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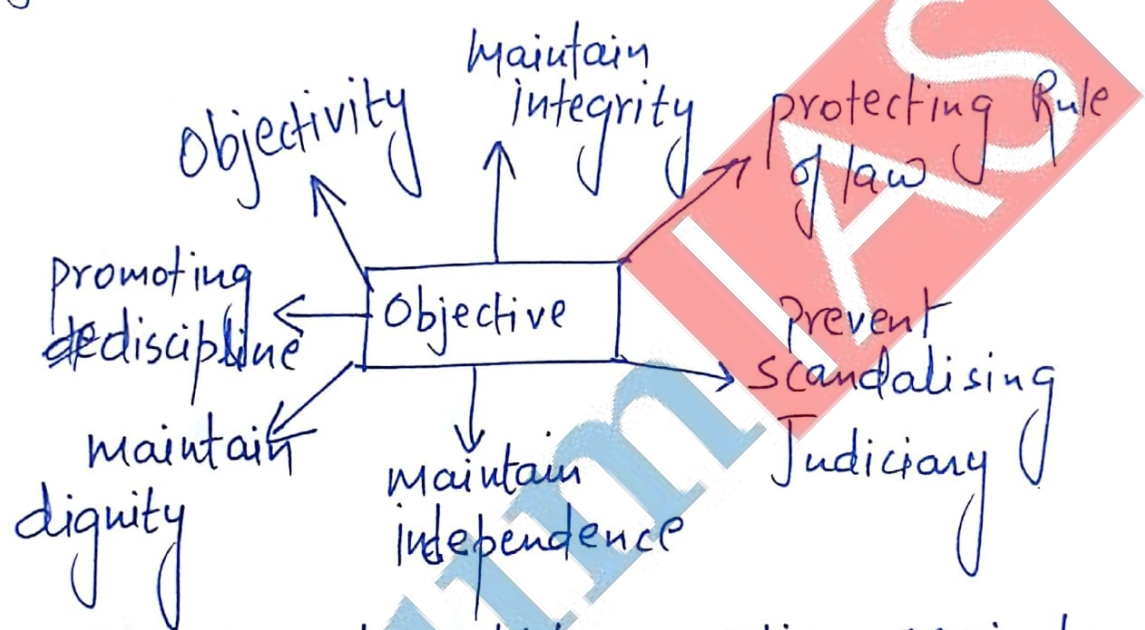
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 Q11) "A critic of the court that does not impair and hamper the administration of justice cannot be punished as contempt". Critically Analyze in the context of conflict between Freedom of expression and contempt of court in India. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans Contempt of court orders in India has is a civil or criminal offence. It has following objectives.



But due recent arbitrary action against people regarding contempt of court has raise following issues:

Issue

- Curbing Constructive criticism
- Curbing freedom of speech and expression.

- reducing accountability of judiciary
- No clearcut guidelines increases arbitrariness in applying contempt cases.

Way forward

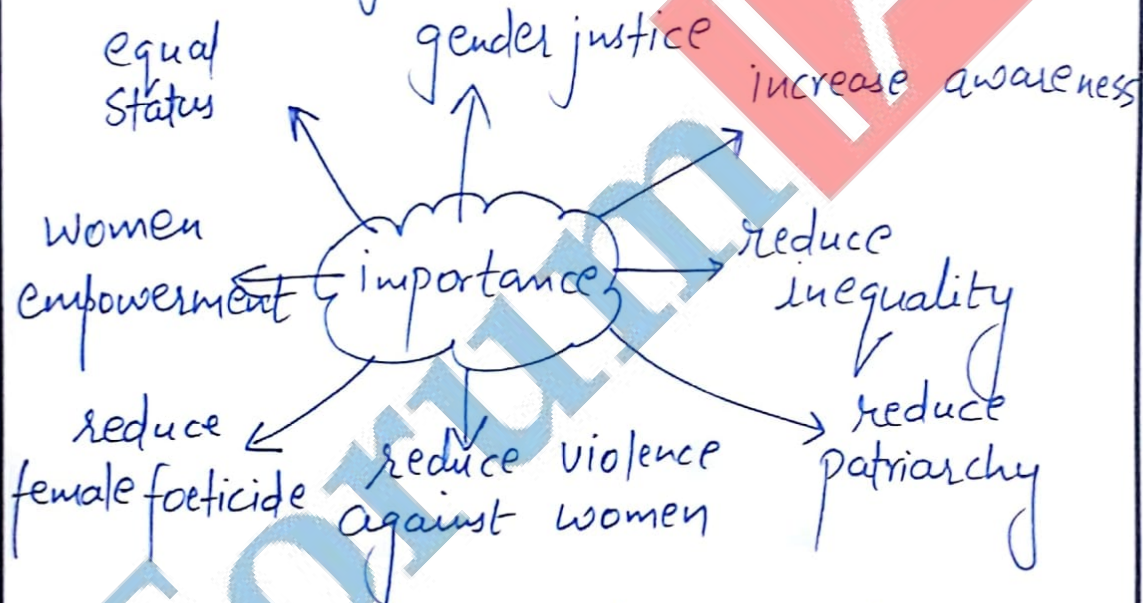
- Proper guidelines and rules should be given.
- entertain constructive criticism.
- increase transparency and accountability of judiciary.
- early disposal of cases and reduce burden of judiciary
- passing of judicial accountability bill.

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Q.2) "Equal inheritance to daughters is one more step towards ensuring gender justice". Discuss in the light of recent SC judgement on coparcenary. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans Supreme Court has allowed daughters Equal inheritance rights which will be very crucial to enhance gender justice in our society



But enforcing this judgement has following challenges.

Challenges

- Strong patriarchy
- Low awareness among people

- poor law enforcement agencies .
- changing mindset of people
- bureaucratic apathy

Way Ahead

- Create awareness among the people .
- Giving more representation to ~~poor~~ women in legislature .
- Sensitising women issues .
- Proper enforcement of existing laws by agencies .
- empowering women SHGs .

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Q.3) Ensuring Law and order through internet restrictions needs to be balanced with protecting rights of the citizens. Elucidate in the context of SC judgement on internet restrictions in Jammu and Kashmir to uphold "Balanced Constitutionalism".

(10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans Recently internet shutdowns have been increased due to following reasons:

Reasons

- due to handle law and order
- penetration of fake news.
- no effective control mechanism.
- news spread like a forest fire.
- loss of public property and income.

Hence, GoI gives internet shutdown legitimacy for controlling unwanted situation but it has following issues.

Issues

- Right to internet → violated.
- disruption of Right to life → economic

activities .

- Curbing citizens Right to Freedom of Speed and expression .
- Creates distrust among people about Govt.'s intention .
- It cannot be very long and adhoc .

Way Ahead

- SC.'s doctrine of proportionality should be followed .
- Only ^{as} last measure it should be used .
- proper training of law enforcement agencies .
- enhance dialogue process .

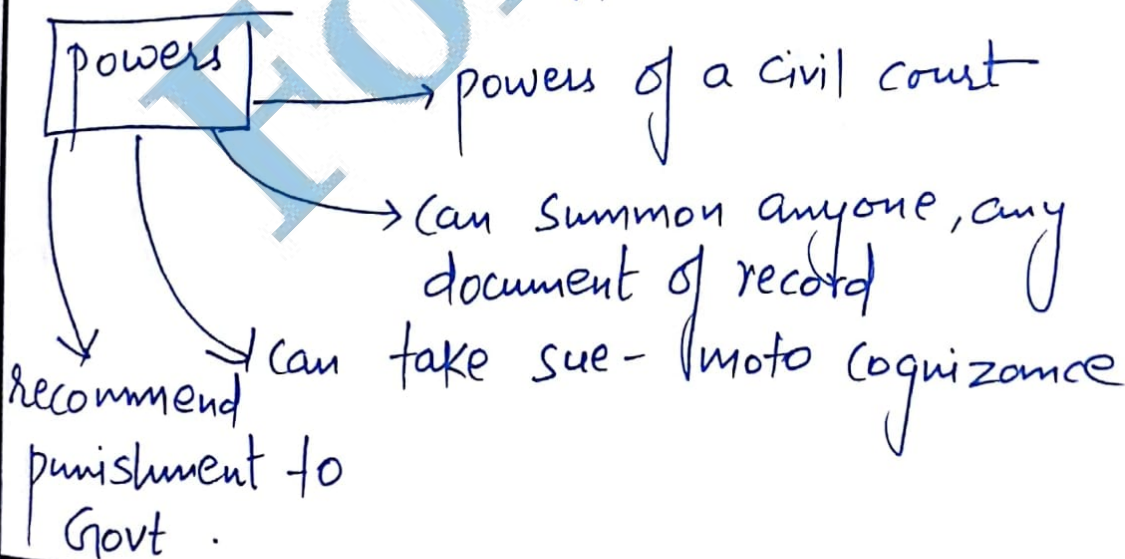
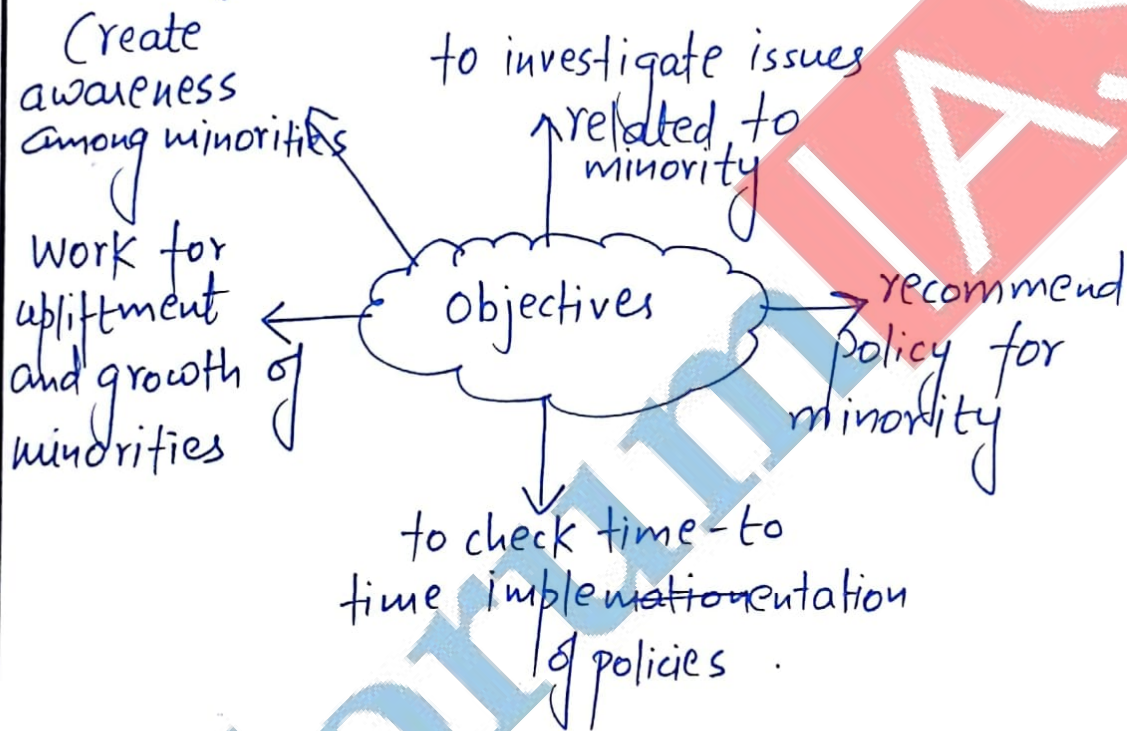
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Q.4) Critically examine the role of National Commission for Minorities in preserving, promoting and protecting the rights of minorities in India. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans National Commission for Minorities is a Statutory body formed in 1993 with the following aims and objectives



