

# Daily Practise Sheet (December Compilation)

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## Prelims Topics

### Day-1

- Governor of State
- Sarkaria Commission
- FASTag
- Kabir
- FATF
- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Indian State of Forest report
- Inner Line Permit
- NACO

### Day-2

- Colistin

- National Action Plan on AMR.
- FAO
- Gross Fixed Capital Formation
- Minimum Alternate Tax
- Finance Bill
- Union Budget
- Repo Rate
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Thomas Munro
- Bombay Club
- FRBM
- Monetary Transition
- Core Inflation
- North east Monsoon
- Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- Nirbhaya Fund
- Nominated Member
- Asiatic Lion Conservation

### Day-3

- Human Capital
- WEF Competitiveness Index
- UNDP HDI
- Global Innovation index
- Kharif Season Crops
- SW Monsoon
- Tax laws
- Ordinance
- Reverse Osmosis
- NGT
- COP 25
- Paris Agreement
- Pathalgarhi
- NRIC
- Starred Question

- Finance Bill
- Breach of Privilege
- CAG

#### Day-4

- GST
- GST Compensation cess
- CPI
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Tsunami in Indian Ocean
- Recession
- Aggregate Demand
- CPEC
- BRI
- EEZ
- Motion
- TRAI
- Question Hour- Supplementary question
- Parliamentary Privileges
- WHO
- QCI
- Quantitative Easing
- Money Bill

#### Day-5

- PM-AASHA
- MSP
- ETF
- SEBI

#### Day-6

- One Billion Rising

- M S Golwalkar
- K B Hedgewar
- Dr. B.R.Ambedkar
- Periyar E V Ramasamy
- Mahatma Phule
- Birsa Munda
- State Election Commission
- Monetary Policy Committee
- Repo rate
- Dr. B.R.Ambedkar
- Constitution Drafting Committee
- Communal Award: McDonald Award
- Muslim league Lahore Declaration
- Ujjwala Yojna
- Jan Dhan Yojna
- Ayushman Bharat
- Impeachment of the Governor
- Forex Reserve
- Quantitative Easing
- Inflation: Core and headline
- 15th FC report
- National investment Infrastructure Fund
- Trade related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)
- International Union for Protection of Plant varieties Conventions (UPOV)
- Convention On Biodiversity
- International treaty on Plant Genetic resources for Food and Agriculture
- Payment Bank vs Small Finance Bank

### Day-7

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Cryosphere
- Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities
- UNFCCC
- Nationally Determined Contribution
- Article 6 Paris Agreement

- Breach of privilege
- European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Xingjiang Uighurs
- UNHRC
- OPEC
- National Database on Sexual Offenders
- Assam Accord
- Hydrogen fuel
- NHRC
- Kyoto Protocol
- Certified Emission Reductions

#### Day-8

- 150 years of periodic table
- Charter Act of 1833
- First law Commission under Lord Macaulay
- NHRC
- Tribes: Barela, Bhil and Korku
- Measles and Rubella
- Portuguese in India
- Daman and Diu
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- Muti drug Resistant bacteria

#### Day-9

- Antibiotic resistance
- Superbugs
- Alexander Fleming
- Penicillin
- Carbon monoxide poisoning
- Mohammed Jinnah
- GST Council
- International Court Of Justice
- PSLV- Golden Jubilee
- Proton Beam therapy

- Sixth Schedule and Its States
- Inner line Permit States
- Basic structure
- Pyrolysis
- Block chain and Crypto currency

### Day-10

- Human Development Index
- UNDP
- Gender Inequality Index
- Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index
- PSLV-50th Launch
- RISAT -2BR1
- WADA
- Ring of Fire
- Rajya Sabha Chairman
- Standing Committee
- Anglo Indian nomination
- SC ST Reservation in LS
- 126th Constitution Amendment Bill
- Hindu Maha Sabha
- NHRC
- UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)
- Exclusive Economic Zones
- International Court Of Justice
- Jallianwala Bagh
- Climate Change Performance Index
- Tanjore Temple –Chola Temple
- Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships 2009 adopted by International Maritime Organisation

### Day-11

- Agro forestry
- Rally for rivers
- Carbon Credit

- Greenhouse gases
- Comptroller and Auditor General
- Strategic Sale
- Anglo-Indians
- Reservation of SC ST in LS : 126thCAA
- Coastal Zone Management
- Swami Vivekananda
- Sangam Age- Inscriptions & Hero Stones
- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- G20
- WTO
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- PPV&FRA, 2001
- Hindu MahaSabha
- RSS
- Muslim League
- Quit India Movement
- Citizenship Act 1955
- Direct Action Day
- Allopathy

