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Prelims Topics

Day-1

- GDP contraction
- Rare RetaiChola era inscription
- Liquidity infusion by RBI
- Pangong Tso
- Stimulus
- Baltic states
- Agriculture GDP, LaNina
- Priority Sector Lending Certificates
- Core sector

Daily Mapping

- Pangong Tso

Day-2

- Adjusted Gross Revenue
- NSA and Preventive Detention
- Sree Narayana guru
- AstroSat
- Green Term Ahead Market
- Precision medicine
- Coral reefs
- Project Insights

Daily Mapping

- Paschim Jalefa

Day-3

- Mission Karmayogi

- Parliamentary questions
- Force Majeure
- Mass Spectrometer
- Ease of living Index
- Global Innovation Index
- Health Air

Daily Mapping

- Rezang la
- Mudra Port

Day-4

- Data Empowerment Architecture
- Black Hole , LIGO and VIRGO
- Nerve Agent
- UNSC 1267
- Antidumping duty
- Diabetes and rice
- PMBJY
- OMO and Bond Yield

Day-5

- SCO meet
- Parliamentary forum:
- Project Dolphin and why it is important?
- Hydroponic
- Darknet
- What counts as Act of God?
- Habitat corridor
- Subhash Chandra Bose
- INA
- Reasons for fall of Indus valley civilization: Climate change
- National Dairy plan

- Mission Milk

Daily Mapping

- Kaziranga National Park
- Orang National Park
- Nameri National Park

Day-6

- Demerit goods and GST compensation:
- Bradykinin storm and Cytokine storm
- 13th Amendment
- Ct value and covid testing
- Index patient

Daily Mapping

- Atal tunnel
- Rohtang Pass
- Lahaul and Spiti

Day-7

- Keshavnanda Bharti Case
- Basic Structure Doctrine
- Fundamental Rights
- Amending power of Parliament under Article 368
- Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
- Eco sensitive Zones
- Stagflation
- Recession
- CPI vs WPI
- Attorney General
- Moplah Rebellion
- Hypersonic Technology
- COVAX vaccine facility

Day-8

- Indira Gandhi Peace Prize
- Critical wildlife habitat
- IPO of LIC
- Air Suvidha
- Under trial vaccines in India
- Typhoon Haishen
- FSSAI notification on food marketing

Day-9

- PM Kisan
- Health in India report
- Svanidhi Samvaad
- Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- Jigyasa programme
- Schemes of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Biodiversity hotspots
- FDI and Rountripping
- Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha
- Infrastructure investment trusts
- Fiscal Deficit
- Green Blue Infrastructure

Daily Mapping

- Char Dham (four shrines) — Yamunotri, Gangotri, Badrinath and Kedar Nath.

Day-10

- FDI in Defence
- Drug Controller General of India
- ICMR Plasma Therapy study PLACID
- Poll campaign expenditure cap:
- Door Step banking and EASE reform

- Plantation Crop in India:

Daily Mapping

- PangonTso

Day-11

- Loan restructuring
- prior restraint and Article 19
- breach of legislature's privilege
- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act
- SAROD-Ports
- AMRUT
- Five Star Villages Scheme
- Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems
- EPF interest rates
- NDPS Act
- Living Planet Report of WWF

Day-12

- Arya Samaj
- Bonded labour in constitution
- Late monsoon withdrawal
- India slips on global economic freedom index
- Eat Right Movement
- Bhoodan Movement
- Individual Satyagraha

Day-13

- Phase 3 of vaccine trial
- Reinfection fears and Immunity concept:
- FCRA
- Scramjet engine
- ordinance

Daily Mapping

- Nathula

Day-14

- Hybrid warfare
- Nerve agent
- Continental shelf
- Backwaters
- Fiscal Deficit and its adverse impact
- Business Advisory Committee
- Charter Act 1853
- Indian Council Act 1862
- Indian Council Act 1892
- Indian Council Act 1909
- Montagu Chelmsford Reform Act

Daily Mapping

- Depsang, Gogra-Hotsprings, Galwan and Pangong Tso
- Greece, Cyprus and Turkey
- Backwaters

Day-15

- Supplementary demands of grants
- Banking Regulation Bill
- Life on Venus
- Bio signature
- Parliamentary Questions in constructional History of India
- Finance Commission devolution
- Truth Fund
- 550th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev
- Amendments in the Income Tax Act 1961
- Himalaya Diwas
- Swadesh Darsha Scheme/Buddhist circuit

Day-16

- Adjournment motion
- Impossible Trilemma
- Capital gain Tax
- Gold monetisation Schemes
- MPs salary cut
- UN turns 75
- Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- MPLADS
- Essential Commodities Amendment Bill
- Inter-State Migrant Workmen (ISMW) Act, 1979
- Trade deficit
- Consumer Welfare Fund
- National Fisheries Policy

Daily Mapping

- Rohtang

Day-17

- Nuclear power plants in India
- FDI
- National Council for Transgender Persons
- The Farmers' Produce Trade And Commerce (Promotion And Facilitation) Bill
- The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill
- 'Five Finger Strategy
- Import Substitution
- National Cyber Security Coordinator
- Fertilizers and climate change

Daily Mapping

- Depsang

- Nuclear Plants in India

Day-18

- BECA, 2+2 dialogue
- Convalescent Plasma Therapy
- Initiatives to improve the global ranking of Indian education institutions
- NPPA
- 4th All India Handloom Census 2019-2020
- New arctic climate
- Solar cycle
- Commonwealth nations
- Human Capital index
- Sputnik V deal
- Seventh Schedule
- Inter State Council

Daily Mapping

- Barbados

Day-19

- National Bamboo mission
- country of origin
- E way bill
- Steps for Doubling Farmers' Income
- Organic Farming in the Country
- Agriculture Export Policy
- One District One Product Concept
- Blue Flag International eco-label.
- Minimum Support Price
- Indus Water Treaty
- STOPCovid
- UN Charter

Daily Mapping

- Indus River

Day-20

- Industrial Relations Code, 2020; the Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020; and the Code on Social Security, 2020
- CRISPR test
- External debt
- Worst food crisis
- Arsenic
- Official Secrets Act
- Reinfection and Immunity

Day-21

- Kakatiya dynasty
- No confidence motion
- Universal eligibility
- National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction
- Bank Board Bureau
- Deputy Chairman Removal
- Speaker and Adjournment motion
- SEZ
- GST Quoram
- BBB

