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सामान्य अध्ययन (प्रश्न पत्र-III)/GENERAL STUDIES (Paper-III) (2219)

निर्धारित समय: तीन घंटे

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अधिकतम अंक: 250

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सामान्य अनुदेश

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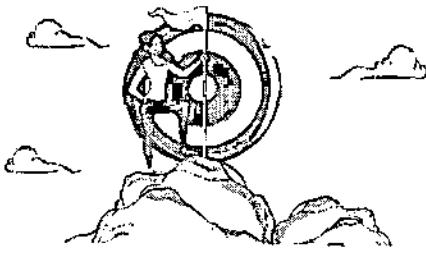
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प्रश्न-पत्र संबंधी विशेष अनुदेश

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 छ्येहे 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.

The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

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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.

Keep the word limit indicated in the questions in mind.

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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. राजकोषीय नीति आय असमानता को कम करने के साथ-साथ सबसे निर्धन और अभावग्रस्त लोगों को देश की विकास यात्रा का हिस्सा बनाने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण साधन हो सकती है। भारत के संदर्भ में चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Fiscal policy can be a key tool to reduce income inequality as well as make the poorest and the downtrodden a part of the country's growth story. Discuss in the context of India. (Answer in 150 words)

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Fiscal policy refers to the taxation and expenditure policy of govt that is exercised through budget, various schemes and welfare initiatives.

Importance

- ① Through redistribution & it aims to reduce inequality



- (eg) National food security act, Ayushman Bharat.

- ② can break the vicious cycle of intergenerational poverty by skilling and educating the poor.

- (eg) PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

③ Can make the poor a contributor through MSME.

SHG

(e) NABARD → SHG Bank linkage Program

↳ Household joining SHG reported 60% increase in their household assets.

④ Can ensure that traditional skills of poor and vulnerable are ensured

(e) - TRIFED ↳ value addition of MFP adivasi mela

⑤ Various affirmative action

(e) Reservation, scholarship

challenge ↳ fiscal deficit challenge

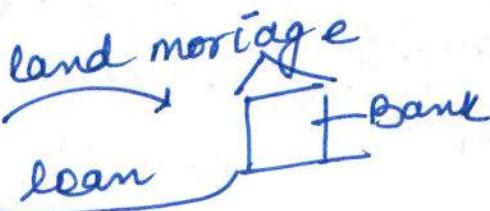
↳ populist policy and freebies leading to clientalistic policies.

Fiscal policy intertwined with right intention and long term vision can help to lift the remaining 2% of India's population out of poverty, achieving SDG 1 goal (zero poverty)

2. भूमि अभिलेखों का डिजिटलीकरण करना भूमि सुधार सुनिश्चित करने के साथ-साथ भारतीय न्यायपालिका पर बोझ को कम करने में भी काफी सहायक होगा। विस्तारपूर्वक समझाइए। साथ ही, इस संदर्भ में किए गए उपायों का भी उल्लेख कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)
- Digitizing land records will go a long way in ensuring land reforms as well as lessening the burden on the Indian Judiciary. Elaborate. Also, state the measures taken in this context. (Answer in 150 words) 10

Land reforms in India seeks to establish equality. After land consolidation, land leasing, abolition of Zamindari, land ceiling reforms, digitization of land records is considered as new age reform that takes the advantage of latest IT technology.

Benefit of land reform

- ① Give a definite proof of ownership
- ② shift towards conclusive ceiling
- ③ Proper  proof
- ④ Proper land utilization can be done.
- ⑤ Proper proof & land acquisition can be done smoothly through proper compensation

Indian
judiciary) reduced land
litigation

Burden on judiciary
decreases (3.5 crore case pending →
NJDG)

Measures -

- ① Digitization of land record scheme
- ② PM ~~Swami~~ SWAMTIV A scheme & through drone proper surveillance will be done in every gram panchayat & right of property record will be given.
- ③ Telengana has started using blockchain for digitization of land record.

Digitization of land record
is a much needed reform to improve the efficiency of land as a factor of production, thus reducing capital output ratio in economy.

3. ऐसा भी कहा जाता है कि अधिकांशतः नॉन-मेरिट सब्सिडी के लिए निधि (फंड) उपलब्ध कराने वाली प्रतिस्पर्धी राजनीति, भारत में कुछ राज्यों को गंभीर राजकोषीय संकट के कागार पर धकेल रही है। इस संदर्भ में, भारत में सब्सिडी व्यवस्था को युक्तिसंगत बनाने की आवश्यकता पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)
It has been pointed out that competitive politics to fund mostly non-merit subsidies is pushing a few states in India to the brink of a deep fiscal crisis. In this context, discuss the need to rationalise the subsidy regime in India. (Answer in 150 words)

10

Competitive politics has given rise to freebies in the name of populism leading to huge debt burden and breaching limit of fiscal deficit of few states.

Few freebies, ensure human empowerment of vulnerable →

① Free bicycle in Girls Settlement - Tamil Nadu

However most are unsustainable & non merit -

① Subsidy in electricity by reducing tariff & huge debt burden on DISCOM

② Direct income transfer to

poor

③ Mostly the landless and sharecroppers were have no land record are excluded.

Need to nationalize

- ① Reduce the fiscal deficit of state
- ② Money saved → used for capital expenditure
 ↓
 Better return and output
- ③ will improve the efficiency of economy and crowd in more private investment

Methed to do → proper cost benefit analysis of scheme.
→ Finance Commission (Art 280)
based on the financial condition of state can recommend the maximum debt allowed.

Fiscal consolidation through proper nationalization of schemes must be done on a priority basis.

4. सूक्ष्म-सिंचाई में कृषि को एक लाभदायक और टिकाऊ उद्यम में परिवर्तित करने की वृहद् धमता है। दिए गए कथन की प्रधान मंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना के संदर्भ में विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)
- Micro-irrigation has tremendous potential in transforming farming into a profitable and sustainable venture. Discuss the given statement in the context of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchay Yojana. (Answer in 150 words)

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Microwe irrigation refers to the targeted flow of water into the roots. It can be done through sprinkler irrigation or ~~drip~~ drip irrigation.

