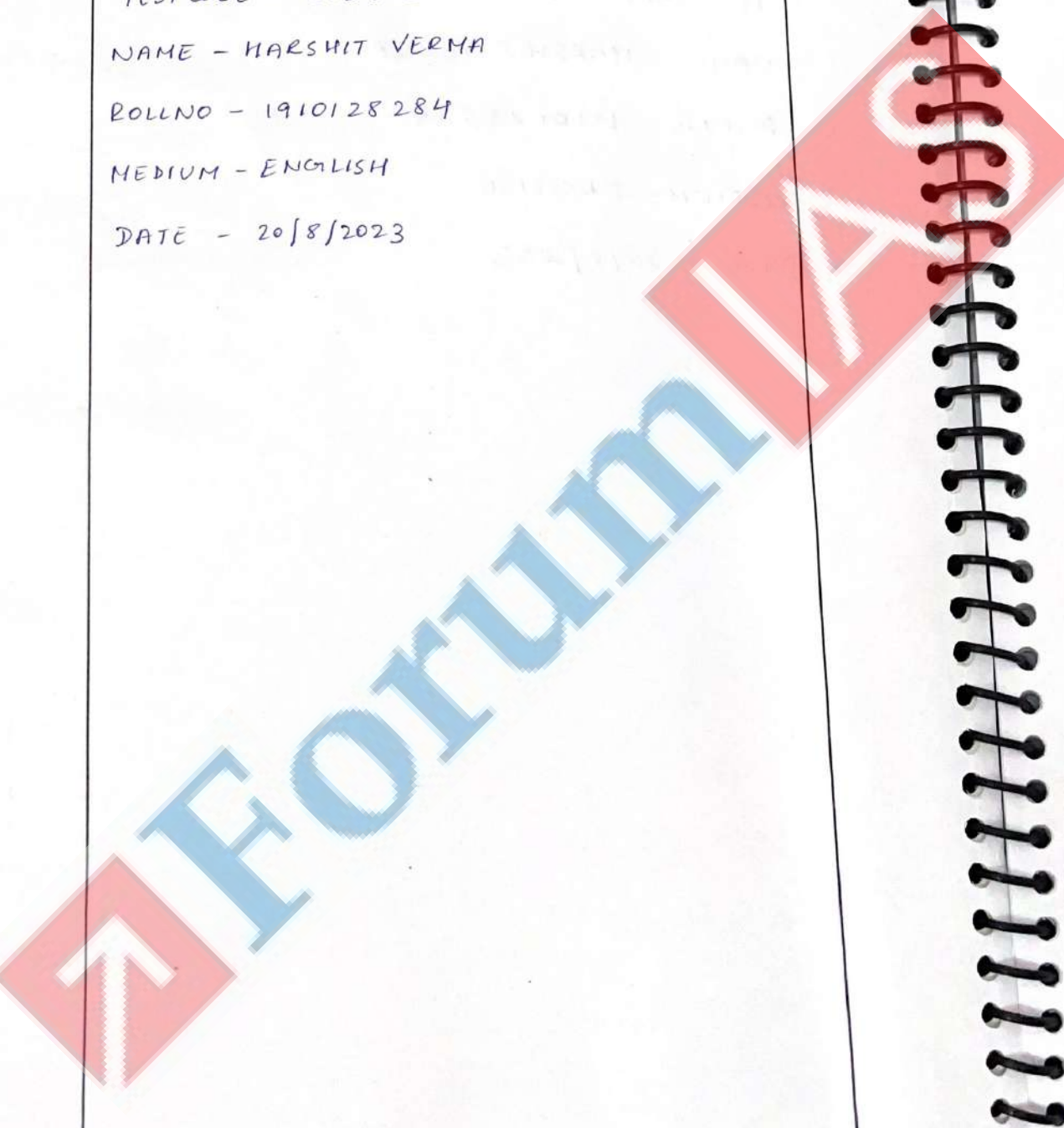


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Parenthesis.

1) Discuss the role of 'fourth estate' in upholding democratic values and analyze the issues affecting press freedom in India.

Freedom of press is guaranteed under Art 19 - freedom of speech and expression.

Why is freedom of press important?

↳ Political communication → important schemes of govt  
↳ performance of various policies

↳ troubled ~~them~~ <sup>spots</sup> like inflation, unemployment

↳ protection of rights → raising issues affecting minorities  
↳ giving voice to voiceless

Ex - govt took action after manifest sexual violence was reported

↳ acting as a bridge between state, citizen facilitating representative democracy

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↳ promoting values of inclusivity, tolerance, fraternity etc.

### Issues affecting press

↳ monetization → dependent on TRP, incentive to sensationalization

↳ challenge from podcasters, citizen journalists

↳ polarization → most TV debates full of noise, hate speech, unable to perform moderation role

↳ capture by business houses (ex- Adani - NDTV, Reliance - TV 18) which are favourable to government

