

## CITIZEN-CENTRIC GOVERNANCE

According to the report of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission, the basic principles to make governance citizen-centric are rule of law, transparency and ethics in governance: According to the commission some enforcement agencies have a northerly tendency and are forced to strictly enforce the provisions of the law and sometimes citizens are also blamed in this regard, in this case the commission made the following recommendations: All public agencies should adopt a strategy of zero-tolerance towards crimes to create an environment of low compliance to maintain public order and morality. This strategy should be followed by agencies and community involvement initiatives should be taken for crime prevention. The rule of law requires institutions that are well structured, empowered and have the right resources for effective implementation. Also, the legislature has created various specialized institutions to take care of the special needs of the society. The report of the Commission on Panchayati Raj Institutions recommended improving the delivery mechanism through decentralization along with increased participation of citizens and stakeholders. Transparency in the everyday functioning of administration, standards of delivery and decision making are the foundational pillars of citizen centric approach in administration. Ensuring full stop transparency requires a change in approach at all levels of governance.

## Games and Sports in NEP 2020

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The importance and value of sports and games that is in fact physical education in the education system has long been recognized and today's education is unthinkable without games and sports being a part and parcel of modern education. In present day education much emphasis is given to the physical education and the belief has come to influence the educationists, policy planners and the regulating authority the government that no worthwhile education for the young generation is possible without physical education. Sports and games is the integral part of inclusive education and thus sports and games need to be given required priority and place in modern education so that it leads to the growth of healthy individual personalities which can fit in the democracy of the country and contribute to its development. Thus physical education should be made inalienable and inseparable part of education and it needs to be made a part of school syllabus and curriculum. Adequate emphasis needs to be given to the sports and games in the education system of the country. All students, regardless of ability, should get the recommended 60 minutes or more of daily physical activity to grow into physically fit personalities. Schools can help all students to meet this recommendation by providing equal opportunities for students with disabilities as well. Creating an inclusive culture for physical education and physical activity helps every student learn to lead a healthy, active and purposeful life style. The inclusion in education means that, "All children regardless of ability or disability, have the right to be respected and appreciated as the valuable members of school community, fully participate in all school activities and interact with peers of all ability levels with opportunities to develop friendship. 'Inclusive physical education and physical activity includes - 1-Includes students with disabilities in regular physical education classes. Specifically, teaching strategies, equipment, environments and assessments have been adopted to meet the needs of all students.2-Supports the students with disabilities who want to participate in other physical activities before, during and after school. 3-Encourage the students with disabilities to have same roles and experiences as their peers who do not have a disability during physical education and other physical activities. "Education is the manifestation of the perfection already existing in man." said Swami Vivekananda. The primary objective of education is overall personality development. Complimenting to this objective, the paradigms of Physical Education ,sports and Yoga are integrated under the National Education Policy -NEP 2020.Physical Education, Sports and Yoga professionals will contribute in bringing Health and wellness at every aspect of one's personality. Thus developing and proposing the syllabus framework for physical education, sports and yoga was an interesting assignment for the committee. We had to keep in mind the broad guidelines given by UGC about making the citizens of 21st century equipped with critical thinking, problem solving ,Analytical Reasoning, Cognitive skills and self -directed learning etc. The committee had several meetings to develop the curriculum framework and we have come out with a broad outline for the colleges and universities to take up the framework for physical education, sports and yoga .The broad framework is to make physical education, sports and yoga accessible and available to masses by creation of professions in physical education, sports and yoga through Higher Education Institutions. This will help every citizen of India to be healthy, fit and stay well. India is growing rapidly as a global super power. To face the challenges of the century and to keep up with the pace of the world, maintaining health is of paramount importance. Giving thrust to healthy society, physical education, sports and yoga are of great significance in today's world .The GOI insists on physical fitness, mental health, and overall development of personality of for every citizen. Thus government has launched Fit India Movement, Khelo India, TOPS and National Sports Day, International Day of Yoga etc. These initiatives have given impetus and awareness among public, professionals, and academicians. However, creating efficient and skilled human resource in the field of physical education, sports and yoga is identified as the need of hour: Thus the GOI and the government of Karnataka have included physical education, sports and yoga a key area under NEP 2020.Thus NEP 2020 accords top most importance to physical education, sports and yoga and for implementing the mandate of NEP 2020, GOI and government of Karnataka has started to implement it into educational curriculum. In keeping with the spirit of federalism and unitary nature of the country, other states of the country and UT's should emulate the implementing example of GOI and government of Karnataka and earnestly, honestly and seriously take needed steps to include the physical education, sports and yoga in the curriculum framework in all educational institutions so that physically fit ,well meaning personalities will be developed to fit in the 21st century world and face the challenges of the today's world of competition. The educational institutions should take the initiative and perform their role in implementing the NEP 2020 in Ttoto so that India is in a position to cultivate all round developed ,physically fit and required human personalities to man the requirements of the 21st century India. For this national task our educational institutions should perform lead role through strict implementation of the NEP 2020 through adoption of national framework of school curriculum more specifically as it relates to inclusion of physical education, sports and yoga classes in the educational institutions throughout the country so that India can reach new and required highest of human, social and economic development to remain relevant in the 21st century world and lead the world in the modern time. In brief it can be said that inclusive physical education and the due as well as needed emphasis is given by NEP 2020 in regard to physical education, sports and yoga in order to transform India into a healthy fit and mentally sound and capable personalities who can perform their roles so that the objective of developed India will become a reality but for this all of us and the educational institutions should work hard and with determination.

