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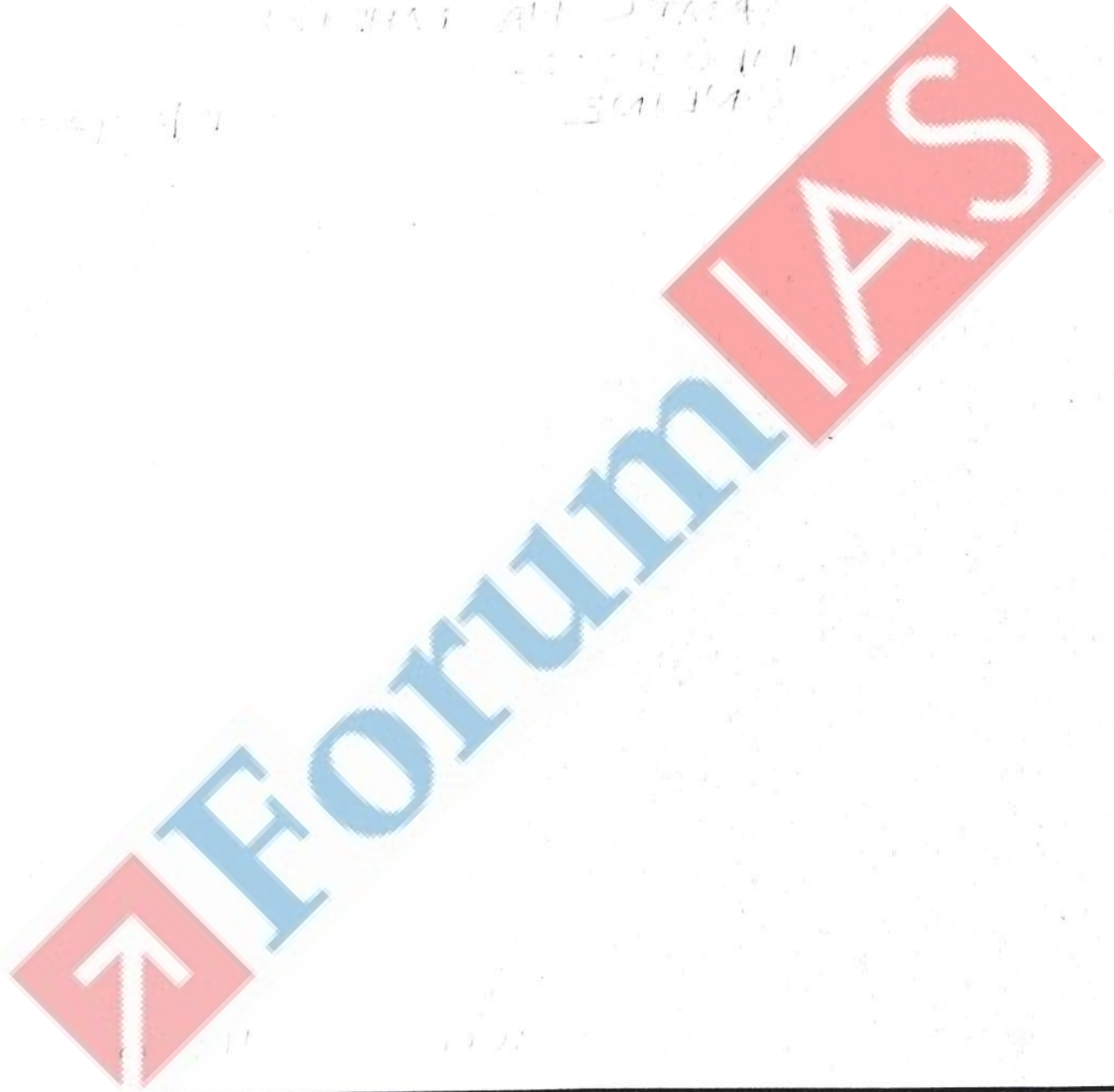
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Q.1)

The Amitkool Budget has seen a 35% rise in the budget allocation towards Capex indicating a strong support to 'infrastructure'.

