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### CRITERIA FOR THE FEEDBACK SECTION AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION

1. **AWIS = Answered What is Asked.** This means whether you have addressed the core demand of the question or not. Addressing the core demand of the question gets you an objectively fair score. It is examiner's perception if you have understood the question and if you know the answer in the first place. Creative answer writing, sometimes missing the core demand, may fetch very high or very low scores, and exposes your answer to the subjectivity of the examiner.
2. **CD & VA = Content Density & Value Addition.** Examiner will evaluate the quality and quantity of your content in the answer. In the same word limit and space limit have you (a) written what is asked (b) gone beyond what is asked (c) enriched answers through combination of ( but not all!) suggestions, ideas, quotes, flowcharts, diagrams, facts and figures, data etc. This affects objective components of assessment.
3. **S & F = Structure & Flow** = Whether you have structured your answer properly or not. Whether the answer has been broken into parts and sub-parts and each part has been addressed appropriately or not. Whether the flow of the answer is maintained. Affects both subjective and objective components of assessment.
4. **P & R** = How your answer performs on the criteria of **presentation, ease of read, clarity and apparent effort** in writing the answer. This affects the subjective components of assessment.



Q.1) How will you explain that the values of tolerance and inclusiveness which were deeply embedded in ancient Indian society continue to persist and flourish in the present times? (10 marks, 150 words)

आप यह कैसे समझाएंगे कि सहिष्णुता और समावेशिता के मूल्य जो प्राचीन भारतीय समाज में गहराई से अंतर्निहित थे, वर्तमान समय में भी कायम और फल-फूल रहे हैं? (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Indian society had its foundation on tolerance and inclusivity as can be seen in principles of Sarva dharma Sambhava (all religions are equal) and Vasudheva Kutumbakam (world is one family)

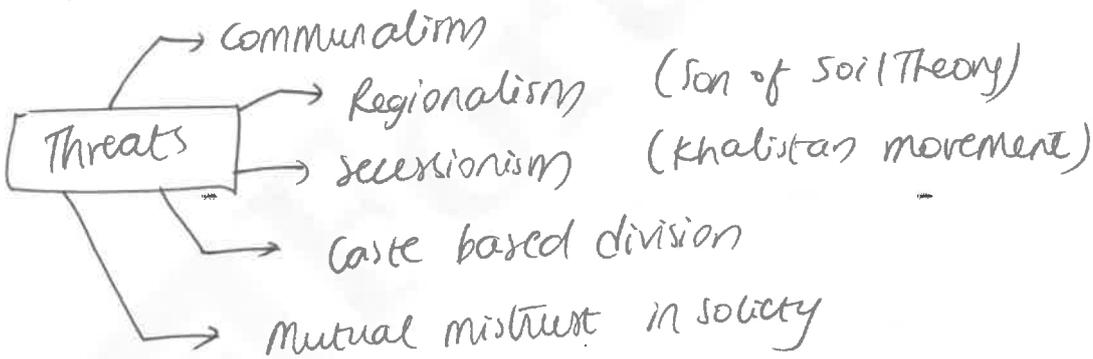
Persistence and flourishing in present times

- ① Value inculcation by family especially joint family where elders inculcate such values from young age
- ② Religions propagating tolerance, inclusivity and India is a highly religious society still  
Ex Longar in Sikhism
- ③ Constitutional morality and ethos promoted by our constitution - Codification of traditional values Ex Respecting elders and women.

④ Promoted by leaders and politicians  
 Ex Religious leaders like Sadhguru calling for inclusiveness and tolerance

⑤ Inherent to be Indian  
 according to a Pew survey - majority of Indians believe tolerance is essential to being an Indian

⑥ Moral development from stories such as Panchatantra will inculcate tolerance and inclusiveness



The need of the hour is to embrace the diversity and accept that tolerance and inclusivity is only way ahead for India.

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**Q.2)** Digital technologies can play a significant role in bridging the gender gap in India; however, it is mired in its own set of challenges. Discuss. (10 marks, 150 words)

डिजिटल प्रौद्योगिकियाँ भारत में लैंगिक अंतराल को पाटने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकती हैं; हालाँकि, यह अपनी ही चुनौतियों में फँसी हुई है। चर्चा कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Digital revolution had provided a great opportunity to bridge the existing inequalities in society including Gender gap.

## Role of digital technologies in bridging Gender gap

① Increasing female labour force participation rate from present 34%. (PLFs)

Digital Technologies - new opportunities  
flexible work  
work from home  
freelancing (gig economy)

② Mobilization of voices against injustices  
Ex: Protest for equal pay, safe spaces

③ Generating awareness about various facilities available for women Ex zero FIR

④ Human resource development of women  
Ex Telemedicine in rural areas

Education - Swayam MOOCs

⑤ Political mobilisation of women and rise of women leaders

Ex Currently only 14% MPs in Lok Sabha are women

## Challenges

- ① Digital apartheid only around 33% women use mobile smartphone (NFHS-5)
  - Women less access to internet
  - Rural women not even aware of opportunities
- ② Digital illiteracy among women
- ③ Online safety of women - cyber bullying  
morphing - deepfakes
- ④ Lack of social agency - women not able to make independent decisions even in online space

There is a need to promote a twain strategy - Increasing women digital literacy and awareness along with safeguarding cyberspace for women safety

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Q.3) Castelessness is a privilege that only a few can afford whose caste privilege has already translated into social, political, and economic capital. Comment. (10 marks, 150 words)

जातिविहीनता एक ऐसा विशेषाधिकार है जिसे केवल कुछ लोग ही वहन कर सकते हैं जिनका जातिगत विशेषाधिकार पहले ही सामाजिक, राजनीतिक और आर्थिक पूंजी में परिवर्तित हो चुका है। टिप्पणी कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Caste is a social institution that has been present from ancient times due to hierarchy practiced.

Castelessness

Economic development :

Caste → class distinction

Political development :

Caste mobilization reduces caste consciousness and empower lower caste

Social development :-

Reduce the differences and hence caste Discriminations.

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Q.4) Even after seven decades of independence, the colonial mindset continues to cast its shadow on Indian society. Examine. (10 marks, 150 words)

स्वतंत्रता के सात दशक बाद भी भारतीय समाज पर औपनिवेशिक मानसिकता की छाया बनी हुई है। परीक्षण कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

India got its independence on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 but the colonial mentality in the people, institutions and culture is still prevalent

## Colonial mindset & Indian society

### Manifestations :

- ① English speaking people are seen superior and vernacular language is degraded
- ② clothing in local culture discredited and western clothes appreciated  
Ex Bangalore mall did not allow person wearing dhoti into a mall.
- ③ People celebrating Indian festivals seen as backward but celebrating Christmas is seen as forward
- ④ Respect to civil services and servants root from

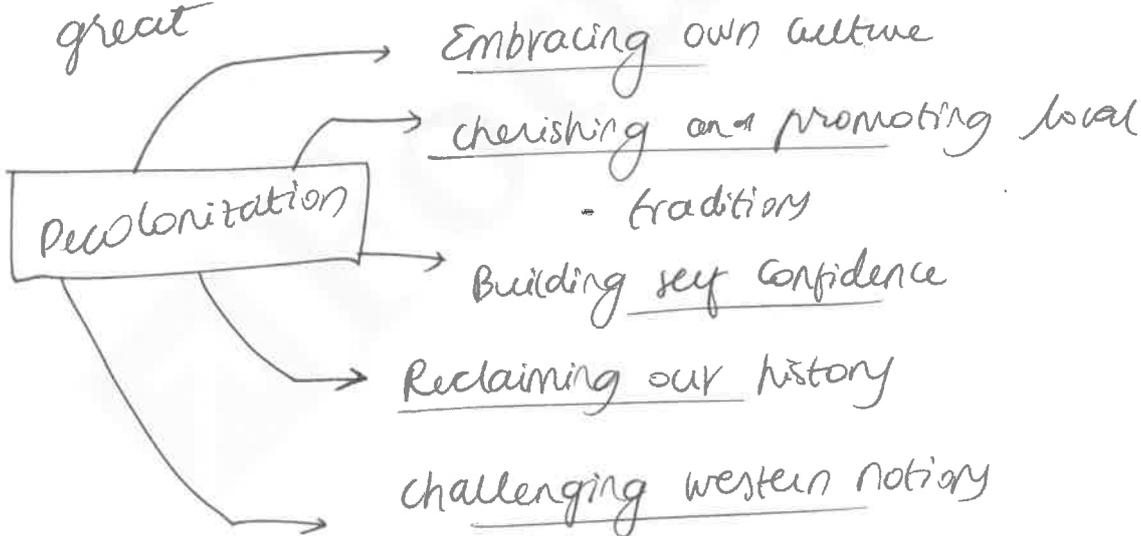
Colonial ideology that promoted such behaviour

⑤ Belief in west rather than self

Ex. Too much importance to incidides released by the west but not trusting own government

⑥ History - as written by colonizers for their own benefit is being studied. Any reform to the history writing is criticized.

⑦ Western democracy and institutions are seen as great whereas Indian democracy not so great



Decolonization is an ongoing process across the colonial world and accelerating the process is need of hour.

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Q.5) Globalization involves a complex exchange of cultural influences, where local identities are transformed by global forces, while global culture in turn is shaped by local identities. Discuss.

