



ABHYAAS MAINS

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

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अधिकतम अंक: 250

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सामान्य अध्ययन (प्रश्न पत्र-I) GENERAL STUDIES (Paper I)

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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 मुख्य-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।

QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

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

There are TWENTY questions printed both in HINDI and in ENGLISH.

All questions are compulsory.

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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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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) 10

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Food Security refers to adequate availability of food as per the body requirements of different people

Dimensions of Food Security

i) Availability of food as per calorie requirement

ii) Health status showing food security

a) Stunting under 5 year

35 %

Global Hunger Index

b) Underweight " "

32.9 %

c) Wasting " "

19 %

21-22

d) Anaemia

51 %

of NFHS-5 women

iii) Availability of nutritious food that will help hunger problem

Prevalence of rice, wheat and other cereal crop in diet over high nutritive crops like millets, pulses

4) Absorption of food by body leading to actual benefits of food security → High prevalence of anaemia, diabetes, under-nutrition reduces absorption by body

Steps needed to ensure food security

- 1) Promotions of high allocation of food to poor and vulnerable under NFPA, 2013
- 2) Provide supplementary food fortification with B12, D₃ Ison, folic acid in mid day meal
- 3) ensuring safe water and hygiene to reduce risk from diseases and ensure immunity
- 4) Fibre based diet, millets, in mid day meal
- 5) Health focus to ensure nutrients are adequately absorbed eg Reductio of anaemia
 India needs to move from Food security to nutrition security to achieve healthy demography and economic growth (SDG 3 → Good Health & well being)

2.

ब्लॉकचेन और चैटजीपीटी जैसी आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकियां कृषि को अधिक कुशल और संधारणीय क्षेत्र में बदलने की अपार क्षमता वाले शक्तिशाली साधन हैं। भारत के संदर्भ में चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

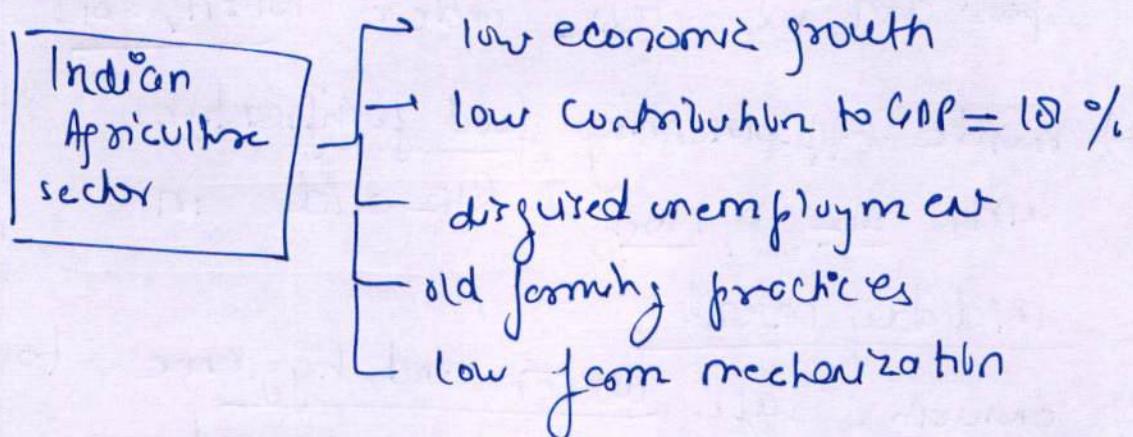
Modern technologies such as blockchain and ChatGPT are powerful tools with immense potential to transform agriculture into a more efficient and sustainable sector. Discuss in the context of India. (Answer in 150 words)

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4th Industrial Revolution has

led to increased penetration of technology like Blockchain and ChatGPT that can promote growth of every sector.

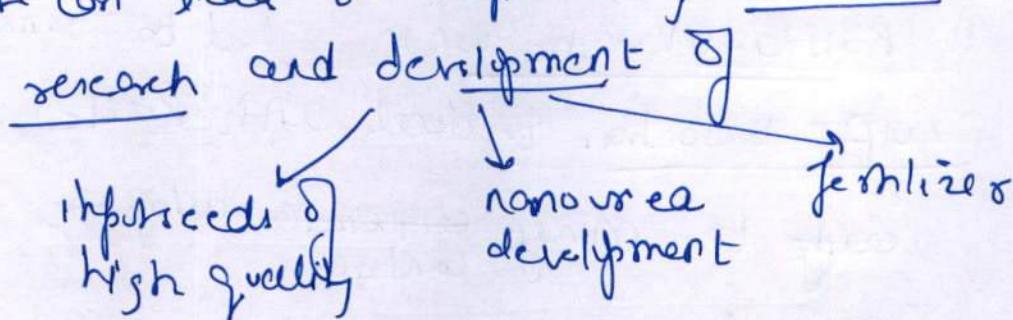


Potential of Blockchain and ChatGPT to transform agriculture into more efficient and sustainable sector

① Provide farm productivity

1.1 Blockchain can provide information on water and nutrient use efficiency

1.2 effluent application of fertilizer and pesticides to best generate crop

- ② Improve water productivity through information on sustainable agri practices
- ③ It can ensure farmer have adequate information on market prices
- ± TSC exchange can be integrated with chatops where sonchatalk can connect multiple farmers and boost information
- ④ It can lead to improved agriculture research and development of 
 - Inputs of high quality
 - nanotech development
 - fertilizer development
- leading to better crop fertility
- ⑤ They can be integrated with farmer apps like Kisan seva - to boost information on crop pattern, climate, wil health by linking with satellites
- ⑥ It can augment supply chain and transportation to link with GPS and ensure food product shelf-life

Agriculture can gain significantly from technologies through better linking and integration to achieve doubling of farmer income by 2025

3.

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-dollarization of global economy

refers to increasing usage of non-dollar currencies in international transactions like Ruble, Rupee, Pound etc

Factors leading to de-dollarization

- 1) Russia-Ukraine war led to banning of SWIFT transaction to deal with Ruble
leading to many countries adopting own currencies
eg. India - Russia Rupee settlement
- 2) Imported inflation due to weakening of supply chains in pandemic
- 3) strengthening of dollar vis-a-vis Other currencies due to
 - heavy printing of dollar to shield economy
 - increased oil prices due to conflict

4) Impact on local economies due to dollar fluctuations amongst huge inflation in USA

e.g. Indian economy maintained inflation rate in 2-6% range. Yet over 10% inflation led to price in India increasing

Dollar losing dominance?