↳ breakdown of intimate contact between journalists - politicians

### Way forward

↳ enforcement of model code of conduct

↳ alternative monetary mechanisms

↳ observing standards of neutrality, morality, conscience

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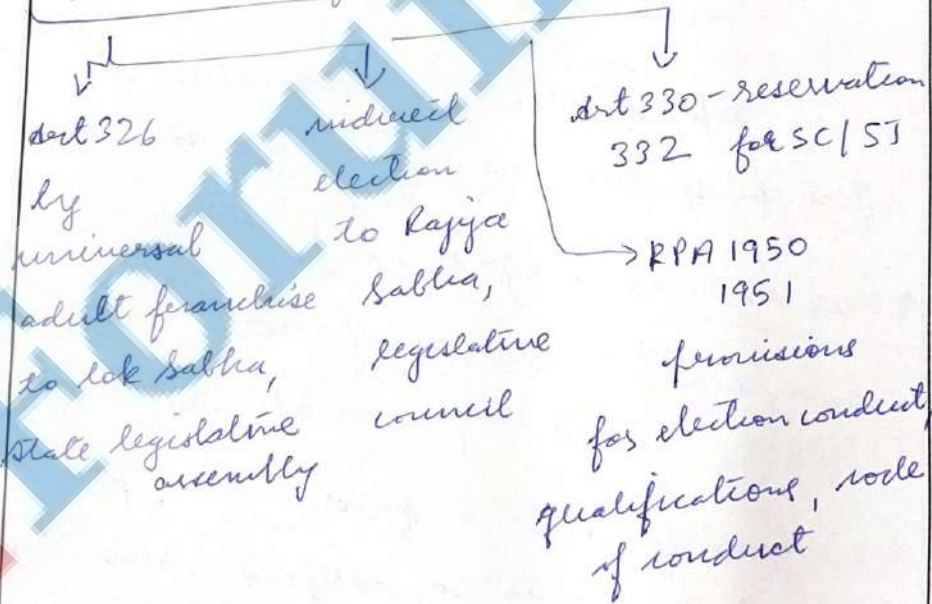
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2. The electoral process, though inclusionary in theory, has been pointed out for exclusionary tendencies in practice. Analyze, with special emphasis on role of women in electoral systems.

Art 324 contains plenary provisions for holding free and fair elections vested in ECI.

### Provisions of elections



### How is it inclusionary?

1) reservation for SC/ST → affirmative action

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- ↳ no discrimination on basis of caste, religion, race, gender
- ↳ massive coverage by ECI across country → even in remote regions

How it excludes women

- ↳ share of women 11% for 50% of population
- ↳ many parties cite accountability
- ↳ 32% criminals many with heinous charges like Rape etc
- ↳ non-representation in committees etc affect perspective on women issues

Other exclusionary bands

- ↳ entry barrier → role of money, 2nd most expensive after US elections
- ↳ electoral bands → favor ruling party, lack removal of corporate restrictions

Way forward → women 33% reservation bill

- ↳ SC judgement in ADR, Lok Prahari to popularize criminal antecedents etc.

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3) Human dignity, stemming from right to life, does not end with death penalty. Throw light on controversies around capital punishment.

Human dignity is a cardinal principle of democracy enshrined in various constitutional provisions.

- ↳ Art 21 → right to life and liberty
- ↳ Art 17 → right against untouchability
- ↳ Art 23 → right against trafficking, forced labour
- ↳ Art 41 → right to employment, assistance in old age, sickness

Status of capital punishment |

- ↳ SC in Bachhan singh case upheld for rarest of rare cases
- ↳ SC cited need to find social situation of accused, past mental health issues

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	<p>↳ death penalty need confirmation by atleast HC</p> <p><u>Reasons for keeping it!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>act as a deterrent</li> <li>people who commit such deeds cannot be given same sentence as ordinary</li> <li>possibility of execution via jail time extremely less</li> <li>social pressure as a form of retribution</li> <li>crimes which shake conscience of society</li> <li>have image that justice is indeed served</li> </ul> <p><u>Argument by opponents!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no evidence it acts as deterrent</li> <li>democratic jurisprudence cannot be based on retribution, vengeance</li> <li>most people who commit such heinous crimes have history of past abuses</li> <li>social pressure cannot be ground to do right thing</li> </ul> <p>Death penalty is an ethical issue where both sides have a point. Need to embrace a framework and award as less as possible</p>		<p>4. Asse Rine presol Pole of dec for dis er r ca st k</p>

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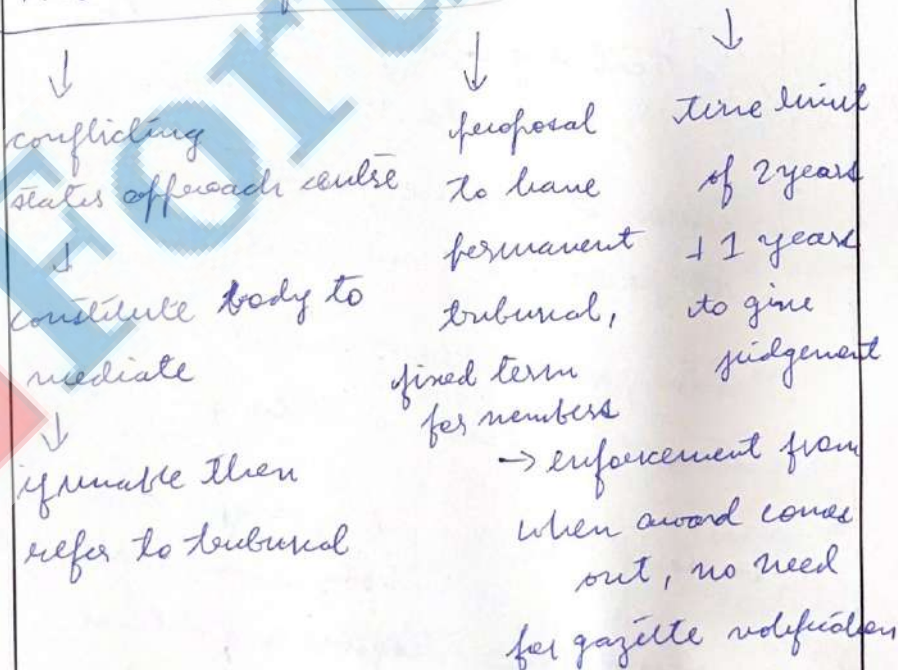
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4. Assess the effectiveness of Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 in resolution of river-water disputes. Potential impact of delays in resolution of water disputes.

