



Consistency. Right Direction. Discipline.

All Reports and Committees Suggestions



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Committees and Reports useful for UPSC Mains

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

1. 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission (2nd ARC)

Mandate: Overhaul governance, civil services, ethics, policing, justice.

Key Recommendations:

Replace OSA with transparent norms.
Lokpal, Citizen Charters, Grievance Redress.
Police reforms (separate investigation & L&O).
Ethics Code; asset disclosures.
Digital governance, service delivery.

Importance: Most important governance source for GS2 + GS4.

2. Sarkaria Commission (Centre–State Relations)

Mandate: Strengthen federalism.

Key Points:

Prevent misuse of Article 356.
Strengthen Inter-State Council.
Neutral Governors.
More devolution to states.

Use: Federal tension debates.

3. Punchhi Commission (Centre–State Relations Updated)

Mandate: Modernize federal cooperation.

Key Recommendations:

Governor's fixed tenure; removal only through consultation.
Restrict application of Article 356.
Local bodies need predictable finances.
Set up regulatory mechanisms between states.

Use: Governor issues, federal friction, cooperative federalism.

4. Venkatachaliah Commission (Constitution Review)

Mandate: Suggest reforms to modernize Constitution.

Key Recommendations:

Anti-defection law tightening.
State funding of elections.
National Judicial Commission proposal.
More SC benches.

Use: Structural constitutional reforms.

5. Justice Verma Committee (Women Safety, 2012)

Mandate: Post-Nirbhaya criminal law overhaul.

Achievements:

Basis for Criminal Law Amendment Act 2013.

Higher punishment for sexual offences.

Marital rape recognition (not implemented).

Police accountability; victim protection.

Use: GS1, GS2, ethics.

ECONOMY

11. Kelkar Committee (Fiscal Consolidation & PPP)

Mandate: Reform public-private partnership model + fiscal discipline.

Key Recommendations:

Balanced risk-sharing.

Independent PPP regulators.

Reduce subsidies + target better.

Use: Fiscal deficit, infrastructure reforms.

17. FRBM Review Committee (NK Singh Committee)

Mandate: Strengthen fiscal discipline law.

Recommendations:

Central debt target: 40% of GDP.

Fiscal Council.

Escape clause for crises.

Use: Fiscal prudence discussions.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT — DETAILED

21. Swaminathan Committee (National Commission on Farmers)

Mandate: Improve farm incomes, productivity, rural livelihoods.

Key Recommendations:

MSP = C2 + 50% formula.

Land reforms & legalizing tenancy.

Rainwater harvesting + universal irrigation.

Strengthen ICAR, agri-research.

Women farmers → joint land titles.

Why important for UPSC:

MSP debate

Agriculture distress

Farmer suicides

Structural reforms in GS3

SOCIAL SECTOR — DETAILED

31. Kasturirangan Committee (National Education Policy 2020)

Mandate: Draft India's new National Education Policy.

Key Recommendations:

- 5+3+3+4 schooling structure.
- Multidisciplinary higher education.
- Emphasis on mother tongue until Class 5.
- National Research Foundation.
- Higher GER target of 50% by 2035.

Use: Education reforms in GS2 & Essay.

ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY & DISASTER MANAGEMENT — DETAILED

41. Gadgil Committee (WGEEP – Western Ghats Ecology Panel)

Mandate: Protect the Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot.

Key Recommendations:

- Declare 64% of Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Area.
- Strict prohibition on mining, thermal plants, polluting industries.
- Bottom-up decision-making through Gram Sabhas.
- Decentralised environmental governance.

Why Important for UPSC:

- Ecology vs development conflict
- ESZ debates
- GS3 environment + essay

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, DIGITAL GOVERNANCE & MINORITY WELFARE — DETAILED

51. Srikrishna Committee (Data Protection Committee 2017)

Mandate: Create India's first data protection law.

Key Recommendations:

- Establish Data Protection Authority (DPA).
- "Data Fiduciary" accountability model.
- Explicit user consent for processing data.
- Limit government surveillance.
- Data localisation requirements.

Importance: Foundation for Digital Personal Data Protection Act 2023.

INTERNATIONAL REPORTS & SOCIAL–ECONOMIC INDICES

61. UNDP Human Development Report (HDR)

Mandate: Measure global development beyond GDP.

Key Indices:

HDI (life expectancy, education, income)

GII (gender inequality)

MPI (multidimensional poverty)

Key Findings for India:

Steady improvement in HDI over decades.

Challenges: gender gap, nutrition, income inequality.

Use- in GS1 (social indicators), GS2 (human development), GS3, and Essay.

SECURITY & DEFENCE

74. Shekatkar Committee (Defence Reforms)

Mandate: Enhance combat capability & defence expenditure efficiency.

Key Recommendations:

Reduce non-combat staff by 57,000 posts.

Boost border roads & logistics.

Focus on technology-driven warfare.

Promote integration of services.

Use: GS3 internal security + defence reforms.

ETHICS, GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

78. Nolan Committee (UK) – Seven Principles of Public Life

Mandate: Frame ethical standards for public officials.

7 Principles:

Selflessness

Integrity

Objectivity

Accountability

Openness

Honesty

Leadership

Importance:

Directly used in GS4 answers & case studies.