

# Daily Practise Sheet

## August

### Prelims Topics

#### August 1:

- IIP -Core Sector
- BrahMos
- Fiscal Deficit
- Godavari
- India Africa Forum
- Equalisation Levy
- Article 246 - Inter State Water Dispute
- SEBI
- Map work: Taiwan and Korean Peninsula

#### August 2:

- Cryptocurrency
- NRC
- GST
- Tipu Sultan
- South West Monsoon

#### August 3:

- GST
- RERA
- Insolvency code
- INF treaty
- NRC
- Census
- Crowding out of investments
- Fiscal deficit
- Debt : GDP
- IMF –World Economic Outlook
- Easy monetary policy

- Interest rate and its impact
- Mission Shakti

#### August 4:

- RCEP
- Polymetallic nodule
- Rare Earth metals
- Repo rates
- Reverse Repo rates
- Fiscal Policy
- Kala- azhar
- International seabed Authority
- Canine Distemper Virus
- NRC
- Foreign Tribunal
- India china trade deficit

#### August 5:

- NRC
- Operation bedlam
- ICJ
- PMAY
- Judges number increase : Parliament
- Cluster bomb
- Mithi River, Bhatsa, Uihis river

#### August 6:

- 35A
- Monetary policy
- Adjournment motion
- Article 370
- Rajya Sabha special Powers

#### August 7:

- Mekadatu project
- Vembanad lake
- 35A
- Article 370

- Article 371
- J&K Mapping - Ladhak

#### August 8:

- Repo rate , MCLR , MPC
- SDR
- Judges increase in number –Law
- Tiger Census methodology
- NDMA
- NDRF
- Zero Hour
- Speaker
- Map work: Pilibhit Tiger Reserve, Tadoba Tiger Reserve Bandhavgarh in Madhya Pradesh. Pench and Kanha tiger reserves Ken-Betwa river interlinking project Ratapani Tiger Reserve,

#### August 9:

- FPI
- Surcharge
- ED
- Bank Nationalisation 1969
- Financial repression
- Monetary Policy
- Priority sector lending
- BrahMos
- Pench tiger reserve
- IPCC – CLIMATE CHANGE BECAUSE OF AGRI

#### August 10:

- Vienna convention on Consular Relations
- International Court of Justice
- RTI –CIC
- Rotavirus
- NDRF
- IIP
- MCLR
- Repo Rate Mapping

- Western Ghats Anamalai Tiger Reserves Nilgiri

#### August 11:

- NCPCR
- Biodiesel
- Jatropha
- Reusable rocket
- DNA forensic
- IPCC
- Mapping: Mettur Dam, Kajin Sara Lake

#### August 12:

- Kartarpur corridor
- Gadgil Committee
- Western Ghat
- What is role of NADA?
- Parliamentary committee
- Adjournment
- Adjourn sine die
- Questions
- Formalin
- Mapping: Tungabhadra River, Hampi, River Krishna

#### August 13:

- PM-JAY
- PET bottles
- Article 371 and 370
- Mansarovar
- CVC Mandate

#### August 14:

- GST
- NRC
- CBI
- GI Tag- Palani Prasadam
- Shale Gas distribution in India
- Fracking
- Delimitation commission

- Election Commission
- Consumer Rights

#### August 15:

- Inflation: Wholesale, retail , headline , core , which dept brings out etc
- NBFCs
- Swachh bharathabhiyan
- WTO
- NRC
- BOD (biochemical oxygen demand)
- Nurti cereals
- Shimla Conference
- RIN mutiny

#### August 16:

- RCEP
- Tea board
- Union territories
- Standing committees
- Single use plastics
- Ebola
- PM- laghuvyaparimann-dhan scheme
- NRC
- UNSC
- WTO : Role, developing countries benefits, Dispute settlements
- Mapping : Gibraltar

#### August 17:

- UNO
- Recession
- Forex reserves
- WHO
- Essential diagnostics list
- ISRO
- PSLV
- Santhal
- No First Use Policy

- Invasive /Exotic Species
- Wetland
- Green Revolution
- National Biodiversity Act: State
- Nagoya Protocol
- Appointment of HC judges
- Forex Reserves
- Djibouti
- Bab el Mandeb strait

#### August 18:

- NRC
- UNO
- Nuclear Doctrine: No First Use Policy
- Polavaram

#### August 19:

- Jal Sakthi Mission
- No First Use Policy
- CTBT

#### August 20:

- G7
- UNSC
- NRC
- Tiger census
- NTCA
- Constitutionalism
- Biosimilar
- Crowding in effect
- Gulf Countries Mapping: UAE, Saudi Arabia

#### August 21:

- NRC
- GI Tag
- Gulf of mannar – coral reefs
- Swami Vivekananda and Ramakrishna Mission Movement- Social reform
- Fiscal stimulus

- NCLAT
- Bank Board Bureau
- Mapping: Afghanistan

#### August 22:

- Aadhaar
- Cabinet secretary
- Coal production
- GDP
- NSSO role
- WTO
- Tax: Direct Tax
- SEBI
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Mapping: • Rome • Greenland • Sudan

#### August 23:

- Foreigners Tribunals
- Rule of law
- ILO
- Saint Ravi das
- Bhakti Movement
- Coral reefs
- FATF
- Fixed capital formation
- Incremental Capital Output Ratio
- FRBM
- Mapping: Russia eastern region

#### August 24:

- Repo rate linked loans
- START
- INF Treaty
- CTBT
- Silk Road
- FPI
- Foreign Tribunal

- NRC
- FATF Blacklist
- B IV, VI
- GST Council
- Capitals Gains Tax
- Composite water Management Index

#### August 25:

- Sangam literature
- Zoological Survey of India
- Hydrogen Cell
- No first use policy
- WTO
- PCI
- Polavaram
- FEMA
- ED
- G7
- Genome Science
- Mapping:
  - Gangasagar Island
  - Sundarbans
  - Brazil Amazon forest
  - Turkey
  - Greece
  - Green land

#### August 26:

- Cabinet secretariat
- Article 356
- Presidents rule
- National register of citizen
- PCI
- National council of protection of child rights
- NGT
- GST Council
- Exchange Rate



- Currency war
- Current Account deficit
- FII
- National Clean air Campaign
- CPCB and SPCB
- Western Ghats
- Western Ghats Ecological Panel
- Sensitive Zones
- CVC
- G7
- Mercosur bloc
- Mapping: • Mica in India: Jharkhand and Bihar • Yamuna River Ganga and its tributaries -Rāmgangā • Bahrain • Middle East • North Korea • Amazon forest

#### August 27:

- G7
- Foreigners' tribunal
- Economic Capital Frame work
- RBI reserves
- Fiscal deficit
- Exchange rate
- Current account
- Capital account
- Mapping: Amazon forest

#### August 28:

- RBI Reserves
- RBI capital framework
- Art 21
- WW2
- NRC
- BSVI
- FSSAI
- Repurpose used cooking oil
- Base effect
- G7

- Amazon
- SEBI
- PCI

#### August 29:

- Babur
- Mughal Chronicles: Ain I Akbari, Humayun Nama, Tuzuz I Jahangiri
- Election Commission
- Collegium appointment
- CITES
- Reused Cooking Oil harmful effect
- Biodiesel
- FFSAI
- Law Commission
- Open Market Operation
- Cabinet Committee on economic affairs
- EU
- Enforcement Directorate
- Shakti scheme
- Map work: NagapattinamIOC refinery

#### August 30:

- Coal Imports
- Collegium judicial appointment
- Article 370
- RBI Reserves
- NRC

#### August 31:

- Zojila Pass
- 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule
- Fixed capital formation
- BASIC
- EU
- Prorogue
- NCLAT

# General Studies-1

August 1:

Society:

1. What is gender-based violence? Explain how it can occur at different points of the life cycle for girls and women.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/cauldron-of-sexualmisconduct/article28778019.ece>

Geography:

1. In what way, micro-watershed Development projects help in water conservation in drought prone and semi-arid regions of India.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/transforming-livelihoods-through-farm-ponds/article28778022.ece>

2. Why Africa has been tipped as the 'next growth frontier'? How does India see its place in the economic space of rising natural resource rich Africa?

