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  - Minerals
  - Education
  - Health
- Women
- Minorities
- NE
- Dalit
- SHG
- NGO
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- President
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20. Recent Committees

Committee	About what?
1. OBC SubCategorisation Commission	Examine the uneven distribution of reservation benefits among different castes in the central OBC list.
2. Aruna Sundararajan Committee	look into the entire issue of Rationalisation of Levies of telecom operators
3. ABHAY KARANDIKAR PANEL	spectrum for 5G.
4. Expert committee on Covid vaccine administration	under the chairmanship of NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul to consider the logistics and ethical aspects of procuring and administering the COVID-19 vaccine
5. Satyanarayana committee	its report named National Digital Health Blueprint (NDHB). NDHB is the architectural document for the implementation of the NHS(National health stack)
6. Rajiv Gauba Committee	To examine financial stress in telecom sector

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Reservation related:

- **Justice G. Rohini in 2017 under Article 340:**

Electoral reforms: Criminalization of Politics

- **A P Shah**
- **Dinesh Goswami Committee**
- **The Santhanam Committee Report 1963**
- **Padmanabhaiah Committee on Police Reforms**

Non personal data:Privacy

- **Kris Gopalakrishnan headed committee**

ECONOMY

Issues with strategic disinvestment:

- **Rangarajan Committee 1993 report**

Banking sector:

- **R Gandhi Committee for co operative banking**
- **Madhava Rao Committee**

Logistics:

- **Bibek Debroy Committee in 2015**
- **Prakash Tandon Committee (1994),**

Capital account convertibility:

- **Tarapore Committee**

SECURITY

Border security:

- **Madhukar Gupta Committee on border protection**
- **Shekatkar Committee:**

PAPER 1

01. Dr. K. Kasturirangan Committee for National Education Policy

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02. TSR Subramanian Committee on New Education Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- • An Indian Education Service (IES) should be established as an all India.

01. Virginius XAXA Committee on Condition of Tribals

- **I. Land Acquisition:**
  - • **Prevent** all kinds of tribal land alienation
  - • **Gram Sabha**'s consent compulsory for any type of land acquisition
  - • Promote small sized **water**-harvesting structures instead for large dams.
  - • Impose **penalties** on officials, if delayed implementation of Forest Rights Act or PESA.
- **II. Mining in tribal areas**
  - • In **Scheduled** Areas, only permit **tribals** to exploit mineral resources.
- **III. Linkage with Extremism**

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- • There is no legal basis for terming anything a “Naxal offence”.
- • Appoint a **judicial commission** to investigate such “naxal cases” registered against tribals and their (non-tribal) supporters.

- **IV: Education**
  - • Schemes like Ashram School, **Eklavya** Model School and **Kasturba** Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya should be promoted at large scale.
  - • **Tribal Chair** should be established by the **UGC** in Universities of every State comprising Fifth Schedule Areas
  - • **Regional Resource Centres** in States with significant tribal populations should be established to provide training, academic and other technical support.
- **V: Health:**
  - • Separate **Medical** Colleges for Tribal Areas - in selected scheduled districts(one college per three million Scheduled Tribe population in the state)
  - • Constitution of Tribal Health Assembly, Tribal Health Councils, and Tribes Advisory councils

02. Rajiv Gauba Committee

Key lines about committee: To effectively deal with incidents of **mob violence and lynching.**

- • **Social media platforms**– Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and Twitter – need to **act** in ‘time-bound’ manner against **fake posts** and made **accountable** for not blocking malicious posts and videos when brought to their notice.
- • Appoint an **officer** in each district at the level of Superintendent of Police
- • set up a s**pecial task force to gather intelligence**

03. Justice Verma Committee

- To recommend amendments to the Criminal Law so as to provide for **quicker** trial and enhanced **punishment** for criminals accused of committing **sexual assault against women.**
- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
  - • The exception to **marital rape**under IPC should be removed.
  - • The offence of sexual assault should be defined so as to include all forms of nonconsensual non-penetrative **touching of a sexual nature.**
  - • The central and state government should create a corpus to **compensate** victims of crimes against women.
  - • A Rape Crisis Cell should be set up. The Cell must provide **legal assistance** to the victim.