Art 263 of the constitution provides for resolution of inter-state river water disputes. In pursuance parliament enacted ISWD Act 1956.

### Provisions of ISWD Act





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Prominent disputes!

- ↳ Karnataka - Tamil Nadu over Coimbatore
- ↳ Andhra - Karnataka - Kanchi
- ↳ Rajasthan - Punjab - Haryana - Delhi and Beas etc

Issues! → large delays, award doesn't come for years, after award lack of implementation by losing side

↳ intervention by SC under Art 136 SLP purpose of Tribunal wasted

↳ political signalling - unable to come to middle path

↳ issues of violence, hartals → infertus do parochial tendencies

↳ Union government → unable to bind parties to decision → due to political constraints

↳ In some like Punjab → major issue in Khalistan movement

River water disputes require a political solution. Hence leaders need to resolve in larger national interest

5. Discuss the significance of cooperative model of development in addressing issues of rural growth.

Art 43 of constitution gives a directive to state to promote cooperative societies on basis of voluntary membership, autonomous control, democratic functioning.

Features of cooperatives!

- ↳ socialistic → feature of common ownership
- ↳ capitalistic → operate in market to generate profits, dividends
- ↳ welfare → welfare of members on model of stakeholder capitalism

How it can address rural growth issues!

- ↳ food security → like Amul in dairy through scale address issues of malnutrition, undernutrition

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↳ skilling, → good platform for  
entrepreneurship several entrepreneurs to  
pool their resources  
ex - Tejpal Papad started small  
now top global brand

↳ operate in sectors, have franchises not  
driven strictly by profit

↳ financing → through state government,  
of capital NABARD, pooling of  
resources by  
members

↳ ~~seed~~ seed development, fertilizer, pesticide  
related cooperatives can ~~not~~ spur agric  
growth

Issues | → lack of modernization, use  
of technology

↳ need of professional executives to  
compete in market

↳ arena for political patronage, capture  
by vested interests

Way forward | → Sahakar se sameedhi  
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↳ strict norms for auditing, qualifications  
of governing members

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6 To pass test of good governance, welfare state should be close to people, responsive to their aspirations and inclusive in its approach. Discuss with special reference to PMPVTG development mission. Art 37 of directive principles establishes a welfare state.

Features of welfare state

- ↳ Art 39 → prevent concentration of wealth
- ↳ Art 47 → health and nutrition
- ↳ Art 46 → socially and educationally backward classes
- ↳ Art 42, 41 → provisions for marginalized like old age, women

PVTG refers to those tribal groups that are extremely vulnerable haven't integrated with modern life

ex - Jarwa, Orissa in Andaman  
Bukhor in Odisha, Toda in Tamil Nadu

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Tests for good governance w.r.t PVTG

↳ closeness to people → democratic decentralization  
via 73rd CAA, PESA

↳ 5th, 6th schedule → local  
tribal council to prepare plans  
identify beneficiaries, control  
land transfer, mining rights

↳ responsive to their aspirations → for co-option in governance  
↳ protection of customary rights and practices  
(en) → Art 371  
Forest Rights Act → community rights

↳ inclusive → last mile service delivery  
inapproach toilets, gas connections,  
water supply

↳ Xana committee → Tribal Panchasheel by Nehru to  
tribal culture etc give dignity to tribal

PM PVTG is a laudable initiative to foster  
inclusive and sustainable growth among  
most vulnerable part of population

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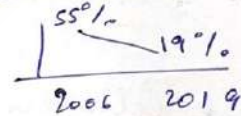
7. To what extent collaboration between state and civil society organizations help in addressing poverty and malnutrition in the country.

Poverty is the biggest form of violence  
- Mahatma Gandhi

India being a welfare state, removal of poverty is its cardinal objectives

Current states - 22 or multi-dimensional food

- 41 or out of poverty between 2006-2019



Now collaboration with civil society will help

↳ closer to grassroots → thus help find localized solutions

↳ voluntary membership → individuals with strong social drive compared to lethargy of bureaucracy

↳ innovative, efficient, cost effective

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Answer

NGO's have expanded reach, efficient methods of functioning

### Functions performed by NGO's

- ↳ poverty reduction, livelihood provision  
(ex) - Kudumshree in Kerala, community kitchen in Maharashtra
- ↳ environment issues - raising voice of marginalized
- ↳ accountability and transparency → help in social audits of welfare programmes
- ↳ link between govt, citizens - highlighted key issues, possible solutions

### Issues! → lack of democratic functioning

- ↳ many NGO's anti-development agenda
- ↳ FCRA amendment → fund constraints, collaboration problems

(Way forward) → NGO's help in awareness  
e.g. vaccination, safe delivery etc  
↳ simplification of procedures - S. Vijay Kumar Committee

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8. Absence of robust social infra in the country may become one of the most significant challenges in achieving developed status by 2047.

The rate of economic growth is directly proportional to the quality of labour.

How absence of social infra affects!

