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Q5(a)

"The 'Code of Conduct' and 'Code of Ethics' are the sources of guidance in public administration. There is code of conduct already in operation, whereas code of ethics is not yet put in place. Suggest a suitable model for code of ethics to maintain integrity, probity and transparency in governance

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS IV · 10 marks · Ethics in Public Administration

Public / Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.

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CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964

The principal Union code of conduct for civilian employees: gifts, politics, criticism, property, sexual harassment and related duties.

Nolan principles

Seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership.

Second ARC

The commission that pressed ethics in governance, codes, and institutional integrity beyond mere conduct lists.

BNS, 2023

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita replaced the IPC; it came into force in 2024 with community service and several newly named harms.

Community service

A sentence meant to repair and reintegrate rather than only warehouse; ethically it must not become public shaming of the weak.

Sedition recast

The old IPC sedition clause was a colonial speech crime; BNS uses a sovereignty-endangerment frame that still needs strict, impartial use.

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