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STRENGTHS OF THE CANDIDATE

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS



Q1. विधि का शासन और न्यायिक समीक्षा एक दूसरे पर निर्भर हैं, क्योंकि किसी भी एक का दूसरे के बिना अस्तित्व नहीं हो सकता है। इस संदर्भ में क्या न्यायिक समीक्षा को संविधान के मूल ढांचे का गठन करने वाले आयामों में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आयाम माना जा सकता है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The rule of law and judicial review are interdependent, as one cannot truly exist without the other. In this context can judicial review be considered the most important aspect among those that constitute the basic structure of the Constitution? (150 words, 10 marks)

Indian Constitution has provided for 'rule of law' and 'judicial review' via implicit and explicit provisions

↳ Article 13, 32, 226, Fundamental Rights etc.

1) Rule of law leads to executive effectiveness and thus reduces judiciary burden

Interdependence

→ Rule of law leads to checks and balances making judicial review important.

• Judicial review protects rule of law when it is violated by arbitrary actions ↳ A.P.M. Jabalpur Case

Judicial Review most important among Basic structure.

- 1) Protects constitutional morality from tampering by amendments \Rightarrow Meraka Gandhi case \rightarrow 42nd Amendment act's arbitrary provisions curbed.
- 2) It secures other basic structures \Rightarrow Secularism \rightarrow Protected when Judicial review of essential religious practices test (Shirur Mutt case)
- 3) Protects the rights and safeguards of citizens \Rightarrow Vishakha case.
- 4) Makes laws more effective \Rightarrow Anoop Bararwal case \rightarrow Election commissions.
- 5) Nudges the administration and expands the scope of rights \Rightarrow Puttaswamy judgement.

However $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1) \text{ Fine line between } \underline{\text{review}}, \\ \underline{\text{activism}} \text{ and } \underline{\text{overreach}}. \\ 2) \text{ Article } \boxed{50} \text{ separation of powers} \end{array} \right.$

As held by SC in DS Nanda case -
legislative has law making power. Through
Judicial review, it ensures healthy democracy.

- Q2. दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल की शक्तियों और अधिकारों की तुलना, विशेष रूप से मंत्रिपरिषद् की सहायता और उनकी सलाह पर कार्य करने के संदर्भ में अन्य राज्यों के राज्यपालों से किस प्रकार की जाती है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)
- How does the power and authority of Delhi's lieutenant governor compare to that of the governors of other states, particularly in terms of acting on the aid and advice of the council of ministers? (150 words, 10 marks)

239AA of Constitution contains special provision for the NCT of Delhi which was made Union Territory by 69th Constitutional Amendment Act.

However recent acts of Parliament have enhanced the powers of LG of Delhi

Delhi's LG and other governors →

- 1) As per the 2021 amended act, the word government would mean LG and all actions to require his consent.
- 2) While other governors act on aid and advice of council of ministers except discretion (A-163), Delhi LG → has wider powers and can control government
- 3) Passing of legislations → LG has extensive vetoes and even in 2nd instance can hold the bill.

- 4) Earlier powers were limited to land, public order, police but now expanded in all domains.
- 5) LG can appoint civil servants and do transfer postings.

Thus, LG is powerful in the current act. SC in NCT of Delhi vs Atul

Mishra case highlighted that

↳ state govt and centre must work hand in hand or at least side by side for good governance.

Further reforms like Sarkaria and NCRWC commissions → Governor sh to be non party man needed to ensure mandate of people is respected.

Delhi being capital has special needs however, a fine balance is needed for effective governance.

Q3. हाल के दिनों में, भारत में धर्म के अधिकार और संवैधानिक नैतिकता के मध्य तनाव/मतभेद को दूर करने में न्यायपालिका की भूमिका पर चर्चा करें। प्रासंगिक वाद विधियों की सहायता लें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Discuss the role of the judiciary in navigating the tension between the right to religion and constitutional morality in India in recent times. Refer to relevant case laws.

(150 words, 10 marks)

Constitution via Article 25-30 offers freedom of religion and special rights of minorities. However personal laws, culture of religious and spiritual dominance causes tensions requiring judiciary to balance 'social morality' and 'constitutional morality'

Role and case laws →

1) Essential religious practices have been delineated as per cases (Shirur Mutt)

↳ Jsmail Faugui case, Nikhil Soni case and Santhara

2) Expanding scope of rights and reducing discriminatory practices.

↳ Sabarimala judgement → allowed women to enter temple

3) Respecting religious rights

↳ Ayodhya temple judgement allowed hindu rights of place of worship.

4) SC opined that 'Places of worship Act

1995' → has to be adhered to but

if Archaeological Survey through

excavations finds evidence then

there can be scope

↳ Kashi and Mathura Mosque
Complex - ASZ excavations.

5) Protecting women's rights (equality above all)

↳ Triple Talak case

Also held that women have right of property.

6) Pushing for Uniform civil code (Art. 44)

Thus, judiciary has finely balanced religious rights with constitutional morality. as per context. The strength of Indian

Secularism lies in the institutions and reformative outlook.

- Q4. 'शक्तियों के पृथक्करण' का सिद्धांत अमेरिकी संविधान की एक प्रमुख विशेषता है। इस संदर्भ में तुलना करें कि भारतीय संविधान में शक्तियों का कार्यात्मक पृथक्करण अमेरिकी प्रणाली से किस प्रकार भिन्न है। शक्तियों के कठोर पृथक्करण की तुलना में नियंत्रण और संतुलन प्रणाली के क्या लाभ हैं? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The principle of 'Separation of Powers' is a key feature of the American Constitution. In this context, compare how the Indian Constitution's functional separation of powers distinguishes itself from the US system. What are the advantages of a check and balance system over a rigid Separation of Powers? (150 words, 10 marks)

'Montesquieu' was first to give 'separation of powers' and USA constitution represents it. India under Article 50 calls for separation but has adopted a modified polity as per its need.

India's functional separation.	USA's rigid separation
1) Different spheres of functioning with overlap ↳ Article 122, Parliament and executive overlap	1) <u>Strict separation</u> ↳ US president not part of legislature
2) Checks and balances via <u>Judiciary</u> , <u>executive</u> , <u>legislative</u> ↳ Integrated judiciary.	2) Defined spheres of work ↳ US Supreme Court does <u>not</u> intervene in <u>state's domain</u> .

Advantages of check and balance over rigid separation of power →

- 1) Curbs arbitrary action by one domain \Rightarrow legislature keeps a check on judge by impeachment procedure
- 2) Healthy democratic functioning and stability \Rightarrow Presidential system could lead to authoritarian tendencies.
But Parliament \rightarrow collective accountability
- 3) Improves efficiency and functioning of each sphere \Rightarrow CAG reports
 \Rightarrow Judicial interference, judgements improve legislations.

Limitations

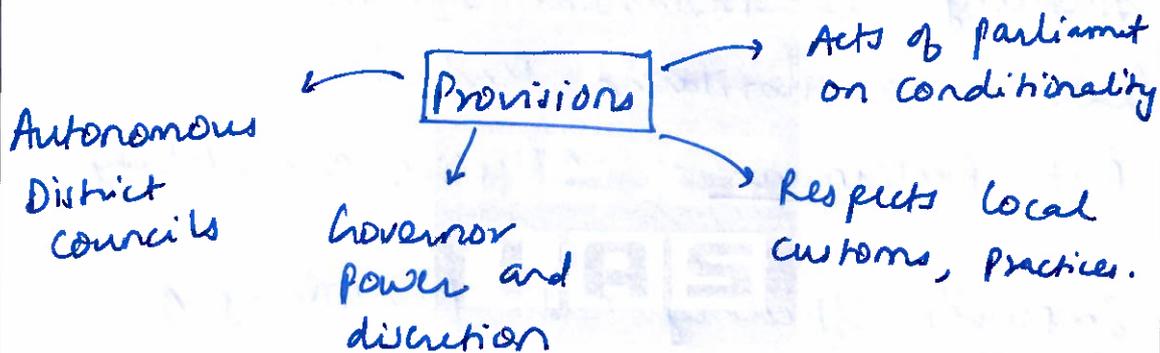
- 1) Activism, overreach.
- 2) Delays and interference.