↳ education → half students drop between primary to secondary

↳ absence of quality teachers focus on rote learning

↳ issues of digital divide to access e-learning

↳ lack of toilets, → affect girl education

↳ Health → medicines, clean water, electricity in district hospitals, primary centres



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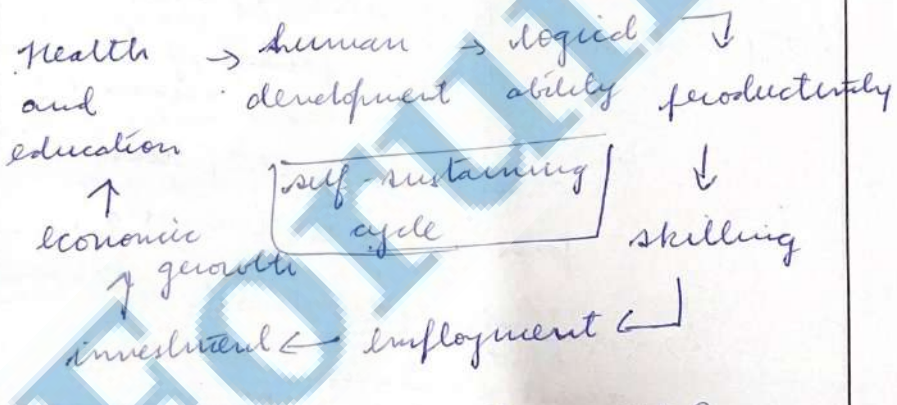
↳ absence of trained doctors, prevalence of quacks

Skilling → lack of vocational training institutes

↳ teaching in universities unrelated to industry expectations

↳ apprenticeship, practical learning absent

How it will affect growth!



Way forward | → Education - NEP, distance learning, vernacular education

↳ Health → Ayushman Bharat, PM Shiksha Suraksha, Hatem Kumbhar

↳ skilling → PM Kaushal Vikas, PM apprenticeship promotion

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9. Though the changing paradigm towards dialogue and diplomacy in West augurs well for India's interests in this otherwise restive region, presence of inimical actors may decrease the gains.

India's relations with West Asia have moved from oil imports and labour exports to wider strategic issues.

How changing paradigm helps?

- ↳ 2022 → Abraham accords, consultation between UAE, Israel
- ↳ help India in clean energy, food security, exports to Africa via UAE, Europe via Israel
- ↳ bring in American capital, Israel expertise, Indian scale, UAE finance

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↳ Saudi - Iran → provide continuity  
reapproachment in India's policies

with Saudi → member of G20,  
energy security, FDI investments

with Iran → INSTC, connect to  
central Asia, access to  
Afghanistan

↳ India being seen as net security provider  
in region → shipments in gulf, Hormuz etc

How intricate actor manifests?

↳ Saudi - Iran via China which may  
ask concessions vis India

↳ Saudi - UAE rupture for leadership  
difficult for India to have good ties  
with both

↳ US Pressure → oil imports from Iran

↳ Terror orgs like Hezbollah, Al-Qaeda,  
maritime piracy, smuggling affect trade

West Asia is part of extended neighbourhood  
and critical for India's security and prosperity

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10. Water diplomacy can redefine the contours of regional cooperation in South Asia. Discuss with special reference to Indus Water Treaty 1960. South Asia is <sup>one of</sup> most heavily water stressed regions in world due to high population density and low per capita availability, <sup>aquarian</sup> economy.

How water diplomacy redefine regional cooperation

↳ Indus Water Treaty → most successful between enemy states

↳ division of water share, construction of dams, hydro power plants

↳ rights of lower riparian, obligations of upper riparian

↳ provisions for dispute settlement

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↳ commissioners on both sides for collaboration

With others

↳ Bangladesh → settlement of maritime boundary

↳ sharing of Ganga waters

↳ India showing sensitivity towards concerns on Farakka barrage etc

↳ water diplomacy basis for strong strategic relationship

↳ Sri Lanka → disputes over fishing rights in gulf of Mannar

↳ joint patrolling, memorandum of procedure on sharing fish stocks can help

↳ Nepal, Bhutan → hydropower station, financed by India, buying of electricity

(in) - Paucheshwar etc

Water diplomacy can thus create conditions for regional integration

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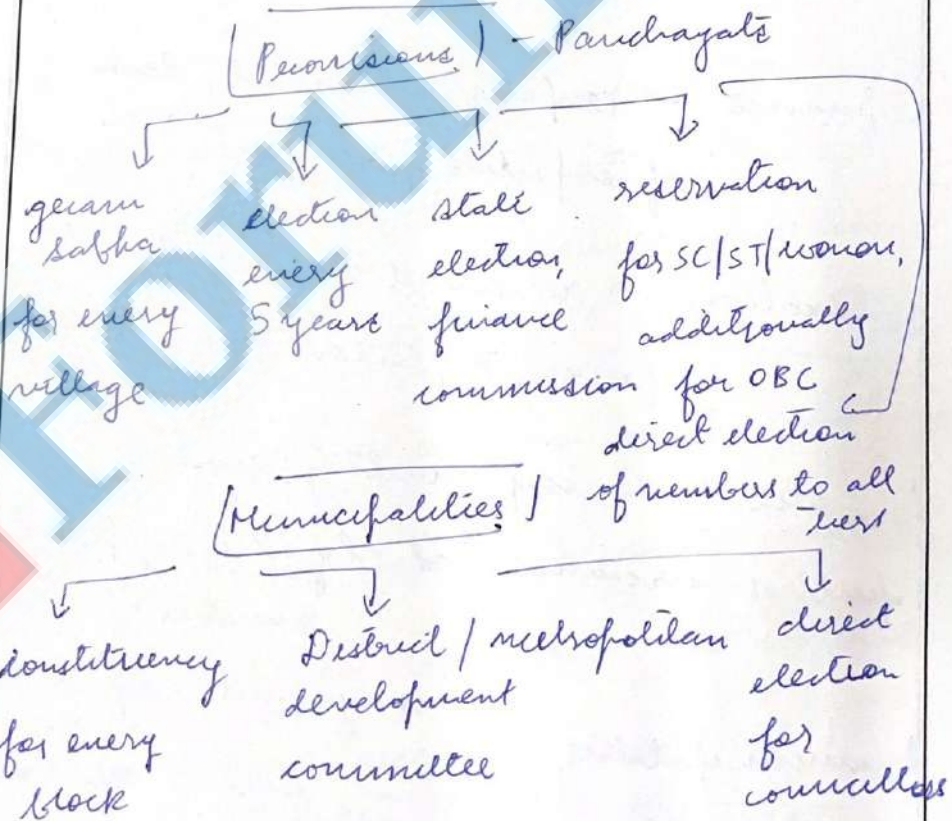
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11. Despite constitutional backing to institutions of local governance, the idea of decentralization has remained hostage to several such structural bottlenecks. Elucidate

