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Prelims Topics

Day-1

- G7
- Insurance and COVID-19
- A new era in space exploration
- Line of actual control
- Loan moratorium and NPAs
- Solicitor General of India
- Herd Immunity and Herd Masking

Day-2

- On set of monsoon
- Air bubble and Air bridges
- West Coast Cyclone
- PM Svanidhi
- Implications of rating downgrade
- CHAMPIONS: Technology Platform to empower MSMEs launched
- Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for Kharif Crops for marketing season
- 2020-21
- Cabinet approves Upward revision of MSME definition
- Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushdhi Kendra's –PMBJK
- Social stock exchange
- Ebola epidemic
- BHIM app

Daily Mapping:

- Kutch

Day-3

- NREGA demand highest
- Arsenicum Album 30
- Changpa community
- coronal heating of sun
- Electronics incentive schemes
- Climate Change and Nisagra Cyclone

- Social Vaccine
- WHO Executive Body

Daily Mapping:

- Silent Valley
- Kohala hydroelectric power project
- Cyclone and Mumbai

Day-4

- Key Agri reform
- Ordinance
- Traffic report on poaching
- Solidarity Trials
- Integrated Disease surveillance Program
- Genome India Project
- Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H):
- PMKUSUM
- Major Impact on climate due to extension of Amery Ice Shelf (AIS), NCPOR study reveals
- Border Area Development Programme (BADP) (Infrastructure at the border)
- Zamindari vs Ryotwari System

Daily Mapping:

- Kolkata Port
- Gilgit-Baltistan
- Galwan Valley
- Hunza
- Pangong Tso

Day-5

- Bio-medical Waste Rules
- GAVI
- Biodiversity and type : Theme of World Environment DAY
- CRAR and Bank Capitalization:
- Periodic Labour Force Survey
- Blue water Navy
- Bad loans

- National Immunization Programme
- State of India's Environment
- TULIP

Day-6

- Gold Bond Scheme
- Monetary Policy and Demand in Economy:
- LiDAR
- Near earth objects
- FPI
- Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDFD)

Day-7

- FPI and Foreign Reserve
- Dialectical Materialism
- Gross Value Added and GDP
- Covid Terminology :
COVID-19, Epidemic, Pandemic, R0 — R-Naught, Comorbidities
Transmission, Community transmission, Contact tracing, Super
spreader, Positivity rate, Infection fatality rate, Case fatality rate, Severe
Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), Cytokine storm, RT-PCR (Reverse
Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction), Antibody tests,
Convalescent plasma therapy Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), Flattening
the curve, Herd immunity
- Deep Sea Micro plastic hotpots

Day-8

- Direct Tax Buoyancy and Tax Base
- Revenue Foregone
- Mission Sagar
- Persian Gulf and GCC (Only definition and members)

Daily Mapping

- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve
- Dibru-Saikhowa National Park
- Maguri-Motapung wetland —an Important Bird Area notified by the
- Bombay Natural History Society
- Persian Gulf

Day-9

- Delhi LG Vs Chief Minister : Old tussle returns(Focus on constitutional

aspect)

- Digital Divide (Only context and Definition and facts in India):
- Reverse Quarantine
- Gairsain
- Drugs India is fighting covid with : Remdesivir, Favipiravir,
- Tocilizumab, Itolizumab, HCQ, Doxycycline + ivermectin, Ritonavir + lopinavir, Plasma therapy
- Delhi earthquake
- Global Economic Prospects report of WB

Daily Mapping:

- **Gairsain**

Day-10

- Role of HC and SC in protection of FR
- QS rank and Institution of Eminence:
- WHO clarifies on asymptomatic patients:
- Monsoon session of Parliament : A hybrid session(Rules change)
- Why Indian forex reserve rising?
- Consolidation and Strategic sale of PSUs and New PSE policy
- FDI from Cayman Island (Tax Haven and Rountripping) :
- Social vaccine:

Daily Mapping:

- Hot Springs (Kyam) in Ladakh
- Maguri Motapung Beel

Day-11

- Poonam Avlokan : Estimation of lion population in Gujrat
- Strategic importance of Darbuk-Shyokh-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO)
- Agitation for use of genetically modified seeds(GM Seeds)
- Anti –Microbial face mask
- LAC row : Naku-La controversy

Daily Mapping

- Kali River: India –Nepal boundary
- Gir
- Naku-La
- Dibru-Saikhowa National Park and Maguri-Motapung wetland.

Day-12

- India rejects US International Religious Freedom Report , 2019
- NIRF ranking
- ICC
- NHRC
- UBI
- Universal periodic review
- Indian gaur

Daily Mapping

- Lipulekh Pass

Day-13

- IFLOW
- Arsenicum Album 30
- Child Labour
- Significance of rising Forex reserve:
- Infrastructure investment trust (InvIT)
- FSSAI Food Safety Index
- Arogyapath

Day-14

- National Action Plan on Forest Fires (Only salient features)
- Epidemics(SARS vs COVID, last 25 year epidemic)

Daily Mapping

- Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura

Day-15

1. How will monsoon impact corona virus spread?
 - Vector borne diseases
2. How India tests covid-19 (Only concept)
 - ELISA
 - RT-PCR

Daily Mapping

- Coimbatore, will now be called "Koyampuththur
- Vellore shall be Veeloore
- Thoothukudi (Tuticorin)

Day-16

- New Electronic Policy:
- Role of RBI (Context discussion paper of RBI)
- India joins Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI or Gee-Pay)
- Art 275(I) and Van Dhan Scheme
- WPI (What and who brings)
- Nuclear weapon
- Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty
- Whip
- Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support (SWADES)

Daily Mapping

- Brahma Taal
- HarkiDoon Valley
- Fotoksar
- Borno
- Neom
- Red Sea

Day-17

- Dexamethasone
- Indian gas exchange
- Anti –Dumping duty
- Rapid Antigen vs RTPC Test
- Horizontal Reservation
- Force Majeure
- United nation Security Council
- Deflation

Daily Mapping

- Galwan Valley
- Aksai Chin
- PongongTso

Day-18

- Khelo India State Centers of Excellence (KISCE)
- Khelo India
- Review of Loan moratorium
- Transfer fund from PMCARES to NDRF:

- NDRF
- 75th UNGA
- UN and its CHARTER
- UN bodies and their mandate
- G4

Daily Mapping

- Galwan River

Day-19

- Coal gasification
- Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan
- UNSC Non-Permanent members and election
- Rule of Law Index:
- Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna
- Article VI of 1996 Agreement
- RS Election

Daily Mapping

- Kenya
- Djibouti

Day-20

- NIPFP
- Sec7 of RBI
- Gig Economy
- Stress Harmon
- Mental Health: National mental health act, policy and program

Day-21

- Auto Fuel Vision and Policy 2025
- Sec 309
- Ahom kingdom and Chaolung Sukapha
- Enceladus and Europa
- Antibodies and cellular immunity
- RS Election
- NOTA

Daily Mapping

- Galwan Valley
- Galwan and Shyok River

Day-22

- Genetic surveillance and Dragnet
- Coal mining (Total resources, Production and import)
- Dollar as reserve currency
- Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) Model Village scheme
- Soil a living organism
- Ecosystem services

Day-23

- Ban on H-1B visa (Visa categories)
- What is RIC
- What is Basel Committee on Banking Supervision(Context RBI discussion paper on Bank Governance)
- EEZ and continental Shelf:
- Shyama Prasad Mookherjee
- 74 Constitutional Amendment (No financial devolution, SFC)
- Patent Pooling Albany Agreement ,Nagoya Protocol

Daily Mapping

- Pongong Lake

Day-24

- Reduction in PPF interest rate
- District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee
- (Disha)
- U , V and W recovery
- What are Wildlife Corridor?
- What is a conservation reserve?
- Arctic Warming
- Government e Marketplace
- Victory Day
- Travel bubble
- FELUDA KIT and *CRISPR–Cas9*
- Money Supply surge

- What is M3?