- 1) Dollar transactions constitute over 80% of global transaction → It will take significant amount of time to reduce dollar dependency
 - 2) Dollar is backed by gold and a developed economy which makes it relatively stable among other currencies
 - 3) For local currency trade, a significant and balanced amount of import and export has to happen
- e.g. India-Russia Rupee trade - But India is a major importer - settling trade becomes an issue

Strengthening of bilateral relations to cause local currency trade needs to be enhanced to reduce dependence on dollars

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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India provides 67% of people
with assured monthly food to support the
poor and marginalized under National
Food Security Act, 2013.

This has been criticized by many
developed countries and WTO due to

- 1) Inflationary import
- 2) ~~high~~ low cost of Indian exports leading
trade surplus of India
- 3) supply - demand mismatch
- 4) Reuse on domestic producers of other
countries
- 5) unfair trade practices as held by WTO

Net, there is a merit in retaining food subsidy Regime

- 1) Promote basic livelihood and food needs
to poor — India has over 16% of
multidimensionally poor people

- 2) ensure people are lifted out of poverty
if food constitutes over 70% of household income
- 3) India has lifted over 215 million people out of poverty in 2010-2020.
- 4) from Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana benefitted poor, marginalized and migrant population in pandemic
- 5) India being a welfare state, promotes development and upliftment of Anvayodaya with 38 kg of extra food grain
- 6) It promotes cognitive development of children through mid day meal
- 7) Promotes social security where less poor can spend rest of income on health benefits.

Food Policy and subsidy needs to be continued yet rationalized to provide a balance benefit to poor as well as maintain fiscal balance

5.

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)

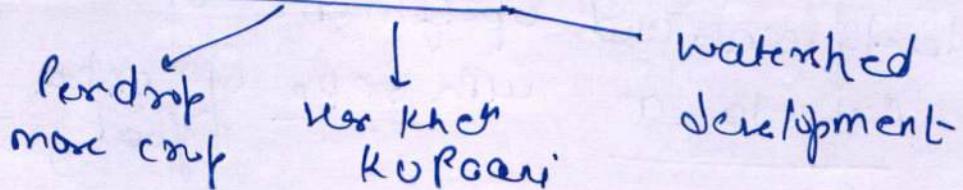
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India has become a virtual
water exporter with over 25% of India's
groundwater exported through crops like rice

Initiatives towards addressing India's water needs

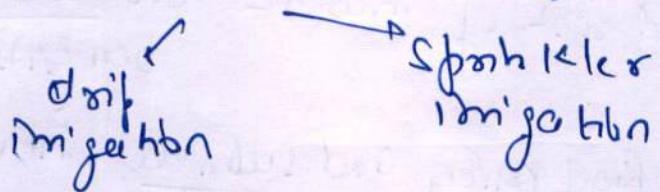
1) PM Kisan Sankalay Yojana



2) Awareness campaign like

"Catch the rain wherever it falls"

3) efficient water use technologies like



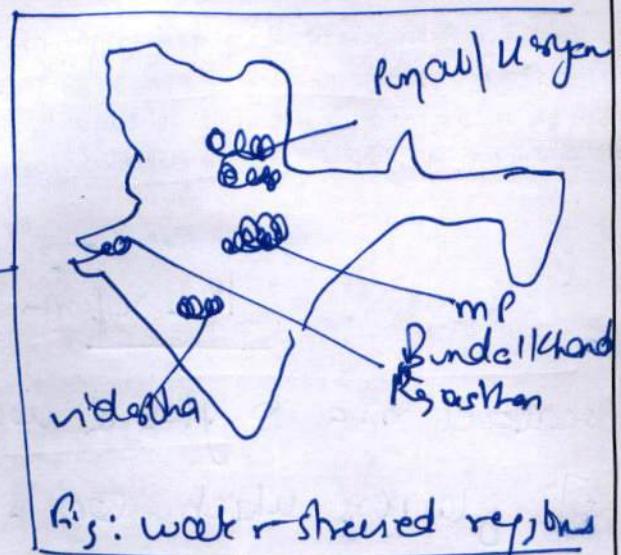
4) Interlinking of rivers

Ken-Betwa Project

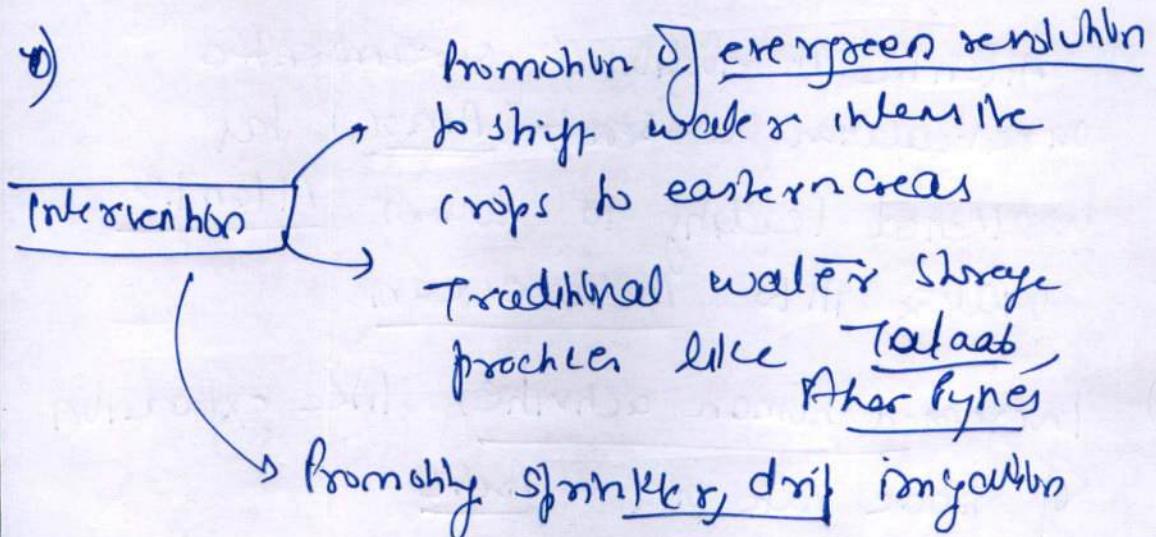
5) Jal Jeevan mission for effluent reuse
utilisation