Challenges

- ineffective institution
- no power of punishment
- highly politicised institution
- Low awareness among people about its relevance
- No independent Human Resource

Way Ahead

- proper funding mechanism
- power of punishment
- appointment of impartial person as chairman and vice chairman.
- early disposal of cases.

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96222 (15) Critically analyze the proposed electoral reforms as suggested by Election Commission of India (ECI) towards ensuring free and fair elections in the country.

(10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans: Art. 324 of Indian Constitution provides Election Commission of India with has following objectives and structure

Structure

- ① CEC and 2 ECs
- ② Security of tenure
- ③ Manpower availability from state and central
- ④ Funding depends on government.

Objectives/Aim

- ① Free and fair elections.
- ② objectivity and impartiality
- ③ integrity and upholding the values of constitution

Although ECI is considered as bulwark of democracy in India it has major issues.

Issues

- No power to deregister
- Money and muscle power in politics.

- EVM machine issue .
- Fake news / paid news .
- Criminalisation of politics .
- No independent funding mechanism
- No impartial appointment mechanism like that of CBI, CVC, CIC etc.

Way Ahead

- proper funding mechanism should be there.
- Statutory Model Code of Conduct .
- no employment to retiring officers .
- power to deregister political parties .
- reducing criminalisation of politics .

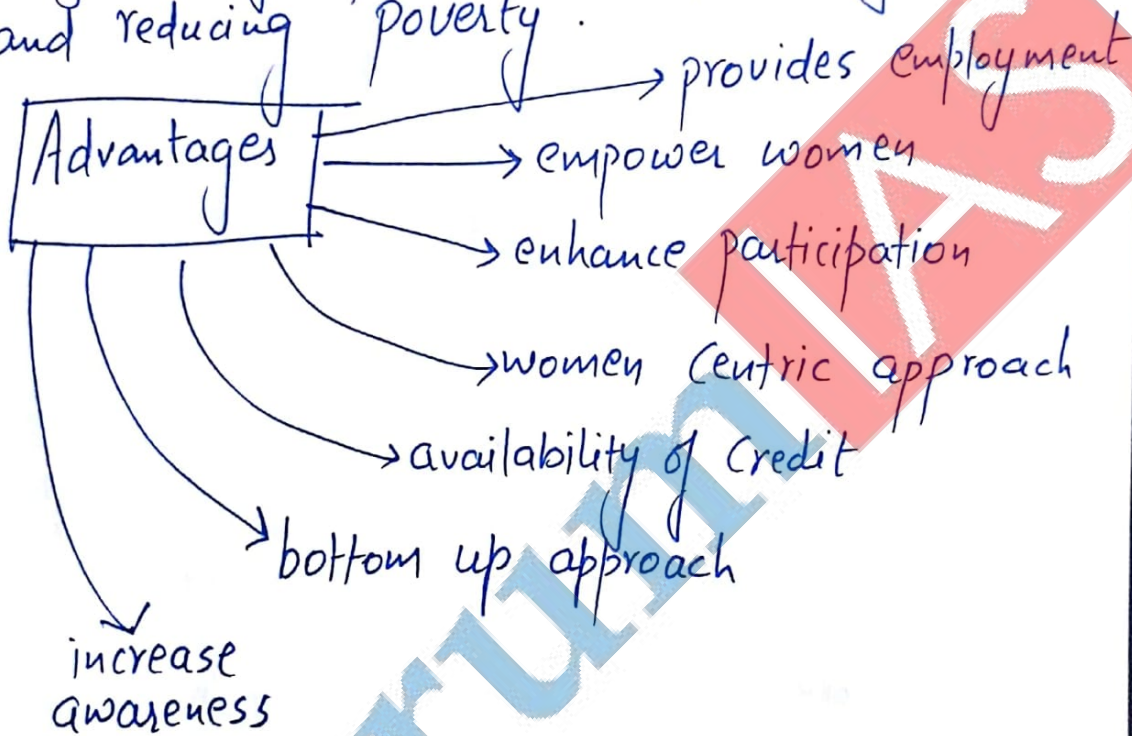
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Q.6) "Women Self Help Groups (SHG) have not just played instrumental role towards women empowerment but also alleviated distress during pandemic". Elaborate.

(10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans. According to UNDP women SHGs are major nudge factor in empowering women and reducing poverty.



Challenges

- poor credit availability
- poor marketing strategy
- low coverage ratio.
- red-tapism, corruption
- low skills of group members.

→ low awareness among members about formal help.

Way Ahead

- providing proper training to members.
- Skill enhancement courses.
- provide Credit easily.
- Good marketing strategies.
- achievable targets should be there.
- Create awareness and digital knowledge can be provided.

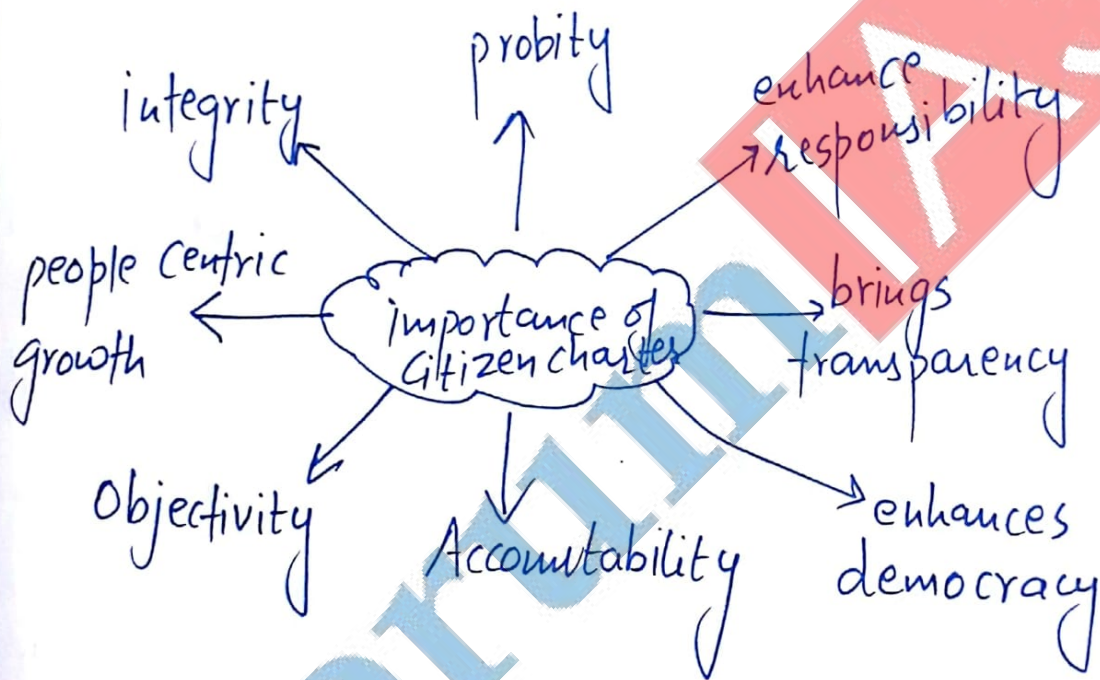
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Q.7) People-centric service delivery requires transforming the citizens' charter from a piece of paper into an instrument for changing long-entrenched values and mindset. Elucidate. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans: Citizen's charter is an instrument which delineates organisation's motto, objective, functions and its responsibility towards its customers.



But in India there are many challenges in its effective functioning

Challenges

- no proper guidelines .
- no proper structure and complaint cell.

- no transparency and accountability
- Bureaucratic Red tapism and poor work culture .
- Low awareness about citizen's charter among common public .
- mere showcasing practice .

