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①

To what extent, in your opinion, Self Help groups (SHGs) in India have enabled women led development at grassroot level? (10 m)

SHGs refer to the voluntary groupings of people who come together to channelize their savings. There are more than 10 lakh SHGs in India.

SHGs as enablers of women led development

① boost entrepreneurship among women
≡ Kijjat papad with a turnover of Rs 16,000 a
↳ providing livelihood.

② helps to get cheap microfinance
≡ through NABARD's Bank
Linkage program.

③ leads to political empowerment
of women
≡ associate with PRIs.

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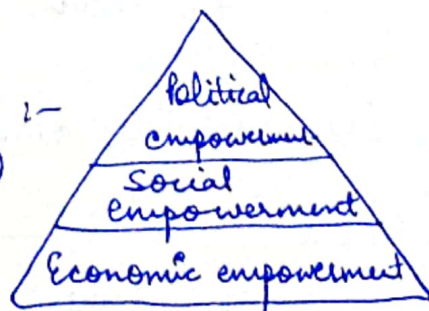
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- ④ gain self respect and confidence
of PM Modi's Narishakti Samvad.
- ⑤ associate with private entities to further enhance growth.
of Amazon Saheli.
- ⑥ contribute towards rural develop-
ment - led by women.
of Mission Shakti

However, there are challenges like:

- 1) patriarchal mindset of society
- 2) difficulty in getting timely credit.
- 3) skewed regional growth in SHGs -
mostly concentrated in South India
- 4) lack expertise.

Yet, SHGs contribute to the trinity of :-



2

Narrow understanding of disability has marginalised people suffering from mental disorders. Elucidate. (10m)

There are around 2.24% people with disability (PWD) in India. Recently, the renowned dancer Sudha Chandran had to remove her prosthetic leg at airport, while a little boy was denied entry by Indigo flight showing insensitivity towards disabled.

Narrow understanding of disability

- ① people with 'physical' and 'visible' disabilities are considered PWD of those without arm/leg.
- ② Mental disability is seen as a 'construct' of mind and not a disability.

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③ Parents usually 'hush' (silent) their children when they mention about mental health issues.

④ People fail to accept anxiety and depression as serious concerns

⑤ Immense mental health disorder leads to suicides

≠ 18% rise in student students as per NCRB.

Hence, what we need is →

① understanding that Disease means 'Dis - ease' which can be psychological as well.

② psychologist / psychiatric support to be normalised.

③ more communication and empathy towards the disturbed.

This will truly ensure SDG-3 → Health & well being.

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Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) addresses the need for interoperability in health services through a unified health interface. Elaborate its significance in digitising healthcare ecosystem.

(10m)

ABDM is a milestone step towards transforming & revolutionising health-care infrastructure of India.

It addresses the need for interoperability in health services through-

↳ use of digital technology for expanding healthcare

↳ e-Sanjeevani to link hospitals across the country

↳ Tele medicine as the panacea to reach the hitherto lands.

↳ Digital Health records to be accessible from anywhere anytime.

↳ address shortage of doctors.

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Significance in digitising healthcare

① fulfil the trinity of →

accessibility
Health
availability affordability

② bridges rural-urban divide as currently

	Rural	Urban
population	70%	30%
healthcare	30%	70%

③ access of healthcare services to the vulnerable — SC, ST, OBC, disabled, women, old age, transgender — ensuring social justice.

Yet, challenges remain —

- 1) digital illiteracy (90%)
- 2) Digital divide (Internet = 30% in rural)
- 3) data privacy issues.

These need to be addressed by ensuring data protection law and universalization of healthcare to enable: SWASTHA BHARAT i.e. Healthy India.

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4

Assess the relevance of lateral entry in civil services in making the governance structure more effective, efficient & people oriented.

(10m)

Civil Services - the STEEL FRAME of India, is facing 'rusting' due to ills of corruption, red tapism, bureaucratic apathy, nepotism, political pressure, etc. — shifting focus on LATERAL ENTRY as the panacea.

Relevance of lateral entry in civil services is under debate as —

Allow lateral entry

- ① bring in expertise in administration.
- ② improve efficiency & competitiveness.

More issues than relevance

- ① will clash with the existing officers - difficulty in synchronizing
- ② lack of field

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③ will nudge the present civil servants to work harder.

④ rising challenges like cyber security, climate change, blockchain, etc. will be catered to by specialists.

⑤ we have successful examples of -
↳ Montek Singh Ahluwalia
↳ Raghuram Rajan
↳ vijay kelkar

experience, hence difficulty in good governance initiatives

③ seen as outsiders working not for public welfare but salary.

④ will not resolve existing issues of corruption - rather can increase.

⑤ still nepotism & political influence exist in their selection

Hence, there is need to ensure transparency in selection procedure, code of conduct for lateral entrants as well as sensitivity training - to ensure that they become AGENTS OF GOOD & SMART GOVERNANCE

to ensure SU-RAJ.

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⑤

Objectives of a welfare government remain incomplete without a progressive ecosystem for children's development. Discuss with special emphasis to recently passed Juvenile Justice Amendment Act, 2021.

(10 m)

India is a welfare state guided by the Directive Principles of state policy, ensuring development of children as well.