Potential / Increased Productivity of crops

- ↳ Increased farmer income
- ↳ Better water-use efficiency (From 35-40% to 90%)
- ↳ Problem of soil salinization, waterlogging, soil erosion can be solved.

PM Krishi Sinchay

① Pillar 1 aims to increase the access to Irrigation - "Har Kael no Panj"

Focus needs to be given on increasing micro-irrigation facility.

- ② Pillar 2 → emphasizes on increasing efficiency of irrigation (per drop more crop)
→ here adequate support for microirrigation facility, precision farming, fertilization facility would be ensured.

challenge

- ① subsidy for microirrigation is not enough
- ② one time cost only given ~.
however microirrigation requires huge maintenance and repair cost.
- ③ only rich farmers can afford it

Microirrigation has the potential to transform farming into viable enterprise ensuring farmer becomes an entrepreneur.

5.

भारत के विशाल संसाधनों और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञता को देखते हुए, यह जलवायु परिवर्तन के प्रभाव से निपटने में प्रशंत महासागर के लघु विकासशील द्वीपीय देशों (PSIDS) की सहायता करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकता है। विश्लेषण कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Given its vast resources and technical expertise, India can play a key role in assisting the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) in dealing with the impact of climate change. Analyse. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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As per IPCC 6th report, there has been global average rise of 0.7°C . This has led to increased sea surface temperature; making the small island state the most vulnerable.

Impact → PSIDS → risk of submergence
 → risk of loss ~~of~~ of livelihood and displacement

Role - India

① Mitigation

India can help in decarbonization through electric vehicles.

Shifting to Solar →
OSOWG, ISA,

② Adaptation

- Building of resilience
 - ↳ building
- ③ CDR Initiative
 - Building huge wall near the coast.
- Developing climate resilience agriculture
 - ④ ICAR → crop that would absorb more CO₂
 - ↳ ↑ carbon sink.
- Help to deal with increased risk of disasters.
 - ⑤ Tsunami through establishment early warning centre, doppler, radar.

In this regard, India has launched platform to assist the small island state. This step is welcome in the spirit of vasudeva kutumbakam.

6. हालिया “पंचायती राज मंत्रालय की आपदा प्रबंधन योजना (DMP-MoPR)” का उद्देश्य जमीनी स्तर पर आपदा प्रत्यास्थिता विकसित करना है। इस संदर्भ में, इस योजना के निर्माण के लिए उत्तरदायी तर्क की विवेचना कीजिए और इसके प्रमुख घटकों पर प्रकाश डालिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए) The recent “Disaster Management Plan of Ministry of Panchayati Raj (DMP-MoPR)” aims to develop disaster resilience at the grassroots level. In this context, discuss the rationale behind the formulation of the Plan and highlight its key components. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Community based disaster model is the key to tackle the menace of disaster as empowering people at the grass root level enables better management of resources and quick decision making.

In this regard, rationale of DMP-MoPR are -

- ① Focus on Community based disaster management (CBM)
- ② Odisha based CBM to deal with cyclone
- ③ Efficiency of resource management
- ④ People knew better who are the most vulnerable
- ⑤ Better planning and coordination
- ⑥ Traditional knowledge

- of people can be leveraged
- ④ Ao Naga from the shikhar
of Heeler Gibson can predict
the arrival of monsoon.
- ⑤ allow Panchayat to map
vulnerability and prepare
ground level planning
for each block

Component-

- 1) Panchayat - map and bind
the risk hazard zoning of
each block
- 2) Create database to keep
stock of all the resources
- 3) Prepare block level and
Gram Panchayat level
disaster management plan.

The plan would go a
long way to effectively
counter disaster through
proper decentralization of
power.

7.

राज्य एवं गैर-राज्य अभिकर्ताओं द्वारा उभरती एवं विघटनकारी प्रौद्योगिकियों (EDT) के उपयोग से उत्पन्न आंतरिक सुरक्षा संबंधी निहितार्थों पर चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Discuss the internal security implications emanating from the use of Emerging And Disruptive Technologies (EDT) by state and non-state actors. (Answer in 150 words)

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Various new challenges have emerged due to EDT; in terms of hybrid warfare, cyber security challenges.

EDT usage

State - State leased cyberspace

(e) China leased red echo targeted Mumbai power plant.

- state sponsored Terrorism

(e) Pathankot attack, Uri attack

Non state

① cryptocurrency for money laundering

② Dark web for selling

of weapons. Due to lack of proper IP address, security agencies cannot track them.

- ③ Terrorist & social media
for youth radicalization
→ usage of online media to spread their propaganda.

④ NSPIRE Magazine of Al Qaeda.

⑤ Drone attack ⑥ Laden air base

proper institutional measure like CERT IN, National cyber coordination centre and counter technologies like anti-drone can help to address the emerging threat.

8. अपने रक्षा निर्यात को बढ़ावा देने में भारत द्वारा सामना की जाने वाली बाधाओं की पहचान कीजिए। साथ ही, इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों पर भी चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)
Identify the impediments faced by India in boosting its defence exports. Also, discuss the steps taken by the government in this regard. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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As per SIPRI India has appeared in the defence export list, yet its' amount is meagre.

challenge

- ① lack of proper coordination between demand - supply
- ② lack of defence indigenisation technology
- ③ lack of proper transfer of technology
(before policy is not followed)

steps

- ① Defence export policy to be more defence approach
- ② separate capital

- procurement for defence
- ③ Defense acquisition on
~~present~~ Procedure +
addition of IDDM Category
(50% Procurement)
- ④ Sejjan postal and 10EX
→ to support the defense
MSME
- ⑤ Proper defence industrial
linkage
- ⑥ More budgetary allocation.
- ⑦ Joint manufacturing q-Brahmos
with Russia missile
- India though make in
India policy and proper
export policy should aim
to become an exporter
from current an importer.

