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Topic 61: 102nd Constitution Amendment Act

Key points:

- 1. Constitutional status to NCBC
- 2. About NCBC
- 3. Previously NCBC was a statutory body (under MoSJE)
- 4. Indra Sawhney case of 1992
- 5. Structure of NCBC

Constitutional Provisions

- 1. Article 340 identify socially and educationally backward classes; understand and remove difficulties
- 2. 102nd Constitution Amendment Act inserted new Articles 338 B and 342 A
- 3. Article 338 B provides authority to NCBC
- 4. Article 342 A empowers President to specify socially and educationally BCs
- 5. To amend list of BCs Law enacted by Parliament is required



Topic 62: 103rd Constitution Amendment Act

Key points:

- 1. 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions for EWS
- 2. Act amended Article 15 and 16
- 3. EWS to be notified by the State from time to time

New clauses

- 1. New clause (6) to Article 15
- 2. new clause (6) to Article 16
- 3. Indra Sawhney case (1992)
- 4. Article 46



Topic 63: 104th Constitution Amendment Act

Key points:

- 1. Amended article 334
- 2. Extend the reservation of seats for SCs and STs
- 3. Removed the reserved seats for the Anglo-Indian community

About Article 334 - Reservation of seats and special representation to cease after 70 yrs

About Article 341 (2) - power to make changes in the SC list – only with Parliament



Topic 64: Tussle for power - Delhi versus Centre

Key points:

- 1. Supreme Court verdict on exclusive jurisdiction over public services
- 2. 2018 five-judge Constitution Bench verdict on matters relating to Land, Home, and Public Order

Other important areas:

- ACB has no jurisdiction over officers of Central government
- No power to set up an inquiry commission to probe corruption cases
- Lieutenant Governor to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers



Topic 65: 69th Amendment Act, Article 239 AA and 239AB

Key points:

- 1. 69th Amendment Act, 1992 added Articles 239AA and 239AB
- 2. Art. 239AA UT of Delhi to be called NCT of Delhi (with Lt. Governor)
- 3. Article 239AB President may by order suspend the operation of any provision of Article 239AA
- 4. Provides for CoM for Delhi (not more than 10% of the total number of members)



Topic 66: Tussle for power - L-G Powers in Puducherry

Key points:

- 1. Territory belongs to the President (run by L-G as Administrator)
- 2. Section 44 of the Union Territories Act, 1963 L-G should act on the 'aid and advice' of CoM
- 3. Any difference of opinion Matter is referred to President
- 4. Meantime, Administrator's action prevails on any urgent matter
- 5. Government of Union Territories Act, 1963 discretionary powers for L-G office



Topic 67: Difference - Delhi and Puducherry

Puducherry	Delhi
Article 239A	Article 239AA
No restrictions imposed by Art 239A	239AA imposes several restrictions
LG mostly guided by Government of Union Territories Act, 1963	LG of Delhi guided by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991, and the Transaction of Business of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Rules, 1993
LG of Puducherry enjoys lesser powers than the LG of Delhi	LG of Delhi enjoys greater powers than the LG of Puducherry
No Executive functions related to matters dealing with public order, police and land Puducherry Assembly can legislate on any issue under the Concurrent and State Lists	LG of Delhi has "Executive Functions" over public order, police and land



Topic 68: Project Blue Flag Beach programme

Key points:

- 1. Provides stringent standards
- 2. Accorded by the Denmark-based Foundation
- 3. 'Eco-tourism model'
- 4. Main objective promote sustainable development in coastal regions

33 stringent criteria under four major heads

- Environmental Education and Information
- 2. Bathing Water Quality standards
- Environment Management and Conservation and
- 4. Safety and Services



Topic 69: Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)

Key points

- 1. World Bank assisted project
- 2. Implemented by Dept of Forests and Environment
- 3. National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM)
- 4. Objectives:
 - 1) improve livelihood of coastal communities
 - 2) conserve the coastal ecosystem
 - 3) identification of infrastructure requirements
 - 4) conservation of mangroves
 - 5) mapping of the country's coastline and demarcation of the hazard line



Topic 70: Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)

Key points

- 1. MoEFCC had recently unveiled a draft ESMF
- 2. Part of World Bank funded project
- 3. Framework for clearance of infrastructural projects
- 4. Prepared by SICOM
- 5. Objective



Topic 71: Society of Integrated Coastal Management (SICOM)

Key points:

- 1. SICOM is under MoEFCC
- 2. It is the National Project Management Unit for ICZMP and ENCORE Programs
- 3. Vision vibrant, healthy and resilient Coastal and Marine Environment
- 4. Objectives and functions
 - 1) To support implementation of ICZM and ENCORE activities
 - 2) To promote R&D in coastal management areas
 - 3) Check violations of CRZ
 - 4) Support Pilot Project Blue Flag Beach programme



Topic 72: Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)

Key points:

- 1. Was launched in 2019
- 2. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- 3. Aims to add solar and other renewable capacity
- 4. Helps to achieve 100 GW solar target by 2022

The PM KUSUM scheme had three components –

- 1. 10,000 MW of de-centralised ground-mounted grid-connected renewable power plants.
- 2. Installation of 17.50 lakh standalone solar powered agricultural pumps.
- 3. Solarisation of 10 lakh grid-connected solar-powered agricultural pumps



Topic 73: 'Utkarsh 2022'

Key points:

- 1. 3 year roadmap to improve regulation and supervision, among other functions of the central bank
- 2. In line with the global central banks' plan



Topic 74: Translocation of wild buffaloes

Key points:

- 1. Translocation from Manas National Park in Assam to Udanti Wildlife Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh
- 2. Chhattisgarh's State animal wild buffaloes (Bubalus arnee)
- 3. Schedule 1 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
- 4. IUCN Endangered
- 5. Habitat: tracts of tall grasslands and riverine forests in India and Nepal; Central India



Topic 75: Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary (VGDS)

Key points:

- 1. Sultanganj to Kahalganj on the Ganga (Bihar)
- 2. VGDS is the only dolphin sanctuary in the country
- 3. IUCN: Endangered Category
- 4. Also known as susu and India's National Aquatic animal
- 5. Inhabits the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna and Karnaphuli-Sangu river systems of Nepal, India, and Bangladesh