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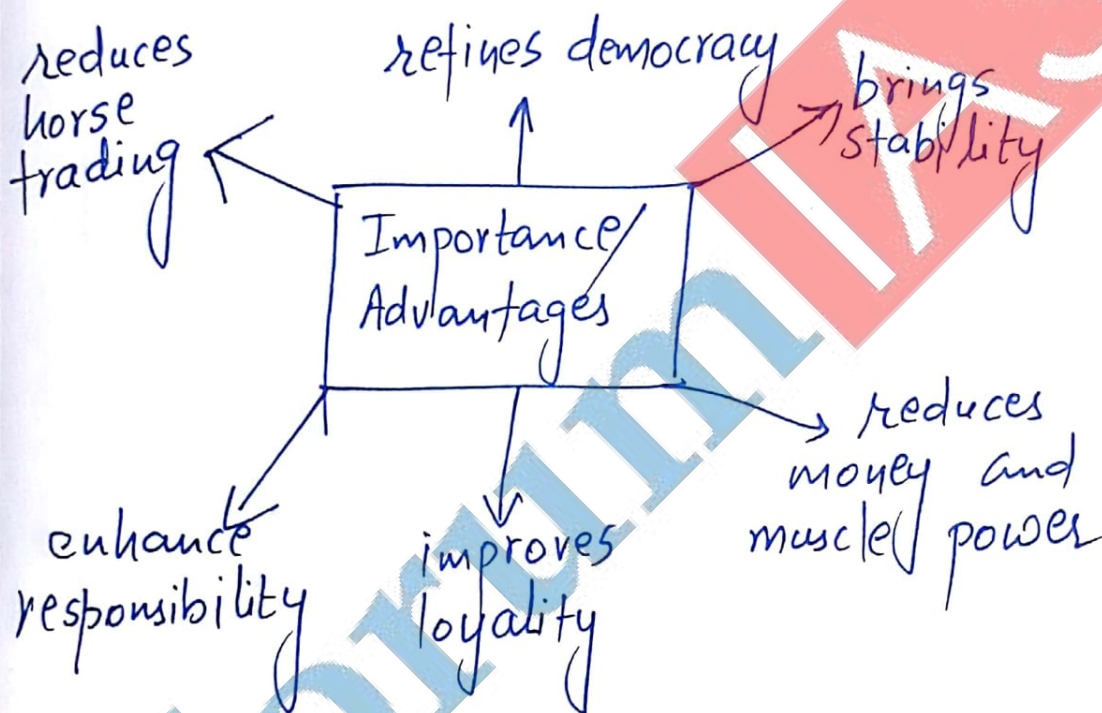
- proper consultation with All stakeholders .
- proper implementation of guidelines .
- achievable targets should be there .
- more people centric approach should be there .
- timely renewable policies and targets should be there .

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Q.8) "In terms of achieving its intended objectives, the Anti-defection law presents a case of more misses than hits". Examine. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans: Anti-defection law in India comes with 10th schedule of constitution has following importance and Advantages.



But due to recent controversies there are many challenges in the path of Anti-defection law.

Challenges

→ not able to reduce money and muscle power.

- arbitrary decisions of speaker
- reduce Freedom of speech and expression.
- promotes High command/whip culture.
- no internal inner party democracy.
- No clearcut Rules and Regulations

Way Ahead

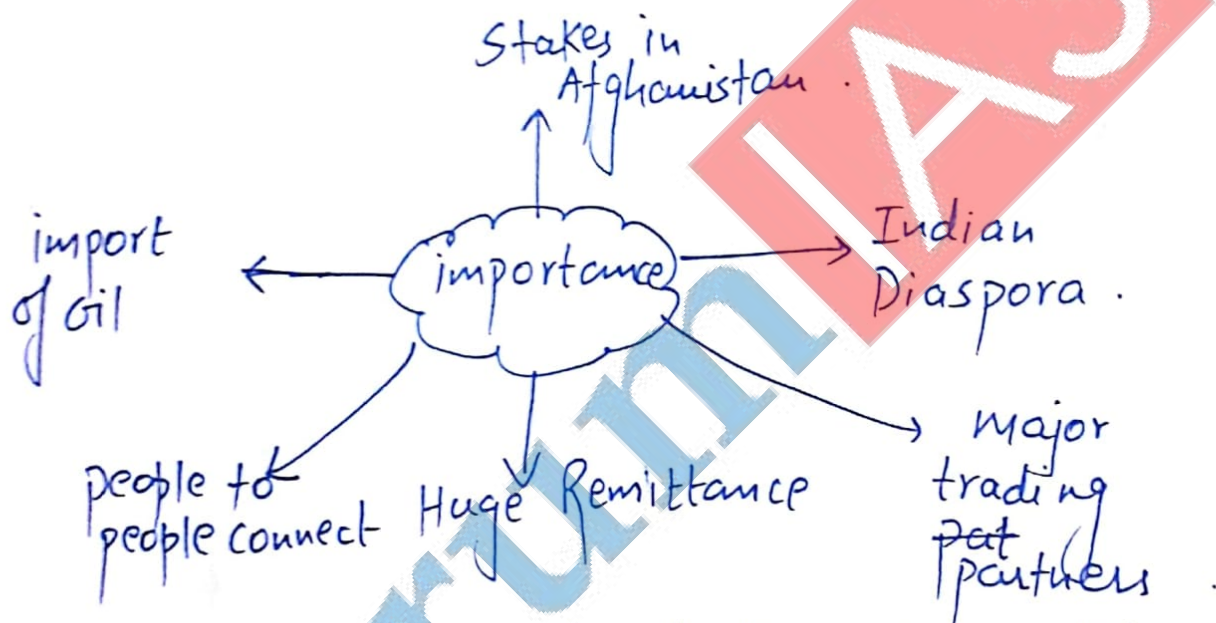
- Give defection powers to ECI.
- Only used in important No-Confidence motion.
- enhance inner party democracy and regular elections.
- reduce Criminalisation of politics.

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Q.9) "The rapprochement of west Asian countries like Bahrain and UAE towards Israel present an opportune time for India for a more multidimensional engagement in the region, than merely playing the balancing act". Analyze. (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans: West Asia is very important region for India Geopolitical and Geostrategic ambitions. Following are the importance of west Asia.



But due to Israel and Palestine issue this region is very volatile in terms of diplomacy for India.

Challenges

- War struck region.
- divided groups in West Asia.
- Human Rights Violations

- How India deal with different countries
- Major interference of super powers like USA, Russia.
- Civil war going on since 2011.

Way forward

- dehyphenate Israel and Palestine.
- condemn Human rights violation.
- improving relations with all countries of West Asia.
- Give importance to National Interest.
- Diversify trade basket.
- enhancing diplomatic relations and pro-active dialogue.

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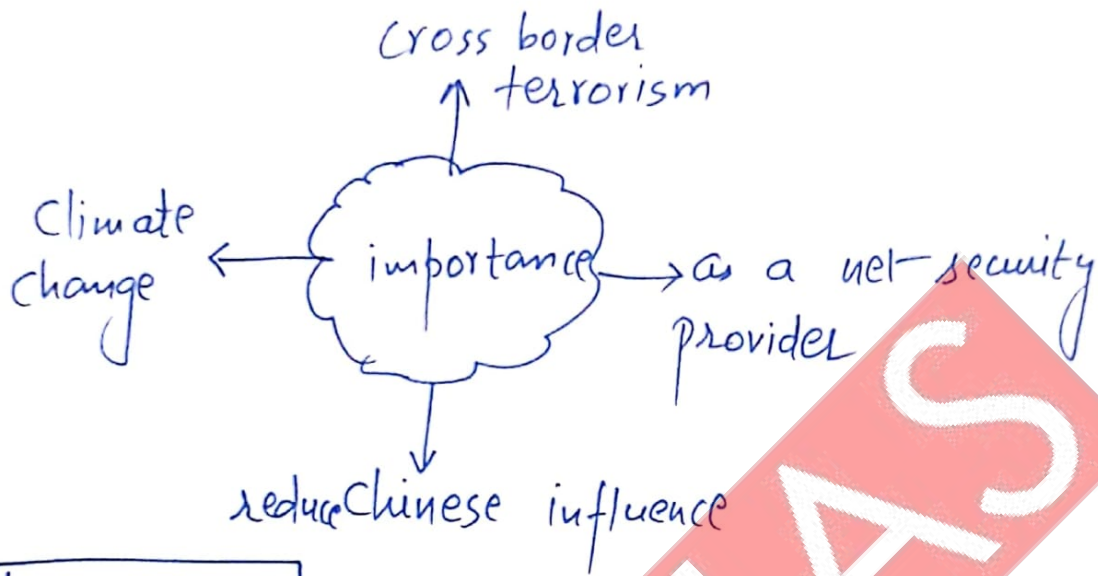
Q.10) "It is important that India's engagement with her neighbors should not be event-oriented but process-oriented". In this context, do you think India's neighborhood policy needs reworking? (10 marks, 150 Words)

Ans: India's neighbourhood policy should reflect its inclusive foreign policy objectives. But there are many challenges in India's neighbourhood policy.

Challenges

- no clear cut objectives.
- Adhoc policy → no inclusiveness
- India-china issue
- India-Pakistan issue
- low trade b/w nations.
- big brother attitude of India.
- huge asymmetry in power balance.

But handling neighbourhood is very important as it has following importance.



Way Ahead

- Following the policy of Gujral Doctrine .
- From big brother to elder brother attitude
- enhance connectivity among nations .
- proactive involvement of top leadership .
- early resolution of river and border disputes .
- enhance people to people connect .