Thus, healthy democratic practices and checks/balances are a must and requires involvement of all three domains.

Q5. भारतीय संविधान की छठी अनुसूची आदिवासी क्षेत्रों को स्वशासन का अधिकार देने वाले विधिक प्रावधानों से कहीं अधिक है। छठी अनुसूची किस प्रकार उनकी पारंपरिक शासन प्रणालियों और सांस्कृतिक प्रथाओं का सम्मान करते हुए विकास को बढ़ावा देती है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution is more than a legal provision that empowers tribal regions with self-rule. How does the sixth schedule foster development while respecting their traditional governance systems and cultural practices? (150 words, 10 marks)

Article 244 of the constitution deals with scheduled areas. 6th schedule includes Assam, Mizoram, Tripura, Manipur that has tribal regions requiring safeguards.



Foster development → Respecting traditional governance and cultural practices. →

- 1) Recognizes rights of tribals and their special needs of developments.
- 2) Respects culture and distinct socio-economic practices → Gives scope of preserving culture.

3) Autonomous District Council have various

- power →
- Control own functioning
 - Taxation powers.
 - Appointments / employment in local bureaucracy.
 - Rights over natural resources.
 - Control over money lending etc.

4) Inclusive → Only those parliament's acts apply as per local needs

5) Governor's powers → Thus 'localisation' as per context.

- Challenges
- 1) Still functional autonomy not achieved fully
 - 2) Ethnic conflicts → Manipur Kuki vs Meitei
 - 3) Developmental deficit

Reports of Xaxa and Mungekar Committee are needed to ensure capacity building of tribals and their role in developmental process.

Q6. नागरिक समाज संगठनों और सरकारी संस्थाओं के मध्य साझेदारी भारत के विकास लक्ष्यों में किस प्रकार योगदान देती है? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

How do partnerships between Civil Society Organizations and Government Entities contribute to India's development goals? (10 marks, 150 words)

Civil Society Organizations (CSO) are a varied form of organisations that work as a link between government and people.

↳ NCR0, Charities, pressure groups, SHGs etc.

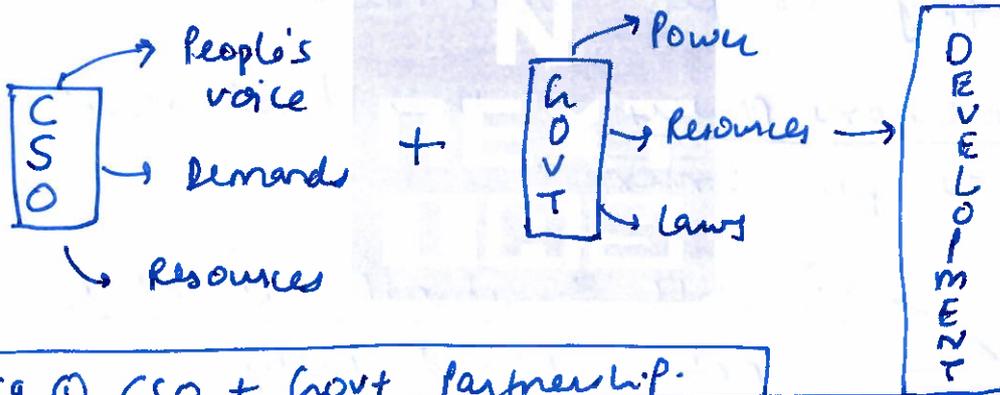


Fig ① CSO + Govt Partnership.

Contribution of partnerships. →

1) Last mile service delivery

↳ CSOs work in areas where government's reach is limited ↳ Child labour and trafficking → Bachpan Bachao Andolan

- 2) Accountability ensured as CSO act as check and balance \Rightarrow Right to Information (RTI) by MKSS \rightarrow Anna Roy
- 3) Judicial checks as CSO use legal route to ensure government works \Rightarrow ADR \rightarrow electoral reforms.
- 4) Women empowerment \Rightarrow SHGs \rightarrow SEWA by Anna Roy \rightarrow Sustainable creation of assets, employments.
- 5) Charities \rightarrow \Rightarrow PPP, CSR activities help to augment state's resources \Rightarrow In Covid, during disasters CSOs played a huge role \Rightarrow Redcross society
- 6) Government's resources \Rightarrow data, executive reach can help CSO in ensuring effective implementation of schemes \Rightarrow via social audit

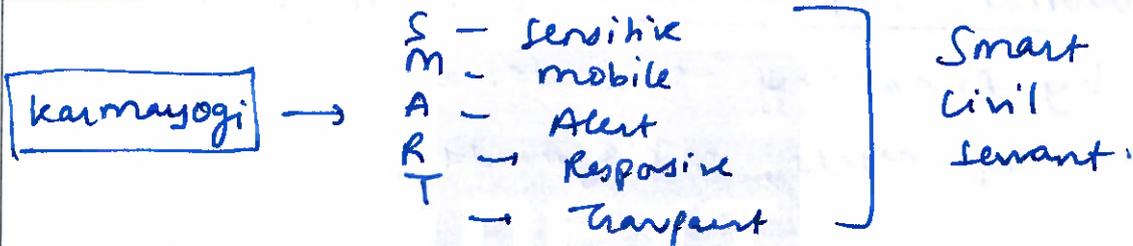
Thus, the partnership will be beneficial for 'Amrit kaal' goals of development provided CSOs are transparent and capability is created.

Q7. भारतीय सिविल सेवकों में आजीवन सीखने की संस्कृति विकसित करने के महत्व पर चर्चा करें। मिशन कर्मयोगी ने इस उद्देश्य में किस प्रकार योगदान दिया है? उदाहरणों के साथ स्पष्ट करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Discuss the importance of cultivating a culture of life-long learning among Indian civil servants. How has Mission Karmayogi contributed to this objective? Illustrate with examples. (10 marks, 150 words)

National Civil Service capacity building

Mission i.e. 'Mission Karmayogi' aims at creating advanced, industry ready and future ready civil servants.



Importance of 'Life-long Learning' →

- 1) Complexities in governance and dismpions → Data, AI, Climate Change.
- 2) Domain expertise is need of the hour.
- 3) Makes Civil servant efficient as learning makes one 'wise' and humble
- 4) Adopt to global best practices
↳ Exchange programmes.

How Mission Karmayogi contributes?

- 1) IGOT portal has various modules and courses that empower civil servants.
- 2) Domain Expertise is cultivated and has repository of global best practices and learning courses.
- 3) Accessible to all civil servants
↳ tracks and monitors progress and outcomes.
- 4) Training with other services leading to holistic understanding.

Thus, mission Karmayogi has created the capabilities that can ensure life long learning to create civil services from 'rules based to role based'

Q8. अत्यधिक गरीबी को कम करने में भारत की प्रगति को देखते हुए, क्या देश को वर्तमान सामाजिक-आर्थिक वास्तविकताओं को बेहतर ढंग से दर्शाने के लिए अपनी गरीबी रेखा को फिर से परिभाषित करने पर विचार करना चाहिए? गरीबी रेखा को फिर से परिभाषित करने से जुड़े संभावित लाभों और चुनौतियों पर चर्चा करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Given India's strides in reducing extreme poverty, should the country consider redefining its poverty line to better reflect the current socio-economic realities? Discuss the potential benefits and challenges associated with redefinition of the poverty line.

