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GENERAL STUDIES (Test-12)

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प्रश्न-पत्र के लिये विशिष्ट अनुदेश

कृपया प्रश्नों का उत्तर देने से पूर्व निम्नलिखित प्रत्येक अनुदेश को ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ें:
इसमें बीस प्रश्न हैं तथा हिन्दी और अंग्रेज़ी दोनों में छपे हैं।
सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

प्रत्येक प्रश्न के अंक उसके सामने दिये गए हैं।

प्रश्नों के उत्तर उसी माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहियें जिसका उल्लेख आपके प्रवेश-पत्र में किया गया है, और इस माध्यम का स्पष्ट उल्लेख प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यू.सी.ए.) पुस्तिका के मुख-पृष्ठ पर अंकित निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर किया जाना चाहिये। उल्लिखित माध्यम के अतिरिक्त अन्य किसी माध्यम में लिखे गए उत्तर पर कोई अंक नहीं मिलेंगे।

प्रश्नों में शब्द सीमा, जहाँ निर्दिष्ट है, का अनुसरण किया जाना चाहिये।

प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर-पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़ा हुआ पृष्ठ या उसके अंश को स्पष्ट रूप से काटा जाना चाहिये।

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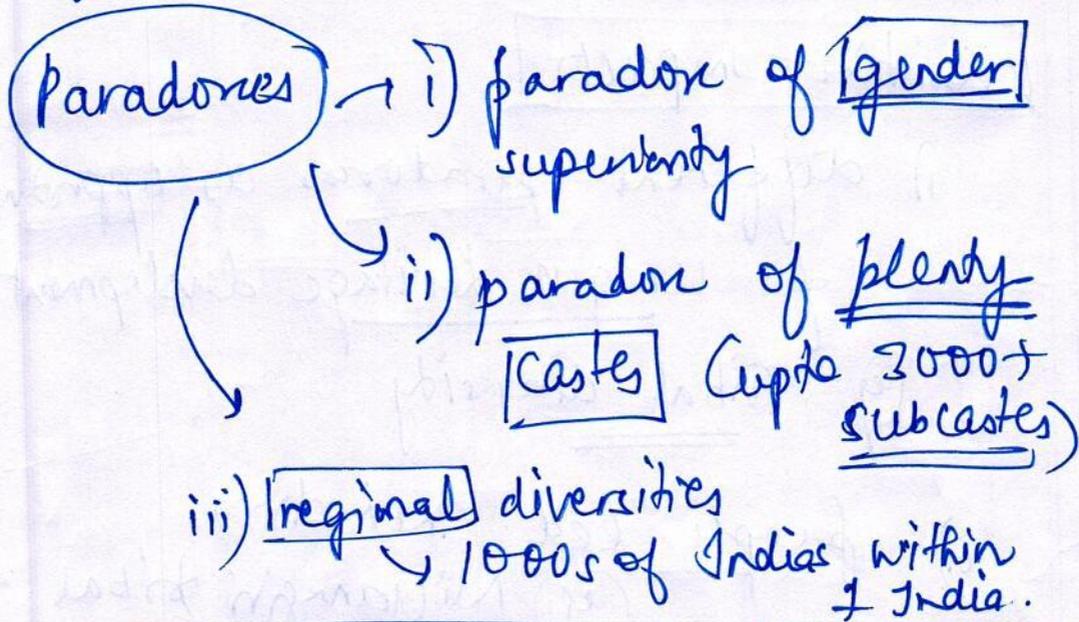
1. भारत के सामाजिक ढाँचे में निहित विरोधाभासों पर चर्चा कीजिये, जो देश की सामाजिक-राजनीतिक स्थिरता और शासन की गतिशीलता को आकार देते हैं। (150 शब्द) 10

Discuss the inherent paradoxes within India's social fabric that shape the country's socio-political stability and governance dynamics. (150 words) 10

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India is a land of multiple cultures with multiple identities. But, some social identities create paradox of plenty leading to governance deficit.



Paradoxes causing Socio Political dynamics

- i) paradoxes lead to social vulnerabilities → by social deprivation (eg) gender bias
- ii) creating condition of trust deficit in society (eg) communalism due to Hindu Muslim



③ leads to inefficient reach of governance programmes

④ greater demands for autonomy and regionalisation

eg) Punjab's demand for Khalsá

Positive impacts

i) different paradigms as opportunities for unique heritage development

eg) Tribal diversity

ii) people led initiatives

eg) Niyanghi tribal movements.

WAY AHEAD : The need is to integrate the diversities into development model eg) turnarhats for tribal or

eg) Bach Bahao Beti Padhas for girl child upliftment.

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2. भारत में सामाजिक और सांस्कृतिक एकता को बढ़ावा देने में धार्मिक सभाओं की भूमिका पर चर्चा कीजिये।

(150 शब्द) 10

Discuss the role of religious congregations in promoting social and cultural unity in India.

(150 words) 10

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India is a land of different
world religions - Hinduism, Islamism, Jain,
Buddhism etc. In this context, religious
congregations create both better unity
and sometime social violence.

Promotes Socio Cultural Unity by

- i) collective gathering promoting
discussions and unity (eg) 'Satsangs'
- ii) presentation of culture and
socialisation (eg) → teaching youngsters
role of religion in
life.
- iii) for uniting different castes (eg) →
different castes attended Mahakumbh
- iv) showcase rich diversity (eg) India's
Ideal of 'Vasudhava
Kutumbakam'
- v) by moral education (eg) teaching of
Nonak for peace



However, they create challenges like

- i) communalisation of national atmosphere leading to violence
eg Islamic fundamentalism
- ii) incitement to unethical behaviour
eg idea of "Khulistani Suba"
(Gurdwaras in Canada)
- iii) against law and order
eg Hathras tragedy

It might create national disunity by social evils in name of religion
(eg conversions)

WAY AHEAD → Religious Gatherings need light regulation through:

- i) proper permission from authorities based on details of gathering
- ii) liability to not promote violence
Religion without principle of peace must not be propagated.

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3. भारत में लैंगिक सशक्तीकरण पर महिला केंद्रित प्रत्यक्ष लाभ अंतरण योजनाओं के प्रभाव पर चर्चा कीजिये।

(150 शब्द) 10

Discuss the impact of women centric direct cash transfer schemes on gender empowerment in India.

(150 words) 10

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In recent years, schemes like Ladki Behana, Ladli Behana and DBT like Mahila Shree has profound impact on women development.

