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Preventive detentions in 2021 up by 23.7% compared to year before

Number of people in custody or still detained at the end of the year highest since 2017

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Preventive Detention

Rights of arrested person mentioned in Constitution

- ✓ 22(1) Right to be informed about reason for arrest
- ✓ 22(1) Right to be defended by a <u>legal practitioner</u> of his choice
- ✓ 22(2) Right to be produced before nearest magistrate within 24 hours

These rights don't apply to enemy aliens and person under preventive detention

2017: 67k people placed under preventive detention laws. NCRB started collecting data.

2021: 1.1 lakh people placed under preventive detention laws.

Did you know? Other democracies either don't have preventive detention laws, or they apply only during emergency. In 2012, UK repealed its Preventive detention law.

Some Crime happened

Police arrested someone on suspicion that he may commit crime in future

No crime happened on suspicion that he may commit crime in future

Detention under ordinary law	Detention under PD law
Reason for detention must be told Why?	No need to tell reason if it is against public interest.
Must be produced before nearest magistrate within 24 hours	No such 24 hours condition Can keep in detention for 3 months* For longer time, take opinion of Advisory Board#
Must be defended by a legal practitioner of his choice	Must be given opportunity to make representation against detention order
Cannot vote in elections	Can vote in elections (through postal ballot) VOTE
Law can be made by Parliament & State legislature	Law can be made by Parliament & State legislature



- Can an MP be arrested under 'Preventive Detention' laws during a session of Parliament? Yes!
 - <u>Parliamentary privilege</u> of no arrest 40 days before, during, and 40 days after a session, <u>applies in</u>:
 - ☐ <u>Civil cases</u>? Yes
 - ☐ Criminal cases? No

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- ☐ Preventive detention cases? No
- *Article 22 also empowers Parliament to make laws that the person can be detained for more than 3 months without opinion of Advisory Board

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***Advisory Board members**

- ✓ <u>sitting</u> judge of HC, or
- ✓ retired judge of HC, or
- ✓ qualified to be judge of HC

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Just understand, no need to learn the following:

Preventive detention can be made under various laws like:

- ✓ National Security Act, 1980
- ✓ J&K Public Safety Act, 1978
- ✓ Goonda Act (Central and State laws)
- ✓ Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974
- ✓ Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) 1971 (1971-1977)
- ✓ Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act (TADA), 1985 (1985-1995)
- ✓ Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act (MCOCA), 1999
- ✓ Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS), 1985
- ✓ UAPA, CrPC, etc...

These laws have different provisions. For example, CrPC Section 151:

- ☐ Police can make arrest, without arrest warrant, to prevent any cognisable offence.
- ☐ This detention can be extended beyond 24 hours under other provisions of this Code or other laws.

Grounds for Preventive detention can be?

- ✓ Foreign affairs
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Public order
- ✓ Maintenance of essential services and many more....

Punitive detention To punish a person after trial and conviction





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Punitive detention

Delegated Legislation

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With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, bylaws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation?

- (a) Committee on Government Assurances
- (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation
- (c) Rules Committee
- (d) Business Advisory Committee

66th BPSC (Pre) 2020

Which one of the following is not the characteristic of <u>decentralization</u>?

- (a) Autonomy
- (b) People's participation
- (c) To instil non-confidence among local communities
- (d) To empower local communities
- (e) None of the above / More than one of the above

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Local self-government can be best explained as an exercise in

- (a) Federalism
- (b) Democratic decentralization
- (c) Administrative delegation
- (d) Direct democracy

Districts in India

How many districts in India?

Census 2011 → **593**

February 2023 → approx. 780

Create, alter, abolish districts

State govt can do so by enacting law or by Executive order

Change name of any district or railway station

State govt has to take NOC from multiple central ministries

Largest Kutch, Gujarat - 45,652 km² Smallest Mahe, Puducherry - 8.69 km²

Most districts are in

Uttar Pradesh (75)

Least districts are in

Lakshadweep (1) Chandigarh (1)

Ladakh (2)

Goa (2)

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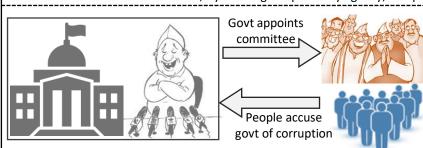
Ombudsman:

Anti-corruption Ombudsman



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Official who deals with complaints against govt or organizations like banks, insurance companies, etc. First established in Sweden in 1809, by creating a supervisory agency, independent of the Executive branch.

