

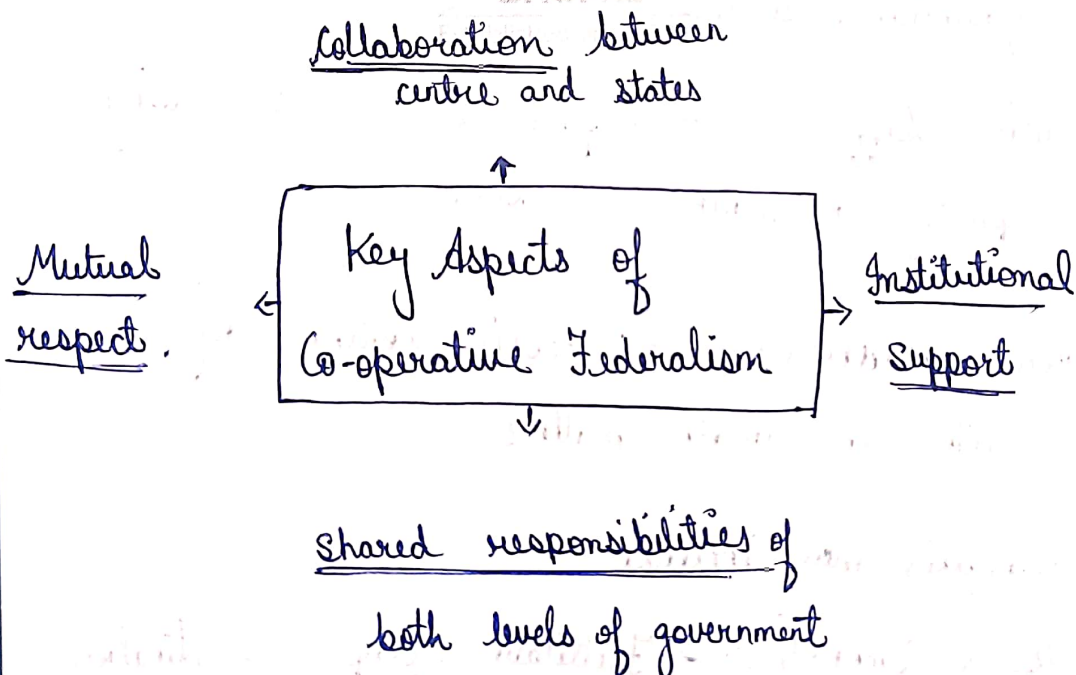
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Write a note on Co-operative federalism: Problems and possibilities. (250W)

Ans.

The term Co-operative federalism refers to when the centre and state share a horizontal relationship, where they 'co-operate' in the larger public interest. Instead of functioning in isolation or in competition, both levels of government coordinate and support each others efforts.



Some examples of cooperative federalism are :

→ 7th Schedule : 3 lists ; Union list , State list and Concurrent list .

→ NITI Aayog : The chairman of NITI Aayog is PM , and members are CMs of all state .

→ Inter - State Council : To maintain peace and harmony between the states .

Problems and Possibilities in Co-operative Federalism :

- Problems may include :-

• Fiscal Imbalance → Disproportionate distribution of financial resources .

• Political Differences → Conflict between the ruling party at centre and state .

• Over - centralisation → Excessive control by centre in certain matters -

- Possibilities may include :-

• Use of Technology → Facilitating proper coordination with the use of digital platforms .

- Strengthening institutions → Making institutions like NITI Aayog, Interstate Council.
- Empowering State :- Granting powers & responsibilities to state.

Co-operative Federalism is essential for a diverse and a big country like India.

Although the challenges exist, but a commitment between the centre and state can transform problems into possibilities.

Excellent!