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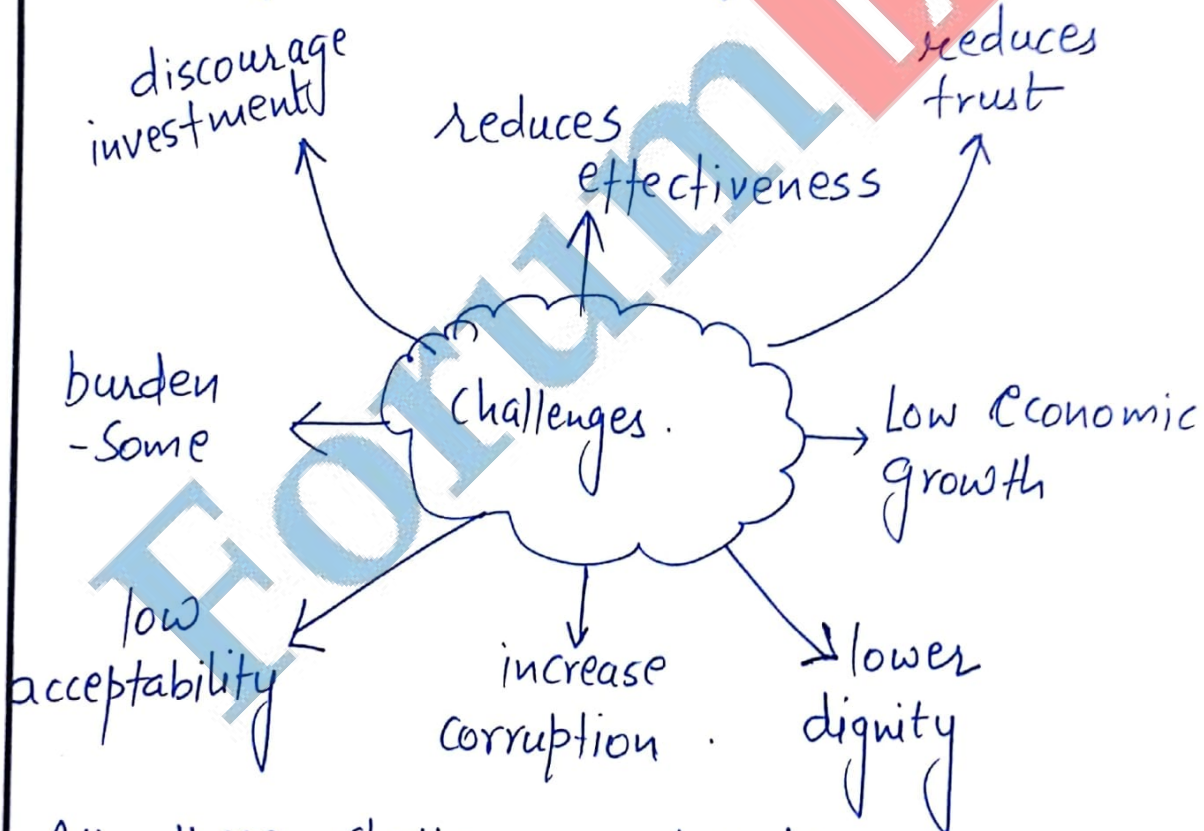
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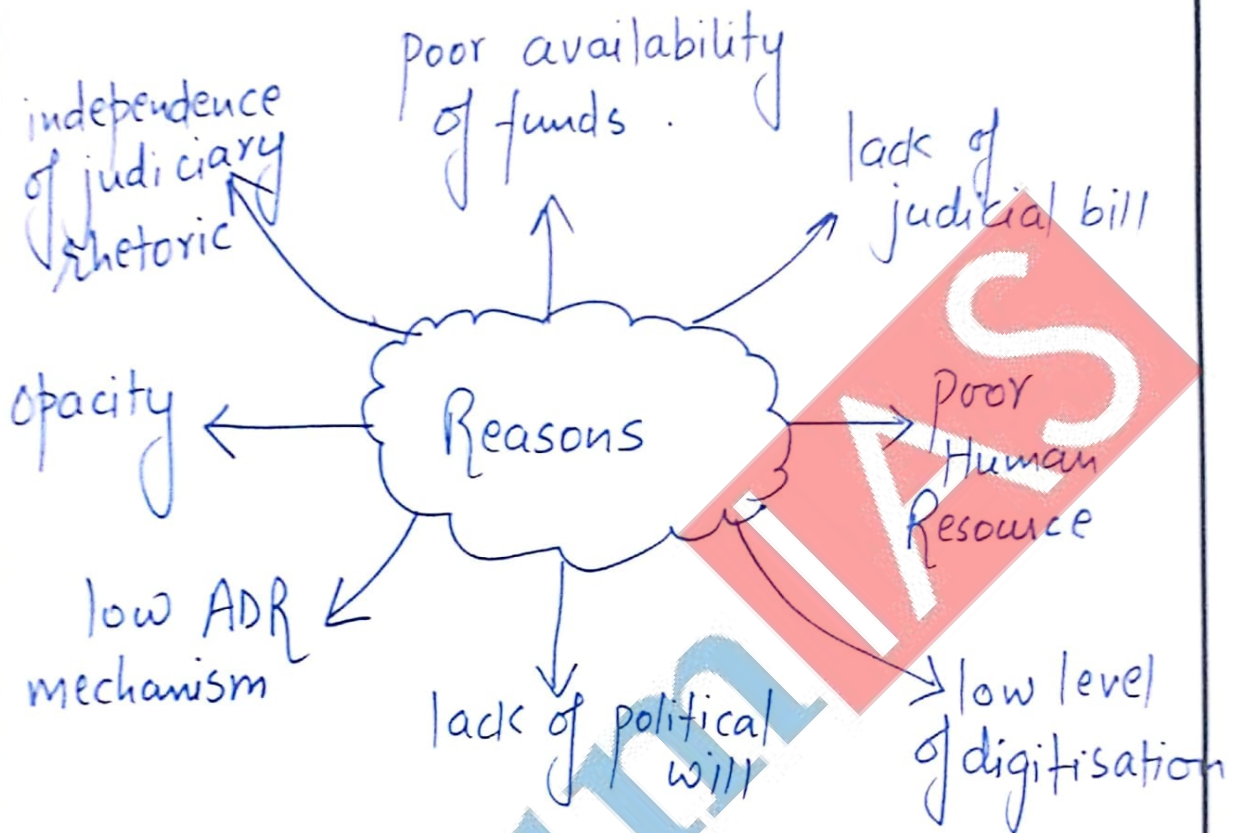
Q.14) The huge pendency of cases in courts at all levels coupled with the pandemic induced lockdown has severely disrupted the delivery of justice in India. Discuss how various Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms can prove instrumental in this regard. (15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans:

There are around 3.2 cr pending cases in Indian Judiciary which hampers its effectiveness and transparency. challenges of pending cases are many like

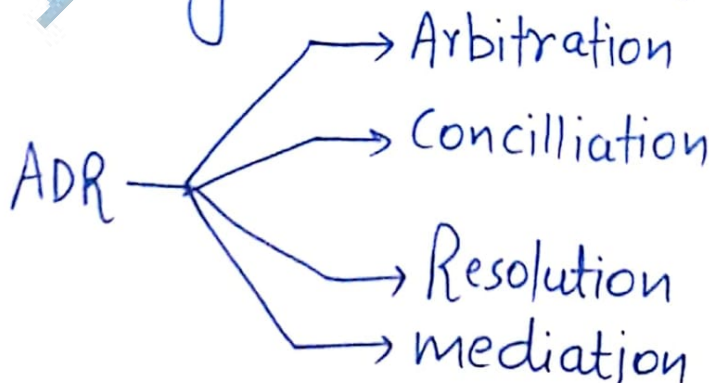


All these challenges of judiciary are not because of only one reason there many reasons for this condition.

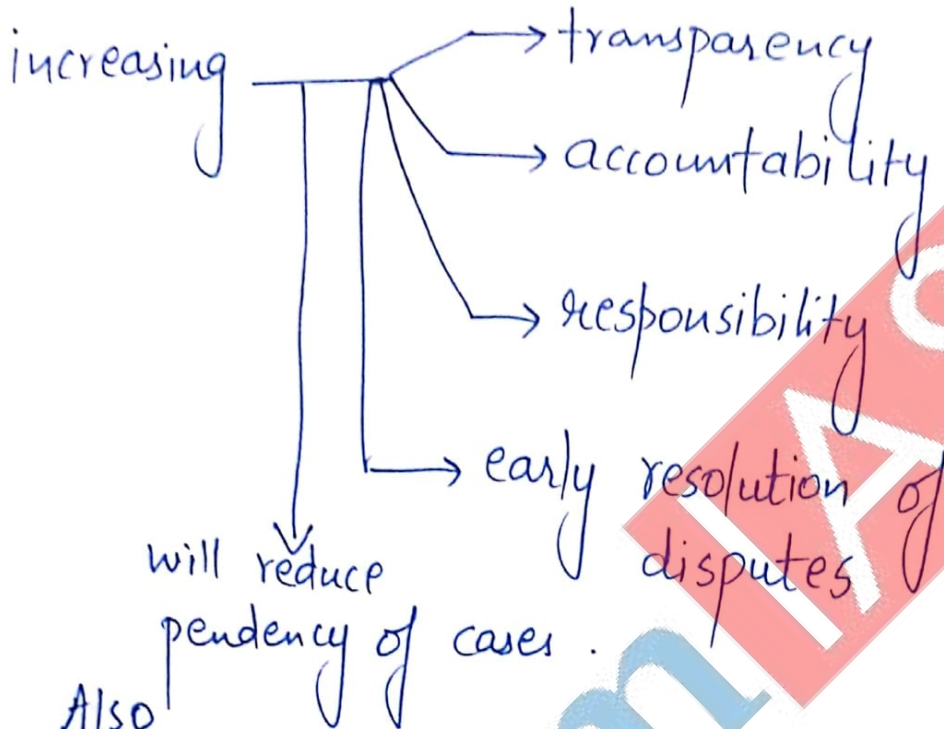


Solution

- ① Digitisation of judiciary
- ② Adopting Various ADR mechanism



③ These ADR mechanism will help in



④ ~~Also~~ by setting Gram Nyayalayas pendency of cases can be reduced.