Impact on Gender empowerment

Positive Impacts

- i) provided them a fixed source of disposable income for daily needs
- ii) can invest in household expend iture eg nutrition by buying better foods
- iii) invest in children education or skill training fees.
- iv) financial independence → eg no more dependent on husband's income
- v) social independence → can have a say in family matters



vi) invest for business opportunities
(eg) can start small vending units

④ overall social overhaul
better ✓
learning outcomes
of children
↓
better health
↘
social mobility
better awareness

However, it is not a Panacea for
overall development

i) only a small amount not feasible
for wide changes

ii) might not fulfill daily needs
(eg) ₹ 2000 / month → insufficient

iii) reach and last mile delivery (eg) mostly
city women benefited.

iv) social change still far away → need
to shift to attitudinal changes.

All this calls for idea of women-led
development (eg) through SHGs or
skill training to ensure "Lakshya" Ride.

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4. वर्तमान वैश्विक चिंता जनसंख्या वृद्धि नहीं, बल्कि जनसंख्या गिरावट के दीर्घकालिक प्रभाव हैं। टिप्पणी कीजिये।

(150 शब्द) 10

The emerging global concern is not overpopulation but rather the long-term implications of population decline. Comment.

(150 words) 10

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The world is witnessing a global demographic winter with the real fertility crisis being lack of adequate reproductive meaningfulness as per UNFPA.

Not overpopulation But Population Decline

i) countries like Italy Japan where 50% households without any child

ii) demographic transition [stagnant]

iii) failure of population policies
 eg Chinese one child policy failure

All effects of long term population decline

i) growing old before growing rich
 less labor = less economic growth

ii) sk unseen, screened migration around globe



3) lack of youth for working population of Greece

4) higher dependency ratio of India
20% elderly by 2050.

5) loss of income in form of remittances to global economy

6) uneven sex ratio of Scandinavian countries - women dominance

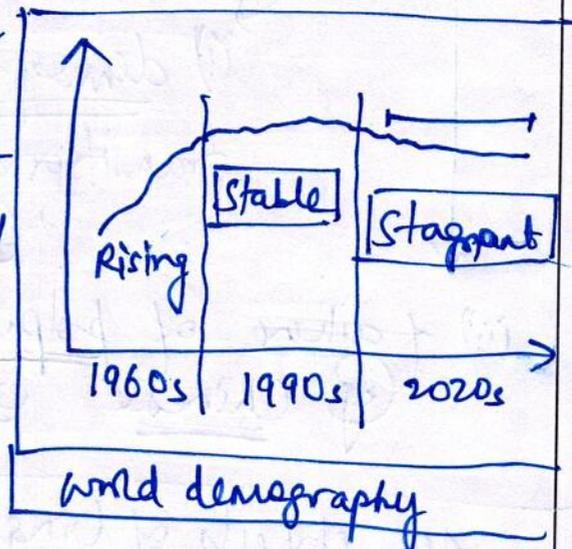
7) global recession and economic crisis.

All this calls for

1) population friendly policies → better healthcare

2) family planning

3) global migration compact @ success of Bangladesh Family planning



This would ensure that demographic disaster is prevented.

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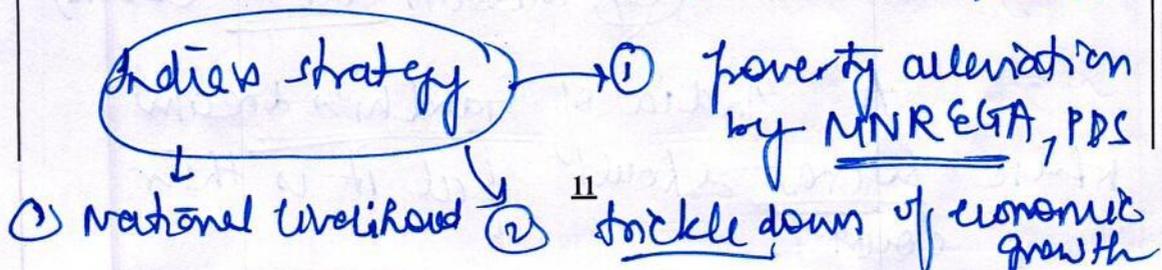
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5. गरीबी मुख्य रूप से सामाजिक संगठन और संसाधनों के आवंटन के तरीके का परिणाम है। निर्धनता उन्मूलन के लिये भारत की रणनीति के संदर्भ में दिये गए कथन पर चर्चा कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10
- Poverty is primarily the consequence of the way society is organized and resources are allocated. (Candidate must not write on this margin)
- Discuss the statement in the context of India's strategy to tackle poverty. (150 words) 10

Amartya Sen called poverty not a lack of income but as a presence of social deprivations. Poverty needs to be tackled ~~by~~ by capability development.

Consequence of way of society's organization
in India

- i) social deprivations like caste and gender reinforce poverty.
- ii) a vicious loop of social segregation leads to economic deprivation (eg) a girl child not allowed to educate = early marriage = poor economic indicator
- iii) lack of Equity in distribution of resources (eg) Orfan Report dep't. = 40% Indian wealth





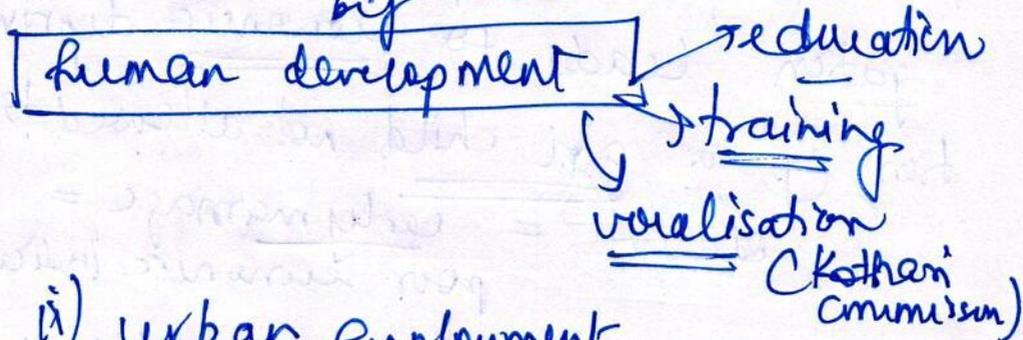
Problems with India's strategy

- i) poor implementation of programs
(eg) delivery deficit of funds
- ii) failure of tickle down-effects
(eg) Inequality → 'crony capitalism'
- iii) not tackles social deprivations
(eg) women disparity at work

World Economic Forum)

To tackle poverty

- i) a capability focused approach
by



- ii) urban employment
like MNREGA (eg) through SHGs
- iii) civil society collaboration
(eg) Mission Manzil (Delhi)

A India of Gandhi's dream where poorest should feel it is their country.

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चाहिये।

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6. भारतीय शहरों में 'ग्रे' इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर का विस्तार पारिस्थितिकीय स्थिरता के मूल्यों पर हुआ है। चर्चा कीजिये।

(150 शब्द) 10

The expansion of 'grey' infrastructure in Indian cities has come at the cost of ecological sustainability. Discuss. (150 words) 10

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Grey infrastructure is the highly carbon-based concrete, steel or Rare materials used on building operations.