Infrastructure  $\rightarrow$  Social Transformation

- ① Healthcare Infrastructure  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Accessibility + 'Health for All'  
- Alma Ata Declaration
- ② Education systems  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Delhi government model  $\rightarrow$  ramped up expenditure of govt. schools
- ③ Creation of jobs

Infrastructure  $\rightarrow$  Economic Transformation

- ① Growth multiplied on GDP  
 $\hookrightarrow$  (eg) 2.45 times boost to GDP by ₹ 1 spending on infrastructure  
- RBI
- ② Adds to the long term productive capacity - MF  
- Pepsu

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③ Logistics development  
↳ Reduction of cost of logistics (currently 14% of GDP)

④ Agricultural reforms  
↳ Post harvest storage in productive

Infrastructure cannot overlook safety ⇒

① Stability of regions  
↳ (eg) HEP in Uttarakhand leading to landslides (Vishnugad project)

② Displacement of people

③ Clearing of forests ⇒  
loss of biodiversity

↳ (eg) Mining in Western Ghats

As stated in Saptarishi (priority areas) of Budget, we need to steer towards a greener, sustainable & inclusive economy.

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Q.2)

Green growth refers to the growth of economy that accommodates the considerations for environment by accounting for 'externalities'.

Green Growth

- 1) Assuming accountability & responsibility towards environment  
→ (eg) Uttarakhand state rolled out 'Gross Environment Product'
- 2) Using environment friendly practices  
→ (eg) Israel recycles 90% of its greywater
- 3) Prioritising nature over economy  
→ (eg) 'De-growth model of Bhutan' has made it a 'net absorber of CO<sub>2</sub>'

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④ Reducing consumption by optimizing resource use  
↳ (eg) Circular economy

Measures taken by government in Budget, 2023

① Saptareshi priority areas mentions 'green economy'

② Acceptance of 'Net Zero by 2070' target

③ Sustainable agriculture  
↳ (eg) PM PRANAM Scheme

④ Coastal region protection  
↳ (eg) MISHTI Scheme - mangrove protection

Other measures

① Hydrogen policy

② Mission LIFE (For planet & people)

"If solutions in the system are so difficult to find, we should change the system itself." - Greta Thunberg

Green growth is the most sustainable way forward.

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Q.3)

Chretah reintroduction programme marks a revolution in the era of biodiversity conservation.

Reintroduction of species is justified

- ① Regulation of ecology by rationalising the food chain = food web.
- ② Genetic diversity enhances the ability to survive extreme disasters
- ③ Tourism potential can be augmented  
↳ (eg) locations are identified for relocation of Great lions
- ④ Fostering bilateral ties  
↳ (eg) cross border exchange of knowledge & best practices

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## Issues

- ① Climatic differences can cast doubt on survival
- ② Cultural / Geographical shocks to the animals  
↳ staying away from their community
- ③ Diseases can be spread  
↳ (Eg) Canine Distemper virus spread in Gir Lions
- ④ Closed environment of living → impact on behavioural patterns → can become aggressive.

A pilot study & project should be rolled out before carrying out extensive relocation programmes.



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Q.4)

Precision Agriculture refers to application of right inputs at right quantity in order to boost the productivity.

Precision Agriculture →  
Paradise of problems

① Water use efficiency can be enhanced

↳ (eg) Soil sensors to detect moisture

( Currently 80% of groundwater is used for irrigation)

② Optimal utilisation of fertilizers → Consumption

(eg) Use of Nano urea & fertigation 20% in just 5 years  
— Ministry of CF

③ Replenishing the soil health & nutrients

④ Dealing with the menace of stubble

↳ (eg) Biodecomposers by Delhi government

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## Issues

① Small & marginal holdings leading to 'loss of economies of scale'.  
Eg) >85% of land parcels are <2ha of size

② Feminization of agriculture  
↳ lower adoption of technology

③ Lack of access to institutional credit  
↳ only 72% of households have access

④ Illiteracy & technological awareness — NAFIS

The deployment of technology like Precision farming can be done through 'Krishi Vigyan Kendras' to lead the sector on the path of 'climate sustainability'.

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Q.5)

Indian agriculture sector has been stagnated over years due to lower productivity & investment. Horticulture sector can act as a game changer in this regard.

Reasons for emphasis on agriculture

① Boosting the farmer's income

↳ (eg) Horticulture gives ₹3,00,000/ha  
(Wheat = ₹50,000/ha)

② Resolving the 'goldilocks' dilemma of irrigation  
↳ Horticulture requires limited water

③ Resolving the water crisis due to agriculture  
↳ (eg) Agriculture utilises 80% of groundwater (highest in the world)

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④ Panacea to 'Asian Enigma' → a way towards nutritional security  
↳ (eg) Pashan Vatibou

## Measures

① State government

\* Fruit fairs by Punjab govt.