9.

अंतरिक्ष मलबे से जुड़े विविध मुद्दों पर चर्चा कीजिए। साथ ही, इस खतरे से निपटने के लिए हाल के दिनों में की गई पहलों का भी उल्लेख कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Discuss the multiple issues associated with space debris. Also, state the initiatives taken in recent times to tackle this menace. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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Space debris refers to the multiple small particles that are remnant of either satellite or some space objects.

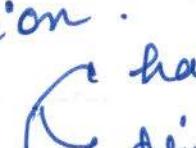
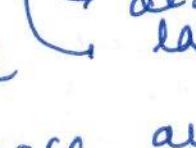
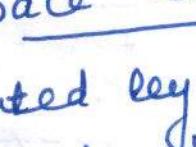
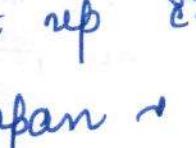
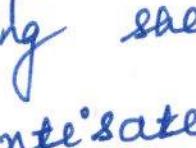
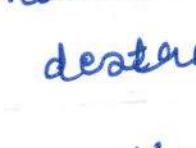
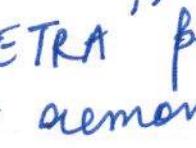
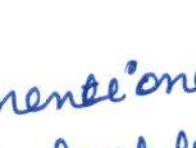
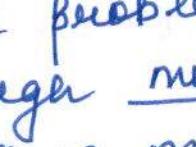
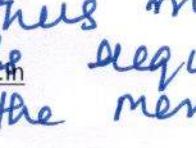
Concerns

- ① Harming the existing space infrastructure - satellite or satellite → can disrupt the navigational or the communication system.
- ② Kessler syndrome → risk of one debris colliding with others will induce a set of reaction.
- ③ Risk of weaponisation of space → in the name of controlling space debris, countries like China are sending antisatellites.
- ④ competition for allocation in space → Due to space debris, less space, so more competition
- ⑤ harmful to the ongoing expeditions, especially the

astronomers.

steps taken

~~REMOVE~~

- ① Space debris's program was launched by European union. Various technologies like           
- ② Space awareness program started by ISRO (^{space} observatory set up in Bangalore)
- ③ Japan → started program using ship in Pacific Ocean.
- ④ Antisatellites are developed to destroy the debris.
- ⑤ "NETRA" program started by ISRO for removing debris.

As mentioned by Antonio Guterres, global problems can only be solved through multilateralism at this time. Thus more global cooperation is required to tackle the menace of space debris.

10.

भारत में ओपन नेटवर्क फॉर डिजिटल कॉमर्स (ONDC) को अपनाने से उपभोक्ताओं के लिए ई-कॉमर्स के अधिक समावेशी और सुलभ बनने की संभावना है। चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 150 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The adoption of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in India is expected to make e-commerce more inclusive and accessible for consumers. Discuss. (Answer in 150 words) 10

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ONDC is a landmark

step towards single interoperable network that marks a paradigm shift from the traditional platform led model

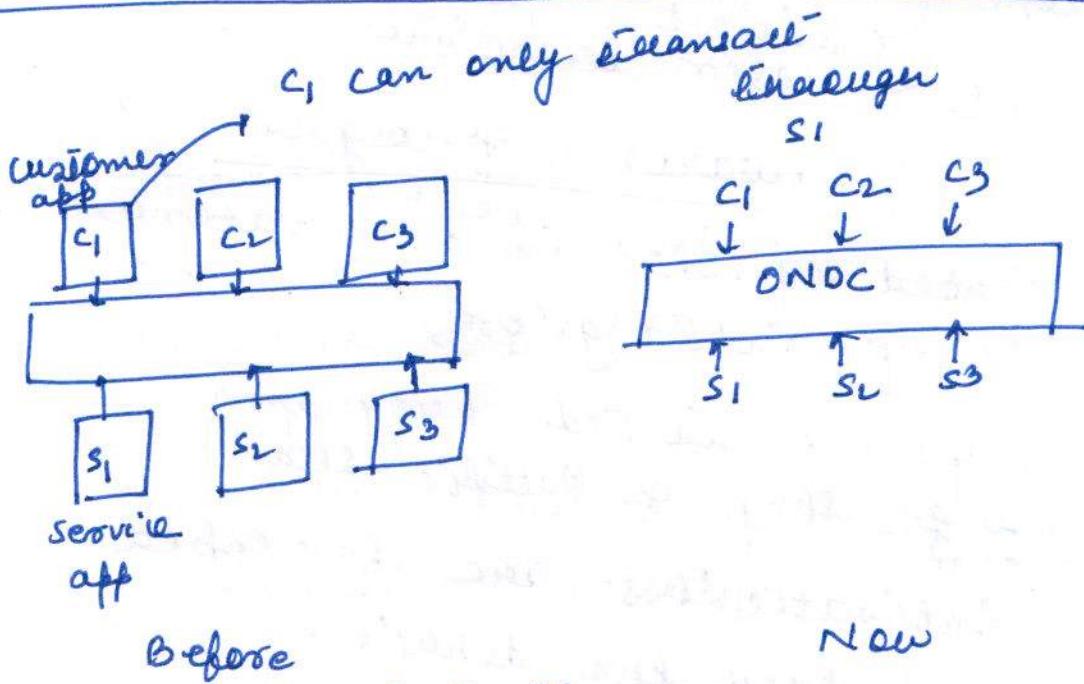


Fig: Potential of ONDC.

- ① ONDC will allow a single platform where ~~to~~ customers can transact with any e-commerce service.

② Till now the ecommerce was dominated by few big market players like Amazon, myntra. ONDC will allow even the small retail shop to be part of the network, with minimum transaction cost.

③ Indirectly it seeks to break the monopoly of few dominant player

④ Customers need not register separately. Just one single registration, enables them to transact across multiple e-commerce services.

⑤ This increases the choice of the customers, provides them wider range of choice, thus improving quality of service. With ecommerce segment to expected to grow to 200 million by 2027, ONDC is a significant step in this regard.