(10 marks, 150 words)

India's poverty line is based on Tendulkar committee of Rural-Urban expenses. Poverty lines are of various forms

- WB → 1.70\$ per day expense
- UK → Absolute line of expense.

Should India redefine line?

- 1) Poverty is relative and thus absolute measure not enough.
- 2) Multidimensional poverty requires holistic coverage.
- 3) Indicators to reflect the needs of time → Brazil has redefined line and created efficient social security policies.

- Benefits
- 1) Understand who, where, how much poor? rather than only head count
 - 2) Devise government scheme better and ensure proper targeting.
 - 3) Outcome-mapping by using digital interventions.

- Challenges
- 1) fear of exclusion
 - 2) Large population and limited resources
 - 3) lack of consensus over right poverty measurement.

Niti Aayog's multidimensional poverty index is holistic and has shown good outcomes (from 57% to 22% in 12 years)

A similar consensus oriented - stakeholder approach can bring about change in poverty redefinition.

Q9. प्रमुख पश्चिमी देशों के साथ गहरे होते राजनीतिक मतभेदों का वैश्विक शासन व्यवस्था और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन करें। वैश्विक मंच पर अपने राष्ट्रीय हितों को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए भारत को इन मतभेदों से किस प्रकार निपटना चाहिए? (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

Evaluate the impact of the deepening political divisions with the major Western States on global governance and international cooperation. How should India navigate these divisions to advance its national interests on the global stage? (10 marks, 150 words)

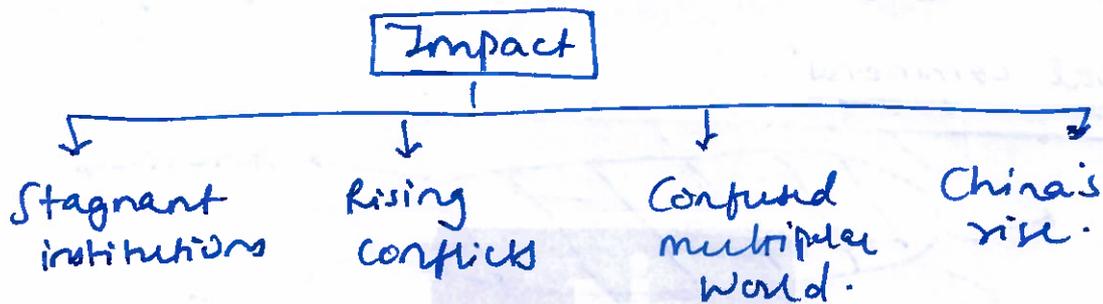
The ongoing 'polycrisis' in various parts of the world and the 'churning' in global geopolitics has caused political divisions within major western states.

Divisions in global governance and international cooperation. →

- 1) Multilateral institutions have been in stalemate → WTO and UN bodies like UNHRC, WHO due to USA and Russia conflicts.
- 2) Divisions regarding 'climate change' → USA opted out of 'Paris deal' and continues to make unilateral steps.
- 3) USA vs Europe contradictions about funding in institutions
- 4) Role of China → European Union wants

to work with China, but USA sees it as a revisionary power.

- 5) Nuclear technology and development of weapons
 ↳ AUCKUS attacked France
 ↳ Even Germany, Japan exploring weapons.



India to navigate for its national interests. →

- 1) Strategic Autonomy → by engaging with max powers → 'multi-alignment', issue based partnerships.
- 2) Take up the space as a 'balancer' and mediator among countries.
- 3) Push for 'global governance' reforms.
 ↳ UNSC expansion.
- 4) Leadership in institutions ↳ G20, UNFCCC

India's image as a 'rising moral power' gives it a chance to ensure balance in current times of division

Q10. भारत की आर्कटिक नीति उसके व्यापक विदेश नीति के उद्देश्यों के साथ किस प्रकार संरेखित है? आर्कटिक परिषद के साथ भारत द्वारा किए गए सहयोगों और समझौतों पर व्यापक रूप से चर्चा करें। (150 शब्द, 10 अंक)

How does India's Arctic Policy align with its broader foreign policy objectives? Broadly discuss the collaborations and agreements India is involved in with the Arctic Council.

(10 marks, 150 words)

India recently passed the 'Arctic Act' which outlines its visions and policy for the Arctic which is an example of 'global commons'.



fig ① India's Arctic geographic proximity.

Policy Aligning with overall foreign policy objectives. →

- 1) Multiple Alignment with Arctic states like Russia, Nordic and Scandinavian countries, USA.
- 2) Protection of 'global commons' → Arctic

resources to be used for the benefit of markind

- 3) Advance its own scientific and technological research in world.
- 4) Stop China's hegemonic ambitions and engage with partners.
- 5) Create 'rules based world order' where 'Arctic council' rules are followed by all.

Collaborations and agreements of India.

- 1) With Norway in 'Svalbard' → India has its own research station 'Himadri'
- 2) With Russia → it has signed 'Research Partnership agreement' where it will do scientific research of 'cryosphere'
- 3) Exploring 'oil agreements' and exploration
- 4) Collaboration with USA is also on the lines.

Thus, India's role in Arctic will ensure a 'sustainable' and rules based exploration and use of its resources.

- Q11. 16वें वित्त आयोग के समक्ष विचारार्थ विषय, पिछले वित्त आयोगों से किस प्रकार भिन्न हैं? बाद के वित्त आयोगों द्वारा उत्तरोत्तर प्रगतिशील हस्तांतरण के बावजूद, विभिन्न राज्यों में आर्थिक असमानताओं को बढ़ावा देने वाले कारकों का परीक्षण करें।
(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

In what ways are the terms of reference of the 16th Finance Commission different from that of the previous Finance Commissions? Despite increasingly progressive devolution by subsequent Finance Commissions, examine the factors that propel economic disparities across various States.
(15 marks, 250 words)

Article 280 of the constitution stipulate for establishment of a 'Finance Commission' in every five years for 'devolution of taxes' among centre and states. It stands for 'Fiscal Federalism'.

Differences in 'TOR' of 16th F.C. →

- 1) The 16th Finance Commission has been setup for the aim of 'alternative devolution' in next five years
- 2) Its terms of reference have provided greater independence and flexibility to come at formula.
- 3) It calls for considering the states' specific needs and devise formula.

4) As compared to 15th FC there is no rigid bifurcation \Rightarrow Population, Demographic performance, fiscal advantage. etc.

Factors Causing economic disparities across various states. \rightarrow

- 1) Internal Resource generation poor
 \Rightarrow Local taxation limits.
- 2) Expenses on freebies / subsidies
 \Rightarrow Telangana and Punjab huge deficit
- 3) Expenses on salaries, pensions make up 60% of budget
- 4) Industrial development poor leading to poor wealth \Rightarrow Gujarat gets taxes from industries.
- 5) Corruption and diversion of funds
- 6) GST \rightarrow destination based tax so

Producing countries get lesser revenue.

1) Bihar loses income on 'Alcohol' tax
due to Prohibition Excise

Way forward

1) 16th FC to have consultation
with state
(NK Singh recommends links
between GST council and
Finance Commission)

2) State specific demands to be
addressed \Rightarrow Taxation, deficit

3) New revenue streams
 \Rightarrow Municipal Bond, Social
Impact Bond.

4) Developmental schemes need
greater decentralization.

5) borrowing power of states to be
increased (3%) to (5%)

Only until fiscal prudence is the
goal and reforms are taken, state's finance
will suffer. FC must address this and
Niti Aayog foster fiscal federalism.

- Q12. 'अनैतिक' आचरण और विशेषाधिकारों के उल्लंघन के मामलों को संबोधित करने में आचार समिति और विशेषाधिकार समिति की शक्तियों और कार्यप्रणाली की तुलना करें और उनमें अंतर करें। संसदीय अनुशासन बनाए रखने में ये समितियाँ एक-दूसरे की किस तरह से पूरक हैं? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Compare and contrast the powers and working of the Ethics Committee and the Privileges Committee in addressing cases of 'unethical' conduct and breach of privileges. How do these Committees complement each other in maintaining parliamentary discipline?

