

Karnataka To Create Ministry For People Of The State Living Abroad

Why In The News?

- **Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara** Told The Legislative Assembly That The State Government Will Create A **Separate Ministry** To Take Care Of The Affairs Of **NRI (Non-resident Indian) Kannadigas**, As Promised In The Congress's 2023 Assembly Polls Manifesto.
- Welcoming NRIs Who Had Come To The Vidhana Soudha To Witness The Proceedings Of The Assembly On The **Invitation Of Speaker UT Khader**, The Minister Made The Announcement. The Expat Indians Were From **Canada, UK, USA, Australia, Singapore And Western Asian Countries**.



What Did The Minister Say?

- "In Kerala, There Is A Separate NRI Ministry At The State Level, As Many People From Kerala Go Abroad, They Earn There And Send Money Back. And To Address Several Of Their Issues Like In The Case Of Deaths Abroad To Bring The Bodies Back. So, We Said In Our Manifesto That, Like In Kerala, In Karnataka Too We Will Create A Ministry (For NRIs)," Mr Parameshwara Said.
- He Said, "I Would Like To Say That In The Coming Days, Our Government Will Do It (**Create An NRI Ministry**). The State Government Will Provide All Necessary Help To Them (NRIs) In Accordance With Law. They Have Shared Some Issues, They Will Be Seriously Considered And Fulfilled." Parameshwara Headed The Congress Manifesto Committee For The 2023 Assembly Polls.



- Speaking About The **Increasing Trend Among NRIs To Return To India** And Contribute Towards The Country's Development, The Minister Said They Are Willing To Invest Here, & **Provide CSR Funds From Their Businesses.**
- In 2008 The Karnataka Govt Had Set Up An **NRI Forum** To Address Their Issues And Concerns, And That The Current Govt Has Appointed Dr Arathi Krishna As Deputy Chairman Of The Forum. Congress MLA Ashok Kumar Rai Even Pitched For **Setting Up A Separate Board For The Welfare Of NRIs From The State.**