\* Policy support to cultivation of exotic fruits (eg) Dahanfruit in Gujarat

\* Boosting SMEs  
↳ (eg) Jivini Spice in Meghalaya (turmeric)

② Central government

\* Establishing National Horticultural Board

\* CHAMAN - price monitoring

\* PM FME & Mega Food Parks → processing of horticultural produce

Horticulture sector can lead to attainment of goal of \$100 Bn exports as stated

by Ashok Damrai Committee.

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Q.6)

Around 30% of Indian population lives in Indian cities which will escalate to 50% by 2050s. This creates an issue of unplanned development.

Cities are vulnerable to fire safety hazards

① Crowded & tightly packed construction

↳ (eg) Slums in Mumbai (Dhobai)

② Illegal constructions  
↳ violation of fire safety norms

③ Lack of fire fighting equipments like extinguishers, nets, etc.

④ Lack of effective monitoring by authorities.

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## Measures for integrating urban fires

- ① Fire proofing of infrastructure  
↳ (eg) fire resistant walls, etc.
- ② Evacuation measures to be taken  
↳ (eg) fire exits, separate stair case, etc.
- ③ Warning system  
↳ (eg) Alarms, etc.
- ④ Use of technology  
↳ (eg) Automatic sprinklers etc.
- ⑤ Equipping the fire fighters with storage tanks of water, fire hydrants, etc.

Planned, safe & secure  
urban spaces are essential to meet UN-HABITAT's goal of 'Right to habitat'.

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(Q.7)

Investment in digital technology will act as a 'growth magnet' of Indian economy in the coming decade.

- Economic Survey  
2023

DPI is indispensable for digitally enabling citizens & businesses

① A step towards cashless economy

↳ (eg) UPI will have 90% of penetration by 2025

② Bridging the rural-urban divide

↳ (eg) E-commerce has 100% pincode coverage in India

③ Access to services with ease

↳ (eg) COWIN & vaccine rollout

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④ Wider markets for businesses  
↳ (eg) ONDC

⑤ Better targeting of customers  
↳ through use of data

## Challenges

① Lower internet penetration in rural areas  
↳ (eg) Only 15% of rural households have internet access

② Breach of data →  
Violation of Art 21  
↳ (eg) Big Basket → customer's data was sold on dark net

③ 'Function creep' → use of data for other unintended purposes

④ Dominance by Big Tech Companies (eg Google, Facebook)

The recent introduction of 'DPDP Bill' can act as a panacea to these issues





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Q.8

NISAR is a 'synthetic aperture radar' co-developed by India & USA to create a unified spine for the welfare of all.

Relevance in managing climate change

① Monitoring the sea levels  
↳ (eg) Sea level rose by 4.5 mm per year in the last decade - WMO

② Stock taking of the melting glaciers  
↳ (eg) Arctic amplification & glacier loss can be monitored

③ Monitoring the green cover

④ Biodiversity protection  
↳ (eg) Stock taking of the corals, mangroves, etc.  
(eg) Mass coral bleaching at Australian coast

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## Relevance in natural hazards

① Early warning system can be strengthened.

↳ (eg) NDMA guidelines prescribes use of SAR in cloudburst warning

② Monitoring the threshold levels of floods

③ Hazard mapping  
↳ (eg) Flood atlas by Odisha government

④ Relief measures can be carried out

From handling the 'climate extremes' till managing the 'tipping points', NISAR can be a boon to the humanity.



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Q. 8)

As per SIPRI, India is the largest importer of defence assets. This calls for the 'indigenization' of defence for sustainability purposes.

Issues related to defence indigenisation :-

① Poor state of defence manufacturing

↳ higher sunk & initial cost deters new players

↳ (Eg) R NAVAL (Reliance) became bankrupt

② Lower investment on R&D (Eg) Only 0.6% of GDP is spent

③ Lack of skilled workforce

④ Higher government regulations → offset clause, etc.  
deters investment

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## Importance of startups

① Introduction of young talent & ideas

② Economies of scale through 'efficiency' & mass production

③ Indigenization of technology  
↳ (eg) Refrigerator production in Anandhi, UP.

