All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC)

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Recently, the 86th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) was inaugurated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow.

- **Aim –** It is the ***apex body of legislatures in India.***
- It serves as a platform for Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Parliament and State Legislative bodies to *share best practices, discuss legislative procedures, and address contemporary challenges* facing democratic institutions.
- **Objectives – Sharing Knowledge -** It provides a platform for legislative bodies to exchange innovative ideas and best practices for better functioning.
- **Strengthening Democratic Governance -** The conference discusses ways to enhance accountability, improve the conduct of the Houses, and ensure that legislatures effectively represent the people's concerns.
- **Modernization -** A key focus is on the adoption of modern technologies and AI tools to make legislative processes more efficient, effective, and citizen-centric.
- **Upholding Values -** Discussions often centre on the role of Parliament and state legislatures in upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution.
- **Participants –** Presiding Officers from 28 States, 3 Union Territories, and 6 Legislative Councils.
- **86th AIPOC, 2026 –**
  - **Host –** Hosted in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for the 4th time.
  - **Theme –** The three-day national conference is being held with the theme 'Strong Legislature-Prosperous Nation.'
  - **Key Speakers –** Shri Om Birla, Speaker of Lok Sabha.
  - Smt. Anandiben Patel, Governor of Uttar Pradesh.
  - Shri Satish Mahana, Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

- **Highlights –** The conference raised concern over the ***declining sitting days*** of State Legislatures.
- It advocated that the Presiding Officers must be above party politics.
- Stress on longer House functioning for meaningful and outcome-oriented debates.
- Discussed on paperless legislatures and future technological challenges.

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