11. यद्यपि, हाल ही में "क्षतिकारक" सरकारी मत्स्यन सब्सिडी को रोकने के लिए डब्ल्यू. टी. ओ. के मंच पर एक समझौते पर सहमति बनी है, तथापि, भारत द्वारा उठाई गई कुछ चिंताओं से पता चलता है कि इस मामले में और अधिक वार्ता किए जाने की आवश्यकता होगी। चर्चा कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए) While an agreement was recently reached at the WTO on a deal to curb "harmful" government fisheries subsidies, certain concerns raised by India suggests that the matter will require further negotiations. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Recently agreement on fisheries sector, waiver on COVID vaccines and extension of moratorium on electronics sector was finalized.

Agreement for fisheries

- ① Agreement was regarding curbing harmful unsustainable fishing by preventing subsidies. It intends to curb ^{international} unregulated and unsustainable fishing.
- ② The transition period given to developing country is just 2 years.

Concern raised by India

- ① India demanded 25

years transition period while
just a year was granted.

② Developed vs developing
gap → while rich countries
like Norway give 75000 dollar
subsidy to fisherman, India
hardly gives 21500 per fisherman.

③ Livelihood of fisherman →
many people in fisheries
sector need subsidy as fisheries
sector lacks cold reuse storage,
or technology like deep
sea caging and is not as
sophisticated as the western
countries.

④ Most of the rich countries
are in temperate region
having access to higher variety
of quality feedstock; while
tropical region (developing
country) lack such

advantage.

Further negotiation

The concern and interest of both the developing and developed countries need to be addressed.

Proper balance between livelihood of people and unsustainable fishing needs to be established.

Thus India should collaborate with other like-minded countries to further negotiate and reach a deal that is fair for all.

12.

सड़क निर्माण क्षेत्रक में हाइब्रिड एन्यूटी मॉडल (HAM) से जुड़े लाभों के बावजूद, विभिन्न कारणों से इसमें रुचि कम हुई है। विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Despite the advantages that are associated with the hybrid annuity model (HAM) in the road construction sector, the interest in it has moderated due to various reasons. Discuss. (Answer in 250 words)

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Hybrid annuity model is based on combination of Build, operate and transfer (BOT) model and Engineering Procurement model (EPC)

Advantage with HAM

- ① Cost of finance shared by both \rightarrow 60% by private and 40% by state Government
- ② Regulatory burden of land acquisition, clearance is taken care by the government.
- ③ Private party need not take revenue risk as the annual annuity would be paid to them by the government.

Thus HAM was based on adequate sharing of role, risk and responsibility between public and private sector, however its interest has moderated in road construction due to -

- ① Issues of land acquisition delays the project, leading to huge cost overrun.
- ② Issue of getting finance (60+) required + as banks are already suffering from overleveraged balance sheet and huge NPA.
- ③ Not all the road are viable for construction.
- ④ even ^{if} 100% of road ^{is} completed, the road cannot be operationalised.

⑤ Lack of good governance and transparency in special purpose vehicle

way forward

① National Monetisation Project

Plan where leasing of the assets would be done, and the finance collected would be used to construct new assets.

② setting up PPP adjudication tribunal for settling disputes (vijay kekhar committee)

③ Prevention of corruption in 1988 needs to be modified to separate bonafide and malafide intention (vijay kekhar committee)

④ viability gap funding for unsustainable road projects.

13.

मौजूदा एम. एस. पी. खरीद व्यवस्था न तो आर्थिक दृष्टि से और न ही कृषि-पारिस्थितिकी रूप से संधारणीय है। सविस्तर वर्णन कीजिए। साथ ही, मौजूदा एम. एस. पी. व्यवस्था में सुधार के लिए अपनाए जा सकने वाले वैकल्पिक तरीकों का मूल्यांकन कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

The existing MSP procurement regime is neither economically nor agro-ecologically sustainable. Elaborate. Also, evaluate the alternative approaches that can be adopted to improve the existing MSP regime. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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MSP regime is based on the premise of giving guarantee of a certain minimum price on a crop to prevent distress sale and to control inflation. It is recommended by CACP, approved by cabinet committee on economic affairs; based on A2+FL formulae.

Issue

Economic

- ① huge fiscal burden on the state (24 lakhs crore food subsidy)
- ② open procurement of PDS leads to huge dumping of food grain as well as wastage (gross ^{worth} alone food grain wasted)
- ③ Economic Survey negligence

how a MSP does more harm than good. It distorts the free market.

- ④ Because of MSP → More rice and wheat production & less production of vegetable, pulses & food inflation of pulses, vegetable, oilseeds
- ⑤ Huge import bill due to oilseeds (60% imported)
- ① ecological → guaranteed procurement of only rice and wheat and wheat are water guzzling crop & huge exploitation of ground water [CGWA reports more than 50% of ground water ^{overexploited} overexploited)
- ② export of virtual water
- ③ monocropping → reduces bio-diversity
- ④ Problem of soil salinization, waterlogging in Punjab, Haryana & wheat cultivation & excessive fertilizers used
- ⑤ stubble burning issue in Punjab → air pollution

Alternative

① Price deficiency payment → Paying just the deficient amount to farmers.

(+) → Bharatm Rozgar Yojana in Madhya Pradesh, thus implementable.

(-) → Issue of farmer-leader census

② Food coupon → Instead of guaranteed procurement of rice and wheat, food coupon can be given to customers.

(+) Food diversification ensured

(-) logistic issue; implementation across nation would be challenging.

③ Cash transfer → Inflation Protection remains

MSP as such needs reform instead of alternatives. Reforms like decentralized procurement, diversification by including millels in ICDS, private participation in procurement are needed.

14.

