National Conference on “Good Governance Practices”

Prelims: *Current events of national and international importance.*

Why in the news?

Recently, the two-day national Conference on “Good Governance Practices” was Inaugurated in Bhubaneswar.

- **Aim** - To foster a spirit of collaborative learning and institutional innovation by bringing together public administration leaders from the national and state levels on a unified platform.
- **Objective** - It seeks to highlight exemplary governance initiatives recognized with the Prime Minister’s Awards for Excellence in Public Administration.
- **Theme** - “**Good Governance Practices**”.
- **Organized by** - the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in collaboration with the Government of Odisha.
- **Recognition** – The conference seeks to highlight with PM’s awards for Excellence in Public Administration.
- **Representation** - 400 delegates from across the country, comprising senior officials from the Central and State Governments
    - More than 20 distinguished speakers, including District Magistrates and Secretaries.
- **Key highlights -** The conference highlighted that out of 41 Conferences held since Independence, an impressive 29 have been organized in the last 15 years.
- It also noted that 4 critical dimensions of the Modi-led reforms include
    1. Reforms as revolutionary, breaking away from outdated practices
    2. Far-reaching socio-economic impact.
    3. Instilling a new sense of self-esteem, confidence, and trust in the system.
    4. several initiatives—such as the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) and the Digital Life Certificate—have evolved into global models of innovative governance.
- Outdated and old laws have been repealed, emphasising a departure from the 'status quo' approach of the past, promoting greater efficiency in governance.
- India’s Unified Payments Interface (UPI), which has now surpassed global payment systems like VISA in terms of usage.
- Odisha affirmed the State’s commitment to people-centric, technology-driven, and future-ready governance.
- Secretary of DARPG, emphasized that the conference has been in alignment with the theme of **Civil Services Day 2025** i.e. “Holistic Development of India through Holistic Development of Districts and Blocks”.

- **Significance** – It is showcasing scalable and replicable models in public service delivery, digital governance, citizen engagement, and inclusive development.

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