

Montek Singh Ahluwalia to Head TN Revenue Augmentation Committee

The Tamil Nadu government constituted a high-level Revenue Augmentation Committee under former Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia.

A state-level expert committee established to recommend measures for enhancing Tamil Nadu's tax and non-tax revenues sustainably.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Tamil Nadu government** constituted a **Revenue Augmentation Committee** under the chairmanship of economist **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**.
- Montek Singh Ahluwalia previously served as Deputy Chairman of the **Planning Commission** and Member of the Prime Minister's **Economic Advisory Council**.
- The committee will suggest strategies for the sustainable augmentation of the State's **tax and non-tax revenues**.
- Key terms of reference include **improving tax compliance**, **plugging revenue leakages**, and rationalising tax rates and exemptions.
- The panel is mandated to identify new and **underutilised revenue sources** across **Tamil Nadu**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Planning Commission of India** was established on **March 15, 1950**, by an executive resolution.

Planning Commission was replaced by **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) on **January 1, 2015**.

Article 243-I of the Constitution mandates the establishment of a **State Finance Commission** every five years.

Article 202 of the Indian Constitution deals with the **Annual Financial Statement** (Budget) of the State Government.

The Tamil Nadu government appointed the **Rajamannar Committee** in **1969** to examine Centre-State fiscal and administrative relations.

The **6th State Finance Commission** of Tamil Nadu was headed by **M.A. Siddique**.

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Montek Singh Ahluwalia heads Tamil Nadu's Revenue Augmentation Committee to boost state tax and non-tax revenues.

Syllabus Relevance: Highly relevant for Group 1, 2, and 2A exams under Unit 9 (TN Development Administration) and Unit 6 (Indian & TN Economy).

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