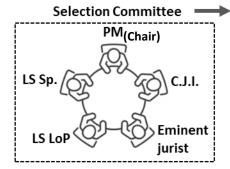


Problem

- conflict of interest
- being judge in own case

Solution

Create permanent and independent committee







Lokpal

1+8 members

50% shall be judicial members 50% shall be SC/ST/OBC/women/minority

Jurisdiction Anyone who is or has been: Employee of any body established by Centre PM, Minister, MP, Group A,B,C,D employee of Centre Anyone who got Rs 10 lakh foreign donation under FCRA

- ✓ It can't take suo-moto action
- ✓ It takes decisions by majority
- ✓ Its expenses are charged on consolidated fund of India
- ✓ It protects honest officers (It gives legal assistance to the accused)

Lokpal has power of superintendence and direction over any central investigation agency, including CBI, for cases referred to them by the Lokpal.

- ☐ Complaint can be filed against PM? Yes
- ☐ Complaint can be filed under Army/Navy/AF/CG act? No
- ☐ Foreigners can file complaint? Yes (please make correction on page-63)
- ☐ Complaint must be in English? **No** (any of 8th schedule language is permitted)

- ✓ As per the 2013 act, all states must establish Lokayukta (if they already don't have it)
- ✓ Some states had Lokayuktas even before the 2013 act
- ✓ Powers of Lokayuktas vary from state to state

Lokpal cannot be selected if there is vacancy in the selection committee? Incorrect





2012 2022 **2013** 2023 2014 2015 2016

2017

2019

2020

1967: 1st ARC recommended setting up of Lokpal and Lokayukta

1969: Bill passed in Lok Sabha, lapsed. (Introduced 9 more times till 2008)

1971: Maharashtra became first state to establish Lokayukta

2011: Bill introduced in Parliament

2013: Passed by Parliament

2016: Amended 2018

2019: First Lokpal appointed (Retired SC judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose)

2022: PC Ghose retired. (Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty is Acting Lokpal)

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NPR - NRC - CAA

National POPULATION Register

- List of usual residents. (Residing, or intends to reside, in an area for 6 months)
- ❖ <u>Documents</u> are not needed to prove citizenship. <u>Foreigners</u> can be included? Yes
- It was first prepared in 2010 (during Census 2011), and updated in 2015.
- ❖ It will be updated again along with Census 2021 (delayed as of now)
- It is conducted under Citizenship Rules 2003, framed under Citizenship Act 1955
- It is mandatory for every usual resident to register in NPR
- ❖ NPR is first step towards creation of NRC (as per MHA annual report 2018-19 pg-262)

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National Register of CITIZENS

- List of Indian citizens
- Documents are needed to prove citizenship. Foreigners can be included? No
- Currently only <u>Assam</u> has NRC. (Created after 1951 census, updated in 2019)
- Citizenship Amendment Act 2003
 - Central Govt can <u>mandatorily</u> register every citizen of India
 - It may create <u>NRC</u> for this purpose
- It divides population into two categories:
 - People with citizenship documents
 - People without citizenship documents Get documents under CAA 2019

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Citizenship AMENDMENT Act 2019

- ❖ It <u>amends</u> criteria for citizenship
- ❖ For citizenship by naturalization, it reduces time period from 11 years to 5 years
- It does not apply to 6th schedule areas (AMTM) and ILP areas (see class-3 pg-19).
- It has provision for cancellation of OCI status if there is violations of any law of India

Anyone who didn't have documents for NRC, can get documents under CAA 2019. But he must declare three things:



- Religion is Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi
- Was present in India on or before **31-12-2014** (give any proof of presence) 2.
- Came from Bangladesh, Afghan, Pak (even if proof/passport is not available)

https://hcikl.gov.in/pdf/press/CAA 2019 dec.pdf

Please note

- Govt is not taking away anyone's citizenship. Govt is asking everyone to show documents.
- Of those who can't show documents:
 - some will be given documents under CAA 2019
 - > others will lose citizenship rights (vote, land, govt job, etc.) (will not be expelled from India)

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MHA gets 7th extension to frame CAA rules

The law is yet to be implemented, as rules under the CAA are yet to be framed. According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, rules for any legislation should have been framed within six months of Presidential assent, or seek extension from the committees on subordinate legislation of the Lok Sabha and the Rajva Sabha.

Assam Accord

- Signed on 15-08-1985 b/w Union Govt., Assam Govt., AASU. To identify and deport Bangladeshi migrants
- 1 crore people migrated from Bangladesh to India in 1971 (80 lakh Hindus, 20 lakh Muslims)
- As per Assam Accord all of them should be deported. But CAA will give citizenship to most of them. Hence protests like these: https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/protests-against-the-citizenshipamendment-act-caa-are-back-in-northeast-india-after-a-lull/articleshow/93631625.cms

1 January, 1966

25 March, 1971

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Those who came before 01-01-1966 will get citizenship

Those who came between 01-01-1966 and 25-03-1971 will get citizenship, but voting rights only after 10 years

Those who came after 25-03-1971 will be deported

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