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Important Committees and Panels

Name of the Committee	Sector name
<i>N S Vishwanathan Committee</i>	Urban Cooperative Banks
<i>T.K. Viswanathan Committee</i>	Hate Speech
<i>Uday Kotak Committee</i>	Corporate governance
<i>Ravi Chopra Committee</i>	Chardham Road project
<i>K.V. Kamath Committee</i>	Restructuring of corporate loans
<i>Kris Gopalakrishnan Committee</i>	Non-personal data issues
<i>V Ramgopal Rao Committee</i>	Reservation for student's faculty in IITs
<i>Shashi S Vempati Committee</i>	Television rating systems
<i>MK Jain Committee</i>	Agriculture credit
<i>BimalJalan Committee</i>	Current economic capital framework
<i>Bibek Debroy Committee</i>	Railway Restructuring
<i>Shekatkar Committee</i>	Combat capability and defence expenditure
<i>Baba Kalyani Committee</i>	SEZ policy of India
<i>U.K.Sinha Committee</i>	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
<i>Dr. Anoop Satpathy Committee</i>	Methodology for the Fixation of the National Minimum Wage (NMW)
<i>Om Prakash Rawat</i>	Committee on Content Regulation in Government Advertising (CCRGA)
<i>Injeti Srinivas Committee</i>	Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
<i>Urjit Patel Committee</i>	Monetary policy framework
<i>Ramesh Chand Committee</i>	Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
<i>Narasimham Committee</i>	Committee on Banking Sector Reforms
<i>NK Singh committee</i>	Committee to review Fiscal Responsibility and Budgetary Management (FRBM) Act
<i>T. N. Manoharan Committee</i>	Development of secondary market in corporate loans
<i>Nachiket Mor Committee</i>	Committee on Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low Income Households (Payment banks)
<i>Parthasarathi Shome Committee</i>	General Anti-avoidance rules (GAAR)
<i>Shanta Kumar Committee</i>	Restructuring of Food Corporation of India (FCI)
<i>Sukhamoy Chakravarty Committee</i>	Committee to review the working of the monetary system
<i>S.S.Tarapore Committee</i>	Committee on Capital account
<i>Dr.C.Rangarajan Committee</i>	Committee for redefining Plan and Nonplan expenditure
<i>Indu Malhotra panel</i>	Security breach during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab on January 5
<i>Baijayant Panda committee</i>	Comprehensive review of National Cadet Corps (NCC)
<i>Ashwini Vaishnaw Committee</i>	To provide suggestions to develop sustainable semiconductor and display ecosystem in India
<i>M K Ranjitsinh Jwala Committee</i>	Committee to recommend policy guidelines for cutting of trees for developmental projects
<i>Shyamala Gopinath Committee</i>	For evaluating applications for universal banks and small finance banks

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Seas and Surrounding Countries

Seas/Lakes	Countries bordering them
1. Arabian Sea	India, Iran, Maldives, Oman, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen
2. Mediterranean Sea	Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey
3. Red Sea	Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen and Somaliland
4. Caspian Sea	Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan
5. Black Sea	Bulgaria, Georgia, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine
6. Adriatic Sea	Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and Italy
7. South China Sea	People's Republic of China, the Republic of China (Taiwan), Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand
8. East China Sea	South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China
9. Aral Sea	Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan
10. Kara Sea	Russia
11. Caribbean Sea	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, United States, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela
12. Baltic Sea	Denmark, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Sweden
13. North Sea	England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and France
14. Dead Sea	Israel, Jordan and West Bank
15. Aegean Sea	Greece, Turkey
16. Sargasso Sea	Instead of being bounded by land, it is defined by four ocean currents — North Atlantic Current on the north, the Gulf Stream on the west, the North Atlantic Equatorial Current on the south, the Canary Current on the east
17. Tasman Sea	Australia, New Zealand
18. Coral Sea	Australia, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

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Important Canals and Straits

