

ORDINANCE, 239AA

- A Constitution Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on May 11 held that the Delhi government can make laws and administer civil services in the national capital.
- The court limited the role of the Lieutenant Governor (LG), an arm of the Centre, over bureaucrats in the capital to three specific areas public order, police, and land.
- The judgment intended to strike a balance between the national interests of the Centre in the capital and the authority of an elected Delhi government to legislate and administer meaningfully through “professional” civil service officers deputed to its departments.
- However, on May 19, the Centre turned the tables on the judgment.
- The President promulgated the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 to make a fresh claim of power over the services in the capital.
- The stated aim of the Ordinance is to “provide for a comprehensive scheme of administration of services” which “balances the local and domestic interests of the people of Delhi with the democratic will of

the entire nation reflected through the President of India

What does the Ordinance say?

- The government has used the Ordinance route to indirectly return to its original position which it had taken in May 21, 2015 through a Home Ministry notification
- The Ordinance forms a “permanent” National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA) with the Chief Minister as chairperson, and the Chief Secretary and Principal Home Secretary as Member and Member Secretary, respectively.
- The NCCSA exercises authority over civil service officers working in all Delhi government departments except those in public order, police and land
- The ordinance has put the log back in the driver’s seat by giving him the power to take a final call on any decision taken by the nccsa regarding services

What is an ordinance and who makes it?

- Under the Constitution, the power to make laws rests with the legislature.
- However, in cases when Parliament is not in session, and ‘immediate action’ is needed, the President can issue an ordinance.

- An ordinance is a law and could introduce legislative changes.
- Once the ordinance is laid in Parliament, the government introduces a Bill addressing the same issue. This Bill is supposed to highlight the reasons that necessitated the issue of the Ordinance.
- 38th amendment act inserted a new clause (4) in article 123 stating that the president's satisfaction while promulgating an ordinance was final and could not be questioned in any court on any ground. However, the 44th amendment to Indian constitution reversed it and made the president's satisfaction to bring the ordinance justiciable.

WHAT IS ARTICLE 239AA OF THE CONSTITUTION?

- Inserted into the Constitution by the 69th Amendment Act, 1991, Article 239AA conferred special status on Delhi following the recommendations of the S Balakrishnan Committee that was set up in 1987 to look into Delhi's demands for statehood.
- According to this provision, the act of Delhi will have an administrator and a legislative assembly. Subject to the provisions of the constitution, the legislative assembly, "shall have the

power to make laws for the whole or any part of the act with respect to any of the matters in the state list or concurrent list in so far as any such matter is applicable to union territories," except on the subjects of police, public order, and land.

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INS SINDHURATNA

- INS Sindhuratna (S59) (Jewel of the Sea)[2] is a Sindhu Ghosh-class diesel-electric submarine of the Indian Navy



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FIPIC

- The Forum for India–Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) was launched during Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi's visit to Fiji in November 2014.
- FIPIC includes 14 of the island countries Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

- Though these countries are relatively small in land area and distant from India, many have large exclusive economic zones (EEZs), and offer promising possibilities for fruitful cooperation.
- India's focus has largely been on the Indian Ocean where it has sought to play a major role and protect its strategic and commercial interests. The FIPIC initiative marks a serious effort to expand India's engagement in the Pacific region.
- At this moment, total annual trade of about \$300 million between the Indian and Pacific Island countries, whereas exports are around \$200 million and imports are around \$100 million.



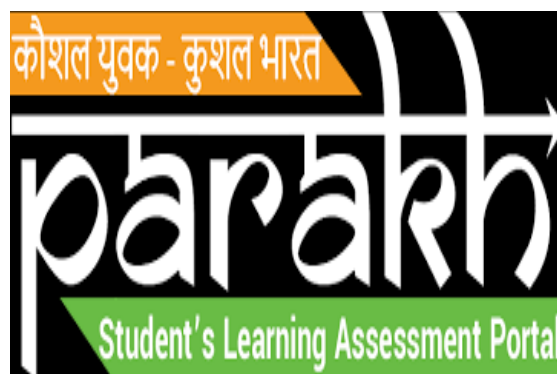
- The third forum for India-Pacific islands co-operation (FIPIC Summit), which was held today at Port Moresby was jointly hosted with Papua New Guinea.
- Prime minister of India co- chaired the summit with PM of Papua New Guinea.

- 1st Summit-Suva, Fiji
- 2nd Summit-Jaipur, India

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PARAKH

- PARAKH, the National Assessment Centre, which has been set up as an organization under the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- The mandate of PARAKH is to work on bringing the school Boards across States and Union Territories on a common platform.
- The Full Form of PARAKH is Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi made the announcement to build a National Assessment Center, PARAKH, on September 11th, 2020, while speaking at a conference on "School Education in the 21st Century"



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CAPEX

- Capital expenditures are payments made for goods or services that are recorded or capitalized on a company's balance sheet instead of expensed on the income statement.
- Spending is important for companies to maintain existing property and equipment, and to invest in new technology and other assets for growth.
- If an item has a useful life of less than one year, it must be expensed on the income statement rather than capitalized, which means it isn't considered CapEx.
- Unlike CapEx, operating expenses (OpEx) are shorter-term expenses used for the day-to-day operations of a business.

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