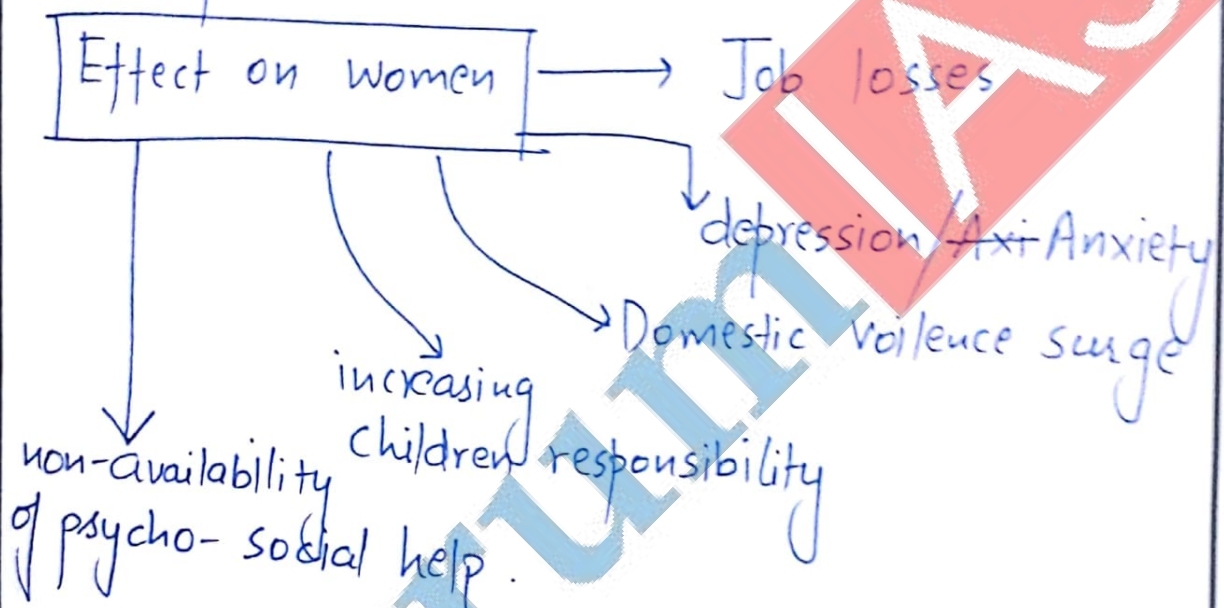
⑤ Proper land reforms and land titling can streamline the process of judicial transformation.

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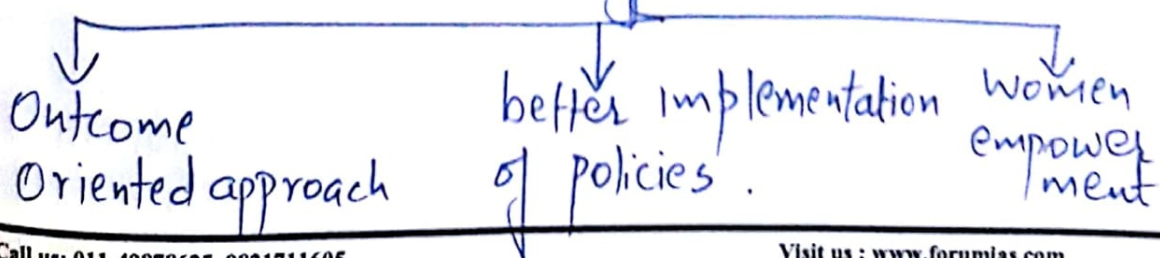
Q.15) The COVID-19 pandemic has had a huge impact on women's work, which is often inadequately and inaccurately reported in official statistics. Discuss the need of a more gendered approach towards policy formulation and definition of work in India, especially in Rural India. (15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans: Covid-19 Pandemic has affected all but women are the most hard hit by this pandemic.

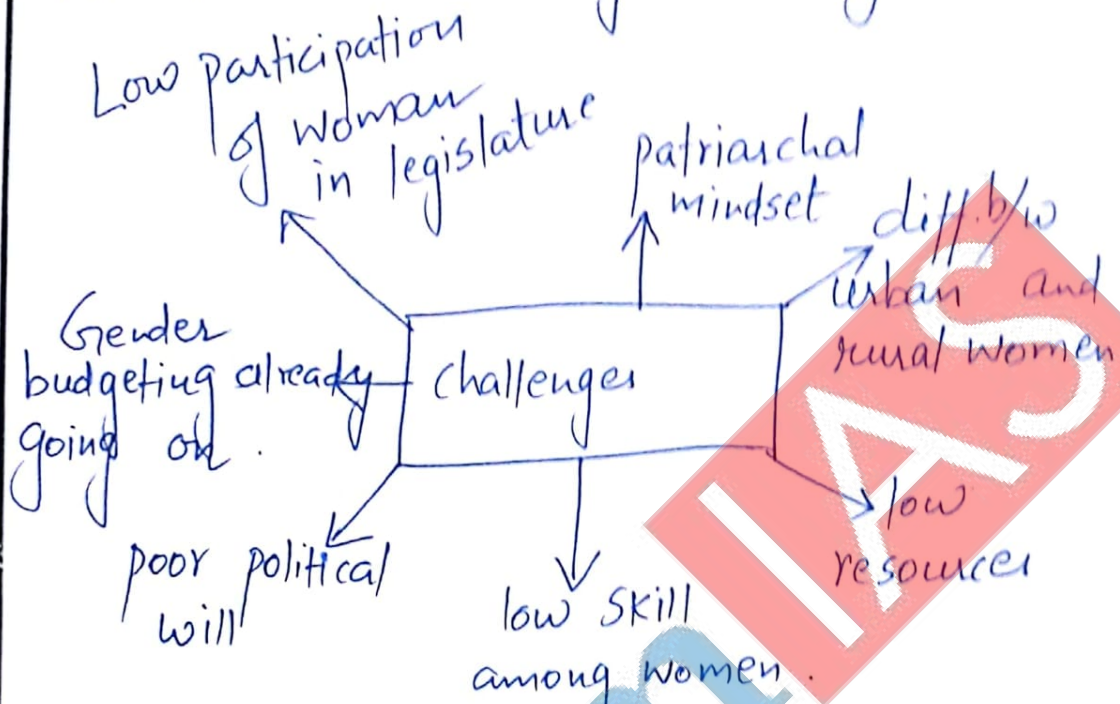


Thus, there is a need for formulation of gendered approach in policy making as it has following advantages.

Advantages



But there are many challenges



Hence inclusive approach is required

Solution

For urban women

- Skill enhancement courses
- Formation of women cell in each

district .

- provide employment opportunities .
- reduce harassment at work place .
- providing creche facilities in offices .

For Rural Women .

- Proper identification of work done by them .
- Formation of self help groups .
- Provide self employment opportunities .
- farm mechanisation as early as possible and ~~name~~ ^{Land} titling in the name of Women .
- providing easy credit .
- Focusing on health of women .

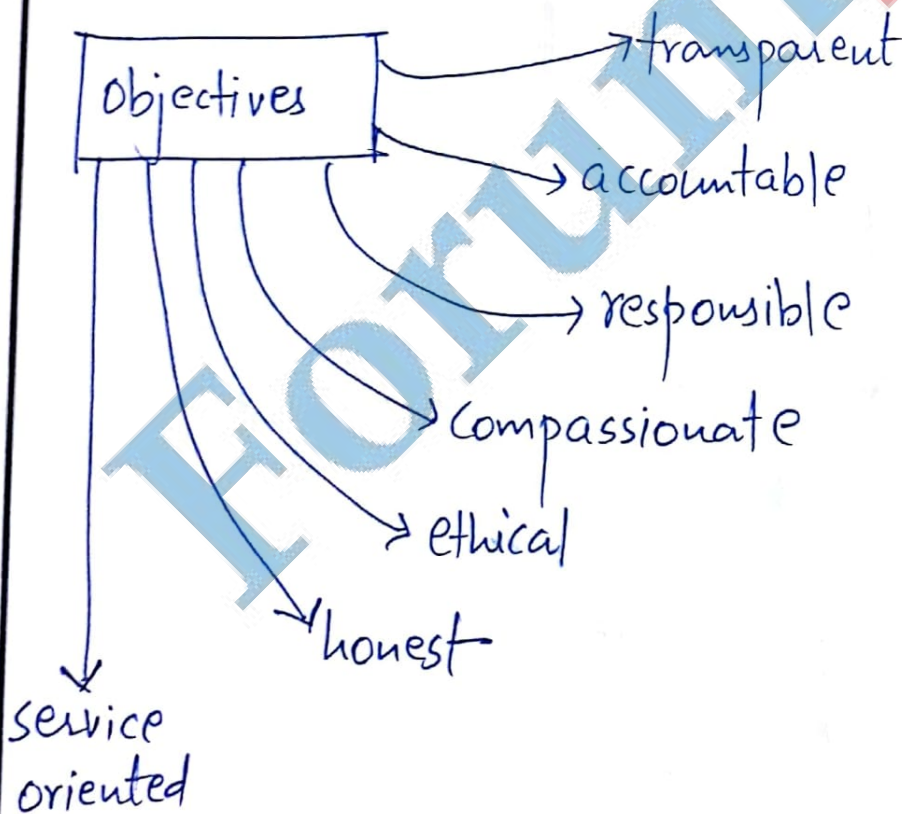
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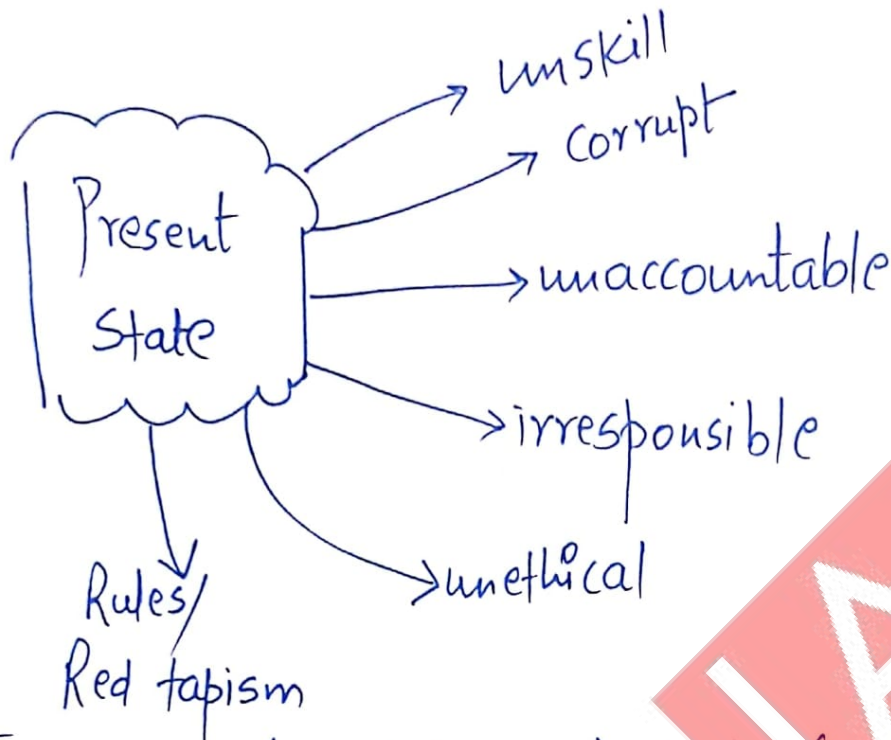
Q.16) "While the civil services have earned itself some qualified praise, it has disillusioned many. An overwhelming majority today asserts that the services are no longer a 'steel frame' but have become a 'creaking structure". Comment. Also, analyze why there is a need to reform and transform the civil services to serve the needs of "New India".