Daily Mapping

- Tillari Conservation Reserve
- Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary
- Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Day-25

- Cooperative Banks
- Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQs)
- IN-Space
- 2020 Global Education Monitoring Report
- Animal husbandry infra fund
- Global Education Monitoring Report 2020
- World Economic Outlook of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- What is International Criminal Court
- LalBalPal
- Satyendranath Tagore
- Sir Aurobindo Ghosh-150 Birth Anniversary
- 1905 Swadeshi Movement

Daily Mapping

- Depsang Plains
- Bharveli

Day-26

- What is Environment Impact Assessment?
- Inland waterways
- Number and Name
- Inland Waterway Authority of India
- Glyphosate
- HSN code
- Art 371 A
- Salami slicing strategy

Daily Mapping

- Sugarcane cultivation areas in India

Day-27

- Debt and fiscal consolidation:
- RBI board meeting highlights:
- Coccolithophores
- Bhitarkanika fishing cats
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- Raw material for rechargeable batteries
- Rate transmission and loan restructuring
- Nasha Mukh Bharat
- World Drug report 2020

Daily Mapping

- Senkaku Islands

Day-28

- Lockdown generation
- Type 1 and 2 diabetes corona virus
- Sensitivity and specificity of test
- El Niño and Climate change in past
- LIGO Scientific and VIRGO Collaborations (LSC)
- Black hole merges
- COVID and TB
- Randomised control trial
- AYUSH ministry:
- Debt crisis of developing world in wake of corona
- Recovery Trial
- Pashmina

Daily Mapping

- Maldives
- Ladakh

Day-29

- Lockdown generation (ILO and UN report s) Youth unemployment
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) standardizing the
- N95 mask
- WTO IT Agreement (ITA-1, ITA 2):

- IRDA Corona Kavach (Role of IRDA)
- Official Language of HC (Art 348(1), 348(2)
- Chakkiparamban Variyankunnathu Kunjahammed Haji(Mappila
- Revolt)

Daily Mapping

- Surat : Textile and Diamond Hub
- Manesar : Auto manufacturing Hub
- Malabar: 100 years of Mappila Rebellion

Day-30

- Sec 69A of IT Act
- Expenditure Management measures:
- Equalization levy
- Open Market Operation and Operation twist:
- Global Financial Stability Report
- Kharif Season and crops
- PMFME scheme
- One District One Product:
- Anti-Dumping duty and counter vailing (Image file sent)
- Director General of Trade Remedies(Image file sent)
- Middle east quartet
- UN Charter and Geneva Convention
- World Bank STARS project
- National data Sharing and Accessibility policy
- Kolongchuu Project
- Plasma Bank
- Dada Bhai Naroji's Death anniversary

Daily Mapping

- West Bank
- Chenab valley

General Studies-1

History

Day-4

1. Why eastern India has lagged behind Southern and Western India after independence? How far British land revenue system is responsible for this?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/bihar-needs-a-state-specificstimulus/article31742775.ece>

Day-12

1. Discuss the causes of Korean rivalry?

<https://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/07/world/asia/korean-war-explainer/index.html>

Day-15

1. Discuss the causes responsible for partition of India.
Context: INC accepted partition of India on 15th June, 1947

Day-18

1. Discuss the causes of Revolt of 1857. Can it be called first war of independence? Source: NCERT , Bipin Chandra

Day-20

1. Discuss India's role in ending Korean War.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/crisis-in-the-peninsula-the-hindu-editorial-on-the-koreas/article31873090.ece>

Day-22

1. What do you understand by appeasement policy? Was it responsible for World War 2?

Day-23

1. Assess the contribution of Shyama Prasad Mookherjee to national unity and integration. [Reference: Indian Express]

Day-24

1. Why did Hitler rose to power? Also enumerate the reasons responsible for Germany loss in World War II? [Reference : Indian Express, BBC]

Day-25

1. **Discuss the contribution of Lal-Bal-Pal to the freedom struggle movement.** [Reference: The Hindu]
2. **Who were moderates during freedom struggle movement? Why did they fail in their objectives?** [Reference: The Hindu]
3. **Critically examine the reasons behind declaring emergency by Indira Gandhi.** [Reference: Indian Express]
4. **Assess the impact of emergency declared by Indira Gandhi. What lessons it holds for today.** [Reference: Indian Express]

Day-28

1. **Discuss the contribution of peasant's movement to the freedom struggle movement especially during 1920's and early 1930's. Did they succeed in their objective? Explain with the example of Malabar Mappila rebellion.** [Reference: The Hindu]
2. **Discuss the strategic significance of Ladakh.** [Reference: Indian Express] (10 PM You tube Live Discussion)

Day-29

1. **Assess the contribution made by late P.M P.V. Narsimha Rao.** [Reference: The Hindu, The Hindu]
2. **The immediate trigger of Mappila uprising was the Non Cooperation Movement and the Khilafat Movement. Discuss.** [Reference: Live Mint]

Day-30

1. **Discuss the factors that led to imperialism in the 18th and 19th century.**
<https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/uk-statues-protest-movement-scli-intl-gbr/index.html>
2. **Discuss the role played by Dadabhai Naroji in national awakening during 19th and early 20th century.**
Context: Death anniversary of Dadabhai Naroji
3. **Examine the economic critique of colonialism presented by early nationalists. How it became the foundation for future freedom struggle movement.**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pv-narasimha-rao-trs-telugu-andhra-pradeshpolitics-6482298/>

Geography

Day-1

1. Discuss the phenomenon of cyclone?

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/cyclone-nisarga-here-s-howto-live-track-cyclonic-storm-nisarga-in-simple-steps/story-C1eXlaUEqVBxHF9PP7CcJN.html>

Day-2

1. What do you understand by onset of monsoon? Discuss the factors that affect onset of monsoon.

<https://www.timesnownews.com/india/article/monsoon-status-across-india-heres-what-imdhas-to-say/600144>

Day-3

1. Why Mumbai doesn't receive any cyclone? Is cyclone Nisarga caused due to climate change?

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/nisarga-an-exception-why-mumbai-does-not-getcyclones-1684957-2020-06-03>
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/why-mumbai-is-facing-its-first-ever-cyclone-injune/articleshow/76151123.cms>
<https://www.thequint.com/explainers/cyclone-nisarga-explained-why-is-mumbai-facing-itsfirst-cyclone-in-a-century>
<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/trends/did-climate-change-cause-cyclone-nisarga-heres-what-experts-say-5353341.html>

Day-6

1. Why is South China Sea of strategic importance to the world?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13748349>

