## What is Minimum Government and Maximum Governance?

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<u>In news</u>— Recently, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, reiterated the idea, saying the Modi government's schemes had been successful because of the 'minimum government, maximum governance' formula.

What is minimum government & maximum governance?

- Minimum government, maximum governance" refers to reducing government intervention in the common man's day-to-day activities and empowering the people to ensure their own as well as the country's growth and development.
- While there are several aspects to achieving "minimum government", it broadly includes making government processes easier by reducing red-tapism and corruption, and encouraging e-governance.
- "Minimum government, maximum governance" also means
  lesser public undertakings and a push for privatisation.

Government's initiatives in this regard-

- Government abolished around 1,600 obsolete laws, doing away with interviews for government jobs, and encouraging digitization of facilities like the RTI.
- A significant step by the government to push for a 'Digital India' as well as encourage citizen participation was the 'MyGov' platform, which was launched in August 2014.
- This is a citizen-centric platform to empower people to connect with the Government and contribute towards good governance.
- It also seeks expert advice from the people, thoughts and ideas on various topics that concern India. Citizens

can join the discussion to share, debate and add value.

- The MyGov platform in 2021 claimed to have become the "world's largest citizen engagement platform" with over 1.9 crore registered users.
- In 2019, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances launched the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) initiative to measure the success of e-governance services.
- **Disinvestments**-In December 2022, the Finance Ministry stated that the government had made over Rs 4.04 lakh crore ever since it came to power in 2014 through disinvestments.
- In the financial year 2023 (so far) alone, it raised over Rs 31,000 crore in disinvestments.