(15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans: Acc. to Sardar Vallabh bhai patel Civil services of India will become steel frame of India. Following objectives were seen for making strong civil services.



But with the passing of time Civil services in India has ~~also~~ acquired following features

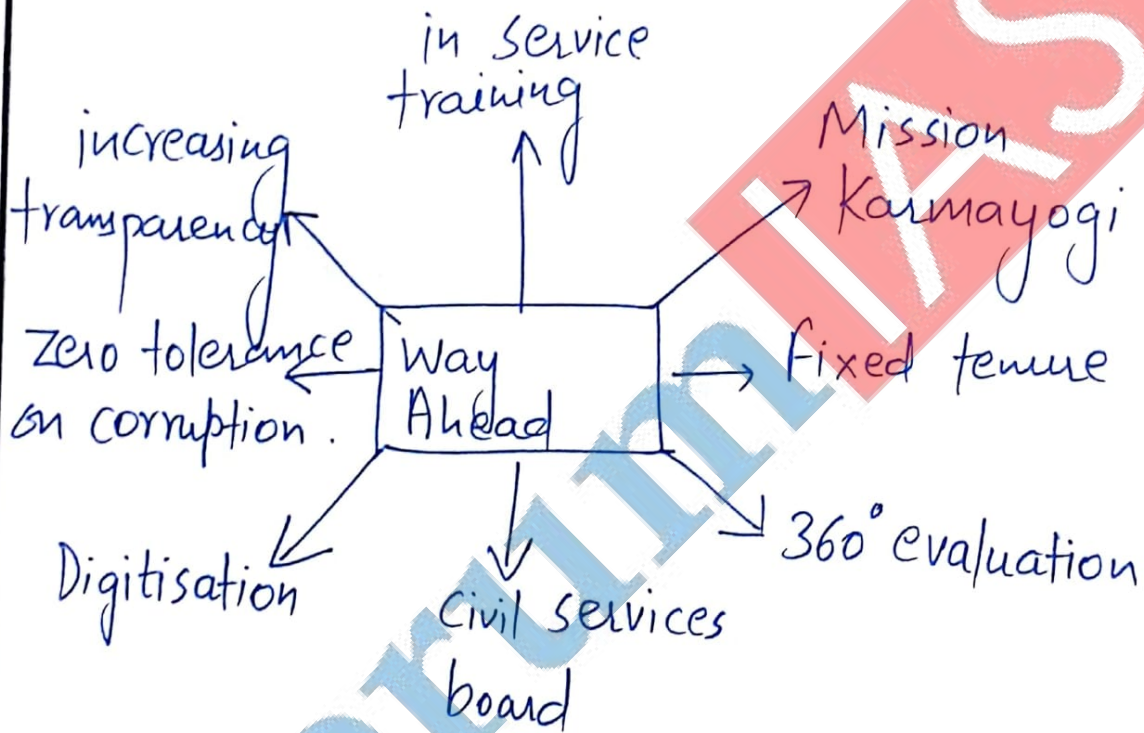


This present status of civil services are due to following reasons.

Reasons

- ① Political Pressure on civil service is huge.
- ② Civil service has now become more dynamic and complex.
- ③ Low wage structure
- ④ Poor Political will as they see civil servants as their agents.

- ⑤ Politicians - Bureaucratic nexus .
- ⑥ Low awareness among people , extreme inequality and poverty



Hence by making Civil services pro active and transparent we can achieve goal of New India .

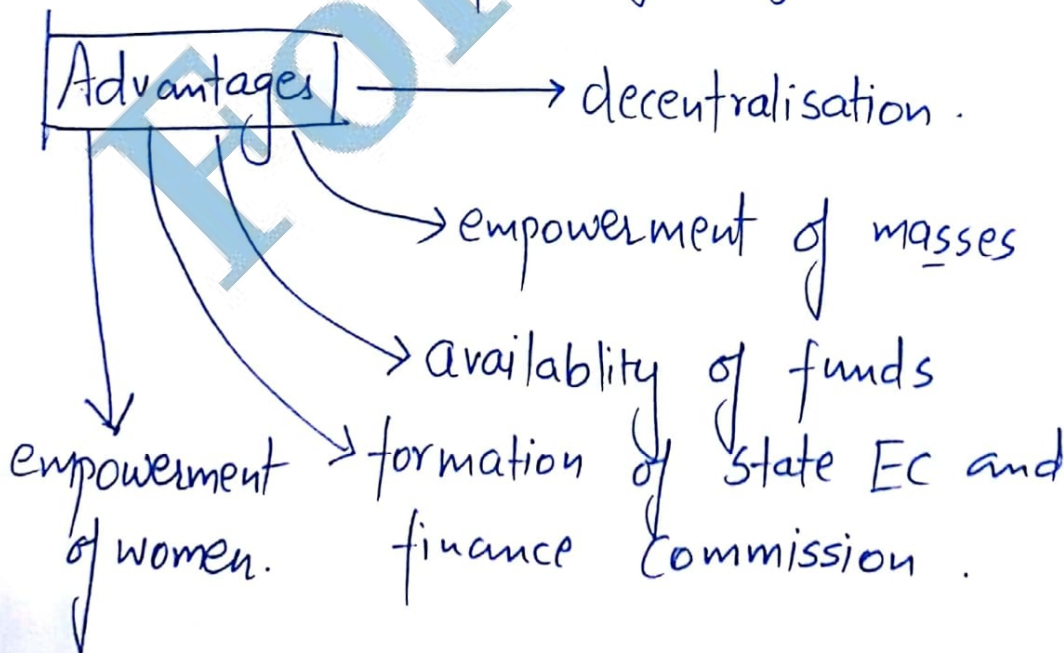
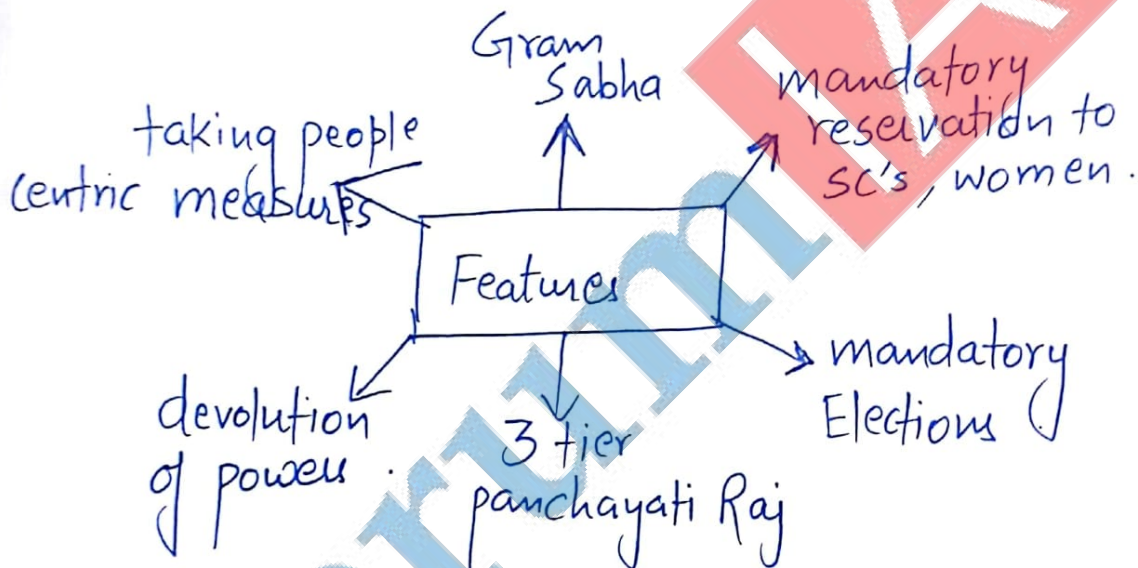
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Q.17) The inadequate devolution of functions, functionaries and finances has been the biggest challenge in realizing the true potential of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Critically Evaluate. Also suggest measures to rejuvenate local self-governments to meet the demands of modern India. (15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans: 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act 1993, made Panchayati Raj Institutions truly Constitutional bodies.



Challenges

- poor attitude of state machinery
- reluctance of states to devolve power
- poor implementation of schemes.
- non-availability of fund → fund constraints → irregular appointment of State finance commission.
- formation of 'sarpanch pati' hence women remain only rubber stamp.
- wide discrimination on the basis of caste.
- huge corruption.
- low awareness and skills among panchayat members.
- low devolution of powers by state legisl.