Issue of water availability and water quality

- 1) Promotion of water guzzling crops in water stressed region
e.g. Paddy in Punjab



- 2) Use of power subsidy, groundwater usage for crops leading to indiscriminate extraction
- 3) Lack of water use efficiency in usage of crops e.g. overuse of fertilizers leading to surface runoff and water pollution



water is an important resource for human survival and agricultural growth. An integrated approach is needed for better utilization

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) 10

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Precipitation wave of the sea rising
sealevel due to global warming and melting
of glaciers which can severely impact life
on earth

Major drivers of glacial retreat of Arctic

- 1) Global warming - leading to high temperature and melting of glaciers of Arctic
- 2) Warming of ocean temperature causing former glaciers
- 3) Atlantic Meridional Circum Arctic ocean circulation current (AMOC) has weakened leading to warm Atlantic water into Arctic ocean
- 4) Increased human activities like expansion of trade route via Arctic
e.g. Russia's Aleksandr Lomonosov uses nuclear technology to cut ice

3) Increased Impact of Nutrient on
the Arctic leading to Glacial impact

Impact of Arctic glacial retreat on ecosystem

① Sea level rise leading to submergence

Key coastal cities

ए BARC report says Mumbai is submerging
2mm/year

② Inhabitable conditions in cities

ए Indonesia shifted capital from Jakarta
to east Palawan

③ Biodiversity will be severely impacted

ए Polar bears are expected to be extinct
by 2050 by melting

④ water circulation in ocean will be
severely impacted leading to erratic
weather pattern like Tsunami; cyclone

Way forward → Increased Arctic council collaboration

→ Non drilling of Permofrost

→ Reduced human activity

Arctic ocean serve as a

Global common and needs to be protected
for human and ecological resilience

7.

अंतरिक्ष पर्यटन, जिसे सीधे तौर पर एक साइंस फिक्शन फ़िल्म 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

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Space tourism has become a fancy activity due to expansion of companies like Space X, Blue origin who can provide tourist facilities in Space by Virgin Atlantic for people to experience sub-optimal gravity.

Challenges associated with space Tourism

- 1) Lead to race to colonization of space
SpaceX, Amazon are contributing to fight for winning space race
- 2) Leads to Kessler syndrome where too many objects in space can create problems
- 3) Can damage satellites and space missions due to low orbital availability

- v) Reduce the actual purpose of space research to know the origins of universe
- can lead to weaponization of space and hazards from multiple rockets
- q) Impact on life on earth
 ↳ China's Long March 3 rocket fell in Indonesia

measures to address these challenges

- 1) Collaboration among countries to promote safe use of space
- 2) can boost efforts like Artemis Accords in space tourism
- 3) ethical guidelines for companies to follow.

Space is a vast expanse of knowledge of human & universe origin. Its peaceful and safe usage needs to be ensured for collective security of all

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 व्यापक 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) 10

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Chimeric Antigen Receptor Test

(CAR-T) cell therapy has become an important process in the treatment of cancer, with modern and advanced techniques.

Limitations of CRISPR-Cas9

- 1) Invasive technique leading to addition of an extra gene through protein insertion or cause side effect
- 2) The efficiency is low as the protein insertion may not happen at the right place.
- 3) It can cause long healing time
- 4) cost associated with it is very high

Benefits of CAR-T over CRISPR-Cas9

- 1) non-invasive technology leading to lesser medical complication
- 2) Improved efficiency has been witnessed due to targeted impact of technique
- 3) It promotes healthy growth of existing cells rather than insertion of an external factor
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Reduce side effects,

CAR-T needs more research and development to be able to utilize its benefits. Treatment of cancer needs to be made affordable, accessible to all and CAR-T can contribute effectively.

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) 10

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Extremist organizations have benefited from the rise of modern technology and 4th Industrial Revolution ready to expand threats.

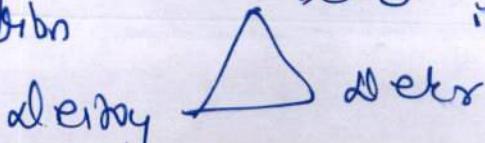
Use of New and Emerging Technology

- 1) Use of drones, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) by Taliban
- 2) Cyber-attack have become common use by Terrorist org..
- 3) They deploy DDoS (Direct Denial of Service) botnet and malware, ransomware.
- 4) Ransomware & Malware to shock and awe Internet penetration.

Rise of new and emerging tech. by
violent extreme org. demand global
effort

- 1) Blurring of geographies, borders in the era of globalization where these organizations are attacking all country equally
 - 2) Rise of zone w/o attack
 - 3) Radicalization of youth through social media channels
 - 4) Promotion of urgency and extremist in other countries
 - 5) Collaboration among different extremist organizations and ~~with~~ organized crime network
 - 6) cyber attack on critical infrastructure
- These nexus leads to double damage

India MCA has created New and Emerging strategy (NEST) Christchurch
call of Action and global coordination is the need of hour to deal with violent organization. Debt is needed



10.

गलवान और यांगस्टे 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)

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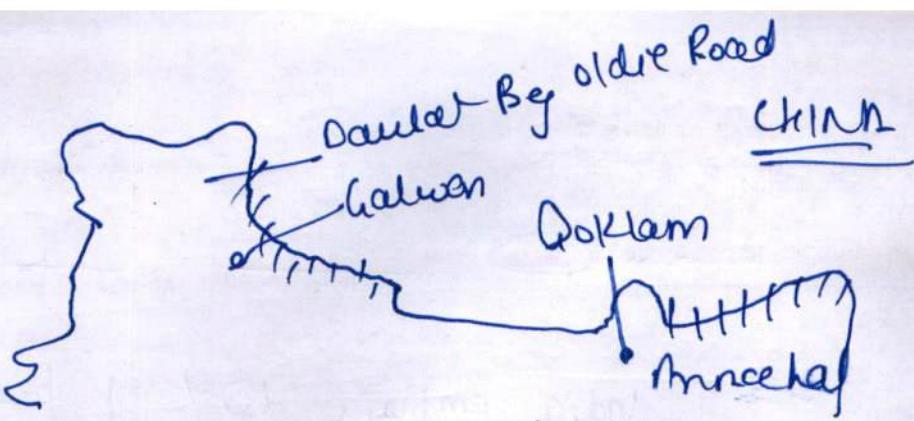
India's border with China has remained a hotbed of tense incidents due to non acceptance and non mutual recognition of LAC.

