

"Caste system is very much inherent in politics." Justify.

Ans - * Selection of candidates in politics

→ When parties choose candidates in elections, they keep in mind the caste composition of the electorate and nominate candidates from different castes so as to muster necessary support to win elections.

* Political parties as the representatives of the caste

→ Political parties and candidates in elections make appeals to caste sentiment to muster support. Some political parties are known to favour some castes and are seen as their representatives.

* Caste influences the universal adult franchise

→ Universal adult franchise and the principle of one - people - one - vote compelled political leaders to gear up to the task of mobilising and securing political support.

* Various caste groups are required to enter in to a coalition with other castes and enter into a negotiations.

→ No parliamentary constituency in the country has a clear majority of one single caste. Every candidate and party needs to win the confidence of more than one caste and community to win elections.

* Thus, the focus on caste in politics can sometimes give an impression that elections are all about caste and nothing else.