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## India flies high into Amrit Kaal

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Allahabad) and Naini was a part of the Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition being held there and started India's unique tryst with commercial aviation. 112 years hence, a lot of water has flown under the Yamuna.

Today, India is the 3rd largest domestic civil aviation market in the world after China and the United States. Domestic passengers in India more than doubled from 60 million in 2014 to 143 million in 2020 prior to Covid-19. There has also been a significant increase in international air passengers too from 23 million to 35 million. Flying is no longer looked upon as an elitist luxury but a necessary service. India's civil aviation sector has not only democratised air travel by adding crores of first-time fliers but has also provided employment opportunities for engineers, trained technicians and airline service staff. Moreover, the innovation unleashed in the Civil Aviation Sector has made it central to a 'Whole of Government' approach.

Democratisation of air travel

Many private airlines have attempted to attract India's large middle class into becoming commercial air travellers by offering no-frills, cost-effective services. Central to this strategy was to make flight operations to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities commercially viable. To accelerate this, in 2017, the Government of India approved a budget of Rs. 4,500 crore for the revival of existing unserved and underserved airports and airstrips through the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). Since then,

UDAN - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik has expedited connectivity to non-metros and hastened the integration of Tier-2 cities into the commercial supply chain for goods and services. Left to private enterprise alone, connectivity to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in India would have taken a very long time.

Today approximately 475 UDAN routes involving 73 airports including nine heliports and two water aerodromes have been operationalised across the country. In these, about 75 routes, that is more than 15%, connect the Northeast where terrain and other challenges require a robust air network. Since its inception over 1.14 crore passengers have travelled in more than 2.16 Lakh UDAN flights and Rs. 2,300 crore has been paid to selected airlines by the Government as a part of the Viability Gap Funding. As a result, the number of operational airports in India have almost doubled from 74 to 147 in the last 8 years.

Civil Aviation as a job generator

Indian flight operators have a fleet size of approximately 750 aircraft and this constitutes less than 3% of the global fleet size of approximately 27,500 aircraft. As flight operations in India continue to grow, the fleet size is expected to increase rapidly. To keep the aircrafts airworthy, regular maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) is required. MRO work includes the maintenance of engines, airframe and other elements with airframes being the most labour intensive. The growth in the country's fleet size is positively correlated with the growth in MRO related work. As per industry estimates, the market size of the MRO sector in India stood at around USD 2 billion, catering to 15% of our domestic MRO work and 85% of the MRO work is done abroad. The availability of a strong pool of English speaking engineers at affordable rates gives India a natural advantage of increasing its share of MRO related work. To capitalise on this the Government of India issued new MRO Guidelines to encourage MRO organisa-

tions and OEMs to set up workshops in India. The steps taken towards making India a global hub of MRO includes 100% Foreign Direct Investment permitted via automatic route for MRO, a liberalised policy for borrowing and lending in foreign currency and Indian currency on competitive terms for MROs, reduction of GST on MRO from 18% to 5% with full Input Tax Credit. As Indian fleet size grows the need for flying staff including commercial pilots, transport pilots and other pilot licences would further increase. At 1,165 commercial pilot licences, 2022 saw the largest number of Commercial Pilot licenses issued over the last decade. The total licences issued including airline pilots, type ratings and others came close to 10,000. The need for pilots has also led to an increase in Flight Training organisations (FTOs). Currently India has 35 approved FTOs with 53 bases in the country and an additional 10 are on the anvil. Similarly, the number of Air Traffic Controllers have increased from a little over 2,000 in 2012 to close to 4,000 in 2022.

Aviation as a key piece in a Whole of Government Approach

Last year the government issued guidelines for Production Linked Incentives (PLI) for drones with an outlay of Rs. 120 crores over a 3-year period. The target segment contains drones and drone components such as airframe, propulsion systems, power systems, communication systems and sensors among others. Coupled with this there has been a massive liberalisation of the Drone policy under which 25 forms have been reduced to just 5. Further, 72 types of fees have been reduced to 4 and approximately 90% of airspace has been marked as 'Green' under which no permission is required to operate drones.