Both Galwan and Yangtze, India and China have ramped up infrastructure

- 1) India
 - creating road infrastructure
 - Atal Tunnel as all weather connectivity road
 - longest rail link in Jammu.

Role of Indo Tibetan Border Police near LAC

- 1) Promotion of Security and guarding the border
- 2) Ramping up of infrastructure along with Border Road organization



By India border with China

- 3) Connecting with locals and their involvement
- 4) Collaborating with government to promote Vibrant villages Program in Ladakh, Arunachal, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Annechah
- 5) Daily reconnaissance to detect illegal migration and smuggling
- 6) Relief measures in event of a disaster
e.g. involvement with NDRF in 2013 Kedarnath flood

ITBP plays a key role in securing our borders and providing strategic autonomy to India in ensuring its national security

11.

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)

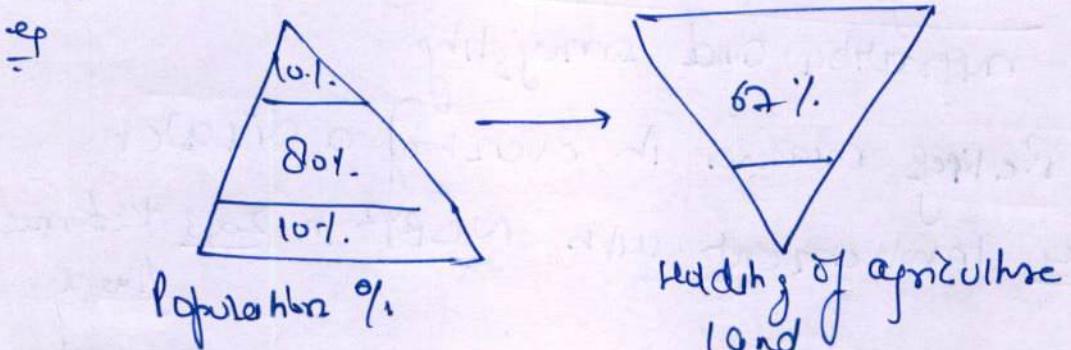
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India employs 48% of people in agriculture yet the contribution of agriculture to Indian economy is only 18%. This shows the dismal state of productivity and issues with land.

Issues in Land Productivity

1) Land fragmentation doesn't allow proper agricultural growth



→ Top 10% hold 67% of land

→ Average landholding of 85% of small and medium farmers is just 1.08 ha

2) It discourages investment in agriculture as farmers do not produce on a large scale.

- excessive usage of water, pesticides lead
3) to crop damage, reduces soil fertility

Benefits of Irrigation water Productivity

- ① Promotes efficient utilization of water especially in water guzzling crops
- ② It will promote groundwater recharge
- ③ Promoting construction of tanks, rainwater harvesting ponds help in better utilization of water.
- ④ Sprinkler irrigation, drrip irrigation boost soil fertility through optimal use of required fertilizer.
- ⑤ Further, use of water efficient crops like millets, pulses in conjunction with crops rotation enhance crop growth.
Thus, moving from Land Productivity to irrigation water productivity is a good step.

Challenger in making the shift

- ① Lack of adequate water as per the crop requirement

e.g. Rice, wheat are primarily grown in Punjab, Haryana which are water stored

- 2) use of technology needs financial and infrastructure push
- 3) It will enhance the need of farm power subsidies leading to high emissions
- 4) Incentives for farmers for using efficient irrigation technique is lacking

- 5) Promoting use of irrigation bowls, char, pynes - to store rainwater
- 6) use of organic farming practices
- Way forward
- 1) International collaborations e.g. with Israel on drip irrigation
 - 2) shifting gradually to horticulture crops and millets

Zero Budget Natural Farming promotes limited water usage and enhanced water utilization. Better technology and investment is needed to promote irrigation water efficiency and resilient agriculture.

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) 15

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Budget 23-24 launched the historic National Green Hydrogen mission with allocation of 19,000 crores to push for green energy.

Role of Green Hydrogen in unlocking energy security

① Green Hydrogen can be produced domestically as it doesn't require fossil fuels

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Reduce import burden

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Less dependency on oil, natural gas

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low international prices from Iran, Saudi Arabia

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Limited impact of external events leading to imported inflation

② Once scalable, green hydrogen can boost the energy demand of unions, industry equally

- 3) It can be converted into multiple forms
to be used on a wider scale
e.g. use in electric vehicles, chemical
plants, power sector

use of National Green Hydrogen mission
in achieving energy goals

- 1) Achievement of
Panchmukt Targets
by 2030
- 2) It can reduce
greenhouse gas
emissions otherwise
generated by fossil fuels
- 3) Promotion of domestic
generation of power
further reducing
carbon emissions

India's Panchmukt

Energy Goals

- 1) Climate zero 2070
- 2) 500 GW of non
fossil fuel energy
by 2030
- 3) 50% of renewable
energy by 2030
- 4) 45% reduction in
energy intensity by
2030
- 5) 2-2-3 bn tonnes of
additional carbon
reduction

Yet, Green Hydrogen faces certain challenges

- 1) safety issues as it generates high temperature, high volume in a small space.
highly energy intensive
- 2) difficult to transform into multiple forms leading to inefficiency
- 3) Low Resource utilization efficiency
conversion from Plant → ^{Petro)} pump → vehicle
loses about 40% of energy
- 4) Gestation Period is large due to high Technology Requirement
- 5) Huge costs make it unconomical

National Green Hydrogen mission
constitutes a new paradigm of energy security and energy independence. India needs to enhance collaboration and address R&D issues to ensure climate related benefits.

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 wage involves the basic minimum subsistence needed for a family ~~of~~ food, water, clothing, shelter etc. Living wages encompasses wider set of inclusions that promote a dignified life ~~of~~ - Health Benefits, Insurance Benefits, Recreation etc.