(10 marks, 150 words)

वैश्वीकरण में सांस्कृतिक प्रभावों का एक जटिल आदान-प्रदान शामिल है, जहां स्थानीय पहचान वैश्विक ताकतों द्वारा बदल दी जाती है, जबकि बदले में वैश्विक संस्कृति को स्थानीय पहचान द्वारा आकार मिलता है। चर्चा कीजिए।

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Globalization is the process of the increasing interdependence, integration and interconnectedness between economies & societies.

Local identities transformed by global forces

- ① Caste identity - transformation towards class identity
- ② Transformation of culture
  - a) Music → class to fusion pop
  - b) Dance → classical to break dance
- ③ Traditions transformation
  - a) Traditional clothes → Jeans
  - b) Traditional entertainment (drama) → Mobile phones
- ④ Local cuisine transformation → Ex addition of cheese into food, Indo-Chinese cuisine
- ⑤ Joint families → Nuclear families due to rise in individualism.

## Global culture shaped by local identities

- ① Yogee - global influence and shaping world fitness culture  
Ayurveda - became global  
 Ex Ashwagandha became prominent

- ② Indian cuisine went global

Ex Chicken Tikka Masala often referred to as UK national dish

- ③ Indian ethos like Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is today shaping global governance

Similarly during Covid-19 pandemic - Namaste went global.

- ④ Indian movies like RRR became global and influencing global cinema.

While globalization cannot be stopped, it is important to preserve and cherish the culture that has been sustaining over 2000 years.

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Q.6) Enumerate the factors behind the proliferation of the IT industry in India. Also, Explain the reasons behind the skewed concentration of the IT industry within the country. (10 marks, 150 words)

भारत में आईटी उद्योग के प्रसार के पीछे के कारकों की गणना कीजिए। साथ ही, देश के भीतर आईटी उद्योग की विषम संकेन्द्रण के पीछे के कारणों की व्याख्या कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

IT industry is currently contributing to 7.7% of GDP to India. IT industry saw an exponential growth after the LPG reforms.

## Proliferation of IT industry

- ① cheap and skilled labour available
  - largest number of English speakers

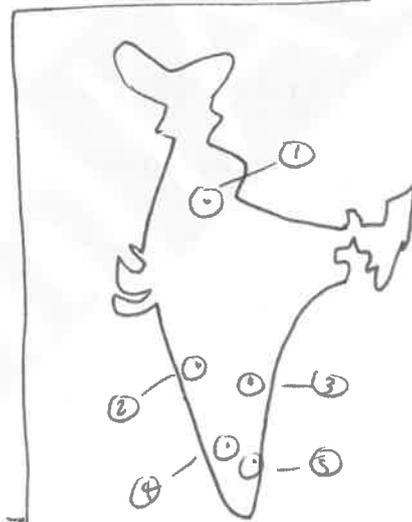
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest number of STEM graduates

- ② Favourable government policies
  - 100% FDI
  - SEZ for software industry

- ③ climate similar to Silicon valley in Bangalore, Pune

- ④ IT infrastructure available
  - optical fibres, power, broadband

- ⑤ Large domestic market and demand



① - Delhi - Noida - Gurugao

② - Pune

③ - Hyderabad

④ - Bangalore

⑤ - Chennai

Major IT hubs in India.

## ⑥ Innovation and expansion by early movers

Ex Infosys, WIPRO.

### Skewed concentration

located in Tier-1 cities mainly and that too in some cities like Pune, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bangalore. The reasons are →

- ① State government incentive to attract software companies - establishing SEZ
- ② Infrastructure availability by the time of 1991 reforms
- ③ Climatic suitability - Pune, Bangalore
- ④ Availability of labour - due to presence of large number of engineering colleges in these areas.
- ⑤ Promoting early stage startups like Infosys by the government

Today Indian IT industry is rapidly expanding and will contribute to 10% of GDP while providing employment to large section.

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Q.7) The eastern coast and the western coast of India differ considerably in their geographical characteristics. Explain. (10 marks, 150 words)

भारत का पूर्वी तट और पश्चिमी तट अपनी भौगोलिक विशेषताओं में काफी भिन्न हैं। व्याख्या कीजिए।

(10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

India have a huge coastline of 7500km that is diverse, distinct and useful.

West Coast	East Coast
<b>Physical Geographic differences</b>	
① From Gujarat to Kanyakumari ② Submergent coast ③ <u>Eustaries present</u> - Narmada ④ More in any coast and less broad coastal plain ⑤ Continental shelf is short at Kerala ⑥ Laterite soil and Black soil	① From West Bengal to Kanyakumari ② Emergent coast ③ <u>Deltas present</u> - Godavari, Krishna ④ Relatively smooth coast but broad coastal plain ⑤ Continental shelf is large compared to West coast ⑥ Alluvium Soil

## West Coast

- ⑦ Presence of backwaters  
Ex Alleppy - Kerala

## East Coast

- ⑧ Presence of lagoon  
Ex Chilka

### Human Geography Differences

- ① Natural ports present - deep sea ports
- ② Minerals - Monazite sand along Kerala
- ③ Coconut and plantation crops grown
- ④ Mangroves are limited
- ⑤ Presence of salt pans and mudflats  
Ex Kutchh

- ① Natural and artificial man made ports - Vishakapatnam
- ② Less minerals available
- ③ Rice and Jute grown majority
- ④ Mangroves are vast and extensive  
(Sunderbans Pichhavaram)
- ⑤ Less present

India is leveraging its west line by initiatives like Sagarmala.

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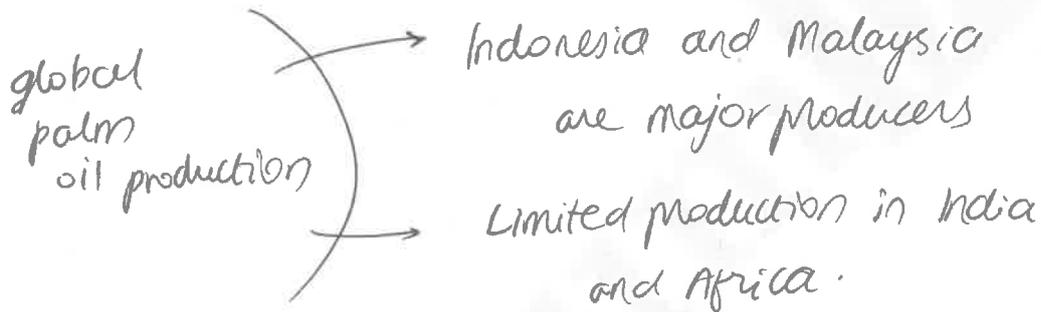


Q.8) Discuss the factors behind distribution of global palm oil production. Why does India depend on palm oil imports despite having conditions suitable for its cultivation? (10 marks, 150 words)

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Palm oil is a cheap source for the food processing and India imports vast amounts of edible oil of which palm oil is dominant.

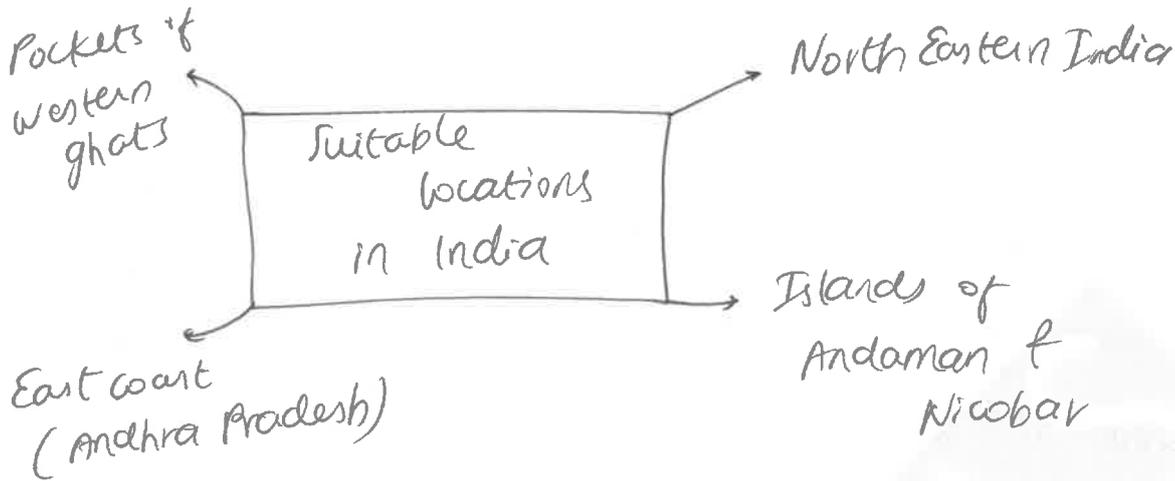
80% of edible oil import - palm oil.



### Factors behind distribution

- ① Rainfall requirement - need more than 150cm
- ② High temperatures needed
- ③ Fertile soil needed

Hence equatorial regions emerged as major producers but here evergreen forests are being cleared for palm oil cultivation.



## Reasons for India's dependence

- ① Cereal centric cultivation - in Eastern India (Rice dominance - MSP)
- ② Threat to native forests in Andaman and North east India - people not accepting
- ③ Less investment by corporates
- ④ Small landholdings not suitable - large gestation period of a year
- ⑤ High capital needed - drip irrigation and plantation
- ⑥ Less success of oil seeds mission (2007)

The National mission of oil palm and edible oil is aiming to reverse this trend and boost domestic production

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Q.9) Why is Mediterranean climate different from China-type climate despite being on a similar latitude? Also explain how the differences in climate affect life and economic activities in the region.

