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Chintan Shivir on “Strengthening Parliamentary Processes: Centre–State Synergies for Effective Governance – Way to Viksit Bharat @2047” to be held at Ooty, Tamil Nadu

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, is organizing a two-day *Chintan Shivir* on the theme “**Strengthening Parliamentary Processes: Centre–State Synergies for Effective Governance – Way to Viksit Bharat @2047**” on 11–12 May 2026 at Ooty, Tamil Nadu.

The Chintan Shivir is envisaged as a high-level deliberative platform aimed at strengthening institutional collaboration between the Centre and States/Union Territories in the field of parliamentary and legislative affairs. The event will bring together the Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministers of State in the Ministry, senior officers of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Parliamentary Affairs Ministers from States/UTs, and senior officials associated with legislative functioning.

The deliberations during the Chintan Shivir will focus on a wide range of issues relating to legislative functioning, digital transformation of legislatures, institutional strengthening, democratic participation and legislative effectiveness.

A major focus area of the Shivir would be the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), a flagship Mission Mode Project under the Digital India Programme aimed at transforming all State and Union Territory Legislatures into Digital Houses. At present, 22 Legislatures are already live on the NeVA platform, while several others are at advanced stages of implementation. The discussions on NeVA will include strategies for universal adoption of the platform across all States and UTs, comprehensive utilisation of all modules, digitalisation of archival and legacy legislative records, and integration of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence for intelligent search, multilingual translation, automated preparation of proceedings, simultaneous interpretation and advanced legislative analytics.

The Shivir will also deliberate on strengthening committee systems in States and Union Territories, including Consultative Committees and formal legislative committee mechanisms, with a view to enhancing executive accountability and improving legislative oversight.

Another important agenda item relates to organisation and expansion of Youth Parliament programmes to strengthen democratic values among the youth and enhance citizen participation in democratic processes.

The Chintan Shivir will further deliberate on institutional mechanisms for training in legislative procedures and practices. Discussions will include leveraging NeVA Seva Kendras as State-level training hubs supporting structured training, development of standardised training modules, training of trainers and exchange of best practices among States.

The issue of increasing the number of sittings of State Legislatures will also be discussed in the broader context of strengthening democratic governance and enhancing legislative effectiveness through a consensus-driven approach.

The Ministry expects that the Chintan Shivir will facilitate meaningful exchange of experiences and best practices among States and Union Territories and contribute towards evolving a coordinated roadmap for strengthening parliamentary and legislative institutions in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.