Comes at cost of Ecological Sustainability

i) leads to greenhouse effect → warming / temperature rise
 (eg) concretisation of cities

ii) leads to reckless expansion causing deforestation = loss of green cover

iii) poor underground water recharge = water crisis (eg) Bangalore water crisis



iv) urban heat island → high temp- erature in urban centres



⑧ Habitat destruction of fauna
⑨ Hyderabad forest clearance

⑩ disaster vulnerability
⑪ landslide due to
dams building
(Himachal)

All this calls for BLUE GREEN
infrastructure: (Muir Shah committee)

i) urban green spaces → green parks,
green sheds (Miyawaki (Japan))

ii) Afforestation (eg) MARL urban forest
(Mumbai)

iii) Environment Impact Assessment
(EIA) under Environment
Protection Act 1986

iv) people participation in urban
development projects. (eg) PPPP (model
(people people plant))

This will ensure the idea of
Net Zero by 2070.

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7. वैश्विक डिजिटल तकनीकों के विस्तार ने भारतीय समाज को रूपांतरित कर दिया है। इसके सामाजिक गतिशीलता, राजनीतिक विमर्श और डिजिटल समावेशन पर प्रभाव की चर्चा कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10
- The expansion of global digital technologies has transformed Indian society. Discuss its impact on social mobility, political discourse, and digital inclusivity. (150 words) 10

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The 4th industrial revolution has made global citizens as "Netizens" leading to a subculture renaissance.

Impacts on social mobility

Positive

- i) greater social mobility for jobs
- ii) better awareness about different cultures
- iii) new localism → unity in neighborhood
- iv) dilution of caste differences

Negative

- ① negative social influence
- ② pornography
- ③ scam of jobs
- ④ poor migration w/o due knowledge

Impacts on Political discourse

(Positive)

- i) awareness about rights.

(Negative)

- i) politicisation of media.



- 2) political protests
 (eg) digital protest
 against farm bills

- 2) politicisation
 of issues
 (eg) violent
intimidation
 over fb

Digital Inclusion

Positive

- i) greater ideas
 a) skill building
 through Youtube
 (eg) ITC eChoupal
 iii) employment
 for women (orange
economy)

Negative

- i) digital divide
 (eg) rural area =
20% coverage
 2) digital illiteracy
 3) scams, frauds,
digital arrests

WAY AHEAD

"Hence, we need a
regulated and people friendly technology
 with equal coverage & Optical
fiber network and Digital Data

Protection Act

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8. भारत में सांप्रदायिक तनावों को आकार देने में ऐतिहासिक विरासतों और समकालीन सामाजिक-राजनीतिक कारकों की पारस्परिक भूमिका का मूल्यांकन कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10
Assess the interplay of historical legacies and contemporary socio-political factors in shaping communal tensions in India. (150 words) 10

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Communalism is political trading
of religion. Communalism is result of
deep historical faultlines and not
corrected due to incomplete social
assimilation.

Historical legacies

i) the impact of Partition → the
identity crisis result of India-
Pakistan enmities.

ii) the 1920s era of communalism
debates over Hindi v/s Urdu
Tableegh / Haram

iii) the politics of divide and rule
by British → by Political parties

Contemporary Socio Political Factors

i) improper Synthesis of culture:
pseudo - extreme religiosity
eg idea of Jihad



ii) lack of equal distribution of fruits of development

(eg) Muslims segregated (Sachar Report)

iii) a culture of Distrust and stereotypes
(eg) Muslims as terrorists.

4) Politicisation of Religion → for
vote bank politics → (eg) dumky 1990
Karsevak
(eg) 2020 - Hindu Nationalism

5) NO check over hate speech
and fake news

WAY AHEAD

i) communalism as criminalised offense under RoPA Act

ii) awareness and confidence building (eg) "Mission Sadbhavana" (Kashmir)

This will ensure the ideal of
"Sava Shama Sambhaav"

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9. भारत एवं अफगानिस्तान के बीच ऐतिहासिक और सांस्कृतिक संबंधों की चर्चा कीजिये तथा वर्तमान कूटनीतिक संबंधों पर इनके प्रभावों को भी बताइये। (150 शब्द) 10
- Discuss the historical and cultural ties between India and Afghanistan and their impact on present-day diplomatic relations. (150 words) 10

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~~Afghanistan~~ Afghanistan has been a graveyard of empires. ^{the} India's ^{being} an naturally ally of Afghanistan is historically and culturally strong.

Historical ties

- i) Persian empire → trade of oil
 → fruits, dry fruits
Persian literature

- ii) Persian influence on Indian culture @ Gandhara art

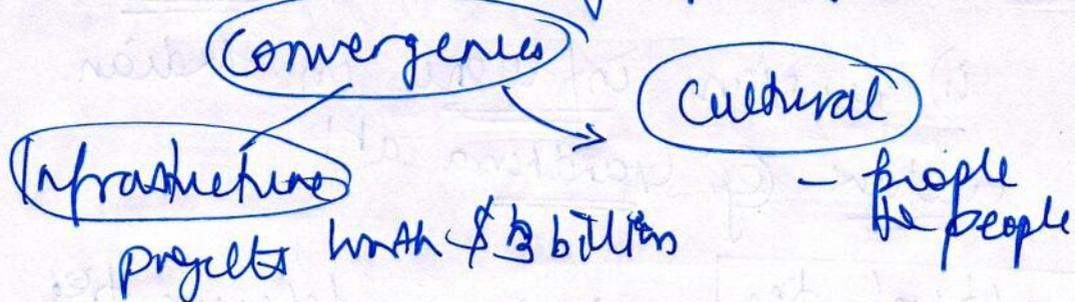
Cultural ties

- i) deep Islamic ties with a large expatriate (working community)
- ii) the soft power factor of Hollywood and cricket
- iii) the Nehruvian Asian consensus over cold war period
 of Afghani students and Afghani colony in Delhi



Impact on Present day Relations

- i) dominance of India's soft power through bodies like ITEC efforts
- ii) favorable perception for India's interest @ Taliban outreach to Indian embassy.
- iii) India can check over Pakistan and China by gaining strategic



- Challenges
- i) the role of Pakistan to counter India's interests
 - ii) the rise of Taliban and questions of security.
 - iii) the geographical barriers and geopolitical flux.

All this calls for greater economic incentives @ INSTC pipeline or the people to people ties ²⁰ by connecting with Afghani people

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10. अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु ऊर्जा एजेंसी (IAEA) की परमाणु अप्रसार और शांतिपूर्ण परमाणु ऊर्जा संवर्द्धन में भूमिका का विश्लेषण कीजिये। (150 शब्द) 10
Analyze the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in nuclear non-proliferation and peaceful nuclear energy promotion. (150 words) 10

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IAEA often made through the "Atoms for Peace" collaboration has been the sole authority for nuclear non proliferation in global order.