Benefits of adopting a living wage

- 1) Improve quality of life and better standard of living
- 2) Promote healthy living through adequate social security norms
- 3) Improve inclusivity by expanding the scope of inclusion of every marginalized life

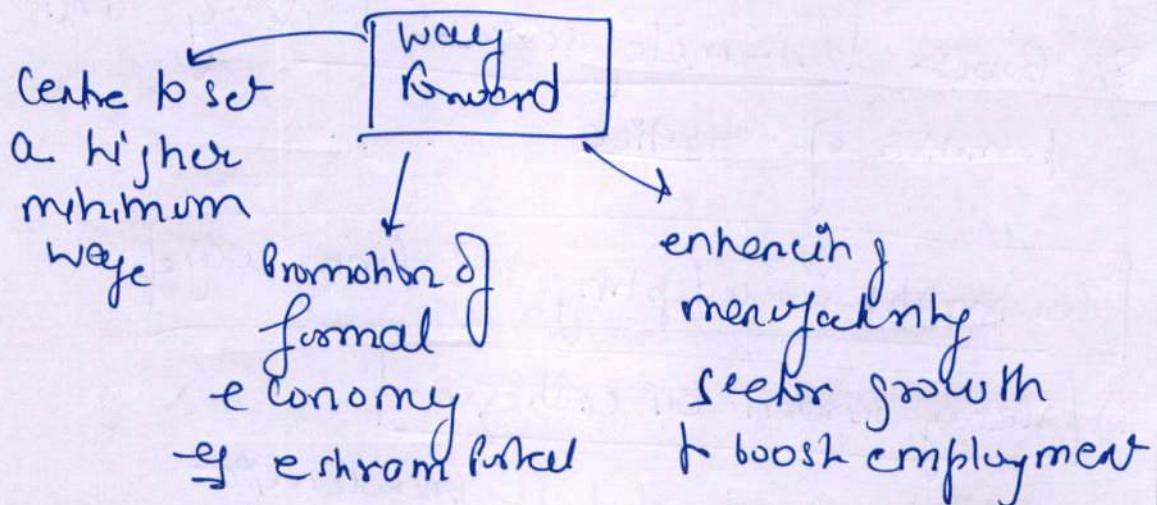
- 4) Improve education facilities for the children in family
- 5) Promote female employment, empowerment and laborforce participation (32%
PLA 22-23)
- 6) Promote household income to be able to deal effectively with crisis, diseases etc
- 7) ensure right to dignified life as per article 21
- 8) Boost last mile service delivery and promotion of justice

Constraints in adopting of living wage

- 1) Heavy burden on crchegovt
 - 1.1 already strained post-pandemic
 - 1.2 states do not have a capacity to expand benefit
- 2) Centre-state coordination

~~that~~ centre can set a minimum wage
but state specific policies need to be expanded

- 3) Large population of India make it unfeasible
- 4) Informalization of economy — only 17% work in formal sectors
 leading to lack of identification & actual beneficiaries
- 5) make people lazy and underperforming
- 6) Threat of diversion of resources to unethical practices like drinking, smoking



Living wages need to be a reality to deal with modern day challenges. They can be started on a ~~pilot basis~~ pilot basis with a calibrated approach to achieve

Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas

केंद्रीय बजट भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था के लगभग हर क्षेत्रको 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) 15

Union Budget under Article 112

lays down the expenditure and resource mobilization targets for the upcommg financial year

Union Budget affects every sector of Indian economy

i) For 2023-24 Budget talkts of sebhanshi

Impacting all sectors

- Green Sector → Green hydrogen mission
- Youth
- Inclusive Development
- Financial Inclusion
- last mile services

2) It promotes infrastructure push through emphasis on capital expenditure

→ 33% increase in capital expenditure in this year's Budget

3) It promotes inclusive development through food, fuel and fertilizers subsidy

Yet, Budgetary Processes and Budget

Policies do not come under substantial
Public scrutiny

- ① Lack of discussion on budgetary provisions for informed citizenry
- ② Constant use of guillotine to pass the budget without due deliberation.
- ③ Closed door budget making leaving public largely unknown of the processes
- ④ Lack of adequate Parliamentary Committee discussion and meeting minutes available in public
- ⑤ The effectiveness of past year policies and their impact is largely unknown
- ⑥ Usage of Technical terms further discourage public
- ⑦ often, Budget speech and document are very long for people to understand and make options

ways to boost Budget writing

- 1) Promotion of discussion, debate and deliberation on the budget proceedings
- 2) Promotion of outcome based Budgeting to measure the impact generated by policies in last year
- 3) Provision of gender based budgeting to include women equally.
- 4) Very simpler and shorter budget for quick understanding of public
- This year's budget speech was short
- 5) Showing policy allocation and actual Ground work done in mid year quarterly review — can be started on a pilot basis

Budget is an important document outlining the agenda of a democratically elected government. It needs to be robust, user friendly and simple to be able to pass public scrutiny to cause seka saath seka vilas saalke saath saalke vilas saalke vishwas

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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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India's cooperative movement has

largely contributed to India becoming the largest milk producing country in the world.

Transformation from a milk deficit to a milk surplus nation

① Boost to cooperatives

ग) Amul has paved the way of expanding the scale of dairy productivity

② Boost to former livestock holding

③ Improving backward and forward linkages
ग) dairy industry leading to an efficient supply chain

④ Reduce milk wastage

⑤ Improved dairy animals health

ग) focus on elimination of farm animals diseases like foot and mouth disease

- ⑤ Improved quality of farm feed and fodder
- Promotes livestock health
 - Improves the quality of milk produced
- ⑥ Boost to incrimination of dairy animals
- एवं अधिकारी विनाशक प्रोग्राम प्रो모ट्स गुणवत्ता वाली दौदी जानकारी
- ⑦ Coordination among agencies
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 A[National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)] --> B[विनाशक आयोजना]
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- National Dairy development Board (NDDB)
- Rashtriya Kavachikarayog
- Streamline policies

Yet, productivity of dairy animals remain low

- ① Regular disease and animal health issues
- एवं पशुओं पर प्रभावी वायरस
- ② Old technology of incrimination, milk extraction further reduce output of milk.

