

Restructuring Political Processes in India: Contemporary Dimensions

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Venue: Board Room, Shyamlal College (Morning)

Organised by: Department of Political Science, IQAC and Republica

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The Department of Political Science in collaboration with IQAC and Republica (The Political Science Society) of Shyam Lal College, University of Delhi, organised a one-day lecture titled “Restructuring Political Processes in India: Contemporary Dimensions” on 28th April 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room. The session was chaired by Prof. Sanjeev Kumar HM, a distinguished professor in the Dept. of Political Science (University of Delhi). The lecture began with a warm welcome extended to the speaker by the organising team. The objective behind organising the lecture on the topic “Restructuring Political Processes in India: Contemporary Dimensions” was to engage students to understand India’s contemporary political restructuring is deeply rooted in its historical governance systems. Ancient texts like the Arthashastra emphasized centralized administration, taxation, and local participatory governance through village assemblies, laying the groundwork for structured statecraft. Understanding these historical foundations is crucial for contextualizing modern reforms and institutional continuity.

The Constitution of India, adopted in 1950, established a quasi-federal system with a dual structure of governance, balancing powers between the Union and 28 states plus 8 union territories. Contemporary amendments and policy debates continue to reflect these foundational choices, particularly in areas of decentralization, state autonomy, and inclusive governance. A key contemporary dimension is state rescaling, where subnational states play a critical role in coordinating socio-economic activities within restructured economic geographies. This involves redistributing administrative authority, redefining territorial governance, and fostering local-level policy innovation. Political strategies at the state level interact with market forces, shaping economic outcomes and governance patterns across local,

regional, and national scales. Empirical studies highlight how these processes influence industrial development, urbanization, and regional disparities.

Contemporary restructuring also faces challenges such as balancing centralization with state autonomy, ensuring equitable resource distribution, and addressing socio-economic inequalities. Policymakers must navigate historical legacies, constitutional mandates, and global economic pressures while fostering participatory governance and accountability. Effective reforms require integrating historical insights, constitutional principles, and economic strategies to create sustainable and inclusive political processes.

The restructuring of political processes in India reflects a complex interplay of historical legacies, constitutional design, economic liberalization, and state rescaling. Contemporary governance is increasingly shaped by subnational dynamics, market integration, and policy innovation, highlighting the need for context-sensitive, inclusive, and adaptive political strategies that respond to both local and national challenges.



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