Role of IAEA

It has led to Nuclear non proliferation and peace by:

i) ensuring regular inspection, checks on sites of civilian, military establishments

ii) by upholding Non-Proliferation Treaty 1968 → procedural checks.

iii) check over by Int'l forums eg collab work with America Int'l



iv) sanctions on nations like
Pakistan, Iran.

Ineffective Against Nuclear Race

- i) secretly nuclear enrichment sites (eg) North-Korea.
- ii) lacks punitive mandates → cannot use counter force
- iii) [discriminatory] towards Western allies → (eg) P5 of UNSC vertical proliferation (SIPRI reports)

iv) global nuclear proliferation
(eg) Iran-Israel war over Natanz, Fordow

WAY AHEAD → i) greater role and power for legal binding actions.

↳

ii) friends and functions to IAEA

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11. भारत में सामाजिक स्त्रीकरण सामाजिक समानता और समावेशी विकास प्राप्त करने में एक महत्वपूर्ण बाधा बना हुआ है। चर्चा कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15
- Social stratification in India remains a significant barrier to achieving social equity and inclusive development. Discuss. (250 words) 15

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चाहिये।

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India is often said a prismatic society where social identities tends to dominate economic development.

Social Stratifications as Barrier to Social equity

i) it leads to deprivation in fulfillment of necessities (eg) caste system denies opportunity of education

ii) leads to lack of opportunity to develop (eg) - gender bias in India

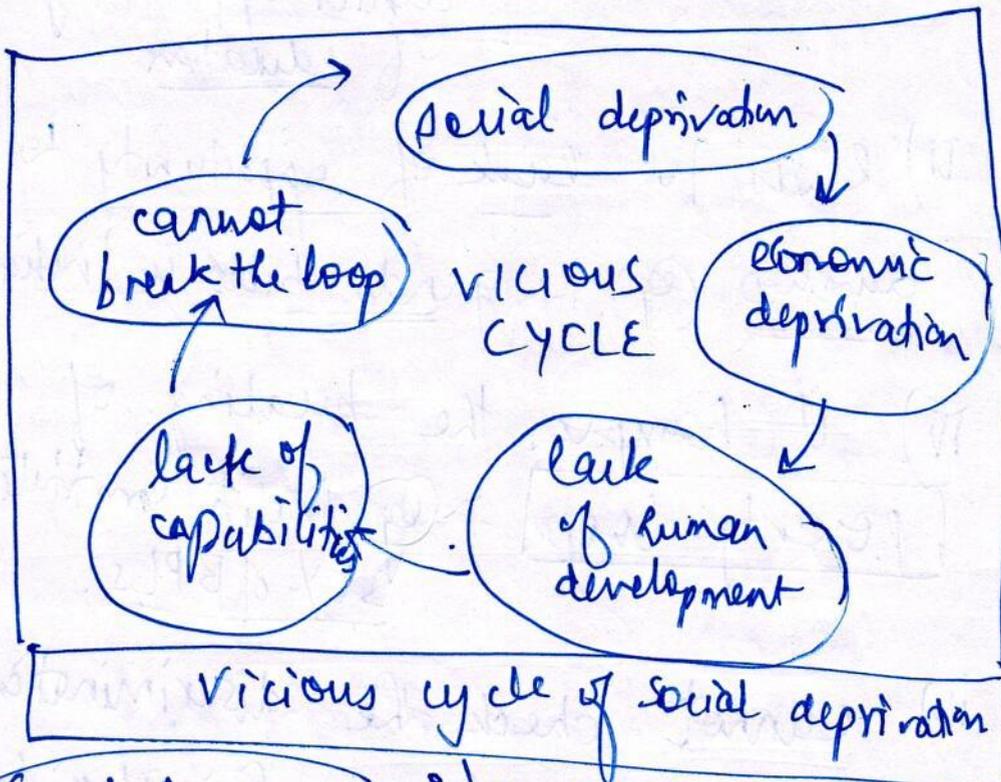
iii) it hampers the breaking of poverty loop + (eg) Dalits constitute 30% of BPLs.

iv) cannot check the discrimination in economic spheres → (eg) if girl child not educated = no jobs = early marriage



Barrier to Inclusive development

- i) hampers the growth of historical disadvantaged eg tribes - social stigmatisation
- ii) it leads to lack of human development eg Dalits → still 50% illiterate
- iii) cannot raise effective voice :
eg Tamil Nadu caste violence



- Govt Measures →
- i) Mahila Yuva Sashaktikaran
 - ii) PM - JANMAN (for tribes)
 - iii) Adarsh Gram ²⁴ Yojana (for SCs)

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All this calls for inclusive development through

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i) proper implementation of government programmes (eg) → Beti Bachao Beti Padhao success.

ii) social education through info, education camps (IEE) (eg) → "Project Manjil" - for girl child.

iii) civil society coordination (eg) NGO like "Dalit Panther"

iv) government to provide "tailor-made" solutions (eg) → Aspirational Districts

v) concession in educational institutes (eg) PM-Scholarships

This can ensure "Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikaas" where last mile delivery of economic benefits happens.



12. भारत की भाषाई और सांस्कृतिक विविधता की पृष्ठभूमि में, क्या 'विविधता में एकता' का विचार केवल एक संवैधानिक आदर्श या एक जीवंत वास्तविकता है? समालोचनात्मक परीक्षण कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15

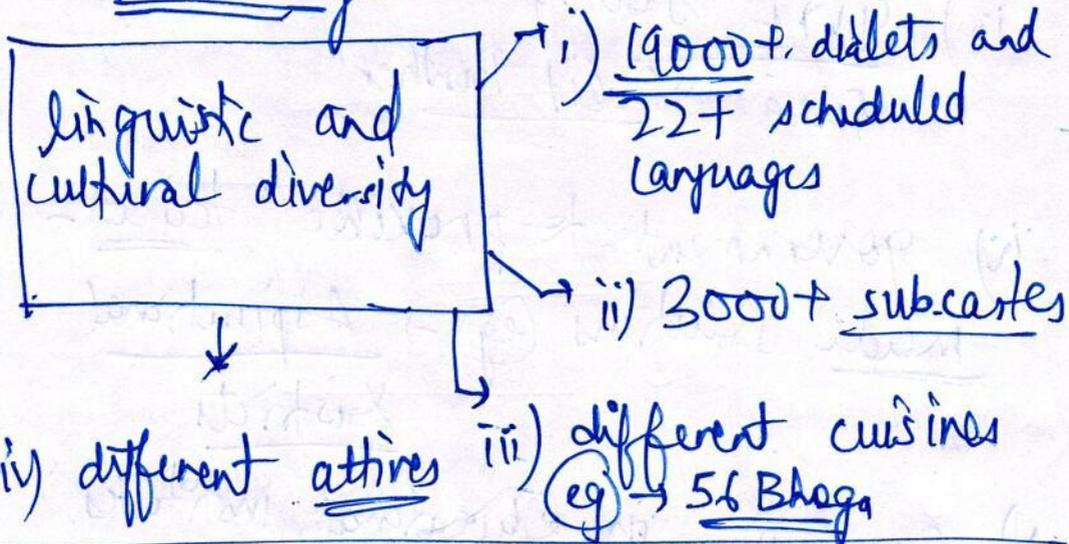
"In the backdrop of India's linguistic and cultural diversity, is the idea of 'Unity in Diversity' merely a constitutional ideal or a lived reality? Critically examine. (250 words) 15

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"Kos kos pe paani Badle"
chaar kos pe paani!"

