

Q → The union government must ensure convergence of political will by setting up a National Unity cabinet with the purpose of overcoming the pandemic situation. Explain (200 words).

Ans. A National Unity cabinet is a policy-making body comprising of government, opposition leaders & industry leaders & professionals to tackle any specific crisis like war, disaster, pandemic, etc.

- Why its required.

- ↳ The current fragmented approach has been unsuccessful in saving lives or livelihood.

- ↳ Denudation of federal ethos due to constant tussle between states & centre over critical issues such as vaccination, distribution of oxygen cylinders, etc.

↳ Historical precedence as well as current ones.

- war cabinets formed by British during both world wars
- Similar cabinet formed by Abraham Lincoln during civil rights movement
- USA, UK and Australia have passed legislations to tackle the virus.

Impacts

- ↳ Strengthening federalism
- ↳ Increasing trust in the leadership
- ↳ Prompt approval of ordinances, legislations as there is convergence.
- ↳ Efficient utilization of resources to overcome pandemic.

The formation of National Unity cabinet is step taken in right direction to overcome pandemic & could also be used in future to tackle other issues such as poverty

farm distress, public health, etc.

"A nation that does not walk together, does not walk not at all".