

**CONTEMPORARY  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
BA VI SEMESTER  
PAPER:610**

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- **OBJECTIVE:** This course intends to acquaint the students with the contemporary issues in international Relations

# TOPIC: GLOBALISATION AND STATE SOVEREIGNTY

- “Globalisation can be defined as the intensification of world wide social relations which link distant localities in such a way that local happenings are shaped by events occurring many miles away and vice-versa.”-Gladdens
- It is essentially the concept which represents the desire to move from national to a global sphere of economic and political activity by means of liberalisation, Free-trade, Privatisation, economic reforms etc.

# STATE OR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Every independent state is sovereign which means that it enjoys political independence from other states. So a sovereign state have the right to control their own territory, resources by giving and enforcing the law.
- It is argued that in the era of Globalization, the operation of state sovereignty has been affected or limited due to complex international system in which non-state actors like MNCs have come to play a significant role.

# FACTORS LIMITING THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY

- Lessened role of state in economic relations.
- Global people movement and sharing of ideas and ideals.
- Internationalism replaced by the Globalisation.
- Regional Associations and binding decisions for member states.
- Binding decisions of WTO, IMF and World Bank.
- Increasing disinvestment of public sector.
- Neo-Colonialism, role of MNCs and privatisation.

# VIEWS OF SCHOLARS ON THE ISSUE

- Die-hard pluralists' accepts Globalisation as useful and ideal.
- Die-hard Nationalists' opposes the globalisation and content that it is harmful and puts limitation on national sovereignty.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Among other factors like environmental issues and terrorism, Globalization has been responsible for limiting the state sovereignty if not , certainly for putting pressure on state sovereignty.
- The role of the state has had to undergo change from a protector and owner to a facilitator and coordinator.
- It however does not meant that the state has reverted back to “police state” or laissez-faire state.
- It continues to be a welfare state ensuring the smooth functioning of the markets and giving various social security services like health, education to the people.

# SUGGESTED READINGS

- Introduction to INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
Theories and approaches by Robert Jaction,  
Georg Sorensen, OXFORD university press,2003
- Globalisation: A very short Introduction, Oxford  
University press,2013 by Manfred B. Steger.
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**THANK YOU**

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