India is a sociological museum with sheer diversity. However, the ideal of Unity in Diversity is both a continuity with change in India.



Unity in Diversity as Constitutional Ideal

- i) based on integrity of India as a "Union of State" Article 1
- ii) laws and rules against caste-baste discrimination.

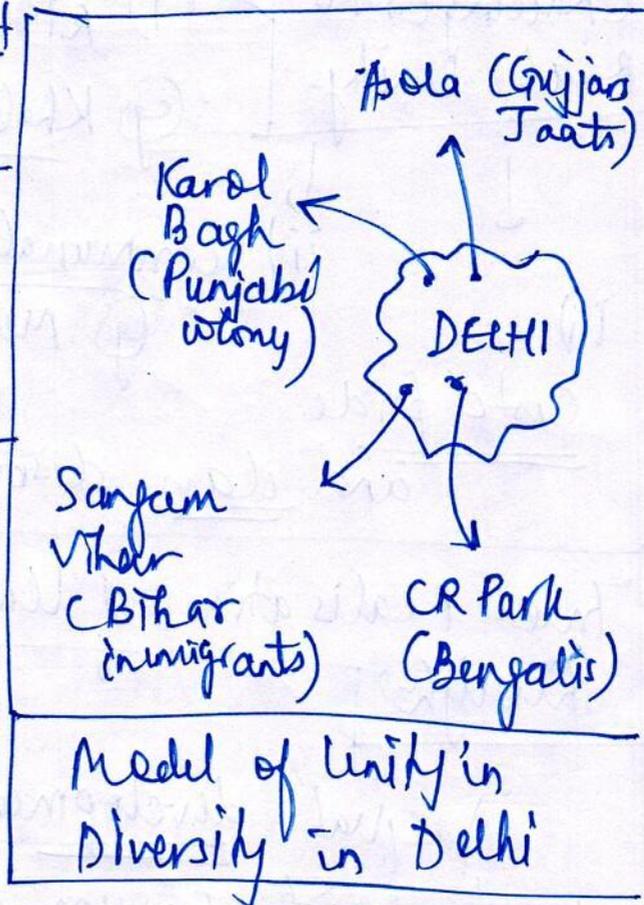


iii) Same laws and full faith to laws of all states.

iv) Union government at Centre.

However, Unity in Diversity is a Lived Reality

i) sense of unity lies in heart (eg) unity over cricket match



ii) united model of living settlements (eg) cosmopolitan culture of Delhi

iii) unity is daily mobility and through workplace (eg) work culture in cities

iv) sharing of respect for other's culture (eg) → Holi celebration by Muslims

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→ globalisation leading to neo localism
people's social mobility and unity.

Challenges to
Real Unity

i) rise of extreme regionalism
(eg) Khalistan (Punjab)

ii) communalism and riots
(eg) Muzaffarnagar
ii) caste pride and class discrimination (glass ceiling)

True Realisation of Unity could be
through

i) equal development of all regions
and social groups (Aspirational
District Program)

ii) awareness and sensitivity to
different cultures (eg) Silli Haat to
showcase diverse culture

While India bows in 100 prayers
or eats 1000 cuisines, but they dream
under the ideal of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha
Bharat!

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13. "भारत में क्षेत्रवाद एक दोधारी तलवार है।" समालोचनात्मक विश्लेषण कीजिये।
"Regionalism in India is a double-edged sword." Critically analyze.

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"While it is the national boundaries that determine nation, it is invisible regional aspirations that determine true regionalism"

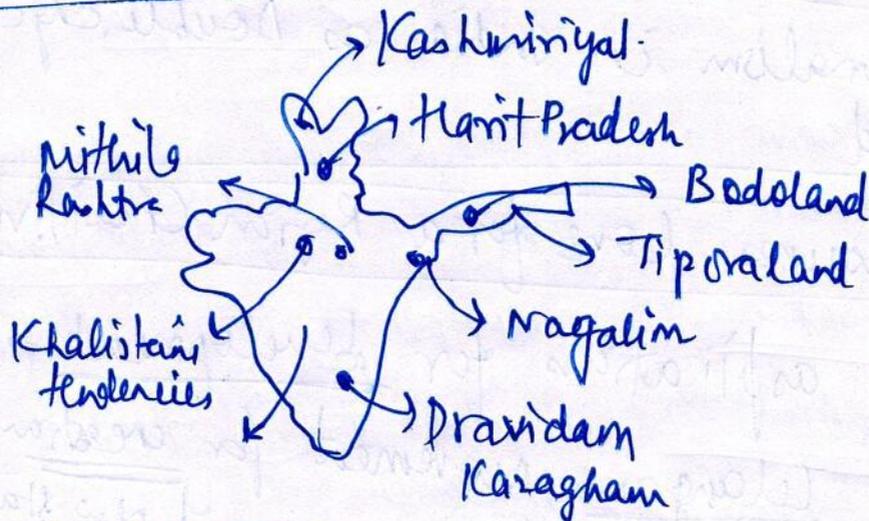
Regionalism in India as Double Edged
Sword

Ensures love for a Region (Positive)

- i) aspirations for development → (eg) Telangana movement for creation of new state
- ii) ensures check against underdevelop-
ment (eg) → Bihar's demand for Special
category status
- iii) preserves unique culture and regional
identities (eg) Bhil Pradesh → demand
by Bhils
(M.P)
- iv) showcases cultural and regional
heritage, (eg) one District
one product

However, Regionalism causes Negative tendencies like

- i) extreme regionalism leading to threat to unity (eg) - Khalistani protests.



Regionalism in India

- ii) demand for secessionism
(eg) National Social Council of Nagas - demand for Nagaland

- iii) undermine National goals -
(eg) national economy affected due to protests

- iv) leads to mobilisation and

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incitement of violence

by vested interests

(eg) role of Baptist church for violence in North East

3) threat to law and order (eg).

