

Federalism

1. Have you heard of the GNCTD Act? Tell us about the controversial provision. Is it a good move by the central government? Share your opinion.
2. Cooperative versus competitive federalism is a debate in Indian politics. Provide a few instances of both and explain where India is currently leaning.
3. Do you think the role of Governor is essential? What is the extent of their constitutional immunity?
4. Is there a need to revise the Union, State, and Concurrent lists? Which subjects should be transferred and why?
5. Should Ladakh be added to the Sixth Schedule? What are the issues and the government's stance?
6. Trace the historical evolution of the Governor's office. Why was it created?
7. In Union Territories, what is the CM vs. LG issue? Is it legal or political?
8. Who has control over civil services in the Union Territories of Delhi and Puducherry?
9. Do we need Governors, given the frequent friction between state governments and Governors? What can be done to address this?
10. What are your views on small states? Should Uttar Pradesh be divided?
11. Does GST violate India's federal structure? Has it undermined the taxing rights of states?
12. In the USA, states have distinct tax laws and ultimate taxing powers. India, by contrast, has an integrated tax system. Which fiscal federalism model is stronger?
13. What is the share of states in the GST Council? Has any resolution in the GST Council required voting? What is the Union's share in the GST Council, and what majority is needed to pass a decision?
14. What reforms would you suggest for the GST Council?
15. Is GST anti-federal because states have lost their taxation powers?

Civil Services Reforms

1. Should governance rely more on generalists or specialists?
2. The U.S. has a less intensive process for selecting candidates for higher administrative positions compared to India. What is their selection process, and why doesn't India adopt it?
3. Explain the process of appointing a Director General of Police (DGP).
4. Why are states not following the prescribed process for appointing DGPs? What can be done to ensure compliance?
5. What is SMART policing?

6. Given that prisons in India are overburdened, what solutions would you propose? Do the current bills address prison reforms?
7. What problems are faced by children born in prison? Suggest solutions to ensure their healthy growth?

Election Related

1. Comment on the need for the delimitation of constituencies.
2. Discuss the concept of electoral bonds.
3. Can the Election Commission be tasked with managing electoral bonds?
4. Should delimitation be carried out? If yes, how will seat allocation between states be managed, especially since southern states might lose representation?
5. What methods are used to rig elections?
6. Share your opinion on the One Nation, One Election proposal.
7. Should we go for state funding of election?
8. What is delimitation? Is there any issue with delimitation in future?
9. What are the advantages and disadvantages of One Nation One Election?
10. Should we opt for state funding of elections? How can we implement it?

Protection of Minorities

1. How many minorities are there in India?
2. What steps is the government taking to support minorities in India?

Functioning of Judiciary, Quasi-Judicial Bodies

1. What are the issues with the Supreme Court's decision on electoral bonds? What are possible alternatives?
2. What are the responsibilities of a Deputy Collector's court, and what are the reasons for the pendency of cases? How can digitization of land records address this issue?
3. What is judicial overreach? What can India learn from Southeast Asian countries in constitutional matters?
4. What is the Basic Structure Doctrine?
5. Do you follow current affairs? Share your opinion on the Supreme Court's verdict in the Bilkis Bano case. Was it the right decision? What were the key points made by the SC?
6. What is your take on the Supreme Court revising its own decisions? Is a fearless judiciary essential?

7. What is the National Green Tribunal (NGT)? Discuss its functions, contributions, and any challenges it faces.
8. What is the Doctrine of Absolute Liability? How does it differ from Strict Liability?
9. What is judicial activism? Can you provide examples?
10. What is judicial adventurism? How can the judiciary restrain itself from overstepping?
Can the judiciary order Parliament?
11. Why did the Supreme Court strike down the NJAC verdict?
12. Which provision of the basic structure of the Constitution does the NJAC violate?
13. What is the difference in the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and High Courts? Who has wider jurisdiction?
14. Why were NCLT and NCLAT established?
15. What is the Basic Structure Doctrine?
16. Explain the Doctrine of Pith and Substance.
17. Is the Indian judiciary unnecessarily involving itself in certain matters through PILs?
Should judicial activism be encouraged?
18. Is the judiciary adequately accountable, particularly regarding judicial appointments?
What are your views?
19. Should the basic structure doctrine be defined? How many judges bench was there in the Kesavananda Bharati Case?
20. How has Article 21 evolved through Supreme court judgements?
21. Is there a need to codify the basic structure doctrine of the constitution?
22. What was the Supreme Court's judgement on same sex marriage? What is your opinion on the matter? Is the Supreme Court becoming modern?