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/special-report-the-india-and-africa-partnership-for-sustainability-49334/>

3. Why Amazon rainforest is so critical for the entire world climate? Suggest measures to protect them.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/logged-out/article28775712.ece>

August 2:

History:

1. Critically examine the legacy of Tipu Sultan.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/marking-tipus-legacy-to-foster-historicaltemper/article28787685.ece>

Society:

1. What are personal/family laws? Do you think they disprivilege Indian women? Argue for reform in family laws.

<http://www.lawcommissionofindia.nic.in/reports/CPonReformFamilyLaw.pdf>

Geography:

1. How far do you agree that the behavior of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscapes? Discuss.

#### August 4:

1. Indian secularism is not the same as western secularism. It is situated in the principle of justice. Comment.

<https://www.thehindu.com/books/books-reviews/rethinking-pluralism-secularism-and-tolerance-anxieties-of-coexistence-review-the-principle-of-justice/article28785634.ece>

#### August 6:

History – Post independence:

1. Discuss the background of J&K accession to India. Do you think scrapping Article 370 goes against the accession agreement?

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/j-k-s-article-370-clause-for-peace-is-now-laid-to-rest1565026669848.html>

#### August 7:

Society

1. In the wake of Triple Talaq Bill passed by the Parliament discuss the role of transformative social legislations in bringing gender justice and dignity to women in society. Are laws sufficient?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/triple-talaq-bill-equality-at-last-5883887/>

Geography

1. Why Ladakh is strategically important for India?

<https://swarajyamag.com/defence/why-ladakh-is-strategically-important-for-india>

#### August 8:

History – Post Independence:

1. Why Banks were nationalized? It is argued that Bank Nationalization did more harm than good. Do you agree with this opinion? Write a critical note on Bank Nationalization. <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/gk-current-affairs/story/bank-nationalisation-day-330024-2016-07-19>

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-the-1969-bank-nationalization-did-india-more-harm-than-good-1563295097940.html>

August 9:

History

1. Did nationalization of banks transform to class banking into mass banking? What was the impact of policy of financial liberalization on rural and agricultural credit?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/economic-milestone-a-nd-a-poignant-anniversary/article28919642.ece>

Geography

1. Has climate change increased flood events in India? Discuss NDMA guideline related to urban flooding.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/cycle-of-extremes/article28919638.ece>

2. World food security is at risk because of climate change. Discuss how climate change can impact food crisis. Also suggest measures how can the adverse impacts be mitigated?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-international/food-supply-is-atdire-risk-un/article28919664.ece>

August 11:

Geography:

1. How far do you agree that the behaviour of the Indian monsoon has been changing due to humanizing landscape? Discuss.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/are-manmade-factors-behind-erraticmonsoon/article3755006.ece>

2. How irrigation policy has led to shift in monsoon and extreme climatic events? Explain

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-sci-tech-andagri/irrigation-agriculture-shift-rainfall-to-northwestern-india-iit-bfinds/article28980082.ece>

August 12:

Geography:

1. Recent floods reveal the horror of Climate change and its adverse impact in India. Discuss.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blink/know/after-the-deluge/article24768241.ece>

2. Bring out the causes for more frequent landslides in the Himalayas than in Western Ghats.
3. Water crisis in India is result of migration of water in India from agri to industry, rural to urban, food to cash crop, poor to rich, livelihood to lifestyle. Explain. <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/pipe-dreams-for-watertransfer/article28986567.ece>

August 13:

History:

1. Why Hitler's grand plan during Second World War collapsed? How did Nazis lose?

Sources: WW II Anniversary

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2009/sep/08/hitler-germanycampaign-collapsed>

<https://www.history.com/news/how-did-the-nazis-really-lose-world-war-ii>

Geography

1. Analyze the reasons and pattern of inter labour migration within India. Is there any difference between migration behavior between men and women?

Source: Interstate migration factsheet uploaded

<https://www.thehindu.com/data/india-migration-patterns-2011-census/article28620772.ece>

August 14:

Society

1. Distinguish between religiousness/religiosity and communalism giving one example of how the former has got transformed into the latter in independent India.

August 15:

World History

1. The colonial and imperialist expansion undertaken by the industrial powers from 1870-. 1914 was motivated by several factors. Discuss

2. What is de-colonialization? A failure to carry out "de-colonization" is the root cause of internal strife and economic woe in Hong Kong. Critically examine

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/politics/article/1859841/hong-kong-suffering-internal-strife-and-failure-implement-de>

#### Post independence

1. Integration of Princely States is an important watershed in post-independence India history. Discuss the challenges and the strategy adopted by Sardar Patel and VP Menon.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/the-story-of-indias-integration/article29097747.ece>

#### Geography

1. Tackling climate change is impossible without reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, especially coal. Discuss why coal still remains the primary source of energy in India. Examine the reasons for slow progress in renewable energy generation in India compared to other countries like China. <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/a-reality-check-on-indias-renewable-energy-capacity/article29097745.ece>  
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/69286279.cms>

#### August 16:

#### History

1. Bank nationalization was biggest structural reform introduced in the financial sector during post-independence period. Discuss

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/the-gains-from-bank-nationalisation/article29094533.ece>

#### Geography

1. Despite being a leader in pulse production India imports pulses. Discuss the reasons for this anomaly. How can India become self-sufficient in pulses? <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/pulses-long-neglect-54447>
2. Discuss the geographical distribution of pulses in India.

#### Society

1. Population explosion can cause new challenges for the coming generations. Discuss  
<http://www.economicdiscussion.net/articles/main-effects-of-population-explosion-in-india/2254>  
<https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/columnists/population-explosion.html>
2. What do you understand by regionalism? Do you think recent decision of Andhra Pradesh Government to reserve jobs for locals is an example of extreme regionalism?  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/when-ap-put-the-cart-before-thehorse/article29102786.ece>

#### August 17:

##### Geography

1. Reservoirs and Dams are effective means to reduce flood peaks. In the light of the statement, critically discuss

##### Polity

1. Abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35 A will prove a milestone in integrity of India. Discuss

#### August 18:

##### History

1. Why India did not take the Pakistan issue to the UNSC. Do you think it was a strategic mistake? <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/what-is-the-uns-stand-on-kashmir/article29121025.ece>

#### August 19:

##### Society

1. India is an ancient civilisation, but as a modern nation state".
2. Unity and diversity run parallel to each other in India. Discuss the type of diversity in India and the underlying unity among them.

#### August 20:

1. Sexual harassment is a common form of sexual violence that can affect women's economic opportunities. Discuss  
<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/the-single-word-answer-to-what-indian-women-want-1566236143934.html>



### August 21:

#### History:

1. Discuss the background of Indian renaissance. What factor led to growth of social and religious reform movement? Source: -Spectrum Modern India
2. Discuss the contribution of social reform movement in the evolution of modern India.
3. Can Swami Vivekananda be called as maker of modern India? Source – Spectrum modern India <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-monk-who-shaped-indiassecularism/article29184331.ece>

#### Society:

1. Indian secularism is based on the philosophy of sarva dharma sambhava. Discuss how concept of Indian secularism is different from western secularism. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-monk-who-shaped-indiassecularism/article29184331.ece>

### August 22:

#### Society

1. Caste based politics has got redefined and reinvented in India. Discuss <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/rss-mohan-bhagwat-bjp-reservation-policydebate-5924927/>  
<https://www.livemint.com/Home-Page/NzzaPszlDLL3nqadYq4FaM/Caste-politics-and-the-lustfor-power.html>

#### Minerals

1. Discuss the distribution of mineral belts in India. How they are linked to location of industrial hubs.

### August 23:

#### Society

1. Is India facing population explosion? Discuss the growth of population in last 100 years. <https://www.thehindu.com/data/is-there-population-explosion-as-pm-modiclaims/article29193512.ece>

August 24:

History

1. What do you understand by arms race? How cold war led to nuclear arms race? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-end-to-arms-controlconsensus/article29236033.ece>

August 25:

History

1. Why Sardar Patel is considered Bismark of India.

Geography

1. Why Amazon forest is called lungs of the world?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/brazil-records-highest-number-of-fires-since2013/article29247063.ece>

August 26:

History

1. Discuss the reasons for rise of Hitler and Nazi Party in Germany? Can Hitler be held responsible for Second World War?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/75-years-on-paris-marksliberation-from-nazis/article29254145.ece>

Geography

1. Discuss the significance of Western Ghats in the light of report of Western Ghat Ecological Panel. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-bottom-up-approach-toconservation/article29253850.ece>

Society

1. Discuss the causes and nature of child labour in India. In recent times, there has been shift in pattern of child labour. Discuss the challenges ending child labour in India. <http://unicef.in/whatwedo/21/child-labour>

August 27:

Geography

1. What are the reasons for forest fire. Also discuss the distribution of forest fire in the world.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/earths-burning-lungs-on-amazons-rainforestfire/article29262476.ece>

August 28:

World History

1. Why did the western democracies follow a policy of appeasement? How did the aggressor nations respond to appeasement?

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/remembering-apainful-past/article29271734.ece>

Society

1. Our women need to be educated not just for its positive social outcomes, but also for the sake of our economy. Discuss

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/opinion-for-a-femographic-dividend1566902851525.html>

August 29:

History

1. Chronicles are indispensable source for someone wishing to study the history of Mughals. Comment.<https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/ayodhya-hearingday-14-babur-neither-visitedayodhya-or-constructed-mosque--147565>

Society

1. To ensure genuine gender equality, we need a fundamental reform of beliefs upheld by the institutions of family and faith. Discuss

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-whywomen-are-still-being-treated-as-unequal-to-men-1567002359177.html>

August 30:

1. Discuss the distribution of coal in India. Why despite having one of the largest reserves of coal, India remains one of the biggest importer of coal.

