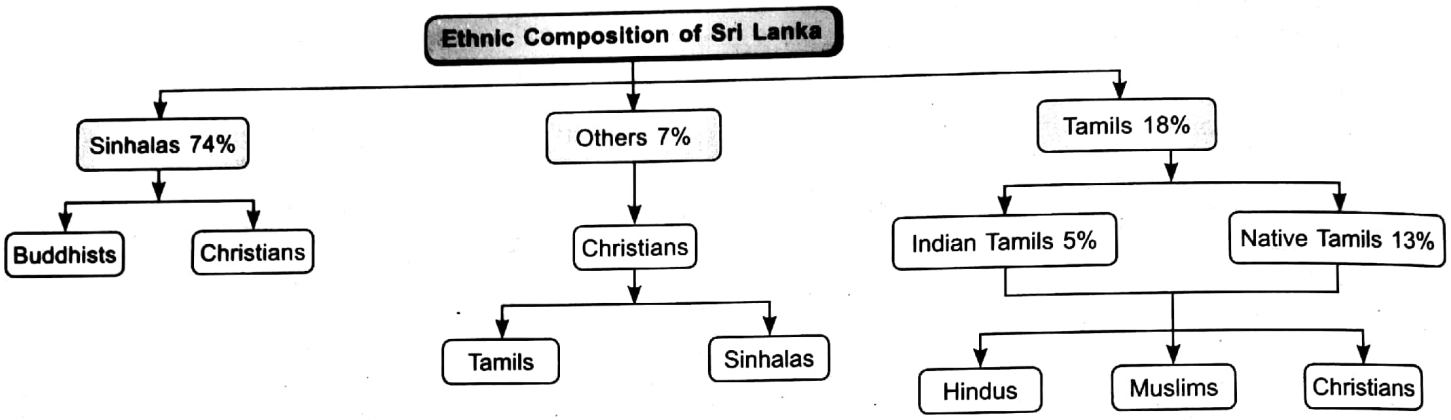
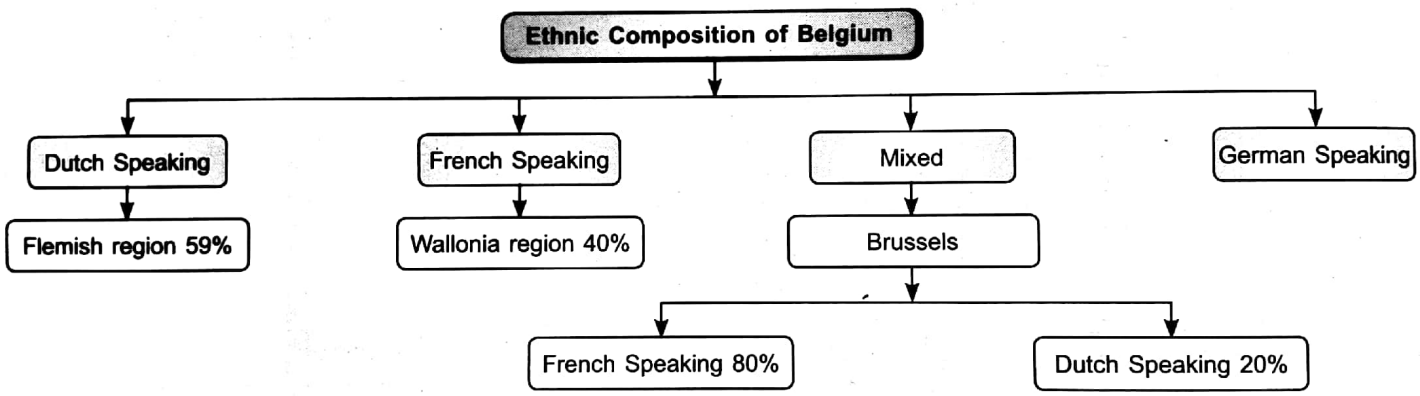
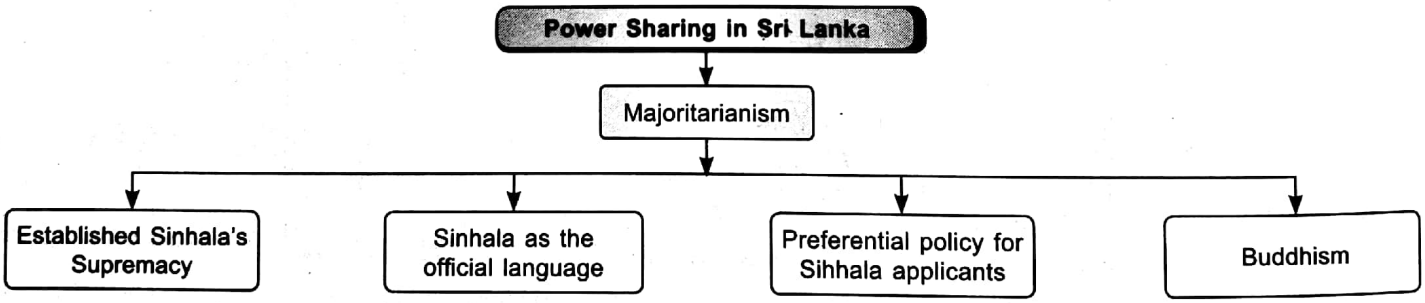
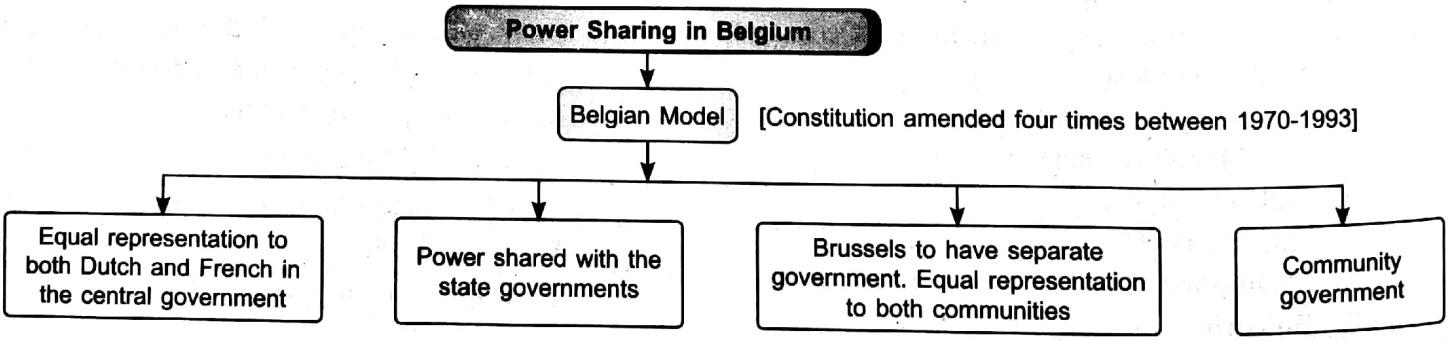
1 POWER SHARING