④ Reducing the import bill & fiscal allocation  
↳ (eg) > 3 lakh crore P.A. is deployed in Budget

## Issues

① Privacy & security concerns

↳ (eg) leakage of sensitive data about defence assets

② IPR concerns

③ Funding remains a challenge

By following 'Koramer's model' of boosting innovation through incentives can work in long run.

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Q.10)

With the opening up of 4th & 5th dimension of warfare (Cyber security & space), there is the growing need of intelligence to ensure internal security.

Role of intelligence in maintaining national security

① Crack down upon the 'organised crime'

↳ (eg) Munda post drug haul (one of the largest in the world)

② Keeping an eye on hostile nations

↳ (eg) Chinese spyship in Hambantota port

③ Rusting terrorist outfit's agenda

↳ (eg) Maharashtra ATS arrested ISIS recruits before they could join

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④ Checking on the infiltration across borders  
↳ (eg) I2 diplomacy of Pakistan & → Infiltration  
China → Ingression

⑤ Border security  
↳ (eg) Check on China's Salami slicing strategy  
(new villages near Arunachal Pradesh could be reported)

## Challenges

① Security concerns  
↳ (eg) Honey trapping  
(Zoya - spy trapped DRDO chief)

② Operation of departments in sites

③ Lack of skilled workforce  
↳ relies on deputation to source staff

④ Infrastructural & resource constraints.

The agencies like NATGRID should come up ~~up~~ to prevent the events before happening.

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As per Economic Survey, there are 3 way out of underdeveloped economy - geography, geology & years (unskilled & labour intensive industries).  
Textile sector can act as a growth multiplier.

## Opportunities

- 1) Creation of jobs  
(eg) Per unit of capital invested in textile sector creates 85 times more jobs than other manufacturing unit
- 2) Creation of opportunities to absorb women workers
- 3) Boosting exports (12% of total exports)
- 4) Contributing towards GDP through capital asset creation
- 5) Growing demography & demand creates huge potential for textile sector

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- ↳ (eg) 'Youth bulge' experienced by India → both a source of labour & consumer
- ⑥ Trends towards 'sustainable fashion'
- ⑦ Growing demand for technical textiles

## Challenges

- ① Lack of 'comparative advantage' due to small scale  
↳ (eg) A textile unit in India has around 100 machines (Bangladesh - 500 machines)  
↳ Loss of 'economies of scale'
- ② Stiff competition from South Asian nations  
↳ (eg) Vietnam & Bangladesh holds 6% of global market (India → 2%)



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- ③ lack of skilled workforce
- ④ Less adoption of technology  
↳ outdated units
- ⑤ Logistical challenges  
↳ 14% GDP (highest in the world)
- ⑥ Lack of access to funds due to erratic cashflows

## Way Forward

- ① Skilling of youth (Eg) SAMARTH Scheme
- ② Boosting traditional handicrafts & weavings  
↳ loans to MSMEs / individual weavers (Eg) Suzni Kantha, Kashida
- ③ Access to funds through MUDRA, etc.
- ④ Boosting technology (Eg) SFURTI Scheme

Textile sector can play a dual role of creating jobs & boosting growth to create a 'Brand India'.

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Q.12)

With the globalisation, the economies got interlinked & interwoven. This has led to macro-economic challenges ~~to~~ across the world.

Emerging global, poly crisis

① Russia - Ukraine War  
↳ led to SF crisis  
↳ Food  
↳ Fuel  
↳ Fertilizer

② Pandemic ⇒ recession & collapse of economies

③ Instability in neighbourhood

↳ (Eg) Taliban takeover of Afghanistan  
↳ food crisis & migrant issue

↳ (Eg) Pakistan's floods & drought leading to economic crisis

(Eg) Sri Lanka's economic instability

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## Impact on India's macro-economic stability

① Depreciation of Rupee

↳ (eg) US Fed tightening

② Inflationary pressure

↳ (eg) reached 15 month high (7.44%) in June, 2023

③ Escalating fiscal deficit

↳ breaching the FRBM limits of 3% of GDP

④ Impact on GDP & growth rate

↳ (eg) Pankaj Mishra states "India's growth rate is dangerously close to Hindu growth rate"

⑤ Inadequate transmission of RBI's actions into economy.