(15 marks, 250 words)

The recent instances of 'Bribes for votes' in 'Mahua Moitra' case and the Supreme Court judgement in 'Sita Sozen' case have thrown light on the working of 'Ethics Committee' and 'Privileges Committee'

Comparison of both committees. →

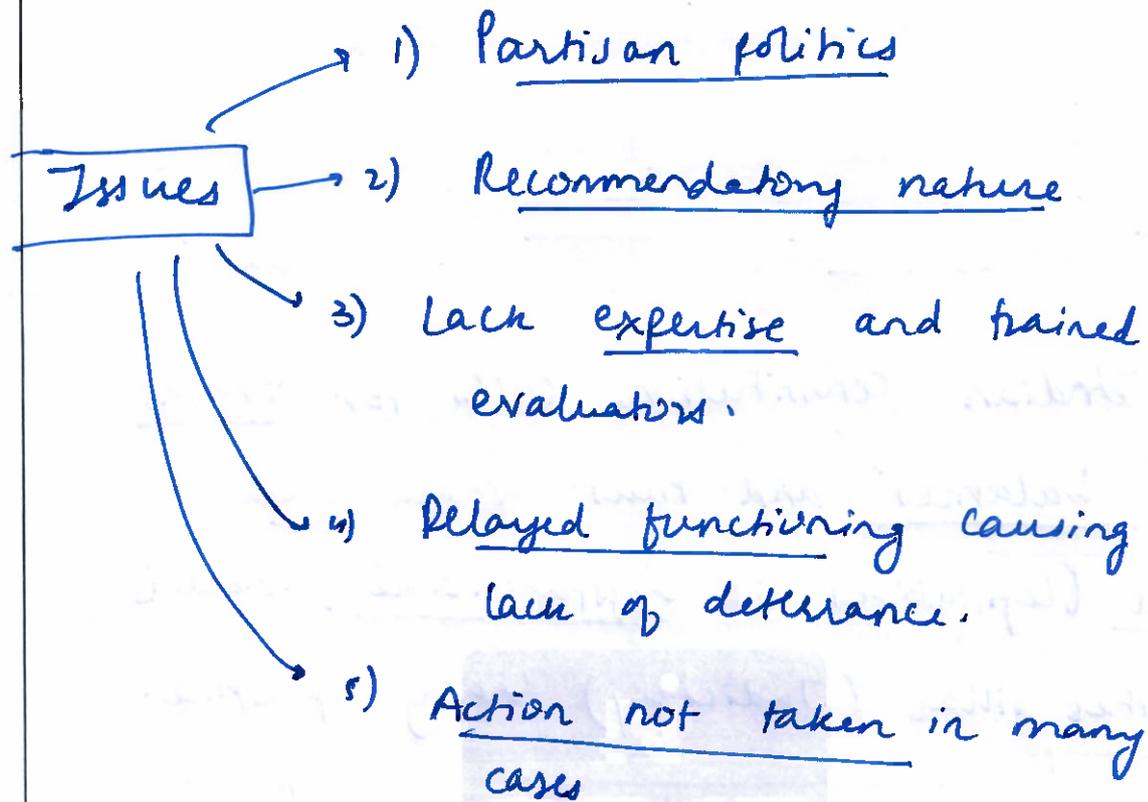
A) Ethics Committee	Privileges Committee.
1) Deals with <u>violation</u> of <u>ethics</u> and any case of <u>misconduct</u> as referred to by the house / speaker.	1) Deals with cases of ' <u>breach of privileges</u> ' by any member.
2) Flexible in its working and can examine on ' <u>merit</u> '	2) Strict adherence to ' <u>rules of procedure</u> '

3) Issues of moral violation, bribery etc come under ethics committee

3) Issues of illegal conduct, deliberately misleading house come under its purview.

Complement each other. →

- 1) Both deal with same kind of issues and there is 'overlap' of cases.
- 2) They recommend measures / actions to the house → Ethics committee recommend that Mahua moitra be expelled.
- 3) A case of breach of privilege or violation of moral code can be taken up by either committee → thus no strict separation of functions.
- 4) Inure discipline and deterrence in the house is maintained.



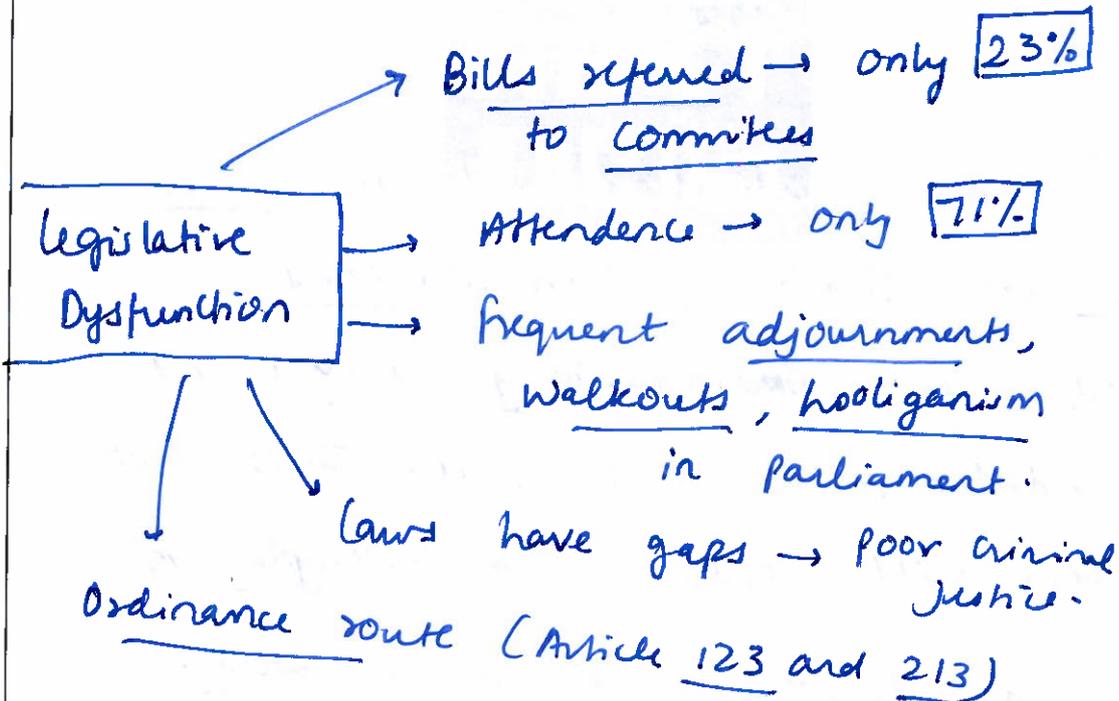
Supreme Court has held in 'Sita Soori' case that parliamentarians should show parliamentary conduct and not indulge in immoral acts. These two committees will ensure that 'temple of democracy' delivers its mandates well.

- Q13. भारत में सतत विधायी शिथिलता के संदर्भ में, सार्वजनिक नीति और शासन को आकार देने में न्यायिक सक्रियता की उभरती भूमिका का विश्लेषण करें। ऐतिहासिक न्यायालय के मामलों के उदाहरणों का उपयोग करते हुए, शासन संबंधी कमियों को दूर करने और नागरिकों के अधिकारों की सुरक्षा में न्यायिक हस्तक्षेपों की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन करें।

(250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

In the context of persistent legislative dysfunction in India, analyze the evolving role of judicial activism in shaping public policy and governance. Using examples from landmark court cases, evaluate the effectiveness of judicial interventions in addressing governance gaps and safeguarding citizens' rights. (250 words, 15 marks)

Indian constitution calls for 'checks and balances' and thus when one pillar (legislative) is dysfunctional, there is another pillar (Judiciary) taking up space.



