

INDIA ON ISRAEL-PALESTINE ISSUE AND TWO STATE SOLUTION

News: India calls for **immediate deescalation** of Israel and Palestine, during UNSC meet, which was first after the lockdown.

India's Statement:

- It called for immediate de-escalation as the need of the hour, to arrest any sort of exaggeration of riots and violent activity.
- It requested both the sides to show restraint and prevent any attempt to unilaterally change the status quo in Israel and Palestine.
- It expressed its support to the “**just Palestinian cause**” and the **two-state solution**.

TWO STATE SOLUTION:

- It provides for establishment of an independent Palestinian state along with Israel i.e. **two states for two people**.
- **Aim:** Israel will gain security and to retain a Jewish demographic majority while Palestine will get a state.
- It was agreed in 1991, after the mediation of United States, to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in the **Madrid Peace conference**.

UNITED NATION SECURITY COUNCIL:

- The UN Security Council was established by the **UN Charter in 1945**.
- The United Nations Security Council is **one out of six principal organs** of the United Nations.
- It is headquartered in the city of New York.
- **Mandate:** The primary responsibility of UNSC is to work to maintain **international peace and security**.
- **Composition:**
 - The UNSC is composed of **five permanent members and 10 non-permanent** members.
 - The five permanent members of UNSC include the United States, Russia, France, China and the United Kingdom.
 - Each non permanent member is elected for a tenure of **two-year**.
 - Each member of the Security Council has one vote. However, all the five permanent members have veto power.

- The presidency of UNSC is a **rotating presidency** on a monthly basis among the 15 members.

CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE:

- These committees are set up under Juvenile justice act
- The State Governments are responsible to set up these child welfare committees in districts in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- Mandate of the committee is to dispose of the case for care, treatment and rehabilitation of the children who are in need of care and protection and to fulfill their basic needs.
- They have been given the mandate to decide the custody of the children who have been left orphan due to the death of their parents amid the pandemic.
- Members of Child Welfare Committees (CWCs):
 - The juvenile justice amendment act provided for the eligibility criteria of members of CWCs, A person is not eligible to be a member of the CWC if he/she
 - has a record of violation of human rights or child rights,
 - has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude,
 - has been removed or dismissed from service of the central government, or any state government, or a government undertaking,
 - is part of the management of a child care institution in a district.

PMCARES

PMCARES was set up as a public charitable trust under the name of 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund'.

- Objective:
 - to deal with any kind of emergency or distress caused by COVID-19 or such conditions.
 - To undertake and support relief or assistance of any kind relating to a public health emergency or any other kind of emergency, calamity or distress, either man-made or natural,
 - creation or upgradation of healthcare or pharmaceutical facilities, other necessary infrastructure for COVID-19.

- Composition of trust:
 - Prime Minister is the ex-officio Chairman of the PM CARES Fund.
 - Minister of Defence, Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Finance, Government of India are ex-officio Trustees of the Fund.
 - Chairman has the power to nominate three eminent persons in the field of research, health, science, social work, public administration and philanthropy.

- Funding:
 - Funds consist of voluntary contribution from individuals/ organisations.
 - It will **NOT** receive funding from budgetary allocations.
 - These donations will also be counted as Corporate Social responsibility expenditure under the companies Act, 2013.
 - Funding received in PM CARES Fund will also get exemption from the FCRA and a separate account for receiving foreign donations has been opened.