The 73rd and 74th CAA provided for establishment of local government as 3rd tier in India's federal setup.



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Answer

Issues plaguing local governance!

- ↳ Gram Sabha → meetings not held on time
- ↳ even after reservations, debts denied entry
- ↳ 'sarpanch pati' → to outdo reservation
- ↳ lack of capacity for planning
- ↳ election commission → not independent as ECI ~~is~~ seen in West Bengal Panchayat election
- ↳ finance → reports not tabled, lack of expertise, resources
- ↳ taxation → reluctant to use taxation power, dependent on grants
- ↳ reduced to implementing agencies, further circumscribed by NRO's, private societies
- ↳ municipalities → mayor not empowered
- ↳ political parties unwilling to devolve power due to

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such financial resources  
ex - Bengaluru municipal corp  
↳ Indian polity biased toward rural areas

What can be done!

↳ Joshi Judge → municipal regulates  
Strawhatia ↳ empowered mayor  
committee ↳ e-governance  
↳ service charge, municipal bonds for funds

↳ 2ND ARC → subsidiarity principle for devolution of powers

↳ making finance, election commission independent in line with ECI, FE

↳ audio recording of gram sabha meetings,

↳ training for purpose of social audit

↳ model code for bureaucracy to cooperate efficiently

Local governance essential to achieve

inclusive growth and sustainable development



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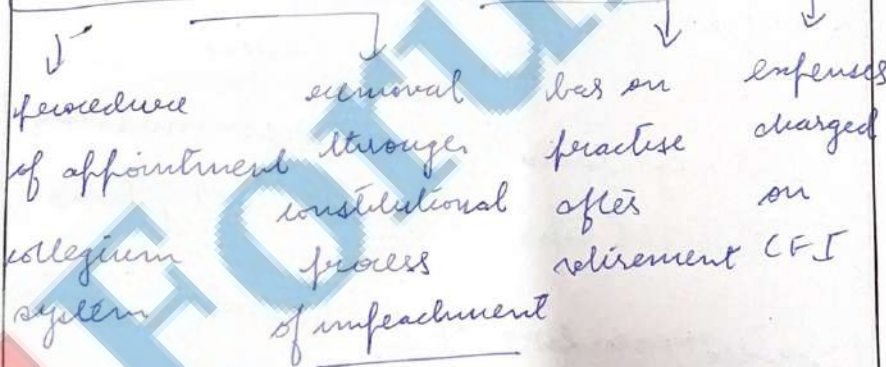
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12. Independent judiciary as envisaged by constitution provides bedrock of thriving polity, however executive encroachment may erode its credibility and affect its efficacy. Evaluate  
Independence of judiciary is not private right of judges rather it is right of citizens - Farizan Mustafa

## Independence of judiciary | (dot 124-147)



conduct cannot be discussed in parliament  
power to punish for contempt

guardian of constitution, protection of fundamental rights

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<p>Right to approach SC for FR is itself a FR - Art 32</p> <p>How executive is trying to encroach!</p> <p>↳ process of appointment → criticism of collegium by Kisen Rajeja (law minister)</p> <p>↳ not acting on recommendations sitting on files</p> <p>↳ brought NJAC → effectively gave veto to executive + eminent person</p> <p>↳ implementation → refusal to implement of policies (en) since dispute judgement</p> <p>↳ fierce resistance by <del>atto</del> solicitor general for judiciary to not overstep in executive domain - (en) - same sex marriage</p> <p>↳ National judicial → regulate appointment, commissioner bill removal</p> <p>↳ procedure for acting against complaints</p> <p>↳ time limit to clear backlog</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Page</p>			

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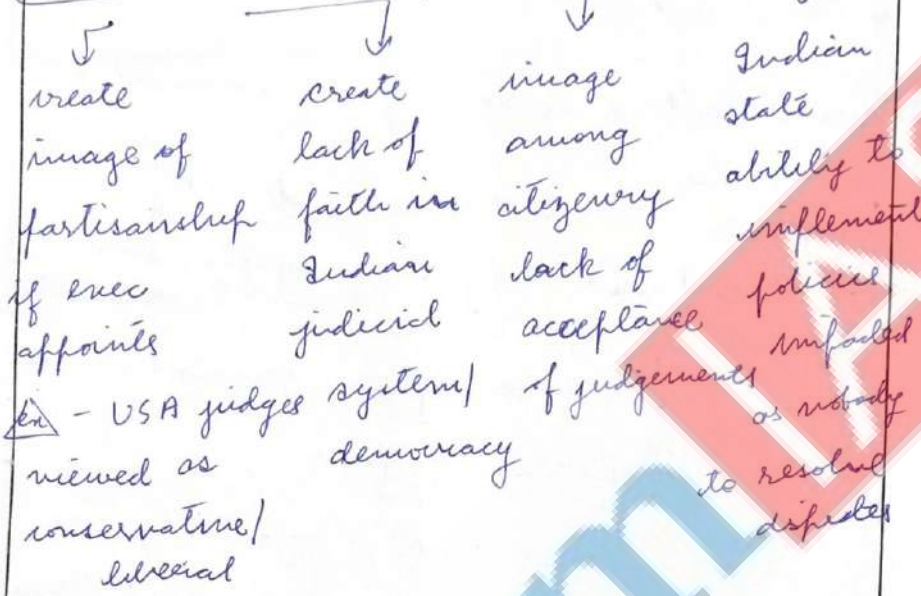
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How it will affect.