Day-8

1. Discuss the economic and strategic importance of Persian Gulf.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-persian-gulf-littoral-cooperative-security-iskey/article31774318.ece>

Day-9

1. What are earthquakes and what causes them to happen? Draw a seismic map of India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/frequent-earthquakes-indelhi-rescue-teams-ndrf-6449368/#:~:text=But%20Delhi%20does%20not%20lie,the%20question%2C%E2%80%9D%20Gehlot%20said.>

https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-earthquake-and-what-causes-them-happen?qtnews_science_products=0#qt-news_science_products

2. **What are seismic waves? Discuss various types of seismic waves.**
3. **Why New Delhi is more prone to earthquakes than Mumbai and Kolkata?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/frequent-earthquakes-in-delhi-rescueteams-ndrf-6449368/#:~:text=But%20Delhi%20does%20not%20lie,the%20question%2C%E2%80%9D%20Gehlot%20said.>

https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-earthquake-and-what-causes-them-happen?qtnews_science_products=0#qt-news_science_products

Day-10

1. **What do you understand by bonded labour? Discuss the reasons for existence of bonded labour in India. Also assess the legal and government framework to eradicate the social ill.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/scasks-nhrc-to-frame-guidelines-for-protection-rehabilitation-of-bonded-labour-duringpandemic/articleshow/76285303.cms>

Day-14

1. **Which parts of India are more prone to forest fire and why?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/ngt-gives-kerala-1-month-to-report-onforest-fire-prevention-steps/article31822783.ece>

Day-21

1. **Discuss strategic importance of Galwan Valley?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-hindu-explains-who-does-galwan-valley-belongto/article31879418.ece>

2. **Discuss the distribution of coal resources in India.**

Day-22

1. **COVID-19 pandemic has led to reverse migration. Comment**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/coronavirus-lockdown-telanganaschool-principal-6468772/>

2. **What do you understand by soil? Explain the process of soil formation. Discuss the reasons for soil degradation and suggest remedies to arrest them.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/world-food-prize-winnerrattan-lal-soil-a-living-being-can-boost-farm-output-mitigate-climatechange-6470075/>

Day-23

1. **India is fourth largest country in terms of availability of coal reserves, but we still import a substantial amount of coal. Can you explain this paradox?**[Reference: The Hindu Businessline]

Day-24

1. **Discuss the locational factors for pharmaceutical industry in India with example of two pharma hubs.** [Reference : The Hindu BusinessLine]

Day-26

1. **Discuss the favorable geographical factors for cultivation of sugarcane. How has the pattern of sugarcane cultivation and its geographical distribution changed in India in the last 3 decades?**

Day-27

1. **The *geographical* location has forced *India* to become the transit point of many illegal drugs to the world. Discuss** [Reference: IDSA, The Week]

Society

Day-8

- 1. How has implementation of panchayat raj impacted rural women?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/her-panchayat-raj-means-unseating-the-pradhan-patis/>

Day-14

- 1. What do you understand by social empowerment? Critically examine government's efforts in the empowerment of SC/ST community.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rbi-dalits-sc-st-entrepreneurship-msme-6457651/>

- 2. Gender is non a binary form of identity that goes beyond male and female. Discuss the problems faced by the third gender in India.**

Day-15

- 1. What do you understand by social empowerment? Critically examine measures taken to empower disabled people (differently abled people).**

Day-17

- 1. What are cooperatives? Discuss how can be an alternative institution to rebuild the economy and life millions of migrants returning to rural areas devastated by corona pandemic.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/forbetter-conditions-of-work/article31845747.ece>

Day-22

- 1. What you understand by gendered impact of pandemic.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/fighting-a-doublepandemic/article31884170.ece>

General Studies-2

Polity

Day-4

1. **Discuss the role of the parliament in the Indian Polity.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/indias-parliament-is-missing-inaction/article31742536.ece>

Day-5

1. **Compare cash transfers with other relief and welfare measures in alleviating the suffering of people.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/corona-economic-package-nyay-schemecongress-bhupesh-baghel-6443089/>

Day-10

1. **Discuss the role of High Court in protection of fundamental rights.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/migrant-workers-walking-home-supremecourt-coronavirus-pandemic-6451319/>

Day-15

1. **Examine the needs for an anti-discrimination law in India?**

[https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-need-for-an-anti-discriminationlaw/article31828372.ece#:~:text=Article%2015\(2\)%20stipulates%20that,and%20places%20of%20public%20entertainment.](https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-need-for-an-anti-discriminationlaw/article31828372.ece#:~:text=Article%2015(2)%20stipulates%20that,and%20places%20of%20public%20entertainment.)

Day-16

1. **What do you understand freedom of speech guaranteed under our constitution? Does it include press freedom also?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/vinod-dua-sedition-case-6458027/>

Day-17

1. **Do you agree with the opinion that sedition law needs to be scrapped? Discuss in the light of sedition charges against media and citizens.**

<https://theprint.in/opinion/indian-citizens-and-media-have-been-terrorised-enough-withsedition-sc-must-end-it-now/442914/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/vinod-dua-sedition-case-6458027/>

2. **Critically discuss pros and cons of MPLAD scheme.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/in-defence-of-mplads/article31845286.ece>

Day-20

1. Analyze the salient features of 10th schedule introduced by 52nd CAA, 1985 and strengthened by 91st CAA, 2003. Has it succeeded in preventing defections?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-gross-abuse-of-the-manipur-mandate/article31873142.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/revolving-door-the-hindu-editorial-on-politics-in-manipur/article31873062.ece>

Day-21

1. Do you agree with opinion that Rajya Sabha's importance has grown as with growing diversity of Indian polity? (**Daily Answer Writing Session**)

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/rajya-sabha-s-importance-grows-as-polity-becomes-more-diverse/story-gtXutS50GzpADIO68kAII.html>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-hindu-explains-how-are-elections-to-the-rajyasabha-held/article31879432.ece>

Day-22

1. Discuss the role of Rajya Sabha in India's parliamentary system of government. Do you agree it is losing its sheen as an exalted forum of scholarly debate? Agree

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/members-as-numbers/article31884148.ece>

2. What is the role of the legislator (MP, MLA) in our constitution? Critically examine the reasons behind the decline in importance of the role of an individual MP and symbolic reduction to a number.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/members-as-numbers/article31884148.ece>

3. How has panchayat fund centralization impacted the effective of panchayats to function as agents of self-governance in India? In this regard critically examine the proposal of Jal Ministry to transfer fund from panchayats to ministry form implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/additional-funds-sought-for-jaljeewanmission/article31884021.ece#:~:text=Faced%20with%20a%20financing%20shortfall,of%20households%20are%20currently%20covered.>

Day-23

1. **COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the vulnerabilities of urban areas. Do you think Urban Local Bodies are adequately financed to tackle this challenge?** [Reference: The Hindu Businessline] (Daily answer writing discussion)

Day-24

1. **What do you understand by constitutionalism? How it prevents arbitrary exercise of power?** [Reference: The Hindu]

Day-25

1. **Discuss the concept of democracy. What do you understand by true democracy? Do you consider Indian democracy as true democracy?** [Reference: Indian Express]
2. **Discuss emergency provisions and their safeguards in the constitution.** Source: Indian Polity by Mr. Laxmikant