04. Sachar Committee Report

- To prepare a report on the **social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community** of India.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
  - • Set up an **Equal Opportunity Commission** to look into grievances of deprived groups like

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minorities.
    - • Create a nomination procedure to increase participation of minorities in public bodies.
    - • Increase **employment** share of Muslims, particularly where there is great deal of public dealing. Work out mechanisms to link **madarsas with higher secondary** school board.
    - • **Recognise degrees** from madarsas for eligibility in defence, civil and banking examinations.

05. Bezbaruah Committee

- To look into the various **concerns of the citizens hailing from the North Eastern** States and suggest measures
- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
    - **I. Policing:**
        - • **Delhi police** should recruit 20 police personnel, (10 male – 10 female) each from North East States.
        - • **Police exchange** programme has been approved between NE states and metropolitan cities including Delhi.
        - • North East Special Unit at New Delhi should be activated to address the grievances of
        - the NE people
    - **II. Maintenance of law and order:**
        - • The Delhi Government should provide **compensation** and monetary assistance to the NE people under Delhi Victim Compensation Scheme 2011.
        - • creation of f**ast-track courts** for handling the cases relating to the North East people
    - **III. New law against discrimination:**
        - • Either a new law should be promulgated as directed by the High Court of Delhi or the Indian Penal Code should be amended
    - **IV: Social media:**
        - • Legal **awareness** campaigns
        - • Dedicated Facebook page should be created
    - **V: Awareness:**
        - • A special helpline No. **1093** for NE people is being synchronized with helpline No. 100.

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1)Justice G. Rohini in 2017 under Article 340: Recommendations:

- A **fixed quota of between 8 to 10 percent** within the 27 percent OBC quota for almost 1900 castes from
- among the central list of 2,633 OBCs.

- o These 1900 castes constitute about 2-3 per cent of the total seats and won't affect other groups
- significantly but may create substantial opportunities for them.
- • Sub-categorization to **be based on relative benefits among the OBCs** and **not on social backwardness,** this
- may help deprived sections to be able to avail of their fair share of the quota.

Criminalization of Politics

- **The Santhanam Committee Report 1963**
  - • It referred to political corruption as more dangerous than corruption of officials and recommended for **Vigilance Commission** both at the Centre and in the **States**.
- **Padmanabhaiah Committee on Police Reforms**
  - • It found that **Corruption** is the root cause of both **politicization** and **criminalization** of the police.
  - • Criminalization of police cannot be de-linked from criminalization of politics. It is the criminalization of politics, which has produced and promoted a culture of impunity that allows the wrong type of policeman to get away with his sins of commission and omission.

Privacy

Kris Gopalakrishnan headed committee- draft report on **Non-Personal Data (NPD) Governance Framework:**

- The draft report classifies NPD as:
  - **Public non-personal data:** All the **data collected by government and its agencies**
  - **Community non-personal data:** Any **data identifiers about a set of people.**
  - **Private non-personal data:** It can be defined as those which are produced by individuals which can be derived from application of proprietary software or knowledge

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3. Constitution => National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (NCRWC)

- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
  - • **Inter-State Trade and Commerce Commission** should be established as given under Article 307. (statutory body)
  - • The **Governor** should be appointed by a committee comprising the Prime Minister, Home Minister, Speaker of Lok Sabha, and the Chief Minister of the state concerned.
  - • **Management of disasters and emergencies** should be included in the **Concurrent** List of the Seventh Schedule.
  - • The Inter-State Council order of 1990 should clearly specify the matters that should form part of the consultations.