यह तर्क दिया जा रहा है कि भारत गोदामों में खाद्यान्नों की अधिकता से जूझ रहा है। भारत की मौजूदा बफर स्टॉक नीति को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस कथन की विवेचना कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

It is being argued that India is struggling with overflowing foodgrains in warehouses. Discuss the statement in view of the existing buffer stock policy of India. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Due to open ended Procurement
policy of FCI, huge amount of foodgrains are wasted. As per estimates, almost foodgrain waste of 292000 crore is wasted.

Existing Buffer stock policy

- ① FCI has to maintain the buffer stock in order to meet the operational needs of PDS and to meet the emergency needs.
- ② Through open market operations the buffer stock seeks to stabilize the market price and control inflation.

Buffer stock capacity ~ 35 million tonne of wheat

It has almost double ~ 70 million tonne.

Advantage of Buffer stock

- ① Plays vital role to deal with emergency
e.g. PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana during COVID 19
- ② It ensures food security through the PDS system.

Disadvantage

- ① wastage of food grains → FAO (40% food grain wasted in India)
- ② chance of leakage from the godown
As per Shankar Kumar Committee, the amount of leakage goes upto as high as 70% in few states
- ③ Food insulation not controlled
→ counter cyclical buffer policy is followed.

when emergency ~ FCI procures more
to ensure PDS functionality ~ more
food shortage ~ major inflation.

④ lack of proper containerized
storage (cover and plinth) used →
huge deterioration of quality

⑤ lack of proper liquidation
policy of excessive grains.

⑥ huge economic cost burden
due to open procurement (24
lakh crore food subsidy burden)

⑦ lack of proper implementation of
First in first out [FIFO]
changes needed.

→ open Procurement & closed
Procurement -

Proper liquidation policy
Containerized storage.

To ensure the goal of SDG 2
(Zero hunger), it is essential
to ensure that no amount
of food grain is wasted.

15.

हाल ही में, सरकार ने सभी पत्तनों (पोर्ट्स) को वर्ष 2047 तक स्वयं को 'मेगा पोर्ट्स' के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए एक मास्टर प्लान तैयार करने हेतु निर्देश दिया है। इस परिप्रेक्ष्य में, पत्तनों द्वारा सामना की जाने वाली चुनौतियों पर चर्चा कीजिए और साथ ही, भारत की ब्लू इकॉनमी को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए उपचारात्मक उपायों का सुझाव दीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Recently, the government has asked all ports to prepare a master plan in order to become 'mega ports' by 2047. In light of this, discuss the challenges faced by ports and suggest remedial measures in order to propel India's blue economy. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Ports play one of the most major role in India's blue economy, sagarmala vision, SAGAR policy, free and open Indo-Pacific. Hence development of ports fulfills India's economic as well as strategic interest.

Master plan - Mega ports (2047)

- Aims to develop and state of port infrastructure to ensure seamless connectivity
- Prefer governance model of port < landlock model>
- Digitalization of ports to reduce greenhouse gas.

Challenges faced

① Governance model

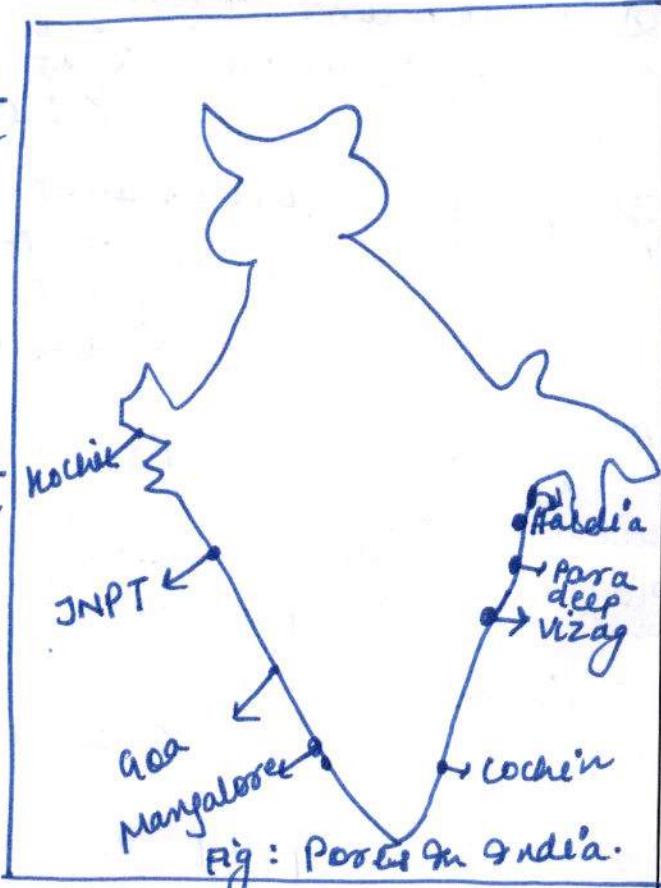
- Major port are controlled by Centre, minor by states.
- Tariff is decided separately by Port tariff authority, development is ensured through port development and management authority leading to lack of coordination.

② Infrastructure

lack of any major深水 port in India.

→ siltation issue
→ deep navigation depth is not fulfilled

→ lack of



proper air draft height

(minimum clearance is not available in many places)

- lack of proper feeder connectivity to ports
- lack of proper digitization, leading to huge delay and increased turn around time.

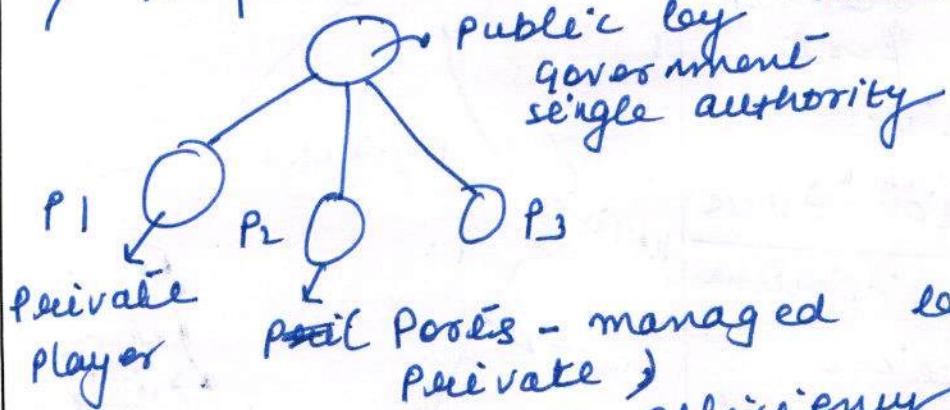
To harness Blue economy, ports of India needs to -

1) have start of art infrastructure

② Proper digitization (e.g. Sanchit Portal)

2) minimum human intervention for clearance → style window
AJ cleared approval scanning machine

3) proper governance < landlord model



This would ensure efficiency and
safety of our economy.