This has led to 'Judicial Activism' in shaping public policy and governance. It is where judiciary through its review doctrine (Article 13, 32) take up positive role.

Effectiveness

A) Addressing Governance gaps.

- 1) Directing to the executive to take certain actions for citizens' welfare.
- 2) Curbing corruption and fostering transparency

↳ In T.S.R Subramaniam case it called for 'Civil Services Board' for transfer - postings.

- 3) Working in domain where legislative is not active ↳ environmental cases

like Olium gas leak case, Vellore citizens welfare case, MC Mehta case led to 'National Green Tribunal'

B) Safeguarding Citizens' rights.

- 1) Women's rights and protection

↳ Vishakha vs State of Rajasthan.

led to 'POSH Act' (Sexual harassment at workplace)

2) Rights of vulnerable sections protected.

- Olga Tellis case → Rights of Slum and pavement dwellers.
- Buddhadeb Karmakar → Rights of prostituted sex workers.
- NALSA case → Transgenders rights → creation of National Council.

3) Expanding domain of citizens rights for holistic living

- Mareeka Gharhi case → Due process Article 21 → expanded.
- Puttaswamy → Privacy
- Navtej Singh Johar → Section 377 decriminalised.

While they are effective, there is a need for 'Judicial Restraint'

1) (SC in DS Nakra case → Courts do not have legislative powers → Need restraint.

2) Adhere to Article 50 → Separation of powers.

3) Parliament to improve its functioning and take reforms, training.

This will ensure effective governance and healthy democracy.

- Q14. राजनीतिक दलों के भीतर आंतरिक लोकतंत्र का स्तर भारतीय दलीय प्रणाली की कार्यप्रणाली और वैधता को किस सीमा तक प्रभावित करता है? भारत में अपर्याप्त अंतर-दलीय लोकतंत्र की चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए कौन-कौन से सुधार किए जा सकते हैं? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

To what extent does the level of internal democracy within political parties impact the functioning and legitimacy of the Indian party system? What reforms can address the challenges of inadequate intraparty democracy in India? (250 words, 15 marks)

Political Parties are important institutions in 'Representative democracy' and perform the function of 'Interest Aggregation' and 'Articulation' serving as 'Link between State and citizen'

Internal democracy within parties and impact on system. →

- 1) Allow 'merit' based candidates to be in competition as elected representatives.
- 2) Inclusive → Accepting diversity and multiple opinions. → Women only
77 elected in 18th Lok Sabha
- 3) Healthy competition among parties
'Decent electoral system'

4) Check on corruption and financial impropriety \Rightarrow Recent SBZ data on Bonds.

Challenges of inadequate intra-party democracy. \rightarrow

- 1) Elite and Strongman Capture of 'party'
 - \rightarrow No timely elections.
 - \rightarrow Nepotism
- 2) Corruption \rightarrow Diversion of funds
- 3) Nexus among Business - Parties
- 4) Criminalization of politics (Padmanabha Committee)
 - \rightarrow Tickets on winnability factor
- 5) Caste and Patriarchal dominance in membership \rightarrow exclusive.
- 6) Mobility restricted.
- 7) Adversarial politics and 'Defections'
 - \Rightarrow Maharashtra \rightarrow Shirsena and NCP Split \rightarrow major reason poor 'intra party democracy'

Reforms to address →

- 1) Germany Best practice of 'Political Parties Act' → giving constitutional recognition → more compliance
- 2) Amending ROPA 1951 (Representation of People's Act)
 - ↳ Power to deregister party.
 - ↳ Election Commission more scrutiny on timely elections and intraparty compliance.
- 3) Zipper system → for candidate selection to be more neutral
- 4) Reform of Anti-Defection laws (Dinesh Goswami committee).
- 5) Electoral and Political party funding transparent → Voucher system.

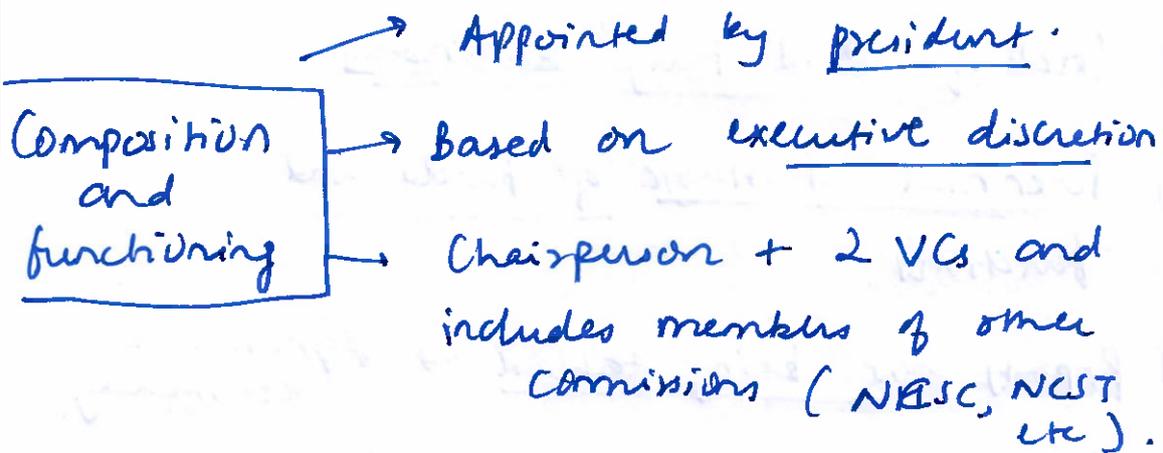
Thus, reforms for intra-party democracy are must. However parties must also foster a culture of inclusivity, free speech and adherence to constitutional principles.

Q15. "एन एच आर सी (NHRC) को न केवल एक निगरानी संस्था होना चाहिए, बल्कि हाशिए पर उपस्थित और उत्पीड़ित लोगों के लिए आशा की किरण भी बनना चाहिए।" इस संदर्भ में भारत में राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (एन एच आर सी) की भूमिका और अभिदेश पर चर्चा करें। एन एच आर सी की वर्तमान संरचना और कार्यप्रणाली इसकी स्वतंत्रता और प्रभावशीलता को किस प्रकार प्रभावित करती है? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

"The NHRC must not only be a watchdog but also a beacon of hope for the marginalized and oppressed." In this context discuss the role and mandate of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India. How does the current composition and functioning of the NHRC affect its independence and effectiveness? (250 words, 15 marks)

The NHRC was created in 1992 by adhering to 'Paris principles' of human rights and passing 'statutory act'

