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**सामान्य अध्ययन (प्रश्न पत्र-III)/GENERAL STUDIES (Paper-III) (2424)**

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अधिकतम अंक: 250  
Maximum Marks: 250

**सामान्य अनुदेश**

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रफ कार्य के लिए, इस पुस्तिका के अंत में खाली पृष्ठ दिया गया है।

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**प्रश्न-पत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश**

कृपया प्रश्नों के उत्तर देने से पूर्व निम्नलिखित प्रत्येक अनुदेश को ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ें:

कुल बीस प्रश्न दिए गए हैं जो हिंदी और अंग्रेजी दोनों में छपे हैं।

सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।

प्रत्येक प्रश्न/भाग के लिए नियत अंक उसके सामने दिए गए हैं।

प्रश्नों के उत्तर उसी माध्यम में लिखे जाने चाहिए, जिसका उल्लेख आपके प्रवेश-पत्र में किया गया है, और इस माध्यम का स्पष्ट उल्लेख प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर (क्यू.सी.ए.) पुस्तिका के मुख-पृष्ठ पर निर्दिष्ट स्थान पर किया जाना चाहिए। उल्लिखित माध्यम के अतिरिक्त अन्य किसी माध्यम में लिखे गए उत्तर पर कोई अंक नहीं मिलेंगे।

प्रश्न संख्या 1 से 10 तक का उत्तर 150 शब्दों में तथा प्रश्न संख्या 11 से 20 तक का उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए।

प्रश्नों में इंगित शब्द सीमा को ध्यान में रखिए।

प्रश्न-सह-उत्तर पुस्तिका में खाली छोड़े गए कोई पृष्ठ अथवा पृष्ठ भाग को पूर्णतः काट दीजिए।

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*Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions.*

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**Answers to Questions No. 1 to 10 should be in 150 words, whereas answers to Questions No. 11 to 20 should be in 250 words.**

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## EVALUATION INDICATORS

1. Contextual Competence
2. Content Competence
3. Language Competence
4. Introduction Competence
5. Structure - Presentation Competence
6. Conclusion Competence

Overall Macro Comments / feedback / suggestions on Answer Booklet:

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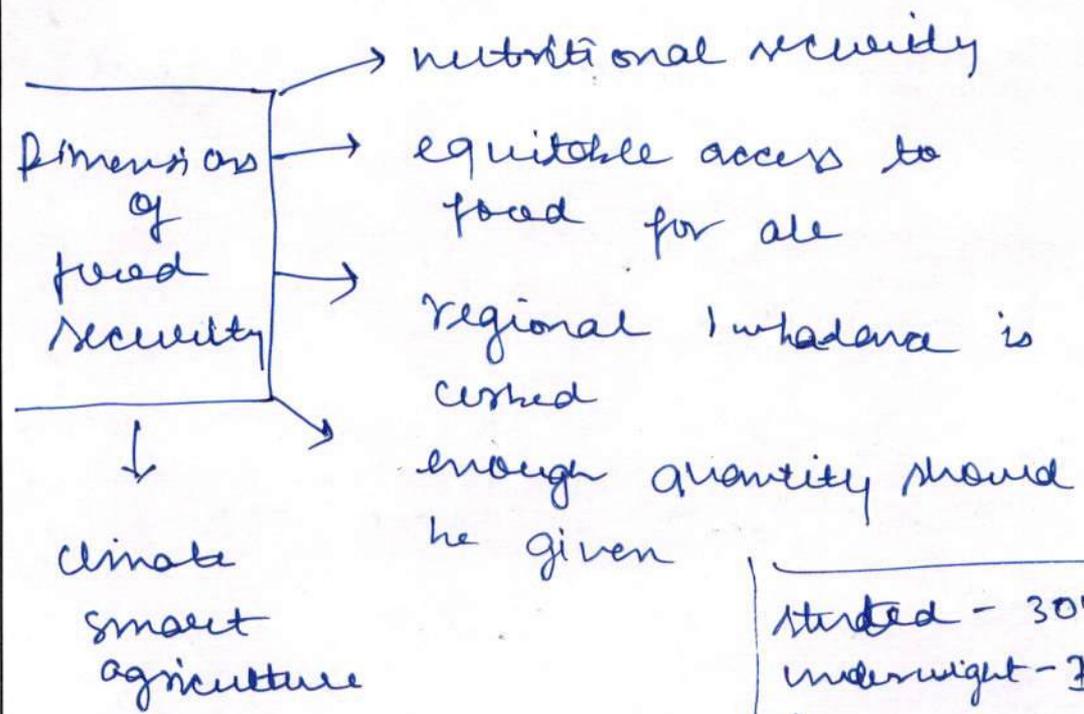
**All the Best**

1. खाद्य सुरक्षा के विभिन्न आयाम क्या हैं? इन आयामों के मद्देनजर खाद्य सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के संदर्भ में भारत की स्थिति का परीक्षण कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)  
 What are the different dimensions of food security? Examine India's status in terms of ensuring food security with regard to these dimensions. (Answer in 150 words)

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Food security refers to provision of ample and enough food to the population so that they not only survive, but also grow.



India's Status

Stunted - 30%  
 Underweight - 32%  
 Anaemic - 60%  
 women  
 NHFS-5

- ① Nutritional security - 19% children are wasted in India
- ② Equitable access - Rural areas have more poor and less food security

③ Regional imbalance - poverty in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh is quite high than national average.

④ Availability of food - 40% of food is wasted in India - FAO

⑤ Agricultural issue - There is neglect of millets in food grain

### Measures Needed

① Inclusion of millets in food security scheme - NFSA, Midday Meal

② Policies - One nation one ration card

③ Roping in SHG - like Kudumbashree in Kerala.

④ Climate smart agriculture to improve production - PMISA

⑤ Skilling of population to increase income (PMKVY)

Food security needs

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ब्लॉकचेन और चैटजीपीटी जैसी आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकियां कृषि को अधिक कुशल और संधारणीय क्षेत्रक में बदलने की अपार क्षमता वाले शक्तिशाली साधन हैं। भारत के संदर्भ में चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)  
Modern technologies such as blockchain and ChatGPT are powerful tools with immense potential to transform agriculture into a more efficient and sustainable sector. Discuss in the context of India. (Answer in 150 words)

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Modern tools have been used to revolutionise various sector. Agriculture is one of them. With the aid of technology, there could be the reworking of agriculture.