4. Centre-State Relations

- **01. Sarkaria Commission**

- **order of preference** the Governor should follow in selecting a CM in such a situation

- **02. Punchhi Commission**
  - • Laid down some guidelines to be followed in the **appointment of a chief minister** by a governor.
    - • It also said the governor should invite the leader of "a pre-poll alliance commanding the largest number" or the "largest single party" to form the government in case no party or pre-poll coalition has a clear majority.
  - • Centre should **consult states before introducing bills** on items in the **concurrent** list through the inter-state council.
  - • **The Doctrine of Pleasure** should be deleted from the Constitution regarding appointment of governor.

5. Judiciary

- **Justice Shri Krishna Committee on Alternate Dispute Redressal -->** To prepare a road map to make India a hub of international arbitration.
  - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
    - • Creation of the post of an **'international law adviser' (ILA)** to advise the government on international legal disputes, particularly **BIT** disputes.
    - • It recommended **hiring of external lawyers**and appointing counsels having expertise in BITs to boost the government's legal expertise.
    - • It called for the creation of designated **fund** to fight BIT disputes.
- **Justice Malimath Committee on Criminal Justice System**
  - **.....**

6. Legislation - Ramanujam Committee

- Examine **Acts** and Rules which may have become **obsolete** within the last 10 to 15 years.
- • Identified around **1,700 old statutes** that were ready for **repeal**.
- • Brought out a database of around 2700 existing Union level statutes. Of these, considerable number of laws were enacted between 1834 and 1949 i.e. before the Constitution came into being.

7. NGO and SHGs

- **01. Vijaya Kumar Committee -** To ensure the "light regulation" of non-governmental organisations (**NGOs**) so as to reduce their harassment.
  - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
    - • Steps must be taken to "**reduce the need for a physical interface** between NGOs and public officials acting under the **IT** Act and the **FCRA**, along with reduction in mutual **distrust**.
    - • A nodal body to oversee the various interfaces between NGOs and the government, and has recommended that NITI Aayog be vested with the power

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        - • **Details** of NGOs should be available as **searchable database** information.
- **02. Malegam Committee on Microfinance**
    - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
        - • **A separate category** of non-banking finance companies was created for those **operating in** the microfinance sector to be designated as NBFC-MFI.

8. Electoral Reforms

- **01.Law Comm - Justice A.P. Shah Report on Electoral Reforms**
    - Examined issues related to:
        - (i) **disqualification** of candidates with **criminal** background, and
        - (ii) consequences of filing **false affidavits**.
        - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
            - • **Complete state funding**
            - • Type of election should be **hybrid Pattern** with both **FPTP and proportional representation**
            - • Define **paid news** and political advertisement in RPA
- **02. Dinesh Goswami Committee on Electoral Reform**
    - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
        - The question of **disqualification** of members should **not** be decided by the speaker or the Chairman of the concerned House --> **BUT EC**

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9. Corporate Governance

- **01. Uday Kotak Committe**
    - **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
    - • A listed company should have at least **six** directors on its board.
    - • Number of **independent** directors on a company board be increased from **33% to 50%.**
        - The panel has suggested at least 1 independent director be a **woman**.
        - • Detailed reasons would need to be furnished when an independent director **resigns**.

10. Social Sector

- **01. Lakdawala Committee on** Poverty estimation
    - • Consumption expenditure should be calculated based on **calorie consumption** as earlier.
    - • **State specific poverty lines** should be constructed and these should be updated using the CPI-IW in urban areas and CPI-AL in rural areas.
- **02. Tendulkar Committee to** Address the shortcomings of the previous methods of estimation of