Schemes of Central and State Government

1. What is your opinion on the Agniveer scheme? Is it a good initiative? If so, why were there protests? Was the reservation aspect pre-planned?
2. Name five government schemes you like and explain their benefits.
3. How successful has the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA) been? Highlight areas of success and areas where work is still in progress.
4. Have you observed any behavioral shifts regarding cleanliness since the commencement of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?
5. Discuss the achievements and current status of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (SBA).
6. What is Poshan Abhiyan? Is it limited to meals and nutritional support?
7. What is ODOP (One District, One Product), and how can the producer-consumer gap be bridged (e.g., through ONDC)? How can ODOPs align with current fashion trends?
8. What is ODOP, and how is it relevant to your district?
9. Have you heard about PM Vishwakarma Yojana? Tell me about it.

10. What is the Ujjwala scheme? Who are beneficiaries of the scheme?
11. Tell us about schemes related to credit for vulnerable sections?
12. What is the difference between the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and the New Pension Scheme (NPS)? What issues are associated with the NPS?

Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

1. Should Directive Principles be displayed in government offices? Are we doing enough to implement them? What more can be done?
2. What is the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)? Why has it been in the news? Do you think state intervention in personal matters is necessary?
3. What are the benefits of implementing the Uniform Civil Code?
4. What are the fundamental rights?
5. Between Article 14 (Equality before the law) and Article 21 (Right to life), which is more important? If Article 14 were removed, would equality still exist in the country?
6. What is Article 20?
7. What are the pros and cons of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)?
8. Can Parliament enact the UCC without state consent?
9. What is the relationship between Fundamental Rights (FR) and Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)?
10. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava referred to the preamble as the soul of constitution, whereas BR Ambedkar described Article 32 as the soul of constitution. What is the reason behind this?
11. What is the status of Right to Privacy in India?
12. In respect of marriages, why not go for the Special Marriage Act (SMA) instead of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC)? Is the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) being practiced anywhere in India? Is there any pre-independence example of the Uniform Civil Code in India?

Elections in Foreign Jurisdiction

1. Many countries are holding elections this year. Can you name some countries where elections recently took place?
2. Discuss the connection between linked elections in Bangladesh, Taiwan, and Pakistan and their democratic systems.

Women related issues

1. With many rape cases occurring in India, as highlighted by NCRB reports, is the government taking enough measures to address the issue?
2. What is the Nirbhaya Fund? What schemes and projects fall under it?
3. Explain the Women's Reservation Bill. If its implementation is dependent on delimitation, what was the need to pass it?
4. What is the Swati Scheme?
5. Discuss the policy of free bus passes for women. Is it necessary? How can such benefits be better targeted?
6. What schemes has the government introduced specifically for women under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan?

Functioning of Constitutional and Statutory Bodies

1. The NCW is often criticized as a toothless body. What steps is the government taking in this regard?
2. Should Finance Commission devolution focus more on BIMARU states or prosperous ones? How can equitable development be ensured?
3. What is the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO), and why was it established?

Parliament and State Legislature Related

1. When is a Joint Sitting of Parliament called, and who presides over it? If the Speaker is unavailable, then who takes the charge?
2. What is the Data Protection Bill, and what discussions surround it?
3. Have you heard of the House of Elders? What role does it play? Should it be abolished?
4. Last year, a No-Confidence Motion was brought against the government. Where is it mentioned in the Constitution?
5. What is the procedure to bring a No-Confidence Motion?
6. Are you familiar with the Right to Information (RTI) Act?
7. What are the characteristics of money bills? What role does the Rajya Sabha play in such bills?
8. What are the key features of the Telecommunications Bill 2023?
9. What are the recent amendments to the EWS Act?
10. What is the significance of walkouts in Parliament?
11. Recently, six bills were passed in Parliament. Can you discuss the bill related to spectrum allocation and the Posts and Periodicals Act?
12. What is the difference between an ordinance and an act?
13. Should we codify Parliamentary Privileges?
14. What is the Prevention of Corruption Act?

15. Why was the IT Act 2000 enacted? What is the difference between IT Act and DPDP Act?
16. What are the key provisions or importance of the Indian Stamp Act?

NGOs, Non-State Actors, Pressure Groups

1. What are non-state actors in India? Are Khaps considered non-state actors?
2. How are NGOs important in governance? Do they have any negative impacts?
3. What are the Truckers Union protests about? What legal aspects are involved, and what is the way forward?
4. What are the similarities and differences between Cooperatives and Self-Help Groups?