Daily Mapping

- Kandla
- Wainganga

Day-22

- MSP
- FATF grey list
- UN 75 declaration: Its history
- Cyanobacteria
- Invits

- Suspension of MPs
- Passage of Bill
- Doorstep Banking
- Neutrino Observatory
- Department of Financial Services
- O-SMART schemes
- Indian Tsunami Early Warning System

Day-23

- MSME
- Biomedical Park
- YuWaah
- Net neutrality
- State development loan
- Vaccine clinical trial approval
- Data Free Flow with Trust
- Immunity by vaccine vs infection
- K Shaped Recovery

Day-24

- Laser Guided ATGM
- Central Pollution Control Board
- National Rural Health Mission
- Plastic Parks
- National GIS-Enabled Land Bank System
- Hallmarking of precious metals
- Carbon neutral
- G4
- Cess
- Poverty

Daily Mapping

- Macquarie Harbour

- Lothal

Day-25

- Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- National Biopharma Mission
- National Service Scheme (NSS)
- Jnapith Award
- R Value
- Drain of Wealth
- Everything about MSP
- Inflation and Fixed Deposit
- Artemis Program
- GST Compensation Cess Act

Daily Mapping

- Hazira

Day-26

- Vikram Sarabhai birth centenary celebrations
- National medical commission
- Cauvery Water Management Authority's (CWMA), Mekedatu dam project.
- Lion-tailed macaque
- Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple in
- Retrospective Taxation
- POEM and Round tripping

Daily Mapping

- Madurai

Day-27

- Article 270
- History of cess in India
- Central Road Fund
- CAG

- Right to strike
- Human Challenge trial
- Cloud Computing

Day-28

- Herd immunity
- Carbon tax
- Sandalwood Spike Disease
- Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices
- JIMEX-20
- Nagorno-Karabakh region
- RBI monetary policy and inflation
- Net Metering
- Fortification
- New Priority Sector Lending norms and Inter Bank Participation Certificate
- Bharatnet and USOF

Daily Mapping

- Armenia, Azerbaijan

Day-29

- Bhagat Singh
- India Denmark green strategic partnership
- Defence procurement plan 2020
- Chandra telescope
- NIA
- Arogyapath
- Northeast monsoon
- Marginal standing facility (MSF)
- MPC Quorum
- Offer for sale
- 3D printing

Day-30

- RBI extends Capital conservation Buffer
- RBI extends WMA
- LAC
- Eco sensitive Zones in Western Ghats
- NGT

Daily Mapping

- Western Ghats



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General Studies-1

History

Day-2

1. How was World War II different from World War I?
<https://historydaily.org/differences-and-similarities-world-war-i-and-world-war-ii>
2. Why has there been no world war after World War 2?

Day-5

1. Critically examine the role of Subhash Chandra Bose in the freedom struggle movement? Do you think he was right in collaborating with the Nazis and Japanese during World War 2?
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/subhas-chandra-bose-a-flawed-hero/article32525573.ece>

Day-6

1. Critically analyze the Indo-Srilanka Accord 1987. Examine its implementation in the context of 13th Amendment to the constitution.
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/the-hindu-explains-what-is-the-13th-amendment-to-the-sri-lankan-constitution-and-why-is-it-contentious/article32531844.ece>

Day-7

1. Were Moplah rebellion is controversial?
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Kochi/moplah-rioters-not-freedom-fighters-report/article32537886.ece#:~:text=%E2%80%9CNone%20of%20those%20who%20died,army%20for%20participating%20in%20riots.&text=The%20British%20convicted%20the%20rioters%20after%20proper%20trial>

Day-12

1. The rise of Arya Samaj may quite logically be pronounced as the outcomes of conditions imported into India by the West.” Evaluate.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/swami-agnivesh-passes-away-6592319/>

2. Arya Samaj did not succeed in capturing the imagination of modern India as a whole. Comment.
3. Review the main trends in social movement in India from 1875 to 1925.
4. Critically examine the success of Bhoodan movement.

Context: Birth anniversary of Vinoba Bhave



Geography

Day-3

1. In the backdrop of increasing target of renewable energy, critically examine the future of coal in India.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/india-wont-kick-its-coal-habit-so-easily/article32506788.ece#:~:text=India%20continues%20to%20import%20coal,20%2C%20coal%20imports%20actually%20rose.&text=Thus%2C%20though%20renewable%20energy%20is,full%20of%20ups%20and%20downs.>

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Day-9

1. Discuss the growing issues in sustaining livelihood of people in Himalayan region and suggest measures to overcome it?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/mountains-that-sustain-millions/article32555272.ece>

Day-10

1. Proximity to the largest producers of heroin and hashish-the Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent (Afghanistan-Pakistan-Iran) - has made India's border vulnerable to drug trafficking
2. What do you understand by plantation crop? Discuss the geographical distribution of plantation crops in India.

Day-11

1. Discuss the importance of wildlife population. Assess the impact of human intervention on wildlife.

Day-14

1. Discuss the socio-economic significance of backwaters of Kerala.
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/now-take-a-virtual-tour-through-the-water-lily-fields/article32593457.ece>

Day-21

1. What are multi-purpose dams? Critically evaluate their effectiveness with illustrations.
<https://science.thewire.in/environment/to-dam-or-not-to-dam-floods-in-eastern-vidarbha-revive-an-old-debate/>

Day-27

1. Discuss the reasons behind increasing forest fires. Suggest measures to reduce such occurrence.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-new-findings-strengthen-link-between-climate-change-and-wildfires-6617030/>



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Society

Day-4

2. What do you understand by the term “gender”?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/cisgender-agender-bigender-genderqueer-what-are-these-terms-why-do-they-matter-6581592/>

Day-9

2. Analyze the challenges specific to elderly population in India. In this context discuss the concept of healthy aging.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-pandemic-healthcare-services-social-support-for-elderly-6588474/>

Day-10

1. Discuss the problem of substance abuse in India. Analyze various laws to control drug abuse in India.

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/rhea-chakraborty-arrested-for-drug-abuse-what-do-indias-laws-say-about-the-use-of-ganja-and-charas-5813791.html>

Day-29

1. Discuss the challenges of urbanization in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/isher-judge-ahluwalia-icrier-economist-death-6620962/>