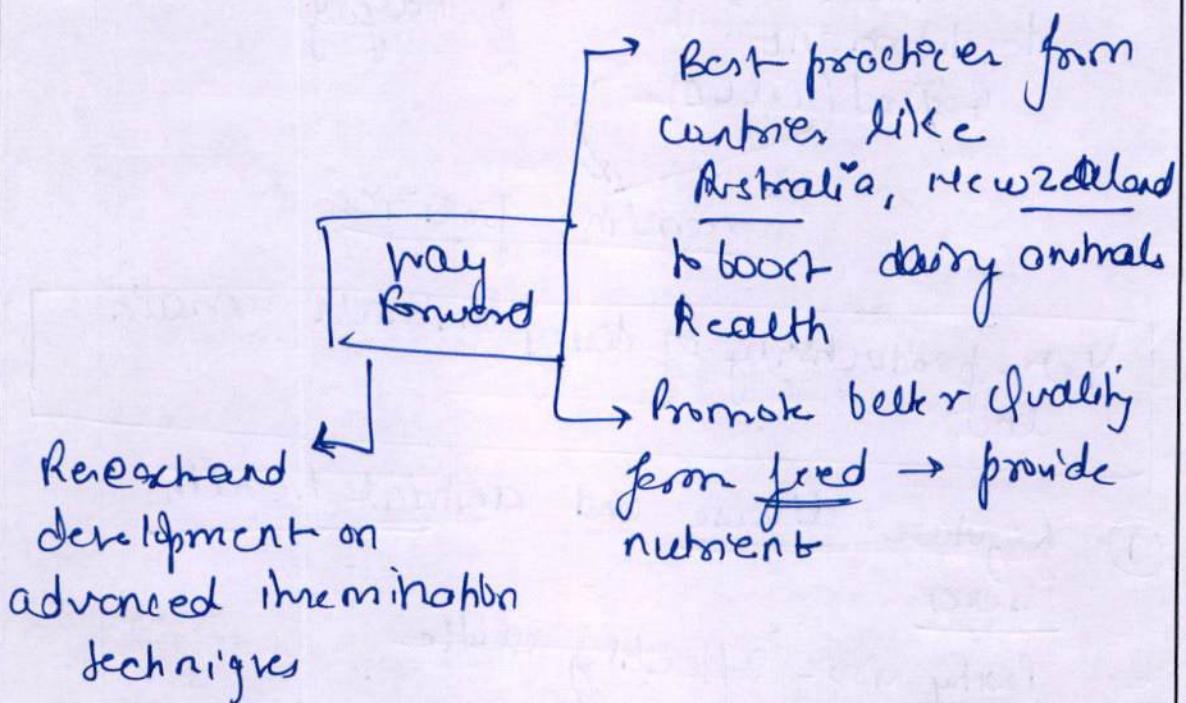
3) Often, feed provided to animal is subpar

eg covid pandemic → lack of fodder

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not allowed import of cm fodder

4) Farmers often lack awareness on best use of dairy animals.

5)



India has the capacity to augment farmer income and boost farm animal productivity to ~~enhance~~ enhance milk production and promote economic growth.

16.

जहां एक तरफ जलवायु परिवर्तन, फसल की विफलता के लिए जिम्मेदार है, वहां 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) 15

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IPCC recent 6th assessment

report has highlighted that we have already crossed 1.2°C rise in temperature above pre-industrial level. This has led to extra burden on agricultural sector.

Climate change → leads to crop failure

(1) erratic weather pattern impact crop production and forest e.g monsoon and western disturbance impact Rabi crop in North India

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low production of wheat lead to ban on exports and droughts reduce water supply, starving the crop of water

(2) heat waves extreme heat in Arab Peninsula leads to water supply, starving the crop of water

(3) locust attack in western India which damage the crops

- ④ Disasters caused by climate change and sea level rise Impact coastal farming practices  
 ☐ Growth seaweed plantation

Agriculture sector responsible for extreme weather events

- ① Agriculture produce greenhouse emissions leading to climate temperature rise  
 ☐ Agriculture in India → 3rd largest emitter of GHG
- ② Livestock further produce Methane which exacerbate climate change
- ③ Use of Pesticides / fertilizers cause surface runoff and pollution of water  
 ↓ Promote water shortage
- ④ Power subsidy / Water subsidy expand the usage of fossil-fuels at reduced cost leading to high emissions
- ⑤ Burning of crops lead to increased temperature and air pollution  
 ☐ Shubla burning in Punjab/Haryana

## strategy adopted under National Agriculture Disaster management plan

- ① Promote agroclimatic based crop to reduce threat of crop damage  
⇒ mixed cropping, relay cropping
- ② Reduce usage of water guzzling crops like wheat, rice in water shortage regions
- ③ climate friendly techniques like
  - ↓ drop irrigation
  - ↓ sprinkler irrigation
  - effluent use of water tanks
  - rainwater harvesting
- ④ Promotion of organic farming to reduce post attack and damage
- ⑤

Agriculture and climate are interlinked. Robust farm practices along with financial boost to farming community needs to be promoted for resilience climate smart agriculture to achieve climate action (SDG 13)

17. 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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Himalayan region is prone to earthquakes due to the confluence of Eurasian and Indian plates leaving it highly unstable and seismic.

High vulnerability to earthquake impact

### 1) Impact on geography

- 1.1 seismic movements leave the terrain highly susceptible to damage
- 1.2 changing river course further amplify the impact of earthquakes

### 2) Impact on humans

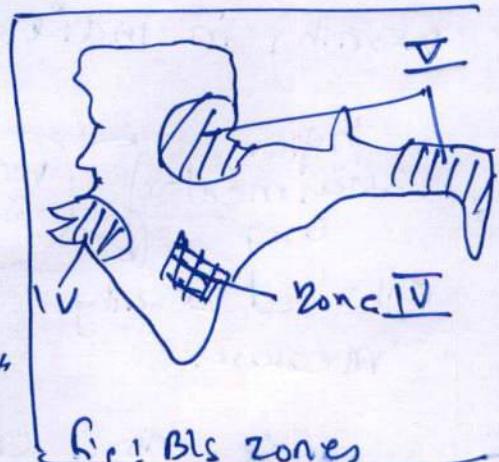
- 2.1 earthquake leads to loss of lives and livelihoods  
 ≈ 2015 Nepal earthquake
- 2.2 local economy is hampered due to large scale destruction

2.3 many earthquakes leads to landslides, floods which further impact the lives

2.4 prevalence of glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) exacerbated by earthquake

### Institutional measures to mitigate earthquake losses

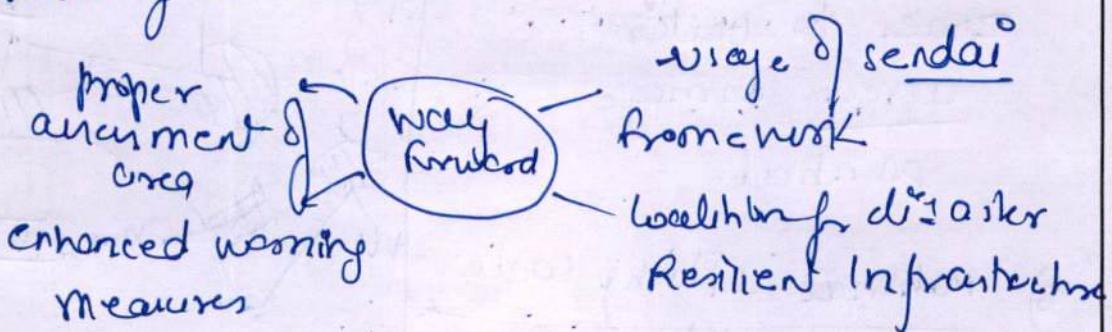
- 1) National disaster management Authority (NDMA) guidelines provide for hazard zoning and vulnerability mapping to reduce the damage
- 2) creation of earthquake zones by Bureau of Indian standards (BIS)
  - demarcate different zones to better area damage potential
- 3) National Building Code 2016 provides for regular checks, using strong material



