

# **Political Science**

## **Class 12 Notes**

### **NCERT BASED**

### **Chapter 11**

## **Era of One-Party Dominance**

### **Challenge of Building Democracy**

- *The Election Commission of India was set-up in January 1950. Sukumar Sen was the first Chief Election Commissioner.*
- *India's vast size and low literacy rate etc were some of challenges to hold general elections in 1952. Despite these challenges the election was held successfully in 1952.*

### **Changing Methods of Voting**

- *In the first general election it was decided to place inside each polling booth a box for each candidate with the election symbol of that candidate.*
- *By 2004 the entire country had shifted to the Electronic Voting Machine (EVM).*

## **First Three General Elections**

- ***The Congress dominated in the first three general elections. It had many popular faces like Jawaharlal Nehru, C Rajagopalachari, Vallabhbhai Patel etc. Moreover Jawaharlal Nehru was charismatic and a very popular leader.***
- ***Congress worked at upper level as well as at grass root level. Congress was popularised due to the participation in Civil Disobedience Movement.***
- ***In Kerala, in 1957 the Communist Party came to power in the world for the first time through democratic elections.***
- ***This was the first state where Non-Congress Government was formed after independence***