Transform agriculture into more efficient and sustainable sector

### ① Blockchain

- ↳ 1) provide better land record system - giving of loans.
- 2) Maintain registry of beneficiary - timely payments @ under PMKISAN
- 3) transparency in PDS, forward, backward linkages
- 4) Livestock sector, dairy sector could get benefit

\*) Proper precision inputs could be given - sustainability

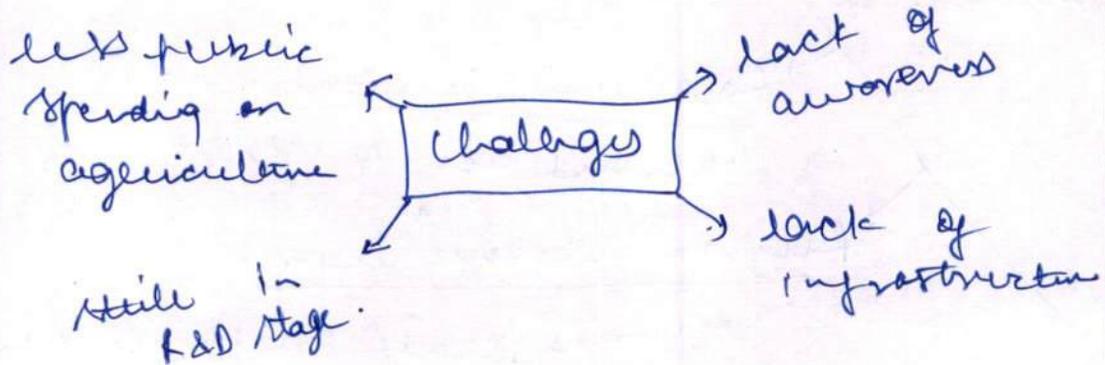
### Chat GPT

\*) Give information to farmers - help decision making - E-NAM

\*) Create linkages with market - remove intermediaries

\*) Useful in contract farming

\*) Better climate and weather advisory



Programmes like Kisan call centre, Kisan Rakha app should be linked with these technologies. Later more awareness should be generated

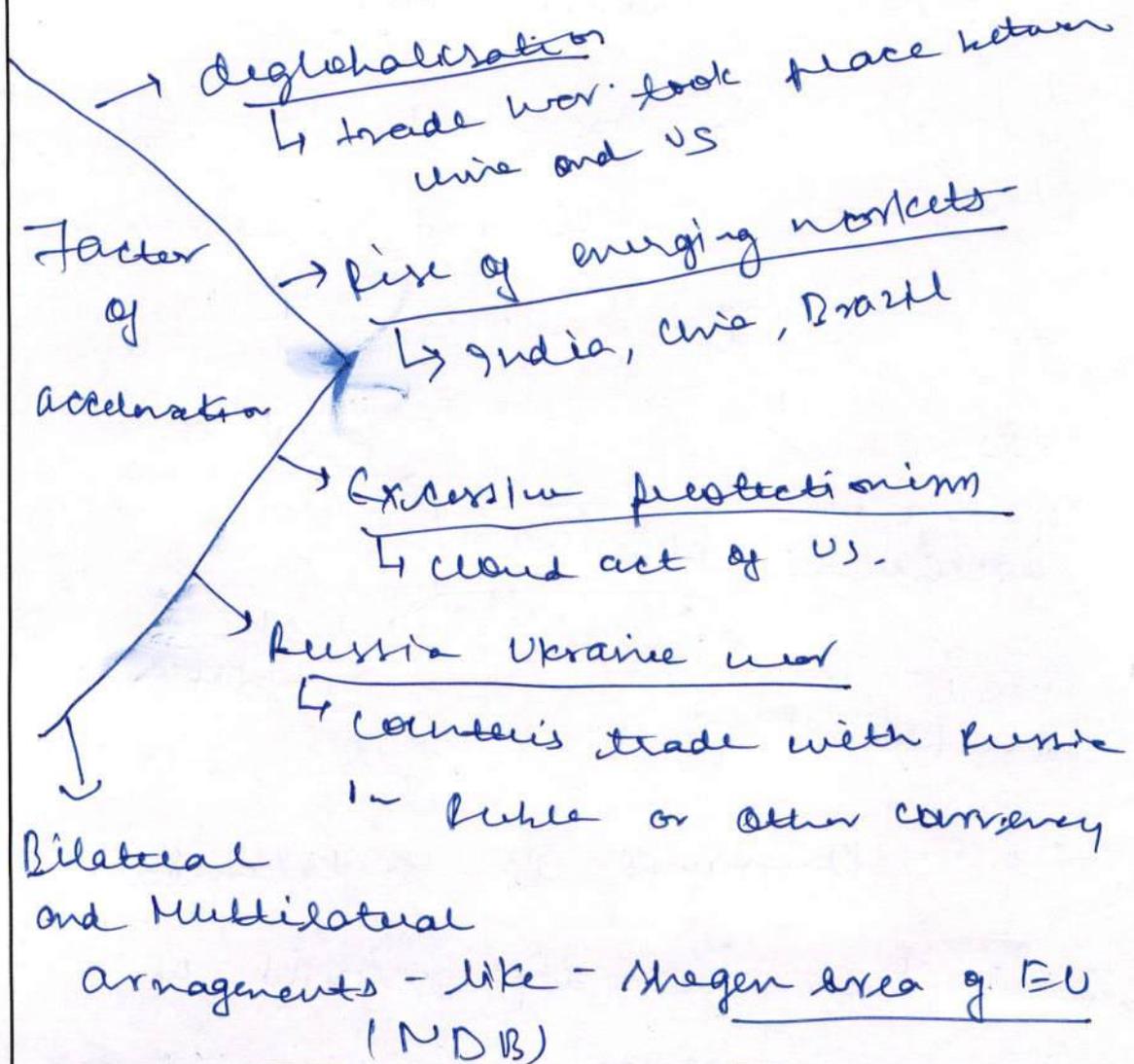
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वैश्विक अर्थव्यवस्था में वि-डॉलरीकरण की प्रवृत्ति में हालिया तेजी के लिए कौन-से कारक उत्तरदायी हैं? क्या आपको लगता है कि डॉलर का प्रभुत्व जल्द ही समाप्त हो जाएगा? (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

What factors have led to the recent acceleration in the trend towards de-dollarization of the global economy? Do you think the dollar will lose its dominance anytime soon? (Answer in 150 words)

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De-dollarisation amounts to less of dollar as currency in foreign trade. Its place is taken by other currencies like Yuan, Ruble etc.



Yet, dollar will not lose its dominance soon as -

- 1) There is backlash from working-  
ton consensus organisation - WTO,  
IMF
- 2) No concrete mechanism of replacing  
dollar has come up.
- 3) Lack of credibility on other  
consensus to sustain long
- 4) Trade in dollar is still widely  
practised
- 5) Lack of institutional mechanism  
like WTO, IMF

These reasons show that dedollarisation may have long steps to take. Nevertheless, steps like trade in rupee with fund and internationalisation of rupee by India are welcoming steps

4.

विकसित देशों द्वारा भारत पर खाद्य सब्सिडी व्यवस्था में बदलाव करने के अत्यधिक दबाव के बावजूद, भारत के लिए निर्धन व्यक्तियों हेतु अपना नीतिगत समर्थन बनाए रखना एक उचित कदम होगा। विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Despite significant pressure from the developed countries to alter its food subsidy regime, there is merit in India trying to retain its policy support for the poor in the country. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words)

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WTO has become a hurdle ground for developed and developing countries.