August 31:

1. Ladakh has unique topography and demography which needs to be preserved. Discuss challenges in developing Ladakh.

# General Studies-2

August 1:

Polity:

1. Examine the need for specific law against mob lynching in India.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/in-hate-crime-fight-a-voice-still-fee-ble/article28775760.ece>
2. Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting for its citizen a uniform civil code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/what-is-debate-on-uniform-civil-c-ode-all-about/article24903560.ece>  
<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/beyond-talaq/article28778005.ece>

IR:

1. India's development assistance in Africa has not provided commensurate empathy for India. In the light of this statement critically examine India's development assistance to Africa in comparison with China's. Suggest measures to make it sustainable and realize true potential.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/fortifying-the-africa-ou-treach/article28778011.ece>

August 2:

Polity:

1. Triple Talaq bill glosses over the actual process of providing justice to Muslim women. In the light of the statement critically assess whether the new law can address the concerns of Muslim women?  
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/why-the-triple-talaq-bill-is-not-about-empowerment-of-women-at-all/articleshow/62614803.cms>  
<https://thewire.in/communalism/triple-talaq-bill-muslim-women>
2. What are personal laws? Whether or not 'personal law' are laws under Article 13 of the Constitution of India? Are they protected under Articles 25- 28? Can they violate fundamental rights? Discuss.

<http://www.lawcommissionofindia.nic.in/reports/CPonReformFamilyLaw.pdf>

#### August 3:

1. Discuss the background of Assam anti-foreigners' agitation/movement? How did Assam accord solve the crisis? Do you think the present NRC exercise is linked to this episode in past?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-registry-test-of-citizenship/article28800650.ece>

2. Discuss the need for regulating medical education in India? Why is medical fraternity opposing the National Medical Commission Bill?  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/health-care-is-ailing-aiims-neet-exam-doctors-protest-nmc-bill-5870681/>  
<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/why-is-medical-fraternity-opposing-the-national-medical-commission-bill-2019-1564638843794.html>

#### August 4:

1. The new Consumer Protection Bill is major step forward in consumer empowerment.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/the-new-consumer-protection-bill-is-a-big-step-forward-in-consumer-empowerment/article28804949.ece>

2. Who is a foreigner under Indian law? Which law regulated them? Discuss the condition of people declared foreigners by Foreigner tribunal in Assam.
3. What is National Population Register? Is it similar to Aadhar? Discuss its significance.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/population-register-to-be-ready-by-september-nextyear/articleshow/70517621.cms>

#### August 5:

##### Polity:

1. The concept of cooperative federalism has been increasingly emphasized in recent years. Highlight the drawbacks in the existing structure and extent to which cooperative federalism would answer the shortcomings.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/across-the-aisle-coercive-federalism-parliament-monsoon-session-5875927/>

2. In the federal set up under our constitution Rajya Sabha is bound to represent and protect state's interest. Has Rajya Sabha played its role as Council of states effectively? Critically examine.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/across-the-aisle-coercive-federalism-parliament-monsoon-session-5875927/>

3. Judicial system is unable to deliver timely justice because of huge backlog of cases for which the current judge strength is completely inadequate. Do you think increasing the number of judges of Supreme Court can solve the problem? Do you think Law Commission suggestion of establishing regional benches will help solve the crisis?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/bigger-and-better/article28817280.ece>

#### August 6:

##### Polity:

1. To what extent is Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, bearing marginal note "temporary provision with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir", is temporary? Critically examine the proposal to scrap article 370. Can it be challenged in the Court?

##### Vulnerable Section:

1. Do you think Transgender person (Protection of Rights) Bill will lead to social, economic and educational empowerment of transgenders?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/house-clearstransgender-protection-bill/article28828913.ece>

#### August 7:

##### Polity:

1. Few states especially north-eastern states enjoy exceptional status under the constitution because of historical reasons. Discuss in light of Article 371 of the Indian Constitution. Do you think scrapping of Article 370 would give rise rethinking of Article 371?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/jammu-kashmir-amit-shah-what-is-article371-what-does-it-say-5884176/>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/a-snapshot-on-article-371-that-accords-specialprovisions-to-states-in-northeast/article28825174.ece>

## Governance – Health:

1. It is true that India is woefully short of trained doctors, especially in the countryside. In this context, critically examine the proposal of NMC Bill to grant "limited" licenses to an estimated 350,000 "community health providers" to practice allopathic medicine.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-a-second-opinion-on-doctor-accreditation-1565113211546.html>

## IR – Policies of other countries impacting India:

1. The present peace process in Afghanistan has huge strategic implications for India. Discuss the pro's and cons of India being left out of this peace process.

<https://www.firstpost.com/world/afghanistan-peace-process-if-india-feels-left-out-instead-of-blaming-donald-trump-it-must-consider-revamping-its-ineffective-policy-7029441.html>

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/the-problem-with-the-afghan-peace-process51986/>

## August 8:

### Polity:

1. Period between 1989-2014 saw regionalization of Indian Politics, however emergence of Single Party government in 2014 has again led to re-nationalization of Indian Politics. Discuss how these trends in Indian Politics have impacted federalism in India.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-fragility-of-indias-federalism/article28872165.ece>

<https://carnegieendowment.org/2012/11/08/regionalization-of-indian-politics-andchallenge-of-coalition-building-event-3848>

2. One of major feature of Indian federalism is that it is asymmetric. What are different type of asymmetries found in Indian federalism? What are the historical reasons for this asymmetries in Indian federalism? Discuss in the light of abrogation of Article 370.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-fragility-of-indias-federalism/article28872165.ece>

<https://www.lawteacher.net/free-law-essays/administrative-law/indian-constitution -and-asymmetric-federalism-administrative-law-essay.php>

3. Indian constitution is neither purely unitary nor purely federal but is a combination of both. It is union of states of a novel type. Comment

August 9:

Polity: Governance –Health:

1. Indian primary health care suffers from shortfall of 600,000 doctors and 2 MN nurses. Do you think NMC Bill 2019 proposal to allow community health provider to bridge the gap is a right strategy? Discuss critically.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/does-the-medical-mission-bill-encourage-quackery/article28919654.ece>

August 10:

Polity:

1. Why were UTs created? Discuss their status under our constitution.

August 11:

Polity

1. Why Indian federalism is considered as quasi federal?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-forms-of-federalism-inindia/article28977671.ece>

Governance

1. India is going through an epidemiological transition and faces three challenges in disease control. Discuss. Also discuss the strategies to meet this transition. [https://www.businessstandard.com/article/news-ians/india-going-through-epidemiological-transition-kovind118050400894\\_1.html](https://www.businessstandard.com/article/news-ians/india-going-through-epidemiological-transition-kovind118050400894_1.html)

International relations

1. What do you understand by currency war? What does it mean for the global economy? <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/now-a-currencywar/article28977651.ece>
2. The proposed withdrawal of US from Afghanistan is fraught with major security implications for the countries of the region. Examine in light of the fact that India is faced with a plethora of challenges and needs to safeguard its own strategic interests.



