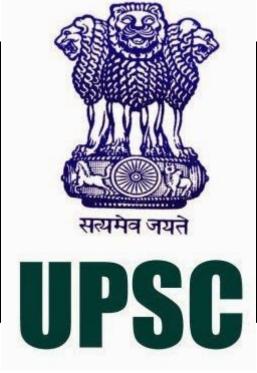
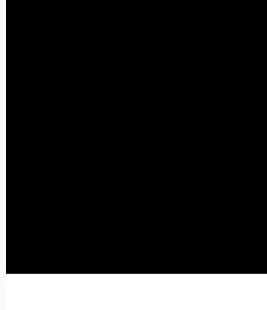
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'MAKE AMARAVATI YOUR SECOND HOME': YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR BETTERMENT OF PEOPLE'S LOT WELCOME, CM TELLS EXPERTS

WHAT HAPPENED ? Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu called upon the foreign delegates at the Happy Cities Summit: Amaravati 2018 to contribute to the global community.

HOW? By making Amaravati their second home for happiness, innovation and creativity.

WHO WERE THE DELEGATES? Experts from 15 countries: More than 80 delegates from Finland, the U.K., Singapore, Japan, the UAE, Costa Rica, Colombia, Bhutan, Israel, Spain, the U.S. and others were taking part in the Summit.

EXAMPLE: Colombia's Medellin city former Mayor once known for homicides, had a great transformation over decades and was one of the happiest cities now.

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MAKING THE DRIVER'S SEAT A SAFE PLACE- DEVICE DEVELOPED BY CITY ENGINEER SENDS ALERTS ON ALCOHOL LEVEL OF THE DRIVER

WHO DIS THIS WORK? Ram Nadh Mandali, a city-based engineer.

WHAT HE DID? He has taken the concept of breathalysers to a higher level.

HOW ? He wants to convert the seat of any four-wheeler into one unified system that estimates how much alcohol has been consumed by the driver.

THE? Sends alerts to either the owner of the vehicle or the authorities concerned.

HOW THE CONDITION OF THE DRIVER IS STUDIED?

- ✓ The seat belt will have sensor that will monitor the driver's heart beat,
- ✓ the seat will have a load sensor, the accelerator, clutch and break pedals will have a sensor that will monitor erratic changes in speed,
- ✓ a body motion sensor will track the posture and
- ✓ finally an alcohol sensor near the face will also gather data.

THIRD-GENERATION EVMS IN SOME SEGMENTS

NEWS: For the first time in the country, the Karnataka polls will feature the third-generation electronic voting machines (EVMs).

EXACTLY WHERE IN KARNATAKA? It which will be deployed in select constituencies in Bengaluru.

WHAT ARE THESE 3rd GENERATION EVMs? The 'M3' or third generation machines that are equipped with the tamper-proof mechanism of halting all operations upon being fiddled with.

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NATIONAL PAGE

DAMASCUS INVITES OPCW TO DOUMA FOR PROBE

NEWS: Syria's government has invited the global chemical watchdog, to visit Douma.

WHY? an alleged toxic gas attack killed dozens at the recently.

WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION INVOLVED ? The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

OPINION

A REGISTER BY THE PEOPLE: THE DRAFT NATIONAL FOREST POLICY IDENTIFIES THREATS TO FORESTS, BUT DOES NOT PROVIDE SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

POINT TO NOTE: India recorded a marginal increase in forest cover.

WHO SAID THESE? The India State of Forest Report 2017.

THE MOVE : The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change released a draft National Forest Policy, 2018.

HIGHLIGHTS: It for increasing forest cover, involving communities in forest management, and creating plantations for industrial use.

QUESTION TO FOCUS? Before formulating such a policy, a question that needs to be asked is, how much forest cover does India actually have?

WHAT STATE SAYS: The State of Forest Report says that forest cover had increased in India by 0.21% in 2017 from 2015, and that some areas had become 'Very Dense Forest' in this period.

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THE PARADOX: At the same time, the Ministry itself admits that between 2014 and 2017, India lost, or legally diverted, 36,575 hectares of forest area towards 1,419 development projects.

