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How have the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission of India enabled the states to improve their fiscal position?

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14th Finance Commission

Y.V. Reddy Commission; award period 2015-20; vertical devolution raised to 42 per cent.

Previous share

13th Finance Commission had recommended 32 per cent; the 10-point jump is the core reform.

15th Finance Commission

Set devolution at 41 per cent for 2021-26, largely to accommodate J&K's new Union Territory status without cutting States.

Cesses and surcharges

Union levies that do not enter the divisible pool and therefore dilute the real value of a 42 per cent share.

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