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Q2

The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasised in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS II · 12 marks · Federal Structure and Devolution

Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.

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Article 254

In the Concurrent List, a Union law prevails over a conflicting State law unless the State law has President's assent, and Parliament may still override.

Article 356

Allows President's Rule in a State; **S.R. Bommai (1994)** subjected it to judicial review but did not delete the Article.

NITI Aayog (2015)

Replaced the **Planning Commission** as a Union-State policy forum without the old plan-fund allocation power.

Fourteenth Finance Commission

Recommended raising States' share in the central divisible tax pool to 42 per cent.

Article 263

Enables an Inter-State Council; it has been the neglected standing forum for Union-State and inter-State coordination.

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