RESULT: So, two things are clear: even if forest cover is being increased, it is also simultaneously being lost, and new forest may also be subsequently lost.

REQUIREMENT OF THE HOUR: The point is that there is a need to create mechanisms to calculate our actual forest cover and natural wealth, and this should form the basis for a forest policy.

HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS? For this, we need a more rigorous integration of the forest policy with other existing environmental legislation and policy. This, in turn, will help decentralise information on forests.

WHAT ARE THE EXISTING LAWS THAT HELP US? The Biological Diversity Act, 2002, calls for setting up a Biodiversity Management Committee in each local body.

USE ? The Committee will prepare People's Biodiversity Registers (PRBs)- The Registers entail a complete documentation of biodiversity in the area — plants, food sources, wildlife, medicinal sources, etc.

WAY FORWARD: Working Plan/Management Plan and also by ensuring community participation in forest management

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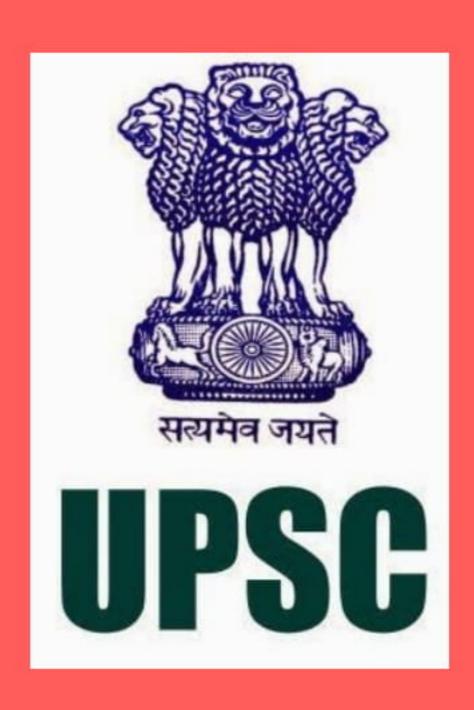
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LAXMIKANTH: INDIAN POLITY

NON- CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES:

- 1.Niti Aayog/ Planning Commission.
- 2. National Development Council.
- 3. National Human Rights Commission + State Human Rights

Commission.

- 4. Central Information Commission + State Information Commission.
- 5. Central Vigilance Commission.
- 6. Central Bureau of Investigation.
- 7. Lokpal and Lokayuktas

NITI AAYOG /PLANNING COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT:

- NITI (National Institution of Transforming India) Replaced PC (on January 1st 2015)
- It is a creature out of Executive resolution not by law (statutory) or constitution (constitutional)
- It is a premier policy 'think tank' of Government of India.
- PC "one-size fits all" approach redundant + obsolete + cannot make India competitive in Today's Global economy.

RATIONALE:

WHY NITI>

- To keep up with the changes undergone politically, economically, socially and technologically
- To better serve the needs and aspirations of People of India.
- Holistic approach towards development.
 - ✓ States = equal partners= co-operative federalism
 - ✓ Hub of Resource (internal + external) + repository of good governance best practices + offer strategic expertise to all levels of government
 - ✓ Plugging holes, gaps + bringing together various ministries at centre + state, in the joint pursuit of developmental goals.

COMPOSITION:



YOUR BUDDY FOR DAY 13 FOR: 15/04/2017

- Chairperson (PM) + Governing Council (CMs+LT. Govs)
- Regional Council Specific to one state/region for specified tenure.
- Special Invitees: Experts + Specialiss +Practioners nominated by PM.

Full - Time Organisational Framework:

Chairperson - PM

Vice-chair - Appointed by PM enjoys cabinet minister rank

Members: Full time - rank of minister of state / Part-time: Only 2 from universities / relevant institution in ex-officio capacity on rotation

Ex-officio Members - 4 members Maximum of Union COM to be nominated by PM;

CEO - for fixed tenure - rank of secretary to GOI

Secretariat: as deemed Necessary.