General Studies-2

Polity

Day-3

3. Discuss the role of Parliament in making government accountable. How effective are Parliamentary questions in enforcing government's accountability?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/an-expert-explains-what-are-question-hour-zero-hour-parliament-session-6580747/>
4. Parliament functions, in the real sense, through its committees. Discuss the role of Parliamentary committee in the context of recent controversy. What makes parliamentary committees more effective than the parliament?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/shashi-tharoor-nishikant-dubey-conflict-parliamentary-committee-6580705/>

Day-4

1. Discuss the significance of question hour in the functioning of Parliament.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-politics-of-avoidance-that-must-be-questioned/article32517468.ece>

Day-5

1. Discuss the role of all the three organs of the government.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/parliament-stifled-business-and-a-word-of-advice/article32526621.ece>
2. What are parliamentary forum? Discuss their functions.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/parliament-stifled-business-and-a-word-of-advice/article32526621.ece>
3. Political parties play an integral part in the functioning of India's Constitution. Critically examine the functioning of political parties in

India. Should Election Commission be empowered to regulate political parties?

<https://www.thequint.com/voices/blogs/no-inner-party-democracy-internal-elections-in-india>

Day-7

1. Do you think Supreme Court in last few years has drifted from rights based Court to executive Court? Give your arguments
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/courts-drift-and-chinks-in-the-judiciarys- armour/article32537620.ece>
2. Discuss the significance of Keshavnanda Bharti case .Why it is considered as the case which saved the Indian democracy?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-case-that-saved-indian-democracy/article12209702.ece>
3. Critically examine Basic Structure Doctrine. Do you think it has curtailed the power of Indian parliament?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-case-that-saved-indian-democracy/article12209702.ece>

Day-8

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-politics-of-avoidance-that-must-be-questioned/article32517468.ece>

Day-9

1. Attenuation of Parliament, overshadowed by a strong executive has been a concern. In this context, critically analyze the role of Indian parliament in controlling executives
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/safe-session-on-monsoon-session-of-parliament/article32555373.ece>

Day-11

1. What do you understand by parliamentary privileges? What constitutes breach of parliamentary privilege? Is there a need to codify them?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-what-constitutes-a-breach-of-the-legislatures-privilege-6590615/>

2. What do you understand by censorship? Is pre censorship allowed under our constitution?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/censorship-before-a-show-the-law-rulings-sudarshan-bad-boy-billionaires-tv-6591211/>

Day-12

1. Discuss the impact of covid pandemic on the federal relation in Indian polity.

Day-13

1. What are ordinances? Discuss the constitutional provision and SC judgment over it.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/parliament-monsoon-session-bills-modi-govt-p-chidambaram-6593628/>

2. What is federalism? Is Indian federalism moving towards a coercive model?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/parliament-monsoon-session-bills-modi-govt-p-chidambaram-6593628/>

Day-14

1. Discuss the methods of parliamentary oversight on executive.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/question-hour-cancelled-parliament-monsoon-session-coronavirus-6594795/>

2. Discuss the growth of parliamentary tradition and constitution under the British India. How far British rule in Indian was responsible for the adoption of parliamentary system in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/question-hour-cancelled-parliament-monsoon-session-coronavirus-6594795/>

Day-15

1. Dissent and criticism of government are essential ingredients of a robust public debate in a vibrant democracy. In the light of this statement do you agree that sedition law is being used to curb free speech in India?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/truth-fund-to-provide-legal-support-in-fight-for-free-speech/article32600558.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/sedition-law-a-tool-against-free-speech/article25996244.ece>

Day-16

1. In 'Kesavananda Bharati' case, Supreme Court redefined the relationship between judiciary, executive and legislature. Discuss

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/supreme-court-kesavananda-bharati-vs-state-of-kerala-judgment-indian-constitution-6597505/>

2. Constitutional dismemberment cannot be not allowed in the name of amendment. Discuss in the light of Kesavnanda Bharti Case.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/supreme-court-kesavananda-bharati-vs-state-of-kerala-judgment-indian-constitution-6597505/>

3. The recent decline in the role and performance of standing committees is part of a larger trend visible even before the lockdown. Critically examine the effectiveness of standing committees in parliament. Suggest measures to improve their working.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/parliamentary-panels-role-reduced-functioning-at-all-time-low-data-show-120091500552_1.html

Day-17

1. How is covid 19 changing Indian federalism? Is Indian federalism under crisis?

<https://carnegieindia.org/2020/07/28/how-covid-19-is-changing-indian-federalism-pub-82382>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/nationalism-and-the-crisis-of-federalism/article32623644.ece>

Day-18

1. Should there be a review of subjects in the Union, State and concurrent list? <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-and-federalism-6600329/>
2. It is time to revisit the proposal for an elevated and empowered Inter-State Council. Discuss
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-and-federalism-6600329/>

Day-19

1. What do you understand by hate speech? Is hate speech protected under freedom of speech? Discuss provisions of the constitution and law that regulates hate speech?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/censorship-before-a-show-the-law-rulings-sudarshan-bad-boy-billionaires-tv-6591211/>
2. Critically examine the problem of criminalization of Indian Politics.
<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/parties-must-get-serious-about-crime-in-politics/2086898/>

Day-20

1. Discuss the issues arising from present structure of political financing/election funding. Suggest various alternatives to have free and fair elections. (Source: Yojana september 2020)

Day-21

1. What constitutes hate speech? How hate speech affects democracy? How to restrict hate speech without affecting freedom of speech and expression?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/supreme-court-sudarshan-tv-upsc-jihad-freedom-of-press-6603892/>
2. What are interest groups? What function do they serve in the Indian Polity?
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/agriculture-reform-bills-introduced-amidst-opposition-farmers-protests/article32603927.ece>

Day-22

1. What do you understand by Basic Structure Doctrine? Do you think the doctrine has put the judiciary in the exact position of unlimited power that it sought to prevent Parliament from occupying? Critically examine <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/kesavananda-bharati-supreme-court-lets-define-the-core-6605286/>
2. Parliament is a deliberative forum and not a theatre for protest demonstration. Discuss the reasons for rising disruptions in the parliament. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-point-of-order/article32663531.ece>
3. Critically examine the recent labour law bill introduced in the parliament. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/dilution-without-adequate-deliberation/article32663006.ece>