(10 marks, 150 words)

समान अक्षांश पर होने के बावजूद भूमध्यसागरीय जलवायु चीन-प्रकार की जलवायु से भिन्न क्यों है? यह भी स्पष्ट कीजिए कि जलवायु में अंतर किसी क्षेत्र में जीवन और आर्थिक गतिविधियों को कैसे प्रभावित करता है। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

Mediterranean climate	China climate
Winter peak rainfall	Summer peak rainfall
Overall balanced rainfall	Skewed temporal distribution
Rain from onshore winds during winter and some rain in summer as well	Rains only from onshore winds during summer

### Differences in economic activities

Agriculture  
 ↓  
 Viticulture & fruits dominate (olive)

Agriculture  
 ↓  
 Rice domination

Less fishing dependent

Large dependence on fishing

Highly commercialised industrialised

less industrialized except few along coast

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Q.10) Describe the various types of fronts and their role in formation of extra-tropical cyclones.

(10 marks, 150 words)

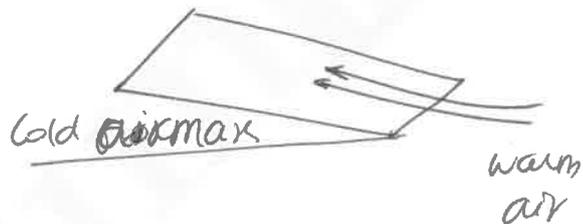
विभिन्न प्रकार के वाताग्रों का वर्णन कीजिए तथा शीतोष्ण- कटिबंधीय चक्रवातों के निर्माण में उसकी भूमिका का वर्णन कीजिए। (10 अंक, 150 शब्द)

fronts are the 3-dimensional boundary formed at the convergence of air masses having distinct characteristics.

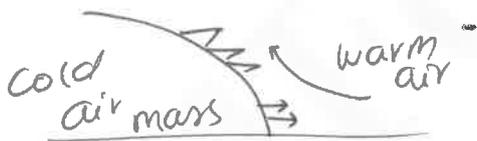
### Various Types of fronts

#### ① Warm front

Aggressive warm air passes over the cold air mass



#### ② Cold front



Fast moving cold air is displacing the warm air

③ stationary front - Balance and stability between cold & warm air masses

④ Occluded front rotating cold air mass will lift warm air mass above



## Role in formation of extra tropical cyclones

### Extra tropical cyclones

Origin : ~~frontolysis~~ (formation of front)

↓ frontogenesis

stationary front phase

↓

occluded stage when masses rotate at very high speed.

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Death of front : frontolysis

location - mid latitude

Other factors impacting Jet streams

Trough in stream - cause low pressure on ground.

Extratropical cyclones can be violent, and extensive causing huge trail of destruction.

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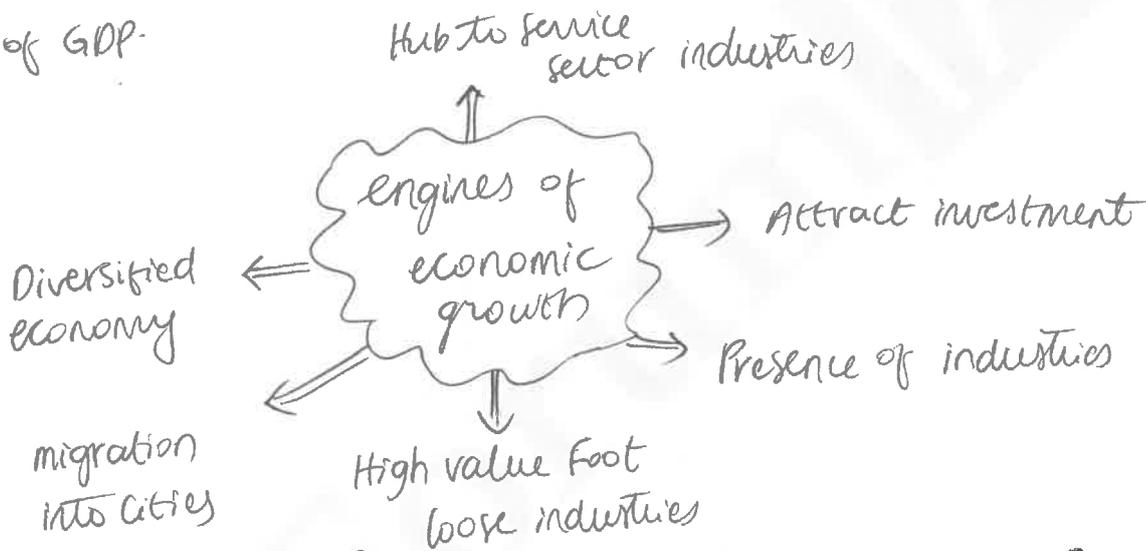
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Q.11) Cities are the engines of economic growth, but they can also be the black holes of the environment. What are some of the key environmental challenges facing urban areas in the 21st century? How should modern cities address these challenges? (15 marks, 250 words)

शहर आर्थिक विकास के इंजन हैं, लेकिन वे पर्यावरण के ब्लैक होल भी हो सकते हैं। 21वीं सदी में शहरी क्षेत्रों के सामने आने वाली कुछ प्रमुख पर्यावरणीय चुनौतियाँ क्या हैं? आधुनिक शहरों को इन चुनौतियों का समाधान कैसे करना चाहिए? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Urban centers are the drivers of Indian economy with cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata contributing to vast percentage of GDP.



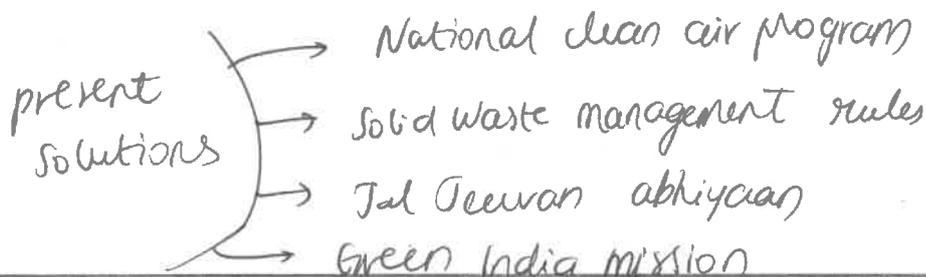
### Environmental challenges in 21<sup>st</sup> century

Despite being engines of economic growth, cities are also black holes of environment

- ① Concretization lead to heat island effect and Urban floods Ex Delhi floods Mumbai floods

- ② Less green cover due to rapid expansion of cities and degradation of urban forests
- ③ Encroachment of waterbodies due to real estate demand and housing pressure  
Ex Bangalore lakes decrease
- ④ Waste management - improper and unorganized
  - large legacy waste (landfills Ex Ghatipur in Delhi)
  - Causing land, soil and air pollution
- ⑤ Air pollution from vehicles, construction and industries Ex: Delhi hazardous AQI
- ⑥ Water pollution due to waste discharge  
Ex Mula Mutha river in Pune
- ⑦ Water crisis due to drying up of water bodies and groundwater decline Ex Shimla, Delhi

## Addressing the challenges



## Additional measures needed

- ① Urban afforestation  
Ex Miyawaki forests in Chennai  
Avenue forestry in Gandhinagar
- ② Transit oriented development to reduce private vehicle movement and thus air pollution
- ③ Groundwater recharge and water bodies rejuvenation Ex Rainwater harvesting
- ④ Waste management - Public private partnership for recycling and removing legacy waste  
Ex Indore success story
- ⑤ Sustainable city planning which include people participation in planning
- ⑥ Resilient City architecture to be adopted as suggested by UN Habitat 3.

with looming climate change, cities need to be resilient, sustainable and inclusive.

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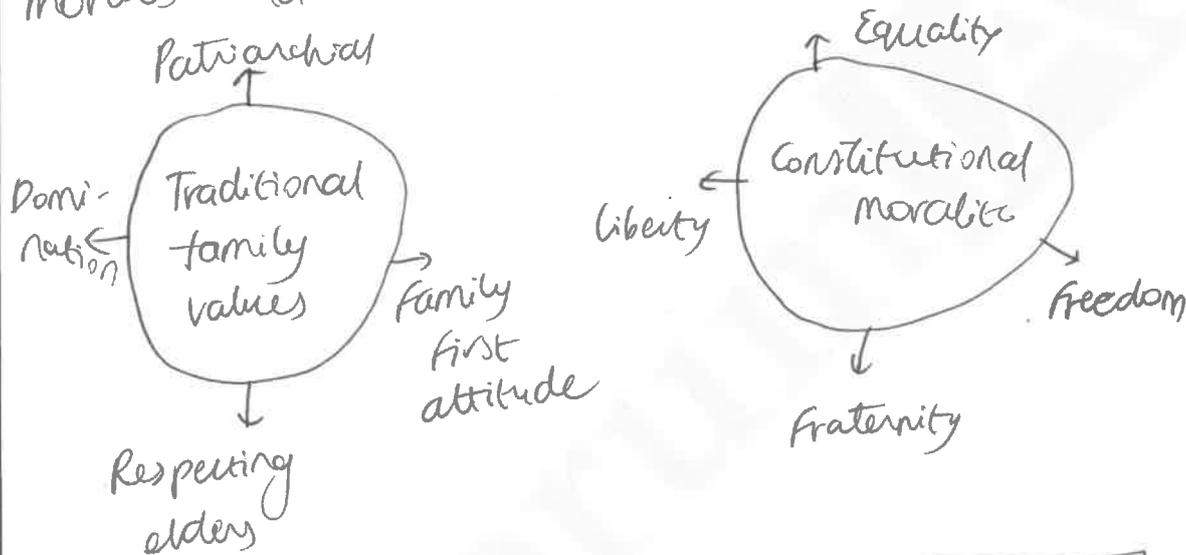
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Q.12) To what extent do traditional Indian family values align with the principles of constitutional morality? How can the Indian society resolve the tension between preserving traditional values and embracing social change? (15 marks, 250 words)