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Measures to make Indian economy resilient :-

① 'China Plus One' strategy to be adopted

② Creation of 'network economy' by livesourcing the supply chains

③ Pushing for 'Ripple Internationalisation'

↳ starting with inclusion of '₹' in SDR.

④ Promotion of local & domestic capacity.

↳ (eg) Brand India, PLI, Make in India

⑤ Shifting towards cleaner fuels → hydrogen economy

A resilient economy is pre-requisite for India to become a 'developed nation by 2047'.

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- Q.15) As per IMF report, "India's economy will boost by 27% if women will work at par with men." This can be attributed to ~~low~~ Low FLFPR (whereby only 25% of women work compared to 85% men.)
- Low FLFPR  $\Rightarrow$  however, does not show a true picture
- Glass ceiling  $\Rightarrow$  "Only 5% of startup owners are women."
  - Gender based pay gap  
as high as 34% in India - WEF
  - Existence of discrimination & stereotyping at workplace  
 $\hookrightarrow$  (e.g) 'Glass cliff' during pandemic

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4) Sexual harassment at workplace

↳ (eg) not setting up ICC as suggested by J.S. Verma Committee

5) Unpaid labour is not counted as 'work'

↳ (eg) A woman spends 8 hrs on an average on it per day

6) Informalization of women related jobs

↳ (eg) 95% of women in India are working in informal sector - ILO

However, FLFPR paints a coherent picture on the following issues -

1) Risk colonisation of jobs → preventing women from working in certain sectors

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- ② Lack of 'inclusivity' in terms of opportunities
- ③ Low female literacy rates
- ④ Educated women are less more likely to be unemployed

CMIE report

## Measures

- ① skilling of women to enable formalisation of jobs  
↳ (eg) SEWA NGO
- ② Education reforms  
↳ (eg) Kanyashree Scheme by INB govt.
- ③ Access to period products  
↳ (eg) Bahini Scheme in Sikkim
- ④ Gender sensitivity at workplace  
↳ (eg) Period Leave by Zomato

"I judge the progress of a nation by the degree of progress of women have achieved"

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Q.14)

As per CEEW report, 75% of districts in India are vulnerable to climate extreme events. This necessitates to ramp up focus on marginalised sections & regions to promote 'inclusivity'.

Marginal sections are more affected by climate change

① Displacement leading to the 'climate refugees' crises

↳ e.g. 60,000 people have already left Sunderbans

② Lack of economic capacity to fight disasters

↳ e.g. Small Island Nations  
⇒ low GDP but face highest threat

③ Low literacy levels & alienation from the other world.



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↳ (Eg) Sentinelese tribes in A&N islands

④ Face the brunt of economic development

↳ (Eg) Landslides in HP, Uttarakhand are due to HEP projects

⑤ Fragility of ecosystem

↳ impact of glacier melting on the poor & vulnerable sections in Himalayas

(Eg) Teshimath case)

⑥ Lack of ability to fight disasters

↳ (Eg) Person with disability cannot move out on their own

⑦ Gender inequality

↳ (Eg) water stress impacts women - walk kilometres to fetch water.

## Climate resilient model of Development

① Green economic model  
fuelled by clean energy  
↳ (eg) hydrogen economy, solar grids, etc.

② Inclusivity  
↳ (eg) local level participation in planning (DM Plans to be made by GPs)

③ Disaster resilient infrastructure  
↳ (eg) Japan's model of earthquake proof structures

④ Sustainable Agriculture  
↳ (eg) Anwarshah Kheti, Sukhet Model of Bihar

⑤ Volunteers participation in awareness generation  
↳ (eg) Mission Life initiative

A climate ~~resilient~~ resilient India is essential for leading from the front to become a 'vishvaaguru'.

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Q.15

The 2023 has been declared as 'International Year of Millets' which calls for inclusion of millets from 'fields to fork'.

Ability to fight nutritional deficiency

- 1) Superfoods → ability to tackle hidden hunger & deficiencies like anaemia  
↳ eg) Jhangosa Ladsoos in Uttarakhand → iron rich

2) Fighting non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, etc.

- ↳ eg) As per ICMR, 101 million Indians suffer from NCDs.

Ability to tackle environment degradation

- 1) Dealing with water stress due to agriculture  
↳ eg) Millets require less water (As per NASA water table of India is declining by 30cm p.a.)

