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**Ch:FEDERALISM ( notes)**

**READ THE PARAGRAPH THOROUGHLY AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND.**

**Ideal Federal System**

A perfect federal system has two features:

1. Mutual trust between different levels of government
2. Agreement to live together

**Balance of Power**

- Exact balance of power between central and state government depends on historical Factors in which federation was formed
- Two routes through which federations have been formed are-
  1. Coming together federations-
    - All independent states come together to form bigger unit.
    - All constituent states have equal power and strong relation to federal government
    - This type of federation exists in USA, Switzerland and Australia
  2. Holding together federations-
    - Large country divide its power between States and national government
    - Central government is more powerful than States
    - This type of federation exists in India, Spain and Belgium

**What makes India a federal country?**

- India is Union of States. Indian union is based on principles of federalism
- Indian constitution provided three-tier system of governments- Union or Central government, State governments, Panchayats and Municipalities
- All these separate tiers enjoy separate jurisdictions( powers)
- Constitution clearly defined distribution of powers between govt. Thus it contains 3 lists-
  - Union List
    - It includes defence, foreign affairs, banking, communications and currency
    - Uniform policy applied on these matters throughout country
    - Union government make laws for matters in union list
  - State List
    - It includes police, trade, commerce, agriculture, and irrigation
    - State government make laws for matters in state list
  - Concurrent List
    - It includes education, forests, trade unions, marriage, adoption and succession
    - Both Union as well as State government make laws for matters in concurrent list
    - Union government is preferred over State government during law conflicts
- Union government has the power to make laws on "residuary" ( subjects that do not fall in three lists) subjects

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