Chapter at a Glance









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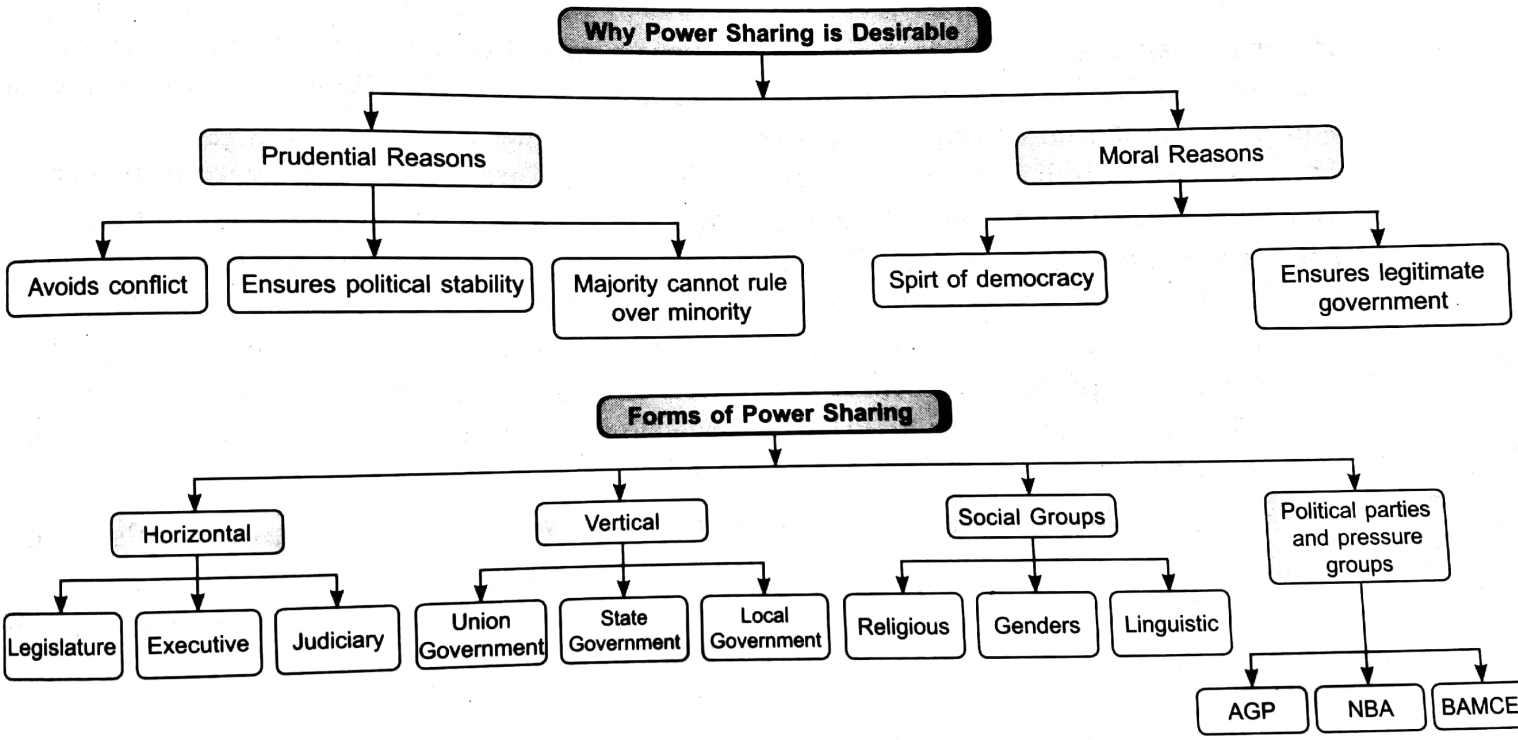