Keeping food subsidy in ~~under~~  
Amber box is the home of  
contention

Issues of subsidy

1) Developed countries accuse developing countries of providing excessive subsidies - breaching of peace clause

But there is merit in retaining policy support to developing countries

① Large poverty in global south -  
↳ 60% poor in Africa and Asia

② Food insecurity - global south  
accounts for more population

## Hunger Index

- ③ Support to agriculture - As  
large population depend on this  
(45% people in agriculture  
in India)
- ④ Economy is dependant on agriculture  
↳ North - less than 10% of GDP  
↳ South - India - 18% of GDP
- ⑤ Fair terms of development to  
developing countries.

### Needed Measures

- Peace clause should be removed
- Food subsidy should be  
brought under green box
- Hto. & Employment of sober  
development fund

Collaborative approach

with south south cooperation  
will only benefit

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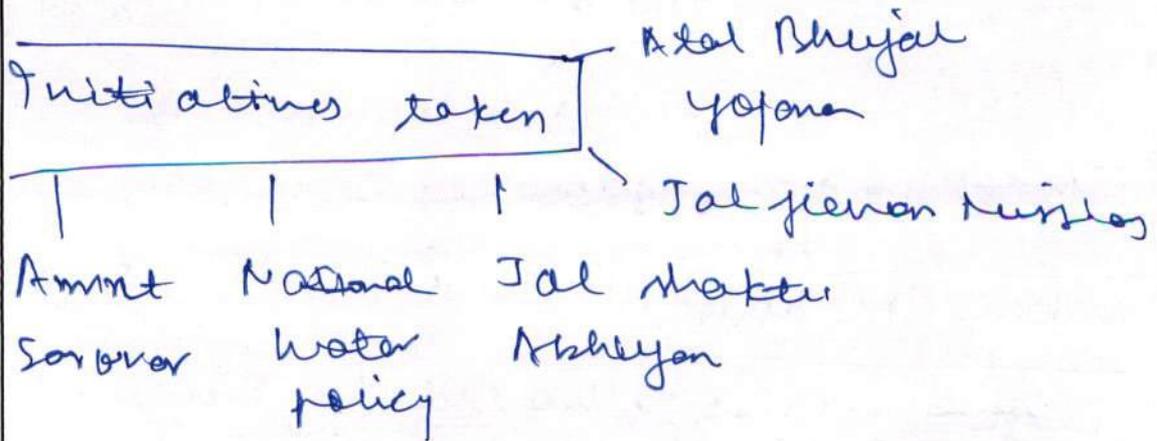
भारत की जल संबंधी जरूरतों को पूरा करने की दिशा में सरकार द्वारा कई पहलों की शुरुआत की गई है, परंतु जल की उपलब्धता और जल की गुणवत्ता जैसे मुद्दों पर अभी भी नीतिगत हस्तक्षेप की आवश्यकता है। विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Several initiatives have been taken by the government towards addressing India's water needs, but the issues of water availability and water quality still warrant prioritised intervention. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words)

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India accounts for 17% of population but has only 4% of water resources. The changing climate and looming urbanisation creates more stress



But the quality and availability issues remain

① High demand - 70% increase due to population rise

② Per capita availability has ~~gone~~ become 60% down. (CPCB)

③ More than 70% water sources

are polluted

④ High groundwater extraction -

25% of all world

⑤

less availability - More than

80% of world population lacks  
taped drinking water

⑥

Climate crisis - flood, draughts  
create problem

⑦

Wet zero situation - 30% cities  
will lose groundwater by 2035  
(LWMI)

Measures Needed

→ behavioral  
change

→ One water  
approach

sustainable  
agriculture  
(LWMI/A)

Rain  
water harvesting  
(catch the rain  
programme)

These methods will

fulfill SDG 6

6.

आर्कटिक में हिमनदों के पिघल कर संकुचित होने के लिए उत्तरदायी कारक क्या हैं? पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र पर आर्कटिक हिमनदों के पिघलने के संभावित प्रभाव का वर्णन कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

What are the major drivers of glacial retreat in the Arctic? Describe the potential impact of the retreat of Arctic glaciers on the ecosystem. (Answer in 150 words)

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Glacial retreat in Arctic has presented one of the biggest challenges to humanity. The threat of climate change widens with this

### Major drivers of glacial retreat

- ① Climate change - temperature of Earth has already risen  $1^\circ\text{C}$  (IPCC)
- ② Reducing albedo effect - ~~creates~~ more black carbon exhaustion creates more melting
- ③ Industrial activity like mineral exploration in Siberia
  - ↳ 13% of oil
  - ↳ 22% of gas
- ④ Tipping point is being reached

In Arctic:

⑤ Deforestation at large scale also leads to this

### ⑥ Potential Impact of Retreat

① Threat to biodiversity - like polar bears, seals etc.

② More albedo reduction due to more melting

③ Regional weather change due to moisture availability

④ More coastal erosion will take place

⑤ Threat of sea level rise

⑥ Opening of new shipping routes  
North sea routes.

More scientific research and sustainable solutions via Arctic Council is way forward

7.

अंतरिक्ष पर्यटन, जिसे सीधे तौर पर एक साइंस फिक्शन फिल्म के रूप में देखा जाता था, अब बिना किसी बाधा के वास्तविकता बन रहा है। अंतरिक्ष पर्यटन से संबंधित चुनौतियां क्या हैं? इन चुनौतियों से निपटने के लिए क्या उपाय किए जा सकते हैं? (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Space tourism, which was viewed as something straight out of a science fiction movie, is now becoming a reality albeit not without hindrances. What are the challenges associated with space tourism? What measures can be taken to address these challenges? (Answer in 150 words) 10

With the rise of space X, Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic, the space tourism has taken new height

### Challenges associated with it

- ① More space debris - link to Kessler syndrome
- ② More GHG emission as use less of fossil fuel
- ③ Commodification of space means real
- ④ No regulatory architecture in case of any accidents and no responsibility mechanism

⑤ Give rise to militarisation of space as countries race to it

Following measures can be taken

- ① Use reusable rockets like Falcon X
- ② Provision of proper guidelines should be made.
- ③ Institutional mechanism should be in place to regulate it (Outer Space Treaty)
- ④ Cleaning of debris should also be undertaken (Project Netra)
- ⑤ Sustainable use of space should be done
- ⑥ International collaboration is needed

Artemis Accord and Space tourism policy of ISRO should be followed to secure global common

8.

वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य विशेषज्ञ व्यापक रूप से मानते हैं कि CAR-T सेल थेरेपी का विकास कैंसर के उपचार में एक बड़ी सफलता हो सकता है। CAR-T सेल थेरेपी, CRISPR-Cas9 तकनीक में व्याप्त कमियों को कैसे दूर कर सकती है? (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Global health experts widely believe that the development of CAR-T cell therapy can be a game changer in the treatment of cancer. How can CAR-T cell therapy overcome the limitations of CRISPR-Cas9 technology? (Answer in 150 words)

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CAR T cell therapy is one where T cell are infused with antibodies that fight cancer cells

Gene changes in cancer — used only once

Tata Memorial Hospital Mumbai used high efficacy no side effect

Overcome limitation of CRISPR

- ① less costly
- ② less Bit easier to do
- ③ less chances of manipulation and high chances of corrections

④ No need to editing of genes

⑤ large scale availability.

Therefore CRISPR is a revolutionary technology. More R&D and funding will bolster it.

9.

चर्चा कीजिए कि प्रमुख हिंसक चरमपंथी संगठनों द्वारा नई और उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियों के बढ़ते इस्तेमाल के विरुद्ध संगठित एवं ठोस वैश्विक प्रयासों की आवश्यकता क्यों है। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Discuss why the rising deployment of new and emerging technologies by prominent violent extremist organizations demand concerted global efforts. (Answer in 150 words)

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Rising and new emerging technology are those which have large potential and future applications

Ex IOT, Blockchain, 3D Printing etc.

Threat as used by violent extremist organisations

- ① Higher reach of propaganda  
↳ Metaverse
- ② More lethal weapon are made -> 3D printing of gun
- ③ Anonymous Nature - use of driverless car
- ④ Chances of using fake identity  
↳ using AI software
- ⑤ Carrying attack or providing drug income easy -> drones

③ Difficult to catch - lone wolf  
attackers are trained via Augmented  
reality

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These issues needs to be addressed  
by global efforts

① To check their reach -  $\rightarrow$  Delhi  
decoration on  
terrorism

② Use technology  
to avert the attack  
 $\rightarrow$  social media use by  
US against Al Qaeda.

③ Make global consensus -  $\rightarrow$  Church  
to tackle this  
call on  
action

④ To secure lives, property and  
human rights of people

⑤ Peaceful use of technology  
 $\rightarrow$  Conference on AI going  
on

Only by concerted efforts  
the extremists could be checked

10. गलवान और यांगस्ते की घटनाओं के बाद वास्तविक नियंत्रण रेखा (LAC) पर तनाव बना हुआ है तथा भारत एवं चीन दोनों सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में अपने बुनियादी ढांचों को सुदृढ़ कर रहे हैं। इस क्षेत्र में ITBP द्वारा निभाई जाने वाली भूमिका पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)
- With the Line of Actual Control (LAC) remaining tense after the Galwan and Yangste incidents and both India and China ramping up infrastructure in the border areas, discuss the role that ITBP plays in the region. (Answer in 150 words)

Ando That border police force  
is deployed in the conflicted  
zone of India China border.

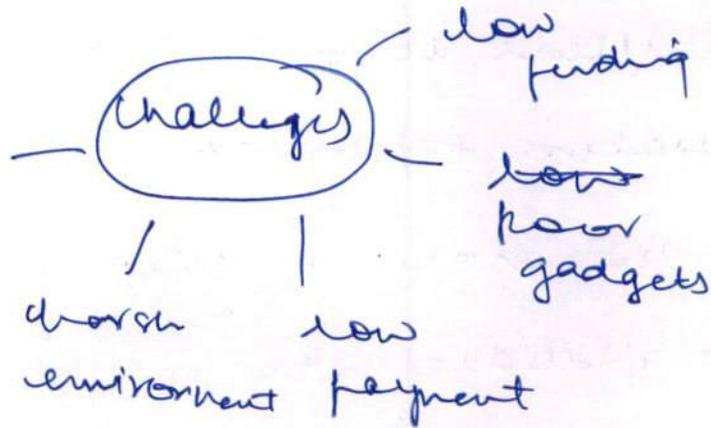
### Role of ITBP

- ① Provide security to the region
- ② Provision of assisted help in policy making
- ③ Provide intelligence to the agencies
- ④ Collaborate with nearby population to generate climate of trust.
- ⑤ Making of infrastructure like mail bridges.

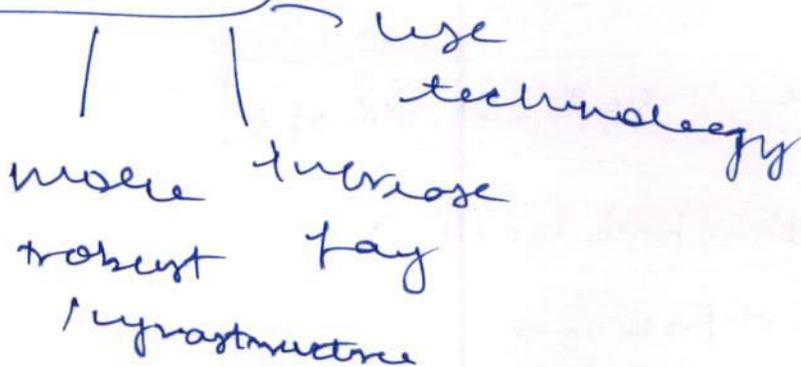
# ⑥ Helping during disasters

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## Way forward



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क्या आपको लगता है कि भारत को 'भूमि उत्पादकता' के सिद्धांत को छोड़कर 'सिंचाई जल उत्पादकता' के सिद्धांत को अपनाने की आवश्यकता है? अपने उत्तर का औचित्य सिद्ध कीजिए। यह बदलाव करने में कौन-सी चुनौतियां विद्यमान हैं? व्याख्या कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Do you think there is a need for a shift from 'land productivity' to 'irrigation water productivity' in India? Justify your answer. What are the challenges in making this shift? Explain. (Answer in 250 words)

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Agriculture accounts for 45% of population employed and 18% of GDP in economy. Shifting from land productivity to irrigation water productivity will make it viable and sustainable

### The need of shift

- ① low productivity - only 50% in comparison to china
- ② Non sustainable - Agriculture is source of climate pollution  
(Koronina joint action)
- ③ Fragmented land - restrict the productivity of land  
80% farmlands - less than 1.2 ha.
- ④ monsoon dependency
- ⑤ Poor efficiency of resources  
like fertilizer, herbicide.