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② Reducing the Excessive use of fertilizers

↳ As per Ministry of C & F ⇒ size in consumption of fertilizers by 20% in 5 yrs.  
↳ leads to eutrophication & biomagnification

③ Loss of soil nutrients can be addressed

Augment farmer's income

① Resolving the 'cobweb phenomenon' through assured prices

② Reducing the risk of crop failures

↳ Millet are drought prone

(Marathwada region in Maharashtra ⇒ Farmer & Bajra cultivation)

③ Reversing the cropping patterns. (shift from rice-wheat system)

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Adoption of millets is low

- ① Lack of awareness among people
- ② Low government efforts to promote millets  
↳ MSP is skewed in favour of cereals
- ③ Lack of availability of quality seeds
- ④ Low consumer market for millets

Way Forward

- ① Adoption of millet production models like  
↳ Millet Sisters Network?
- ② Awareness generation  
↳ Chizami village of Nagaland - millet festival
- ③ Inclusion of millets in MDM scheme
- ④ Quality seeds to be made available through  
↳ Krishi Vigyan Centres?

Millet cultivation can create 2nd Green <sup>Page</sup> revolution in the form of "evergreen revolution"

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Q.16)

India processes 2% of its agricultural produce of 330 MT of grains. This 'paradox' can be the main reason for the stagnant growth rate in agricultural sector.

Food processing industries can act as a link between farms & industries

1) Reducing the farm produce wastage by thorough supply chain linkages

↳ (eg) 20% of fruits & vegetables get spoiled in transit

2) Storage infrastructure to increase shelf life

3) Value creation of produce leading to better pricing

↳ (eg) Garlic & ginger powder

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- ④ Addressing the issue of seasonality  
↳ (eg) Salal water are available throughout the year
- ⑤ Better marketing of produce  
↳ (eg) packaging, branding  
like AMUL model
- ⑥ Boosting exports  
↳ (eg) Ashok Dalwai Committee's target of \$100 Bn agricultural exports can be met  
Role in advancing rural economy -
- ① Creation of jobs  
↳ preventing migration to urban areas
- ② skilling of youth in localised processing
- ③ Entrepreneurship can be promoted  
↳ (eg) MSMEs dealing in local products like pickles

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④ Boost to SHGs  
↳ Kijal papad model leading to women empowerment

⑤ Addressing poverty through financial inclusion

## Issues

- Small sized holdings leading to loss of economies of scale
- Low storage infrastructure (145 MMT for 330 MMT production)
- Unintended consequences due to Essential Commodities Act - deters private investment

Economic Survey

As suggested by Achok Gulati (economist), there should be processing of produce like tomato to tomato powder to address the constraints of agriculture. This can be done through 'village level procurement centres' & formalisation of MFEs.



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Q.17

PM's 10 point agenda for DRR recommends a multi-stakeholder, inclusive & decentralised strategy for DRR.

Constraints in multi-sectoral & multi-tiered DRR process :-

- Resource constraints do deal with sudden onset of disasters  
(eg) Coaching centre fire in Delhi → students jumped to death (delay in deployment of nets)
- Lack of awareness among general public  
'Disaster readiness' is absent
- Legal hassles & loopholes  
(eg) National Building Code views structural defects from stand-alone point of view rather than clustered approach

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4) Less devolution of powers to the government levels

↳ (eg) WB identified India's federalism in terms of a 'new political decentralisation' lacking in administrative terms.

5) Corruption & leakages of funds

↳ not using the funds for intended purpose i.e. disasters

6) Operation in silos & lack of inter-ministerial coordination

Measures for building a robust DRR strategy :-

1) Participation of local community as a 'first line of respondents'

↳ (eg) Japada Mitras

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② Pumping up local administration with funds, resources & powers

↳ Effective leadership can be seen ⇒ Kanar Cooperation, ITC during Kerala floods

③ Multi-level involvement in framing DM plans

④ Use of technology is

↳ DM  
↳ Eg GEMINI device during cyclones

↳ Eg IIT Mandi's device to detect land/soil movements  
↳ acts as an alarm for landslide

⑤ Update of DM plans post disasters  
↳ Japanese Model

⑥ Involvement of CSO & NGOs in the process

Sendai framework recommends a multi-stakeholder approach to deal with disasters which can lead to an effective

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DRR strategy.

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Q. 18)

As per NITI Aayog, AI holds potential to enhance India's GDP by \$ 1 trillion by 2035.