Indian Citizenship Related

1. What is the process for renouncing Indian citizenship and obtaining Portuguese citizenship?

New Criminal Laws

1. What is BNS? How long can custody be extended under it?
2. What are the Hindi names of the three new criminal bills? What are some of their key provisions?
3. Discuss the recent criminal law amendments. Why were some groups jubilant while others protested?
4. Regarding the three new criminal justice laws, who celebrated their passage, and who protested against them?

Protection of vulnerable sections of the society

1. As a Returning Officer (RO) in panchayat elections, how would you ensure the participation of disabled people, including blind individuals?
2. Should India have reservations in government job? There is a demand to extend reservations to the private sector. What is your opinion on this?
3. What steps would you take to ensure better implementation of pension schemes in rural areas?

Education and Health Sector

1. What is the difference between open and distance education?
2. Can open education be extended to primary-level students?
3. How is the New Education Policy (NEP) better than the older one?

4. Why was the 5+3+3+4 structure introduced in NEP? What is its utility in the current context?
5. What are the limitations of NEP 2020?
6. What are three major causes of neonatal mortality? Why is institutional delivery given so much importance?
7. Why are caesarean section rates increasing? Are they always necessary, or is commercial interest a factor?
8. What steps can be taken to improve the Gross Enrollment Ratio in higher education?
9. Suggest solutions to tackle stunting and malnutrition among children. Name the schemes operating for the same.
10. What do you know about the National Mental Health Plan?
11. What are the challenges in the healthcare system? Should we rely on public or private hospitals?
12. What are the challenges in the 10th and 12th class examination system? Are they adequate, or do they need policy changes?
13. The NEP emphasizes education in the mother tongue, yet we are conversing in English. Is this contradictory?
14. What is the National Digital Library, and why are states creating their own digital libraries despite its existence?
15. What is India's health expenditure? Which is more important—GDP or health?
16. How should skills development be approached? Why are skill development initiatives failing to close the skills gap effectively?
17. Should India aim for 'Health for All' or 'Insurance for All,' considering the COVID-19 pandemic exposed weaknesses in the health sector?
18. What are the issues of skill development and education, and how do they affect economic development?
19. What specific provisions in NEP 2020 address skill development? How will these provisions solve related issues?

India's Population Policy

1. What should be a better population policy for India, and what Total Fertility Rate (TFR) value is desirable?
2. Discuss China's population policy in detail, considering the Demographic Transition Theory. How does India's National Family Planning Policy compare? Are these policies effective?

Digitisation of Land Records

1. What do land records include? Discuss the efforts toward land record digitization. Have these efforts helped in reducing land-related disputes?
2. Land records were in good shape from the Gupta period to the medieval era. What went wrong afterward? Why are land records in Bihar in poor condition compared to Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan?
3. How can digitization address the mistakes in land records?

Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register for Citizens

1. Why did the introduction of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) lead to protests? What were the driving forces behind these protests? Does the CAA affect the rights of Indian Muslims?
2. What are the concerns with the CAA? How does it relate to the NRC?

Indian Constitution and Democracy

1. Is the Indian Constitution colonial in nature or not?
2. What is a unique feature of the Indian Constitution that was not borrowed from any other country?
3. Why is the Constitution considered a "lawyer's paradise"?
4. Why is the preamble of the constitution called an identity card?
5. Which constitutional provisions reflect India's secular and socialist nature?
6. How was Article 370 revoked? Was it through Presidential order or Parliamentary law?
7. What is the main difference between the Parliamentary and Presidential form of government?
8. What are the pros and cons of the Parliamentary System?
9. In democracy, is there rule of law or rule by law? What is the difference between the rule of law and rule by law?
10. What is the difference between permanent and temporary executive?
11. What do you mean by the term Republic?

73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts Related

1. What is the concept of Sarpanch Pati, and why does it persist?
2. What are the major problems at the Panchayat level?
3. What are the benefits of reserving seats for women in Panchayats?
4. What was the 73rd CAA?

Corruption, Transparency and Accountability

1. What are the causes of corruption in India? Why does India rank low on the Corruption Perception Index?
2. To whom should a civil servant be accountable, government or constitution?
3. What do you understand by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)?

Public Service Delivery

1. What is the Utilitarian Principle, and how can it be applied in public services?
2. How can we improve the efficiency of public service delivery?