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2 FEDERALISM

Chapter at a Glance

Federal v/s Unitary Government

- Two or more levels of government
  - Power divided between central authority and various constituent units of the country
    - Different levels enjoy power independently
- One level of government
  - No division of power
    - Subunits, if any, are subordinate to central government

Features of Federalism

- Two or more levels of government
- Each tier has its own jurisdiction in specific matters of legislation, taxation, etc
- Existence and authority of each tier is constitutionally guaranteed
- Changes by consent of both the levels of government
- Independent judiciary
- Financial Autonomy
- Dual Objectives

Two Routes of Federation

- Coming together Federation
  - States come together to form bigger unit
    - USA, Switzerland, Australia
- Holding together Federation
  - Large country divides its power between the constituent units
    - India, Spain, Belgium

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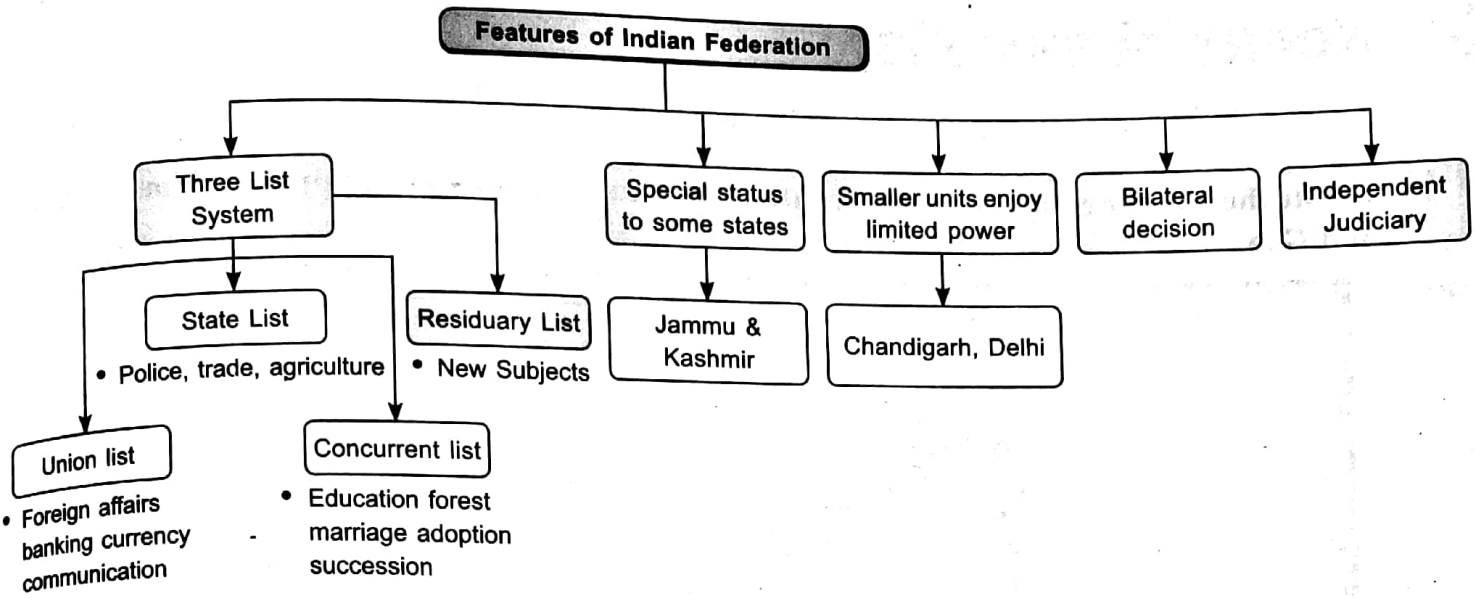