Day-26

1. **Discuss the powers of the governor under special provision of Article 371 A.** [Reference: Scroll In]
2. **What do you understand by democracy? Is democracy under threat during the pandemic?** [Reference: The Hindu]

Governance

Day-1

1. **Make a case for Urban MNREGA**
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/a-case-for-anurban-mgnrega/article31680518.ece>
2. **What do you understand by Universal Basic Income? Do you think it is the right time to introduce Universal Basic Income in India?**
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/its-time-for-a-universal-basicincome-programme-in-india/article31717471.ece>

Day-2

1. **Is Inter State Migrant Workmen Act a dead letter? Discuss the need for review of the Act.**
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/inter-state-migrant-workmen-act-1979-dead-letter-64979/>

Day-3

1. **What do you understand by social vaccine? How can it be harnessed in our fight against corona pandemic?**
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/scripting-a-new-narrative-for-covidcontrol/article31734074.ece>

Day-6

1. **Discuss the factors responsible for human trafficking in India. Examine how far Anti Trafficking Bill can curb this problem?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/in-locked-down-bengal-fears-rise-of-traffickingof-girls-6444861/>
<https://www.prsindia.org/theprsblog/examining-anti-trafficking-bill-2018>

Day-8

1. **MNREGA is the world's largest anti-poverty scheme. Examine its effectiveness. Also enumerate various measures taken over the years to improve the scheme.**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-lockdown-rural-distress-coronavirusa-moment-to-revive-mgnrega-6421558/>

Day-9

- 1. Do you think policing alone will help prevent child labour? Critically discuss the problem of child labour and suggest measures to curb it.**

Enumerate salient features of Child Labour (Abolition) Act

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-wake-of-covid-19-supreme-court-seeks-rules-to-curb-childlabour-6449497/>

Day-10

- 1. Discuss the role of NHRC in the protection of rights of marginalized people in India.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/sc-asks-nhrc-to-frame-guidelines-for-protection-rehabilitation-of-bonded-labour-during-pandemic/articleshow/76285303.cms>

Day-11

- 1. What do you understand by public health care? Discuss its significance.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/needed-a-transfusion-for-public-healthcare/article31798593.ece>

Day-12

- 1. The issue of child labour is still a major one in India, despite the presence of several laws, including the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act,. Examine**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/world-day-against-child-labour-2020-vulnerable-children-worse-off-due-to-covid-19-71719>

<https://theprint.in/india/covid-may-push-millions-more-into-child-labour-in-india-and-other-countries-un/440364/>

Day-13

- 1. Discuss critically pros and cons of online education. What needs to make this transition?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/streamed-education-is-diluted-education/article31816279.ece>

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/getting-schools-online-improve-digi-access-for-students-rethink-curriculum/1990122/>

Day-16

- 1. Is it time for urban employment guarantee scheme? What lessons can be derived from MGNREGS for urban areas.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/view-time-for-an-urbanemployment-guarantee-programme/articleshow/76198747.cms?from=mdr>

- 2. Bring out the salient features of the PCPNDT Act, 1994, and the implications of its amendment in 2003. Critically examine recent dilution of sec 8 of the Act.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-are-crucial-sexdetermination-rules-put-on-hold-till-june-end-sc-asks-govt/article31834412.ece>

Day-17

- 1. Is it time for urban employment guarantee scheme? What lessons can be derived from MNREGA for urban areas.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/view-time-for-an-urbanemployment-guarantee-programme/articleshow/76198747.cms?from=mdr>

Day-18

- 1. What do you understand by good governance? Discuss good governance initiatives in India.**

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1632196>

Day-19

- 1. What do you understand by Alternate Dispute Redressed? Discuss its relevance.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/mediation-in-the-age-of-covid-19/article31863358.ece>

- 2. Critically examine the challenges faced by ULBs especially in the field of finance.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/time-to-strengthen-urban-localbody-revenues/article31858448.ece?homepage=true>

- 3. Only reform in political parties can bring substantial change in election system. In this context, discuss the need for reform in political parties?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rajya-sabha-elections-congress-bjp-politicselection-commission-chakshu-roy-6465586/>

Day-20

- 1. Do you think India's mental health infrastructure is prepared enough to tackle the growing mental health crisis? Discuss critically**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-the-pandemic-is-a-wake-up-call-to-build-indias-mental-healthcare-infrastructure-as-well-6467426/>

Day-21

1. What is sec 309 of IPC? Make a case for its repeal.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/sec-309-ipc-questions-and-issues-around-anarchaic-section-of-the-law-6468338/>

Day-23

- 1. Do you think Indian government and state governments have done enough to flatten the corona curve? Critically examine [Reference: The Hindu Businessline, The Wire]**

Day-26

- 1. Explain the irony of stocks lying in public god owns while people are going hungry. [Reference: Indian Express]**
- 2. Critically examine the proposal to shift from PDS to cash transfer. [Reference: Indian Express]**

Day-27

- 1. Discuss the problem of drug abuse in India. Critically examine measures taken by government to fight this pandemic. [Reference: PIB]**
- 2. Corona pandemic has drastically affected the education sector. Comment. [Reference: The Hindu]**

Day-30

- 1. In the background of overflowing granaries and widespread prevalent hunger discuss the need for universalization of PDS.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/grain-aplenty-and-the-crisis-of-hunger/article31948530.ece>

International Relations

Day-1

1. Critically discuss the relevance of G7? Do you think it needs to be expanded?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-whats-the-g7-group-trump-says-wants-to-include-india-6436248/>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/trump-postpones-g7-summit-seeks-to-expand-invitation-list/article31714067.ece>

Day-2

1. What do you understand by donation diplomacy? Contrast China's approach with India in this regard.

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/covid-19-chinas-donation-diplomacy-towards-africaturns-into-a-public-relations-disaster-64515/>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/india-china-and-fortifying-the-africaoutreach/article31725783.ece>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/14/us/politics/coronavirus-china-trump-donation.html>

Day-3

1. What is the mandate of WHO executive body? What should be India's priority as the chair of WHO executive body?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/seizing-the-moment-at-the-who/article31733278.ece>

Day-4

1. What do you understand by Wolf Warrior Diplomacy?

<https://theprint.in/opinion/china-is-on-the-defensive-and-has-adopted-wolf-warrior-diplomacyheres-what-it-means/433755/>

2. Critically evaluate G7 effectiveness as a multi-lateral forum.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/seven-to-eleven-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-and-g-7/article31742517.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/move-over-g7-it-s-time-for-a-new-and-improved-g11-11591202344492.html>

Day-5

1. India- Australia ties have evolved. Comment in the context of recent development.

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/india-australia-elevates-to-comprehensive-strategic-partnership-11591253112309.html>

Day-6

- 1. How do you understand by Taliban movement? Has it changed in recent years? Should India engage with Taliban in the view of upcoming Intra Afghan talks?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/the-taliban-movement-has-changed-saysrussian-presidential-envoy-for-afghanistan/article31761493.ece>

- 2. What is “nine dashed line”? Assess china’s historical justification in the light of UNCLOS.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/ChanakyaCode/south-china-sea-assessing-chinesehistorical-justification-of-nine-dashed-line/>

Day-8

- 1. Examine the developments in the gulf region in last few years. How do these developments impact India’s interests and concerns?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-persian-gulf-littoral-cooperative-security-iskey/article31774318.ece>