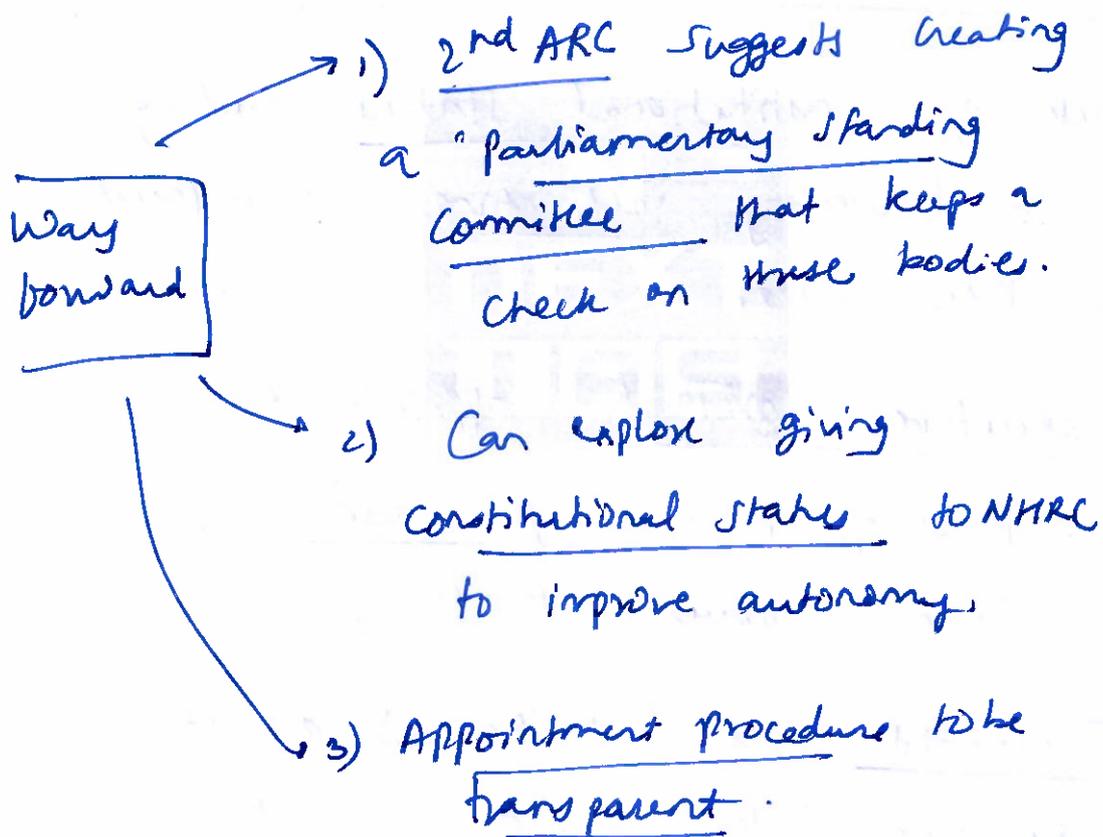
- Role and mandate.
- 1) Suo-motu cognizance of human rights violation in any part.
 - 2) Enquire into abuses by state, institutions, private parties.
 - 3) Powers of civil court → summon, investigate.
 - 4) Address concerns of citizens and create awareness → HRCNet Portal
 - 5) Report to parliament via President.
 - 6) Guide the centre to give relief to the aggrieved.



Independence and Effectiveness: Challenges.

- 1) Lack of constitutional status leading to it becoming ineffective as compared to other bodies.
- 2) Executive controlled appointment
↳ Place of political patronage for those favourite to party.
- 3) Toothless tiger (H.L. Dattu) as it does not take action against government
- 4) Role in recent Manipur crisis was criticized due to delayed cognizance.

- 5) Lack of Budgetary autonomy
- 6) Perennial shortage of funds and functions
- 7) Reports not being tabled → Ignored as recommendatory
- 8) Lacks powers to give relief



Thus, creating robust capacities of institutions is necessary to ensure those who are marginalized and silenced get justice.

- Q16. भारत में स्वास्थ्य समानता की सतत चुनौतियां सार्वभौमिक स्वास्थ्य कवरेज प्राप्त करने में एक गंभीर बाधा उत्पन्न करती हैं। इस संदर्भ में ग्रामीण और शहरी क्षेत्रों में पर्याप्त स्वास्थ्य पहुंच और परिणाम सुनिश्चित करने में सार्वजनिक और निजी क्षेत्रों की भूमिका पर चर्चा करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

The persistent health equity challenges in India pose a critical barrier in achieving Universal Health Coverage. In this context discuss the role of the public and private sectors in ensuring adequate health access and outcomes across rural and urban areas. (250 words, 15 marks)

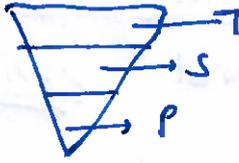
WHO defines health as not just absence of disease but a complete stage of physical, mental wellness.

India however continues to show poor health outcomes (Just 1.6% GDP on health)

Health equity challenges → Barrier in Universal Health Coverage.

1) High OoPE (Out of pocket expenditure) → 57%

2) Doctor : Patient Ratio poor
WHO - 1:1000, India 1:1700.

3)  But Inverted 

Primary Healthcare → weakest link and thus poor foundational health

4) Rural: Urban divide

↳ Rural 70% population yet 60% of health infra, beds in urban areas.

5) Curative health focus → Preventive not focus.

6) Village level → Asha workers
underpaid ↙ ↘ low skilled → pressure.

Role of public and private sector

A) Public Sector

1) Ensuring robust primary health care and universal health coverage.

↳ Jan Arogya Yojana

2) Combining health and nutrition and delivering basic needs. ↳ Pm Poshan

3) Immunization ↳ Mission Indradhanush and UWin portal

4) Access should be free and available

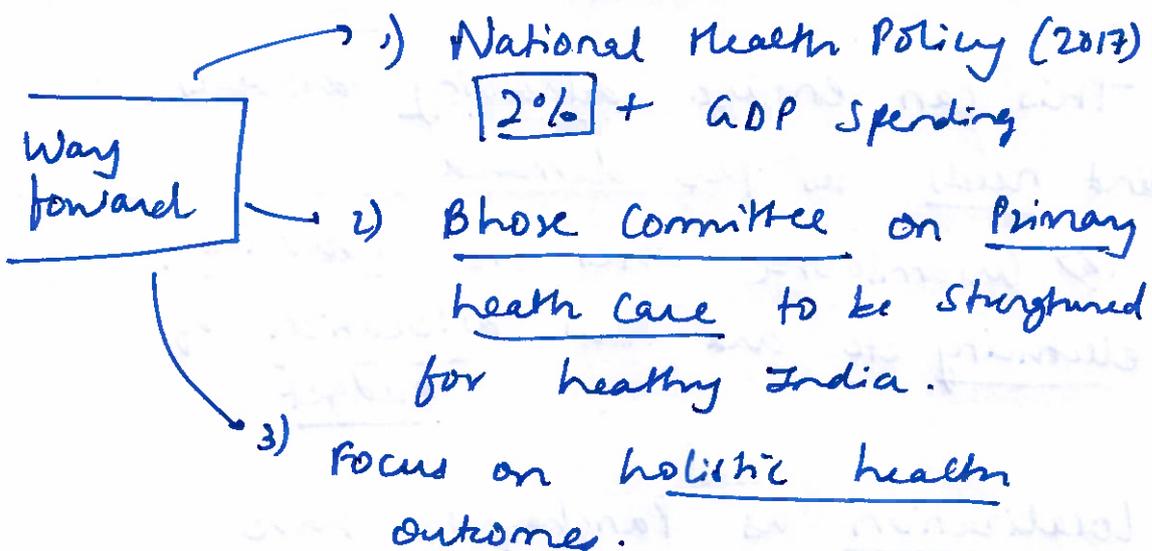
↳ Creating 'mobile health vehicles' (Odisha model)

5) Cheap medicines to be made available

↳ PM BJP - Bharatiya Janatahadi pariyojna

B) Private sector

- 1) Tertiary healthcare to be as per international best practices.
- 2) Doing CSR and giving poor access to facilities.
- 3) Bringing modern equipment, doing R&D
 - ↳ Tata memorial hospital and CRZSPR technology
- 4) Increasing access by making fees/costs sustainable.



'The future of India depends on the health of Indians today' - PM Modi

- Q17. सतत विकास लक्ष्यों (SDGs) की प्राप्ति के लिए क्षेत्रीय संदर्भ और स्थानीय परिस्थितियों पर विचार करना आवश्यक है। इस कथन के आलोक में जमीनी स्तर पर विकास और सतत विकास को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए उत्प्रेरक के रूप में पंचायतों की भूमिका का परीक्षण करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals requires consideration of regional context and local situations. In light of this statement examine the role of Panchayats as catalysts for grassroot development and advancing sustainable development. (250 words, 15 marks)

Niti Aayog has also emphasized on 'Localization of SDGs' at grassroots level by leveraging Panchayats to deliver outcomes and faster growth.

