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Q14

Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · 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.

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14th Finance Commission

Recommended 42% of the divisible tax pool for States, a sharp rise in rule-based devolution.

101st Amendment

Introduced GST and the GST Council as a federal tax body.

Article 293

States need Union consent to borrow if they are indebted to the Union - the legal hook for borrowing conditions.

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