A progressive ecosystem for child's development would be holistic & inclusive covering :-

- ① children education - Right to Education, article 21A
- ② healthcare facilities - Ayushman Bharat
- ③ prevent malnutrition - POSHAN Abhiyan.
- ④ safe & secure environment.
- ⑤ no oppression, harassment or abuse - physical / sexual / mental.

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Juvenile Justice Act - Amendment 2021

- ① It focuses on →
where children are
those < 16 years age.
crimes committed
by children
- crimes against
children
- child
welfare
- child
adoption
- ② Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) as the
nodal point to ensure smooth & fair
process of adoption
↳ currently > 18 mn children are
orphaned but only 3-4000 adopted.
- ③ The District Magistrate is given
authority of decision making on child
adoption.
- ④ to ensure child friendly investigation
in cases of child abuse/harassment
- ⑤ interrogation of juveniles to be
sensitive, empathetic & non-torturous.
- ⑥ Juvenile Delinquency as a socially
constructed Act, hence needs attention.

Through this act, government established
progressive ecosystem for children DIGNITY
and SAFETY.

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Decriminalisation of homosexuality by SC in Navtej Singh Johar case remains task-half done, specially without socio-political sensitisation about issues faced by LGBTQIA+
Elaborate in light of ongoing debates on same sex marriage.

(10M)

Section 377 of IPC was ^{stuck to} decriminalized homosexuality, enabling freedom of bodily autonomy & choice.

Yet, it was a task half done →

① Brought legal change without legitimacy - i.e. social acceptance by people.

② was top down approach towards social change.

③ lack of consensus & dialogue among the masses.

There remains lack of socio political sensitization about issues faced by LGBTQIA+, such as -

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- (1) lack of access to education, healthcare & employment.
- (2) psychological well-being hampered due to social taboo.
- (3) face mental health issues due to social stigma & seclusion.

Ongoing debate on Same Sex Marriage

Those in favour.

- ✓ article 21, right to life includes freedom to choose life partner.
- ✓ state should not dictate in personal life matters.

Those against

- * hamper social order & norms.
- * against law of nature.
- * against culture & traditions.

People fail to realise that transgenders are very much human and normal as the mainstream. All they need is love, care, affection, acceptance to transition from TRANS PHOBIC to a TRANS FRIENDLY society.

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India's "Balancing act" in the ongoing Ukraine crisis is borne out of mature strategic thinking rather than mere necessities. Explain.

(10m)

"India's stand on Russia Ukraine war shows the STRATEGIC COURAGE of India."

— S. Jaishankar

India has always emphasised upon Strategic Autonomy while making choices & taking decisions in global arena.

The Balancing Act between:

Necessities

Mature Strategic Thinking

① oil imports of India from Russia.

② dependence on

① India has stood for peace and harmony, since time immemorial



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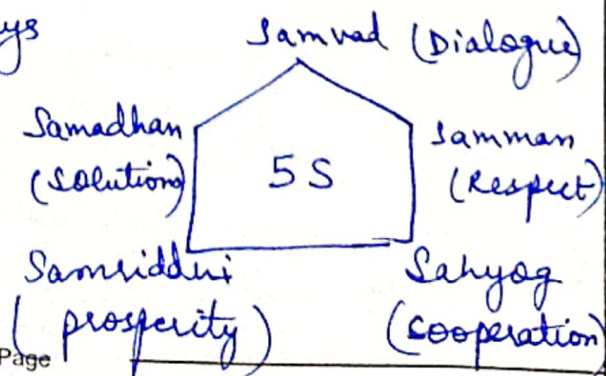
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- Russia for defence equipments of \$400, Brahmos
- ② provided humanitarian assistance
 - ③ is against war and for ahimsa.
 - ③ Russia as an age old friend.

India's stand, showing the Balancing Act include -

- ① PM Modi said: "This is not era of war."
- ② stood for Dialogue, Deliberations & Discussions to peacefully resolve the conflict.
- ③ focussed on National Interest →
eg. taking into account benefits of wheat exports, cheap oil imports

Hence, India always stood for:



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What do you understand by Non Aligned Movement (NAM)? Is India's foreign policy still guided by principles of non-alignment? Justify.

(10m)

“Non-Aligned Movement is the biggest peace movement of the world.”

— Indira Gandhi.

Non Aligned Movement was the brainchild of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who did not want to get in bloc politics of USA & USSR.

NAM included →

- ① pragmatism and not isolationism.
- ② interest based alignments.
- ③ focussing on internal development & safeguarding newly earned independence.
- ④ not opportunism but necessity.

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India's foreign policy is still guided by NAM as → (in modified version)

① India focusses on Multi Alignment & participates in Quad as well as SCO, RIC as well as I2U2.

② For India, her National Interests are the foremost.

& Defence deals with both Russia (S400) and USA (Thaad, Lemoa, Comcaa, etc)

③ India is walking the Strategic Tightrope by adopting policy of dehypphenation & between Israel & Palestine.

④ is now more active & asserting on the global platform. & through initiatives of ISA, CDRI.

India is aiming to become a Developed nation (PANCHPRAN) and VISHWAGURU through its re-oriented & rejuvenated Non Alignment.