The liberalisation in the drone policy has allowed drones to be used for various activities including relief and rescue operations, and transporting essential medical supplies. Drone technology has con-

tributed to the rapid implementation of the SVAMITVA scheme of the Government of India. The scheme aims to establish clear ownership of property in rural areas, by mapping land parcels and providing a 'Record of Rights' to village household owners. Drone surveys have been completed in more than 2.20 Lakh villages so far.

Another area where Civil Aviation policy has contributed is in the area of agriculture. The Krishi Udan Scheme is focused on transporting perishable food products of farmers from the hilly areas, north-eastern states and tribal areas. Under this scheme full waiver of landing, parking, terminal and route navigation charges are provided in a total of 58 airports.

India's Civil Ministry has also been instrumental in rescuing Indians and foreign nationals from harm's way. As a part of the Vande Bharat Mission India operated air bubbles to facilitate the travel of 1.83 crore passengers during the various COVID-19 waves. Further, Operation Ganga rescued 22,500 Indian students from Ukraine at the peak of the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The synergy between Tourism and Civil aviation in propagating India's Tourism potential and our cultural and spiritual heritage is a well-known fact. When Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kushinagar airport in October 2021, he said that the airport is a tribute to the devotion of Buddhist society around the world. He further stated that Tourism in all its forms, whether for faith or for leisure, needs modern infrastructure and airways is one of the most crucial components. Taking this into account the Ministry of Tourism also funds more than 50 routes and has approved another 10 routes under the RCS-UDAN Scheme. As we enter Amrit Kaal, Indian aviation is flying high.

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## International Family Day British- Pakistanis' Grooming Gang taking advantage of disintegration of families

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Indian Americans are the most successful group of any kind in the United States: we have the highest per-capita incomes, the highest educational attainment and the lowest crime rate. Seventy seven percent of us over the age of twenty-five have a college degree (which is two and a half times more than American average); more than half have post graduate degree. We are 8% of American doctors. Around a fifth of all start-ups in Silicon Valley were founded by Indians.' -says America based author, Suketu Mehta , in his book, ' This Land Is Our Land...', published in 2019.

Not only in America but wherever in Europe that the Indians live they proudly lead almost same standard of life. Yet one thing that causes extreme fear in them is that lest should they get shrunk from extended Indian family with mother-father and uncle - aunt to that nuclear one with only husband-wife and their children being left to live with. And, more so, this family then completely having perished too, they also would suffer to have got to be mingled with those people living in the cities of America and Europe, whose half of the population is bound to live alone . This fear is not without ground .That the disintegrated family led to what kind of a problem in America could be understood from the speech former President George Bush once made

among the school students of the country. He asked-' Having reached the home do you complete your homework of the Mathematics ? Or else an Indian student might get away with your job in future.' The attention of the student thus drawn lies in two contrasting scenarios of family-system there. Reaching home from school where Indian students get the warm presence of same real mother-father; American students face ever new guardian due to frequent divorce or separations.

But now ever more perverted form of the problem has come up to draw the attention of all there. In October 2021 in Bradford, England, a case was registered against Umar, Khalid, Jamil with other 21 Pakistanis in all.

They all were found to have indulged in sexual exploitation of an under matured girl continuously for 4 years. Later in-depth enquiry led to revelation that it hadn't been an isolated case of its kind. Behind such cases Pakistanis are involved in a planned way . And finally British home secretary, SuellaBaverman, had to come forward to take lead on the issue. She openly stated that British-Pakistanis (who are mentioned as 'Grooming Gang' ) are engaged into sexual exploitation of white skinned girls , coming into contact of them with shrewd flirtation. And then enticing them into drug addiction.

According to an estimate 19000 cases have come into

light so far!. Vietim girls are reported to be mostly those whose parents are either divorced; or went separation, once under live-in relationship. And now, deprived of emotional guardianship of a family, they suffer lack of proper attention to themselves. Taking advantage of it notorious British-Pakistanis first inches closer into the lives of such girls through 'online chat', then gradually exploits their vulnerable tender sentiments.

Later, having snared them into taking themselves(Pakistanis) for the most trustworthy companion through emotive display of sympathies, they set upon executing their chosen intention .

However in 2005 that such case came into light for the first time. But due to cultural susceptibilities and local and geo-political politics it was avoided to directly take this issue into debate. What is notable is that several constituencies of England have now got to be such that where the Muslim electorates are decisive to affect the results of election. But now Rishi Sunak government has decided to crackdown on grooming gang.

Notably a 'Joint Faith Group' of Hindu- Sikh living in England welcomed the courageous initiatives taken by Suella Baverman on the matter. It pleaded that the involvement of Pakistanis grooming gang in making non-Muslim girls target should be grasped in the context of their ulterior motives in nutshell.