Day-23

1. Critically analyze the effectiveness of online education in India. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/e-learning-in-india-a-case-of-bad-education/article32672071.ece>
2. The concerns of workers must be placed at centre of labour law changes. Critically analyze new versions of three labour codes, namely, the Industrial Code Bill 2020, the Code on Social Security Bill 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code Bill 2020. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/what-labour-needs-6606712/>

Day-24

1. Critically analyze the need for women reservation in elections of Parliament and state legislatures <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/weighing-in-on-the-efficacy-of-female-leadership/article32680360.ece>

Day-26

1. What do you understand by the committee system in the parliament? Discuss its significance.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/parliamentary-scrutiny-on-the-back-burner/article32699224.ece>

2. While Committees have substantially impacted Parliament's efficacy in discharging its roles, there is still scope for strengthening the Committee system. Assess the effectiveness of Departmentally Related Standing Committees

<https://www.prindia.org/theprsblog/importance-parliamentary-committees>

3. Is right to protest protected by the constitution? Discuss how SC has balanced right to protest and public inconvenience.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/delhi-riots-shaheen-bagh-anti-caa-nrc-6611865/>

<https://www.sabrangindia.in/article/how-sc-has-balanced-right-protest-vs-public-inconvenience-shaheen-bagh>

Day-27

1. Interstate water conflicts are a recurring phenomenon in India. Discuss the constitution and legal instruments to resolve these disputes. Do you think they have failed?

<https://www.orfonline.org/the-fluid-mosaic-various-shades-of-interstate-water-conflicts-in-india/>

2. Indian has a centralized federalism .Critically comment

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/the-paradox-of-centralised-federalism/>

Day-28

1. Critically discuss the role of Supreme Court in ensuring fundamental rights and upholding democracy in India. Suggest the reforms needed in supreme court structure and function

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/where-is-the-sentinel-guarding-our-rights/article32709603.ece>

Day-29

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/weighing-in-on-the-efficacy-of-female-leadership/article32680360.ece>



Governance

Day-2

3. How has covid crisis worsened the hunger problem?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/two-pandemics-covid-19-food-security-hunger-economic-growth-6579348/>

Day-3

1. What do you understand by “Work from Home”? Can Government adopt this paradigm of work? How will it benefit the government?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/r-srinivasan/how-about-a-wfh-government/article32506758.ece>

2. What is “Mission Karmayogi”? How will it transform the civil service so that they become effective instruments of good governance?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/mission-karmayogi-govts-massive-plan-to-train-skill-have-ideal-civil-servants-6580920/>

3. What do you understand by Human resource Development? Critically assess GOI’s effort in this regard

Day-4

1. Will digitization alone fill the gaps in Indian healthcare system?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/mind-the-gaps-in-indias-health-care-digital-push/article32517477.ece>

2. Discuss the NEP in the context of Internationalization of higher education.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/national-education-policy-open-campus-6582118/>

3. Discuss data empowerment and protection architecture of NITI Aayog.

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/govt-to-launch-a-data-empowerment-and-protection-architecture-11599216805931.html>

Day-7

1. NGOs play important role in development of India but they pose an equal security concern. Critically examine. What measures are needed to regulate the NGOs?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/government-suspends-fcra-clearance-of-4-christian-groups/article32535766.ece>

Day-8

1. Will National Education Policy help in mainstreaming of the vocational education?

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/nep-2020-vocational-education-needs-structural-changes-labour-market/>

<https://www.deccanherald.com/specials/sunday-spotlight/mainstreaming-vocational-education-the-challenge-740658.html>

2. India has just a decade's time to seize the opportunity and realize this youth demographic dividend. In this context, critically analyse the national youth policy

(Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/empower-the-youth-first/article32546714.ece>)

3. Education policy and education system are important means of fulfilling the aspirations of the country. In this context critically analyze the National Education Policy 2020.

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/national-education-policy-nep-pm-narendra-modi-says-government-intervention-influence-should-be-minimal-2291495>

4. Will the NEP 2020 transform India into a knowledge economy?

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/national-education-policy-nep-pm-narendra-modi-says-government-intervention-influence-should-be-minimal-2291495>

5. Discuss the role of FSSAI in promoting healthy food habits.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/fssai-notifies-regulations-to-ensure-safe-and-wholesome-food-in-schools/article32544060.ece>

Day-10

1. What do you understand by media trial? How it impacts police investigation? Are there any regulations governing media trial?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/books-and-literature/book-on-batla->

[house-encounter-media-trial-builds-public-perception-case-outcome-becomes-immaterial-6589896/](https://www.indianexpress.com/article/explained/rhea-chakraborty-drugs-ndps-act-sushant-singh-rajput-6589896/)

Day-11

1. Analyze the various facets of NDPS Act.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/rhea-chakraborty-drugs-ndps-act-sushant-singh-rajput-6590370/>

Day-12

1. What do you understand by” whole of the government “approach? Illustrate with example.
<https://eatrightindia.gov.in/EatRightIndia/eatrightindia.jsp>
2. Discuss the mandate of EPFO in providing social security to the population.

Day-13

1. Analyze the features of FCRA. How does it regulate NGOs?
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-hindu-explains-what-is-foreign-contribution-regulation-act-and-how-does-it-control-donations/article32590504.ece>

Day-14

1. Malnutrition remains a big challenge in India. Discuss how POSHAN Abhiyan will contribute to malnutrition free India.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/poshan-maah-india-malnutrition-index-global-hunger-index-6594794/>
2. Malnutrition is a multi-dimensional problem. Comment

Day-15

1. The announcement of the lockdown exposed the severe vulnerabilities of urban informal jobs. In this context, analyze the vulnerabilities in urban informal jobs and discuss reforms needed.
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/truth-fund-to-provide-legal-support-in-fight-for-free-speech/article32600558.ece>

Day-16

1. Does India truly inclusive and participative for the differently-abled? In the context, examines problems of differently-abled and government welfare policies and interventions

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/impediments-to-equal-productivity-dignity/article32614857.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/parliament-and-its-panels/article32613874.ece>

Day-19

1. Mission Karma yogi: a program to reform civil services is well intended, however, its success depends upon how transparently it is implemented.