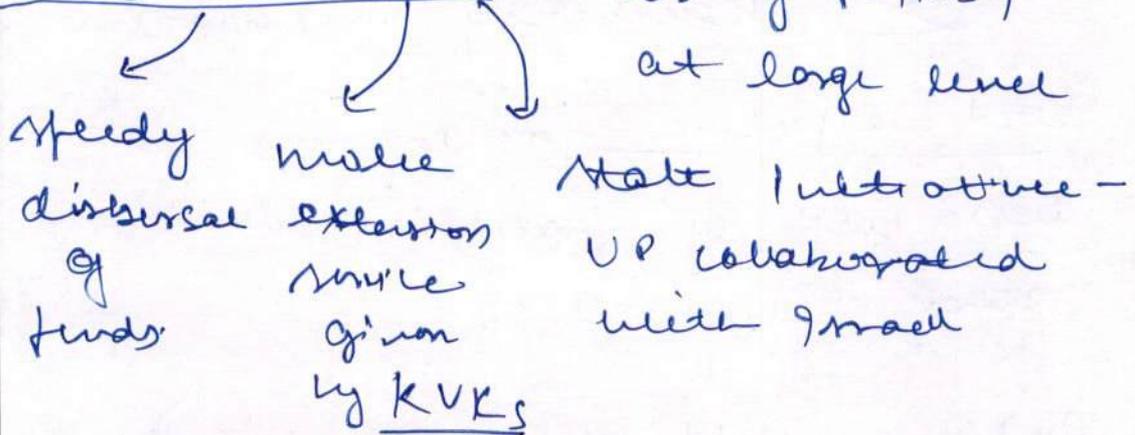
Irrigation water productivity  
will support

- ① High water use efficiency - more than 80% than conventional method → less runoff
- ② High energy efficiency - as less use of water
- ③ Better use of fertilisers - as done in optimum and precise doses.
- ④ New crops could be grown  
↳ ~~for~~ Strawberry in Rajasthan
- ⑤ Cost effective for farmers as less use of fertilisers and other inputs
- ⑥ Better yield as seen in Israel
- ⊕ Sustainable - less leaching of chemicals in soil.

## Challenges in making shifts

- ① Lack of awareness - due to low extension services
- ② High cost in the initial phase of deployment - 80% farmers are small and marginal
- ③ Low public spending - Govt only spend 2% on agriculture
- ④ Poor disbursement of funds - only 21% received PM KISAN funds

## Way forward



Then only agriculturist could become sustainable agripreneuers

12.

भारत की ऊर्जा सुरक्षा प्राप्त करने में हरित हाइड्रोजन की भूमिका का परीक्षण कीजिए। राष्ट्रीय हरित हाइड्रोजन मिशन, भारत की अपने ऊर्जा लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने में किस प्रकार मदद कर सकता है? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Examine the role that green hydrogen can play in unlocking the energy security of India. How can the National Green Hydrogen Mission help India in achieving its energy goals? (Answer in 250 words)

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Green hydrogen is the hydrogen made using renewable energy. It is considered as the source fuel for the future

Unlocking energy security in India

- ① Clean source - could fulfill Panchamrit strategy - 50% non fossil energy
- ② Reduce dependence on import  
↳ as India import 87% of its oil needs
- ③ Reduce Green House Gas Emission  
↳ as hydrogen only releases ~~water~~ water as byproduct
- ④ could be used in H CNG  
buses - improve public transport

⑤ Improve economic position by reducing current account deficit

⑥ It is used in cooking fuel - could support Ujjwala yojna

Green hydrogen mission help India achieving the goal

① As it aims to produce 5 MMT of green hydrogen.

② Catalyses research and development in ps this sector.

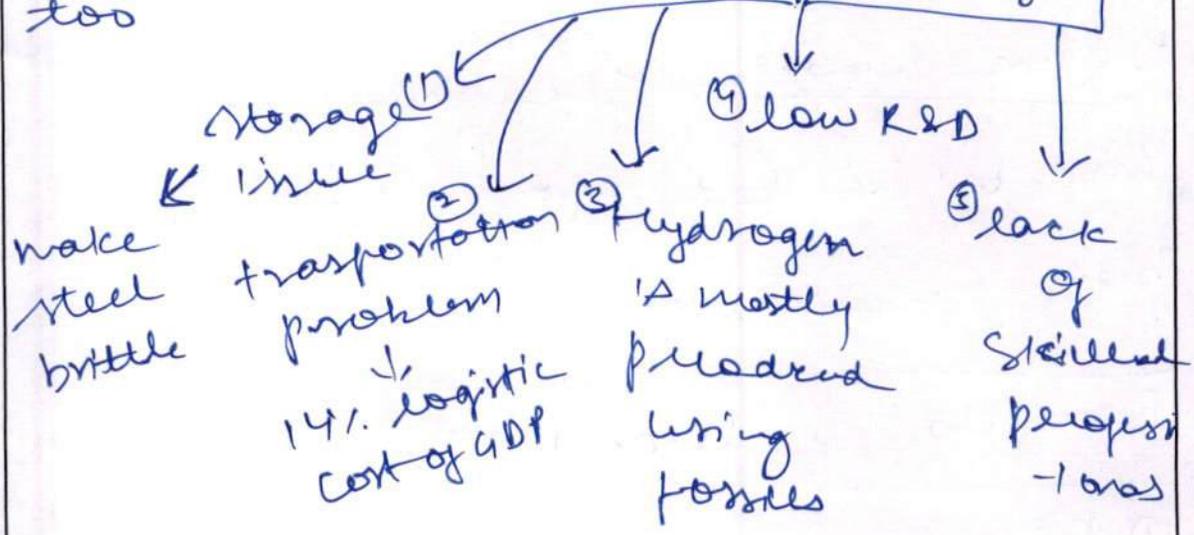
③ Could improve net production as well as export at later stage

④ Enough funding will be provided to develop

# green hydrogen

- ⑤ Employment generation will take place.
- ⑥ Private sector participation is needed - Interest rate subvention and tax waiving.

But there are some challenges too



Providing more support to private sector and more R&D could heat the sector of green hydrogen

13.

हाल के दिनों में, सरकार न्यूनतम पारिश्रमिक की जगह जीवन निर्वाह पारिश्रमिक को अपनाने पर विचार कर रही है। भारत में जीवन निर्वाह पारिश्रमिक को अपनाने के लाभ और इसमें विद्यमान बाधाएं कौन-सी हैं? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The government has been weighing a transition from minimum wage to living wage in recent times. What are the benefits and constraints in the adoption of living wage in India? (Answer in 250 words)

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Minimum and living wage are ~~two~~ two methods of remuneration to labour.

Minimum wage - the ceiling <sup>under</sup> ~~beyond~~ which no labour is paid.

living wage - The minimum amount needed for fulfilling basic necessities

### Benefits of transition

- ① Provide basic necessities - to the people working  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{food} \\ \text{house} \end{array} \right.$   
(101st Hunger Nutrition Index)
- ② Check adverse impact of inflation on workers
- ③ improve capability of

Workers - better production will take place

④ Could reduce inequality - 1%  
uses 40% of GDP (Oxfam)

⑤ Better fulfilment of Constitutional mandate - Art 42 - better working and living conditions

⑥ Welfare of workers and less exploitation by industries

⑦ Help in tackling multidimensional poverty - 50% Indians - less than ₹5000/month (Oxfam)

### Constraints

① Industries may not be willing

② More litigation goes into the court

③ Encroachment on state subject - competitive federalism

- ④ State wise differences in the price of commodity hinders the Integrated formulation of policy
- ⑥ large Informal sector - 90%.
- ⑤ May hurt ease of doing business

Way forward

- ① Revise policy as per State Consultation
- ② Link it with Inflationary Index
- ③ More Stakeholder Consultation is needed
- ④ Formalise workers
- ⑤ Better Skilling and use of technology will spur growth - (NIPUN)
- ⑥

Shifting to living wage needs more collaboration with states, industry and trade unions

14.