## I sleep peacefully mother, when you are near!!

■ DR SATYAWAN SAURABH

We do celebrate the formality of Mother's Day but the reality is far from it. As long as mother has lived in her hands and feet and money in her bundle, we love mother, but as soon as these two things go away from mother, the scale of our love also changes, especially in the days of mother's old age. At that time we mix with our wife and children and leave the mother helpless.

Perhaps no one will ever be able to analyze the word mother; these two words contain so much vastness that it is not possible to explain. The first word spoken by a child after birth is mother. Mother is the one who teaches us to live, the first person in the world whom we get to know just by touch is Mother. After carrying her in her stomach for 9 months, she gives birth to us after so many troubles. She is the 'mother', whether young or old, a mother always worries about her child.

Mother's love is blind which can only be experienced. Mother is considered to be worshipable in Indian culture. The whole life is too short to give happiness and respect to the mother. Nevertheless, Mother's Day is celebrated in the world in honor of the mother. Who sees how many examples of affection, sacrifice, generosity, and tolerance the mother creates? How many times his love sheds tears for his children? It is the day when we are thankful to our mother who has given us so much and is still doing so much for us.

Words will fall short to define mother but we will not be able to define her in a few words.

Mother is the mine of Mamta, God on earth!

Consider the glory of Mother, the best-

greatest!!

Mother's words are like poetry, the language of a story!

Dissolved in the juice of couplets, the life of verses started!!

Mother is the string of the veena, Mother is the flower of spring!

Mother is the rhythm, mother is the rhythm, the chime of life!!

Mother is Geeta, Veda, Mother is true love!

Without a mother, all the customs of the world seem false!!

Maa Hariyali Dub hai, Sheetal Gang Anoop!

You remained in me, only in the form of a mother!!

Any injury first occurs to the mother and then to the child. The debt of a mother's love cannot be repaid. No matter how big the child may be, the mother's lap makes him feel the most secure. So one day it becomes necessary for that 'mother' to be her own. It was popularized by Anna of America. Yes, millions of people celebrate this day as 'Men's Day' and thank their mothers wholeheartedly for their sacrifice, support, and efforts. This is the reason why Mother's Day is celebrated all over the world on the second Sunday of May every year. One day of the year is dedicated only to the mother, which we know as Mother's Day. This day, which honors the mother, is celebrated on different dates in many countries. But in most countries including India, the second Sunday of May is celebrated as Mother's Day.

If you live with your mother, then hug her and wish her, respect your mother as well as every mother in the world, then there can be no greater gift in the world than this and the blessings of the mother will always be your shield. By becoming it, you get freedom from every pain. We do celebrate the

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Old age is very bad. This is the time when the mother needs love the most and we abuse her. This time is very sad for any mother. She makes her children grow up by looting everything and this child grows up and first of all, isolates his mother. This is the story of most of the houses in India which cannot be denied. Surprisingly, today's educated young generation does not respect their old parents. After getting old, the children caress their children very much, but the old parents feel expected.

To give goddess respect to 'mother' is one of the biggest needs of the present era. Mother is life, the mother is power, the mother is energy, and the mother is synonymous with love, compassion, and affection. Mother is not only the birth giver but also the life maker. Mother Earth is the basis for the development of life. It is the mother who has woven the fabric of this world with her own hands. In the course of the development of civilization, from primitive times to modern times, there were continuous changes in the shape, type, lifestyle, thinking, and brain of human beings. But the feeling of motherhood did not change. Even in that primitive age, the mother was only the mother. Even then she used to give birth to her children and nurture them. Used to teach them to protect their existence. Even in today's modern era, the mother is the same. Mother has not changed. Victor Hugo

has expressed the glory of the mother in these words that a mother's lap remains soft and children sleep comfortably in it.

How is this feeling hidden in your lap?

I sleep peacefully mother, when you are near!!

Mother, what kind of name should I give to this love of yours?

Found in your lap, I visited all four places!!

It will not be an exaggeration if the mother is called the representative of the Creator on earth. The truth is that mother is no less than the creator. Because mother has created and nurtured this world. God pervaded in every particle whether anyone can see it or not, the mother is visible to everyone everywhere. Somewhere she incubates eggs, and somewhere she is seen caressing her cub, calf, and child. Mother is a feeling of motherhood, of love and affection, of sacrifice and this feeling makes her the creator.

Mother is the creator who creates this world again, in her way. Mother weaves dreams and this world lives and suffers her dreams. Mother teaches how to live. From the first scream to the last breath, the mother does not leave the side of her child. Whether the mother is near or not, the mother's love and caress, the values given by the mother stay with us for the whole life. It is the mother who builds the future of her children. That is why Mother has been called the first teacher. Stevie Wonder has rightly said that my mother was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, of love, of fearlessness. If love is as sweet as a flower, then my mother is the sweetest flower of love.

Now it is our turn to give respect and love to our mother so that she can spend the rest of her life happily.