Role of Panchayats as catalysts →

1) 'Democratic Decentralization' → Through Gram Sabha → deliberation
discussion

2) This can ensure addressing resources and needs as per demand

↳ Gramsabha votes on reservoirs, electricity etc and thus allocation of budget

2) Localization as Panchayats have 'social mapping' and can identify gaps that need intervention

↳ Health outcomes → Malnutrition in Bihar

- 4) Bottom - up approach
- ↳ GPDP - Gram Panchayat Development Plan created and forwarded to Districts.
- 5) Social Audit can be done to ensure accountability and transparency.
- 6) Sustainable use of local resources keeping 'community, culture' in mind
 ↳ PESA protects tribal resources
- 7) Utilizing government schemes as per targets set
 ↳ Education by Aanganwadi leads to 'foundational literacy'.
- 8) Infrastructure creation by MGNREGA leads to capacity building and local employment.
- 9) Periodic accountability by elections in panchayats create grassroot leaders and development.
- 10) Women empowerment → 33% reservation
 ↳ Majhe Warkhede - UN global award.

However, Panchayats have Certain Challenges

- 1) Limited funds, functions, functionaries (3Fs)
- 2) Elite captured → Caste, Patriarchy
↳ Pati Sarparch.
- 3) Devolution of power from 11th schedule only indicative.
- 4) Finance Commission, Election Commission (243Z, 243K) only toothless.

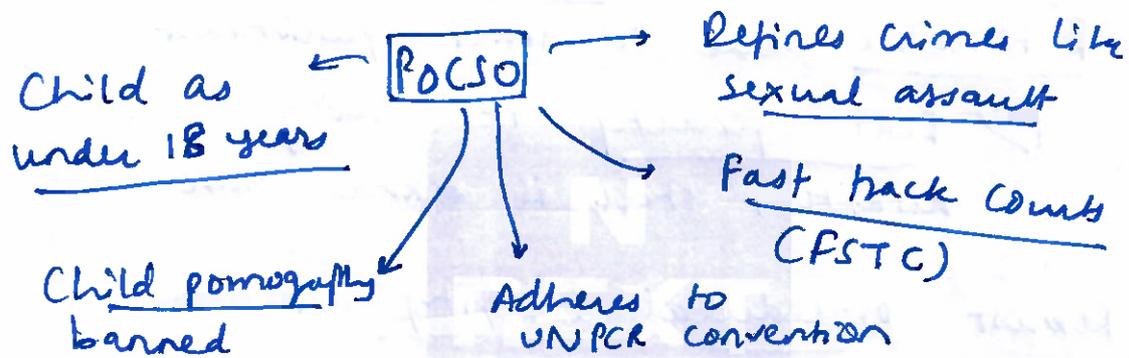
Reforms
Required

- 1) 2nd ARC → Activity mapping
via subsidiarity principle
- 2) Mani Shankar Aiyer Committee
↳ Video conferencing of meeting
- 3) Schemes like GPDP (development plan)
to have stakeholder participation.
- 4) Social Audit to be strengthened.

Only via localization, decentralization,
we can ensure genuine emancipation and
sustainable development of India.

- Q18. भारत में बाल अधिकारों और कल्याण पर पोक्सो (POCSO) अधिनियम के क्या निहितार्थ हैं? बाल संरक्षण के लिए भारत के विधिक ढांचे को परिवर्तित करने में POCSO अधिनियम की भूमिका का विश्लेषण करें। (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)
- What are the implications of the POCSO Act on the rights and welfare of children in India? Analyze the role of the POCSO Act in transforming India's legal framework for child protection. (250 words, 15 marks)

The POCSO Act is a landmark legislation that protects the rights of children and punishes violators



NCRB data : 60% Children subjected to abuse. Only 13% reported and 10% cases → it is known number

Implications of POCSO →

- 1) Avenue for seeking justice as well defined procedures
- 2) strict punishment to perpetrators.

3) Provisions of fast track courts,
time limits ensure speedy justice

Role in transforming legal framework

A) Success

- 1) Deterrence due to strict punishment
↳ Death penalty if during
disasters there is sexual abuse.
- 2) Robust procedural integrity and rules
- 3) Empowered law enforcement with
necessary teeth to act as per need.
- 4) No time limit to file case.

B) Challenges

- 1) "The deterrence is not based on
act but how it is applied"
- 2) POCSO → failed to act as check
↳ High pendency (60%)
↳ Crimes increasing

3) Fast track courts

↳ Vacancies (only 900 active
out of 1800
sanctioned)

↳ Poor Infrastructure

↳ Lack Technical expertise

4) Police → Lack of sensitization, poor forensic technique

→ 1) Melimath Committee reforms on revamping criminal justice.

Way
forward

→ 2) Empower fast track courts
↳ fulfill mandate
↳ funds, functionaries.

→ 3) Legal Awareness → leverage NCR, civil society.

'Justice delayed is Justice denied'
POCSO is a good act. But it requires proper on ground implementation for it to be an effective deterrent.

- Q19. अमेरिका और भारत के मध्य राजनयिक संबंधों के सन्दर्भ में मानवाधिकार संबंधी मुद्दों और लोकतांत्रिक मूल्यों के प्रभाव का परीक्षण करें। इन चिंताओं ने द्विपक्षीय संबंधों को किस प्रकार प्रभावित किया है तथा इन मुद्दों से उत्पन्न तनाव को कम करने के लिए क्या किया जा सकता है? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)

Examine the influence of human rights issues and democratic values on the diplomatic relationship between the U.S. and India. How have these concerns affected bilateral engagements and what can be done to mitigate tensions arising from these issues?

(250 words, 15 marks)

'Every human is born free and equal in dignity and worth'

— UNCHR - Article 1.

Human rights, available to all by virtue of being equal and human and democracy → 'the dominant form of government' are contentious issues between USA → oldest democracy and India → largest democracy.

Influence on diplomatic relationship →

1) USA raises its concerns on human rights violation of India

↳ Manipur Issue

2) USA acts as 'moral voice' and custodian of 'global human rights'

3) India calls for 'USA to not be involved in India's democratic and internal process'

↳ India recently raised concerns of USA during Obama administration violating human rights in 'Middle East'

4) India calls for 'Cultural relativism' and for 'non-involvement' in internal sovereign affairs.

Affect on Bilateral arrangement →

1) Causes tensions ↳ Summoning of Ambassadors to raise concerns

2) Makes 'mutual distrust' a norm between two countries and they look for external partners

↳ India → Russia.
USA → Pakistan.

3) Several deals and agreements signed on a 'slow pace'.

4) Spillover in other domains

↳ WTO trade issues, weapons (fear of CAATSA ; removal from GSP (Generalized system of preferences).

Mitigating tensions. →

- 1) 'Trust building exercise' through Track II and Track III diplomacy
↳ P2P contacts, Business houses
- 2) Engage diaspora to make USA aware of India's concerns and India's internal affairs.
- 3) USA to 'exercise restraint' and respect India's sovereignty.
- 4) India to work on strengthening its institutions ↳ NHRC called 'toothless tigers'
- 5) Go for 'mutual exercises' like 'Cultural exchange programs'

India-USA partnership are strong and robust and are now becoming 'engaged democracies' from earlier estranged.

- Q20. वैश्विक उन्नति के बावजूद दक्षिण एशिया में भारत के समक्ष आने वाली भू-राजनीतिक चुनौतियों का परीक्षण करें। भारत अपने क्षेत्रीय नेतृत्व को मजबूत करने के लिए इन चुनौतियों का सामना किस प्रकार कर सकता है? (250 शब्द, 15 अंक)
- Examine the geopolitical challenges India faces in South Asia despite its global rise. How can India navigate these challenges to strengthen its regional leadership? (250 words, 15 marks)

South Asia has 21% global population, around 5 trillion economy and just 2% internal trade compared to GDP making it 'least integrated zone' in the world.