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poverty line
    - • A shift away from calorie consumption based poverty estimation
    - • A **uniform** poverty line basket (PLB) **across rural and urban India**
    - • A change in the price adjustment procedure to correct spatial and temporal issues with price adjustment
    - • Incorporation of private expenditure on **health** and **education** while estimating poverty.
- **03. C. Rangrajan Committe to** To review the Methodology for Measurement of Poverty
    - • The daily per capita expenditure is pegged at 32 rupees for the rural poor and at 47
    - rupees for the urban poor.
    - • Poverty line based on the average monthly per capita expenditure is pegged at **972**
    - rupees for rural India and **1407** rupees for urban India.
    - • The percentage of people below the poverty line in 2011-12 was **30.95** in rural area and **26.4** in urban areas

11. Banking and Finance

- **01. Bimal Jalan Committe t**o review the current **economic capital framework - (RBI ka paisa)**
    - • **International practices:** The Committee observed that there is **no** internationally laid down risk capital framework for central banks.
    - • It noted that the RBI's central banking economic capital, at **25% of its balance sheet,** is the **fifth** largest amongst central banks.
    - • **Risk assessment**: The central bank is exposed to different types of risks. These include
        - (i) market risk arising out of **currency**, **gold** or interest rate **fluctuations**,
        - (ii) **credit** risk,
        - (iii) **operational** risks arising from managing multi-currency portfolios across multiple legal **jurisdictions**, and
        - (iv) **contingent** risks (monetary and financial stability risks).
- **05. Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission by**Justice B. N. **Srikrishna** - To comprehensively review and **redraw the legislations** governing India's financial system
    - Move away from the current sector-wise regulation to a system
        - where the **RBI** regulates the banking and payments system and
        - **Unified Financial Agency** subsumes existing regulators like **SEBI, IRDA, PFRDA and FMC**, to regulate the rest of the financial markets.
- **06. Nandan Nilekani Panel -** To strengthen the **digital payments**
    - • Banks need to ensure that no user is more than **5 kms away** from a banking access point and if such areas are found, these must be considered **'shadow areas'**
    - **• A local vendor** be made a banking correspondent (**BC**) as he deals in money and stays there at shadow area
    - Leave the **MDR** on competitive market pricing which would reduce the transaction cost for customers.

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- • The panel has also asked the government to set up special **risk mitigation** and **complaint registering** digital portals

- **07. HR Khan Committee -** To suggest measures for revitalizing and streamlining **FPIs**.
  - • To **streamline the regulations** to encourage foreign inflows in the Indian market, the Group has proposed fast track on-boarding procedure for investors, apart from a **simplified registration process.**
  - • It has proposed a **liberalised investment cap** under a review of prohibited sectors for foreign investment for FPIs, restriction on Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) for investment in corporate debt securities, and permitting FPIs for off-market transactions.
- **08. Nachiket Mor Committee for Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low Income Households"**
  - • Providing a **universal bank account** to all Indians above the age of 18 years by January 1, 2016
  - **• Adjusted 50 % PSL**target with adjustments for **sectors** and **regions** based on difficulty in lending.
  - • setting up of **'Payments Bank'** to cater to the lower income groups and small businesses.
- **09. Steering Committee on Fintech Related Issue : Subhash Chandra Garg**
  - • Regulators should introduce mechanisms like **sandbox** to spur innovation.
  - • **Fintech** be utilised for:
    - o creating a **credit registry for farmers** with artificial intelligence and machine learning based credit scoring mechanism to reduce risks of lending
    - o creating a **common digital platform** for all small savings products, all micro-pension and government pension schemes, through which pension subscribers can subscribe to schemes through various modes of digital payments.
- **10. Ratan Watal Panel on Digital Payments**
  - • Make **regulation of payments** independent from the purview of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
    - • Update the current Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
  - Allow **cryptocurrency**
- **11. K.V. Kamath Committee on Restructuring of corporate Loans**
  - **• Graded approach** to restructuring of stressed accounts based on severity of the impact on the borrowers- Banks can **classify** the **accounts** into mild, moderate and severe as recommended by the committee.
  - • Five financial parameters to gauge the health of sectors facing difficulties
    - o total outside **liabilities** to adjusted tangible networth
    - o total **debt** to earnings before interest
    - etc....