<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/us-shouldnt-exit-afghanistan-inhaste/article28966237.ece>

August 12:

Polity

1. The performance of parliament cannot be measured against the narrow standard of number of sitting and number bills passed, rather it has to be measured against the quality of debates and discussions on the floor of the house. In this regard do you think Parliament has been reduced to second fiddle to the executive leadership?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todayspaper/tp-opinion/the-imprint-of-a-state-juggernaut/article28986561.ece>

Governance

1. The POSCO bill is a step forward in preventing child abuse but the consequences of providing for death penalty need to be closely observed. Critically examine the POSCO Bill.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/a-point-to-ponder-over-in-the-pocsobill/article28986563.ece>

2. Water crisis in India is a governance crisis.

Comment <https://www.thehindu.com/todayspaper/tp-opinion/rethinking-water-governance-strategies/article28986573.ece>

August 13:

Governance

1. Do you think abrogation of Article 370 is against democratic and federal principles which are the basic feature of our constitution? Critically examine. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/an-abrogation-of-democraticprinciples/article29035734.ece>

2. CVC has no teeth, but it has dentures. In the light of the statement discuss the effectiveness of CVC in upholding integrity in Indian administration. <https://www.governancenow.com/views/columns/cvc-has-no-teeth-but-it-has-denturescentral-vigilance-commission-nagarajan-vittal-cvc-transparency-black-money>

August 14:

Governance

1. Recent controversies in CBI has impacted its credibility. What are the issues and challenges faced by the premier investigative agency? Do you think statutory status through legislation would bring credibility to the premier institution <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/chief-justice-advocates-more-autonomy-to-cbi/article29088618.ece>
2. What is the role and mandate of Competition Commission of India?
3. Medical education in India needs continuous reforms. In this context, discuss how National Medical Council Bill will overhaul the medical education in India? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/writing-out-a-clean-bill-on-health/article29086856.ece>

August 15:

Governance

1. MCI has been unsuccessful in maintaining and enforcing uniform standards in medical education. What was wrong with the functioning of MCI? How far NMC Bill will help to bridge the shortfall in social infrastructure in Indian health system. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/curing-the-system-nationalmedical-commission-bill-5906017/>

August 16:

International

1. The escalation of trade conflict between two largest trading nations has put the authority of WTO at risk. In this context, discuss the future of WTO. <https://think.ing.com/opinions/g20-the-wtos-future-is-at-stake/>  
<https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/worryingly-troubled-organisation-why-the-wto-is-in-serious-peril/>

August 17:

IR

1. China's growing presence in Indian Ocean is a strategic challenge for India. Discuss

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/strategy-behind-chinas-foreignmilitary-bases/article29093793.ece>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/chinas-growing-presence-in-indianocean-a-challenge-for-india-navy-chief-lanba/articleshow/68409545.cms?from=mdr>

August 18:

Polity

1. Do you think UAPA bill goes against Article 14 and Article 21. Critically examine. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/petition-filed-in-sc-against-uapaact/article29120929.ece>  
<https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2019/07/new-uapa-bill-is-making-human-right-a-farce/>

International Relations

1. India-Bhutan partnership is of a special character and substance and forms an important pillar of Government of India's Neighbourhood First policy. In this context, discuss why Bhutan is special for India.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-bhutan-isspecial-to-india/article19195034.ece>
2. Discuss India's nuclear doctrine. Do you think India should reconsider its No first use policy? What are the implications of any change in the policy?  
[https://idsa.in/issuebrief/RevisitingIndiasNuclearDoctrine\\_schandra\\_300414](https://idsa.in/issuebrief/RevisitingIndiasNuclearDoctrine_schandra_300414)  
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/nuclear-rethink-a-change-in-indiasnuclear-doctrine-has-implications-on-cost-warstrategy/articleshow/70718646.cms/>  
<https://www.armscontrol.org/act/1999-12/features/clarifying-indias-nascent-nucleardoctrine>

August 20:

Polity

1. What do you understand by constitutionalism? Is constitutionalism in India a myth or a reality? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/democracy-undersiege/article29161130.ece>

IR

1. Doklam standoff clearly indicates that china wants to challenge India's status in South Asia. Discuss the implications of growing Chinese influence in South Asia. <https://takshashila.org.in/chinas-interest-in-southeast-asia-implications-for-india/>
2. Analyse v India-Sino border disputes. Why they are so difficult to resolve? <https://www.orfonline.org/research/understanding-sino-indian-border-issues-an-analysisof-incidents-reported-in-the-indian-media/>
3. Argue for India's bid for UNSC Permanent membership. Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UNSC <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/indias-campaign-for-permanent-seat-at-unscslowing-down/article29161642.ece>
4. What is the mandate of WTO? Critically examine how far WTO has succeeded? Do you think in the wake of rising unilateralism and protectionism WTO has any future? <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/it-takes-many-5918326/>
5. There has been a fundamental shift in India's approach towards gulf region in last 5 years. Discuss this shift along with its significance for India's foreign policy. <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-narendra-modi-uae-gulf-visit5918216/>

#### August 21:

##### Governance

1. India is the most depressed country in the world, according to the World Health Organisation. In this context, discuss the state of mental health care in India. Discuss why Mental healthcare Act, 2017 is considered a watershed in right to health movement in India. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/recognising-faircriticism/article29183123.ece>

#### August 22:

##### GS 2: Polity and Security

1. In fight against terrorism there must be a delicate balance between civil liberties and human rights. In this context critically examine Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/sacrificing-liberty-for-nationalsecurity/article29213720.ece>

2. There is a need to find a balance between the right to online privacy and the right of the state to trace originators of messages that are fake, defamatory or aim to spread panic. In the light of the statement critically examine the linking of Aadhaar and Social media. Do you think it violates the test of proportionality set by SC in K.S. Puttaswamy case

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/content-management/article29214571.ece>

3. Caste-based reservations have made castes fighting like the Kilkenny cats for quotas and has created havoc with the social fabric. Do you agree with this opinion? How far caste based reservation has led to social justice.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/readersblog/myvoices/failure-of-caste-based-social-justice-1271/>

4. Legalizing cannabis is fraught with many problems. Critically discuss the growing movement of legalizing cannabis in the west. Should India follow the suit? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-risks-of-legalising-cannabis/article29216035.ece>

#### Governance

1. Irrational and extraneous transfer and posting affect the tone and tenor of civil service

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/politicians-bureaucrats-transfer-subhash-chandragarg-musical-chairs-5924931/>

2. What is insider trading? Discuss the recent amendment in Prohibition of Insider Trading Regulation. <https://www.thehindu.com/business/sebi-simplifies-norms-for-foreigninvestors/article29214341.ece>

#### August 23:

##### IR

1. Pakistan has been on FATF grey list for terror financing for a long period of time. In this backdrop, discuss the role of FATF in curbing terror financing. What are the implications of getting blacklisted by FATF?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/fatf-asiapacific-group-may-blacklist-pakistan/article29222678.ece>

2. Discuss the mandate of ILO. Discuss the recent ILO convention human right to freedom from sexual harassment.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/sexualharassment-at-workplace-law-ilo-metoo-5928542/>
3. What do you understand by para diplomacy?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/taking-a-far-east-turn-to-deepen-afriendship/article29224805.ece>
4. India- Russia How have traditionally has strong strategic relation. How India-Russia relationship has impacted India's relationship with USA, Afghanistan, China. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/taking-a-far-east-turn-to-deepen-afriendship/article29224805.ece>

August 24:

IR

1. Discuss the role FATF in countering terror financing.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/pakistan-placed-under-blacklist-of-fatf-asiapacific-group/article29229981.ece>

August 25:

Governance

1. Teachers are the foundation of any education system. In this context discuss the mandate of NCTE. How can teacher education in India improved in India?

International Relation

1. Discuss the mandate of WTO. Do you think WTO Dispute settlement body needs restructuring?
2. India-UAE bilateral relationship has evolved into a significant partnership in the economic and commercial sphere. Comment  
<https://www.businesstoday.in/top-story/relations-betweenindia-and-uae-are-at-their-best-ever-says-pm-narendra-modi/story/375057.html>

August 26:

Polity:

2. Instead of remaining a 'dead letter', Article 356 has proved to be the 'deathletter' of scores of State Governments and Legislative Assemblies." Discuss how Article 356 has been misused and abused in

the last 75 years. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/under-the-cover-of-presidentsrule/article29254040.ece>

3. The counter discourse surrounds data: right based data privacy and data as public good. Discuss this discourse in the light of Puttaswamy case. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/privacy-no-longer-supreme/article29254044.ece>

#### Governance

1. What is the mandate of PCI? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/on-the-wrongside/article29254013.ece>
2. What do you understand by corporate governance? How it can be check on corporate frauds? <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pranab-mukherjee-expresses-concern-over-state-ofeconomy/article29253871.ece>

#### August 27:

##### Polity

1. Discuss the background of ADM Jabalpur vs S S Shukla case. What is the significance of the judgment for protection of life and liberty under our constitution? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/talking-trade-with-the-eu/article29262169.ece>
2. "Implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has led to a paradigm shift in the Centre-State relations, both financially and politically." Critically examine it's impact on states fiscal capacity and inter state inequality. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/c-p-chandrasekhar/gst-regime-proving-to-betroublesome-for-states/article29262036.ece>

##### IR

1. In the backdrop of rising protectionism and increasing reliance of FTAA, India EU FTA has gained more significance. Discuss the critical issues holding the trade deal. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/talking-trade-with-the-eu/article29262169.ece>
2. What is G7? Do you think internal divisions in the group indicate that the group has no future? <https://www.internationalrelationsedu.org/what-is-the-g7-its-purpose-and-history-ofinfluence/>  
<https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/g7-and-future-multilateralism>

August 28:

Polity

1. The manner in which dilution of Article 370 has happened has raised various constitutional issues. How the Supreme Court decides the petition challenging this dilution will have a deep bearing on Indian democracy. Discuss

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/amonumental-litmus-test/article29271701.ece>

IR

1. Although the India-Russia ties in general survived the upheavals of the early 1990s, economic relations began to cool in the post-Soviet period.