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Built upon common democratic values & shared vision of strategic autonomy, India-France bilateral ties exude a promise of stability, growth & security in time of geopolitical flux & uncertainty. Do you agree?

(10m)

The world order is in a state of flux with uncertainties of declining USA hegemony & rising Chinese aggressions. In this backdrop, the partnership of India & France gains significance as STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP completes 25 years of cooperation.

The bilateral ties are built upon

Common Democratic values

Shared vision of strategic autonomy

✓ Rules based world order.

✓ prevent dominance of USA as well as China.

✓ Fair and inclusive global architecture.

✓ decide own policies without external influence.

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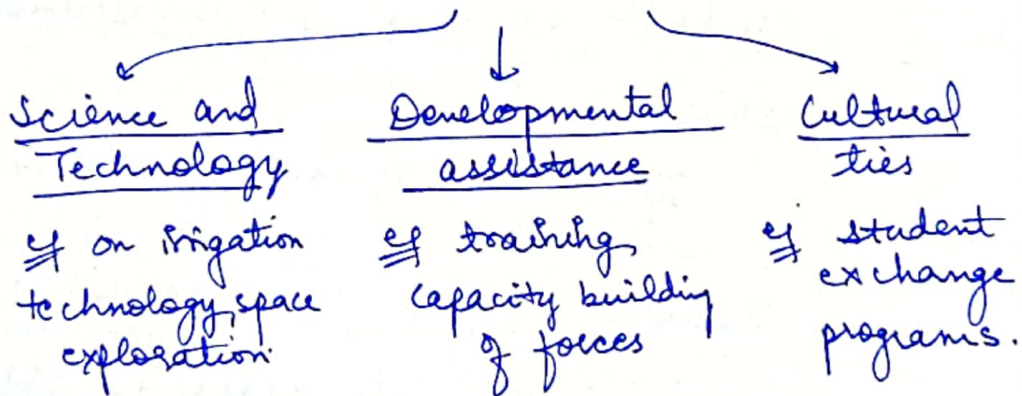
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The strategic aspects of India France relation include :-

① Defence ties - Buying Rafale jets from France.
- ~~select~~

② Common vision for Indo Pacific
- secure sea lines of communication
- prevent piracy
- regulate IUU fishing, pollution.

③ The VISION 2047 between India and France signifies convergence, coordination & collaboration in



④ Counter revanchist China - in Indo Pacific as well as South China Sea.

India-France ties show 4Ds - Defence, Democracy, Diplomacy, Digital Technology

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As an important attribute of soft power 'knowledge diplomacy' has the potential to further various objectives of foreign policy. Explain. (10m)

Indian foreign policy aims to secure objectives of development, peace and security through soft power of KITE - Knowledge and Information Technology Economy.

The Knowledge diplomacy is seen in -

- ① Student exchange programs among nations -
eg Indo - German collaboration
- ② Indian doctors, nurses, technicians teachers are all across the globe providing developmental assistance eg in Africa, especially for their capacity building.

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③ MoUs in the field of Education
- expanding centres of excellence
of with Australia, establishing
university in India.

④ Indian diaspora is spreading
the knowledge diplomacy - as
Indian scientists, engineers
students - study as well as work
of Silicon valley contributing
to growth of host country.

⑤ The knowledge of Indian Traditional
Medicine is spreading across globe
of power of Ayurveda.

⑥ Yoga is an integral part of India's
Soft power
of ~~IA~~ International Yoga Day
on 21st June.

India is moving ahead to share vast
knowledge for the welfare of all -
inspiring idea of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

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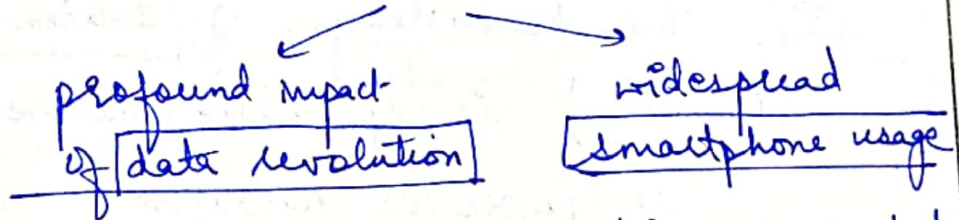
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The profound impact of data revolution & widespread smartphone usage has necessitated the use of digital tools in welfare programmes. Discuss. (15m)

The usage of digital tools in welfare programmes is revolutionizing governance through e-Governance - the use of ICT for service delivery in most efficient & effective manner.

This is so due to



- ✓ cheap rates of internet
- ✓ India has second largest internet users.
- ✓ Jio & Airtel have transformed digital scene.
- ✓ India as manufacturing hub of smartphones.
- ✓ Schemes like PLI, Make in India further aided.
- ✓ freebies of phones also responsible

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Use of Digital tools in welfare programs

① Education - e-Diksha, Swayam, Massive Online Open Courses has ensured 'Education for All' (SDG4)

② Health → e-Sanjeevani
↳ Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
↳ Tele medicine.

③ Agricultural productivity raised through
↳ use of drones
↳ precision agriculture.
↳ e-NAM ensures market access and remunerative prices.