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12. Taxation

- **01. Akhilesh Ranjan Task Force on Direct Tax Law (pehle** Arbind Modi)
  - • Increasing the**threshold limit for opening cases(**Currently it is Rs 1 lakh and above)
  - • Assessment proceedings should be made **faceless**
  - • Use of Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) in the tax-compliance and administration process.
- **02. Akhilesh Ranjan Committee on Taxation of E-Commerce**
  - **• Equalization Levy** may be imposed on payments made by **non-residents** for specified services.
  - • The definition of business connection in section 9 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 may be expanded to include the concept of **significant economic presence.**
- **03. Parthasarathi Shome commission on Tax Administration Reforms Commission**
  - • A minimum of**10%** of the **tax** administration's budget must be **spent on taxpayer services.**
  - **• CBDT and CBEC** should be fully **integrated** in 10 years
  - • There should be a focus on **specialisation**, including **lateral entry** of specialists in theBoards.
  - Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers should **specialise** in a particular ta administration areas.
  - • **Retrospective legislation** should be avoided.
  - • The Permanent Account Number (**PAN**) should be developed as a Common Business Identification Number (**CBIN**), to be used by other departments such as customs, excise, etc.

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13. Employment

- **01. Sharda Prasad Committe** To rationalise the **Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and improve 'Skill India'.**
  - **• School** reforms - Concrete steps have been suggested to have a **separate stream for vocational** education within the secondary education setup.
  - • Creating **vocational schools and college**s for upward mobility, and having a **Central university** to award degrees and diplomas has also been proposed.
- **02. Kelkar Committee on Public Private Partnership**
  - • Establishment of **independent regulating agencies.**
  - • An amendment in the Prevention of **corruption act** to differentiate between **errors of judgement** and **willful corrupt practices.**
  - • To provide for **monetisation of completed projects.**
  - • Create a p**rocedure to resume stuck projects.**
  - • Creation of an **inbuilt** mechanism for **renegotiation**.
  - • Constitution of an Infrastructure **PPP Project Review Committee (IPRC)** comprising an expert in finance and economics, law, and at least one related technocrat with not less than 15 years experience.
  - • Constitution of an Infrastructure **PPP Adjudication Tribunal (IPAT)** headed by a former

Supreme Court/ High Court Judge with at a minimum of one technical and financial expert each as members.

- **03. Baba Kalyani Committee : Evaluate the SEZ policy and make it WTO compatible**
  - • It has recommended continuation of **tax incentives**, migration of SEZs to employment and economic enclaves, and creation of link infrastructure and maintenance for enclaves.
  - • **incentives** should be **linked** with **employment**, **investment**, **technology**/innovation, and
  - **infrastructure status** for these zones to improve access to financing.
- **04. S. Sundar Committee on Road Safety and Traffic Management**
  - • Create **Road Safety Boards** to reduce accidents.
  - • Standardize reporting of **accidents** and enhance preparedness through better **logistics**.
  - • Ban on the sale of **alcohol** on highways (both state and national) to restrain drunk driving.
- **05. K Rajeswara Rao Committee to Review National Mineral Policy 2008 (hence replaced by National Mineral Policy 2019)**
  - • Encouragement of **merger** and **acquisition** of mining entities
  - • Transfer of mining leases and creation of **dedicated mineral corridors** to boost private sector mining areas.
  - • The 2019 policy proposes to grant **status of industry** to mining activity to boost