Day-9

- 1. What is e-diplomacy? Discuss its relevance in the context of covid pandemic.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-e-diplomacyexperiment/article31781585.ece>

Day-11

- 1. Critically examine the limitations of the G7. Why it needs to be expanded?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-unravelling-of-the-group-ofseven/article31798577.ece>

Day-12

- 1. Discuss the geo political position Of Nepal and its importance to India. In this context critically examine recent border dispute between them**

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/06/11/interpreting-theindia-nepal-border-dispute/>

<https://theprint.in/opinion/kathmandu-crossed-red-lines-india-nepal-relations-are-entering-a-deep-freeze/439943/>

Day-16

1. **Discuss the geo political and geo economic importance of South China Sea for India. (Daily Discussion)**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/southchina-sea-dispute-asean-countries-relations-vijay-gokhale-6460680/>

2. **What do you understand by non-alignment in international politics? Do you agree the opinion that India's tilt towards US and perception of India being co-opted into anti-China is the reason for China to flex its muscles to India?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/india-china-line-of-actual-control-6461077/>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/remaining-non-aligned-is-goodadvice/article31836296.ece>

3. **Recent oil crash and corona pandemic has devastated the economy of West Asia. What are the possible impacts on India?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/in-pandemic-crisis-bridging-the-gulf-with-westasia/article31836298.ece>

Day-17

1. **Discuss the geo political and geo economic importance of South China Sea for India.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/south-china-sea-dispute-aseancountries-relations-vijay-gokhale-6460680/>

Day-18

1. **Form cannot replace substance in bilateral relationship. Comment in the light to recent developments in India-China relationship**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/analysis-with-china-india-will-have-to-beatmanirbhar/article31850097.ece>

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/a-chance-to-resolve-india-china-borderdispute-87134>

2. **Do you think that China's emergence as one of the largest trading partners of India has adversely affected the settlement of the outstanding border problem?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/how-india-can-solve-the-chinese-puzzle-without-hurting-itself/articleshow/76405868.cms>

<https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/taming-the-dragon-boycotting-china-may-not-beeasy/1994987/>

3. What do you understand with China's peaceful rise? Is China's peaceful rise over? **(Daily Discussion @ 9M YOUTUBE LIVE)**
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/analysis-is-chinas-peaceful-riseover/article31853332.ece>
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/india-china-line-of-actual-control-6461077/>
4. Critically examine the relevance of multilateral organization like UN in today's world order.
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-reaffirmscommitment-to-reformed-multilateralism-after-winning-unscc-seat/storyICRTMxCbVJclosdbPZY95M.html>

Day-19

1. What is the mandate of UNSC? Analyze the objective of India as UNSC Non-Permanent member enunciated by MEA('NORMS')
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/at-the-high-table-the-hindu-editorial-on-indiasun-security-council-win/article31863713.ece>
2. Can China and USA escape the Thucydides Trap?
<https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/09/united-states-china-warthucydides-trap/406756/>

Day-22

1. Critically examine China's strategic objective in flexing its muscles to India by increasing border incursions in recent past.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/china-policy-lackspercipacity/article31883727.ece>

Day-23

1. Examine India-China trade in the last two decades. How has the growing trade deficit impacted India's option in resolving border dispute with China? [Reference: The Hindu]

Day-24

1. Bilateral relations between India and China cannot progress unless there is peace on the borders and China recognizes that India too has non-negotiable core concerns, aspirations and interests. Comment [Reference: Indian Express]
2. Examine the impact of US visa regulation on Indian IT industry. [Reference: The Hindu Businessline]

Day-25

1. **What is the mandate of International Criminal Court? How effective deterrent it has been against crimes against humanity? [Reference: The Hindu]**

Day-26

1. **How feasible it is for India to carry out economic boycott of China? [Reference: Business Line]**
2. **How will recent US Visa regulation impact Indian and US economy? [Reference: Indian Express]**

Day-28

1. **How will US Visa ban going to impact Indian software industry? [Reference: The Hindu]**
2. **Corona pandemic has caused an unprecedented debt crisis in developing and poor countries. Discuss its implications [Reference: NyTimes, Brookings]**

Day-29

1. **What do you understand by weaponing trade? What are its root causes? Can class conflict in one country lead to trade war with another? [Reference: Business Line]**
2. **What are Bilateral Investment Treaties?**

General Studies-3

Economy

Day-1

1. **Foreign direct investment or FDI is an important factor that facilitates economic development of a country. Discuss**
<https://www.fdi.finance/blog/fdi-automatic-and-government-routesexplained/>
<https://www.republicworld.com/india-news/general-news/piyush-goyalfdi-foreign-direct-investment-make-in-india-narendra-modi.html>
2. **What do you understand by Aatma Nirbhar Bharat. Do you agree with opinion that it will lead to INDIGENISATION of technology and production?**
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/aatma-nirbharbharat- will-mean-from-made-in-india-to-made-by-india-sjm/storyxPoDoP1YG0ltjDMZ1e8f2I.html>
3. **What do you understand by tax havens? How to they help in round tripping?**
https://www.business-standard.com/article/economypolicy/cayman-islands-now-india-s-10th-largest-source-of-foreign-directinvestment-120053101007_1.html

Day-3

1. **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat should not mean import substitution of the pre - 1991 era?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/cellphones-jewellery-textiles-govtidentifies-10-sectors-to-cut-imports-6439637/>

Day-4

1. **Why although India has become surplus in most agri-commodities, farmers have been unable to get better prices In the light of this discuss the recent agriculture reforms**
<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1629296>
2. **What do you understand by contract farming? will The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020 facilitate contract farming?**
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/cabinet-nod-for-amendment-to-essentialcommodities-act-two-ordinances-to-promote-barrier-free-trade/article31740277.ece>
3. **Discuss the need for cash transfer to stimulate the economy.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/need-new-stimulus-of-10-lakh-croreeconomists-collective/article31742214.ece>

Day-6

- 1. Compare and contrast Atmanirbhar Bharat with Import Substitution and socialism of Nehruvian era. Why Atmanirbhar Bharat has been criticized?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/atmanirbhar-bharat-narendra-modi-covid-19-sanjeev-sanyal-6444642/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explainspeaking-why-the-atmanirbhar-bharatabhiyan-economic-package-is-being-criticised-6414905/>

Day-7

- 1. Monetary policy has to work hand-in-glove with fiscal policy in tackling corona pandemic. Discuss briefly tools of monetary and fiscal policy.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/companies/crisil-md-ashu-suyash-fiscal-policy-6446353/>

- 2. Has economic inequality increased in India after LPG policy of 1991? Examine its impact on the economy.**

<https://www.weforum.org/press/2020/01/revealed-why-economies-benefit-from-fixinginequality/>

- 3. What do you understand by GVA? How it is different from GDP? Discuss their relevance.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/the-hindu-explains-what-is-gross-value-added-and-how-is-it-relevant-when-growth-is-announced-in-gdpterm/article31768578.ece>

Day-8

- 1. What do you understand by tax base? Enumerate the steps taken to improve tax base by the government. Also discuss the challenges in improving tax base.**

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1630104>

Day-9

- 1. Critically examine the pros and cons of monetisation of deficit.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/whos-afraid-of-monetisation-of-the-deficit/article31782093.ece>

