

Nine Years of GST



Context:

- On 1 July 2026, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) completed nine years since its rollout under the 101st Constitutional Amendment.

Goods and Service Tax (GST)



- Goods and Services Tax is an **indirect tax used in India on the supply of goods and services.**

- It is a value-added tax **levied on most goods and services sold for domestic consumption.**

- It was **launched in India in 2017 as a comprehensive indirect tax for the entire country.**



It is of three types i.e.



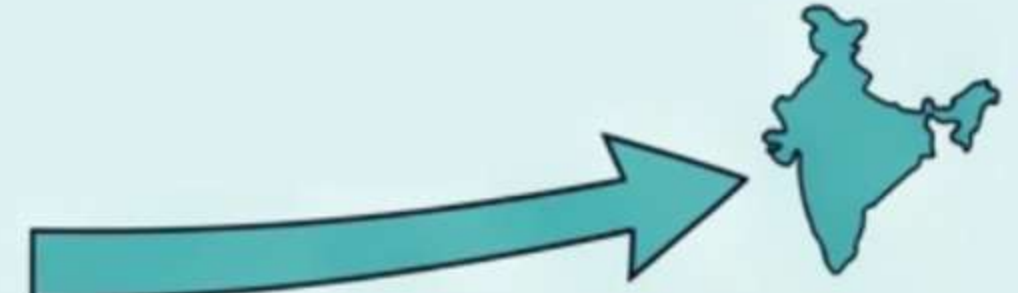
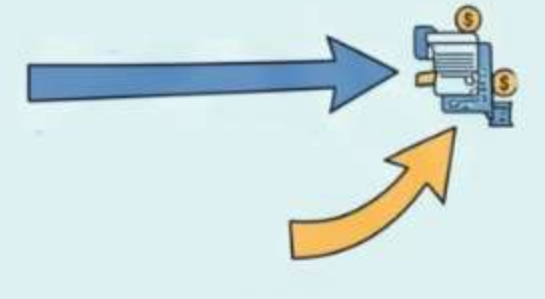
- CGST to be levied by the Centre,



- SGST to be levied by the States and



- IGST a tax levied on all Inter-State supplies of goods and/or services.



GST COUNCIL



- Legal status** - It is a Constitutional body under Article 279A, introduced by the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016.



- Mandate** - It is empowered to modify, reconcile or to procure any law or regulation based on the context of GST in India.



- Federal body** - It is also considered as a federal body where both the centre and the states get due representation.



- Functions:** It makes recommendations to the Union and State Government on issues related to GST.

Composition



- Chairperson:** Union Finance Minister.
- Members:** Union State Minister of Revenue or Finance and Ministers in-charge of Finance or Taxation of all the States.