4) Environment Impact assessment to be able to judge the seismicity of area

But some gaps still exist

- 1) Lack implementation of Building code guidelines and frequent violations  
Eg Recent collapse of a building in Gurugram showed violations during construction
- 2) Breach of environmental assessments  
Ex Not done for many projects especially across Himalayas
- 3) Unawareness among people on how to protect themselves in case of an earthquake
- 4) lack sunveillance to be able to provide warning in India.



more collaborative steps are needed to protect lives and reduce damage through better disaster response, creating resilience

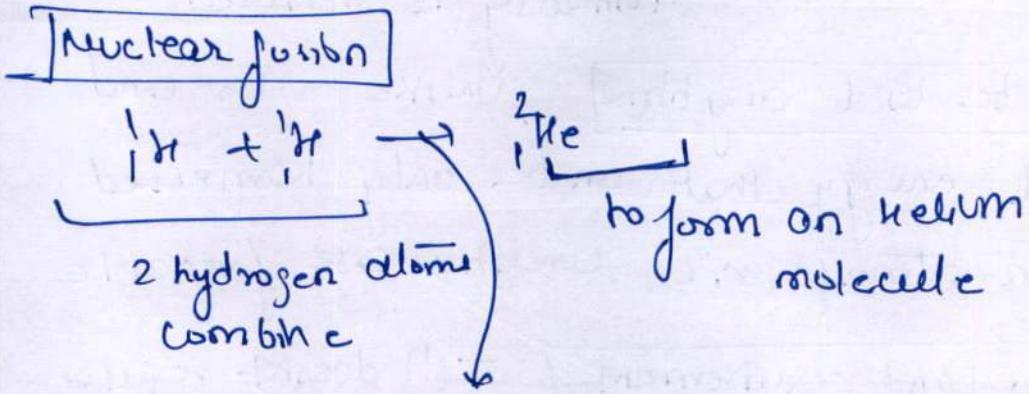
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हाल ही में, वैज्ञानिकों ने परमाणु संलयन अभिक्रिया में निवल ऊर्जा लाभ की घोषणा की है, जिसे स्वच्छ ऊर्जा के भविष्य के लिए एक बड़ी वैज्ञानिक सफलता माना गया है। परमाणु संलयन आधारित विद्युत उत्पादन के क्या लाभ हैं? व्यावसायिक स्तर पर विद्युत उत्पन्न करने 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) 15

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Scientists in USA have demonstrated successful energy gain using nuclear fusion reaction. This opens wide range of opportunities especially for ITER International Thermo Electric Reactor which is a joint collaboration of multiple countries for fusion.



This reaction is extremely energy intensive and requires high temp.

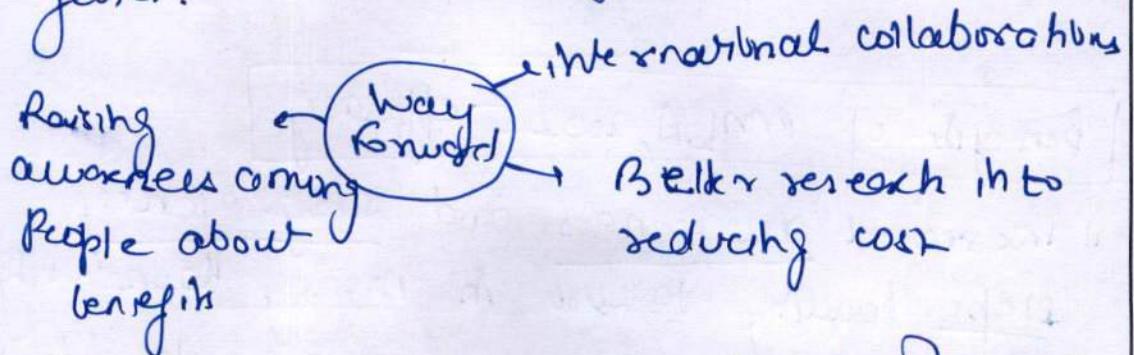
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Leads to endothermic reaction causing energy gain

## Advantages of nuclear fusion based power generation

- 1) Huge energy gain per fuel material.  
It is very efficient in energy production.
- 2) Clean energy fuel leading to lower greenhouse gas emissions.  
Adhering ↓ to climate neutrality by 2070  
(India's Target)
- 3) Renewable fuel with continuous supply once viability is achieved.
- 4) Can be used any time, unlike solar and wind energy that can be only harnessed when atmospheric conditions are favorable.
- 5) Low Land requirement — It doesn't require large land acquisition compared to other sources.

Limitations in using nuclear fuel to generate electricity at a commercial scale

- 1) High cost associated with nuclear fuel render it non expendable
- 2) Temperature needed to achieve fusion run in low °C and above
- 3) Technology needed to run nuclear fusion on a large scale is yet to be expended on a commercial scale.
- 4) Threat of safety — If nuclear reaction zone may create a disaster  
 ↳ Fukushima, Chernobyl
- 5) Protests from locals due to environmental concerns → release of certain radioactive gases.



India's Panchayat targets of nuclear  
renewable fuel and net zero by 2070  
 can be achieved by effectively utilizing and  
expending nuclear fusion.

19.