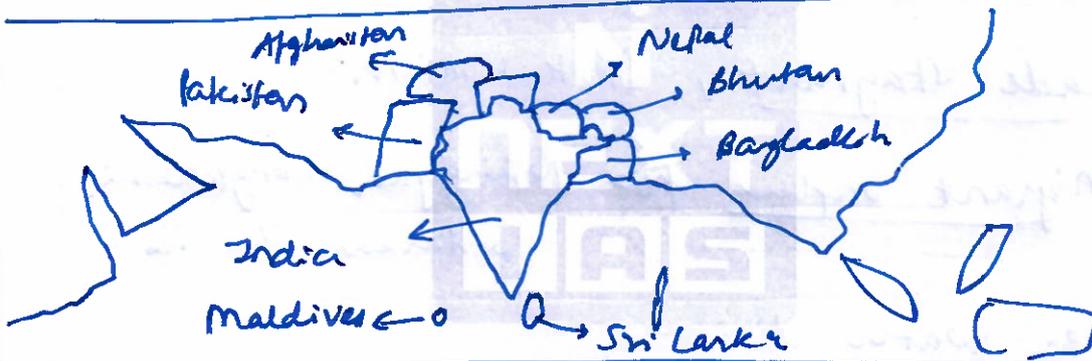


Fig ① South Asian Countries.

Geopolitical challenges India faces. →

- 1) Nuclear weapons → Pakistan has first use and rising mistrust leads to constant threats.
- 2) India-bashing by neighbours → due to 'power asymmetry'
 - ↳ Maldives - India out campaign.

3) China taking up strategic space

↳ With Nepal → hydropower projects

Sri Lanka → Hambantota port, spy ships

Pakistan → CPEC corridor (China Pakistan Economic Corridor)

Maldives → Fydoofinholu island.

4) China's 'String of Pearls', Belt and Road (BRI) initiative. and 'debt-trap'

5) Trade Stagnant, Protectionism.

6) Migrant Influx → Rohingyas, Bangladeshis, Sri Lankan Tamils.

7) River water disputes

↳ Nepal - Kali, Bangladesh - Teesta.

8) Border issues and demarkation

9) Internal turmoil in these countries.

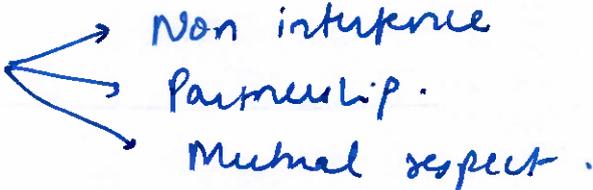
↳ Bangladesh - Sheikh Hasina 'Buster':

Nepal - Changing governments.

Pakistan - failed state.

India → navigate challenges to strengthen regional leadership. →

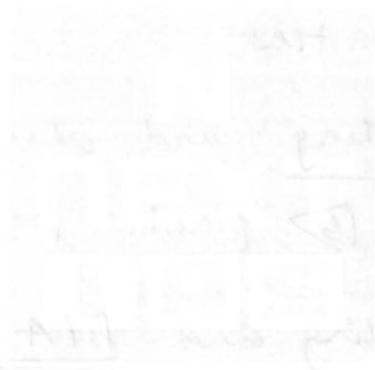
1) Strengthening of Institutions.

- SAARC and BZMSTEC need to be made functional.
- 2) Improve P2P contacts → 'track II and track III diplomacy
- South Asia → shared history and culture so leads to 'trust building'
- 3) 'Soft power' ➤ buddhism, Bollywood leverage for ties
- 4) Capacity building and addressing delivery deficit → ➤ finish projects in Nepal
- 5) Increase funding and DPA (Development Partnership Agreement), ➤ ZDEC.
- 6) Crucial Doctrine 
 - Non interference
 - Partnership.
 - Mutual respect.
- Take up role as 'net security provider' in South Asia and Indian Ocean region.

India is 'big' and India is a 'brother' should be the message it should convey and take up leadership to re-integrate, re-energize 'South Asia'

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महत्वपूर्ण निर्देश

अभ्यर्थियों को निम्नलिखित निर्देशों को ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ना चाहिए। किसी भी निर्देश का उल्लंघन करने पर दण्डित किया जा सकता है।

क्या न करें-

1. इस प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका के भीतर कहीं भी अपना नाम या पंजीकरण संख्या न लिखें।
2. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका में कहीं भी प्रश्नों के वास्तविक उत्तरों के अलावा कुछ भी न लिखें।
3. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका से कोई भी पृष्ठ न फाड़ें, यदि आपको कोई पृष्ठ गायब लगे, तो पर्यवेक्षक/निरीक्षक को सूचित करना न भूलें।
4. अपनी QCA पुस्तिका को अपनी टेबल पर न छोड़ें, परीक्षा समाप्त होने के पश्चात इसे निरीक्षक को सौंप देना चाहिए।

क्या करें-

1. कवर पृष्ठ पर दिए गए निर्देशों को ध्यान पूर्वक पढ़ें और उनका सख्ती से पालन करें।
2. QCA पुस्तिका के कवर पृष्ठ पर दिए गए स्थान पर अपना पंजीकरण नंबर और अन्य विवरण लिखें।
3. स्पष्ट और पठनीय तरीके से लिखें। खराब/अपठनीय लिखावट में न लिखें।
4. रफ नोट्स या गणना के लिए, इस पुस्तिका के अंतिम दो खाली पृष्ठों का उपयोग किया जाना चाहिए। रफ नोट्स को बाद में क्रॉस कर देना चाहिए।
5. यदि आप किसी कार्य को रद्द करना चाहते हैं, तो उस पर अपना पेन चलाएं या उस पर "रद्द" लिखें, अन्यथा उसका मूल्यांकन किया जा सकता है।
6. परीक्षा हॉल छोड़ने से पहले अपनी QCA पुस्तिका व्यक्तिगत रूप से निरीक्षक को सौंप दें।

ऑनलाइन सुविधा का लाभ उठाने वाले अभ्यर्थियों के लिए विशेष अनुरोध

1. QCA पुस्तिका को ठीक से स्कैन करें। हम चाहेंगे कि आप स्कैनिंग के लिए कैमस्कैनर ऐप (CAM SCANNER) का प्रयोग करें। (यह कोई प्रमोशन नहीं है)।
2. कृपया QCA पुस्तिका को पर्याप्त रोशनी में स्कैन करें। कम रोशनी में स्कैन की गई पुस्तिकाएं, उनके मूल्यांकन की गुणवत्ता को बाधित कर सकती हैं।
3. स्कैन के दौरान छाया वाले किसी भी पृष्ठ/पीडीएफ को फिर से स्कैन किया जाना चाहिए। कृपया सुनिश्चित करें कि आपके द्वारा अपलोड की गई पीडीएफ यथा संभव स्पष्ट हो।
4. QCA पुस्तिका का उपयोग नहीं करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को अपना विवरण पहले पृष्ठ पर देना चाहिए और मैक्रो टिप्पणियों के लिए अगला पृष्ठ खाली छोड़ दें। यह समझना चाहिए कि उत्तर स्कैन की गई पीडीएफ में पृष्ठ नंबर 3 से शुरू होना चाहिए।
5. QCA पुस्तिका का उपयोग नहीं करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को प्रश्नपत्र के अनुसार उत्तर के अनुक्रम का पालन करना चाहिए।
6. कृपया स्कैन किए गए संस्करण में उत्तर के अनुक्रम और कुल पृष्ठों की संख्या की जाँच करें। सुनिश्चित करें कि यह उसी के भौतिक संस्करण के अनुरूप है।