Way forward

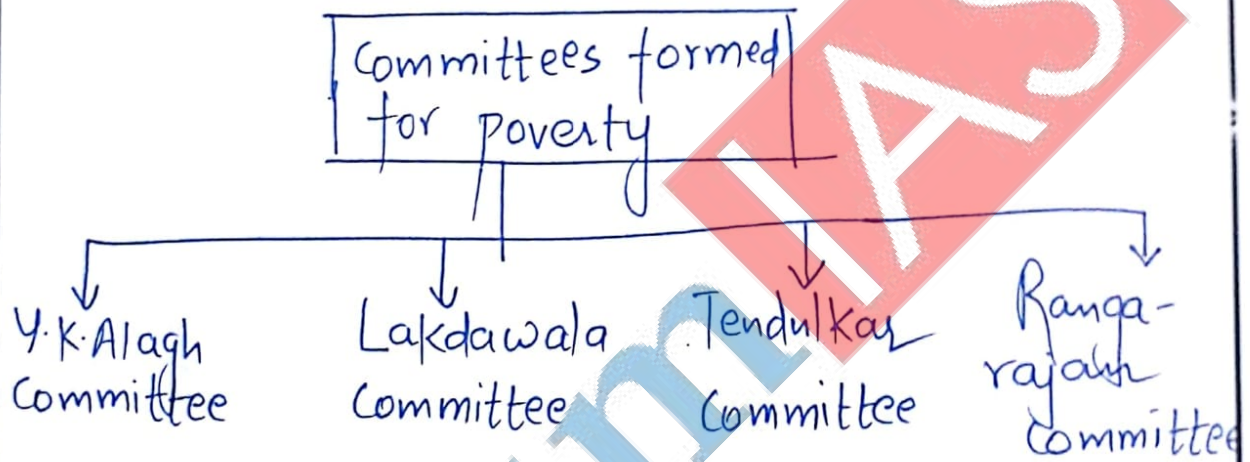
- Applying recommendation of Mani-shankar Aiyar Committee Report.
- Digitisation of Panchayats.
- Proper training of elected Panchayat members.
- Timely Social Audit.
- More devolution of ^{powers} ~~rights~~ for raising funds by panchayats.
- regular election and proper training of state officials and timely appointment of state finance commission.

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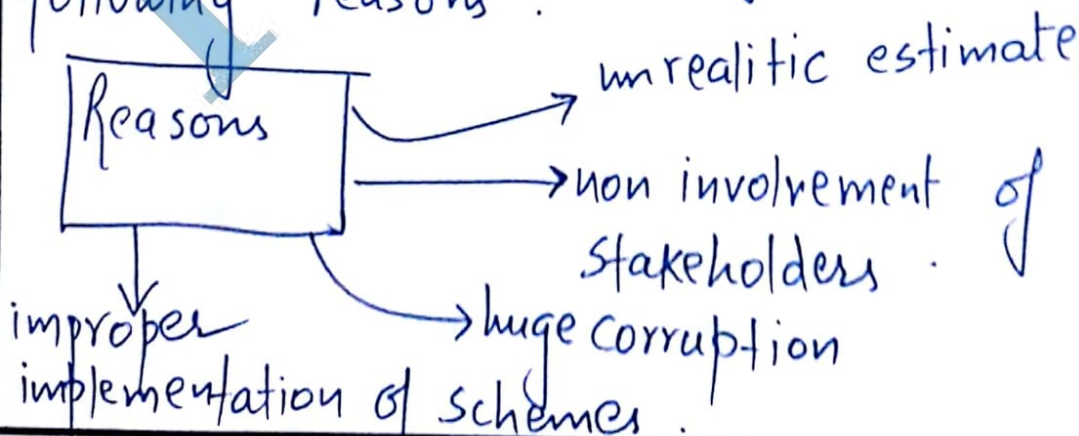
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96222410421910079181 (2021-11-14 19:50:36) the prism of human rights that we can lift it from the status of being merely a social problem." In the light of this statement, critically examine why and how the government needs to change its poverty alleviation strategies. (15 marks, 250 Words)

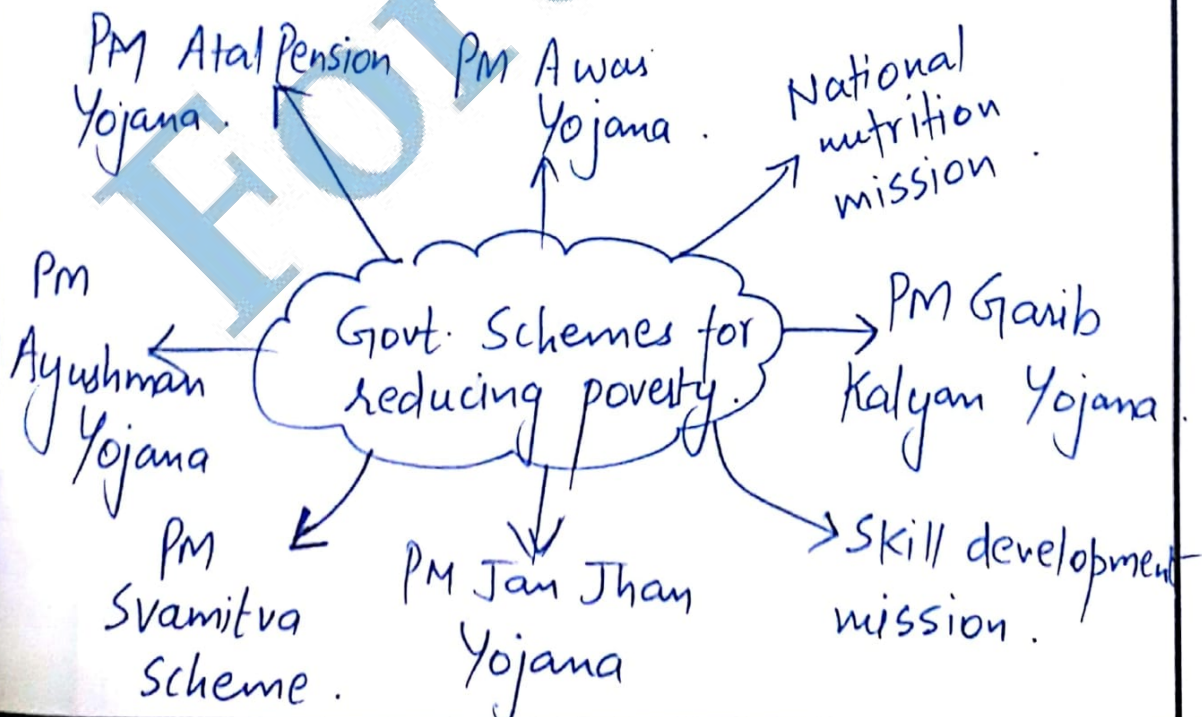
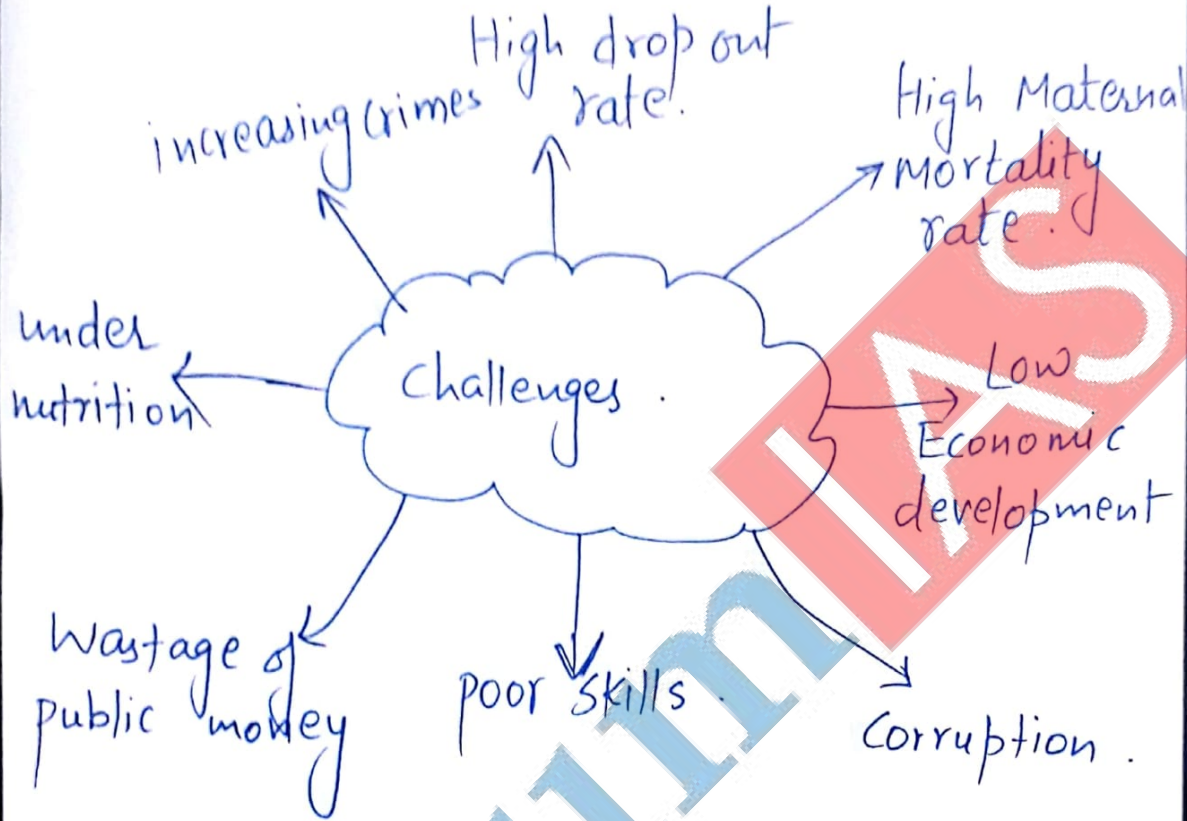
Ans: Poverty is the grappling issue which we are facing since independence.



Even after the recommendation of poverty lines by several committee we are not able to eradicate poverty due to following reasons.



