

- **Better services for consumers:** Smart prepaid meters will allow transparency for consumers and also help DISCOMs reduce AT&C losses and ensures billing accuracy which leaves no scope for human errors.
- **Generating private sector appetite** amongst Indian and international investors, various PPP models will be tested and it will also provide confidence to larger states and utilities to undertake privatisation based on improvements achieved.
- Other suggestions include:
  - **Need replication in states:** Power being a concurrent subject in our federal set up, the Centre may set policy direction, but it is the states that will have to implement, including the decision to privatise
    - The UTs are a good place to start, though it should be propagated further into the state owned discoms.
  - **More autonomy to regulatory bodies:** Privatization of DISCOMs will not work until the systemic challenges are addressed
    - For eg. State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) do not formulate tariff orders on time and defer tariff hikes, which adds to the inability of DISCOMs to generate profit.
  - **Reinventing revenue model:** Decentralized renewable power generation through rooftop solar and direct sourcing from corporate PPAs has increased in the total energy mix
    - It is of prime importance for the DISCOMs to reinvent their revenue model that is conducive to the growth of rooftop solar and open access power. This will also enable the next set of reforms for the sector towards the disintegration of content and carriage

### Conclusion

- Bailing Out Power DISCOMs at Every Crisis is Not the Way to Fix Them, as is happening now. Hence, the need for regulation to provide them autonomy, to ensure more independent resources and functioning in future

### 3. Globalisation in the world has been more profound until recently; where a few events have created apprehensions of ending Globalisation. Examine.

<b>Keywords</b>	Globalisation, profound, events, ending Globalisation
<b>Introduction</b>	– What is Globalisation?
<b>Body</b>	– Elaborate on, "Globalisation in the world has been more profound until recently" – What events across the world has led to a feeling around the world that globalization has come to an end? – IS GLOBALISATION REALLY ENDING?
<b>Conclusion</b>	A relevant closing statement

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