

General Studies- II (Lecture Plan)

Polity, Constitution, Governance and Social Justice

TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS	LECTURES
Strategy Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus analysis • Sources of reading • Trend analysis since 2013 (prelims & mains) • How to prepare PAPER-II 	Session-1
Historical Underpinnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major features of Regulating Act 1773 to Government of India Act 1935 • Their significance in constitutional development • The nature of polity and administration under British Rule 	Session-2
Making of the Indian Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituent assembly and framing of the constitution • Features of the Constitution • Why Constitution is lengthy and cumbersome? • Does it lack originality? • Other emerging debates 	Session-3
Preamble to the Constitution of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Preamble • Major characteristics • Legal Significance of the Preamble • Whether it is part of the Constitution/can be amended • Explanation of the key terms • Significance of the preamble 	Session-4
Preamble to the Constitution of India (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debates on the terms 'Socialist' and 'Secular' • Difference between Indian Socialism and Marxian Socialism • Liberalization and whether the Socialist nature has diluted • The defence of 42nd AA/The recent petition • Defining Secularism • Origin and Evolution of Secularism in Western Context • Secularism in India • Judiciary and Secularism • Difference between Indian and Western Secularism • What Western countries can learn from Indian Secularism? • Working of Secularism in India (1950s to 2020s, along with Case Laws) • Pluralism versus Secularism debate • Relevance of Secularism 	Session-5
Part-I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 1 to 4 • Creation of state/cessation of territory • Meaning of union of states • The amendments • The reorganization of states • Need for Second SRC 	Session-6

Part-II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 5 to 11 • Citizenship • Feasibility of dual citizenship • The CAA-pros and cons 	Session-7
PART-III: Fundamental Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad Overview • Reasons why they are called Fundamental Rights • Features of FRs • Debate – Parliamentary Sovereignty versus Judicial Supremacy • Difference between Constitution and Constitutionalism • Working of Constitutionalism 	Session-8
Constitutionalism, basic structure doctrine and constitutional morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional Morality • Difference between Constitutional Morality and Constitutionalism • Sources of Constitutional Morality • Constitutional Morality and Judiciary • Public Morality/Social Morality • Constitutional Morality versus Social Morality • Relationship between constitutionalism, basic structure doctrine and constitutional morality 	Session-9
Article 12 and 13	<p>Article 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is 'State' under Article 12? • Case laws and expansion of the definition of State • Do we need a minimalist or maximalist state <p>Article 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Article 13 and its relevance • How it promotes the supremacy of the Constitution 	Session-10
Article 13 (Continued)	<p>Article 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendability debate relating to Part-III (The case laws) • Comparison in Amendability – USA, India and UK • Factors responsible for too many amendments to Indian Constitution • Whether the amendments have made the Constitution too complex • Rigid vs. flexible debate • The major amendments since adoption of the constitution • Whether India should adopt a new constitution (the recent debate) 	Session-11
Basic Structure Doctrine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Structure Doctrine • Evolution and Significance of Basic Structure Doctrine • BSD and article 368? • Should India codify BSD? • Whether BSD is the imposition of Judicial view on sovereign Constitution? • Whether is promoting 'Doctrine of determining Eternity'? • Significance of BSD • Discussion on PYQs 	Session-12

Article 14	Article 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Difference between equality before law and equal protection of law • Rule of Law • Quantitative and Substantive Equality • Equality – Differences in India and USA • Significance of Right to Equality • Doctrine of intelligible differentia • Over view and a brief note on reservation debate 	Session-13
Article 15 and 16	Article 15 and 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of Reservation in India with Case Laws) • Meaning of Social and Economic Backwardness • Status of reservation before 103rd AA • Whether 50% ceiling was basic structure • Why there is increasing demand for reservation 	Session-14
EWS Reservation (103rd Constitutional Amendment Act)	EWS Reservation (103rd Constitutional Amendment Act) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWS Judgment (Janhit Case) • SEBC/EWS Debate • The questions not addressed under Janhit Case • Transformative Constitutionalism • Should there be creamy layer for SC/ST • Need for Equal Opportunity Commission Reservation, article 335 and efficiency vs. merit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarnail Sigh and BK Pavitra case 	Session-15
Article 19	Article 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of Article 19 • Explanation of Article 19 (1) and (2) • The amendments in article 19 and reasonable restriction • Explanation of Article 19 (1) (a), freedom of press and case laws • Freedom of media vs. Misuse of freedom 	Session-16
Article 19 (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 19 (1)(a) and 19 (2) through case laws • Contempt of Court • Sedition Law • Defamation 	Session-17