केंद्रीय बजट भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था के लगभग हर क्षेत्र को प्रभावित करता है, फिर भी न तो बजटीय प्रक्रियाएं पर्याप्त सार्वजनिक जांच के दायरे में आती हैं और न ही बजट नीतियां। क्या आप इस कथन से सहमत हैं? अपने उत्तर का औचित्य सिद्ध कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The Union Budget affects almost every sector of the Indian economy, yet neither the budgetary processes nor the budget policies come under substantial public scrutiny. Do you agree? Justify your answer. (Answer in 250 words)

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Union budget is dealt with Art. 112 in the Constitution. It is the yearly exercise showing receipt and expenditure of government, with upcoming plans

Affects almost every sector

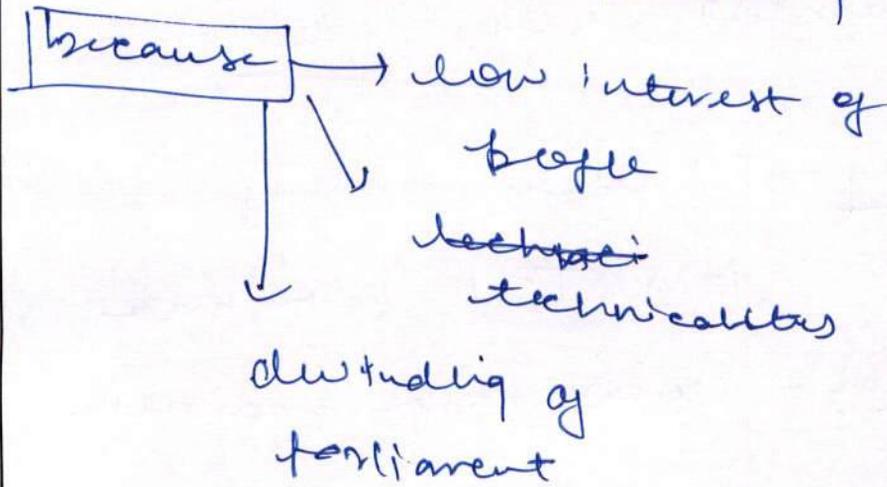
- economy - \$5 trillion economy
- social - NISHTHA programme
- political - Cooperative federalism
- technology - National mission on block chain
- defense - 74% FDI given
- balanced growth -

Economic sector

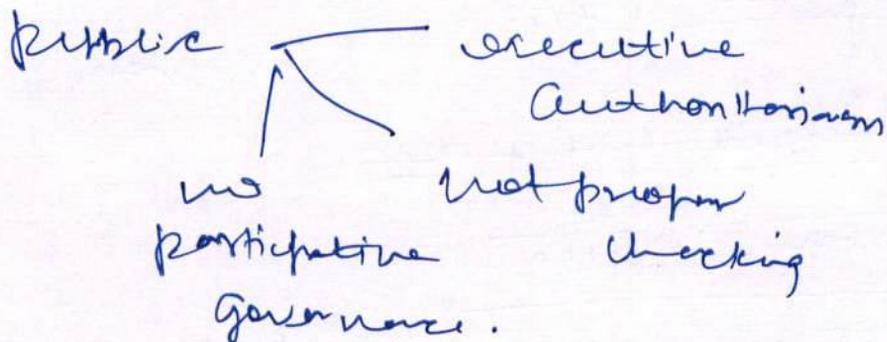
- ① Agriculture → Livestock (Rashtriya Gokul Mission)  
Agri investment fund → farmers (Blue Revolution)

- ② Industry - Manufacturing (Zero defect zero effect scheme)  
PLI  
Infrastructure / National Logistics policy
- ③ Services - trade in services from India scheme  
FDI

Budgetary process comes under fundamental structure but not the public scrutiny



issues of not coming in



## Needed

- ① More public consultation
- ② More strengthening of parliamentary committees
- ③ Tech uses - My gov. to give feedback.
- ④ Use of NGOs, civil society should be made

By these, the budget process will become by the people, of the people, for the people

15.

भारत स्वयं को दूध की कमी वाले देश से दुनिया के सबसे बड़े दूध उत्पादक देश के रूप में बदलने में सक्षम हो गया है, लेकिन देश में डेयरी पशुओं की उत्पादकता चिंता का विषय बनी हुई है। विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

India has been able to transform itself from a milk deficit country to the world's biggest milk producer, but the productivity of dairy animals in the country remains a concern. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words)

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Today India is the largest producer of milk in the world. The dairy sector contributes 5% to GDP

Milk deficit country to biggest milk producer

- ① Dairy sector has 10% CAGR
- ② It employs 70% of women - social inclusiveness
- ③ Milk products account for exports too ~~for~~ AMUL
- ④ Food processing sector too has component of dairy - backward linkages

# but productivity as Challenge

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- ① low productivity - ~~is~~ only 45% of world average
- ② lack of fodder - due to desertification
- ③ lack of per capita availability
- ④ Disease - FMD
- ⑤ Reason → poor Veterinary Services
- ⑥ Reason → low technology market use - no liquid nitrogen availability to store semen
- ⑦ Infrastructure Issues → storage refrigerated van

## Methods Needed

- ① Provide Infrastructure - National logistic policy  
→ storage facility - PEH chain

- ② Better livestock care
  - ↳ Veterinary services
  - ↳ Pashuachar
  - ↳ National Livestock Mission
- ③ Better funding via Agricultural Investment fund.
- ④ Market availability - use e-NAM NAFED.
- ⑤ Role in private sector and Cooperatives like AMUL
- ⑥ Treatment of diseases at fast pace - National Animal disease control programme.

These methods will help in improving productivity -

16.

जहां एक तरफ जलवायु परिवर्तन, फसल की विफलता के लिए जिम्मेदार है, वहीं दूसरी तरफ चरम मौसमी घटनाओं के लिए कृषि क्षेत्रक स्वयं आंशिक रूप से जिम्मेदार है। विवेचना कीजिए। भारत में कृषक समुदाय की प्रत्यास्थता को सुदृढ़ करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय कृषि आपदा प्रबंधन योजना के तहत क्या रणनीति अपनाई गई है? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

While climate change is responsible for crop failures, the agricultural sector itself is partly responsible for extreme weather events. Discuss. What strategy has been adopted under National Agriculture Disaster Management Plan to strengthen the resilience of the farming community in India? (Answer in 250 words)

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Climate change and agriculture  
and both are harming each  
other. ICAR says 1°C rise in  
temperature leads to 6% decrease  
in income

Climate change responsible for  
crop failures

- ① Floods - destroyed wheat crops
- ② Drought - decreased productivity of rice
- ③ ~~Unusually~~ Unusually season caused  
inflation  
↳ ~~an~~ export of rice was  
banned

④ Decreased productivity is witnessed among farmers.