④ Aadhar linked subsidies - ensure reduction in inclusion & exclusion error & leakages of PDS.

⑤ Women safety is also ensured through → HIMMAT app of Delhi police
→ SHE-BOX to complain freely
→ NARI SHAKTI portal.

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⑥ Tribal welfare is enhanced through
↳ e-HAATS.
↳ Tech for Tribals by Trifed.

⑦ Rural Development ensured through recent initiatives of - SWAMITVA (record of rights), geotagging of MGNREGA infrastructure.

Yet, Challenges occur -

- ① Digital illiteracy of v. high 90%.
- ② digital divide - merely 31% rural India has internet access.
- ③ Cyber crimes occur
eg. Pegasus, Bullybai app.
- ④ frauds - duping people
- ⑤ Data leakage - lack of privacy
eg recent Hb data leak
- ⑥ lack of acceptance of digital tools ∴ conservatism / status quo.

There is thus need to raise awareness, financial security to utilize Data as the New Oil in this Digital Arena.

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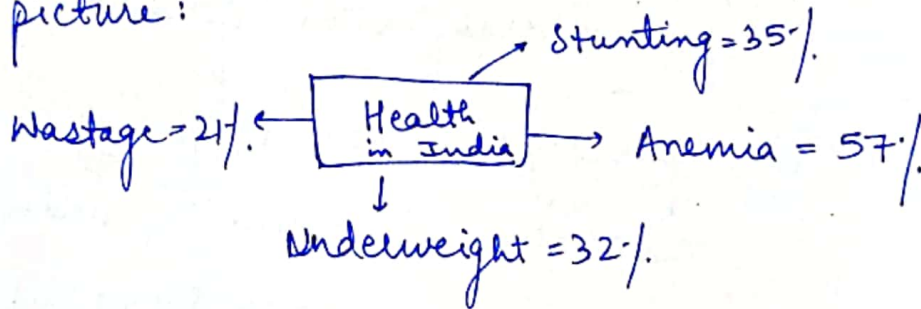
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The critical reason for poor public health indicators in India goes beyond recognition of right to health as fundamental right. Do you think that a statutory framework alone can ameliorate situation?

(15m)

“Health is real wealth, not pieces of gold & silver.”
— M.K. Gandhi

India's health indicators depict a dismal picture:



As per UNDP, India has the maximum number of malnourished children, despite being the largest producer of grains, millets, milk.

The poor health, despite having Right to Health — through art 47, (the DPSP obliging state to ensure health of all), is due to →

- ① lack of doctors - India has $\boxed{1:1600}$ ratio of doctor:population while WHO recommends 1:1000.
- ② lack of infrastructure: India has beds in $\boxed{2:1000}$, while WHO recommends 3:1000.
- ③ excessive focus on wheat & rice, poor diversification of diet.
- ④ poverty is the major factor - India has $\boxed{230 \text{ million}}$ under poverty preventing accessibility & affordability of nutritious food as well as medical treatments.
- ⑤ Huge out of pocket expenditure \approx over 50%, disproportionately affecting poor.
- ⑥ lack of government expenditure on healthcare = $\boxed{1.5\%}$ as against 3% target.

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Hence, given the reasons above, mere statutory framework alone can't ameliorate situation. Instead we need →

① emphasis on 'NUTRITION'S WONDER'
= SHRI-ANNA, the millets of Ragi Dosa

② proper implementation of schemes like → POSHAN Abhiyan.
→ Ayushman Bharat.
→ PM Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.

③ Innovative approach towards health of PROJECT SAMPOORNA in Dogaigaon, Assam by IAS Laxmi — creating Buddy Mothers.

④ Ladakh model of compulsory service of doctors and Delhi's Mohalla Clinics can be replicated.

⑤ focus on ONE HEALTH of all as well as Mental Health.

⑥ focus on WASH — Sanitation & Hygiene
All this is needed to fulfil SDG 3 — Health & well being for SWASTH BHARAT, SAMRUDDHA Bharat — Healthy & prosperous India.

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Reforming the education infrastructure through digital interventions is a progressive step, but it has its limitations too. Comment.

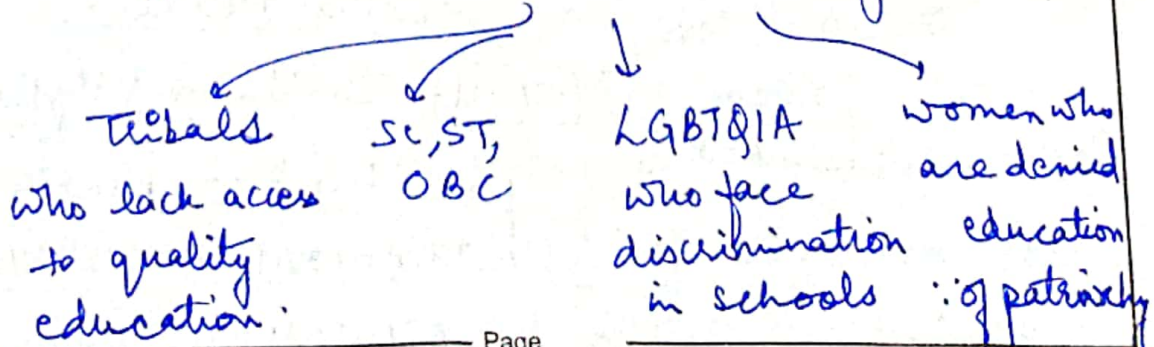
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There is no Indian university in top 50 of QS world rankings — highlighting the dire need to adopt digital interventions to revolutionise & metamorphose educational arena.