Article 19 (Continued) & Article 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 19 (1)(a) and 19 (2) through case laws • Censorship/Regulation of Films • Public order • Hate Speech • Right to internet as fundamental right <p>Article 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex-post facto • Act of Double Jeopardy 	Session-18
Article 21	<p>Article 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Life and Personal Liberty • Evolution and Expansion through Case Laws • Due Process of Law vs. procedure established by law • Comparison between India, UK and US 	Session-19
Article 21 (continued)	<p>Article 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 21 and Right to Privacy • Evolution of Right to Privacy Debate • Right to Privacy and Data Protection Act • Right to life and Liberty also includes Right to die • Pros and Cons of innovative interpretation of Article 21 • Important case laws 	Session-20
Article 22, 23 and 24	<p>Article 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive and Punitive detention • Evolution since independence • Important laws NSA/UAPA and misuse. • Issues and concerns • Way forward <p>Article 23 and 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right against Exploitation • Policy and legal interventions against exploitation • Causes of trafficking in India • Causes of Child labour • Way forward 	Session-21
Right to Freedom of Religion (Article 25-28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 25: meaning and explanation • Developments related to Anti-Conversion Law • Sabrimala Case (2018) • Essentiality principle in Religion • Hijab Ban Case • Way forward 	Session-22

<p>Article 29, 30 & 31</p>	<p>Article 29 and 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and explanation • The case laws • What constitutes the term 'Minority'? • Process of granting minority status • Should Hindus be given minority status in some states • Whether AMU is a minority institution <p>Article 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Property and its evolution • Right to Property (Under FR vs Under Article 300A) • Protections available under Article 300A • Right to Property diluted or is it an example of lack of Guarantee? • How is Right to Property still Significant • Difference between FR, Constitutional Right and Legal Right 	<p>Session-23</p>
<p>Article 31 (Cont.) and 32</p>	<p>Article 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Property and its evolution • Right to Property (Under FR vs Under Article 300A) • Protections available under Article 300A • Right to Property diluted or is it an example of lack of Guarantee? • How is Right to Property still Significant • Difference between FR, Constitutional Right and Legal Right <p>Article 32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional remedies • Types of writs • Difference between Writ Jurisdiction of Supreme Court and High Court • Significance of Constitutional Remedies 	<p>Session-24</p>
<p>Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin • Nature and Significance • Features • Difference between FRs and DPSP • Why DPSPs are non-justiciable? • DPSP as fundamentals of Governance • Case Laws and present status of DPSPs • Evaluation of implementation of DPSPs 	<p>Session-25</p>

<p>Uniform Civil Code & Fundamental Duties (FDs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin and evolution of different Civil Laws • Demands for UCC • Supreme Court on UCC • Steps to promote UCC & Hurdles and challenges • Should UCC be adopted? • Law commission <p>Fundamental Duties (FDs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales and Significance • Criticisms • Legal Explanation of FDs • Recent developments • Relevance in Present context 	<p>Session-26</p>
<p>Parliament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Democracy • Parliamentary/Presidential form of government • Advantages/Disadvantages of Parliamentary Democracy • Advantages/Disadvantages of Presidential System • Rationales behind adopting Parliamentary Democracy in India • Similarity and Differences in Indian and UK Parliamentary Democracy • Concept of Responsible Government in Indian parliamentary Democracy • Working of Parliamentary System in India • Prime Ministerialisation of Indian Democracy • Whether India should adopt presidential form of government 	<p>Session-27</p>
<p>Indian Parliament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Parliament • Role and Functions of Parliament (Law Making, Deliberation, Control over Executive etc.) • Process/Procedures/Devices of the Parliament <p>Bills in the Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of Bills <p>Money Bill/Finance Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similarities and Difference between Money Bill/Finance Bill • Rationales behind Special process/procedures for Money Bill/Finance Bill • Joint Sitting (Rationales, Process, Criticisms) 	<p>Session-28</p>