All this calls multipronged Actions though

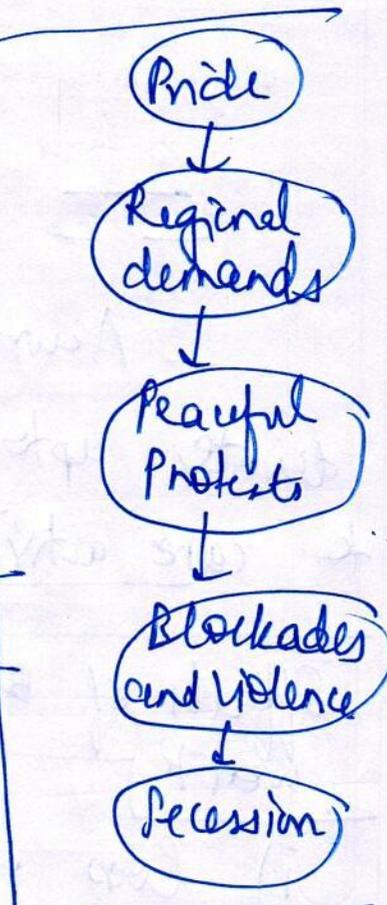
i) delivery of develop-
ment programs equally

(eg) North east needs special incentives

ii) infrastructure and economic growth
(eg) Airports in Odisha helped counter Insurgency

iii) persuasion and awareness among locals (eg) → Mission Sadbhavna (Kashmir)

All this would ensure that regional aspirations are seen within ideals of national integrity.



chains of events breaking free

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14. "विकसित भारत का सपना और महिलाओं के नेतृत्व में विकास तब तक साकार नहीं हो सकता, जब तक महिलाओं पर अवैतनिक घरेलू कार्य के बोझ को दूर करने के लिये ठोस कदम नहीं उठाए जाते।" टिप्पणी कीजिये।

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"India's dream of Viksit Bharat and women-led development cannot be achieved without addressing the burden of unpaid domestic work on women." Comment.

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According to UN Women, women devote upto 8 times more hours daily to care activities compared to men.

Effects of Burden of Unpaid domestic work

i) loss of economically productive hours eg) → India lost \$1 trillion due to non engagement of women

ii) lack of clarity over productive tasks → women consider domestic work as natural

iii) Triple burden → job
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household
the agriculture in Rural Areas.



Paid work or care economy can fulfil
idea of Viksit Bharat

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i) economic revenues due to a
formal care economy
(e) Uruguay model
of care economy

ii) productivity → by allocating
spare time to earning gains

iii) social empowerment → through
recognition of women led
economy.

iv) add more to GDP → IMF
prediction of \$ 1 trillion to economy
of women equally
participate.

v) Gender Parity in economics as
per World Economic Forum



This needs government efforts like

- i) formal recognition of unpaid work by law (eg) Karnataka govt's new Bill
- ii) qualified basic payment (eg) Universal Basic Income (UBI)
- iii) skill training for effective skills (eg) housekeeping guidelines
- iv) Purple and grey economy → integrate old care into economy.

This will ensure women-led development is in line with SDG-5

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15. चिकित्सा शिक्षा के वैश्वीकरण से उत्पन्न प्रशिक्षण मानकों की एकरूपता और गुणवत्ता नियंत्रण सुनिश्चित करने संबंधी चुनौतियों पर चर्चा कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15
- Discuss the challenges posed by the globalization of medical education in ensuring uniform training standards and quality control. (250 words) 15

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Globalisation of medical education has led to Internationalisation of medical education.

Challenges * Training

- i) lack of universal medical guidelines
- ii) no parent body checking in the medical training.
- iii) unauthorised, unlicensed bodies (eg) fake MBBS colleges
- iv) no funds or fundations
Lack of quality training by teachers



Quality control challenges

- i) lack of check of over medical operations.
- ii) poor academia - industry link
- iii)

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All this calls for Greater
Global cooperation

i) All Global Medical
Check guidelines through
WHO.

ii) Better field trials and
good manufacturing practices

iii) domestic regulations by
Indian Medical Council

This must be in line with

IPG-3.

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16. जनसांख्यिकीय लाभांश और भारतीय युवाओं की बढ़ती आकांक्षाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए, गरीबी, शिक्षा और रोजगार के बीच का पारस्परिक संबंध उनकी सामाजिक-आर्थिक गतिशीलता को किस प्रकार प्रभावित करता है?

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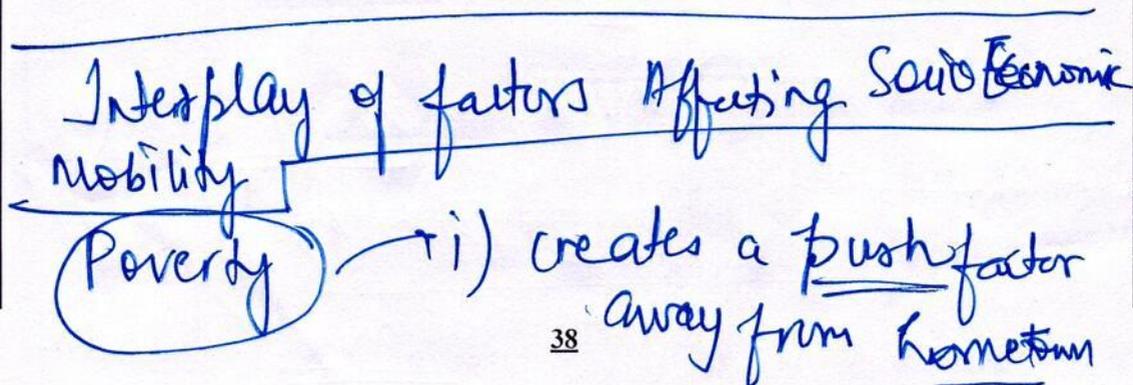
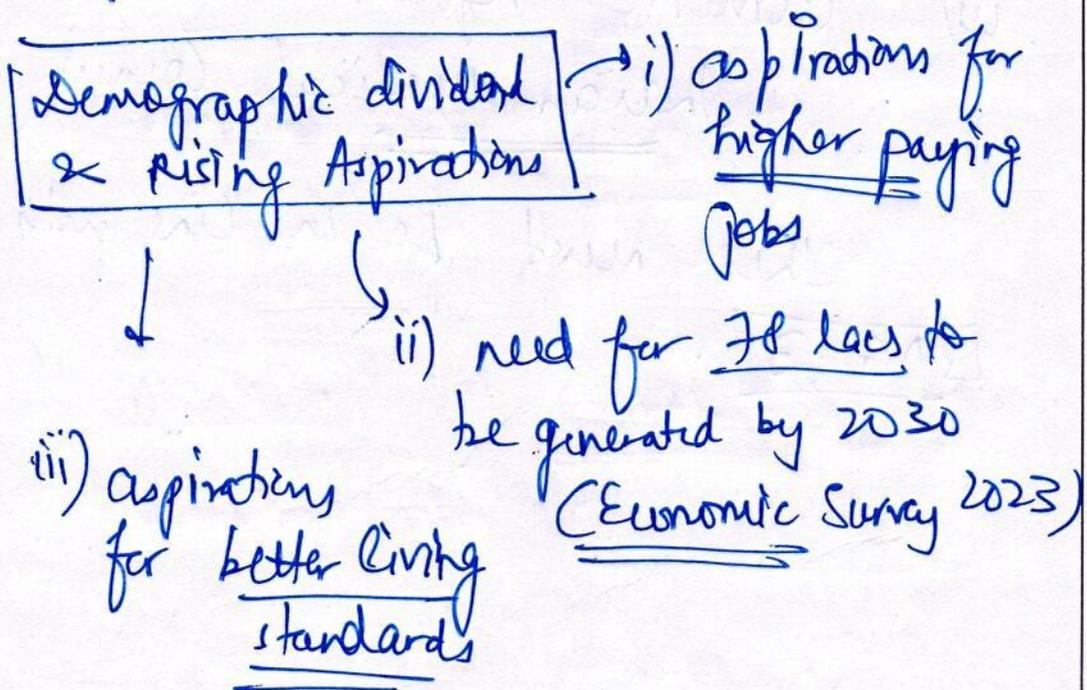
Given the demographic dividend and rising aspirations of Indian youth, how does the interplay between poverty, education, and employment shape their socio-economic mobility?