Comment

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/mission-karmayogi-rhetoric-or-reality/article32643065.ece>

Day-20

1. The colonial-era OSA does no good to our democracy. It is time for us to do away with it and make our information regime truly transparent. In the light of the statement critically examine Official Secrets Act.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/what-is-official-secrets-act-6603218/>
<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/main-article/time-to-scrap-it-725105.html>
2. Corruption is an evil which destroys any society. Analyse the reasons behind prevalence of corruption in India. Discuss measures to eradicate it. (Source: Yojana september 2020)
3. What is meant by accountability? Discuss various institutional mechanism in India to uphold accountability of Civil servants. (Source: Yojana september 2020)
4. Discuss the importance of Early childhood care and education included in New education policy 2020. (Source: Yojana september 2020)
5. Discuss the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020. Do you think there is a need for a new National Public Health Act?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/epidemic-diseases-amendment-bill-passed-govt-formulating-national-public-health-law-says-minister-6602957/>

Day-24

1. Transparency is a cornerstone of democracy. Discuss the transparency regime of India. Do you think culture of secrecy still exists in India?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/modi-government-rti-electoral-bonds-election-commission-of-india-monsoon-session-6608151/>
2. What do you understand by poverty? Discuss various ways to estimate poverty.

Day-25

1. FCRA amendment bill will be “deathblow to civil society”. Critically examine
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/first-port-of-call-for-many-in-pandemic-ngos-urge-kovind-not-to-give-assent-to-fcra-bill-6609727/>
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/the-foreign-hand-the-hindu-editorial-on-fcra-amendments/article32689241.ece>
2. Discuss the rise of the third sector in India.
<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/coverage/rise-of-third-sector-33712#:~:text=India%20has%20around%203.2%20million,for%20every%201%2C000%20rural%20population.>

Day-26

1. Can online learning substitute actual schooling? Argue in the context of huge digital divide in India.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/mind-the-digital-gap-online-education-6465232/>

Day-30

1. *Sexual harassment at a workplace* is considered violation of *women's* right to equality, life and liberty. Critically assess

**implementation of The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace
(Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.**



International Relation

Day-1

1. The increasing geopolitical convergence between India and Japan demonstrates traditional strength, deepening trust, matured partnership and strong democratic values in addressing strategic challenges

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/shinzo-abe-japan-his-last-bow-6577922/>

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/india-japan-strategic-cooperation-impacting-indo-pacific-61778/>

Day-2

1. The success of India's look east policy depends upon the economic development of the landlocked Northeast states which in turn depends upon access to Indian Ocean through Bangladesh. How far

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/08/chinas-stake-in-bangladesh-is-overplayed/>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/will-india-lose-bangladesh-as-an-ally/article32498065.ece>

Day-5

1. Is indo pacific only geographical concept or a strategic concept? Critically analyze India's approach towards Indo Pacific in the context of QUAD.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-new-dimension-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-us-australia-japan-quadrilateral/article32526589.ece>

Day-9

1. What is NAM? Discuss its relevance in present global order?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/opposition-to-put-up-joint-candidate-for-rs-deputy-chairman-post/article32551664.ece>

Day-14

1. The ongoing crisis in eastern Ladakh has raised many issues on the range and trajectory of India-China relations. Discuss (Source: <https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-lac-talks-from-peace-to-conflict-prevention/article32594802.ece/amp/>)

Day-15

1. For the first time, Indian official addressed at a gathering that includes the Taliban. In this context, discuss the role of India in bringing peace and development in Afghanistan
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/the-cost-of-peace/article32604087.ece>

Day-17

1. With conclusion of Abraham Accords, examine its impact on geopolitics of West Asia
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/new-order-in-west-asia-the-hindu-editorial-on-abraham-accords-between-uae-bahrain-and-israel/article32623639.ece>
2. Discuss the mandate of UN. How will India's UN non-permanent membership help India to steer UN to multi lateralism?
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/india-can-play-leadership-role-in-unsc/article32623373.ece>

Day-18

1. Critically analyze the role of QUAD initiative in containing rising China in Indo Pacific region
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/is-the-quad-rising-after-chinas-challenge-at-the-lac/article32633134.ece>
2. As the United Nations commences the 75th session of the General Assembly, the need for internal reforms to suit the 21st century could not be starker. In this context, discuss reforms needed in United nation organization
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-push-for-reform-the-hindu-editorial-on-un-reforms/article32633648.ece>

Day-19

1. The Charter is our living template for tackling global challenges. Discuss
<https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/02/1003221>
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/when-india-challenged-the-un-charter/>
2. The Indus Waters Treaty, hailed as one of the finest, the most sophisticated and comprehensive international water treaties, remains a contentious issue even after 60 years. Comment
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/indus-water-treaty-at-60-why-there-is-a-need-to-give-it-a-fresh-look-6601741/>

Day-21

1. The way the international system is structured poses enormous obstacles to peace. Comment
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/great-power-little-responsibility/article32655126.ece>

Day-22

1. Discuss the mandate of UN. How has it shaped the global order?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-birth-of-the-united-nations-and-its-growth-in-the-last-75-years-6604983/>
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-united-nations-security-council-UNSC-tenure-6605320/>

Day-23

1. Why there is demand for reform of UNSC? What reforms are needed in UNSC to meet the present needs of global order?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-new-world-order-the-hindu-editorial-on-un-reforms/article32672054.ece>
2. Are concept of trade globalization and nation state competitive or mutually reinforcing?
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/time-to-revive-multilateralism-in-its-true-spirit/article32671219.ece>

Day-27

1. Critically examine the possibility of India's permanent membership in UNSC

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/pm-pitches-for-larger-role-in-un/article32706516.ece>

Day-29

1. Make a case of permanent seat for India at UNSC.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-modi-un-speech- united-nations-security-council-members-india-6621167/>

2. How relevant UN remains in era of retreat of multi lateralism?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/un-and-the-retreat-from-multilateralism/article32719319.ece>

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General Studies-3

Economics

Day-1

1. Indian economy has contracted in an unprecedented manner. Discuss the reasons. What is the probability of a V shaped recovery?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-must-brace-itself-for-a-long-grind/article32489785.ece>

Day-2

2. There are mainly three elements in the Atmanirbhar package — relief, rehabilitation, and structural reforms.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/growth-outlook-doesnt-inspire-confidence/article32498051.ece>

3. Discuss the role played by ICMR in bio- medical research and public health. <https://frontline.thehindu.com/the-nation/what-ails-biomedical-research/article32395265.ece?homepage=true>

Day-3

1. Critically examine the government's response to the economic slowdown and covid crisis?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-guide-to-flattening-the-curve-of-economic-chaos/article32508219.ece>