Agriculture

- **01. Swaminathan Committee - National Commission for farmers**
  - **I. LAND REFORMS:**
    - • Reforms in **tenancy** laws, **land leasing**, **distribution** of **ceiling** surplus land and wasteland
    - • Providing adequate access to **common property and wasteland resources**, and the consolidation of holdings.
    - • **Prevent diversion** of prime agricultural land and forest to the corporate sector for nonagricultural purposes.
    - • **landless labour households** should be provided with at least 1 acre per household, which will give them space for home gardens and animal rearing.
  - **II. WATER:**
    - • A water **literacy movement** should be launched
    - • A **Pani Panchayat** in every village can help in getting the available water **distributed** on an **equitable** basis.
    - • In drought-prone areas, a **Drought Code** may be introduced which **details the action needed** to **minimize** the impact of an **adverse** monsoon and **maximize** the **benefits** of a good season.
  - **III. Livestock:**
    - • Establish Livestock **Feed** and **Fodder Corporations** at the State Level for ensuring availability of quality fodder and feed.

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        - • A **National Livestock Development Council** may be established to give **integrated** attention to all aspects of agriculture
    - **IV. Fisheries:**
        - • **"Fish for All Training and Capacity Building Centres"** must be established
        - • **Quality literacy** to safeguard the harvested fish
        - • **Inland aquaculture**
        - • **Artificial coral reefs** to compensate for the loss of natural coral reefs to revive the fish catch.
    - **V. Bioresources:**
        - • Preserving **traditional rights** of access to **biodiversity**
        - • **Genome Clubs** can be organized in rural schools and colleges for imparting an understanding of the importance of genetic resources conservation.
        - • A **genetic and legal literacy movement** must be launched in areas rich in agrobiodiversities such as the North East, Western and the Eastern Ghats and the Arid Zone.
- **02. Ashok Dalwai Committee on Doubling Farmers Income**
    - • Strengthening **linkages** with **MSMEs**.
    - • **Demand Driven Agricultural Logistics System** for post-production operations such as produce aggregation, transportation, warehousing, etc.
    - • **Developing Hub and Spoke System** at back-end as well as front-end to facilitate and promote a new market architecture.
    - • **Marketing Intelligence System** to provide demand led decision making support system.
    - • **Agricultural Value System** (AVS) as an integration of the supply chain and to drive market led value system – District level, State level and National Level.
    - • **Farmer-centric National Agricultural Marketing System** by restructuring for a new market architecture.
    - • **Research & Development and ICT** designed to support the Doubling of Farmers' Income**.**
- **4. Dr. TQ Haque Committee**
    - **Model agricultural land leasing act 2016** proposed by committee.
        - • **Legalise** land leasing to promote agricultural efficiency, equity and power reduction.
            - This will also help in much needed **productivity** improvement in agriculture as well as occupational **mobility** of the people and rapid rural change.
        - • Lease holder may receive **institutional loan**, **insurance** and **disaster** relief so that he may invest more and more in agriculture.
        - • Allow **automatic resumption of land** after the agreed lease period without requiring any minimum area of land to be left with the tenant even after termination of tenancy, as laws of some states require.
        - • In order to resolve the dispute between the landlord and lease holder, the provision of **"Special Land Tribunal"** has been made in the Civil Court.

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WATER

03. Mihir Shah Committee

- • **National Water Commission** has been proposed which will subsume the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)
- • View groundwater and surface water in an integrated, **holistic manner.**
- • Focus on **river basin**s which must form the **fundamental units** for management of
- water.

FCI- PDS

05. Shanta Kumar Committee on FCI Reforms

- • **Reduce the number of beneficiaries**under the Food Security Act—from the current **67 per cent to 40** per cent.
- • **Allow private players to procure** and **store** food grains.
- • **Stop bonuse**s (**SAP**) on minimum support price (MSP) paid by states to farmers
- • Adopt cash transfer system (**DBT**) so that MSP and food subsidy amounts can be directly transferred to the accounts of farmers and food security beneficiaries.
- • FCI should involve itself in full-fledged grains procurement only in those states which are **poor in procurement.**
- • **Deregulate fertiliser** sector and provide cash fertiliser subsidy of Rs 7,000 per hectare
- to farmers.
- • **Outsource** of **stocking** of grains: The committee calls for setting up of negotiable warehouse receipt (NWR) system
- • Clear and transparent **liquidation** policy for buffer stock

