



COTEMPORARY KERALA

MODULE-1
COALITION POLITICS

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INTRODUCTION

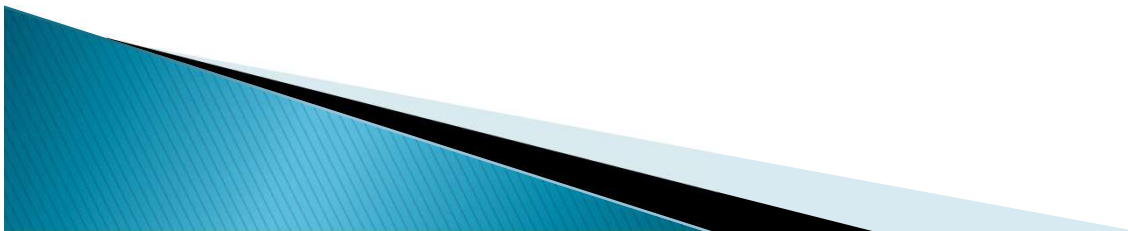
- ▶ POLITICAL LABORATORY – COALITION POLITICS
- ▶ PROBLEM STATE-POLITICAL INSTABILITY
- ▶ OBJECTIVE OF COALITION POLITICS-TO CAPTURE POWER
- ▶ IT IS A CO-OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT
- ▶ ALL PARTIES WERE JOIN IN ONE GROUP OR THE OTHER



- ▶ *Kerala is known for its high literacy*
- ▶ *Developed political consciousness*
- ▶ *Socialist & Communist ideologies*
- ▶ *No single party is able to achieve majority*



- ▶ *Alliance goes on changing*
- ▶ *No permanent friends*
- ▶ *Representatives of diversity*
- ▶ *Political adjustment of compromise & coalition*



- ▶ Coalition politics began in Kerala in 1960
- ▶ In 1980 formed United Democratic Front(UDF) led by Congress &
- ▶ Left Democratic Front(LDF) led by Communist Party of India
- ▶ They alternatively get power in Kerala
- ▶ In 1987 third party got power– Bharathiya Janatha Party (BJP)
- ▶ Coalition is going on in Kerala



- ▶ First Govt in the State – formed by Single party– Communist Party in 1957–EMS
- ▶ Liberation Agitation– Dismissed in 1959– President’s rule
- ▶ General election in 1960
- ▶ Electoral Alliance– by Congress, Praja Socialist Party & Muslim League against Communist Party
- ▶ They got majority
- ▶ Called Democratic Alliance
- ▶ PSP leader– Pattam Thanu Pillai– CM
- ▶ Congress leader–R.Shankar–Deputy CM
- ▶ Muslim League leader– Seethi Sahib– Speaker



- ▶ It could not complete its term of 5 years – due to differences of opinion b/n parties
- ▶ ML decided to part company with the alliance
- ▶ Political tussle
- ▶ Pattom forced to accept Governorship of Punjab
- ▶ Congress Leader R.Shankar– New CM
- ▶ Due to opposition in congress, the ministry resigned in 1964.
- ▶ 15 rebelled MLAs started new party– Kerala congress under K.M.George
- ▶ President's rule



- ▶ In 1964– split in Communist Party– CPI , CPI(M)
- ▶ PSP&ISP joined as Samyuktha Socialist Party– SSP
- ▶ Election in 1965
- ▶ CPI(M) & SSP,ML
- ▶ CPI–& RSP,Kerala Congress
- ▶ No single party or coalition got majority
- ▶ President’s rule in 1965



- ▶ Election – 1967 February
- ▶ CPI(M)– made United Front of 7
- ▶ CPI(M) , CPI.SSP,ML,RSP, KTP,KSP – got majority
- ▶ EMS–CM
- ▶ Big Brother– CPI(M) – questioned by small parties – Mini Front formed
- ▶ Downfall of EMS Ministry in Nov.1969



- ▶ In 1970
- ▶ Coalition
- ▶ New Parties formed – Congress–I, Congress–U, Congress–A, Kerala Congress–M, Kerala Congress–J, ML–O, AIML
- ▶ Formation of Political parties– NSS, SINDP
- ▶ CPI– Achutha Menon ruled till 7 years
- ▶ In 1980– Coalition Politics become more stranger.



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