Day-5

1. What do you understand by priority sector lending? Discuss its significance in achieving the goal of inclusive growth

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/rbi-rural-credit-start-up-indian-economy-6583675/>

2. What do you understand by economics of animal rearing? Assess the achievement under National Dairy development Plan.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/mission-milk-has-helped-india-make-giant-strides-in-dairying/article32520610.ece>

3. Animal husbandry can help achieve inclusive growth. Discuss

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/mission-milk-has-helped-india-make-giant-strides-in-dairying/article32520610.ece>

Day-6

1. Discuss the significance of forex reserves.

Day-7

1. Discuss the importance of FDI in Indian economy. Why has Indian not been able to attract sufficient FDI?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/mixed-messaging-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-as-an-investment-destination/article32537617.ece>

Day-8

1. Discuss the need for coordination between fiscal and monetary policy to overcome the covid crisis.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/indian-economy-negative-growth-gdp-contraction-6587115/>

Day-9

3. Critically assess the various measures taken by the government to alleviate the suffering of small and medium farmers.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-kisan-scheme-msp-farmers-6588430/>

4. Coordination between monetary and fiscal authorities has been a thorny issue globally in recent years, particularly after the global financial crisis. India is no exception.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rbi-government-indian-economy-pandemic-6588421/>

5. What do you understand by land reforms? Why even after seven decades it still remains an unfinished agenda?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rural-land-holdings-economy-rural-investment-farmers-agitation-6588473/>

6. In the backdrop of falling landholding, discuss the need for land consolidation.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rural-land-holdings-economy-rural-investment-farmers-agitation-6588473/>

Day-10

1. What do you understand by informal economy? Examine the adverse impact of covid pandemic on informal economy. Discuss steps to revive informal economy.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/impact-of-covid-19-lockdown-on-lives-and-livelihood/article32564147.ece>

2. Access to credit is one of the most important

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/rbis-revision-of-priority-sector-lending-norms-is-welcome-but-it-should-also-focus-on-the-hurdles/article32564479.ece>

Day-11

2. Do you think recent Agriculture sector can pull the Indian economy out of the slowdown?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-agriculture-led-revival-as-flawed-claim/article32575457.ece>

3. Covid-19 pandemic has led to unprecedented revenue shortfall for the government forcing government to borrow more. In this context critically examine how far monetisation of deficit is a viable option?

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/pandemic-likely-to-force-india-to-borrow-more-deficit-monetisation-is-last-resort-sources/articleshow/78038673.cms>

4. Discuss the impact of government debt on the economy and common man. <https://scroll.in/article/965761/how-can-india-tame-its-growing-debt-load-experts-have-some-advice>

Day-12

1. What do you understand by Eat Right Movement? In this context discuss the role of FSSAI

<https://eatrightindia.gov.in/EatRightIndia/eatrightindia.jsp>

Day-14

1. What is fiscal deficit? Why is fiscal deficit considered a big problem in government financial management?
<https://www.livemint.com/Money/Z1jHNOBQTDNPcYibMBSdaM/The-damages-of-high-fiscal-deficit.html>
2. Do we need a flexible fiscal deficit target? Argue your case.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/time-to-re-frame-fiscal-prudence-norms/article32593655.ece>
3. Discuss the need to overhaul agri credit.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/overhaul-agri-credit/article32594105.ece>

Day-15

1. Economic inequality is monstrous by product of market economy. Do you agree that corona virus is making inequality worse? Discuss in Indian context.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/tackling-the-virus-of-income-inequality/article32602317.ece>
2. Tackling income inequality will call for redefining of economic ideology. Comment
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/tackling-the-virus-of-income-inequality/article32602317.ece>
3. What is Ease of doing business index? Critically analyse methodology and results of the index.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/for-a-different-yardstick/article32603811.ece>
4. Changing the faulty cropping pattern can help India tide over impending water crisis. Discuss
<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/saving-water-what-water-stressed-paddy-growing-states-can-learn-from-haryana/2082381/>
<https://www.firstpost.com/india/water-crisis-in-india-changing-cropping-patterns-recharging-ground-reserves-imperative-to-avert-disaster-6907571.html>

Day-16

1. The Centre's latest plan to promote 10,000 new Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) by 2023-24 is well intended as it aims to help small farmers reap benefits of collective selling. However, at present FPO's are dogged by various problems. Discuss these problems. Will the new FPO policy be able to solve these problems?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/new-fpo-plan-bets-on-quantity-over-quality/article32613429.ece#:~:text=Risk%20of%20single%20commodity,objective%20of%20increasing%20farmers'%20income.&text=A%20multicrop%20regime%20is%20India's%20best%20bet%20against%20climate%20change%20risks.>

2. What do you understand by impossible trilemma in economic management? Is RBI able to manage it?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/food-retail-inflation-capital-inflows-currency-appreciation-rbi-6597507/>

Day-17

1. Why are farmers protesting against agriculture ordinances?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/farm-ordinances-farmers-protest-punjab-6597817/>

Day-18

1. What do you understand by Human Capital? Explain the process of Human Capital Formation

<https://theprint.in/india/india-ranks-116-in-world-banks-annual-human-capital-index/504606/>

Day-19

1. What do you understand by MSP? Discuss its objective? Should MSP regime be abolished?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/should-the-msp-regime-be-dumped/article30525802.ece>

2. Critically analyse the need for farm sector reforms which will be brought by three bills recently introduced in the Parliament.

<https://www.prsindia.org/billtrack/farmers-produce-trade-and-commerce-promotion-and-facilitation-bill-2020>

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/agricultural-reforms-breaking-the-glass-ceiling-in-favour-of-farmers/2086880/>

Day-20

1. What is climate smart agriculture? Discuss its three pillars and ways to achieve them. (Source: Kurukshetra September 2020)

Day-21

1. Discuss the reforms to improve the investment climate in India in order to attract investments, relocating away from China.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/national-statistical-office-india-gdp-trade-revenue-6603891/>

2. Are recent agri laws passed by the parliament anti-farmer?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/why-the-new-agri-laws-are-not-anti-farmer/article32654417.ece>

Day-22

1. What do you understand by a Bad bank? Can it help cure virus induced NPA problem?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/rajan-acharya-proposals-for-the-banking-sector-winding-down-of-dfs-reprivatising-select-psbs-6605478/>