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Issues with strategic disinvestment:

Rangarajan Committee 1993 report

- mere change of ownership from public to private does **not guarantee the efficiency.**
  - o Success of privatization depends upon **the transparency of the process and the effectiveness of the regulators.**
  - o In absence of independent and effective regulator, it might lead to **monopoly** and **oligopolistic** practices by corporates

Banking sector:

R Gandhi Committee for co-operative banking -->To protect the **interest** of **depositors**

- **RBI** be given **more powers over cooperative banks.**
- • **Empowering the regulator to wind up and liquidate banks without involving other**

regulators under the

- cooperative societies' laws.
- • RBI must **improve financial awareness among the poor** who deposit money in UCBs and empower them to take informed decisions.

Madhava Rao Committee

- **audit of UCB**(urban cooperative bank) should be done by **independent external auditors** like commercial banks and be inspected likewise.

Logistics:

RAILWAYS

- **Bibek Debroy Committee in 2015**
  - unification of **services into 2**
  - **private** entry into running both freight and passenger trains should be allowed.
    - o Idea was to **bring in competition** with Indian railways via "**liberalisation and not privatisation"** in order to allow entry of new operators "to **encourage growth and improve services**."
    - o It also noted that **passengers were willing to pay more**, if they had guaranteed and better quality of travel and ease of access.
- **Rakesh Mohan Committee**
- **Prakash tandon**

Capital account convertibility:

- **Tarapore Committee**--> towards **full** Capital Account Convertibility but on following **preconditions**:
  - • **Gross fiscal deficit to GDP ratio** has to come down to **3.5%** by 1999-2000.
  - • **Inflation** rate should remain between an average **3-5%** for the 3-year period 1997-2000.
  - • Gross **NPAs** of the public sector banking system needs to be brought **down**.

15. Industry

- **01. Surjit Bhalla Committe** On **Trade and Policy** recommendations for boosting India's share and importance in **global merchandise and services trade.**
  - • It recommended**"Elephant Bonds**" as a specialised security product providing funds towards **Long Term Infrastructure.**
  - • It also made recommendations for reforms in **Financial Services Framework** for making India a **Preferred Destination for financial services.**
- **02. Uk Sinha Panel On MSMEs**
  - • Form a Rs. **5,000 crore stressed asset fund** for MSMEs ...
  - • **Banks that wish to specialise in MSME lending,** their **sub-targets for farm loans under the**

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priority sector lender could be waived off, and instead can be given a target for loans to the SME sector. The targets could be of 50% of the net bank credit for universal banks and 80% for small finance banks.

16. Science and Technology

- **01. Srikrishna Committee Report on Data Protection**
  - • All **firms** and **agencies** will have to appoint **data protection officers**
    - • Data protection officers act as a point of contact for the individuals for raising **grievances**
  - • Individual will have right to **withdraw consent**
  - • Firms will have to ensure atleast **one data copy** of **personal** data to be stored in india
  - • **Critical** personal data shall **only** be **processed** in a server or data centre located in india
  - • **Penalties** range from 2%-4% of a company's worldwide turnover or fines between 5cr and 15 cr whichever higher
- **02. V Kamakoti Panel on Artificial Intelligence**
  - To ensure **"India's economic transformation".**
  - • **Data ombudsman:** to address data-related **issues** and **grievances**.
  - • Setting up **National Artificial Intelligence Mission (N-AIM)**
- **03. Subhash Chandra Garg Committee on Cryptocurrencies**
  - • **Ban** on all forms of **private** cryptocurrencies.
  - • **RBI** and the **government** may look at the introduction of an **official** digital currency in
  - the country.
  - • The panel backed **use** of **distributed ledger technology (DLT**) or blockchain for selected
  - areas.
  - • **Data localisation**requirements proposed in the draft Data Protection Bill may need to be applied carefully, including with respect to the **storage of critical personal dat**a so as to ensure that there is **no adverse impact** on Indian firms and Indian consumers who may stand to benefit from DLT-based services.