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/india-russia-economic-and-energy-cooperationthe-way-ahead/>

[https://mea.gov.in/bilateraldocuments.htm?dtl/30469/IndiaRussia Joint Statement during visit of President of Russia to India October 05 2018](https://mea.gov.in/bilateraldocuments.htm?dtl/30469/IndiaRussia%20Joint%20Statement%20during%20visit%20of%20President%20of%20Russia%20to%20India%20October%2005%202018)

August 29:

Polity

1. Freedom of speech is indispensable for success of democracy. Critically examine clampdown on press in Kashmir.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/kashmir-informationvacuum/article29282096.ece>

2. What do you understand by honour killing? Discuss SC directives in this regard. <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/murder-most-foul/article29282082.ece>

3. Discuss the role and function of law commission?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/reforming-the-law-commission-of-indiacji-5945797/>

Governance

1. Water is an economic good and its pricing should, therefore, reflect its scarcity value. In the light of the statement discuss how underpricing of water has resulted into ground water crisis in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/thecost-of-water-5945857/>



2. The principle that education needs efficient teachers must manifest itself in every policy action. In the light of this statement analyze NEP. <https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/educationalreforms-require-teachers-to-play-a-central-role-1567002054569.html>

August 30:

1. Downgrading the status of J&K from state to UT is unprecedented. Do you think it goes against the principle of federalism which is a basic feature of our constitution?

August 31:

1. Discuss the role and function of PMO. Do you think the PMO has overshadowed the post of cabinet secretary?
2. Do you think the present system of appointment of judges needs to be reviewed? Give suggestions to improve the appointment process.

# General Studies-3

## August 1:

### Science:

1. As anti-satellite weapons are flourishing in China, India needs to develop such systems in both quality and quantity. In this context, discuss mission Shakti.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/mission-shakti-retr ospect-and-prospect/article28761840.ece>

## August 2:

### Economy:

1. How serious is the employment problem in India? Do you think it may lead social and political problems?

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-theseriousness-of-the-problem-of-unemployment-in-india-1564679281965.html>

2. What do you understand by multi –cropping? What are its economic and agronomic benefits?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/multi-cropping-haseconomical-and-agronomic-benefits/article28785706.ece?homepage=true>

## August 3:

1. Sovereign borrowing in dollar creates considerable risks without much in the way of upside gains. Examine.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/borrow-abroad-and-profit-nirmala-sitha raman-india-budget-economy-5873833/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-name-is-dollar-bond-foreign-curren cy-foreign-markets-5873787/>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-commentary/whos-afraid-of-sovereign-bon ds/>

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-sovereign-borrowing-in-dollars-couldprove-addictive-1564670292025.html>

2. What do you understand by monetary policy. What are its objectives and instruments.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/explaining-the-asian-rate-cuts-wave/article28801098.ece>

<https://www.jagranjosh.com/general-knowledge/monetary-policy-an-overview-1448356108-1>

3. Why mission Shakti is significant for India? Does it have a military dimension?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/mission-shakti-retrospect-and-prospect/article28761840.ece>

<https://www.indiatoday.in/science/video/decoding-why-mission-shakti-is-significant-for-india-1491990-2019-04-02>

#### August 4:

1. Fiscal policy and monetary policy are the two tools used by the state to achieve its macroeconomic objectives.” Examine the statement and point out the differences between the tools. Discuss the need for coordination between them.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/lower-rates-the-growthkey/article28809020.ece>

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/fiscal-monetary-coordination-iskey/articleshow/45355344.cms?from=mdr>

2. As per WHO, India has the highest number of road fatalities. Discuss the reasons for this sad state. How far Motor Vehicle Bill 2019 will make Indian roads safer?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/at-a-crossroads/article288029>

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/motor-vehicles-bill-2019-government-seeksto-put-india-on-a-safer-road-1564598550372.html>

3. FRA, 2006 has tremendous potential to strengthen the conservation regime across India by recognizing rights of forest dwellers over land and community resource. In this regard, critically evaluate the implementation of FRA, 2006

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-taproot-of-conservation-justice/article28801111.ece>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/coverage/forests/how-government-is-subverting-forest-rights-act-2187>

4. India's trade deficit with China, an element of the bilateral relationship that inspires substantial animosity in New Delhi. Critically examine the impact of large trade deficit on the bilateral relationship.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-business/rcep-must-fix-trade-deficit-chinatold/article28811040.ece>

<https://southasianvoices.org/measuring-the-true-health-of-the-india-china-trade-relationship/>

5. What is deep sea mining? What are the different types of deep sea mineral deposits of interest to industry and government? Will this boost the Indian economy? Discuss the possible environmental impact of such exercise.

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/why-is-india-pulled-to-deep-seamining/article28809029.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/variety/will-indias-deep-dive-for-seabedminerals-boost-its-economy/article25672656.ece>

<https://www.huffpost.com/entry/deep-sea-mining-new-threa b 8334428>

6. Development can't be at the cost of environment. In the light of this statement discuss the idea of sustainable development. How is India faring in progress of Sustainable Development Goals?

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/view-netas-must-understandthat-growth-cant-be-at-the-cost-of-environment/articleshow/70519101.cms>

August 5:

Economy:

1. CSR law in India is only apparently successful and in reality, it is harmful. Discuss the implementation of CSR Law in India. Has it succeeded in making companies socially more responsible?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/c-gopinath/looking-beyond-profit/article28819028.ece>

2. Do you think helping farmers produce solar energy will help realize government's target of doubling farmer's income?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-farmers-solar-energy-doubling-farmers-incomes-5878303/>

Science:

1. What is personalized medicine? In this context discuss the objective and significance of Genome India Initiative

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/biotechnology-department-wi-ii-scan-20000-indian-genomes/article28815520.ece>

August 6:

Economy- Inclusive growth:

1. A just share of the fruits of progress to all, ensuring decent work and a minimum living wage to all is pre-requisite to inclusive growth. Do you think the proposed labor code bill will lead to realization of inclusive growth?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/code-red-for-labour/article28828886.ece>

August 7:

Economy

1. The recent NBFC crisis has exposed the rot within Indian rating agencies. Critically examine the function of rating agencies in this context.

<https://www.businesstoday.in/bt-buzz/news/bt-buzz-consolidation-and-penalties-must-for-credit-rating-agencies/story/370978.html>

August 8:

Economy:

1. Monetary policy must work hand-in-glove with fiscal policy to be effective. Discuss the interaction between them and its impact on the economy in the light of recent rate cut by RBI.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-fiscal-wheels-must-also-rol-in-order-to-make-monetary-policy-effective-1565205415481.html>

2. Do you think transition to E –Vehicle is the best solution to the problem of air pollution and high energy import dependence. Critically analyze.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-why-we-need-to-look-beyond-the-electric-smokescreen-1565199019432.html>

GS 3: Environment and Conservation:

1. What do you understand by habitat fragmentation? How it impacts bio diversity? In this context, discuss the need of wild life corridors.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-big-picture-on-tigers/article28872115.ece>

### August 9:

#### Economy:

1. Do you think threat of fine or jail to make companies socially responsible is the right strategy to achieve inclusive growth? Discuss critically in the light of recent amendment to the Companies Act.

#### Security:

1. What do you understand by money laundering? How it is related to organized crime and terror financing? How recent changes to PMLA will prevent and curb money laundering?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/changes-in-pmla-act-empower-ed/article28916974.ece>

### August 10:

#### Economy:

1. What do you understand by disinvestment of PSU? Critically analyze the disinvestment policy of GOI? Is it right to use disinvestment proceeds to bridge fiscal deficit?

<https://www.moneylife.in/article/whither-disinvestment-policy/56675.html>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/Too-much-adhocism-indisinvestment/article20933785.ece>

2. What do you understand by capital account convertibility? Critically examine the demand for full capital account convertibility?
3. "Public borrowing produces different effects on the economy." Examine.
4. "A large public debt forces the adoption of tax and spending policies that result into higher taxes and reduced services." Analyze.
5. Examine the proposal in the Budget for Foreign currency borrowing? Do you think its rationale is flawed?