पारंपरिक भारतीय पारिवारिक मूल्य किस हद तक संवैधानिक नैतिकता के सिद्धांतों के अनुरूप हैं? भारतीय समाज पारंपरिक मूल्यों को बनाए रखने और सामाजिक परिवर्तन को अपनाने के बीच के तनाव को कैसे दूर कर सकता है? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Indian families are a social institution that aims to further the family morals and socialize the children



Family values aligning with Constitutional morality

- ① Respecting elders, women - constitution also promotes this under Article 51(A) fundamental duties
- ② Taking care of parents in old age - in Directive principles Constitution talks about old age care

③ Achievement and success in life is aspired by the family which aligns with constitutional ideal of fraternity

④ Teaching equality and respecting all cultures, festivals

Family values not aligning with constitutional morality

① Patriarchal values that restrict women freedom goes against Right to equality (Article 14)

② Promoting caste ideologies - declining inter caste marriages - against Equality - liberty (Article 15, 16, 17)

③ Wealth accumulation - families sometimes promote generating wealth so that next generations can sustain - against Article 39(b) and 39(c)

④ forcing children to a particular career and to take up family business - against Article 21 and Article 19

The contradiction between traditional and social change due to change in society especially after globalisation.

## Resolving Tensions

- ① Value education and inculcating the constitutional morality from young age  
Ex: National education policy 2020
- ② Reforming tradition that is in contradiction to tradition  
Ex: Banning Triple Talac
- ③ Progressive ideas to be promoted and propogated by religious leaders
- ④ Social media can be leveraged to rise awareness
- ⑤ legislative measures to propogate change and protect traditional values
- ⑥ Celebrating diversity Ex: Eka Bharat Shresth Bharat

Indian society is evolving from traditional mode to modern mode and it takes time to Truly embrace social change.

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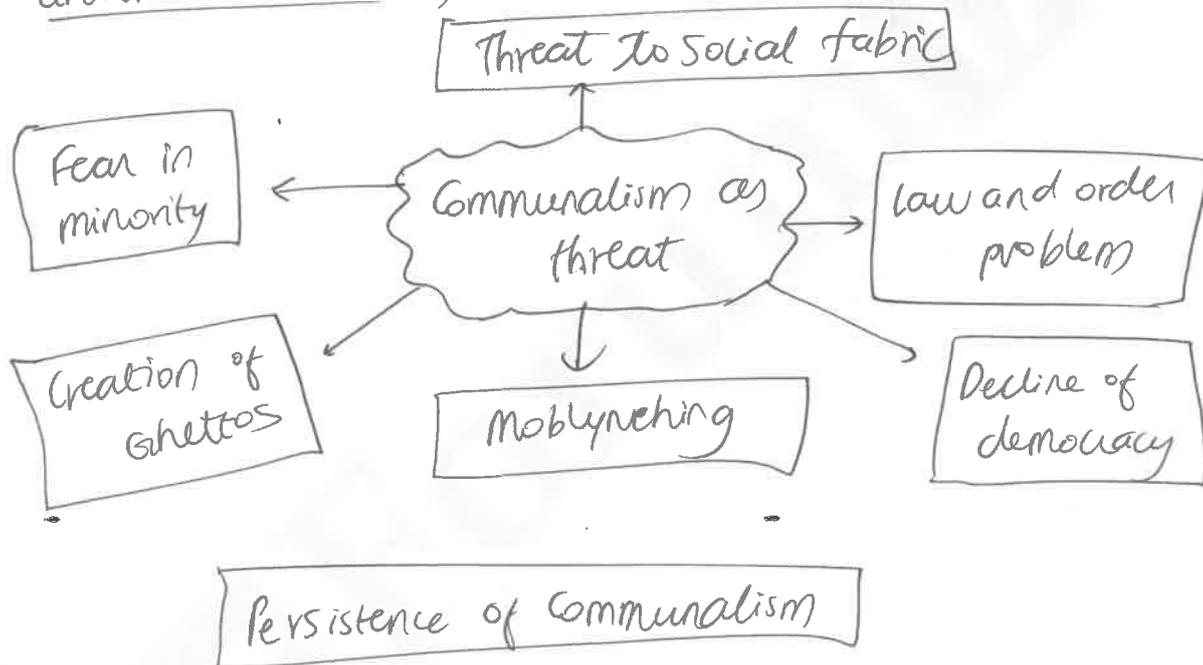
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**Q.13)** Why does communalism still persist in the country, despite it being widely recognized as a threat? Do you think that Indian model of secularism has failed to build an inclusive and integrated society? Justify. (15 marks, 250 words)

व्यापक स्तर पर खतरनाक होने के बावजूद देश में सांप्रदायिकता अभी भी क्यों जस की तस बनी हुई है? क्या आपको लगता है कि धर्मनिरपेक्षता का भारतीय मॉडल एक समावेशी एवं एकीकृत समाज बनाने में विफल रहा है? औचित्य सिद्ध कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Communalism is an ideology that believes the underdevelopment of a particular community is due to the presence of another community with other interest



- Persistence of Communalism**
- ① Political backing - politicians often resorting to communal polarization for votes
  - ② minority underdevelopment  
 Ex: Rajendra Sochar Committee pointed out underdevelopment in Muslim community

- ② Minority appeasement politics seen as threat by the majority
- ④ Crossborder support to communal forces  
Ex Pakistan supporting stone pelters
- ⑤ Social media fuelling headline news and radicalization
- ⑥ Increase in rise of demands for reservation for minority communities.

Indian secularism failure to build an inclusive & integrated society

Indian secularism seem to fail because

- ① Principled distance from majority and politics of minority appeasement
- ② Recurrence of communal riots
- ③ Incidents of moblynching
- ④ Mutual mistrust present

However, Indian secularism had

succeeded to a large extent in bringing

inclusive & integrated society.

- ① Overall development of all communities and rise in per capital income
- ② Eliminating regressive practices and establishing Constitutional morality  
 Ex Supreme Court judgements in Sabarimala, Triple Talaq.
- ③ Freedom to practice & propagate religion ensured  
 Ex Minority educational institutions
- ④ Mutual cooperation among all communities  
 Ex Har Ghar Tiranga abhiyaan
- ⑤ Nationalism has slowly replacing communalism

Indian secularism is based on principle of Sarvadhama Sambhava which means all belief as equal and truth. This guiding principle will ensure success in long run.

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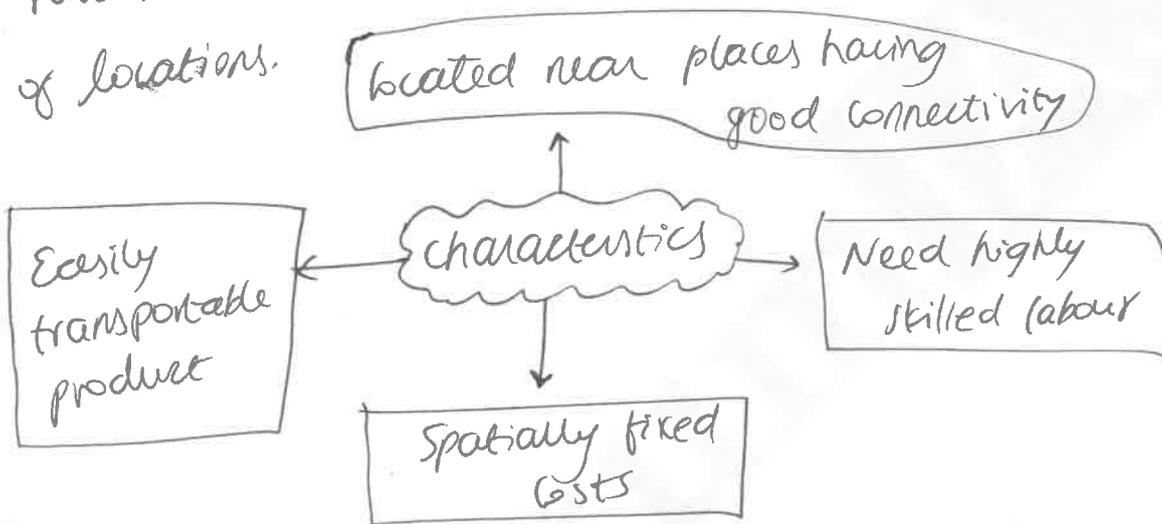
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Q.14) What do you understand by footloose industries? Discuss their significance and provide a suitable strategy for the growth of footloose industries in India. (15 marks, 250 words)

फुटलूज उद्योगों से आप क्या समझते हैं ? उनके महत्व पर चर्चा कीजिए और भारत में फुटलूज उद्योगों के विकास के लिए एक उपयुक्त रणनीति प्रदान कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Footloose industries are the ones that do not depend on the availability of raw materials and can be setup in wide range of locations.