### Day-12

- **Soolakkal and Hero Stone**
- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code**
- **Gross Domestic Product and Its calculation**
- **Base Year**
- **Heavy metal pollution and Toxic metal pollution of Indian Rivers**
- **Bioaccumulation**
- **Marginal Cost of Fund based lending rate**
- **Repo rate**
- **Rate Transmission**
- **BREXIT**
- **Sixth Schedule**
- **Article 371**
- **PSLV**
- **Ayushman Bharat(PMJAY)**

- **Permafrost and Its Impact of thawing**
- **Assam Accord**
- **Rare Earth Metals**

### Day-13

- NSSO
- National Statistical Office (NSO), National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)
- Brihadeeswara Temple
- Chola empire
- ASI
- Mamllapuram
- MPC
- CPI
- IIP
- WTO Appelate Body
- Qualified institutional Placement
- Malta
- Tax havens
- Nehru Liaquat pact
- Poona Pact
- International Mountain Day
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA)
- Watershed Management
- PMUY
- Kuznets curve
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Faecal Coliform (FC) and Colony Forming Unit (CFU)
- ENVIS
- Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)
- Yellow Revolution
- Technology Mission for oil Seeds

### Day-14

- Stagflation
- Headline Inflation
- National Pharmaceuticals Authority



- Incremental Capital Output ratio
- GST Council
- GST Compensation Cess
- RBI Ways and Means
- Mission Antodaya
- Kuznet Curve
- BREXIT
- Uighurs

#### Day-15

- National Ganga Council
- Jal Jeevan Mission
- National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
- IORA
- QUAD
- UNHCR
- WADA
- International Olympic Committee
- Disinflation
- Rohingya
- NCPCR
- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Sardar Patel
- Question hour
- Starred Questions
- Zero hour
- Private members bill

#### Day-16

- Self-Employment Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of manual scavengers
- NASA Space launch system
- NASA Armetis Mission
- Ashokan Pillar
- Ashokan Inscription
- Types of musical instruments
- FASTags

- RBI Reserves
- Open Market operation
- BTIA
- EU
- KUSUM
- UNICEF
- Lutyens

### Day-17

- Constitutionalism
- Rule of law
- Delimitation
- LS Seats
- 5th Schedule
- Pathalgadi Movement
- Privilege Motion
- FRBM Act
- Types of Expenditure: Revenue and Capital
- Finance Commission
- Food Inflation
- Personalized Medicine
- NDCs
- Clean Development Mechanism
- UNEP
- Article 6 of Paris Climate Agreement
- Per capita Emission list
- NPPA
- Essential Medicine list
- Nirbhaya Fund
- Seventh Schedule
- Merit Goods
- Fiscal stimulus
- GST Council
- National Population Register
- Anglo Indians

- Parliamentary Privilege
- Breach of Privilege
- Blood Diamonds
- Western Disturbance
- PC Mahalanobis

### Day-18

- NASA X59
- UNSC
- Transat
- Bhagat Singh Martyrdom
- Karachi Session
- Rohingya
- International Court Of Justice
- UNEP Emission gap report
- Mission Shakti
- Outer space Treaty
- Space debris
- Kessler Syndrome
- Kinetic Kill
- Ballistic Missile
- MUDRA loan
- National broadband Mission
- Global gender gap Report
- Universal Service Obligation Fund
- Invasive species
- ICC vs ICJ
- Pangolin
- Rare Earth Metal
- Jallianwala Bagh Massacre
- Index of Economic Freedom
- Governor
- Article 356
- Pro-Term Speaker

### Day-19

- Ayushman Bharat
- National health Authority
- PRIME
- Internet of Things
- Artificial Intelligence
- Block chain
- LIBRA
- Micro plastics
- NCLT
- NCLAT
- Election Commission
- GST Council voting and decision making
- GST rates
- Buffer Stock
- FCI
- Open market Sale Scheme
- 2+2 INDUS
- Sec 4 RTI
- International Convention of Torture
- Urja Ganga gas pipeline project
- Biosponser
- PRIME
- Libra
- Smart Agriculture
- Fstags
- Integrated GST

### Day-20

- Black Money
- Strategic Disinvestment
- Maharatna,Navratna,Miniratna
- Child Rights
- PMUY
- Base Erosion Profit Shifting –OCED
- FATF