The significance of digital interventions will be —

① to enable availability, accessibility & affordability of education for all; through e-DIKSHA

② to reach to the marginalized



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- ③ to keep a check on Teachers -
 - attendance monitoring through biometric.
 - Teacher training through NISHTHA scheme.
- ④ boost Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) through Swayam Initiative
- ⑤ to boost R&D in Emerging areas of climate change, cyber security, etc.
 - ↳ through access to online journals.
- ⑥ Enable Industry - Academia linkages : utilizing technology for integrating supply - demand of employment - needs to education.

Hence, this will be progressive step towards ensuring SIKSHIT BHARAT, VIKSHIT BHARAT - ie. educated India, developed India.



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But, it has limitations like -

- ① focus on rote learning over practical knowledge.
- ② lack of emphasis on vocational training & skill development
- ③ the digital divide in India, preventing the poor, tribals from affording smartphones & internet.
- ④ lack of disable friendly digital Rfrastructure - leading to exclusion
- ⑤ use of digital technology causing harm to students
 - eg boys locker room on Instagram
 - getting radicalised, misled, misinformed.

Hence, we need to ensure:

- ↳ parental scrutiny
- ↳ teachers' accountability
- ↳ reach to hinterlands.
- ↳ dynamic & practical education

to achieve SDG 4 - Education for All.

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The unique attributes & strengths of NGOs & government make them complimentary to one another in governance & developmental process. Comment. Evaluate the need for effective & progressive regulation of NGOs.

(15 m)

NGOs are the voluntary organizations which work for social welfare, without being a part of government. India has over 3.4 million NGOs.

e.g. Goonj, Help Age India.

Complementarity of NGOs & Government

① NGOs provide inputs to policy making by government.

e.g. PRATHAM'S ASER report,
Oxfam's Time to Care report

↳ enabling government to make policies & schemes

② NGOs further provide feedback on government programs.

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eg NAR foundation - to improve governance for LGBTQIA.

③ NGOs reach where the government cannot.

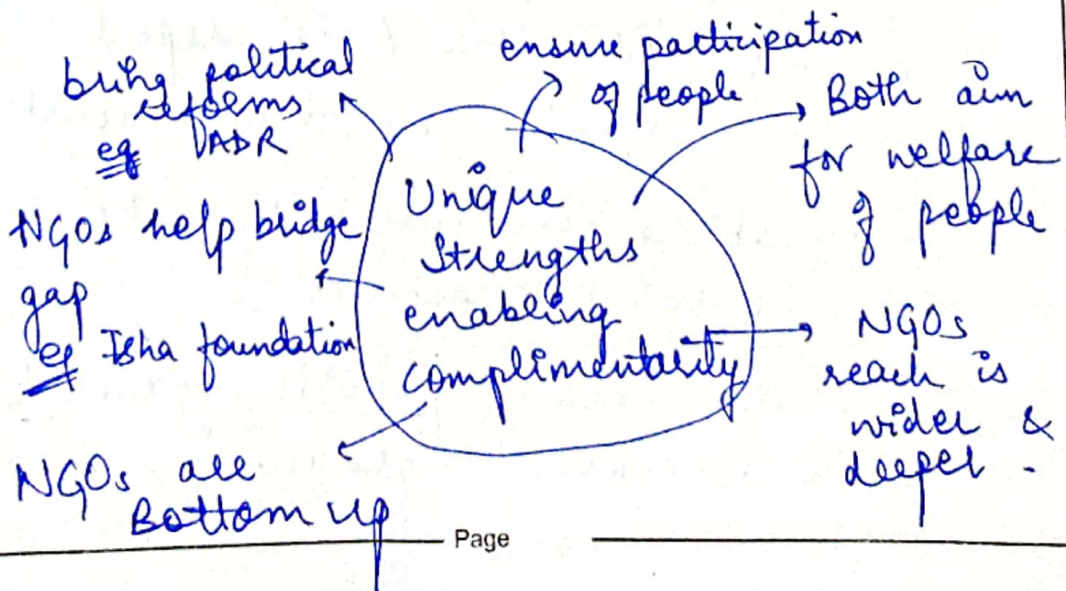
eg. in Gadchiroli affected by Naxals.

④ NGOs assist government to together bring social change

eg Channu - for acid victims

⑤ Both NGOs & government work during crisis & disasters

eg 'Doctors for You' during covid
Goonj helps in rehabilitation



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Need for effective regulation of NGOs

- ① foreign influence on NGOs, putting question mark on their funding
of influence of Khalistanis
- ② diversion of funds — towards organized crime need to be regulated.
- ③ NGOs disrupt development sometimes
of protests against Vizhingam port
- ④ fake & bogus NGOs — just to get grants in aid from GOI
of Old Age homes

Hence, Vijay Kumar Committee recommended balancing regulation & autonomy of NGOs.
FCRA regulates the foreign contributions, keeps a check on administrative expenses (maximum 20%), yet also eases registration & functioning.