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As per UNFPA, India with a median age of 28 years is at a cusp of demographic dividend. However, the dynamics of economic development shape migration and mobility prospects.





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- ii) Leads to demand for jobs
eg) 1 cr aspirant at Rajasthan
for jobs
- iii) pressure on job creation eg) →
unemployment @ 5.2% (CMIE)

Education

i) Lack of education creates
condition for semiskilled or manual
jobs

ii) higher education leads to demand
for high skilled - high paying jobs
eg) graduates unemployment @ 10%
(CMIE)

iii) job-skill mismatch → lack of
academic-industry link.

Prospects of Employment

i) leads to inter-state and out
of country emigration
eg) emigration to UAE
Saudi Arabia.



ii) search for safer workplace by women eg close to home town

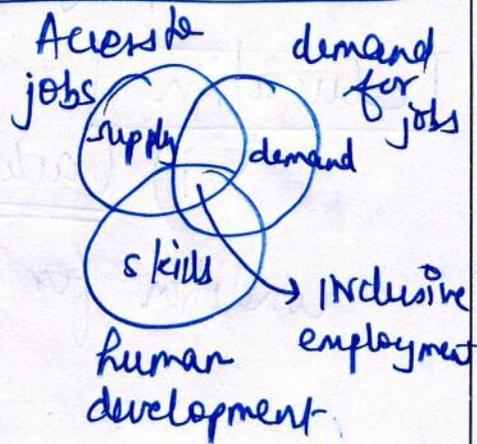
iii) village screened employment mostly depend on Agriculture

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All this calls for socio economic development through

i) skill training → through ITIs and vocationalisation of education eg Germany model



Inclusive employment factors

ii) Incentives like Apprenticeship schemes (Earn while learn)

iii) Job linked incentive (JLI) instead of P4 eg electricity sector

iv) Triple Helix model eg TATA consultancy on campus

As per National Youth Policy recruitment must be invested ⁴⁰ upon as they are true future of India

17. भारत में जनजातीय सशक्तीकरण की आवश्यकता पर चर्चा कीजिये। जनजातीय समुदायों के उत्थान हेतु हाल ही में सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों का विश्लेषण कीजिये, विशेष रूप से केंद्रीय बजट 2025-26 में प्रस्तुत पहलों का विश्लेषण कीजिये। (250 शब्द) 15

Discuss the need for tribal empowerment in India. Analyze the recent government initiatives, particularly those introduced in Union Budget 2025-26, to uplift tribal communities. (250 words) 15

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As per census 2011, tribal constitute 8.6% of population. Though culturally most diverse, they remain socially excluded from national paradigm.

Need for tribal empowerment

1) for human development

educational upliftment

1) high illiteracy @ 50%. (Kundou report)

2) not brought into mainstream school
(eg) GER @ 47%

poor health indicators

1) highest IMR and MMR among India (NFHS-5)

ii) poor nutrition

iii) tropical disease burden

2) to ensure Inclusive development → ideal of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas



3) for social cohesiveness through targeting their social upliftment
(eg) → against stigmatisation of tribals

4) to utilise cultural diversity for economic upliftment (eg) Hunar Haats for tribes

5) for realisation of unity

Recent Govt Initiatives

- i) PM Jarman → Jarhya Utthan Yojana
- ii) PM JALGA → for holistic allround development
- iii) Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana. (village development)
- iv) Higher funding to Eklanya model residential schools.

Analysis of Govt Initiatives

Ensures settlement of Tribal through

- i) better incentives for funding

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- 2) higher reach and coverage
to last mile through Gram Adarsh
Yojana
- 3) integration into national economy
through infrastructure

However, challenges persists like

- i) social stigma in southern and
lack of full integration
- ⊙ violence against North eastern
cities
- ii) effective implementation ⊙ only
6% funds reach SCST on times

Better development
through

- i) better implemen-
tation (political
will)
- ii) people led participation
⊙ Niyangiri
movement
- iii) digital reach
⊙ optical fibre

Hence the ideal of the
Tribal Panchsheel of equal respect to
their specific governance need to be kept
in mind.

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18. चर्चा कीजिये कि मॉरीशस में नया नेतृत्व द्वीपीय राष्ट्र के साथ भारत के संबंधों को मजबूत करने के अवसर कैसे प्रस्तुत करता है? (250 शब्द) 15

Discuss how new leadership in Mauritius presents opportunities for strengthening India's ties with the island nation? (250 words) 15

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The Mauritius leadership under President Miuzu has led to greater leverage for India's geostategic ambitions in Maldives.

Opportunity for strengthening ties

i) for Pro-India (favorable) sentiments → leading to check against India Out campaign

ii) for infrastructural and connectivity across Indian Ocean ⊕ Greater male connectivity

iii) India's role as a net security provider to Maldives:

⊕ Maldives Naval Base by India

iv) for cooperation in Multilateral forums ⊕ BIMSTEC's motor vehicle Agreement

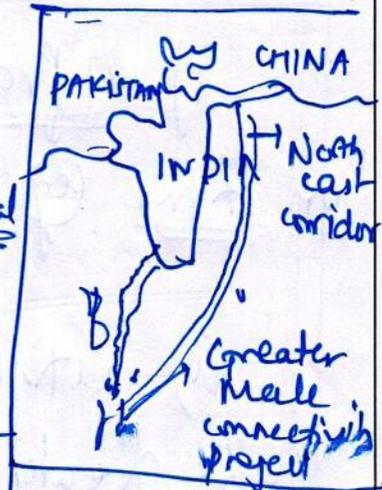


5) for emerging security threats
(eg) Red Sea's piracy Clouthi's rebellion

6) for cultural tourism → (eg) India = largest tourism from India to Maldives

7) economic interdependence → Maldives
import dependence on India.

