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## Homework

1. What are the major challenges which the political parties face in the present era? Explain.

Ans Challenges faced by Political parties in modern era are:

Ans - • Lack of Internal democracy: Power within political parties is concentrated in hands of one or few leaders at the top. They do not hold regular meetings. Members can't criticise top leaders' decisions.

- Dynastic Succession: In many political parties, power is concentrated in the hands of only a particular family.
- Role of money and muscle power: Parties give tickets to people who have money and Muscle power instead of deserving people.
- No meaningful choice: often political parties don't give us meaningful choice. All main parties don't give us meaningful are generally corrupt and they have similar policies.

Q. Describe any five efforts made to reform political parties in India? Define the term Defection.

- Ans. \*
- \* The Financial accounts of the parties must be audited, this will decrease the role of private big business house donors.
  - \* State funding of political parties must be done to meet their election expenditure.
  - \* The Accounts must be made available to public.
  - \* Parties must come under the ambit of Right to information to increase transparency in the system.
  - \* Common people must be encouraged to give donations to parties and such citizens must be exempted from income tax.

Defections: Defection in politics means money of a person from one party to another party for some personal benefit.