Day-10

1. **What do you understand by second generation reforms? Are recent reforms introduced by government qualify as second generation?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/in-line-for-consolidation-strategic-sale-severalengineering-metals-chem-cos-6451123/>

2. **Do you think there is a need for new PSUs policy in India? Critically examine the role of PSU in the economy.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/in-line-for-consolidation-strategic-sale-severalengineering-metals-chem-cos-6451123/>

3. **How COVID-19 will impact bio medical industry?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-covid-19-test-kits-indialockdown-6419920/>

Day-12

1. **Corona pandemic has exposed the loopholes in social security system of India. Discuss the need of Universal Basic Income.**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-05-15/coronavirus-is-making-universalbasic-income-look-better>

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/coronavirus-pandemic-fallout-revives-talk-ofuniversal-basic-income/article31166728.ece>

Day-13

1. **What are bad banks? Discuss their need in the present economic situation?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-editorials/why-india-should-have-a-new-bad-bank/>

2. **What is India's growth potential? How has it been impacted by corona pandemic?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/indias-potential-growth-rate-had-fallen-precipitously-before-covid-19/1990096/>

3. **What are PPPs? Critically examine their relevance in the current economic situation.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/a-long-term-macro-plan-for-indias-economy/1990090/>

4. **Critically assess the fiscal health of the economy and discuss appropriate measures to improve the same.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/a-long-term-macro-plan-for-indias-economy/1990090/>

Day-15

1. Discuss the challenge of employment in India?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/employment-generation-a-challenge-but-not-unachievable-nitingadkari/article31827351.ece?homepage=true>

Day-16

1. Critically review the banking sector crisis in India. How far the governance structure of Indian Banks are responsible for this crisis?

Suggest remedies in the light of RBI's discussion paper.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/rbis-new-paper-places-onerous-responsibilities-on-bank-boards/article31834799.ece>

2. Critically assess the role of RBI as a regulator of financial sector in India in the light of recent discussion papers of RBI.

Day-17

1. Can Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds be an alternative of capital for Indian companies?

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/rupeedenominated-convertible-debt-instrument-need-to-add-this-arrow-to-the-fund-raising-quiver-11592327478312.html>

2. What do you understand by deflation? Is India suffering from such situation? What are its possible implications? Suggest measures to tackle it.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/a-fiscal-boost-could-act-like-a-deflation-vaccine-11592326909601.html>

Day-18

1. Critically examine the recent ordinances on agriculture. Will they achieve their intended objectives?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/unpacking-the-reform-agriculture-trade-ordinances-farmers-6463963/>

Day-19

1. Can India replace China as the next factory of the world? Why make in India didn't succeed?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/can-india-decouple-itself-from-chinese-manufacturing/article31864821.ece> **(Daily Answer Writing Discussion @9 PM)**

2. FDI inflows into India is skewed in favour of service sector in place of manufacturing sector. Discuss the reasons for the pattern

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/can-india-decouple-itself-from-chinese-manufacturing/article31864821.ece> **(Daily Answer Writing Discussion @9 PM)**

3. **How far do you agree that the primary reasons for the high NPAs is the prevalence of poor corporate governance**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/is-better-governance-in-banks-on-the-anvil/article31860136.ece?homepage=true>

4. **How far India's dependence on Chinese imports impacts the options India has to tackle its borders with China?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/india-china-trade-ban-explained-6465949/>

Day-20

1. **What is gig economy? Discuss the need to review social security framework for workers in order to tide of new challenges emerging because of corona pandemic.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/post-coronavirus-job-employment-6467120/>

Day-21

1. **Indian forex reserves crossed \$500 bn mark for the first time in history during pandemic. Discuss**

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/the-importance-of-forex-reserves-for-rbi-economy-11592239145088.html>

2. **The recent move to untether the coal sector making maximum coal available in the market will fuel the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. Analyze**

Day-22

1. **Is US Dollar status as reserve currency under threat? Discuss**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/no-threat-yet-tous-dollars-status-as-worlds-reserve-currency/article31868772.ece>

2. **Discuss the challenges faced by small farmers in India. Also suggest measures to help them tackle these challenges. (9 PM Answer writing Discussion Youtube live)**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/world-food-prize-winner-rattan-lal-soil-a-living-being-can-boost-farm-output-mitigate-climate-change-6470075/>

3. **Critically examine the impact of climate change on agriculture. Suggest remedies**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/world-food-prize-winner-rattan-lal-soil-a-living-being-can-boost-farm-output-mitigate-climate-change-6470075/>

Day-23

1. **Do you think the main issue plaguing PSBs is corporate governance? Discuss in the light of recent RBI discussion paper. [Reference: The Hindu Businessline]**

Day-24

1. **Food security and farmers welfare are intertwined. In the light of the statement critically examine the challenges faced by Indian farmers and suggest remedies. [Reference: The Hindu]**

Day-25

1. **Defence production can boost India's manufacturing sector. In this regard critically examine the challenges in Defence production in India. [Reference: Live Mint]**

Day-26

1. **With the increasing number of OTP, discuss the need for Ministry of convergence communication. [Reference: Business Line]**
2. **MSME can play an important role in making local products popular. Discuss the significance of MSME in the context of 'Vocal for Local' campaign. [Reference: Business Line]**

Day-27

1. **India today faces multiple crisis. Comment. [Reference: The Hindu]**

Day-28

1. **What do you understand by lockdown generation? Discuss its short term and long term implications. [Reference: Hindustan Times]**

Day-29

1. **What do you understand by remote work? How can it be institutionalized? [Reference: Indian Express]**
2. **What was the background in which economic reforms were introduced? Discuss its rationale.
Context: Late P M P V Narsimha Rao Birth Anniversary
Source: Cato, Live Mint**
3. **Economic reforms included both macroeconomic reforms and structural reforms. Discuss**

Context: Late P M P V Narsimha Rao Birth Anniversary

Source: Cato, Live Mint

4. **Do you think economic reforms introduced in 1991 were anti-poor? Give your arguments. [Reference: SSE]**
5. **Economic reforms has created sectoral, regional and income inequality in India. Do you agree? Argue your case with relevant data. [Reference: Live Mint, SSE]**

Day-30

1. **What do you understand by digital sovereignty? What challenges India faces to achieve digital sovereignty?**
<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/traiadvocates-domestic-manufacturing-of-telecom-equipment-bats-for-digitalsovereignty/article31945154.ece#:~:text=Telecom%20regulator%20TRAI%20on%20Monday,focus%20on%20digital%20infrastructure%20investments>.
2. **Food processing sector has the potential to double farmers Income. In this context, discuss the challenges faced by food processing sector in India.**
[https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635088#:~:text=With%20a%20view%20to%20providing,FME\)%20scheme%E2%80%9D%20to%20be%20implemented](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1635088#:~:text=With%20a%20view%20to%20providing,FME)%20scheme%E2%80%9D%20to%20be%20implemented)
3. **Discuss the role played by infrastructure in economic growth.**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-impact-on-global-economyimf-forecast-recession-job-loss-infrastructure-bonds-6482303/>

Environment

Day-5

- 1. Discuss the challenge of Bio Medical waste management in India in the wake of covid crisis. Enumerate the features of Bio Medical Waste Management Rules 2016.**