NGOs are the guiding light towards social change, hence we need Ease of Service for them.

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How far have forest rights Act 2006 & PESA Act, 1996 been successful in attaining their desired objectives? What needs to be done to improve implementation on ground.

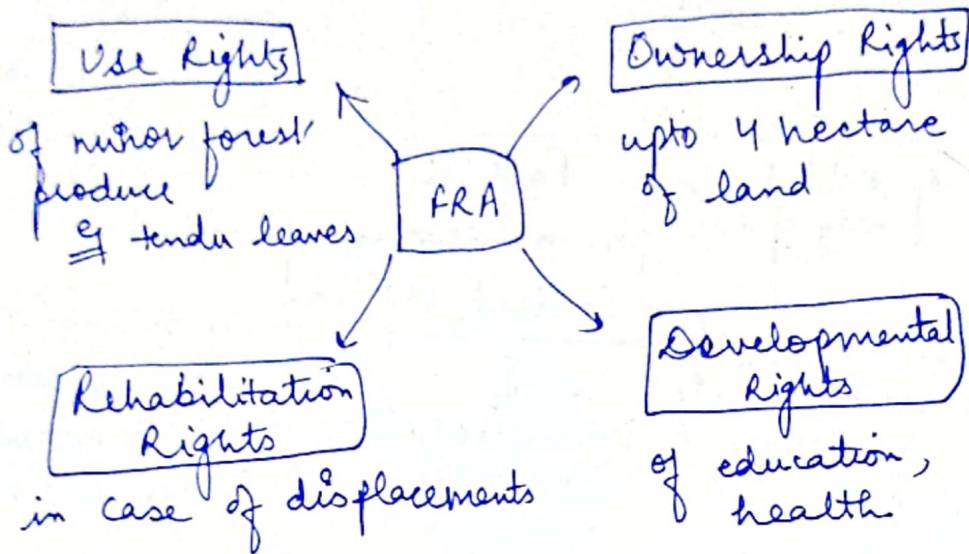
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Tribal rights are safeguarded through provisions in schedule II & VI, article 15, 16 (reservation) apart from statutory legislations like Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 and PESA Act, 1996, to ensure -

- ↳ autonomy to tribals
- ↳ preservation of culture & traditions of tribals
- ↳ not enforce assimilation but progressive accomodation.

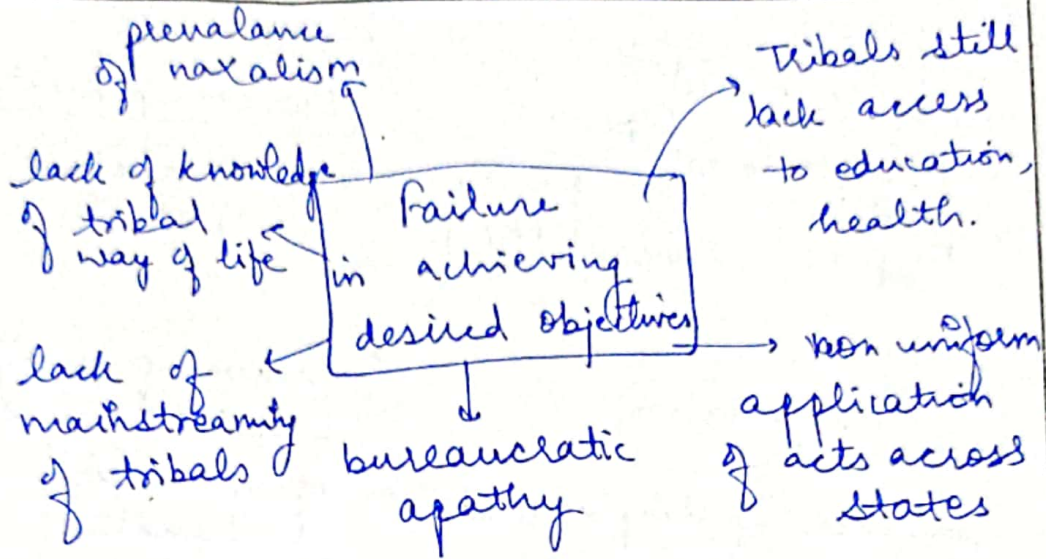
Forest Rights Act

provides 4 rights to tribals, to give voice to the voiceless →



Further, PESA Act- 1996 enables:

- ① Gram Sabha to have a say in determining → minor minerals exploration
 - ↳ intoxicants control
 - ↳ developmental activities.
- ② Atleast 50% of members to be Schedule Tribes, while all (100%) of chairpersons to be STs.
- ③ Application to 10 states after recommendations of Dileep Ghuria Committee to ensure TRIBAL LED GRASSROOT Development

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We need to improve implementation of acts on ground by-

- ① consensus building among tribals
- ② sensitivity training of bureaucrats, police, judiciary
- ③ increasing political empowerment of tribals
- ④ HIRA strategy of building Highways, Internet, Roads, Airways
- ⑤ Tribal fancheheel model
- ⑥ Tripora model of winning hearts & mind.