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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Prevention of money laundering  
Act 2002 has been amended to enhance  
 institutional measures and curb the  
 illegal practices

### Amendments proposed in PMLA, 2002

- 1) Inclusion of cryptocurrency, digital  
~~blockchain usage~~ to trade in  
 currencies to expand the scope of  
 money laundering

2)

### Benefits of PMLA, 2002 - efficacy

- 1) Increased awareness and strong agency  
 steps leading to exit in money laundering
- 2) Tools or a deterrence against laundering
- 3) Legislative setup brings institutional  
strength

• Yet, PMLA has largely been ineffective

Mentioned money Laundering in India  
still prevalent

- ① It leads to creation of a parallel black economy causing significant damage to economic growth
- ② It leads to hawala transaction and nexus with organized crime
- ③ usage of counterfeit currency notes further lead to black money flowing in economy
- ④ It aids in illegal practices like arms trafficking, drug trafficking and human trafficking
- ⑤ Entry of illegal migrants through money laundering cause security threat
- ⑥ Investment in real estate through money illegally transferred from abroad further leads to economic losses

## measures to deal with Money Laundering

### National measures

- 1) Prevention of money Laundering Act, 2002
- 2) Finance Intelligence Unit
- 3) Use of CBI, ED to track nexus
- 4) Narcotics Control Bureau

### International measures

- 1) Vienna convention to enhance coordination
- 2) Basel Principles
- 3) Financial Action Task Force
- 4) Global money laundering Principles (GMLP)

### How to boost PMLA, 2002

- 1) Promotion of inter-agency coordination among CBI, ED
- 2) enhance financial measures to restrict usage of KYC norms, Cheque truncation system
- 3) Regular audit of various aspects
- 4) Partnership with international agencies for increased research and techniques

Black money and Money Laundering  
 leads to economic losses and warped development  
 It needs to be curbed with zero tolerance  
 and strong Policy framework

20.

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)

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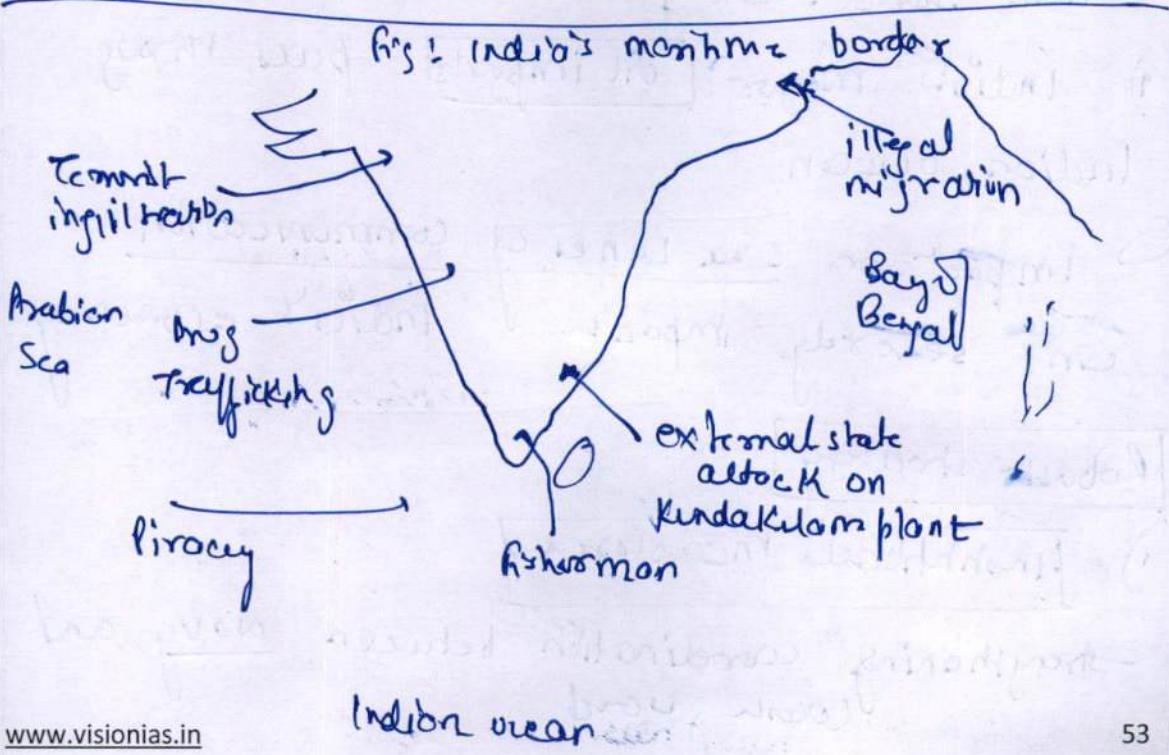
India has 7500km coastline that  
provides vast avenue for maritime trade. Yet  
it poses significant security threat

factors that pose security threat in Indian Ocean Region

① Terrorist infiltration from maritime borders

e.g. 26/11 attackers from Pakistan come from Arabian sea

② China's string of pearls → encircling India  
through multiple strategic points



⇒ Djibouti, Sri Lanka base of Sri Lanka

3) Drug trafficking

⇒ Regular seizing of drugs at Indian ports of Kerala

4) Arms trafficking is common

5) Piracy from Persian Gulf / Red Sea pose a threat to India's borders

6) Illegal migration across the borders create management of refugee difficult

⇒ Rohingya refugees

7) External state attack e.g. alleged China's attack on Kudankulam nuclear plant

8) Fisherman free movement in Falk Strait also create security issue

9) India's major oil imports pass through Indian ocean

↳ Impact on sea lanes of communication can severely impact India's economy

Robust strategy

1) Institutional measures

→ Strengthening coordination between Navy and coast guard

- Strengthening India's intelligence to detect any movement of threat
- 2) Providing Technological aids to security agencies to better manage threats
- 3) Increased surveillance and border security
- 4) Involvement of local support to aid the security
  - e.g. 26/11 attack — many fishermen informed police of on illegal fishing vehicle
- 5) Promotion of International cooperation
  - e.g. SINTEX — India-Sri Lanka training
  - e.g. Better relations with neighbouring countries to jointly manage security of IOR
    - Indian Ocean Rim Association
    - IOR
    - Indian Ocean Naval Symposium
    - Security and Growth for All

India's maritime security is essential to ensure safe borders, enhanced economic cooperation and freedom of navigation in Indian ocean

## SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

Topic :-

front of New England (which is  
located approx. 200 km from  
Punjab) has coniferous forest (e  
g. pine & spruce) & deciduous (e  
g. birch & maple) forest.  
which is named after Himalayan &  
Shivalik range. (High altitude &  
high rainfall).  
So flora is different to indian (e  
g. plant species which exist  
in India).  
Area :-  
1. North :-  
2. South :-  
3. East :-  
4. West :-

1. North :- Coniferous forest  
Similis larch - abundant species  
in addition birch & maple are  
more nativ.