SPECIALISED WINGS:

- 1. Research wing think tank of experts
- 2. Consultancy wing Match-maker of expertise and funding of centre and states (with public and private, national and International solution providers)
- 3. Team India -Consists of Representative from every states and Ministry + permanent platform for National Colloboration .
 - ✓ Ensures every state/ stakes has continuous voice/stake in NITI
 - ✓ Establishes direct communication between state/ministry with NITI

OBJECTIVES:

- Evolve a shared vision of 'National development priorities' + 'National agenda' for PM + CM
- Foster Cooperative federalism
- Develop credible mechanism at village levels + aggregate them at higher levels of Government.
- Ensure National security.
- Special attention to sections of society who will not receive economic benefits of progress made.
- Design strategic +Long-term policy and Programme framework + Policies.
- Encourage Partnership with like-minded thinktank (national + International_
- Entrepreneurial support system through national + International collaboration.
- State-of -art resource centre.
- Monitor + Evaluation of Implementation of programmes.
- Up gradation of tech + capacity building.
- Other activities for further execution of National agenda.

ACCOMPLISHMENT:



- To be "enabler" than "provider"
- Food security
- Ensure India as an active player in global commons.
- Leverage to potential of Middle –class
- Leverage India's pool of entrepreneurial, scientific and Intellectual Human capital
- Incorporate NRI community strength
- Urbanisation

AIMS:

- Realisation of India's demographic dividend
- Eliminate poverty, ensure life of dignity + self-respect
- No inequalities based on gender, caste or economical position.
- Integrate village → development process.
- Policy support to 50 Million small business
- Safeguarding environmental + Ecological assets.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- 1. Antodaya upliftmen of poor
- 2. Inclusion Gender, region, Religion, caste or class
- 3. Integrate Villages to development
- 4. Harness demographic dividened
- 5. Ensure people's Participation
- 6. Governance
- 7. Sustainability.

CRITICISM:

- Fluff / Gimmickry / Cosmetic of changing of nomenclature /
- Towards unregulated economy
- Dilute Planning process

OFFICES INVOLVED: IAMR (Institute of Applied Manpower research) → renamed as *National Institute of Labour Economic Research and Development(NILER)* for systemic applied human resource planning research process – subordinate office of NITI

National Human Rights Commission + State Human Rights commission

- NHRC: National Human rights commission.
- SHRC: State Human Rights commission can inquire into violation of HR under LIST II & LIST III odf 7th schedule of constitution.

NHRC + SHRC – established through a statute / law of "Protection of Human rights Rights act, 1993 (amended on 2006), therefore, it is a statutory body.



AIM: Watchdog of HR Including Rights relating to life, liberty, equality, dignity of Individual – in constitution / International Covenants + enforceable by courts.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Strengthen Institutional arrangements for HR issues.
- Look into allegation of excesses + redefine government commitment to protect HR.
- Complement + Strengthen efforts that have already been made in this direction.

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REGARDING - REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS – IT IS WRONGLY GIVEN THAT THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE - IN LAXMIKANTH'S INDIAN POLITY. 4^{TH} EDITION.

REMOVAL: On grounds of proved misbehaviour and incapacity.

FUNCTIONS OF NHRC + SHRC.

- ✓ Either in suo moto (on its own motion) or petition presented it can inquire into HR violations allegations / negligency by public servant
- ✓ Intervene in proceedings of court where HR violation alleged.
- ✓ Jail visits
- ✓ R³: To Research + Review constitutional +legal provsions in India /
 International covenants for protection of HR and make Recommendations.
- ✓ HR literacy awareness + encourage efforts of NGOs.

WORKING OF COMMISSION: It has powers of civil court + can look into HR violations within one year of its occurrence.

REMEDIES: Payment of compensation / to recommend action against guilt public servant /recommend grant of immediate interim relief to victim / approach SC/ Hs for necessary directions/ orders/ writs.

2006 AMENDMENT:

- \checkmark 5→ 3 members in SHRC + Change in qualifications.
- ✓ Strengthening Investigative machinery
- ✓ Power to award compensation
- ✓ Power to visit Jails without intimation to state governments.
- ✓ Enabling transfer of NHRC complaints -- > SHRC
- ✓ Resignation by writing for Chair + mems to President + Governor
- \checkmark Chair of NC for SCs, STs, \rightarrow members of NHRC.
- ✓ Enabling centre to notify future international covenants.

