



### Current Affairs - March 2021 to August 2021

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#### Committees

- ▶ **K.P. Krishnan** Committee has submitted its report on feasibility of Variable Capital Companies in International Financial Services Centres, to International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
  - ▶ IFSCA had set up this Committee to explore potential for allowing another legal structure – popularly known as a variable capital company (VCC) – as an additional option through which asset managers could pool investors’ funds.
- ▶ Former Infosys CEO **SD Shibu Lal** will head a new 3 member task force formed to help government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its *Mission Karmayogi*. Other 2 members are Govind Iyer (Egon Zehnder) and Pankaj Bansal (PeopleStrong).
- ▶ Government constituted Expert Committees to review existing rules and regulations on safety, health and working conditions standards, pertaining to factories, docks and construction work.
  - ▶ Factories and Dock Works - Headed by R. K. Elangovan (DG, DGFASLI, Mumbai).
  - ▶ Building & Other Construction Works - Headed by P.L.N. Murthy (L & T Hydrocarbon)
  - ▶ Fire Safety - Headed by D. K. Shami (Fire Advisor to Government).
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6. ▶ Govt constituted a committee headed by **Ashish Shiradhonkar**, to develop a technological platform streamlining appeal filing process related to direct and indirect taxation matters.
7. ▶ Govt formed a 259 member Implementation Committee under chairmanship of Home Minister **Amit Shah**, to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, which falls on 15th August 2022, as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
8. ▶ Govt has set up 11 committees in different areas, to expedite transition from a linear to a circular economy across 11 focus areas.
  - ✎ Areas include *Municipal Solid Waste & Liquid Waste, Electronic Waste, Scrap Metal (Ferrous & Non-Ferrous), Solar Panels, Gypsum, Lithium-Ion Batteries, Agriculture Waste, Toxic Hazardous Industrial Waste, Used Oil Waste, Tyre and Rubber Recycling and End-of-life Vehicles (ELVs)*.
9. ▶ Govt has set up 25-member development council for cement industry, to recommend ways to eliminate waste, increase production and quality. It will be chaired by Puneet Dalmia (CMD, Dalmia Bharat Group).
10. ▶ Govt has set up an empowered committee for manufacturing in high technology areas to facilitate investments in technology-intensive sectors and promote manufacturing, headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry (Piyush Goyal Currently).
11. ▶ Govt reconstituted advisory committee to form plan for studying mythical Sarasvati river, after earlier panel's 2 year term ended in 2019. Committee will continue to be chaired by Culture Minister (Prahlad Singh Patel currently).
12. ▶ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) constituted a committee to examine global best practices in ship financing and leasing, identify opportunities and devise a roadmap to enable such activities from GIFT IFSC. It will be chaired by **Vandana Aggarwal**, former Senior Economic Advisor.
13. ▶ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) constituted an Expert Committee on Investment Funds to recommend road map for funds industry in IFSCs, to develop a comprehensive and consistent regulatory framework based on global best practices.
  - ✎ Committee will be chaired by **Nilesh Shah** (MD of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company).
14. ▶ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) constituted an Expert Committee to recommend approach towards development of Longevity Finance Hub and provide road map for the same.
  - ✎ It is estimated that by 2040, there will be more members of silver generation (over 60 years age) than people under 20. This will throw new challenges in areas of wealth management, health, insurance, and other investment products.
  - ✎ The expert committee is being co-chaired by **Kaku Nakhate** (Bank of America) and **Gopalan Srinivasan** (Ex-CMD of NIACL).
15. ▶ Ministry of Ayush has set up an interdisciplinary team of experts to explore potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool for the population, chaired by H R Nagendra.

16. ▶ Ministry of Labour & Employment Government constituted an Expert Group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of Minimum Wages and National Floor Minimum Wages, chaired by **Ajit Mishra** (Director of Institute of Economic Growth).
17. ▶ National Green Tribunal (NGT) formed a 12-member Oversight Committee to oversee prevention of unscientific and unregulated mining and restoring environment in Meghalaya.
18. ▶ Niti Aayog constituted two task forces that will recommend a policy framework for the enforcement of contracts as well as effective conciliation mechanism.
  - ▶ One task force, which will suggest facilitation of speedy resolution of contractual disputes between private entities and government, will be headed by Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.
  - ▶ Other task force, which will recommend a policy framework for enforcement of contracts, will be led by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar.
19. ▶ RBI Formed Standing External Advisory Committee for evaluating applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks. It will be headed by Former RBI Deputy Governor **Shyamala Gopinath**.
20. ▶ RBI has set up a Committee to undertake comprehensive review of working of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) and recommend suitable measures for enabling ARCs to meet growing requirements of financial sector. The committee will be headed by **Sudarshan Sen** (former RBI Executive Director).
21. ▶ RBI panel under N. S. Vishwanathan suggested 4-tier structure for Urban Co-operative Banks, with minimum CRAR (Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio) varying 9 to 15 %. UCBs can be split into four categories -
  - ▶ Tier-1 (deposits up to Rs 100 crore)
  - ▶ Tier-2 (deposits between Rs 100-Rs 1,000 crores)
  - ▶ Tier-3 (deposits between Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 10,000 crores)
  - ▶ Tier-4 (deposits over Rs 10,000 crores)
22. ▶ SEBI reconstituted its Takeover Panel, which looks into the applications seeking exemption from the mandatory open offer that an acquirer needs to make to minority shareholders.
  - ▶ Panel is chaired by N K Sodhi (Former chief justice of high courts of Karnataka and Kerala).
  - ▶ Other Members - N Venkatram (MD and CEO, Deloitte India), Darius Khambata (former advocate general, Maharashtra) and Thomas Mathew T (former chairman of LIC).
23. ▶ Supreme Court-appointed 4-member committee to study three new controversial agricultural laws, submitted its report.
  - ▶ Committee comprised of three agricultural economists-Ashok Gulati, Pramod Joshi and Anil Ghanvat. Bharatiya Kisan Union President Bhupinder Singh Mann was initially a part, but resigned later.

24. ▶ Tamil Nadu State Govt has set up a five-member *Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister*, in lines with PM-EAC at the central level. Its Members include -

- ✍ Esther Duflo (French economist and Nobel laureate)
- ✍ Jean Dreze (Belgian-born Indian welfare economist, social scientist and activist)
- ✍ Raghuram Rajan (former RBI Governor)
- ✍ Arvind Subramanian (Former Chief Economic Advisor to Government of India)
- ✍ S Narayan (Former Union finance secretary).

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