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/covid-19-civic-bodiesin-a-fix-over-medical-waste-11589310445534.html>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/dealing-with-biomedical-waste-in-the-time-of-covid-19-presents-huge-challenge/articleshow/75905790.cms>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/covid-medical-waste-must-be-dealt-withresponsibly/article31452156.ece>

- 2. Are locust swarms related to climate change? Discuss the risk they pose to Indian agriculture.**

<https://indiaclimatedialogue.net/2020/06/03/climate-change-favours-locust-swarms-indiaincreasingly-at-risk/>

Day-8

- 1. What is man animal conflict? Analyze the factors which lead to man animal conflict. Suggest innovative measures to tackle them.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/elephant-death-brings-to-fore-man-animal-conflict-inkerala6447800/#:~:text=The%20death%20of%20a%20pregnant,of%20managing%20man%20animal%20conflicts.>

Day-12

- 1. Is India well prepared for industrial disasters?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/inferno-at-assam-oil-wellmay-take-four-weeks-toextinguish/articleshow/76291392.cms#:~:text=Guwahati%3A%20An%20oil%20well%20in,weeks%20to%20douse%20the%20fire.>

<https://www.deccanherald.com/content/662320/industrial-disaster-india-well-prepared.html>

Day-24

- 1. What are wildlife corridors? Discuss their significance in conserving wildlife. [Reference: Indian Express]**

Day-30

- 1. What do you understand by EIA? Critically examine the draft EIA notification 2020.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/draft-environment-impact-assessmentnorms-explained-6482324/>

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Science and Technology

Day-3

- 1. What do you understand by Virtual Reality? How can it help in the post pandemic age?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/sport-others/meet-the-jayarams-iit-couple-vr-sports-6439589/>

Day-11

- 1. What do you understand by Genetic Modification? Discuss its pro's and con's in the context of farmer's agitation for GM seeds in Maharashtra.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/gm-seeds-the-debate-and-a-sowing-agitation-6452999/>

Day-17

- 1. What do you understand by immunity passport? How can it help in restarting the economy during pandemic?**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/immunity-passports-might-be-inevitable-as-we-goalong-11592326085164.html>

- 2. Explain various technologies put to use during corona pandemic to contain it?**

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/04/10-technology-trends-coronaviruscovid19-pandemic-robotics-telehealth/>

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/immunity-passports-might-be-inevitable-as-we-goalong-11592326085164.html>

Day-22

- 1. What do you understand by “Genomic Surveillance”? Discuss in the context of China Dragnet.**

<https://www.aspi.org.au/report/genomicsurveillance>

Day-23

- 1. What do you understand by intellectual property rights? Explain the concept of patent pooling and its relevance. (Daily answer writing discussion)**

Day-26

1. **How will private participation in the space industry help ISRO and India in long term? Explain in the light of recent announcement of. [Reference: Indian Express]**

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Disaster Management

Day-9

- 1. Discuss NDMA guidelines for earthquake management.**

<https://ndma.gov.in/images/guidelines/earthquakes.pdf>

Day-10

- 1. What do you understand by climate change? How vulnerable India is to climate change?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/flattening-the-climatecurve/article31789777.ece>

Day-14

- 1. The recent years have seen an alarming increase in forest fires across India. In this context discuss National Action Plan on Forest Fires**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/ngt-gives-kerala-1-month-to-report-on-forest-fire-prevention-steps/article31822783.ece>

Security

Day-3

- 1. Law enforcement has to encounter new challenges in the post COVID world. Discuss**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-challenge-of-lawenforcement-post-covid-19/article31733301.ece>

Day-9

- 1. Discuss the need for police reforms in India.**

Day-11

- 1. Discuss the strategic significance of Darbuk-Shyokh-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO) highway.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/lac-stand-off-india-chinadarbuk-shyok-daulat-beg-oldie-dsdbo-road-6452997/>

Day-22

- 1. Assess India's external security threats. In this explain what is two front war? Is India prepared for it?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/indias-continuing-two-frontconundrum/article31884155.ece>

Day-23

- 1. What do you understand by lone wolf attack? Discuss India's vulnerability and preparedness in this regard. [Reference: The Hindu]**

Day-26

- 1. What is Salami Slicing strategy? How has China used it against India? [Reference: India Today, ORF online]**

General Studies-4

Ethics

Day-1

1. **What do you understand by humanitarian crisis? What kind of values is needed in governance to manage such crisis?**
<https://scroll.in/article/962223/six-reasons-why-the-modi-government-issingularly-responsible-for-indias-worst-ever-migrant-crisis>

Day-2

1. **Discuss the responsibility of citizens in a democracy.**
2. **What do you understand by attitude? Why Indian youth has become resistant against the institution of marriage? Is it an attitudinal change or is it economics?**
<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/no-matrimony-please-we-re-millennials-11590993549894.html>

Day-3

1. **What do understand by animal rights? Discuss why animals should also have rights?**
<https://www.thequint.com/news/india/pregnant-elephant-killed-firecracker-stuffed-pineapplekerala-outrage-animal-abuse>
<https://www.peta.org/about-peta/why-peta/why-animal-rights/>
2. **What do you understand by racism?**
<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1190140.shtml>

Day-4

1. **What do you understand by compassion? What is the importance of compassionate communication?**
<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/can-positive-news-do-the-world-a-good-turn-11591252855742.html>
2. **Do a comparative cost benefit analysis of lockdown vs opening up with testing? Which one would you prefer and why?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/testing-needed-for-unlock-would-cost-2-of-lockdowneconomic-losses-says-study-encourages-antibody-tests-6441490/>

Day-5

1. **What do you understand by Good Samaritan? How can we encourage them?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/rpf-constable-inder-singh-yadav-milk-pouch-shramikspecial-train-piyush-goyal-6442568/#:~:text=Commendable%20Deed%20by%20Rail%20Parivar%3A%20RPF%20Constable>

%20Inder%20Singh%20Yadav,4%20year%20old%20child.&text=He%20also%20attached%20a%20video,Inder%20Yadav%20for%20his%20help%E2%80%9D.

2. What do you understand by sense of duty?

<https://youtu.be/fIFFSuJsmu0>

Day-6

1. How can we apply Mahatma Gandhiji's message to tackle corona pandemic

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/more-than-one-voice-6444708/>

Day-7

1. Why inequality is not morally permissible?

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/feb/19/capital-and-ideology-by-thomas-pikettyreview-if-inequality-is-illegitimate-why-not-reduceit#:~:text=Capital%20and%20Ideology%20is%20an%20astonishing%20experiment%20in%20social%20science,Knausg%C3%A5rd%20than%20of%20Karl%20Marx.>

Day-8

1. What do you understand by racism? Explain the cause behind racist behavior?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-52951093>

Day-9

1. Strength, peace and security are considered to be the pillars of international relations. Elucidate in the context of India and China relations.

<https://scroll.in/latest/964021/ladakh-stand-off-india-china-agreed-to-peacefully-resolve-bordertensions-says-mea>

2. Discuss ethics issues in child labour.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/in-wakeof-covid-19-supreme-court-seeks-rules-to-curb-child-labour-6449497/>

Day-10

1. What constitutes fake news? How can it be checked?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/social-media-fact-check-fight-fake-news-6451349/>

2. What do you understand by honor killing? Discuss psychological factors responsible for honor killing. As an administrator how will you tackle this problem in your jurisdiction area?