⑤ 12% of rice production will decrease by 2050  
18-20% maize will be decreased by 2030 - ICAR

⑥ Desertification has affected agriculture in Bundelkhand region

Agriculture responsible for extreme weather

① High GHG emission due to burning of stubble

② High methane release due to rice production, and ruminants

③ depleting groundwater - as agriculture uses 80% of it

④ soil pollution - due to

leaching of chemicals.

⑤ Clearing forest - slash and  
burn agriculture in North East

⑥ Water pollution - (70% ↓  
decreased

→ CWM

Biology under National  
Disaster Management Plan

① Climate smart agriculture like  
NMSA, NICRA

② Integrating agriculture in ~~disaster~~  
disaster risk reduction

③ Involving community in DRR.

④ Roping local levels like PRI's

⑤ Making awareness about climate  
change among people.

These will facilitate

Climate smart agriculture.

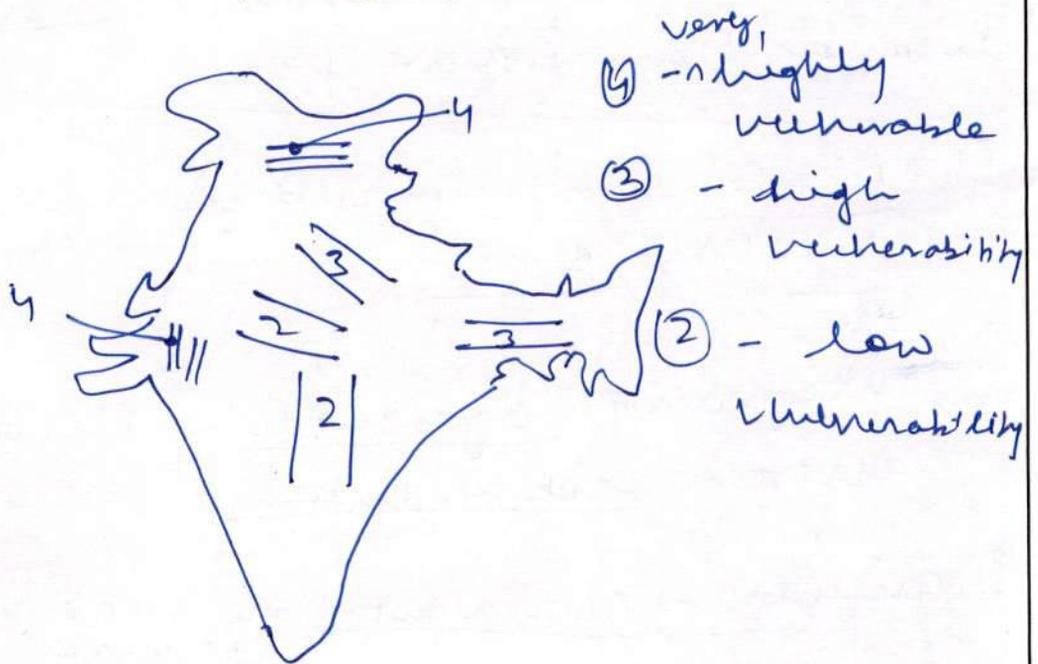
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दिल्ली सहित भारत के कुछ क्षेत्र हिमालय में आने वाले भूकंपों के प्रभाव के प्रति अत्यधिक संवेदनशील हैं। विवेचना कीजिए। भारत में भूकंप से होने वाली हानि को कम करने के लिए कौन-से संस्थागत उपाय किए गए हैं? क्या आपको लगता है कि कुछ उल्लेखनीय कमियां अभी भी मौजूद हैं? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)  
Some regions in India, including Delhi, are highly vulnerable to the impact of earthquakes originating in the Himalayas. Discuss. What institutional measures have been taken to mitigate earthquake losses in India? Do you think there are significant gaps that still exist? (Answer in 250 words)

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The 59% area of India is prone to earthquake. I.S.Z has divided it into 4 zones.



### Auxiliary of Earthquake

- ① loss of life
- ② loss of property
- ③ infrastructural damage
  - ↳ power grids
  - ↳ schools etc.

- ① Damages
- Health
  - Agriculture
  - displacement of population

## Institutional Measures

- ① Mapping of hazard zone by GIS and ISRO
- ② National disaster management plan - provides policy framework
- ③ National disaster response force - used in calamity.
- ④ National executive committee - provide high level coordination and command
- ⑤ Early warning systems have developed

## Gaps

- ① No inclusion of climate change in disaster risk reduction
- ② No collaboration with state level agencies
- ③ Lack of community participation
- ④ Lack of coordination due to multiplicity of agencies

## Guidelines of Ministry of

Panchayati Raj regarding using bottom up approach in ~~the~~ DRR should be followed.

8.

हाल ही में, वैज्ञानिकों ने परमाणु संलयन अभिक्रिया में निवल ऊर्जा लाभ की घोषणा की है, जिसे स्वच्छ ऊर्जा के भविष्य के लिए एक बड़ी वैज्ञानिक सफलता माना गया है। परमाणु संलयन आधारित विद्युत उत्पादन के क्या लाभ हैं? व्यावसायिक स्तर पर विद्युत उत्पन्न करने के लिए इसके उपयोग की क्या सीमाएं हैं? (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Recently, scientists announced net energy gain in nuclear fusion reaction, which is considered as a major scientific breakthrough for the future of clean energy. What are the advantages of nuclear fusion based power generation? What are the limitations in using it to generate electricity at a commercial scale? (Answer in 250 words)

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Nuclear <sup>fusion</sup> ~~fusion~~ is the technique where energy where nuclear atom are joined together to produce energy

Major breakthrough for clean energy

- ① less emission of fuels
- ② Could curtail GHG emission and tackle climate change
- ③ Reliable and non intermittent source of energy
- ④ highly efficient source of energy
- ⑤ Varied applications   
 ← medical   
 ← electricity   
 ← heating

## Advantages of Nuclear Fusion

- ① Not release radioactive material as in fission
- ② More efficient as no energy is destroyed or wasted
- ③ More secure - no radioactive release
- ④ Could help in understanding universe - as fusion takes place in stars too
- ⑤ More economic growth - due to less fossil use
- ⑥ Continuous supply
- ⑦ Could fulfill INDC goals.

## Limitations

- ① Hard to achieve fusion
- ② R&D is low in other ~~see~~ global south countries

② Question of security is still  
to be resolved

③ High cost ~~requirement~~ of  
process

④ Lack of skilled professional  
to carry out research

⑤ Not available for large  
scale - Tokamak reactor created  
electricity for few seconds only

Way forward

↓  
Nuclear  
hydrogen  
could  
be  
used for  
while

↳ More R & D is needed  
↳ More international  
collaborations like ITER  
More funding should be  
given by countries

The fusion generated  
energy is undoubtedly excellent, but  
more time, funds, are need of  
now.

