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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.
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### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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## **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.

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## **OPINION**

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### **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.

**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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**LAXMIKANTH**

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1 hours 30 mins to JUST 12 mins**

**YOUR BUDDY FOR PRELIMS - LAWXPERTSMV INDIA****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 1<sup>st</sup> 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&gt;

- 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 :

- 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 of 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**REGARDING - REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS – IT IS WRONGLY GIVEN THAT THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE - IN LAXMIKANTH'S INDIAN POLITY. 4<sup>TH</sup> 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
- ✓ R<sup>3</sup> : To Research + Revue – constitutional + legal provisions 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 :

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Chair of NC for SCs, STs, → members of NHRC.
- ✓ Enabling centre to notify future international covenants.