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-government-bonds-in-foreign-currencies-bad-idea-bad-debt-1565287259346.html>

### August 11:

#### Science

1. What are biofuels? What are the three generations of biofuels?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/state-omcs-to-buy-biodiesel-made-from-used-cooking-oil/article28980168.ece>

#### Economy and Agriculture

1. How land use affects climate change.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/climate-change-ipcc-report-globalwarming-un-5893072/>

#### Security

1. The problems of coastal security remain varied and complex. Discuss the vulnerabilities. Devise a strategy to counter sea based threats.

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/indias-coastal-security-challenges-and-policyrecommendations/>

2. Scrapping Article 370 is fraught with security challenges? How prepared security agencies are to meet them.

#### August 12:

##### Economy

1. Economic Survey has argued for shift from consumption led growth to investment led growth in order to achieve ambitious aim of \$ 5 trillion economy? Discuss the challenges involved in boosting the investment. Suggest measures for the same.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/will-leave-no-stone-unturned-to-make-india-the-best-investment-destination-pmmodi/articleshow/70636313.cms>

2. What are four main factors / engines of economic growth? Suggest reforms to boost economic growth

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/indian-economy-four-horsemen-of-revival/articleshow/70634378.cms>

##### Disaster Management

1. What are landslides? What are reasons for their occurrence? Discuss NDMA guidelines in this regard.

<https://ndma.gov.in/kids/landslides.html>

#### August 13:

##### Economy

1. Why India adopted import substitution led industrialization post-independence? What was the unintended consequence of the policy?
2. India's share in global merchandise exports is just 2%.
3. What is MSP? Discuss why farmers are protesting for implementation of Swami Nathan committee report? Critically examine how far higher MSP can benefit farmers particularly small and marginal farmers?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/hope-on-the-impact-of-msp-ismisplaced/article29034719.ece>

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/higher-msp-is-good-but-do-youknow-only-6-farmers-can-sell-their-crops-at-msp-2682691.html>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/coverage/agriculture/why-msp-will-not-provide-evenminimum-support-to-farmers-60952>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/finmin-plans-16-point-kra-topush-psbs/article28988309.ece>

#### Environment

1. What is Minamata convention?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/variety/human-exposure-to-toxins-on-the-risedue-to-overfishing/article29000490.ece>

#### Science and Tech

1. Discuss the contribution of Vikram Sarabhai. Can we call him the father of India's Space Program?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/variety/google-doodlecelebrates-100th-birthday-of-vikram-sarabhai/article28994948.ece>

#### August 14:

##### Economy

1. Do you think pervasive power subsidies has resulted into ground water crisis in India? Discuss the political economy of agriculture power subsidies.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/new-era-of-pervasive-agri-cultural-subsidies/article29085634.ece>

2. India's share in global merchandise export is just around 2%. If India has to become \$5 trillion economy exports have to double to \$ 1 trillion. In



this context, discuss what has resulted in low competitiveness of India's exports.

#### Environment

1. What is hydraulic fracking? Do you think becoming a natural gas economy driven by shale gas will have serious environmental costs?  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/shale-gas-exploration-add-ressing-water-issues/article29086003.ece>
2. In order to meet the challenge of growing climate change India has to shift to low carbon economy. Assess India's effort in this regard.  
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-commentary/decarbonise-the-economy/>

#### Security

1. In view of the contemporary internal scenario should 'law and order' be made a part of the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India? Justify your opinion.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/chief-justice-advocates-moreautonomy-to-cbi/article29088618.ece>

#### August 15:

#### Economy

1. Discuss the reasons for steep rise in bad loans in PSBs in the last five years? What has been its implication for the economy? Assess the measures taken to reduce bad loans.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/govt-asks-psbs-to-find-out-reasons-for-rise-in-npas-in-last-5-years/article29095255.ece>
2. What do you understand by cropping pattern? How far faulty lopsided cropping pattern is responsible for India's water crisis? Suggest measures to correct this situation.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/lets-draw-lines-in-water-crisis-farmer-deaths-drought-5905972/>

#### Environment

1. Majority of Indian rivers are polluted. In this context, do you think giving legal rights to rivers will help counter pollution problem. What are the implications of according legal status to them? Critically discuss

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-river-must-flow-ganga-yamuna-conservation-5906050/>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/water/three-rivers-are-now-legally-people-but-thats-just-the-start-of-looking-after-them-57448>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/driverless-cars-vehicles-google-tesla-uber-5906051/>

August 16:

Economy

1. What are features of a developed and developing economy? Can you state the reasons why is Indian economy characterized as developing economy? What are the specific benefits of being a developing nation in WTO?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/world/india-china-are-no-longer-developing-nations-wont-let-them-take-advantage-of-wto-trump/article29094804.ece>

Security

1. Success in modern war hinges on the formulation of a joint military strategy and its joint and integrated execution. In this context, discuss significance of appointing chief of defense staff.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pm-modi-independence-day-speech-indian-army-navy-air-force-joint-chief-of-staff-unifying-the-command-5908636/>

Science

1. How will AI transform India's job scene? Will it worsen the job crisis?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/how-ai-will-transform-indias-job-scene/article25428983.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/ai-is-not-to-be-feared/article29094418.ece>

August 17:

Economy

1. Green revolution led to inter crop and inter regional disparities. Critically discuss the impact of green revolution.

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tpopinion/paddy-tube-wells-and-depleting-groundwater/article29115878.ece>

2. India has been grappling with intense and rapid depletion of groundwater stores driven by human-caused climate change and over-extraction. Discuss how agriculture is responsible for ground water crisis in India. How can this be arrested?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/paddy-tube-wells-and-depletinggroundwater/article2911587.ece>

3. Diversification of cropping pattern can be a panacea for agrarian crisis, however it is constrained by challenges like pricing policies, market infrastructure and technologies. Discuss the need for diversification and challenges in achieving the same.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/agriculture/no-shortcuts-to-crop-diversification65590>

### Security

1. Chief of Defence Staff will bring” jointness “of Indian navy, Indian army and Indian air force, however there are some apprehensions against just appointment. Critically analyse these apprehensions.

### Environment

1. What do you understand by biodiversity? How is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 helpful in conservation of flora and fauna? Critically discuss its implementation.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/biodiversityact-a-jungle-of-confusion/article29112025.ece>

### August 18:

#### Economy:

1. Discuss the importance of automobile sector in India. Why is auto industry facing trouble?

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/why-is-the-auto-industry-facingtrouble/article29121023.ece>

2. What is gig economy? How automation and gig economy is creating a ‘servant economy ‘in developed world?

<https://www.livemint.com/politics/policy/gig-economy-has-jobs-butlong-hours-no-security-and-little-pay-1549564401343.html>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/what-it-is-like-to-work-in-a-gig-economyjob/articleshow/69371217.cms>

August 19:

## Economy

1. Transforming agriculture in the medium to long run requires fundamental reforms in land institutions as well. In the light of the statement, discuss the need of land leasing in Indian agriculture.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/narendra-modi-govtfarmer-crisis-agriculture-reforms-landowners-protect-rights-5915552/>
2. Indian agriculture suffers from two prime bottlenecks and insurmountable problem: the stagnant productivity per hectare and shortage of agriculture labour. How far farm mechanization can solve be a solution. Discuss the challenges and proposal of custom hiring centres in this regard.  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/farmmechanisation-indian-style/article22995848.ece>  
<https://www.businesstoday.in/sectors/agriculture/level-of-mechanisation-in-farming-below-50-pc/story/229618.html>
3. Indian rupee has been Asia's worst performing currencies in last two years. What has caused this depreciation of value? Discuss the upside and downside of depreciating rupee?  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/whats-causing-the-rupee-toweaken/article24793819.ece>  
<https://www.fortuneindia.com/opinion/understanding-the-upside-and-downside-of-thedepreciating-rupee/102465>
4. To make India a \$5-trillion economy, policymakers must bring all the constituents of the industrial ecosystem together. In this context, discuss the need for new industrial policy.  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/a-new-approach-to-industrialpolicy/article29126984.ece>

## Science

1. What do you understand by XDT –TB? Discuss the reasons for TB becoming drug resistant and its impact on the health system.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/takingon-tb/article29127571.ece>

## Security

1. Any dilution in India's commitment to No First Use doctrine will lead to arms race in the region. Do you agree with this opinion? In the light of the statement critically discuss pros and cons of India's NFU policy.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/an-intervention-that-leads-to-morequestions/article29127586.ece>  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/unclear-doctrine/article29127566.ece>
2. Critically examine the reasons for India's refusal to join NPT and CTBT treaties. What were the consequences for India and the world?  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-and-the-perils-of-being-anoutlier/article27238561.ece>
3. Low conviction rate in India is due to absence of witness protection. Discuss the reasons for the same. How far India's First Witness Protection Scheme will strengthen India's criminal justice System.  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-law-for-those-whotestify/article29127685.ece>