Examples ) Smartphone assembly & repair  
 Diamond cutting

Significance

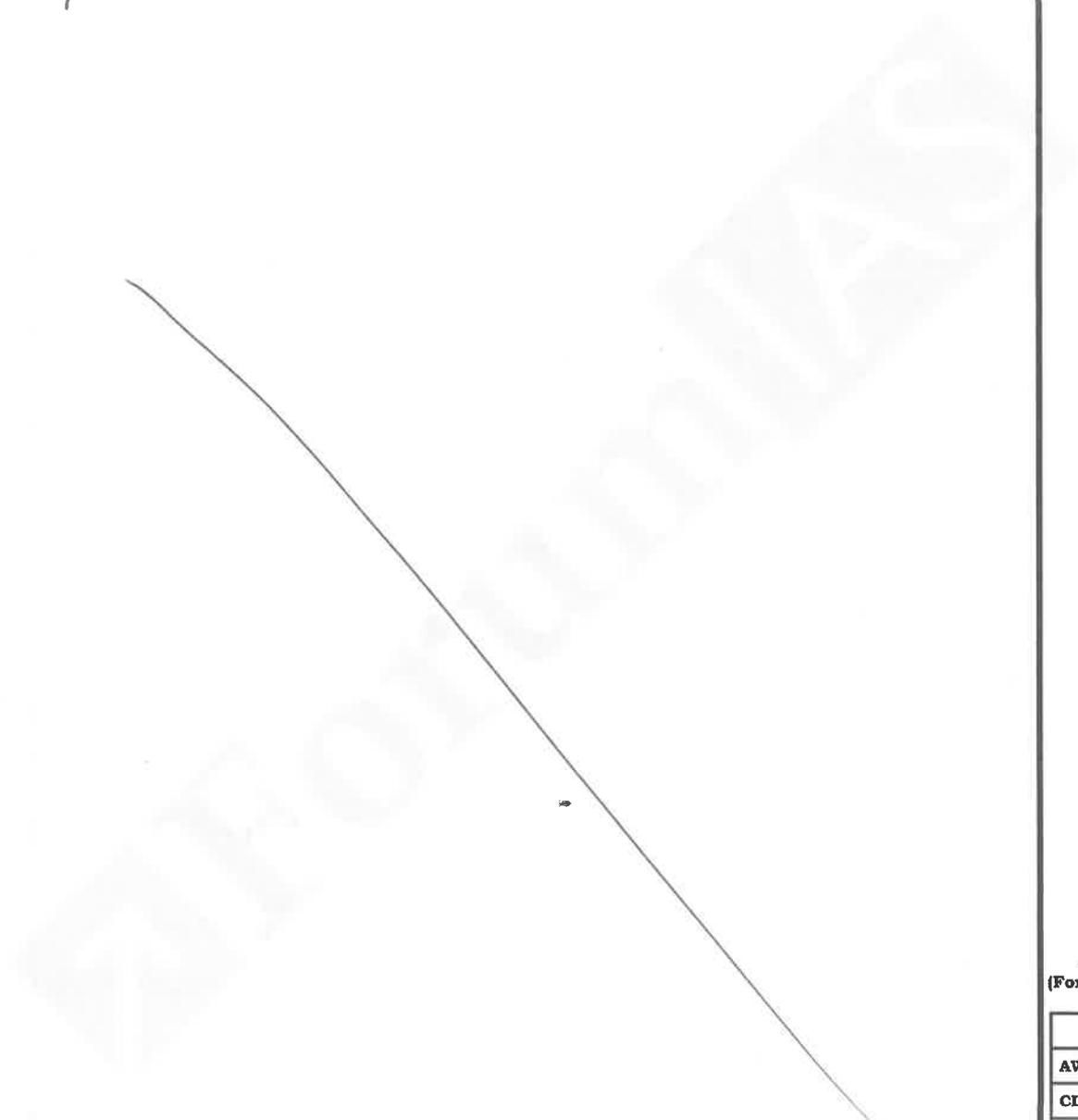
- ① Provide large job opportunities  
 Ex: Foxconn unit - Smartphone assembly
- ② Equitable growth model  
 these can be set up in underdeveloped regions

- ③ Can lead to industrial agglomeration
- ④ Boost exports  
Ex Diamonds - iPhones
- ⑤ Aid in Make in India and Assemble in India initiatives

## Strategy for growth

- ① Incentive establishment  
- creation of SEZ, AEEZ
- ② Tax incentives in initial years
- ③ Provide high speed connectivity  
Ex RRTS
- ④ Labour supply - cheap and skilled labour  
↳ By skill development Ex Kaushal Vikas Yojana 40
- ⑤ PLI - incentive for increasing production and capacity
- ⑥ Subsidy for technology upgradation

Footloose industry can be India's answer to balanced regional & inclusive development.



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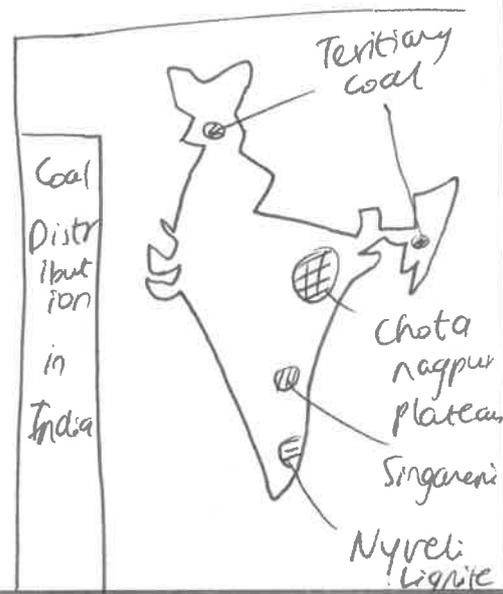
**Q.15)** Enumerate the major reasons that make the Indian economy heavily reliant on coal. Explain why phasing out coal from our energy basket is difficult. (15 marks, 250 words)

उन प्रमुख कारणों की गणना कीजिए जो भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था को कोयले पर अत्यधिक निर्भर बनाते हैं। बताएं कि हमारी एनर्जी बॉस्केट से कोयले को चरणबद्ध तरीके से बाहर करना कठिन क्यों है। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

India's total energy production out of which ~50% is dependent on coal - This shows our reliance on coal.

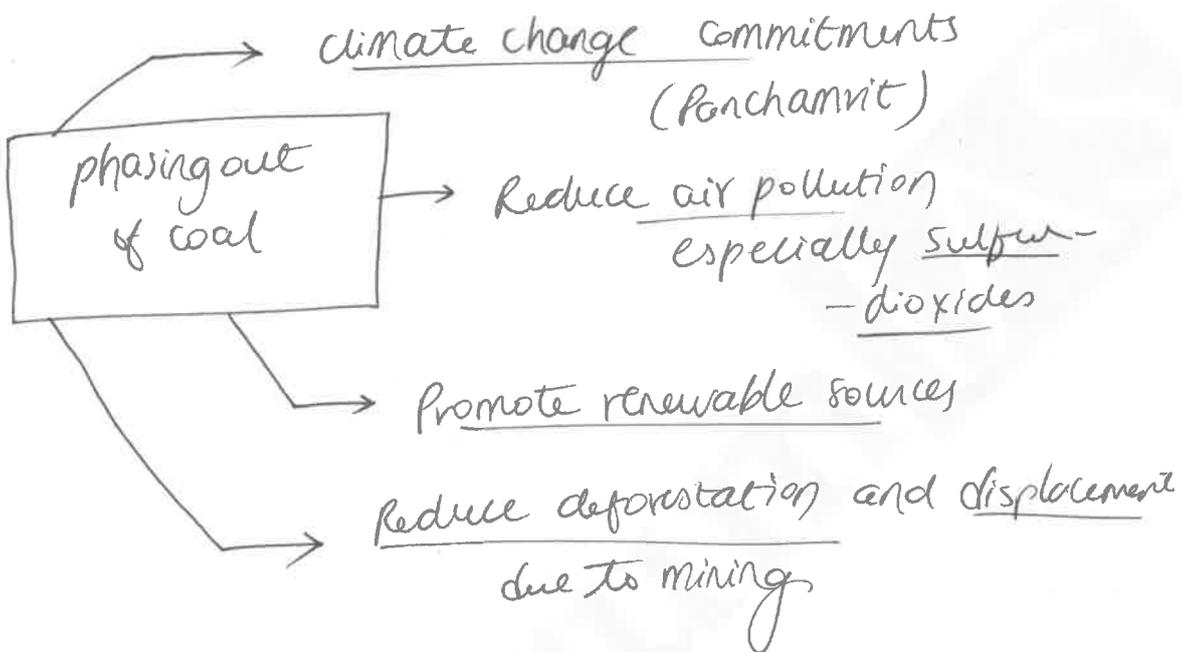
## Heavy reliance on coal

- ① cheap source of energy compared to other sources such as petrol or renewable energy.
- ② Availability at local and no need to import coal in large quantities
- ③ Regional distribution - coal is spread all over India making it widely accessible
- ④ Easy connectivity provided by Railways to last mile
- ⑤ Domestic capability is high to mine and use coal.