Ports can play a major role to reduce India's logistic cost and to properly harness the potential of blue economy.

16.

आय और संपदा में असमानता कार्बन असमानता में परिवर्तित हो जाती है। इस संदर्भ में, भारत के लिए कार्बन असमानता को दूर करने के महत्व पर चर्चा कीजिए और इसे प्राप्त करने के उपायों का सुझाव दीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Inequality in income and wealth translates into carbon inequality. In this context, discuss the significance of addressing carbon inequality for India and suggest ways to achieve it. (Answer in 250 words)

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India has one of the lowest per capita carbon inequality. This anomaly can also be seen within India where people with higher income emit more pollution.

Inequality → Income : within a nation

onfarm families out top 10% of the Indians own more than 4 times the wealth of bottom 70%.

Higher income - $\begin{cases} \rightarrow 24 \times 7 \text{ access to electricity} \\ \rightarrow \text{usage of private car} \\ \rightarrow 24 \times 7 \text{ cooling through AC} \\ \rightarrow \text{More consumption of plastic, electronic device (waste)} \end{cases}$

Inequality : Among nations

Richer countries like UK, USA have historically emitted more since 18th and have already occupied 2/3rd of the available carbon emission capacity (To limit global temperature to 2°C)

significance of addressing

Among nation

① To ensure the principle of common but differentiated responsibility is followed

② To ensure climate justice

③ To ensure principle of loss and damage is adhered

within

① Proper human development - NITI aayog aims at possible energy - development menus.

② school ↘ to gain access to electricity
↳ less drop out ratio

② To reduce intergenerational and intragenerational inequity.

Measure

International → collaboration

with foreign power for technology transfer, ensure fund transfer to green climate fund

② India Norway collaboration.

legislation } to ensure all the
pollution related legislation
have polluter pay principle
and precautionary principle
eg) e-waste rule - Polluter
pay principle.

Carbon Tax → Introduce Carbon Tax
on emitters

Tax can be used for
supplying clean energy to
poor nations.

Maximum } or limit can be
carbon | fixed
emission }

Behavioural change → try
propagating lifestyle change
uLIFE" eg, encourage car
pooling

Recently introduced Carbon Conservation
bill aims to ensure maximum
emission limit of the
residential building. This is
a step in the right direction

17.

भारत में पिछले एक दशक के दौरान भूस्वलन की बढ़ती और नियमित घटनाओं के बावजूद, विकास के प्रमुख प्रतिमानों (पैरडाइम) में कोई मुख्य संशोधन नहीं किया गया है। परीक्षण कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

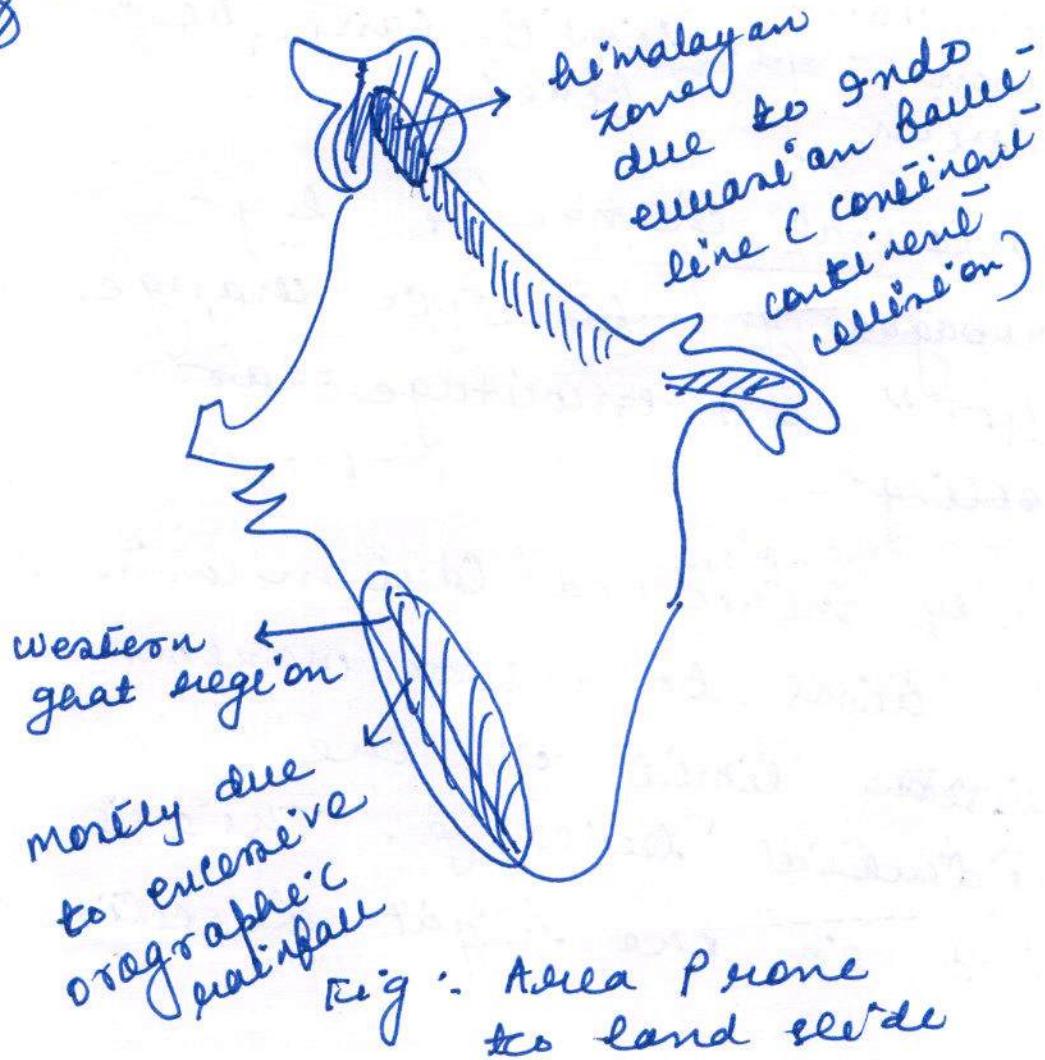
Despite increased and regular occurrences of landslides over the past decade in India, the dominant development paradigm has largely not been modified. Examine. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Landslide refers to the sliding of rocks along a surface, leading to huge devastation. It can be caused by earthquake, tsunami or man made induced.