- National Commission for Scheduled Caste
- National Institutional ranking Framework
- national
- Indicator species
- Kambala
- NAFED
- Population Stabilization
- National Population Policy
- COMCASA
- BECA
- GSOMIA
- LEMOA
- Legal Aid-Article 39
- Millet- Nutri Cereals
- National Millet Mission
- Monetary transmission
- Open Market Operation
- Operation twist of RBI
- Headline and Core Inflation
- UN Convention on Child Rights

### Day-21

- National Population Register vs National Register of Citizen
- Census
- NGT
- Art 19
- Companies Act – Corporate Governance-Independent Director
- Open Market operation
- Operation twist
- Cyclical and Structural factors
- AIIB
- Population Stabilization
- Population Momentum
- IUCN Red List
- Biosphere

- Environmental Kuznets Curve
- Digital Communication Commission
- 5G
- Spectrum

### Day-22

- National Population Register vs National Register of Citizen
- Census
- BSIV
- Trans fats
- Recommended Dietary Allowance
- NCLT
- NCLAT
- IBC
- Insolvency Bankruptcy Board of India
- Attorney General Advocate General
- Advocate general Of state
- International Criminal Court
- Sec 144

### Day-23

- Digi locker
- Cabinet Committee on economic affairs
- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, Narcotics Control Bureau Indian
- Coast Guard
- OIC
- United Nations Charter against Discrimination
- Ashok-Secular Policy
- Akbar- Secular Policy
- UIDAI , NPR,NRC
- RBI Act- price stability (Inflation Targeting)
- Core Vs Head Inflation Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- NBFC
- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)

- Uighurs
- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- World Trade Organization (WTO) especially WTO Appellate Body GATT
- Forex Reserves : Composition
- CAG
- Parliamentary Standing Committee
- Sahitya Academy

#### Day-24

- EU
- E V Ramasamy
- Vaikom Satyagraha- T K Madhvan, K.P.Kesavan, George Joseph
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Temple Entry Movement
- Eurasian Economic Union
- BREXIT
- Anti-Dumping Duty
- Countervailing Duty
- Sarvatra Bulletproof Jacket
- UDAAN
- Cabinet Committee on Investments and Growth
- Chottanagpur Tenancy Act
- Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act
- FRBM Act
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

#### Day-25

- Census
- NPR
- NRC
- Citizenship Act 2003
- Ordinance
- IBC
- Railways Board
- Chief of Defence Staff

- World Economic Outlook
- Khilafat Movement
- Transmission of policy
- National Health Authority
- PM –JAY
- Operation Twist
- Monetary Transmission
- Inverted Duty Structure
- Swadesh Darshan
- Atal Bhujal Yojna
- Incremental Capital Output ratio
- Crowding in/out of Private Investment
- Limits to Growth
- GDP, NDP

### Day-26

- Good Governance Index
- UN HRC
- NHRC
- Madan Mohan Malviya
- Atal Bhujal Yojna
- Locust
- Carnatic music
- National Productivity Council
- Regional Rural Banks
- Greenwashing
- Regional Rural Banks
- Priority Sector Lending
- CSO
- Monetary Policy Committee
- MCLR
- Hongkong Convention
- Typhoon
- National Tiger Conservation Authority
- Project tiger



## Day-27

- Good Governance Index
- PM Awas Yojana (PMAY)
- Typhoon Phanfone (Philippines)
- National Instrument of India= Veena
- Dedicated Freight Corridor
- NPR
- Kurds
- NATO
- LIDAR

## Day-28

- Financial Development Stability Council
- Repurchased used Cooking Oil
- Biodiesel
- FSSAI
- RBI Financial Stability report
- Non Cooperation Movement
- Jalianwala Bagh Massacre
- Civil Disobedience Movement
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Frontier Gandhi
- Andal-Alvar Saints
- AFSPA
- District Mineral Foundation (DMF)
- Keeladi
- Sangam era
- Tipu Sultan- Tipu's fort at Palakkad
- Chandrasekhar Azad Automatic Exchange of Information Agreement (AEIO) Double
- Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAA)
- Delimitation National Tribal Dance Festival
- Central Repository of Information on Large Credits [CRILC]
- Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)
- Delimitation