Canal/ Strait	Water bodies joined	Land masses divided
Suez Canal	Mediterranean and Red Sea	Runs through Egypt
Bering Strait	Arctic Ocean and East Pacific ocean	Alaska and Russia (Siberia)
Palk Strait	Bay of Bengal and Gulf of Mannar	India and Sri Lanka
Kiel Canal	North Sea and Baltic Sea	Runs through Germany
Strait of Gibraltar	Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea	Spain and Morocco
Strait of Malacca	Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean	Malaysia and Sumatra
Cook Strait	Tasman Sea and South Pacific Ocean	New Zealand
Bosphorus Strait	Sea of Marmara and Black Sea	Europe and Asia
English Channel	North Sea and Atlantic Oceans	England and France
St.George's Channel	Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean (Celtic Sea)	Ireland and Wales
Ten Degree Channel	Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal	Car Nicobar Islands and Little Andaman
Eight Degree Channel	Arabian Sea	Maldives and Lakshadweep
Duncan Passage	Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal	Rutland Island (part of Great Andaman) and Little Andaman
Panama Canal	Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean	Cuts across the Isthmus of Panama
Yucatan Strait	Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea	Mexico and Cuba
Mozambique Channel	Indian Ocean	Mozambique and Madagascar
Strait of Hormuz	Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf	Iran and Oman
Babel-Mandeb	Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea	Djibouti, Yemen, and Eritrea of the Somali Peninsula
Sunda Strait	Java Sea and the Indian Ocean	Java and Sumatra island of Indonesia
Florida Strait	Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean	Cuba and the USA
Bass Strait	Great Australian Bight and the Tasman Sea	Tasmania and mainland Australia
North Channel	Irish Sea and Atlantic Ocean	Ireland and Scotland
Strait of Kerch	Sea of Azov and Black sea	Crimea and Russia

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Supreme Court Cases

Case name	Verdict related to
Golaknath case (1967)	Sacrosanct nature of Fundamental rights (FRs)
Kesavananda Bharati case (1973)	Basic structure doctrine of the Constitution
Menaka case (1978)	Right to Life
Minerva mills case (1980)	Balance between FRs and Directive Principles
Shah Bano Begum case (1985)	Muslim women rights
D.C.Wadhwa case (1987)	Repromulgation of ordinances
Indra Sawhney case (1992)	Constitutional validity of Reservations, 'Creamy layer' concept introduced
Kihoto Hollohan case (1993)	In case of disqualification due to defection, the decision of the Presiding officer of the House is subject to judicial review.
S.R.Bomma case (1994)	Curb on misuse of Article 356 (President's rule)
Vishaka v/s State of Rajasthan case (1997)	Sexual harassment at workplace
Lily Thomas case (2000)	Bigamy in Hindu marriages declared void
M.Nagaraj case (2006)	Upheld the application of creamy layer principle to members of the SC/ST communities in promotions
I.R.Coelho case (2007)	Inclusion of laws in Ninth Schedule under Judicial review
Aruna Shanbaug case (2011)	Recognised Passive euthanasia
Lily Thomas case (2013)	Section 8(4) of the Representation of the People Act (RPA)-1951 declared unconstitutional
Nirbhaya case (2014)	Definition of rape included under POSCO Act, 2012, IPC and CrPC
NALSA case (2014)	Recognition of transgender persons as a third gender
Shayara Bano case (2017)	Declared the practise of Triple Talaq (talaq-e-biddat) as unconstitutional
Justice K. S. Puttaswamy case (2017)	Right to Privacy declared a fundamental right under Articles 14, 19 and 21
Navtej Singh Johar case (2018)	Decriminalisation of Homosexuality, Section 377 of IPC declared unconstitutional
Joseph Shine case (2018)	Decriminalisation of adultery, Section 497 of IPC struck down
Indian Young Lawyers Association case (2018)	Allowed women entry into Sabarimala temple (upheld 'Right to Pray')
M Siddiq (D) Thr Lrs v. Mahant Suresh Das & Ors Case (2019)	Ayodhya dispute
Satbir Singh v. State of Haryana Case	Guidelines drafted for Dowry Death Trials
Vikas Kishan Rao Gawali v. State of Maharashtra case	OBC reservation of seats in local bodies cannot exceed 50 percent
Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India case	Access to Internet as a Fundamental Right
Prithviraj Chauhan v. Union of India case	Constitutional validity of SC/ST Act, 1989
Secretary, Ministry of Defence v. Babita Puniya case	Permanent Commission for Women in Navy and Army
Amish Devgan v. Union of India case	Regarding what constitutes "hate speech"