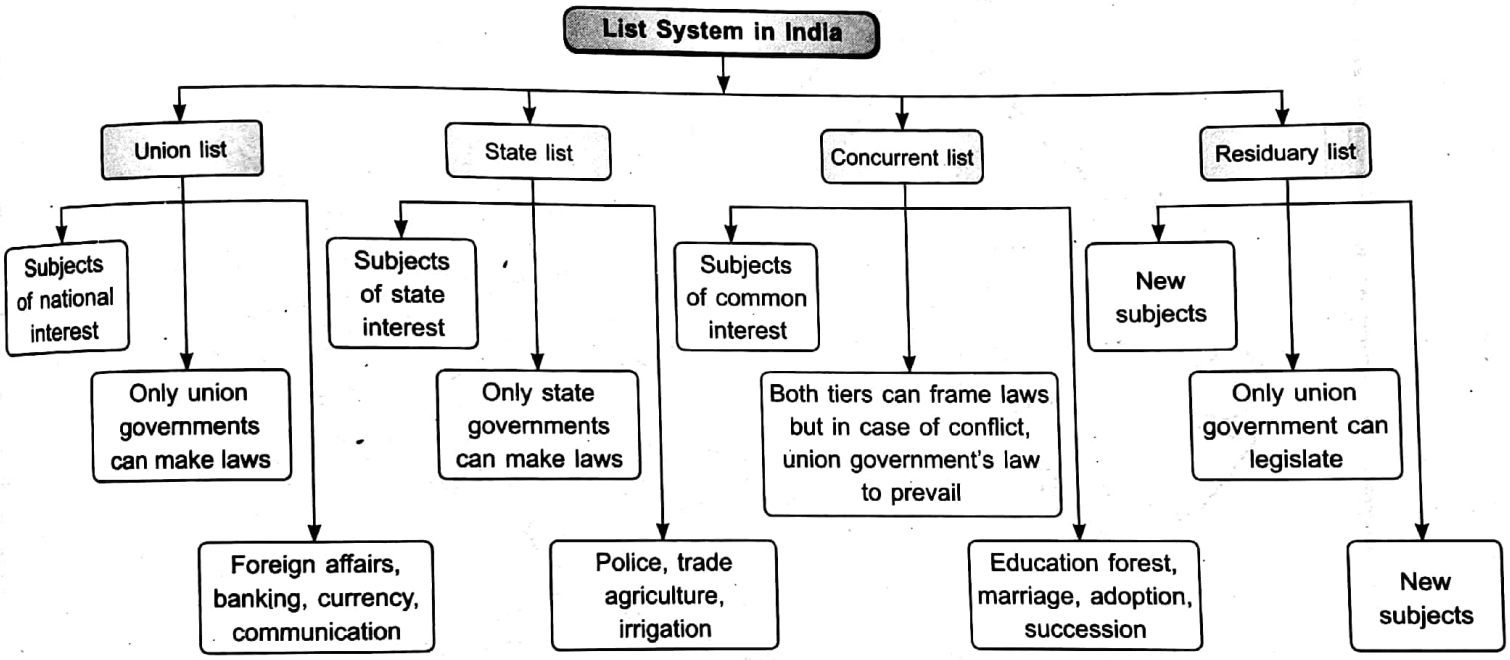

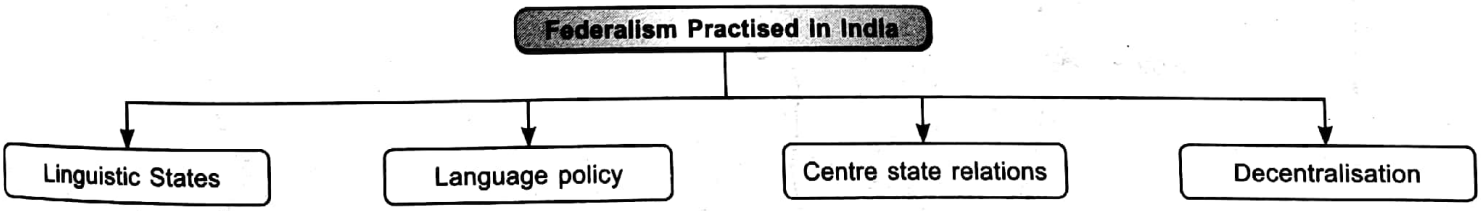

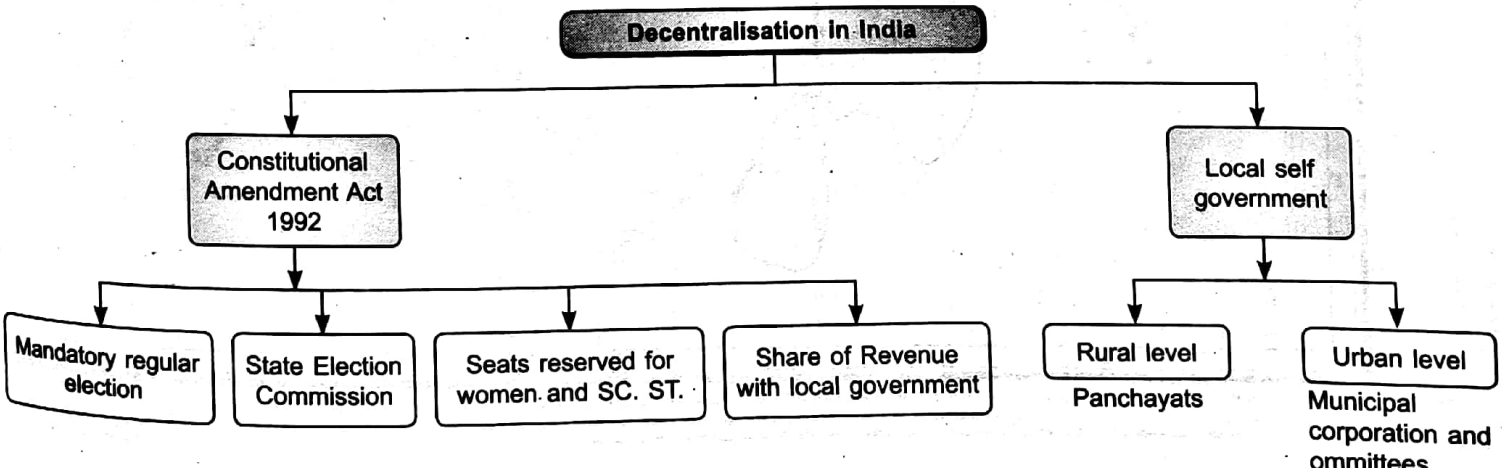

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3 DEMOCRACY AND DIVERSITY

Chapter at a Glance

Origins of Social Differences

- **Based on Accident of Birth**
  - We are born in a particular family, religion, caste
  - We are tall, short, dark
  - We are either male or female
- **Based on Our Choices**
  - Occupation
  - Religion
  - Subjects of preference

Types of Social Divisions

- **Overlapping differences**
  - Blacks being ill-treated by whites
  - Blacks tend to be poor, uneducated
  - Black face discrimination
  - Blacks in the US, dalits in India
  - Results in social division
  - Tensions and conflicts
  - Disintegration of Yugoslavia
- **Cross-cutting differences**
  - Share common interests
  - Multi-cultural accommodation
  - One group cannot be made to threat other group
  - Differences cut across each other
  - Catholics and Protestants in the Netherlands

Range of Outcome of Politics of Social Divisions

- **Negative Outcomes**
  - Disintegration
  - Conflict
  - Economic loss
  - Material loss
- **Positive Outcomes**
  - Reflection in politics
  - Redressal of grievances
  - Increased political and social participation
  - Accommodation of diversities

Determinants of Outcome of Politics of Social Divisions

- **How people perceive their identities**
  - Singular terms
  - Multiple and complementary
- **How the leaders raise the demands of community**
  - Honest
  - Bias
- **How government reacts to the demands of social groups**
  - Accommodate
  - Authoritative

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