This will ensure integration of tribals
Enabling Ek BHARAT, SHRESHTHA BHARAT.

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Enduring efforts of Covid 19 pandemic have exacerbated existing issues of poverty and hunger. Explain.

(15m)

Covid 19 pandemic has been an unprecedented medical crisis which soon snowballed into economic, social & political crisis.

Covid exacerbated poverty as -

① people suffered from job losses due to lay offs by companies & shutdown of ^{contact-}industries of construction labour.

② migrants faced the brunt of covid as lockdown was imposed - making them suffer for basic needs of Roti, Kapda & Makaan.

③ Irability of government to

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provide social welfare measures to all - given the intensity of disease spread. \approx Delay in food rations by PDS

④ \approx Rise in expenditure on health - care by poor & low capacity of hospitals!

Covid exacerbated hunger as \rightarrow

① people lost jobs, could not earn livelihood, hence could not even afford three times meal.

② the most vulnerable sections like \rightarrow women, children, tribals are disproportionately impacted. \approx Anaemia

③ The triple burden of stunting (35%), underweight (32%) & wasting (21%) further increased

④ insensitivity of people to help the needy in such crisis -

⑤ hoarding of food by well off sections.

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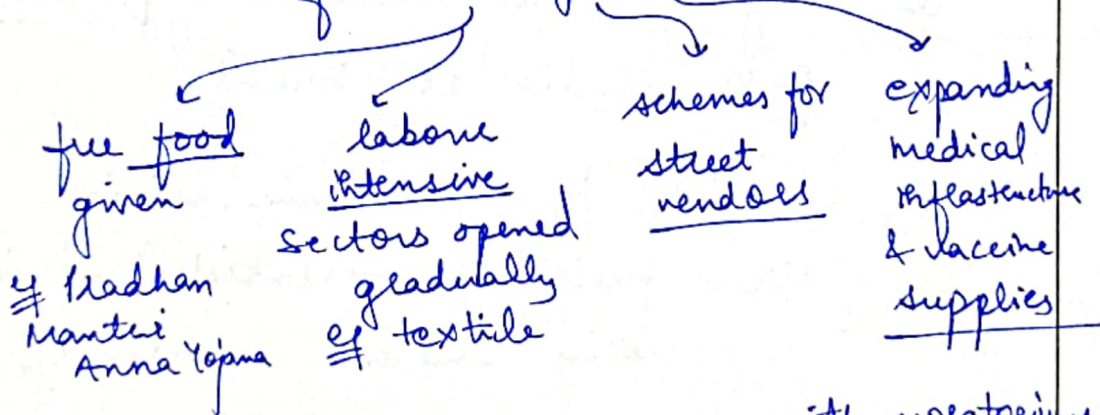
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Yet, despite the grave crisis we
say various steps taken -

① Common man helped the needy
of some food

② Corporates contributed towards
philanthropic donations.
of Tata's

③ Government came up with
"Aatmanirbhar Bharat" to improve
employment, production & resilience
of economy.



④ RBI also came up with moratoriums,
relaxed repayments, repo operations
to ease burden of borrowers.

Hence, concerted effort of all fought
the crisis, showing strength of solidarity

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17

Instability in its neighbourhood combined with displacement & humanitarian crisis don't auger well for India's interest in the region. Elucidate. (15m)

India's national interests will be safeguarded in a peaceful & stable neighbourhood, which is currently not so due to PROBLEMS WITHOUT BORDERS

Instability in neighbourhood

- ① Afghanistan Takeover by Taliban puts India at threat.
- ② Pakistan's economic crisis further fuels its terrorist tendencies - affecting India's sovereignty
- ③ Political turmoil in Nepal as well as Sri Lanka creates unrest
- ④ The military coup in Myanmar has spillovers in India.

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Displacement & Humanitarian Crisis

- ① The refugee crisis of Rohingyas — the most persecuted community as per UN — has spillover in India's North East region.
- ② The Castor Bombings in Sri Lanka led to insecurity & instability — the menace of terrorism through coastal route.
- ③ The persecution of Kashmiri Pandits is linked to Pakistan sponsored terrorism.
- ④ Human Rights violations in Myanmar, China (Uighurs) all destabilize the region.

All these issues create challenge for India as —

- ① There are open & porous borders with Nepal & Bhutan.

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② Refugee crisis puts pressure on resources for locals.

③ Terrorism is a menace hampering peace & stability due to impact on Jammu & Kashmir youth

④ India's North East is very sensitive & prone to violence.

To overcome all this, India has taken steps like -

① Bilateral coordination with Bangladesh over Rohingyas

② providing aid & grants to Sri Lanka

③ enhancing Smart power - both military power as well as soft power.

④ initiating Delhi Declaration against terrorism.

⑤ providing humanitarian aid (NADR) to Afghanistan, Nepal

⑥ being first responder & net security provider

through Diplomacy, Dialogue & Democracy

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18

The new cold war between the USA and China may have the effect of casting a long shadow on India's strategic interests from Pacific to Atlantic. Evaluate.

(15m)

The current geopolitical world order is in a state of flux as the centre of gravity has shifted from Europe/Atlantic to 'Indo Pacific'.