Challenges posed by poverty are huge



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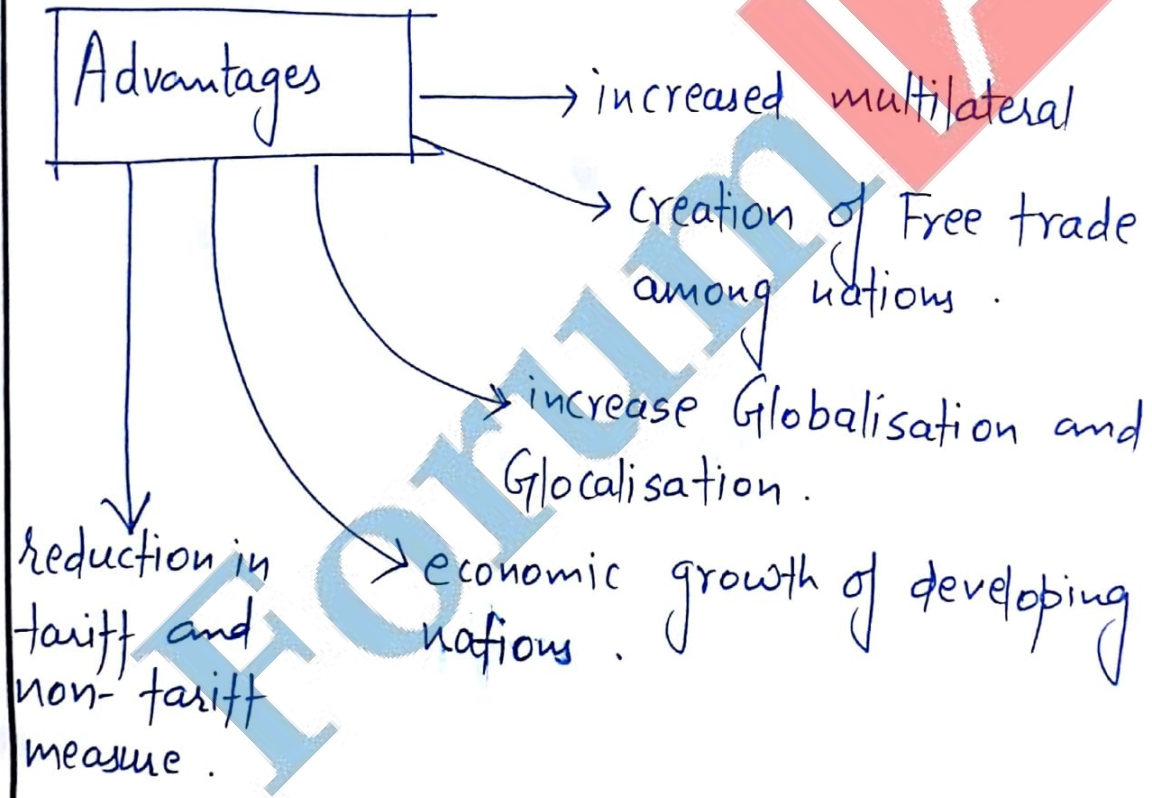
- Promotion of citizen centric approach
- Proper social audit of all schemes.
- promote transparency and accountable.
- Convergence of all local, state and centre (as in Aspirational District Program)
- Direct benefit transfer and improving infrastructure can help in tackling poverty properly
- National Nutrition Mission.

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Q.19) "Besides the challenges posed by various regional trade agreements like the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), the World Trade Organization (WTO) suffer from its own sets of challenges". Comment. (15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans: World Trade Organisation suffering from multitude of challenges. But first let's see the advantage it gave to world after its formation in 1995.



All these advantages are subsumed when challenges and issues under which WTO is grappling.

Issues/challenges

- Increase in Poverty and inequality in developing country.
- Apart from inequality it is posing great challenge of climate change and global warming.
- Non-completion of Doha talks and new issues are coming into the front like Data localisation and e-commerce
- increasing protectionism and US-China trade war.
- Non-formation of ~~Trade~~ dispute settlement mechanism.
- Issues on food security and subsidies on agriculture.

Hence it requires major political will from nation to solve this problem

Way Ahead

- formation of WTO dispute settlement body at the earliest
- Conclusion of Doha talks and Agriculture issues.
- Concluding regional Trade agreements as it will increase multilateralism.
- Reduce Protectionism and increasing free trade.

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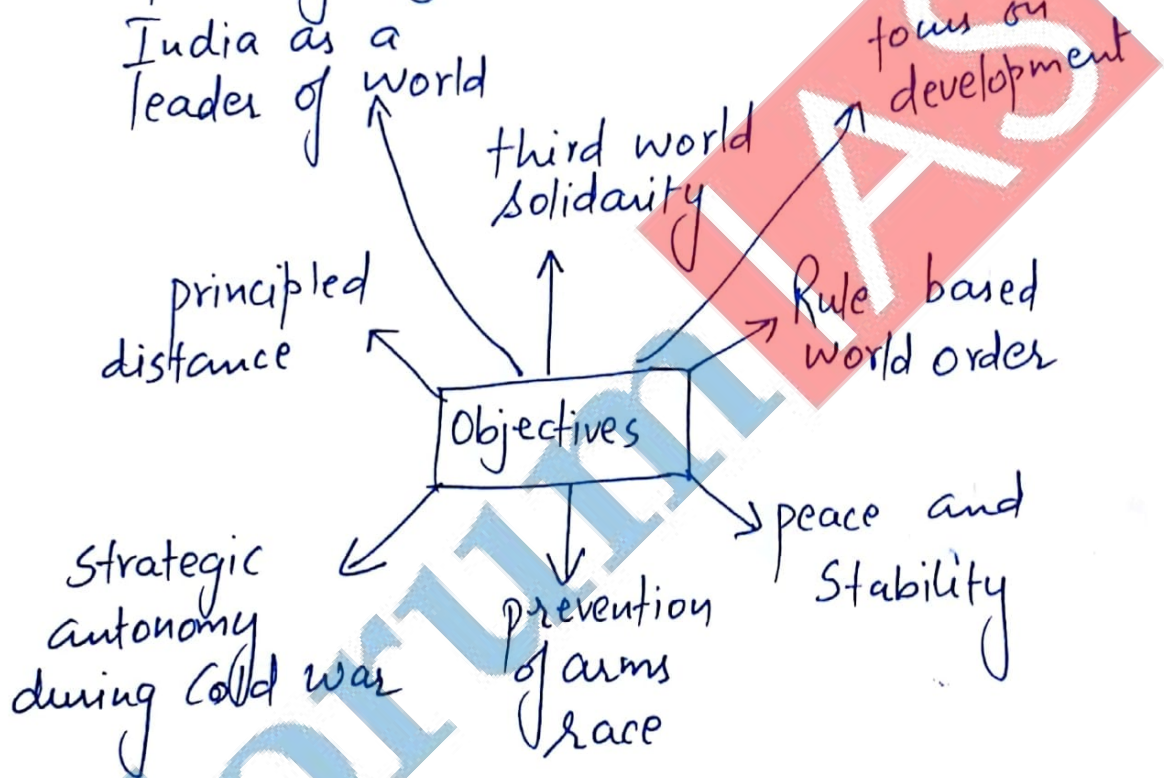
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Q.20) Examine how Indian multilateralism has evolved since independence. While highlighting the features of present world order, discuss how India can align and achieve its national interests. (15 marks, 250 Words)

Ans

Indian multilateralism had started with the launch of Non-Alignment movement with following objectives.

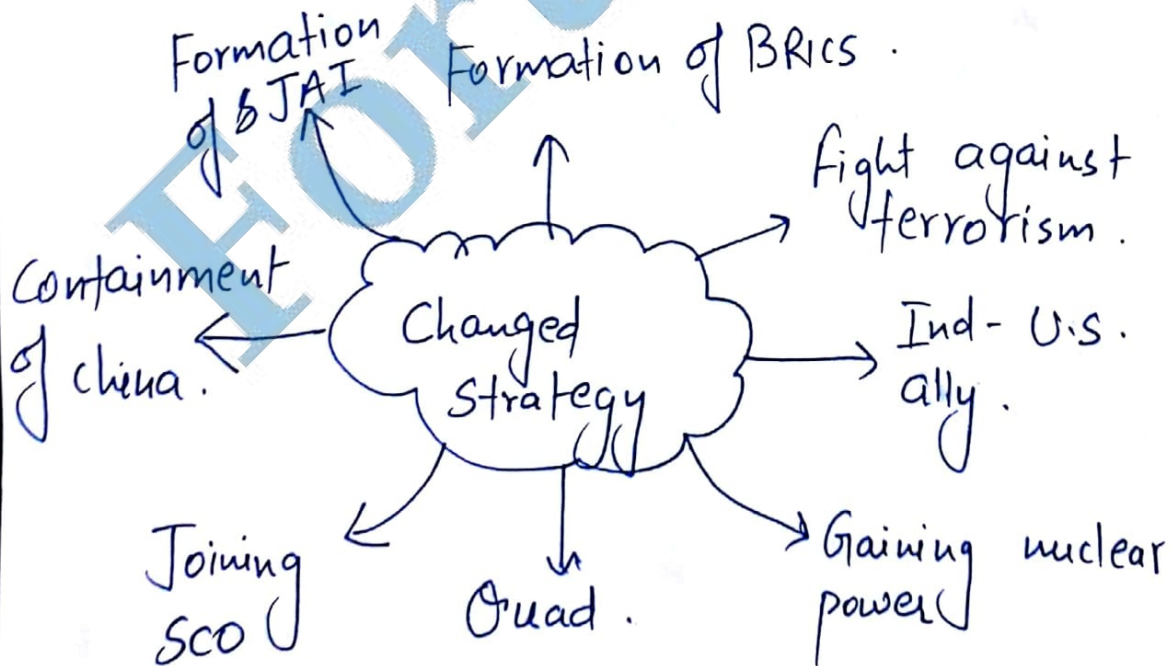


But with the changing world and with the end of cold war following issues and challenges emerge in the path of multilateralism.

Issues/challenges

-) disintegration of USSR .
-) Unipolar world order .
-) nuclear arms race .
-) clash of civilisation / terrorism .
-) climate change
-) Rise of free riders like china and north Korea .
-) Problems / defunct U.N, IMF, W.B.

Hence India had to changed its strategic .



All these measures led to enhancing India's multilateral Strategy

Way Ahead

- Reviving SAARC
- Active involvement in Indian Ocean
- UNSC, UN reforms.
- more FTA with Like Minded Countries
- revival of WTO
- resolving border as well as bilateral disputes among nations.

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