What needs to be done!

- ↳ transparency in collegium, time limit, qualifications, reasons for selection posted online
- ↳ memorandum of procedure with executive
- ↳ use of e-governance to clear backlog  
SUPACE - SCAT portal, translation of judgement country

The success of ~~government~~ <sup>country</sup> is measured by functioning of its judicial system - Lord Breyer

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13. Executive agencies are vital to act against corrupt government functioning to vested interests may turn rule of law on its head. Government with special reference to controversies around ED.

Art 50 of constitution relates to exercise of executive power of union. Empowers parliament to confer certain responsibilities.

Executive in India!

↳ responsible to Lok Sabha (Art 75)

↳ focus on responsibility rather than separation

↳ Council of Ministers headed by PM to aid (advise the president (Art 74))

Executive agencies in India!

↳ Regulation → SEBI share market  
↳ RBI banks, NBFC

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- ↳ fostering → competition commission
- competition/en → recently imposed fine on google
- ↳ setting standards → RBI → CRP, SLR requirements  
 PCA framework
- ↳ removing negative externalities → drug controller general  
 safety requirements, advertising norms on TV
- ↳ checking corruption → CBI, CVC, ED
- ↳ How they are fundering to vested interests
- ↳ political partisanship → ED acting against opposition politicians  
 CBI struggle in opposition ruled states
- ↳ implementation → allegations on SEBI of norms see Adani - Hinderburg issue

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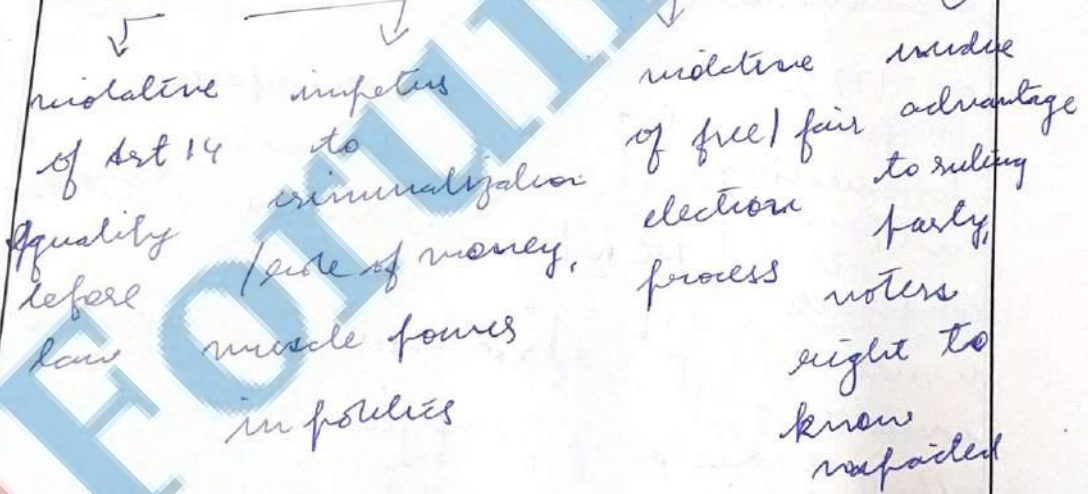
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↳ constitutional bodies like ECI deferring to executive → conducting West Bengal elections at peak of second house

↳ enforcement → opposition politicians, delectorate dropping of cases once forming ruling party

power of arrest / questioning misused (1hr - 8 hours long questioning of many)

What it may cause ↓



Way forward)

↳ collegium system for appointment (ex- for CBI)

↳ statutory autonomy, answerable to legislature

↳ transparency into case records through ECI

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14 Critically analyze the role of National Commission for Women for its mandate to safeguard women's rights and uphold their socio-economic well being. The progress of a nation is measured by how it treats its women -  
Michelle Obama

Towards Equality report in 1974  
recommended NCW which was established in 1992  
help in formulating laws, development plans, complaints, counselling, provision of funds to fight women cases

NCW

- 1 chairperson, 4 members, 1 member secretary
- oversee constitutional safeguards for women
- Art 23 - trafficking
- Art 39 - equal pay
- Art 42 - maternity leave

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## Achievements of NCIW

- ↳ legal cell has helped draft protection from domestic violence act
- ↳ counselling support to distressed women
- ↳ recommendation for schemes like Swadhar, Eshak etc
- ↳ securing women allegedly gangraped by BSE
- ↳ helping women in conflict zones, seeking accountability
- ↳ conducting awareness workshops at grassroots level

## Shortcomings

- ↳ reluctant to criticize ruling govt as dependent for funds, functionaries
- ↳ used to distribute political patronage
- ↳ conflict between chairperson and member secretary over roles



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Answer

↳ non-transformative mindset,  
↳ - shari person saying being called "sery" is a compliment

↳ not proactive to act on complaints  
ex - no action of Manjivra gangraffe cases

↳ no change at → discrimination,  
ground level gender violence,  
patriarchal norms still prevalent

What can be done!

