

# PM TO CHAIR THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHIEF SECRETARIES IN DELHI ON 28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER

Relevant for: Indian Polity | Topic: Issues and Challenges Pertaining to the Federal Structure, Dispute Redressal Mechanisms, and the Centre-State Relations

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