Generational AI refers to the use of AI (human like brain processing) by machines to create newer content as sought by the user.

Generational AI

- ① Processing of data to create newer data
- ② Structured organisation of existing data  
(Eg) Draft cv can be created through input data
- ③ Mimicing human brain function  
(Eg) creating new songs based on melodies



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## Issues

- ① Privacy concerns  
↳ (eg) Leakage of data
- ② Security concerns →  
Attack by nations on critical assets & infrastructure  
↳ (eg) DTrack Attack by China on Kundankulam plant
- ③ Racial profiling of data
- ④ Spreading fake news & hate  
↳ (eg) France riots → spread due to social media → 'hashtags'
- ⑤ Use of technology for unethical acts  
↳ (eg) Learning to create weapons / bombs

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## Addressing the concerns

### ① Regulatory controls

↳ Use of IT Rules, 2021 to order taking down of 'hateful' content of social media

### ② Sharing of best practices across nations

③ Enhancing the punishment for serious crimes

④ Role of data intermediaries  
↳ listing the purpose for which the technology is used.

⑤ Abiding by UNESCO's guidelines on 'Ethical Use of AI'

As per Rachel Carson,  
"a technology should be evaluated & studied properly before rolling out for commercial use."

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Q.19 "Ethnic clashes arise due to fear of future experienced through the past."  
Manipur's ethnic clashes (2023) highlight the ~~faultlines~~ of security concerns in the North East.

## Ethnic reasons

① Hill v/s valley debate  
↳ (eg) Meiteis live in the prosperous valleys & Kukis on the hilly regions

② Granting of ST status to Meiteis triggered 'ethnicity concerns'

③ Cross border ethnicity  
↳ (eg) Kukis belong to the same race as Chin (Myanmar)

④ Idea of 'segmented loyalty' → more affinity to one's ethnic identity rather than national identity

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## Other threats to security in the north-east

① Organised crime in the border regions

↳ (eg) proximity to the 'golden triangle' (drugs)

② Political concerns  
↳ (eg) 40 out of 60 seats in Manipur Legislature are occupied by Niteis alone (fear of alienation among minorities)

③ Misuse of powers by security forces  
↳ (eg) killing of civilians in Nagaland under AFSPA

④ Inequality of regional development  
↳ (eg) North East stays under-developed due to geographical alienation  
↳ Siliguri corridor



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5) Cross border extremism  
→ (eg) proximity to Myanmar

6) Radicalisation of youth  
becomes easier due to low levels of literacy & employment

7) Primitive nature of living  
↳ income inequality → creates mistrust with government

Measures

1) 'Sabar Model of de-radicalisation' → strategy of winning hearts & minds through trust

2) Development through inclusivity in skilling  
↳ (eg) Subshiman Akhal in Odisha

3) Peaceful resolution of interstate disputes through interstate & NE Council

"We cannot have peace without security & we cannot have security without inclusive development."  
- Kaji Athar

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Q.20)

India is boxed in a complex geography as it shares land border of 15,100 km. The most significant challenge on security front is the military interplay attributed to the I2 diplomacy of China & Pakistan. → 'infiltration & incursion'

Root causes of military/terrorism -

- ① Historical reasons →  
Occupation of J&K during 1947-48 by India post Instrument of Accession  
(No consultation of Pakistan)
- ② All weather friendship of China & Pakistan →  
'Pincer strategy'
- ③ State sponsored terrorism in Pakistan
- ④ Radicalisation of youth based on Jihad propaganda
- ⑤ Porous borders →  
easy to infiltrate

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## Role of Development Initiatives

① Creating infrastructural Development

↳ (eg) Schools → better channelling energies of children

(eg) Hospitals → penetration of social security

② Harnessing the local potential of the region

↳ (eg) Kashmiri → Pashmina shawls → boost to local artisans

③ Creation of Trust between Government & Locals

↳ 'government is working in their benefit/welfare'

④ Decentralisation measures

↳ (eg) Back to villages programme, appointing Panchayats, etc.

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## Challenges

- ① Radicalised youth → creates Trust deficit
  - ② Long term process → cannot expect gains in short term
  - ③ Trust can be shattered through acts like internet shutdowns, etc.
- Development is the ~~proper~~ permanent force & ~~force~~ is a temporary development. "
- ARC-2