Regular occurrences

Q1



eg western ghat - Gadukī de'stē'ch
 landlē'de
 himalayan - chāmālē' de'sarē
 li Nandadevi landlē'de

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Development Paradigm

① Himalayan

- Massive amount of deforestation going on
- Massive road and infra construction

(e) ~~char Dham~~ Dham Project

② Western ghat region

- lack of abide'ng by Gadgil committee, even Aantrodhan committee report is violated by few state
- Massive amount of deforestation and development activities

(e) Silverline Project

Reason for continuance of same development -

- ① * Rising population & Increased demand for development
- ② Short term vision in planning
- ③ lack of abide by ESZ, EIA, national building code norms → no authority to enforce it.

way forward

- ① Do Proper landslide hazard mapping
- ② Identify the vulnerable area and set standard of construction
- ③ Set up an authority to enforce the standards.
- ④ Sustainable model of development to be promoted
 - (e) eco tourism
 - (e) sustainable construction using local material (ex Bamboo)

Development vision needs to be long term instead of current narrow tunnelled developmental vision.

8. राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा हितों के साथ वैध सीमा-पार प्रवाह को संतुलित करने के लिए भारत को एक स्मार्ट सीमा प्रबंधन प्रणाली की आवश्यकता है। चर्चा कीजिए। साथ ही, इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा प्रारंभ की गई पहलों को रेखांकित कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

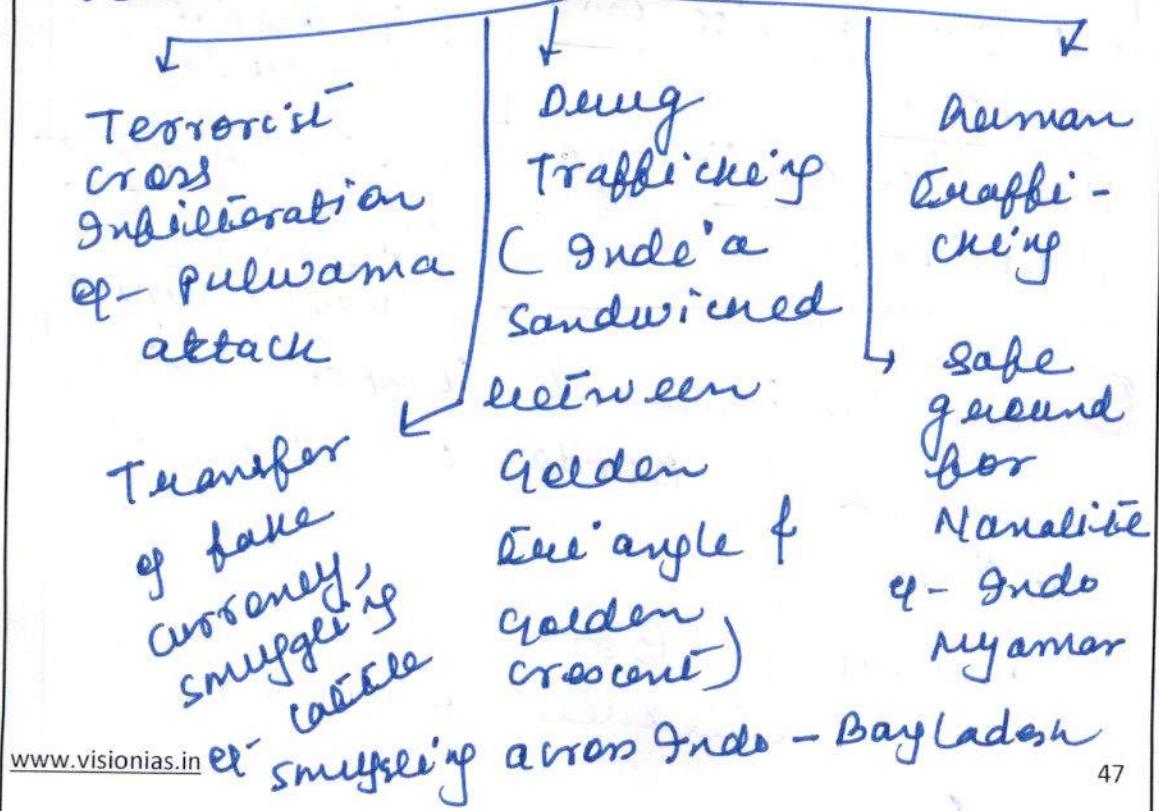
India needs a smart border management system to balance legitimate cross border flows with national security interests. Discuss. Also, highlight the initiatives taken by the government in this regard. (Answer in 250 words)