## Day-29

- Rupay
- UPI
- QR Code
- Aadhaar Pay
- NEFT
- IMPS
- OIC
- Hindu Mahasabha
- RSS
- Governance Index
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
- UN Convention on Rights of the Child
- Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015
- Biomarker
- Arab Springs
- Swaminathan Commission
- Right to Privacy Anthropocene
- Census
- NRIC
- NPR
- Foreigners tribunal
- North East Monsoon
- Easterlies
- Governor
- Indian History Congress
- Gaganyaan
- ISRO
- PSLV
- Central Ground Water Board
- Environmental Carrying Capacity
- Fly Ash
- National Green Tribunal (NGT)
- SC ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act
- State Disaster Response Fund

## Day-30

- Good Governance Index
- Chief of Defense Staff
- National Nutrition Mission-Poshan Abhiyan
- Project 75
- Inverted Duty Structure
- Open Ended Procurement
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)
- Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA)
- Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA)
- Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-spatial Cooperation (BECA)
- Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI)
- Economic Affairs Department
- Controller General of Accounts (CGA)
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- Maulana Azad
- Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.
- Asfaquallah Khan

## Day-31

- Council of Minister
- Appointment of Minister
- CDS
- Budget Division of Economic Affairs Department in Ministry of Finance
- Controller General of Account
- SDGs
- Sustainable Development
- NITI Aayog SDG Index
- RUCO
- TRAI
- Gene Editing
- CRISPER
- Human Rights Council

- Augmented Reality
- Indian State of Forest Report
- Ujjwala Scheme
- Nirbhaya Fund

## General Studies-1

### History

**1. Discuss the salient features of Assam Accord. Do you think clause 6 of Assam Accord is violated by the Citizenship (Amd) Bill?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/fresh-law-toenable-nation-wide-nrc-soon-says-himanta-biswa-sarma/article30125786.ece>

#### Day-6

**1. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B R Ambedkar, despite having divergent approaches and strategies, had a common goal of amelioration of the downtrodden. Elucidate.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/lessons-from-ambedkar/article30193411.ece>

**2. What was Hindu Code Bill controversy? In this context discuss Dr .B.R.Ambedkar's contribution in Post-Independent India**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/atime-to-remember-ambedkar-women-legal-rights-indian-constitution-6152797/>

**3. The consequences of the attack on Pearl Harbor were many and significant.**

**Discuss**<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/iaf-chief-unharmed-in-firing-in-pearlharbour-base/article30184679.ece>

#### Day-9

**1. Discuss the reasons responsible for partition of India.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/passage-of-citizenship-bill-inparliament-will-mark-victory-of-jinnahs-thinking-over-gandhistharoor/articleshow/72424951.cms?from=mdr>

## Day-10

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## Day-11

### **1. Discuss the economy and polity of Sangam Age with special emphasis on Hero Stone.**

### **2. Examine critically the various facets of economic policies of the British in India from mideighteenth century till independence.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/indiasbane-is-its-non-competitiveness/article30268935.ece>

### **3. What do you understand by colonialism? Discuss the factors responsible for colonialization of Asia and Africa.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/indias-bane-is-its-noncompetitiveness/article30268935.ece>

### **4. "Latecomer" Industrial revolution in Japan involved certain factors that were markedly different from what west had experience.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/indias-bane-isits-non-competitiveness/article30268935.ece>

## Day-12

### **1. What is Assam Accord? Why it is fueling protest against Citizenship Bill in the state of Assam?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-what-is-the-assam-accord-citizenshipamendment-bill-protests-6164018/>

## Day-13

### **1. An engineering insignia of mighty Cholas, Brihadeeswara Temple is an example of fully realized Dravidian Architecture. Comment**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/the-big-touchup/articleshow/72481614.cms>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brihadisvara\\_Temple,\\_Thanjavur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brihadisvara_Temple,_Thanjavur)

### **2. Based on the mode of performance and usage, dance can be broadly classified under three main heads such as Nritta, Nritya and Natya. Explain**

<http://www.kalyanikalamandir.com/blogs/nrittanritya-natya/>

### **3. Examine the contribution of Vedic literature to science, mathematics and geography.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/society/history-and-culture/sutra-route-to-mathematics/article30285669.ece>

### **4. Discuss the background in which Nehru-Liaquat Pact was signed. Analyze the salient features of the Act.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-what-was-the-nehru-liaquat-agreement-of-1950-referred-to-in-the-cab-debate-6162191/>

## **5. Analyze Indira-Mujib Accord.**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/mostindians-favour-indira-mujib-accord-tripura-cm-116020800655\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/mostindians-favour-indira-mujib-accord-tripura-cm-116020800655_1.html)

### Day-15

#### **1. Discuss the background of Assam movement. Do you think CAB violates Assam Accord?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-is-the-northeast-on-theboil/article30307359.ece>

