

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

THE CONCEPT OF NATION, STATE AND NATION–STATE: -

The word nation is organized by nation of Latin language. This means a group of people having racial similarities. The nation is an aerial organization of people in which they connected with emotional feelings of Racial, Religious, Linguistic and Cultural similarities.

Example: German, French, Irish, English, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Belgian, Serbian etc.

CHARACTERISTICS OF NATION: -

- i. Racial, linguistic & cultural similarities
- ii. Similarities in way of life
- iii. Similarities in tradition
- iv. Geographical unity & continuity
- v. Common religion
- vi. Common ethnic kinship
- vii. Economic similarities
- viii. Development of nationalism

Example of multinational states: Canada, turkey, Malaysia, china, South Africa, Nigeria, Belgium, U.K. Sri Lanka etc.

- ❖ **Disintegration of Multinational States:** Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Sudan etc.,
- ❖ **Integration of States having same Nationality:** Germany, Vietnam, Yemen, Sikkim in India.
- ❖ **Disintegration of Yugoslavia:** Serbia, Croatia, Slavonia, Macedonia & Bosnia – Herzegovina

The word state is organized by ‘Status’ of Tartaric Language. This means a politically organized area with statutory provisions. In other words, the state is a politically organized space that functions effectively.

CHARACTERISTICS OF STATE: -

- i. Land territory
- ii. Permanent resident population
- iii. Effective government
- iv. Organized economy
- v. Sovereignty
- vi. Effective circulation system
- vii. Political recognition

The concept of state is based upon the development of concept of nation. The process of development is as follows.

Society ⇨ Community ⇨ People ⇨ Nationality ⇨ Nation ⇨ State

Centrifugal Forces:

- i. Distance
- ii. Physical barrier
- iii. Human barrier
- iv. Population diversity
- v. Economic diversity
- vi. Religious diversity

Centripetal Forces

- i. Concept of nation
- ii. State idea development
- iii. Concept of core area
- iv. Geographical unity & continuity

Those states are strongest in which the political idea of the state fills the entire body of the state extends to all its parts.

Example:

- who lives if India dies \ who dies if India lives \
- Many Religion One Nation, let's Proud of it.

Nation State:

- i. Geographical coincidence of state & nation
- ii. Social cohesion of people
- iii. Sovereignty
- iv. Economic independence
- v. Regional economic similarity
- vi. Effective political system
- vii. Effective communications & circulation system.

Example: - U.S.A., Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Russia etc.