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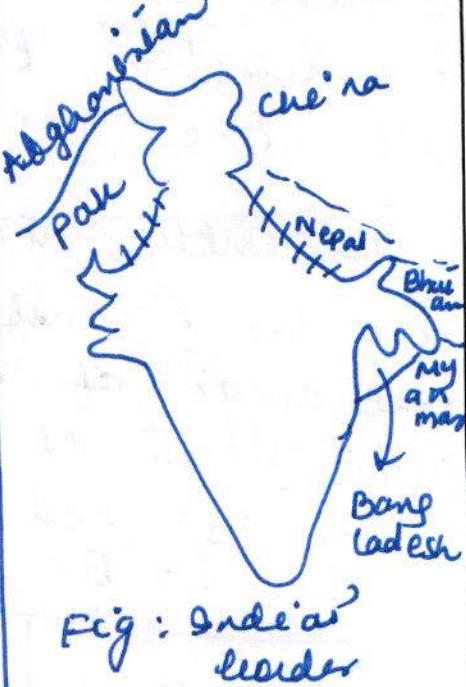
There has been rise of incursions and illegitimate transfer of drug across the border. Due to porous nature of border, the problem gets all the more complicated.

Currently, legitimate cross border transfer like trade, exchange of legal ~~migrants~~ migrants, movement of people etc needs to be ensured. However it needs to be balanced with



smart border management system can ensure this -

- ① Proper surveillance of the border by ensuring no incursion take place
- ② Radar & can detect any possible incursion
- ③ using night goggles will enhance the visibility of army
- ④ Proper command and control structure for communication to quick decision making
- ⑤ Usage of AI to predict the risk of attack taken



- ① CBMS system / Comprehensive Integrated Border Management system)

→ Proper Border surveillance through

Radar

- Command and control structure for real time communication and quick decision making
- Quick dissemination of information

Bird's Eye View → along India's
Bangladesh Border

Smart fencing has been installed
along India's Pakistan
Border.

usage of radar, development
of anti-drone technology,
night time surveillance system
etc.

To deal with the challenge
of hybrid warfare, front war, smart borders

management system is essential
to augment India's national
security.

19.

वैश्वीकरण और धन शोधन के बीच संबंध स्थापित करते हुए, इससे निपटने के लिए राष्ट्रीय और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर प्रारंभ की गई पहलों पर चर्चा की जिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

Establishing linkages between globalisation and money laundering, discuss the initiatives taken at the national and international levels to combat it. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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With globalisation, free movement of goods and services across border started. This provided avenue for the free movement of illegal proceedings as well; leading to greater risk of money laundering.

linkage

① Globalization & Interconnectedness of economy

- Money laundering through round tripping, transfer pricing, creation of shell firms

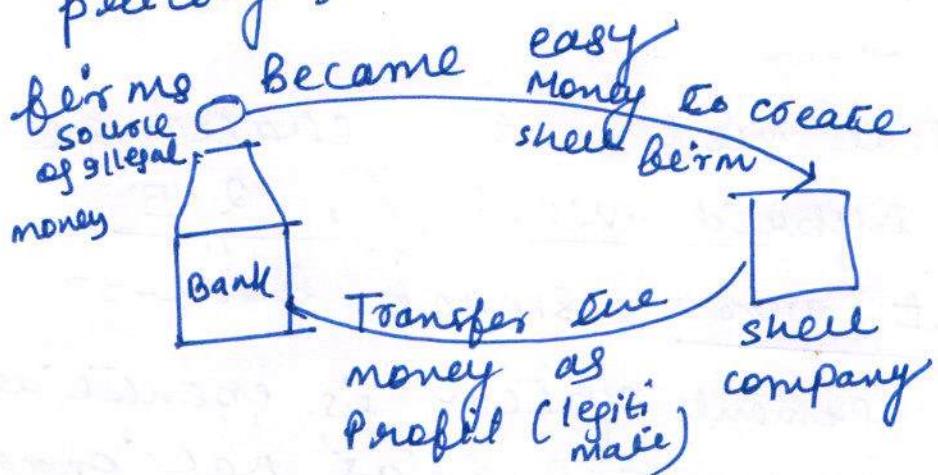


Fig: Round tripping

② easy to park the money
at tax havens.

(eg) Panama paper leak.

③ Invention like cryptocurrency
and dark web due to
lack of transparency & ~~now~~
unable to decode IP address

④ linkage with organized
crime

(eg) Terrorism → drug trafficking
money get from illegal sale
of drug & extorted by
taking help of public
officials or use to purchase
arms.

Preventive

International

① FATF (Financial action
task force)
→ "40+9" recommendation
→ Grey listing and

blacklisting done.

10 National

- ① Prevention of anti' money laundering act - ED has been given the charge to seize illegal proceedings.
- ② Prevention of Benami transfer all-
- ③ creation of fake currency cell network
- ④ ED, Directorate Revenue special fraud investigation officers, CBI deals with economic offences.

Q Since money laundering has become a cross border and transnational problem, more international collaboration is required to deal with it.

ऐसे तर्क दिए गए हैं कि भारत को बाह्य अंतरिक्ष की प्रकृति के बारे में अपनी कुछ पुरानी धारणाओं की समीक्षा करने और नए वैश्विक मानदंडों के विकास में योगदान देने की आवश्यकता है। इस संदर्भ में, आर्टेमिस समझौते के संदर्भ में भारत के दृष्टिकोण का विश्लेषण कीजिए। (उत्तर 250 शब्दों में दीजिए)

There have been arguments that India needs to review some of its past assumptions about the nature of outer space and contribute to the development of new global norms. In this context, analyse India's stand in relation to the Artemis Accords. (Answer in 250 words) 15

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Oterspace is a global common that requires coordination.
Past assumption and change

- ① Oterspace was considered for national purpose
- ② However there has been threat of militarisation of space
- ③ Weaponisation of space
- ④ entry of private player into space
- ⑤ space X
- ⑥ rise of space debris.

Artemis accord

→ USA has developed standard regarding training of astronauts and conditions of their operation.

In light of Gaganyaan mission, the Artemis accord holds significant. India needs to contribute for development of international norm in this regard as Indian astronauts will get training from Russia.

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