<p>Parliamentary Committees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics • Need for Parliamentary Committees • General Characteristics Public Accounts Committee/ Estimates Committee/ DRSCs • Role and Functions • Working • Weakness and Criticisms • Diminishing trend related to Committees in recent times – Cause and Consequences • Way Forward • Facts from PRS OTHERS Select Committee Joint Parliamentary Committee 	<p>Session-29</p>
<p>Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinction between both the Houses of the Parliament • Rationales behind Lok Sabha given more powers • Rationales behind creation of Bicameral Legislature • Working of Bicameral Legislature • Has Bicameral Legislature been able to protect Federal Interests? • Whether Bicameral Legislature is relevant? • Significance of the Rajya Sabha Office of the Presiding Officers • Significance of the Office of the Speaker • Factors that affected the independence of the Office of the Speaker • Money bill and role of speaker • Once speaker always speaker • Recent developments 	<p>Session-30</p>
<p>Office of Profit (LoP)/Practice of Whips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Profit • Defining Office of Profit • Evolution and issues • Relevance and Way Forward Practice of Whips • Rationales behind • Issues and Significance • Consequences of non-adherence to Whips • Whips undermining the idea of responsible and accountable government • Way Forward 	<p>Session-31</p>

<p>Qualification/Disqualification of MPs/MLAs Defection and Anti-Defection Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationale behind Defection – Why it is a wrong development? • Legal aspects of Anti-Defection Law • 91st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2002 • Decisions for disqualifications related to Defection • Analysis of Speaker’s decision • Causes of Defection • Legal flaws in Anti-Defection Law • Whether Defections can be tackled through Anti-Defection Law? • Committee/Commission recommendations 	<p>Session-32</p>
<p>Constitutional/Statutory provisions for Privileges and Immunity/Working of the Parliament</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales behind such Privileges • Breach of Privilege • Consequences of such Breach of Privileges • Weaknesses and Criticisms • Relationship between Article 19(1)(a) and Articles 105 and 194 • Relationship between Breach of Privilege and Contempt of the House • Privileges and Code of Ethics • Efforts to adopt Code of Ethics <p>OTHERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Member’s Bill • Budget in Parliament • Appropriation Bill <p>What happens when the Budget is passed?</p> <p>Working of the Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether Parliament has been experiencing a diminishing trend? • Negatives and Positives • Way forward 	<p>Session-33</p>
<p>Executive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President of India • Significance of Presidential Elections • Provisions related to the Office of the President • Role of the Vice President • Conditions of Service and Removal • Whether the President is always bound by the aid and advice of Council of Ministers headed by the Prime Minister? • Is the Office of the President just a rubber-stamp? • Role and functions of the President as Chief Executive <p>Attorney General for India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significance 	<p>Session-34</p>

<p>Ordinance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship between Ordinance and Law made by the Legislature • Rationales behind Ordinances • Evolution of Ordinances in India • Judicial Interventions • Pros and Cons of Ordinances • Examples and Case Laws <p>Legislative powers of the President</p>	<p>Session-35</p>
<p>Emergency Powers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Emergency • Is India Emergency Free? • Financial Emergency <p>State Emergency/President's Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional Provisions • Possible Grounds • Process and Effects • Evolution and Use/Misuse • Cause and Grounds of Misuse • Related Case Laws • Sarkaria commission/MM Punchhi Commission • Way Forward 	<p>Session-36</p>
<p>Pardoning Powers of the President Capital Punishment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales of Capital Punishment • Inconsistencies with Rarest of Rare Doctrine • Socio-economic profile of rarest crimes • Support for abolition of Capital Punishment <p>Mercy Petition and Clemency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales behind Mercy Petition • Problems in Mercy Petition • Whether there can be Judicial Review of Mercy Petition? • Parole and Furlough 	<p>Session-37</p>
<p>Real Executive – The Prime Minister</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westminster model of Cabinet form of government • Roles and Functions – Leader of the Nation/Head of the Government • PM and Council of Ministers (CoMs) • Composition of CoMs and structure • PM and Cabinet • Cabinet Committees • CoMs and Collective Responsibility <p>The rise of Prime Minister's Office (PMO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing centralization and challenges to responsible government • Advantages/Disadvantages of strong executive • Advantages/Disadvantages of weak executive • Way forward 	<p>Session-38</p>