<https://scroll.in/latest/964238/pune-dalit-youth-beaten-to-death-over-his-relationship-with-upper-caste-girl->

fourarrested#:~:text=The%20Pune%20Police%20have%20arrested,father%20is%20among%20th
ose%20arrested.

3. What do you understand by social vaccine? How can it help to tackle corona pandemic?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/coronavirussocial-vaccine-is-need-of-the-hour-says-harsh-varadhan/article31788316.ece>

4. Police in India has remained a force rather than becoming a service. Do you agree with this opinion? Illustrate with example.

<https://www.thequint.com/news/breaking-news/sikh-studentuttar-pradesh-police-assault-agra-gursimar-setia>

Day-11

1. Discuss the psychological process behind Mob violence.

2. Leadership is the most defining quality of a civil servant. Discuss with examples from Indian bureaucracy during corona pandemic.

<https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/india-news-after-villagers-refusecremation-of-covid-19-victim-assam-cop-performs-his-last-rites/354466>

3. What do you understand by sacrifice? What is the supreme sacrifice any civil servant can make while fulfilling his duty?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/assam/assam-gas-leak-firefighters-deathinjuries-6451909/>

Day-12

1. Racism is not about individuals, but about systems, institutions. Discuss systemic and institutionalized racism with examples.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/west-indies-darren-sammy-ipl-racism-kalu-6454588/>

2. What do you understand by elitism?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-gandhis-mandelas-and-kings-oftoday/article31806120.ece>

3. What do you understand by mistrust? How mistrust affect relationship.

Day-15

1. What do you understand by conscience keeper? Illustrate with example

2. What do you understand by intellectual integrity?

3. Discuss reasons for increasing suicide among Indian Youths?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/eightintermediate-students-end-life/article31829138.ece>

4. What do you understand by stress? How stress can be tackled?
5. What do you understand by prejudices? How do they lead to discriminatory behavior?

[https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/theneed-for-an-anti-discriminationlaw/article31828372.ece#:~:text=Article%2015\(2\)%20stipulates%20that,and%20places%20of%20public%20entertainment.](https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/theneed-for-an-anti-discriminationlaw/article31828372.ece#:~:text=Article%2015(2)%20stipulates%20that,and%20places%20of%20public%20entertainment.)

Day-16

1. What do you understand by a leadership? What are the qualities of a leader?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-modi-coronavirus-crisis-economy-indiachina-border-dispute-6460702/>

2. Gandhian economics was based on ethics. Comment

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/lessons-for-yogi-from-gandhi-andlee/article31835579.ece>

Day-17

1. What do you understand by hypocrisy? Are Indians educated elites hypocrite?

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/saif-ali-khan-callsbollywood-s-sudden-love-for-sushant-singh-raiput-ultimate-hypocrisy-says-that-s-an-insult-tothe-dead/story-VxZHechJWBdMzJTg5YIUtL.html>

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/bollywood/sushant-singh-raiput-s-sonchirya-co-star-ranvirshorey-blasts-bollywood-hypocrisy-recalls-story-from-awards-show/storyjh5X6NLGt6Ri2BVUZkFPFK.html>

<https://scroll.in/article/964202/as-black-lives-matter-protests-grow-indian-students-in-the-usgrapple-with-fear-and-hypocrisy>

2. Who are whistleblowers? Why are they sometimes victimized?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/supreme-court-delhi-govt-covid-19-harassment-ofdoctors-6463146/>

3. What do you understand by civil service activism? Discuss various concerns regarding it.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/supreme-court-delhi-govtcovid-19-harassment-of-doctors-6463146/>

Day-18

1. What do you understand by courage? Explain with example different types of courage (**Daily Discussion @ 9M YOUTUBE LIVE**)

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-modi-coronavirus-crisis-economy-indiachina-border-dispute-6460702/>

2. **“The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones”. Explain**

Day-19

1. **What do you understand by value based position in International affairs? How it is different from realist position?**
2. **What do you understand by probity?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rajya-sabha-elections-congress-bjp-politicselection-commission-chakshu-roy-6465586/>
3. **What are the qualities of good judge?**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/justice-hosbet-suresh-my-voice-is-my-conscience-6464897/>
4. **What do you understand by conscience? What role it plays in ethical decision making?**
5. **What is fairness?**

Day-20

1. **What are implications of politics devoid of principles? What are the solutions to immoral politics?**
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/revolvingdoor-the-hindu-editorial-on-politics-in-manipur/article31873062.ece>

Day-22

1. **What do you understand by values? Discuss its types with example.**
2. **Discuss the ethical issues in slavery.**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/edward-colstonstatue-black-protests-6469954/>
3. **What are bribes? Differentiate between coercive and collusive bribery. (9 PM Answer writing Discussion Youtube live)**
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/rajkot-income-tax-officer-detained-for-takingbribe-6470128/>

Day-23

1. **What do you understand by role model? What makes someone as a role model for masses? Who is your role model and why? [Reference: Indian Express] (Daily answer writing discussion)**

2. **What do you understand by selflessness? Have you come across selfless person?** [Reference: Indian Express] (Daily answer writing discussion)
3. **What do you understand by conflict of interest? How affects bank governance?** [Reference: The Hindu Businessline]

Day-24

1. **Can rules be compromised on humanitarian grounds?** [Reference: Indian Express]
2. **Discuss the ethical issues in clinical trials of drugs?** [Reference: The Hindu]
3. **What do you understand by placebo effect?** [Reference: The Hindu]

Day-25

1. **What do you understand by professional integrity? Explain with examples.** [Reference: Indian Express]
2. **What do you understand by committed bureaucracy? Is committed bureaucracy dangerous to Indian democracy?**
3. **What do you understand by stress? What is its root cause? How finding meaning in life is the best cure of stress?** [Reference: The Hindu]
4. **“The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each Citizen to defend it.” Comment** [Reference: The Hindu]

Day-26

1. **How advertisement influence the attitude of masses? Discuss ethical issues involved in advertisement.** [Reference: Indian Express]
2. **What do you understand by Brand?** [Reference: BusinessLine]
3. **What do you understand by influence? How it helps in shape attitude and behavior of others?**[Reference: Financial Express]

Day-27

1. **What do you understand by reformative justice? How effective it is in today's world?** [Reference: Indian Express]

Day-28

1. **What do you understand by social service? How can common citizen serve society? Give examples** [Reference: News18]

Day-29

1. **“Vidya vivaad dhanam madaya, shakti pareshan paripeedanaya. Khalasya sadho vipareetam etat, gyaanaya, daanaya cha rakshanam (For crooked persons, knowledge is meant for arguments, wealth for ego, power for troubling others. The opposite is the case among noble**

souls, knowledge is meant for wisdom, wealth for donation and power to protect the weak),” In the context of this statement discuss the importance of character.

2. What do you understand by stereotypes? How media and market perpetuates such stereotypes? [Reference: Business Line]
3. What do you understand by professionalism? How passion help in any profession. [Reference: Indian Express]

Day-30

1. Respect for international laws is the foundation for ethics in international relation. Comment in the context of Israel – Palestine conflict.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-24-hours-palestine-faces-an-existentialthreat/article31948506.ece>