<https://www.cnbctv18.com/finance/explained-what-is-a-bad-bank-and-can-it-cure-the-virus-induced-npa-problem-5892601.htm#:~:text=A%20bad%20bank%2C%20therefore%2C%20is,over%20a%20period%20of%20time.>

2. Indian banking sector needs a major overhaul. Discuss the reforms suggested by Raghuram Rajan and Viral Acharya

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/rajan-viral-call-for-a-major-overhaul-of-banking-system-11600737963277.html>

3. Discuss the challenges before the Indian economy.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/ruchir-sharma-at-express-e-adda-high-debt-fiscal-deficit-india-cant-print-its-way-out-of-the-mess-6605421/>

Day-23

1. Happiness economics has finally received global recognition. In this context discuss the concept of Happiness Index by UN?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/world-happiness-report-india-ranking-covid-19-gdp-6606716/>

2. GDP(Gross Domestic Product) along with GDH(Gross Domestic Happiness) would be the right indices for judging the well being of a country. Discuss <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/world-happiness-report-india-ranking-covid-19-gdp-6606716/>

Day-24

1. Make a case of making MSP a legal right of farmers.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/comment/a-case-to-make-msp-legal-right-of-farmers-102423>

2. What are social stock exchanges? Will it strengthen the social sector?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/importing-a-failed-experiment-6608192/>

3. What do you understand by GI tags? How can they help in achieving inclusive growth?

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/tribal-welfare-gi-tag-can-help-st-entrepreneurs-thrive/2090342/>

4. While large size economic reforms may help India to recover from the woes induced by the coronavirus pandemic, transforming local economies is likely to be a game-changer in economic revival. In this context, discuss the concept of local economic development.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/economy/world-bank-says-local-economic-development-is-need-of-hour-lists-out-these-3-focus-areas-rural-livelihood-recovery/2090879/>

https://www.ilo.org/empent/areas/WCMS_093862/lang--en/index.htm

Day-25

1. What are APMCs? Discuss the objectives. Have APMCs succeeded in its intended objectives?
<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/agri-reforms-where-did-the-apmcs-go-wrong/2091149/>
2. What do you understand by sustainable development? Discuss how sustainable development can be achieved.
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/environmentalism-at-the-core/article32690191.ece>
3. Analyze the salient features of the recent farm bills introduced by the government. Will it benefit small and marginal farmers?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/will-the-farm-bills-benefit-farmers/article32690170.ece>

Day-26

1. The recently passed farm Bills will not only help farmers get better prices but also strengthen the country's food security. Critically examine
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/reforms-that-promise-farmers-a-rich-harvest/article32697957.ece>
2. What do you understand by round tripping? How can Indian government prevent tax evasion?
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/netting-taxes-in-the-age-of-digital-economy/article32698120.ece>

Day-28

1. Discuss political economy of MSP in India
<https://www.indiatoday.in/magazine/up-front/story/20201005-the-politics-of-msp-1725693-2020-09-26>
2. Discuss the political economy of persistent agrarian distress in India.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qj8kocgupy4>
3. Discuss the fiscal challenges before the government in order to stimulate the economy. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/growth-compulsions-fiscal-arithmetic/article32709726.ece>

Day-29

1. One PSU is buying out another—have attracted adverse comments from the CAG recently. In this context critically examine India’s disinvestment policy and its outcome in last decade.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/we-need-privatisation-not-psus-buying-psus/2093752/>

2. Can privatization of PSBs help solve banking crisis?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/why-privatisation-of-psbs-wont-work/article32717972.ece>

Day-30

1. Discuss the mandate of MPC. Has it succeeded in last 5 years?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/monetary-policy-committee-what-delay-in-rbi-panel-meet-means-6637220/>



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Science and Technology

Day-25

1. Explain the three phases of clinical drug trial. Discuss the role of CDSCO in this context.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/vaccine-phasebook-the-essence-of-trials-11600965107078.html>

Day-26

1. *Sarabhai's contributions* in space research gave him recognition as the Father of the Indian space program. Discuss

<https://vigyanprasar.gov.in/vikram-sarabhai/>

Day-29

1. What do you understand by 3D printing? Discuss its applications

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/new-research-3d-printed-nasal-swabs-effective-in-covid-testing-6618800/>

Disaster Management

Day-6

1. Is India's Disaster Management Act sufficient to handle health crisis is corona pandemic?

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/pandemic-as-a-disaster-assessing-indian-state-response/>

Day-8

2. Excessive rainfall has led to floods in 256 districts across 13 states; on the other hand a large part of India is under drought-like conditions. In the context, analyse the causes behind this conundrum and suggest measures to overcome it.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/environment/deluge-here-drought-there-india-s-rainfall-conundrum-continues-73240>

Day-21

1. Flood management in India is very complex. Discuss

<https://science.thewire.in/environment/new-recommendations-for-a-proactive-flood-policy-in-india/>

Day-27

1. Corona pandemic has exposed the weakness in India's disaster management response

<https://www.thehinducentre.com/the-arena/current-issues/article32502100.ece>

Environment

Day-1

1. What is Environment Performance Index? Discuss India's ranking? Why has India not performed well in the index?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-environment-is-a-national-issue/article32491199.ece>
2. It is incumbent upon us to decouple economic growth with environment degradation. In this context , critically discuss draft EIA
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/coronavirus-pandemic-atmanirbhar-bharat-pollution-environmental-safety-6577975/>

Day-11

1. Covid-19 pandemic is a stark reminder of how nature and humans are intertwined. In this context discuss the factors responsible for increasing pandemics. How far human's responsible for this?
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/09/10/wildlife-population-plunge/>
2. What do you understand by dysfunctional ecosystem? Discuss the reasons for this and its adverse effect on humans.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/09/10/wildlife-population-plunge/>
3. What do you understand by biodiversity? Discuss the threats to biodiversity. <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-54091048>

Day-18

1. Critically examine UN Secretary General's advice to India to give up coal immediately. Do you think it is feasible for India to do so?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/reject-this-inequitable-climate-proposal/article32634171.ece>
2. Climate change mitigation negotiations have remained inequitable. Comment

Day-28

1. What is carbon tax? Discuss its important in achieving goals of Paris deal.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-benefits-of-a-carbon-tax/article32709677.ece>



Internal Security

Day-4

1. What do you understand by two front war?

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/indias-armed-forces-capable-of-dealing-with-chinese-actions-in-best-suitable-ways-cds-general-bipin-rawat/articleshow/77914580.cms>

Day-6

1. Do you think communalism and communal tensions can fuel ISIS threat in India? Discuss in the context of online propaganda of ISIS to radicalize Indian Muslims.