<p>Coalition Politics in India</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution • Advantages/Disadvantages of Coalition Government • 18th Lok Sabha and coming back of coalition politics • Coalition politics and degeneration of democracy <p>Ministry/Departments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portfolio system during British time • Scenario after independence • Group of Ministers (GoMs) and Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoMs) • Need of GoMs and EGoMs • How have they worked? 	<p>Session-39</p>
<p>State Executive and Legislature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliamentary democracy at state level <p>The office of Governor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dual Role – Formal Head and Representative of the Centre • Powers and Functions • Appointment and Removal • Issues related to appointment/term/removal • Discretionary powers of the Governor and their misuse • Governor as a representative of the Centre • Governor and Hung Assembly • Causes of increase in conflicts between Chief Minister and Governor • Safeguards given by Sarkaria/MM Punchhi Commissions • What is the Way Forward 	<p>Session-40</p>
<p>State Legislature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister and Council of Ministers • Working of the State Legislature • Legislative Council and its relevance 	<p>Session-41</p>
<p>Federal Polity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of Federal Polity • Comparison of US and Indian Federal Polity • What is the exact character of Indian Polity? • Rationales behind adopting a quasi-federal Polity <p>Union State Relations – Legislative, Executive and Financial(overview)</p> <p>Mechanisms of cooperation and coordination – Constitutional, Statutory and Executive</p>	<p>Session-42</p>
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<p>Interstate Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition • Role and Functions • Working – positives and weakness • Way forward <p>Zonal Councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composition • Role and functions <p>Issues and conflicts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBI/Other investigation agencies • The office of Governor • AISs • Centrally Sponsored Schemes • Political conflicts 	<p>Session-44</p>
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<p>Cooperative and Competitive Federalism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution since independence • The Role of NITI Aayog • Working of Niti Aayog • Comparison between PC/Niti • Criticisms • Relevance 	<p>Session-46</p>
<p>GST, GST Council and the remaking of Fiscal Federalism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About GST Council • Role and Functions • Working of GST Council • Weakness of GST Council • Relevance of GST Council – (Mohit Minerals vs Union of India, 2022) • The Working of GST • Weakness and Criticisms • Significance of GST • Way forward <p>GST Regime and collaborative federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The redefining role of FC/NITI/GST COUNCIL/ISC-A comparative view 	<p>Session-47</p>
<p>73rd Constitutional Amendment Act – Local Self Government</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origin and Evolution • About 73rd CAA • Key features • How it has worked? / Weaknesses-3Fs • The functionality problems • Positive developments with facts • Role of Gram Sabha in Local Self Governance • Gram Sabha, MGNREGA and social audit 	<p>Session-48</p>