August 20:

Economy:

1. Government capital expenditure has multiplier effect on economy. Discuss  
<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/investment-in-water-infra-will-spurgrowth/article29161238.ece>
2. Discuss the significance of buffer stock. Critically examine the working of FCI and buffer stocks in India. Discuss Shanta Kumar recommendation in this context.  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/fcis-filled-granaries-pose-astorage-problem/article29112375.ece>  
[https://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/overflowing-granaries119061300044\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/overflowing-granaries119061300044_1.html)
3. Do you think shifting farmers to cities is the only way to raise farm incomes? Critically examine.  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/raising-farmincomes/article29162296.ece>

Security

1. Decision to appoint CDS has been motivated by changing security environment of India. Discuss how CDS would be able to meet these emerging security challenges

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/soldier-number-one-on-creationof-cds-post/article29161059.ece>

#### Science and Tech

1. What do you understand by a smart ball in cricket? Discuss other application of Science and Tech in sports.

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/opinion-cricket-charm-1566237386510.html>

#### August 21:

#### Economy

1. Tax code has to be in sync with a country's social and economic evolution. In this context, discuss the need for direct tax reform in India. Suggest specific areas of reforms.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/the-secondcoming-the-new-tax-code-must-boost-sagging-economic-spirits-and-usher-india-into-the21st-century/>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/to-create-a-business-friendly-taxframework/article29184244.ece>

2. Recent defaults by highly rated entities has adversely impacted debt holders and also eroded the reputation of credit agencies. In this context discuss the reforms needed in credit agencies.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/reforming-the-credit-rating-industry-in-india/article29183225.ece>

3. Indian agriculture suffers from over regulation, disregard for intellectual property and highly unpredictable policies. Discuss

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/seed-lobby-wantsgovt-to-do-away-with-msp-price-control-regime/article29189517.ece>

4. To make agriculture sustainable it has to move from production driven to demand driven.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/seed-lobby-wants-govt-todo-away-with-msp-price-control-regime/article29189517.ece>

August 22:

Economy

1. Compare and contrast “Kerala Model “and “Gujarat model” of economic development. How does it fit Amartya Sen vs Bhagwati debate? Do you think Kerala model is unsustainable?
2. Demonetization was one of the historic decision in Independent India. Critically analyze gains and losses of demonetization. Did it meet any of its aim? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/a-politically-inconvenient-datanugget/article29214638.ece>  
<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/despite-hype-demonetization-missed-all-goals1557059532885.html>  
<https://www.businesstoday.in/current/economy-politics/what-has-pm-modi-done-to-fightblack-money-an-explainer/story/280890.html>

August 23:

Economy

1. Indian economy has witnessed one of the worst slowdown in last one decade. Critically examine the causes? How can Indian economy be revived? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/increasing-investment-to-stimulategrowth/article29224925.ece>
2. A new study reveals that despite the fact that technology has become more affordable and internet access increasingly ubiquitous, India has a sharp digital divide. Discuss steps taken by GOI to bridge digital divide. <https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/opinion-the-digital-divide-persists1566468408290.html>

Environment

1. Discuss the problem of marine pollution? How it can be tackled using artificial reef?

Security

1. Tinkering “NO first Use Policy “will have implications for cost and war strategy for India. Discuss  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/should-india-tinker-with-its-no-first-usepolicy/article29224507.ece>  
<https://www.orfonline.org/research/nuclear-rethink-a-change-in-indias-nuclear-doctrine-hasimplications-on-cost-war-strategy-54557/>

August 24:

Economy

1. Discuss the need for Development Finance Institution.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/development-financial-institution-to-fundinfrastructure/article29236499.ece>

Environment and Disaster Management

1. What are landslides? Discuss the causes. Are the recent landslides in Malabar region a manmade disaster?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/the-deadly-landslides-ofmalabar/article29235741.ece>

Security

1. What do you understand by money laundering? How it is used for terror financing? <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/fatf-asia-pacific-group-puts-pakistan-in-enhancedblacklist-1566543500250.html>

August 25:

Environment

1. How is sea level rise related to climate change? Discuss the effect of climate change on ocean. <https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/energy-and-environment/walling-off-the-sea-to-savesunderbans-temple-in-west-bengal/article29248074.ece>
2. Discuss the ecological significance of forest fire? How can forest fires be managed?

Science

1. What is genomics? How it helps to tackle increasing burden of cancer in India. <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/online/course/genomics-introduction-ebi-resources/whatgenomics>  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/india-specific-cancer-genome-databasebeing-developed/article29248804.ece>

August 26:

Economy

1. Discuss the reasons for the deprecation of Indian rupee. How does this decline impact Indian economy?



<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/currency-capers/article29254021.ece>

2. What do you understand by currency war? How does it impact the global economy in general and Indian economy in particular?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-49262120>

<https://www.bloomberg.com/quicktake/currency-wars>

### Security

1. Mob lynching is growing security issue. Discuss the preventive, remedial and punitive measures to counter mob lynching.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/new-law-to curb-lynching-unlikely/article29254824.ece>

### Environment

1. What are Eco sensitive zones? Discuss the legal architecture to conserve them?

August 27:

### Economy

1. Despite significant contribution to the economy, PSBs suffer from sharp erosion in confidence and credibility. In this context, critically examine the role of PSBs in economy.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/need-to-give-psbs-an-imagemakeover/article29261819.ece>

### Environment

1. What is the composition of plastics? Discuss the environmental problems because of plastics use.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/beating-plastic-pollution/article24213220.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/life-in-plastic/article24090212.ece>

August 28:

### Economy

1. What are development Banks. Discuss their need along with critical assessment of development Banks in India pre--1991 liberalization.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/rediscovering-development-banks/article29271773.ece>

August 29:

### Economy

1. The present slowdown in the Indian economy is majorly because of fall in demand. Do you agree? What are the other reasons of slowdown? How can the economy revived?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/hardly-the-brick-and-mortar-of-arevival/article29282093.ece>
2. The new finance bill strengthens the regulatory architecture over NBFCs. Analyze <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/nbfc-under-scanner/article29281377.ece>

### Environment

1. Alarming fires in the Amazon rainforest in South America have brought the global actors to an important passé. In this context, discuss the meaning and significance of global commons? Who is responsible to protect them? Discuss the present international institutional structure to protect global commons.  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/world-onfire-burning-amazon-shows-how-nationalist-populism-is-endangering-global-commons/>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global\\_commons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_commons)

### Security

1. Mob violence is emerging as a serious law and order problem in India. By giving suitable examples, analyze the causes and consequences of such violence. How far anti- mob violence law can prevent it?  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/defeat-mobocracybengal-looks-to-enact-an-anti-lynching-law-a-step-in-the-right-direction/>
2. What do you understand by money laundering? Describe the process involved in money laundering? Do you think recent proposed changes in AML law can prevent <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/inx-media-case-sc-extends-protection-from-arrestto-chidambaram-till-August-29/article29278934.ece>

### August 30:

#### Economy:

1. The slowdown in Indian economy is mainly because of the fall in demand. Nonetheless, structural bottlenecks still persist. Discuss these structural bottlenecks.
2. Discuss significance of FDI in development of Indian economy. Why has there been mismatch between the exact FDI received by the country and FDI promised by foreign investors. How can FDI be facilitated.

#### Security:

1. Discuss the vulnerabilities in Indian coastal security architecture. Suggest measures to counter coastal security threat.

### August 31:

1. The recent merger of PSBs is aimed at creating a robust banking system with global reach. Discuss pros and cons of the decision, particularly on consumers.
2. The decision to transfer RBI surplus to the GoI has implications for RBIs balance sheet, union budget, financial market and debt management by RBI. Discuss.

# General Studies-4

## Ethics

### August 1:

1. What do you understand by attitude? How can positive attitude help us overcome failure?

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-we-need-to-reappraiseour-attitude-to-business-failure-1564595388619.html>

2. What are psychological reasons behind suicide? How can emotional intelligence help in curbing suicides?
3. What do you understand as vocation? How it is different from job?

### August 2:

1. What do you understand by constitutional morality?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/a-step-for-gender-justice-triple-talaq-billparliament-5870689/>

### August 3:

1. Discuss the ethical issues related to commercialization of medical education in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/health-care-is-ailing-aiims-neet-exa-m-doctors-protest-nmc-bill-5870681/>

### August 4:

1. The difference between patriotism and nationalism is that the patriot is proud of his country for what it does, and the nationalist is proud of his country no matter what it does; the first attitude creates a feeling of responsibility, but the second a feeling of blind arrogance that leads to war." What do you understand by the quote in the present context?