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/can-communal-violence-fuel-an-isis-threat-in-india/>

2. Discuss how social media is misused to fuel propaganda by terrorist organization to radicalize youths?

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/can-communal-violence-fuel-an-isis-threat-in-india/>

Day-10

1. The nexus between drug traffickers, organized criminal networks and terrorists has created a force powerful enough to cause instability in the country. Explain

https://idsa.in/system/files/OP_DrugTraffickinginIndia.pdf

2. Discuss the need for corporatization of ordinance.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/group-of-ministers-to-take-call-on-corporatisation-of-ordnance-factories/article32561705.ece>

Day-13

1. It is felt that the criminal justice system is skewed against the poor and the vulnerable. Examine the reasons and suggest reforms

<https://frontline.thehindu.com/the-nation/reforms-were-long-overdue/article32531365.ece?homepage=true>

Day-14

1. What do you understand by hybrid warfare? Is India prepared?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/hybrid-warfare-pm-modi-cds-gen-rawat-zhenhua-data-information-artificial-intelligence-china-is-watching-6594884/>

Day-15

1. What do you understand by hybrid warfare? How is China using it against its adversaries?

<https://www.theweek.in/news/world/2020/09/14/explainer-what-is-hybrid-warfare-and-how-has-china-used-it.html>

Day-17

1. In the wake of recent revelation about Chinese firms harvesting Indian data, critically assess India's cyber security architecture.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/govt-sets-up-group-under-cyber-security-head-to-probe-china-watching-will-report-in-30-days-6599037/>

Day-18

1. Can a higher FDI cap in Defence stimulate investments?

<https://thewire.in/economy/higher-fdi-cap-defence-india-investment>

Day-21

1. What do you understand by money laundering?

How is money laundering threat to Indian national security?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/express-exclusive/fincen-files-on-us-radar-dawood-ibrahims-financier-money-laundering-lashkar-e-taiba-jaish-funding-6603904/>

Day-30

1. How does illegal trans-border migration pose a threat to India's security? Discuss the strategies to curb this, bringing out the factors which give impetus to such migration.

<https://dailynewshub.in/s-jaishankar-joint-efforts-to-combat-human-trafficking-need-of-the-hour/>

2. No country has ever grown into a credible military power without a robust defence industrial base of its own. In this context discuss defence procurement policy

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/india-s-pragmatic-policy-on-arms-procurement-11601392875259.html>



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General Studies-4

Ethics

Day-1

4. Discuss the dilemma of conducting exams from a utilitarian point of view.

Day-2

1. What do you understand by truth? Discuss its significance in public life and democracy?
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/prashant-bhushan-contemt-of-court-case-supreme-court-6579382/>
2. What do you understand by vision? Why vision is important part of leadership? <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/how-far-the-leader-can-see-6579364/>

Day-3

1. What do you understand by ideal civil servant? Suggest measures to create ideal civil servants
<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/mission-karmayogi-govts-massive-plan-to-train-skill-have-ideal-civil-servants-6580920/>

Day-4

1. What do you mean by bias? How does it affect decision making by civil servants?
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/facebook-responds-to-congs-charge-of-political-bias-says-it-is-non-partisan-and-denounces-hate/articleshow/77910031.cms>
2. What do you understand by nonpartisan?
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/facebook-responds-to-congs-charge-of-political-bias-says-it-is-non-partisan-and-denounces-hate/articleshow/77910031.cms>
3. Explain below terms

- a) Swadharma
- b) Ramrajya

Day-5

1. What do you understand by partisanship?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/facebook-hate-speech-censorship-fake-news-complaints-6583434/>

Day-6

1. What do you understand by altruism? Why it is difficult to find these kind of behavior in present times.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/many-hands-ensure-green-fields-among-odishas-tribal-villages/article32532422.ece>

2. Case study: WhatsApp clinic

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/voluntary-whatsapp-covid-19-clinics-help-flatten-the-curve-in-valley/article32530439.ece>

3. What do you understand by racism?
4. What is moral policing?
5. Discuss the ethical issues in euthanasia.

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/world-news/terminally-ill-man-live-stream-22632339>

Day-10

1. What do you understand by compassion? Why it is important to build a compassionate society?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/suicide-prevention-day-sushant-singh-rajput-suicide-case-media-trial-6589707/>

2. Discuss psychological reasons responsible increasing suicide among youths in India.

Day-11

1. What are prejudices?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-agriculture-led-revival-as-flawed-claim/article32575457.ece>

Day-12

1. Discuss the need for value based education.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/vice-president-venkaiah-naidu-bats-for-value-based-education/articleshow/78056191.cms>

Day-13

1. What do you understand by fairness? Why it is important in police service?

<https://thewire.in/rights/ex-policeman-julio-ribeiro-asks-delhi-police-chief-to-ensure-fair-probe-in-riots-cases>

Day-17

1. What do you understand by stigma?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/beyond-the-barriers-of-disability/article32624953.ece>

Day-20

1. Discuss Mahatma Gandhi's concept of seven sins. (Source: Yojana september 2020)

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-agriculture-led-revival-as-flawed-claim/article32575457.ece>

Day-21

1. What do you understand by peace?

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/international-day-of-peace-2020-united-nations-theme-know-why-dove-is-a-symbol-of-peace-2298545>

Day-23

1. What is "Easterlin paradox"?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/world-happiness-report-india-ranking-covid-19-gdp-6606716/>

2. What do you understand by happiness? What are the different sources of human happiness?

Day-24

1. What do you understand by sensitivity? Do you think Indian bureaucracy is insensitive to problems of poor?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-agriculture-led-revival-as-flawed-claim/article32575457.ece>

Day-29

1. Establish relation between ethics in public and private life of a civil servant.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2020/sep/28/senior-ips-officer-removed-from-post-in-mp-after-viral-video-shows-him-assaulting-wife-2202966.html>

Day-30

1. What do you understand by role models? Discuss their impact on society.
<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/crime-worse-than-murder-or-culpable-homicide-case-should-be-lesson-ncb-on-bail-pleas-of-rhea-showik-6637690/>
2. What do you understand by due process? Why it is important?
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/going-beyond-the-me-too-movement/article32726290.ece>
3. What do you understand by fairness?