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act – Local Self Government (Conti.)	<p>73rd Constitutional Amendment Act – Local Self Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digitalization of PRIs (e-panchayat) • Benefits of Digitalization • Weakness and Criticisms • Recent developments <p>Other developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIs and women empowerment • PRIs and bottom-up planning • The role of FC in empowerment of PRIs • Miscellaneous 	<p>Session-49</p>
74th Constitutional Amendment Act – Urban Local Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory provisions • Corporation, Municipality and Nagar Panchayat • Working of 74th CAA • Problems in ULBs – Structural, Functional, Financial, Governance and Infrastructure • Five types of ULBs – according to Second ARC • Direct election of mayor/DEEM Model <p>Finances of Local Bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of State Finance Commission - Composition, Terms of reference, Working, Criticisms • Role of Union Finance Commission in improving State Finance Commission and Fiscal Conditions of Local Bodies • Evaluation of Union Finance Commission's role in strengthening SFCs • The Way forward 	<p>Session-50</p>
Judiciary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Indian judiciary • About Supreme Court • Independence of Judiciary • Role and Functions <p>Issues and developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appointment of Judges of SC and HCs • Evolution of Collegium System • Problems of Collegium System • About NJAC • Collegium vs Commission • Committee/Commission recommendations • Developments after Fourth Judges case 	<p>Session-51</p>
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<p>Judicial Activism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining Judicial Activism • Origin and evolution • Case Laws • Advantages/Disadvantages • Judicial Overreach/ Case Laws • Judicial Activism vs Judicial Overreach • Causes behind Judicial Activism • Relevance/way forward <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judicial Restraint • Judicial Despotism/Absolutism/Tyranny • Judicial Evasion 	<p>Session-53</p>
<p>Public Interest Litigation (PIL)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About PIL • Origin and Evolution in India • Objectives of PIL – Case Laws • Process, Procedures of PIL • Advantages/Disadvantages • Safeguards and Guidelines • Should PIL be abolished? <p>Backlog of Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Its causes, consequences and solutions <p>Judicial Vacancies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judge-Population ratio • Causes for such vacancies at various levels • Steps to address backlog of cases • Creation of All India Judicial Services (AIJS) 	<p>Session-54</p>
<p>Supreme Court as Constitutional Court and National Court of Appeal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for a National Court of Appeal • Causes for relegating Constitutional Matters <p>Article 136 – Special Leave Petition (SLP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros and cons <p>Article 142 – Empowering the Supreme Court (Case Laws)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pros and Cons <p>OTHERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Petition and Curative Petition • Criminal Justice Reforms • Judicial Reforms • National judicial corporation 	<p>Session-55</p>

<p>Separation of Powers and Quasi-Judicial Bodies (QJBs)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About QJBs • Categorization and Characteristics • Need for QJBs • Advantages of QJBs • Development of Tribunals in India • Working of Tribunals • Issues and Problems with Tribunals • The Way Forward <p>Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT/SAT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About CAT and SAT • Powers and Functions • Working of SAT • Issue of Independence of Tribunals • Restructuring of Tribunals and case laws • National Tribunal Commission • National Green Tribunal (NGT) • Role and Functions • Working of NGT and Case Laws • Criticisms • Way forward 	<p>Session-56</p>
<p>Alternate Dispute Redressal (ADR) Mechanisms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About ADR • Need for ADR • ADR in India • Arbitration, Conciliation, Mediation and Negotiation • Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Act, 2015 • Arbitration and Conciliation Amendment Bill, 2021 • International Conventions, practices and Arbitration in India <p>Lok Adalats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers and Jurisdiction • Article 39a and Lok Adalats • Working of Lok Adalat • General Weakness of ADR • Way forward <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Courts • Commercial Courts • Fast Track Courts (FTCs) and Special Designated Courts (SDCs) <p>Separation of powers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rationales • Position in India • Whether QJBs breach separation of powers 	<p>Session-57</p>

<p>Governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Governance • System of Polity – Monarchical, Democratic and Governance • Context of Emergence of Governance as Good Governance • Relationship between Government and Governance • Governance and Good Governance • Parameters/Indicators Good Governance • Problems and Criticisms • Major initiatives/facts/examples • Way forward <p>About Minimum Government and maximum Governance (MGMG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idea behind MGMG • Evaluation of MGMG • Relevance 	<p>Session-58</p>
<p>Accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About Accountability • Types of Accountability – Legal, administrative, financial, professional, moral, social and political • Process of accountability and role of the three organs of State • Other institutions-CAG/CVC/Lokpal/CBI/CIC/NHRC • Problems of accountability • Accountability and corruption/inefficiency • Recent developments (social/moral/professional accountability) • Way forward 	<p>Session-59</p>
<p>Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About CVC • Composition, Appointment, Tenure and Removal • Independence of CVC • Powers and Functions • Working of CVC (positive role) • Weakness and Limitations • Relevance <p>Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of CBI • Appointment, Tenure, Removal • Power and Functions • Working of CBI • Weakness, Limitation and Criticisms • CBI and Federal Polity • Implications and Repercussions of withdrawing the general consent by the states • Whether CBI shall be made like CAG? • How to make CBI-independent and professional 	<p>Session-60</p>

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