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu/20190804/page/58>

### August 5:

1. What do you understand by lynching? What are the psychological reasons for such phenomenon?

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/rajasthans-effort-to-criminalis-e-mob-lynching-is-a-good-start/article28817296.ece>

### August 6:

1. Civil servants should follow high ethical standards not just in professional life but also in personal life. Do you agree?  
<https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/kerala-ias-officer-sriram-suspended-service-after-arrested-accident-case-106699>
2. Altruism constitutes the essence of morality. Comment. Give a real-life example where you did self-sacrifice to help others. Why did you do that?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/surrogacy-regulation-bill-passed-in-lok-sabha/article28828912.ece>
3. What is transphobia? Explain the psychological reasons behind it.
4. What do you understand by racism? Discuss the psychology behind it.

### August 7:

1. Ethical issues related to data privacy?

### August 8:

1. A true leader is an original thinker and a doer. Comment with examples.  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/sushma-swaraj-dead-cardiac-arrest-former-mea-5886759/>
2. What do you understand by Charismatic leader? What makes a leader charismatic?  
<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-swaraj-s-personality-and-charisma-will-continue-to-inspire-us-1565199649178.html>

### August 9:

1. Can a government make it legally obligatory for a company to be good? Don't you think it is missing the difference between moral and legal? Comment
2. Do you think surrogacy bill gives short shrift to women's agency?  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/surrogacy-regulation-bill-laws-in-india-commercial-surrogacy-5890510/>
3. What do you understand by code of ethics? Discuss code of ethics of auditors.  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/rcap-calls-pwcs-observations-baseless-and-unjustified/article27895543.ece>

#### August 10:

1. What is honour killing? Discuss the ethical issues involved. Can law be a solution?
2. What do you understand by code of conduct? Should political parties have code of conduct for MPs?
3. An anomalous number of hysterectomies among women working as sugarcane cutters in Beed, Maharashtra, raises suspicion of unscrupulous medical practices. Discuss ethical issues involved?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/ncw-decision-trains-spotlight-on-the-medical-malpractice-that-enables-this-inhuman-practice/article26798359.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/in-beed-a-harvest-of-crushed-hopes/article28969404.ece>

#### August 11:

1. What are ethical issues in International Relations?
2. How films can bring attitudinal and behavioral change in society. Discuss with example of Padman

#### August 12:

1. <https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/medical-ethics-and-performance-enhancing-drugs/2005-11>  
What role ethics play in sports?
2. What are ethical issues in doping? <https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tpopinion/dealing-with-doping/article28986557.ece>
3. Does use of performance enhancing drugs violates the “spirit of sports”?
4. Is there any ethical difference between using performance enhancing drugs and using performance enhancing technologies, nutrition and training?
5. Should death penalty be abolished? Discuss ethical issues related to it.
6. Can spiritualism redeem our dying?
7. What do you understand by apathy? How it impacts government functioning?

#### August 13:

1. Do animal have rights? Give your arguments. What would be consequence of animal rights?

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/rights/rights\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/animals/rights/rights_1.shtml)

2. Although AI has the potential to transform our life, however its application is riddled with ethical and legal landmines. Discuss the ethical and legal issues in use of AI.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/rooting-ai-in-ethics/article29035692.ece>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/10/top-10-ethical-issues-in-artificial-intelligence/>

#### August 14:

1. What is conflict of interest? Do you think medical professionals (paediatricians) accepting sponsors from breast milk substitutes violates ethical norms of profession? [https://www.ibfan-icdc.org/wp-content/uploads/Danone\\_Baby-Milk-Scandal-China.pdf](https://www.ibfan-icdc.org/wp-content/uploads/Danone_Baby-Milk-Scandal-China.pdf)  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/infant-milk-nestles-clinical-trial-under-scanner/article28809296.ece>
2. What do you understand by meaning in work and life? Why it is important for our happiness? Discuss the principle of Ikigai in this context. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/chrismyers/2018/02/23/how-to-find-your-ikigai-andtransform-your-outlook-on-life-and-business/#30a4462f2ed4>
3. Recent incident in Mumbai, where a dog died because of alleged beating by security guards has raised issue of cruelty against animals. Do you think violent acts toward animals are indicators of a dangerous psychopathy that does not confine itself to animal abuse? <https://www.peta.org/issues/animal-companion-issues/cruel-practices/human-animal-abuse/>
4. What are unfair trade practices? Do you thinking over charging food by hotels can be called unfair trade practice? <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/five-star-hotels-must-give-explanations-for-overpriced-bananas-eggs-paswan/article29074092.ece>

#### August 15:

1. Can nature have rights? What are its implications? 2. What do you understand by patriotism? Are you a true patriot? Give a real life example of your patriotic behaviour.

#### August 16:

1. What do you understand by patriotism? Is following small family norm an act of patriotism?
2. How can social influence and persuasion can be used to control population explosion?

#### August 17:

1. If you have integrity nothing else matters, if you do not have integrity nothing else matters. What do you understand by the statement.

#### August 18:

1. CSR spending's are no guarantee of business ethics. The focus should shift from money donation to how you make money. Examine what constitutes business ethics and how can CSR help in business ethics?  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/Swaminomics/csrsponds-are-no-guarantee-of-corporate-ethics/>
2. What do you understand by legitimacy?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/otherstates/uttar-pradesh-woman-dies-in-labour/article29121400.ece>
3. What is empathy? Why empathy is important for civil servant?

#### August 19:

1. What do you understand by good life? How conception of good life is linked to ethics and morality?

#### August 20:

1. "However good a Constitution may be, it is sure to turn out bad because those who are called to work it, happen to be a bad lot. However bad a Constitution may be, it may turn out to be good if those who are called to work it, happen to be a good lot. The working of a Constitution does not depend wholly upon the nature of the Constitution." --  
DrB.R.Ambedkar  
Discuss the quote and its relevance in the present context.

#### August 21:

1. What do you understand by intolerance? How it impacts our society and polity?
2. All moral codes are based upon the ideal of unselfishness. Explain.



3. Industry led sponsorship of paediatric bodies can result in conflict of interest .explain. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/a-not-so-healthypractice/article29184210.ece>
4. Poor compliance culture in PSBs are responsible for huge frauds in India. In this context, discuss significance of compliance culture.

#### August 22:

1. What do you understand by Whistle blowing? Discuss the ethical dilemmas and values involved in whistle blowing?  
<https://www.thehindu.com/business/sebi-simplifies-normsfor-foreign-investors/article29214341.ece>

#### August 23:

1. “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely “. Explain the quote? Do you agree with opinion that power has inherently potential to corrupt all individuals?

#### August 24:

1. What is nepotism?

#### August 25:

1. A life spent making mistakes is more honorable and useful than a life doing nothing-George Bernard Shaw
2. Service to humanity is service to God. Explain the philosophy behind it with real examples.

#### August 26:

1. What do you understand by National interest? Who defines what constitutes national interest.
2. Corporate fraud is not a moral issue, it is macroeconomic issue also. Discuss
3. What do you understand by ethical journalism?  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Journalism\\_ethics\\_and\\_standards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Journalism_ethics_and_standards)
4. What are the ethical issues in child labour?  
[https://www.unicef.org/protection/57929\\_child\\_labour.html](https://www.unicef.org/protection/57929_child_labour.html)

#### August 27:

1. What do you understand by environmental ethics? How it helps to conserve our environment?

August 28:

1. What are ethical issues in CCTV Surveillance? Why Voyeurism is considered unethical? <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/everyday-voyeurism-in-a-surveillancestate/article29271770.ece>
2. What do you understand by aptitude? Is it inborn or acquired? <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/10000-hours-5942572/>

August 29:

1. "Pain is the medicine, and pleasure is the disease". Examine the statement and discuss the role of struggle and pain in our life. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editpage/spiritual-birth-pangs-of-a-worldly-life/>
2. Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful. <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/inx-media-case-scextends-protection-from-arrest-to-chidambaram-till-August-29/article29278934.ece>
3. What makes a good judge? Give example <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/supreme-court-adm-jabalpur-the-darkesthour-5945825/>
4. Do Celebrities endorsing commercial products have any moral and legal responsibilities? <https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-new-ad-bill-set-to-affect-celebrityendorsement-biz-1567018101049.html>  
[https://www.business-standard.com/article/management/the-endorser-s-ethical-dilemma114021600679\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/management/the-endorser-s-ethical-dilemma114021600679_1.html)

August 30:

1. Integrity is the most important value in a leader. Discuss with examples.