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17. Environment

01. Gadgil Vs Kasturirangan Committee on Western Ghats

Gadgil	kasturirangan
1) Designated the **entire hill range** as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (**ESA**).	only **33**% (i.e. 60,000 sq. km.) of the total area be brought under ESA
2) It asked for a **bottom to top approach** (right from Gram sabhas) rather than a top to bottom approach	

02. Shailesh Nayak Committee on Coastal Zone Regulation

- • **Ecologically sensitive areas** (ESAs) in CRZ I should be **identified** and **delineated**.
- • **Reducing** the 'No Development Zone' (**NDZ**) as specified in the CRZ.
- • **Tourism** development activities should be permitted in the NDZs.
- • The **central** government's role in coastal areas ought to be **restricted** to regulating **environmentally-sensitive** areas and environmental **clearances**.
- • **States** should **prepare** coastal zone management **plans** (CZMPs) for which the committee had provided guidelines.

Security

- **01. Dhirendra Singh Committee- Defence Procurement Procedure**
  - • **Strategic partnership model-** model should be based on "strategic needs, **quality** criticality and **cost** competitiveness.
  - • **Industry Friendly** Procurement System
  - • Emphasis on Greater **Indigenisation**
  - • **Human Resource** Development
- **03. Kargil Review Committee** "to examine the sequence of events of **Kargil war** and make **recommendations for the future"**
  - • Priority should be given for **equipping infantrymen** with **superior light** weight weapons, equipment and clothing suited to the threats they are required to face in **alpine** conditions.
  - • It recommended the **publication of a White Paper** on the Indian **nuclear** weapons programme.
  - • Government must review its **information policy** and develop structures and processes to **keep the public informed on vital national issues**
  - • **Facilitating defence exports,** the better utilisation of highly sophisticated industrial capacity and related manpower.
- **04. Jeevan Reddy Committee On AFSPA**
  - • **AFSPA** should be **repealed** and appropriate provisions should be **inserted** in the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967**
  - • The **UAPA** should be modified to **clearly specify the powers** of the armed forces and paramilitary forces
  - • **grievance cells** should be set up in **each district** where the armed forces are deployed.

Border security:

- **Madhukar Gupta Committee on border protection**
  - • It has given **separate** recommendations for**four states** as each of them has different **topography** and problems.

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        - **strengthen border protection and address vulnerabilities in fencing**along the **Indo-Pakistan border.**
            - This led to **implementation** of **CIBMS in 2015**.
    - • It has flagged gaps and **vulnerabilities** in border fencing and suggested use of **technology** and heightened vigil on **riverine** frontiers.
- **Shekatkar Committee:**
    - **3 recommendations** were related to **speeding up road construction,** leading to **socio economic**
    - **development in border areas.**
        - • **Outsourcing road construction work** beyond **optimal** capacity of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
        - **Engineering Procurement Contract (EPC) mode is made mandatory** for execution of all works **costing more than Rs 100 crore.**
        - • Introduction of **modern construction plants, equipment and machinery** by delegating **enhanced procurement powers**from Rs 7.5 crore to Rs 100 crore **to BRO, for domestic and foreign procurements.**
        - **Land acquisition and all statutory clearances** like forest and environmental clearance are made **part of approval of Detailed Project Report**. Work can be awarded only after at least 90% of statutory clearances have been obtained.

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19. Probity in Governance

01. Ethics in Governance - 2nd Arc Report

Chairman: Veerappa Moily

Key lines about committee:

For preparing a detailed blueprint for revamping the public administrative system.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

• A system for partial state funding should be introduced in order to reduce the scope of illegitimate and unnecessary funding of expenditure for elections.

• The issue of disqualification of members on grounds of defection should be decided by