.</li> <li>1980-89: More assertive role of regional parties in centre politics. For eg: TDP as the regional party was the main opposition party in 1984 Lok Sabha.</li> <li>1989-2014: Era of coalition politics started.</li> <li>2014 - till now: Return of Single party dominance; 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | Implications of Regional Parties   |
|                     | <ul> <li>Compulsions of coalition</li> <li>Policy paralysis and delay in decision making.</li> <li>Rainbow' coalitions: 1996-1999 had 3 general elections, which cost a lot of public money.</li> <li>Competition for vote banks based on caste and community.</li> </ul>  |
|                     | <ul> <li>On the positive side</li> <li>Regional parties have strengthened the cooperative federalism trends of our federal system.</li> <li>Regional parties filled a vacuum by projecting the issues related to minorities and safeguarding their interests.</li> <li>They provided a new dimension to the process of national integration and nation-building.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>d</b><br>drishti | <ul> <li>Way Forward</li> <li>Regional parties are a natural consequence of diversity and democracy in India.</li> <li>Thus, their growth is in synergy with the entire spirit of democracy.</li> </ul>  |



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