↳ independent in funds, charged on CFI

↳ recommendation to be made enforceable

↳ not necessary that all members should be women

↳ online complaints system, tracking of resolution

↳ legal cell to seek writs etc via SC, HC

new should seek to perform its mandate of ensuring equality + dignity for women

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15. Understanding the ~~content~~ <sup>extent</sup>, source and complexity of deprivations among the multidimensionally poor contributes to more informed policymaking.  
Analyze the Nat MDPJ by NITI Aayog.  
Poverty is the biggest form of violence  
- Mahatma Gandhi

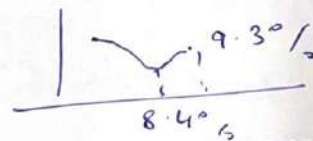
↳ India reduced 41 crore multidimensionally poor between 2006 - 2019

	2006	2019
	55%	19%

↳ India still has largest number of poor - 22cr

	2006	2019
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↳ World Bank → absolute poverty grew in COVID



## Multidimensional poverty in India

↳ Health → child mortality  
IMR - 24

Under 5 - 35

↳ ~~Child~~ nutrition → 35% malnourished  
19% wasting,

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Answer

↳ education → school attendance around half drop after pandemic  
↳ learning levels dropped for 82% children in COVID (Pratham report)  
↳ years of schooling

↳ assets, → cooking fuel - large usage of solid fuel  
standard of living  
↳ sanitation → pollution in ground water

↳ electricity → power cuts, state discoms stress

↳ housing

↳ water

↳ bank accounts

Now it leads to informed policymaking

↳ Health → around 500 million covered by Ayushman Bharat health insurance

↳ mid day meal, POSHAN, NFSA for food security

↳ PM Shishu Suraksha, PM Matru

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Vandana, ICDS for mother and child health

↳ Education → Art 21a - compulsory education between 6-14

↳ NEP 2020 → changed overhauling focus on mother tongue

↳ focus on dropouts

↳ Sarva Shiksha, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao

for inclusive, equitable

↳ Standard of living → 380 million Jan Dhan accounts

↳ PM Ujjwala for clean cooking fuel

↳ 4.2 houses under PM Awas

↳ PM Saubhagya, Gram Jyoti for 24x7 electricity

↳ Swachh Bharat for sanitation

↳ Jal Jeevan for piped water connection

Removal of poverty in all its dimensions essential to achieve Amsat Kaal in 2047.

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16. Though lifeblood of a representative democracy, political parties are beset with challenges of their own, limiting their larger role in democratization of society.

India adopted a parliamentary form of democracy. Political parties are representative institutions and umbilical cord between citizens and government.

### Features of Political Parties

↳ multi party system → numerous at centre and state  
ex - BJP, Congress, AAP, TMC etc at centre

↳ composition → office oriented, ideology less  
except ~~the~~ - BJP coalitions

↳ identity factors → on caste lines  
ex - SP for Yadavs

↳ on religion ex - BJP for Hindus

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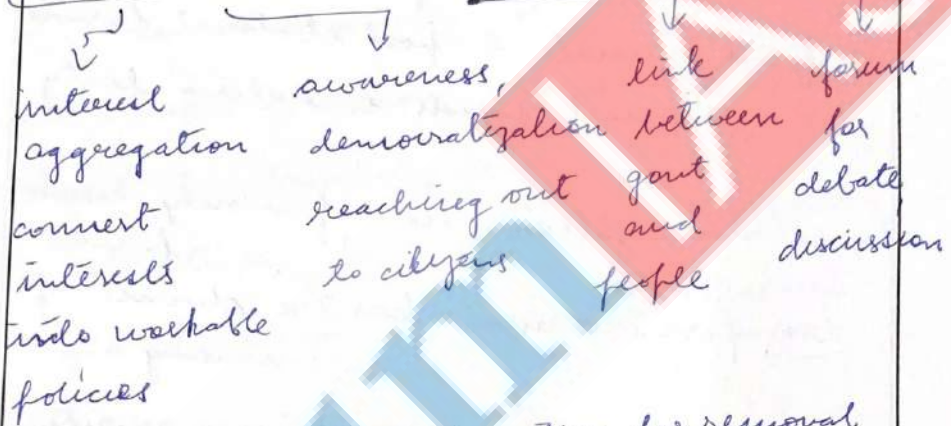
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1) current status → single party dominance at centre, regional parties in states  
ex - BRS in Telangana  
DMK in Tamil Nadu

## Functions of parties



2) larger nation building tasks → advocating for removal of untouchability (art 17)  
ex - BSP in UP

↳ raising interest groups  
ex - farmers demands

↳ resolving differences between groups through mediation, conciliation

↳ accommodate diverse groups to give sense of share to all

## Why are parties struggling?

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Answer

- ↳ lack of internal democracy, personality cult within parties
- ↳ lack of touch with grassroots, dependent on loyalists
- ↳ fund crunch → post electoral bonds most funds to ruling party
- ↳ criminalization, side of money, misuse ADR  
↳ lex-for criminal has 2<sup>nd</sup> chance of winning
- ↳ unable to accommodate diverse groups  
↳ lex - women representation still low
- ↳ dynasty contest → no scope for hardworking to rise
- ↳ Way forward → reaching out to youth lex - Prashant Kishore through IPAC
- ↳ transparency in funding ECI powers to enforce internal democracy, party electoral bonds contribution under RTI

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17. Safely managed drinking water services as desired by Jal Teenan Mission, are designated to give multifarious benefits cutting across generations. Discuss, also elaborate on challenges to ensure mission success.  
Right to drinking water can be construed as part of right to health, right to clean environment under Art 21.