⑥ Historical use - Coal is being used from past many centuries

Ex: Raniganj coalfield opened in 18<sup>th</sup> century



Phasing out coal is difficult

① Already established infrastructure

Ex Thermal power plants - railway lines  
(Simhadri power plant)

② Need for cheap source of energy for economic and industrial growth

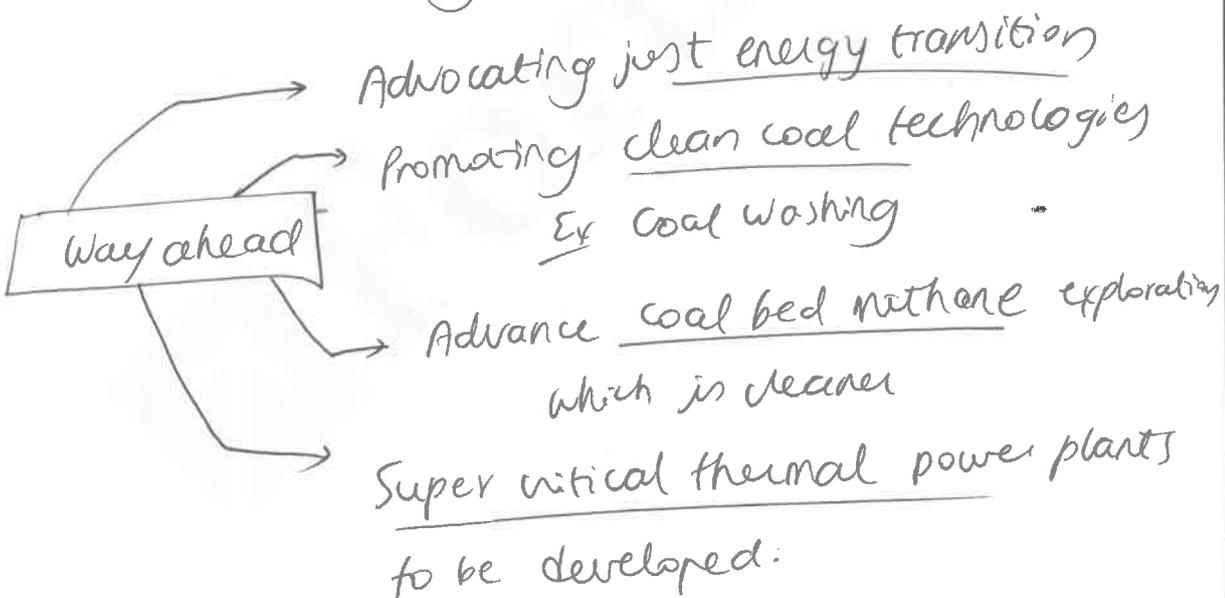
③ Renewables have shortcomings

- a) Intermittent in nature
- b) can cause fluctuations in grid
- c) Need large batteries
- d) cannot be scaled up easily
- e) Heavy investment

④ Reduce import of oil - need to explore and utilize coal locally

Ex \$104bn oil imports in 2023 - India

⑤ Safeguarding livelihoods that are dependent on coal mining operations etc



India should achieve Net zero by 2070 and transition to sustainable future.

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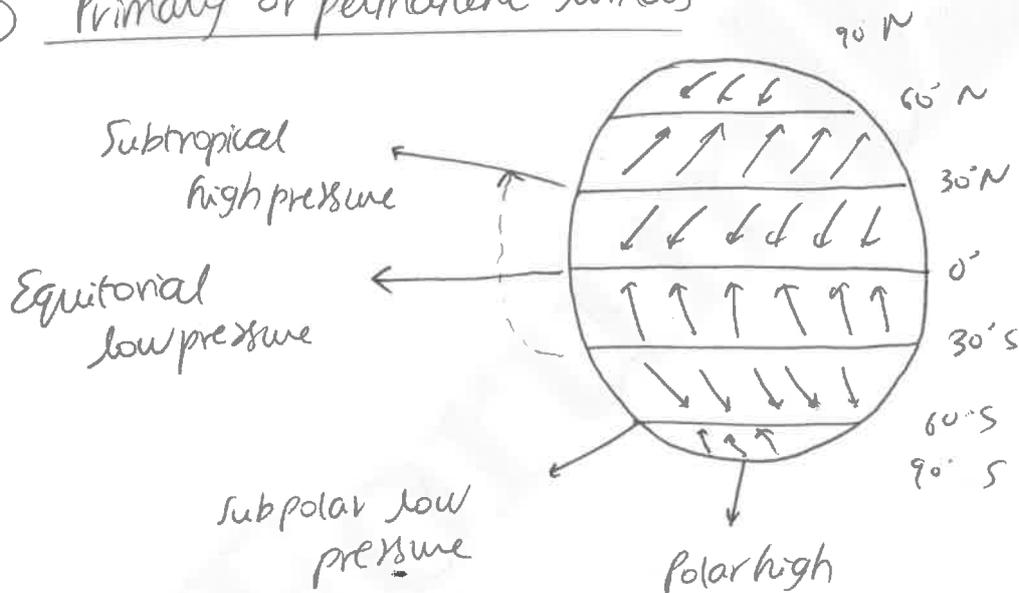
Q.16) With help of a neat diagram, describe the general atmospheric circulation. Highlight the factors that affect the movement of winds on earth? (15 marks, 250 words)

एक स्पष्ट आरेख की सहायता से सामान्य वायुमंडलीय परिसंचरण का वर्णन कीजिए। पृथ्वी पर पवनों की गति को प्रभावित करने वाले कारकों पर प्रकाश डालिए? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Atmosphere is a dynamic movement of winds, currents over space and time

on ground atmospheric circulation

(A) Primary or permanent winds



At equator due to high insolation - low pressure is created and it attracts winds creating

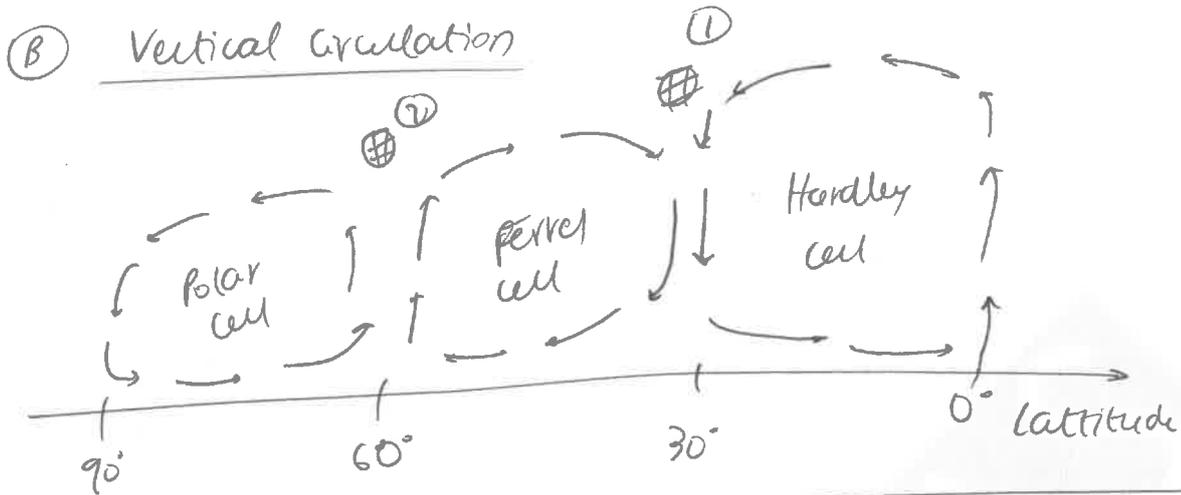
North East and South East trade

High pressure at 30° latitude

create westerlies between 30° & 60°

High pressure at poles

create polar easterlies



(A) at equator due to high temperature the winds rise and reach tropopause

↓  
Descends at 30° - creating high pressure

↓  
Winds from 30° and 90° converge at 60° creating Ferrel cell and polar cell.

① - Subtropical jet stream  
② - Polar jet stream  
at tropopause level

(C) Seasonal winds

Ex Monsoon over Indian Subcontinent

(D) Local winds

Ex Loo, Bora, Mistral

## Factors affecting movement of wind

- ① latitudinal temperature variation causing dynamic pressure differences
- ② Seasons alter wind direction Ex Monsoons
- ③ Coriolis force alter the direction and movement of wind - deflect towards right in Northern Hemisphere & vice versa
- ④ frictional force on ground can slow down winds close to ground
- ⑤ Distribution of land and ocean - (land changes) and slows wind
- ⑥ other atmospheric phenomenon like cyclones, development of fronts

Winds play an important role in maintaining heat balance of earth and ensuring balanced weather.

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Q.17) Describe the role of geography in shaping patterns of international trade and globalization. To what extent can geopolitical shifts overpower the logic of geography? (15 marks, 250 words)

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार और वैश्वीकरण के पैटर्न को आकार देने में भूगोल की भूमिका का वर्णन कीजिए। किस हद तक भू-राजनीतिक बदलाव भूगोल के तर्क को दबा सकते हैं? (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Geography has always been the foundation for development of trade.

Role of geography in shaping trade, globalization

① strategic sea routes

Ports along these routes became important for international trade

Eg Singapore - Malacca strait

② Trade of essentials

Hormuz strait - importance of chabahar for oil trade

③ Enterport development

Rotterdam - key location to access Arctic trade route

④ Land based trade

Silk route - geography key role from china to Europe.

- land ports - between India - Bangladesh

- ⑤ Istanbul - black sea trade and connecting it with Mediterranean.

Geopolitical shifts overpowering geographic logic

① Deglobalization

- moving away from China (China AI strategy)
- Industries locating to India and South East Asia.

② Friendshoring and nearshoring

shifting trade & industries to friendly nations & nearby nations

Ex US establishing semiconductor industry at home

③ Wars or Crisis

Ex Houthi rebels attack on ships changed routes of many carriers

Geography will continue to shape the world ~~at~~ in times to come.