8) connectivity through digital UPIs or banking system.



However, challenges loom large as

i) Chinese incursion over the Indian Ocean: String of Pearls.

ii) anti Indian opposition and

iii) Anti-hindu sentiments and allegations of India being minorities Aggressor.

iv) the delivery and infrastructure deficit (eg) → incomplete Aadi Atoll project.

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v) Pakistan's growing like and investment against India.

vi) the lack of proper functioning of central bodies like ILR.

India's way forward in Maldives

i) Infrastructural project completion on time (eg) greater thrust to Male connectivity.

ii) utilising tourism as a way for greater people to people ties.

iii) Investments into Maldives (eg) Adam's port project

iv) to integrate Maldives into SAARC or G20



This would ensure the Maldives relations remain all-weather proof leading to greater stability in Asian geopolitics.

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19. प्रमुख देशों के साथ भारत की विदेश नीति और आर्थिक संबंधों पर भारतीय डायस्पोरा के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन कीजिये। भारत अपने वैश्विक प्रवासी समुदाय का रणनीतिक और कूटनीतिक लाभ उठाने के लिये किस प्रकार प्रयास कर सकता है? (250 शब्द) 15

Evaluate the impact of the Indian diaspora on India's foreign policy and economic ties with key nations. How can India leverage its global diaspora for strategic and diplomatic gains?

(250 words) 15

India claims to be the highest number of "Indiaspora", being referred by PM Modi as Bharatsoot.

Impact on Foreign Policy

Positive

i) helps gain supportive leverage over key deals and agreements eg USA's 123 deal

ii) soft power showcasing India's economic power

iii) a source of Remittance and favourable economic policies eg largest remittances

iv) helps India follow a multi-cultural Approach.

Negative

i) anti-Indian elements eg Punjabi Khalistani supporters

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India can leverage Diaspora through

- i) greater diplomatic and political recognition to OCLs or NRI.
- ii) NRI investment incentives
(eg) RBI's NRI funds
- iii) better VISA policies for medical or investment tourism.
- iv) cultural efforts like Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

This would ensure's India rise as One Earth, One future, One Family goal.

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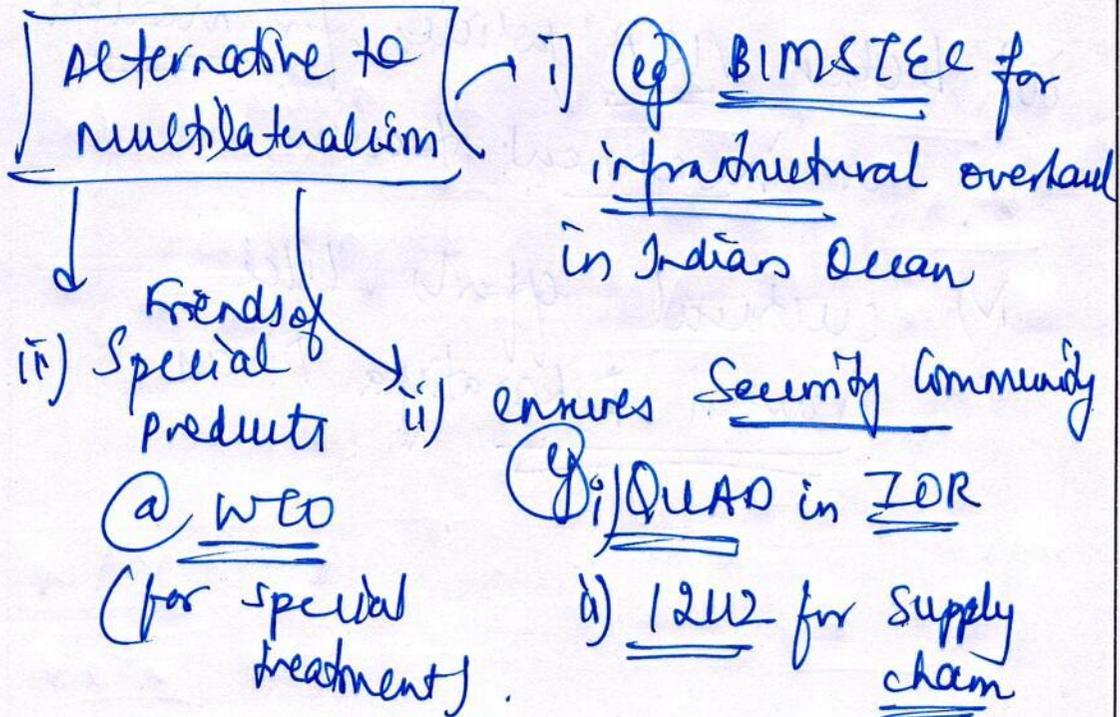
20. लघुपक्षवाद (Minilateralism) वैश्विक चुनौतियों का सामना करने के क्रम में बहुपक्षवाद के विकल्प के रूप में उभर रहा है। उपयुक्त उदाहरणों के साथ इसके लाभों एवं सीमाओं का समालोचनात्मक विश्लेषण कीजिये।

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(250 शब्द) 15
 Minilateralism is emerging as an alternative to multilateralism in addressing global challenges. Critically analyze its advantages and limitations with suitable examples. (250 words) 15

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Minilateralism refers to small groups or forums which are efficient and just worthy over the heavy multilateral approach.



Its Advantages

- i) effective and efficient dialogue by being small in numbers eg BRICS → 5 members.
- ii) ease of workability



ii) greater trust building → countries could be checked over violation of agreements

iv) timely discussion → all partners could devote time at one instance

v) regional understanding + for region specific issues eg QUAD for Indian Ocean

6) for special treaties and tailor made solution

eg WCO mini ministerial by developing countries

Limitations

i) against the ideal of united multilateralism

ii) create insecurity and dilemmas
eg China calls QUAD as Anti China

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iii) Lack of effective grievance redressal → limitations in accountability
eg) SCO cannot check over Pakistan's terrorism

iv) geopolitical tussles and rivalries
eg) i) India - Pakistan in SAARC
ii) India - China in BRICS

v) challenges of investment, alliance building of the idea of SAARC and SAARC unfulfilled

WAY AHEAD : India must pursue both multilateral and multilateral approach according to its national interests. We need clear calibration of our goals - taking best benefits for India led vision.

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