India being a welfare state (Art 37) thus has responsibility to provide it.

Why clean water is required?

↳ linked to healthcare

clean water → health → human → ~~product~~ <sup>development</sup> <sub>industry</sub>

↳ water stressed country.

17% world population, 4% fresh water source





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↳ side of panchayats, municipalities in water conservation

↳ associated initiatives like Jal Kranti Abhiyan to address water stress

What is it intended to achieve?

↳ sanitation, clean drinking water also

↳ reduce water borne diseases, from arsenic, fluoride based sources

↳ provide means within home, save time for females

↳ contribute to human development, address poverty

Challenges → water source as groundwater already polluted, depleted

↳ possibility of diversion to agriculture thus defeating purpose

↳ water supply time, reliability issues

↳ implementation dependent on local govt

JTM is a flagship scheme and needs to be executed properly.

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Answ

18. Legislation like SC, ST Act remains mere legal documents without intense sensitization of public functionaries and civil society. Discuss  
Democracy is one man, one vote, one value - BR Ambedkar. Removal of untouchability necessary to realize cardinal principles of constitution

### Provisions for SC, ST

- ↳ Fundamental rights
  - Art 15 → education
  - Art 16 → employment
  - Art 17 → untouchability
  - Art 23 → forced labour
- ↳ Directive principles
  - Art 46 → promote education, economic interests
- ↳ Reservation
  - Art 330 → state legislature
  - Art 332 → Lok Sabha
  - Art 243 → panchayats

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How sensitization will help?

- ↳ prison → prison reforms, access to legal aid, raise awareness
- ↳ guidelines for questioning, audio video recording
- ↳ untouchability → civil society, NGO's to report on local instances, strict action against employment in manual scavenging
- ↳ socio-economic → specialized schemes indicators like PM Adarsh Gram, Ekklanya model schools
- ↳ political → more in cabinet, giving representation voice in policy documents, framing of laws
- ↳ economic → private sector to have policy for non-discrimination, ethical codes for managers

Empowerment of SC/ST necessary to build an equitable inclusive society

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19. Haulbingen of global rebalancing India Africa ties are a beacon of inclusive, sustainable and equitable world.

Explain

India - Africa share a long historical, cultural, political ties

India - Africa

Historical → Gandhi started technique of satyagraha from South Africa

↳ Gujarati merchants on eastern coast like Kenya, Tanzania

↳ Indian voice critical on issues like apartheid, anti-colonialism

Economical → India trade with African nation increasing,

↳ complementary → Indian tech + human capital, African raw material

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Answer Questions

Geopolitical → African support critical for permanent membership, climate change

Food security → Post Russia - Ukraine war, India export wheat + rice to curb food crisis

Energy → movement towards renewable

↳ Indian tech + capital via solar alliance

↳ African raw materials → en-cobalt from Congo imp for transition

How India - Africa ties are further

Critical

↳ inclusive → reformed multilateralism

↳ Africa → no permanent member

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↳ equitable → climate change, Tech +  
fund transfer, emphasize  
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↳ reforms in WTO → developed  
countries using non-tariff  
barriers

↳ sustainable → sustainable goals on  
health, education → need India  
and Africa to achieve

↳ disease burden, malnutrition  
prevalence

What should be done further?

↳ work on geopolitical forums → invitation  
to AU for G20,

↳ collaboration on health → en-sharing  
influenza data (len) - ebola

↳ Indian investment for capacity  
building + human capital

↳ collaboration in mineral resources

Indian Africa ties crucial to achieve  
a prosperous future



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20 How do ASEAN centrality, rules based order and development partnership with Pacific island states make Indo-Pacific a theatre of opportunity for India? What are the hurdles in realization of an inclusive Indo-Pacific construct?

Indo-Pacific is one of most consequential regions capturing interest of India's foreign policy mandarin.

How is it theatre of opportunity?

↳ ASEAN → emphasizing ASEAN as centrality core while discussing IP

↳ ~~collab~~ collab on culture with Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia  
technology - Singapore, Malaysia  
security - Myanmar

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Trade - vegetable oils from Malaysia and Indonesia

- ↳ Rules based order, development partnership → 80% of India's trade through the region
- ↳ prevention of Chinese hegemony
- ↳ maritime security, removing barriers to maritime trade
- ↳ non-traditional threats like illegal fishing, climate change
- ↳ Pacific island states → presence of Indian diaspora, enhance trade and cultural links, destination for industrial plus defense exports

What should India do?

- ↳ ASEAN - India dialogue mechanism
  - ↓ defense deal with Philippines, Vietnam
  - ↓ Singapore fintech, IITM
  - ↓ Myanmar imp for security of north east

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↳ security - mechanism of Quad, IONS, IFC-50R to share white shipping data, counter climate extremes, piracy etc

↳ act as a net security provider, humanitarian assistance

Thurdles!

↳ China → 9 dash line, ~~artificial~~ islands, debt trap diplomacy

↳ aspiration for hegemony, controlling trade, connectivity

↳ Asean → caught between USA - China  
 states lack of unity on en-myanmar coup

↳ ambiguous foreign policy of states like Indonesia, Singapore

↳ Indian lack of capacity, delays in implementation - IMT trilateral highway

↳ trade → dumping of cheap Chinese goods via Asean FTA