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Q.18) Mangroves play a significant role in coastal ecology and economy. Examine. Also, elaborate the reasons behind the accelerated destruction of the mangrove habitat. (15 marks, 250 words)

मैंग्रोव तटीय पारिस्थितिकी और अर्थव्यवस्था में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। परीक्षण कीजिए। साथ ही, मैंग्रोव आवास के त्वरित विनाश के पीछे के कारणों को भी स्पष्ट कीजिए। (15 अंक, 250 शब्द)

Mangroves are the evergreen salt resistant trees that grow along the coast  
 Ex Sundari tree  
 Hetericia, Brugeria

### Significant role in coastal ecology

- ① Habitat for animals and aquatic creatures  
 Ex Tigers in Sunderbans / Kingfisher  
Crucial habitat for Crustaceans
- ② Coastal Stability and resilience is enhanced by mangroves
- ③ Green cover along the coast acting as
  - a) Carbon sink
  - b) locking carbon for long term
- ④ Soil conservation and mitigation of pollution along coast.

Significance in coastal economy

- ① Provide
  - a) Wood for energy (burning/cooking)
  - b) Lane and artefacts making from wood
  - c) medicinal plants, minor forest produce
- ② Aqua culture development along mangroves
- ③ Tourism development Ex Sunderbans  
Goringa (Andhra)
- ④ Boat building by the local communities

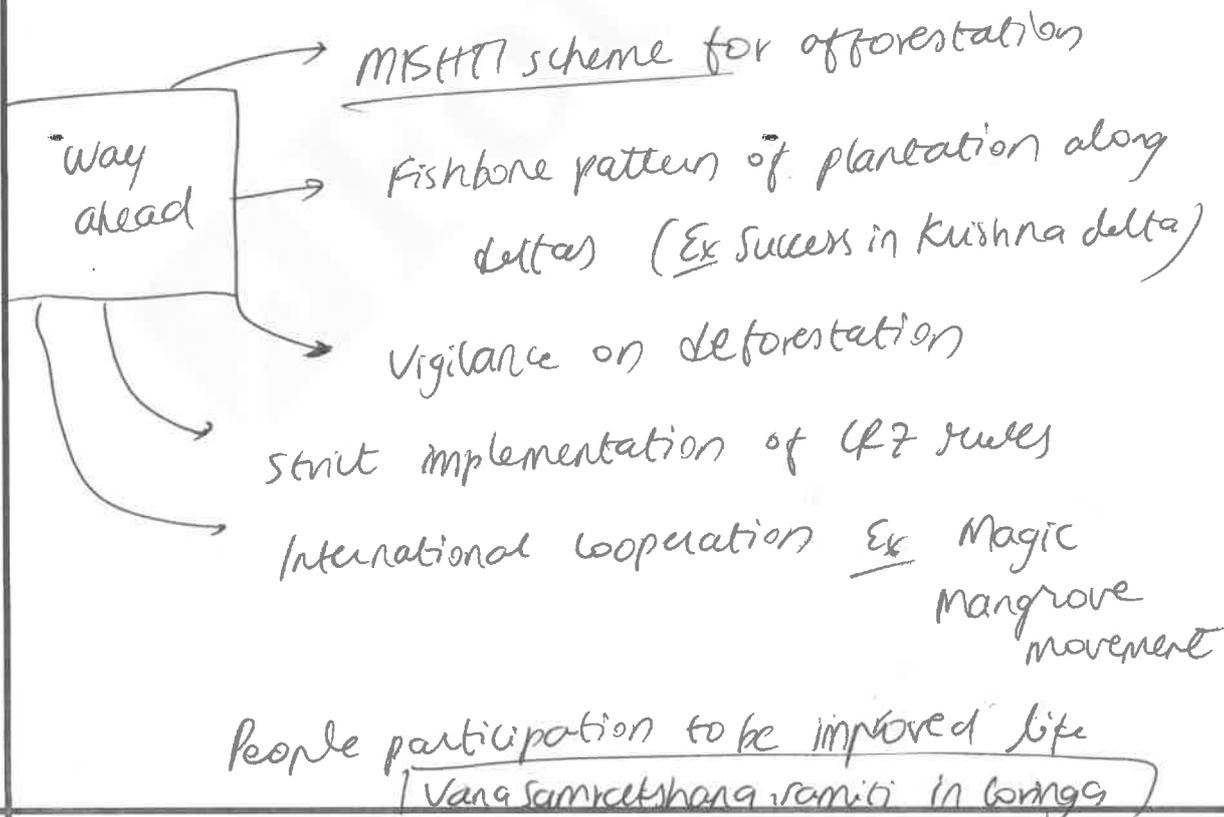
Despite such importance, mangroves are facing threat

Reasons behind destruction

- ① ~~long~~ Landuse change
  - a) Urbanitation and expansion of cities
  - b) Industrialization
  - c) Habitat fragmentation due to road building

Ex Kundapura mangroves degradation

- ② Dams constructed along upper stretches of rivers - led to less silt deposition and hence mangrove destruction
- ③ Aqua culture farms encroaching mangroves for ponds construction
- ④ Sea level rise due to climate change
- ⑤ Destruction due to increase in number of cyclones due to climate change
- ⑥ Flaunting Coastal Regulatory zone (CRZ) rules - lack of check by local authorities



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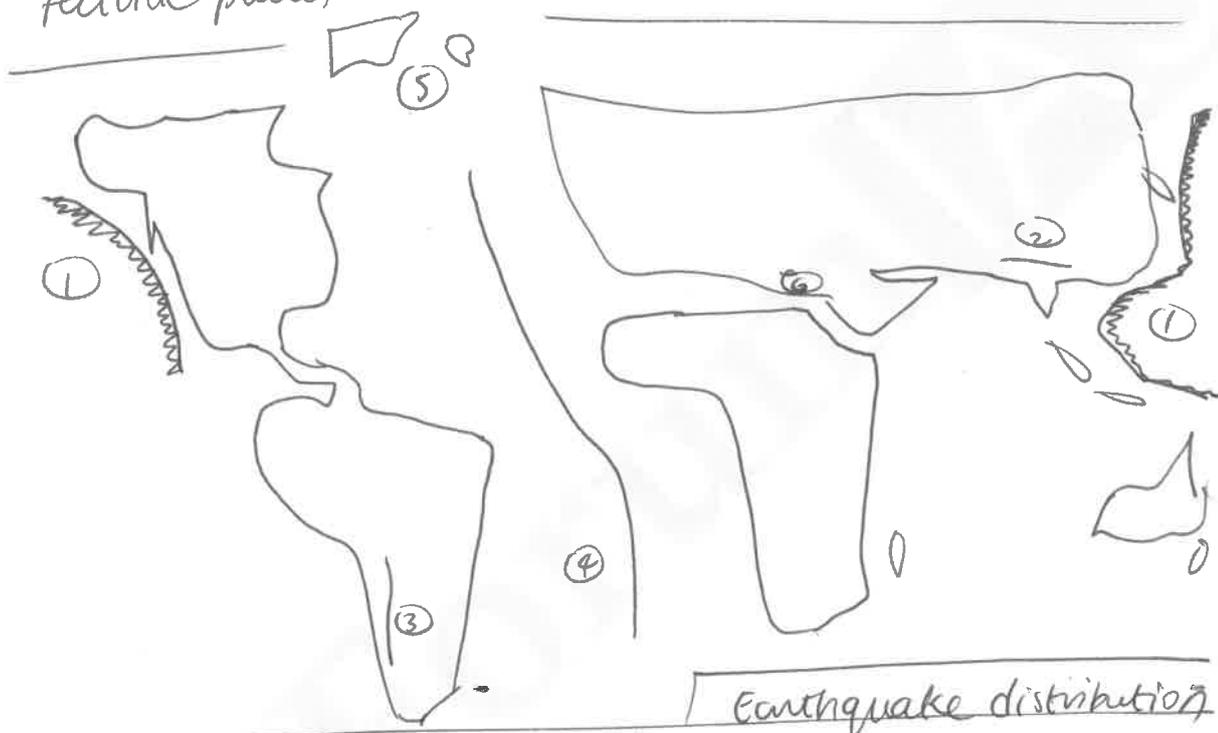
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**Q.19)** Write an explanatory note on the global distribution of earthquakes with the help of map. Also, throw light on the various consequences associated with earthquakes. (15 marks, 250 words)

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Earthquakes are the result of release of energy that had been built up in tectonic plates



- ① Pacific ring of fire - Major zone of earthquakes
- ② Along Himalays
- ③ Along Andes
- ④ Mid atlantic ridge
- ⑤ Iceland and adjoining areas
- ⑥ Anatolian plateau

① Pacific ring of fire

Pacific plate is colliding with many plates  
like Philippines plate, Indo-Australia plate  
causing earthquakes

Ex Recent 7 earthquake in Japan  
(magnitude - 7)

② Himalayas - earthquakes due to collision  
of Indian and Eurasian plate

③ Andes - collision of Nazca and South American  
plate

④ midatlantic ridge - divergent boundary

⑤ Iceland - divergence of plates

⑥ Anatolian plateau (Turkey, Syria) - due to  
location - trijunction between Eurasian, African  
and Anatolian plate

Consequences associated with earthquake

① Damage to property, infrastructure like  
roads, power lines

② loss of life due to collapse of buildings

③ Can Trigger Tsunami

Ex 2004 Tsunami following 9.1 magnitude earthquake

④ Cause to landslides, avalanches and landslips

⑤ Trigger volcanic eruption

August 2014 - Shiveluch volcano in Kamchatka peninsula erupted after 7.1 magnitude earthquake

⑥ Lead to displacement and loss of livelihoods

Ex Syria earthquake

To mitigate the impact of the earthquakes, there need to be disaster resilient planning and community development so that the ~~imp~~ development is resilient & inclusive.