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हालिया संशोधन को ध्यान में रखते हुए, भारत में धन शोधन (मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग) के खतरे से निपटने में धन शोधन रोकथाम अधिनियम, 2002 की प्रभावकारिता का परीक्षण कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Keeping in view the recent amendment, examine the efficacy of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, in tackling the menace of money laundering in India. (Answer in 250 words)

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Money laundering is the method of converting illegitimately ~~earned~~ earned money into legal system

India loses 2% of GDP to this, as per IO

Efficacy of PMLA

① Checking the misuse of legal loopholes - like DTAA

② Strengthening surveillance of banking system

③ The counterfeiting of currency has come down by 20%.

(Parliament session 2023)

④ Busting of havala, has been done.

⑤ It checked money laundering  
for organised crime

↳ Anti terror funding  
Cells in Min. of home  
affairs.

⑥ Vast measure of property  
took place

However there are some  
challenges

① The act has been used for  
political purpose. - alleges  
Opposition

② The conviction rate has  
been low - NCRB

③ Used to stifle liberty of  
people

④ No mechanism to deal with  
extraditions of criminals

⑤ Centre State collaborations  
may get hurt

↳ higher jurisdiction of NIA

⑥ Lack of grievance redressal.

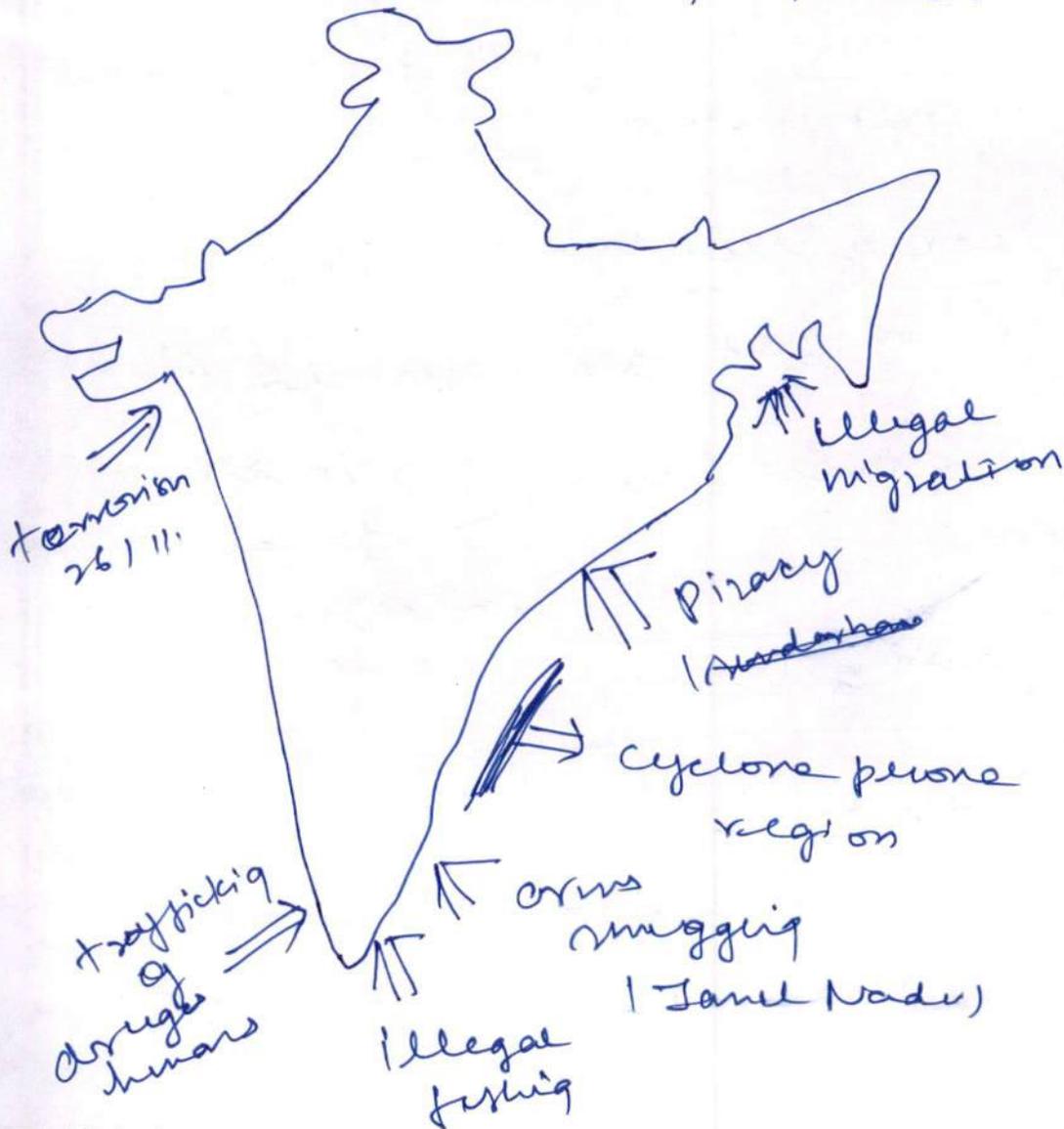
Thus the PMCA needs  
to seen in wider light. More  
concrete actions are required  
like extradition powers and  
~~visiting abn.~~ State should  
support it

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हिंद महासागर क्षेत्र (IOR) में मौजूद उन सुरक्षा खतरों पर चर्चा कीजिए, जिनका भारत के समुद्री सीमा संबंधी हितों पर सीधा असर पड़ता है। इन खतरों से निपटने के लिए एक मजबूत रणनीति सुझाइए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Discuss the security threats present in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), which have a direct bearing on India's maritime border interests. Suggest a robust strategy to deal with these threats. (Answer in 250 words) 15

India shares long border of 7500 km to the maritime large. It is surrounded by Indian ocean by three sides that makes it vulnerable to security threats



# Select hearing on security of maritime borders

① AS — 27 million people are dependent on fishing  
60% of trade takes place through this  
Relation with countries are dependent (India - Sri Lanka) → dependent on resources

② Terrorism — 26/11 took place via Gujarat waters

③ lack of security — IB says 80% minor port are insecure

④ Organised crime —  
→ Trafficking  
→ Human  
→ Marco terrorism

## Rehearsal Strategy

### ① Institutional

1) Better coordination between Coast Guard, India Navy

- ② Use of technology like night vision goggles, mapping by ISRO
- ③ Actionable intelligence should be given
- ④ Securing the strategic A&N island
- ⑤ Collaborate with International regime like IORA, IONS
- ⑬ Community led efforts
  - 1) Provide economic security to wear border population
  - 2) Community policing could be done
  - 3) Collaborate with nearby Panchayats

These methods will

Secure 90%

# SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK