Keralam Assembly Hosts National PAC Chairpersons Conference

The Keralam Assembly is hosting a two-day national conference of Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairpersons from 25 States, inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is a key parliamentary financial committee that examines the audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The two-day conference of **Public Accounts Committee** (PAC) chairpersons from **25 States** is hosted by the Keralam Assembly on November 3 and 4.
- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** inaugurated the conference and inspected a Guard of Honour during the ceremony.
- Around **300 public representatives**, including MPs and MLAs from various States, are participating in the event.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Public Accounts Committee** (PAC) was first set up in **1921** under the Montague-Chelmsford Reforms.

The Public Accounts Committee comprises **22 members**, with 15 from **Lok Sabha** and 7 from Rajya Sabha, elected annually by proportional representation.

Since **1967**, the convention has been established to appoint a member of the **opposition party** in Parliament as the chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

The **Comptroller and Auditor General** (CAG) of India acts as the friend, philosopher, and guide to the Public Accounts Committee.

Ministers are not eligible for election as members of the Public Accounts Committee.

The term of office of the members of the Public Accounts Committee is **one year**.

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PAC is the oldest parliamentary financial committee set up in 1921 with 22 members, chaired by an opposition member.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Unit 5 (Indian Polity & Constitution) covering parliamentary committees, composition, and functions.

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