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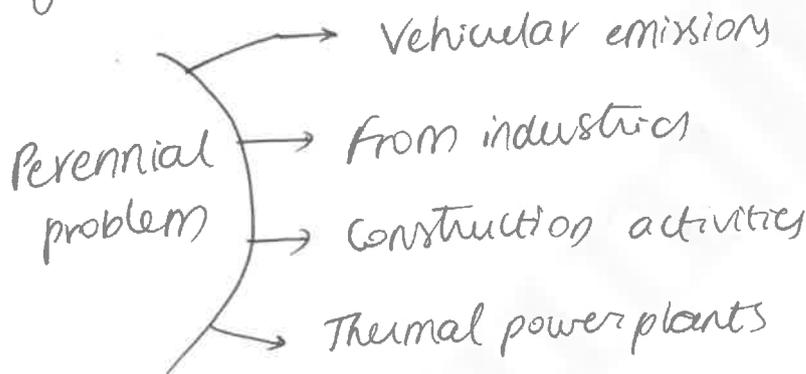
Q.20) Although poor air quality is a perennial problem, it gets intensified during the winter months in Delhi-NCR. Explain. Evaluate the efficacy of existing measures to control air pollution.

(15 marks, 250 words)

हालांकि खराब वायु गुणवत्ता एक बारहमासी समस्या है, दिल्ली-एनसीआर में सर्दियों के महीनों के दौरान यह और भी गंभीर हो जाती है। व्याख्या कीजिए। वायु प्रदूषण को नियंत्रित करने के लिए मौजूदा उपायों की प्रभावशीलता का मूल्यांकन कीजिए।

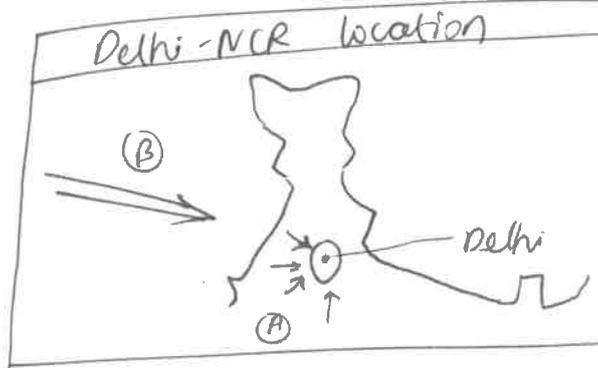
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Delhi with a population of around 3.3 crore is suffering from poor air quality (AQI sometimes more than 500)



Intensified during winters

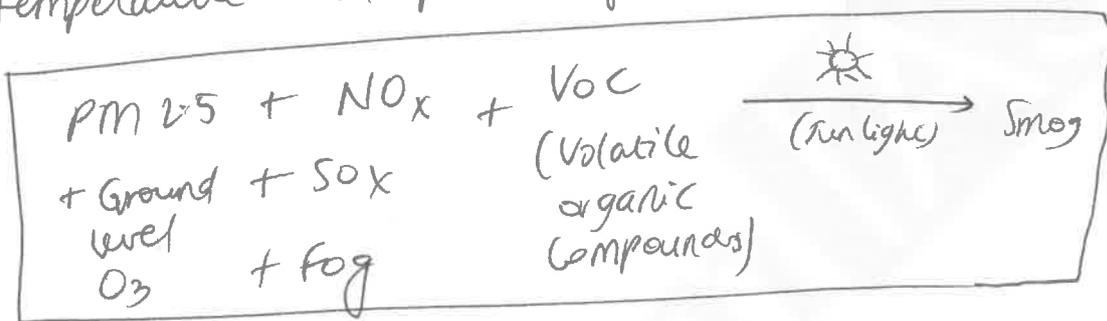
(A) stubble burning by farmers of Punjab and Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh



(B) This pollution is carried to Delhi-NCR by westerlies present during winter

① Persistence of High pressure - limits the movement of pollutants due to stable atmospheric nature

② Smog formation in winter due to conducive temperature and presence of all pollutants



## Efficacy of existing measures

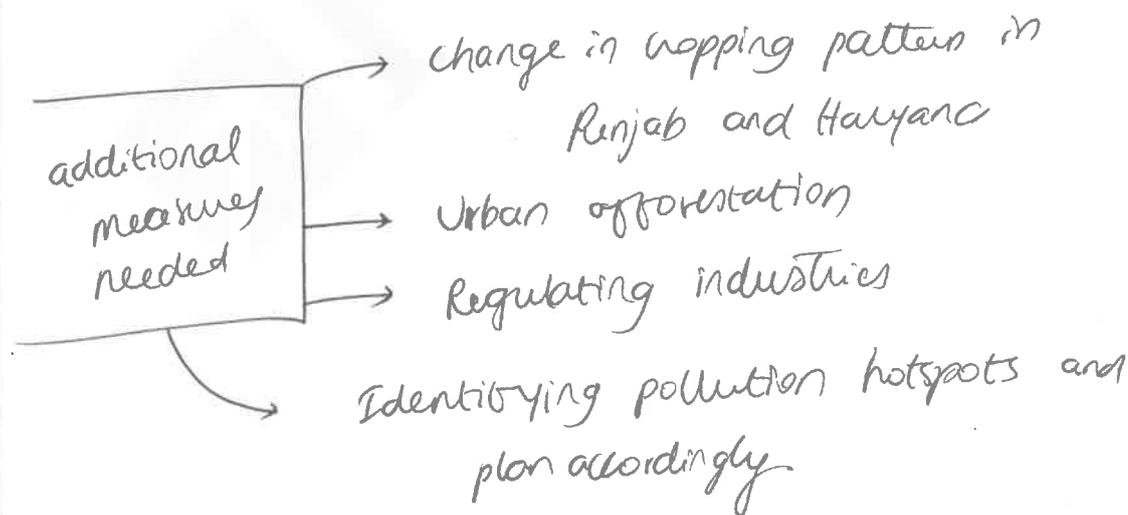
- ① National clean air program - limited success in reducing PM<sub>2.5</sub>
- ② Graded response action plan - often a knee jerk reaction rather than long term vision
- ③ stubble burning which is main cause & source (NEERI confirmed) has still being practiced
  - limited incentive to move away from practice
  - less mechanisation in stubble management

## ④ Managing vehicles

- a) odd even rule - limited impact
- b) CNG vehicle promotion
- c) EV adoption - limited reach due to high cost

### Success of measures

- ① Happy seeders for farmers to stubble management at low cost
- ② Technological intervention for in-situ management  
Ex TERI developed microorganism solution for faster decomposition
- ③ Establishing Smog Towers
- ④ Promoting mass mobility - metro



### Feedback

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#	G	A	P
AWIS			
CD & VA			
S & F			
P & R			
Please put tick marks in the above table. Here G is Good, A is Average and P is Poor.			
TOTAL MARKS			

## Mentor Feedback Questions

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

### Test Goal

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....

### Outcomes

- .....
- .....
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## Marking Scheme

Mark	Good	Average	Below average
10 Marker	3.75 – 5.0	3.0 – 3.5	< 3.0
15 Marker	5.75 – 7.0	4.0 – 5.5	< 4.0
20 Marker	7.75 – 10	6 – 7.5	< 6
	Key / Relevant Point		
	Vague / Irrelevant		

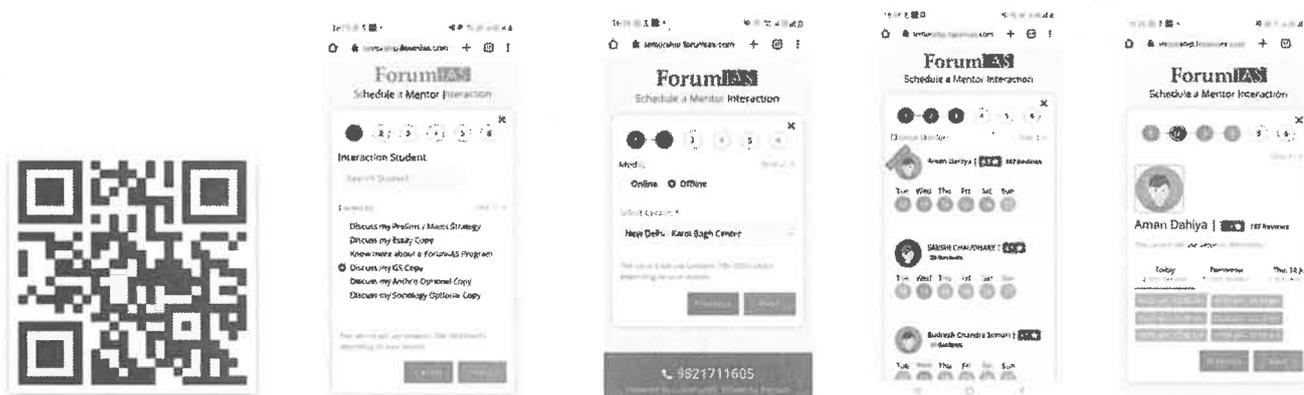
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