New Cold War

It is said that world is shifting



American hegemony is declining

rising Chinese preponderance

- exit from Afghanistan
- unilateral withdrawal of JCPOA
- exit from Unesco
- setback by covid

- claims in South China Sea
- BRI and Maritime Silk Route
- alternative financing arrangements: AIIB

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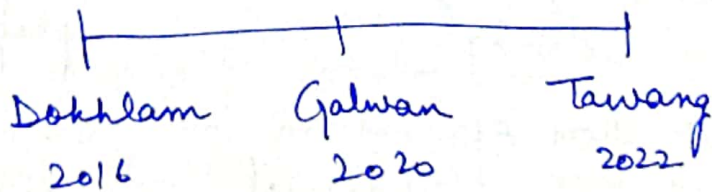
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Chinese presence is rising as →

- ① Recently docked secret satellite (balloon) over America.
- ② recently held Indian Ocean Region Forum for Development, without Indian presence.
- ③ docked Yuan Wang at Hambantota - danger of surveillance over India.

All these recent developments may cast shadow on India's strategic interests as →

- ① rising border skirmishes with China:



- ②. Chinese military expenditure is four times that of India.

- ③ India crossed \$100 bn trade



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deficit with China - hurting foreign reserves & dream to become \$5 trillion economy.

④ Chinese revanchist tendencies as a predatory hegemon are driving India's neighbours towards China: - of Nepal, Bhutan

⑤ It is said - the
"India promises,
China delivers."

leading to stalled projects by India of in Africa.

⑥ Chinese String of Pearls and debt trap diplomacy.

Yet, India is countering the threats
↳ to create Necklace of Diamonds
↳ through supply chain resilience initiative, IPEF, China plus one
↳ Quad and I2U2.
↳ Atmanirbhar Bharat
to establish itself as a power pole
in the region.

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For creation of a stable, peaceful & prosperous multipolar order, UNSC reforms are an urgent imperative. Examine the statement & present a case for India's permanent membership in UNSC.

(15m)

^{ce} We need to reform & revamp UNSC and restructure it to keep it relevant."

— ex PM Manmohan Singh.

UNSC aims to prevent future world wars, maintain peace & harmony, ensure development and protection of Human Rights — to create a stable, peaceful & prosperous multipolar world.

For this, reforms are need of the hour.

- ① Expansion in membership of UNSC → to reflect changing dynamics of the world.

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→ give due representation to developing nations, especially Africa & Latin America.

→ to check tyranny of 'P5'.

② Veto reforms - as currently misused.

⇒ Russia vetoed resolution against itself for war on Ukraine.

⇒ China blocks designation of terrorists.

③ UN peacekeeping missions that are sanctioned by UNSC need reforms

↳ coordination between funds & troops contributing nations

↳ check on sexual violence allegations, corruption.

④ Amendment of UN Charter - to remove 'Allies' reference

- change mandate of Trusteeship Council.

- administrative efficiency & powers to UNGA

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India's case for permanent membership

- ① Largest population, fifth largest economy and powerful military.
- ② abides by values of ahimsa, panchshel, vasudhaiva kutumbha-kam & peaceful coexistence.
- ③ contributes to UN peacekeeping professionalism & dedication
- ④ stands for verified, universal & time bound disarmament.
- ⑤ is a responsible nuclear power state with No first-use policy
- ⑥ voices for a fair, inclusive rules based world order — be it WTO or South China Sea.
- ⑦ Net Security provider —
⇒ aid to Nepal (earthquake)
operation Dost (Turkey)
aid to Sri Lanka
Vaccine Maitri.

India deserves to be a permanent UNSC member given her stature & significance

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Presidency of G20 is but a reflection of India's quest for a more just & polycentric world order, where the voice of global South is mainstreamed not muzzled. elucidate.

(15m)

India took the presidency of G20 from Indonesia in December 2023 to form the first time ever TROIKA of Developing nations [Indonesia - India - Brazil]

This signifies the growing relevance of the voice of the global South in contemporary times.

India's Quest for Just & Polycentric World Order

① India voices for fair & resilient economies

↳ without Chinese hegemony
↳ no trade wars

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↳ supply chain resilience
↳ dependencies yet self-reliance
of semiconductors

② Aims for Women Led Development
through the women-20 platform
enabling its 'Panchsheel' and
'SDG 5' of Gender Equality

③ focus on Clean & Green Energy
to decarbonize industries and
progress towards net zero to
fulfil INDCs & SDGs.

④ Reform global governance
↳ make UNSC more representative
↳ alternative institutions like
BRICS, SCO.
↳ alternative financing mechanisms
like NDB, AIIB.

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⑤ Indo Pacific Stability
↳ to deter Chinese hegemony & debt-trap diplomacy.
↳ instead ensure rules based world order (Shanghaia Spirit)

⑥ Fight Climate Change
through Initiatives like International Solar Alliance — where Global South stands in solidarity.

⑦ Developmental Assistance
↳ of Asia Africa Growth corridor to be partners & not land grabbers.

The voice of Global South is reflected in :

REFORM + RESPECT + RESPOND → to Revamp
the multilateral institutions sovereignty & territorial integrity to climate change, terrorism, poverty Global order

as adopted in the Global South Summit.