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Q13

What changes has the Union Government recently introduced in the domain of Centre-State relations? Suggest measures to be adopted to build the trust between the Centre and the States and for strengthening federalism.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS II · 15 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.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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State of Punjab v. Principal Secretary to the Governor

The Court treated unexplained delay on Bills as unconstitutional; Governors are not a third House.

GST compensation cess

Five-year statutory compensation to States ended; thereafter bargaining shifted to cess, surcharge and Council politics.

Article 263 of the Constitution

Inter-State Council - the neglected table for Centre-State distrust.

Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations

Asked for consultation, a working Inter-State Council, and a Governor who is not a Union party agent.

Punchhi Commission on Centre-State Relations

Returned to Governor, emergency and consultation; still the standard homework for trust.

Fifteenth Finance Commission

Used 2011 population and attached conditions to some local and State grants - a fiscal federal sore in several capitals.

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