### Day-16

#### **1. Discuss the essential features of Mauryan Pillars. How different they were from Persian Pillar?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/spot-the-difference-between-sign-and-symbol/article30313853.ece>

### Day-17

#### **1. Assess the contribution of Indian Revolutionaries in the freedom movement.**

### Day-18

#### **1. Assess the role played by India during Bangladesh liberation.**

<http://newsonair.com/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=376153>  
[https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/vijay-diwas-how-india-ended-pak-satrocities-and-ensured-freed-bangladesh-118121600120\\_1.htm](https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/vijay-diwas-how-india-ended-pak-satrocities-and-ensured-freed-bangladesh-118121600120_1.htm)

### Day-24

#### **1. Discuss the contribution of E V Periyar.** <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/periyar-thehero-of-vaikom/article30383014.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/periyar-the-hero-of-vaikom/article30383014.ece>

#### **2. Discuss temple entry movement in pre Independence India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/periyar-the-hero-of-vaikom/article30383014.ece>

### Day-25

#### **Indo-Srilanka Accord 1987 was too ambitious in its scope. Critically examine the impact of the Accord on India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/return-to-the-homeland/article30390673.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/Looking-back-at-the-Indo-Sri-Lanka-Accord/article16214421.ece>

### Day-27

**1. Discuss the type of musical instrument.**

**2. Assam movement was about immigration, land and identity. How did Assam accord addressed these issues? Why has Assam Accord been in news again?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/assams-identity-fears-face-up-to-divisive-politics/article30405351.ece>

## Day-28

**1. Discuss the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to India's freedom struggle movement focusing upon his novel strategies and values.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/christophe-jaffrelot-on-cao-nrc-protest-caaprotest-christophe-jaffrelot-on-non-violence-christophe-jaffrelot-on-gandhis-india-citizenshipamendment-bill-national-register-of-citizens-6188108/>

# Geography

## Day-1

**1. What are avalanches? Discuss the causes and its geographical distribution in India.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/2-personnel-killed-as-avalanche-hits-army-patrol-insiachenglacier/articleshow/72308744.cms>

**2. There are various types of forests are found in the Indian subcontinent. Comment**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/report-on-state-of-forests-likely-to-be-released-indecember/article30125598.ece>

## Day-7

**1. Why resource rich forested areas are hotbeds of Maoist movements in India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/seeking-truth-and-reconciliation-inchhattisgarh/article30221117.ece>

## Day-8

**1. Discuss the geographical distribution of coffee plantation in India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/coffee-is-a-health-drink-but-do-not-overdoit/article30231603.ece>

## Day-10

**1. What is volcano? Discuss its type with examples. Also discuss distribution of volcano throughout the world.**

[https://www.earthonlinemedia.com/ebooks/tpe\\_3e/volcanic\\_landforms/volcano\\_distribution.html](https://www.earthonlinemedia.com/ebooks/tpe_3e/volcanic_landforms/volcano_distribution.html)

<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/12/10/asia/white-island-new-zealand-tourism-intlhnk/>

[index.html](#)

### Day-11

**Why do you understand by agro forestry? Discuss its significance. Analyze National Agroforestry policy 2014.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/Plainspeak/growingmoney-on-trees-agroforestry-can-spark-a-new-economic-revolution-for-india/>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/india-becomes-first-country-to-adopt-an-agroforestry-policy-43518>

### Day-12

**1. What are permafrost's? Discuss the impact of climate change on them.**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/10/climate/climate-change-arctic-warming.html>

<https://blogs.ei.columbia.edu/2018/01/11/thawing-permafrost-matters/>

**2. What are rare earth metals? Discuss its geographical distribution and its strategic significance.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-what-are-rare-earths-and-why-is-usmilitary-getting-involved-in-their-processing/>

### Day-13

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

### Day-14

**1. Discuss the potential of renewable sources of energy especially wind energy in India.**

**2. Comment upon the resource base of Ladhak.**

### Day-19

**1. What is plantation Agriculture? Discuss its salient features with examples from India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/keralas-plantations-gasping-for-survival/article23638264.ece>

### Day-20

**1. Discuss the condition required for tea plantation. On a map of India elaborate the areas under Tea Plantation. TARGET IAS 2021**

### Day-26

**1. Groundwater is one of the most important water sources in India accounting for 63% of all irrigation water and over 80% of the rural and urban domestic water supplies. However, it is under severe stress. Discuss**

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/heres-everything-you-need-to-know-about-atalbhujal-yojana-4763151.html>

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/h2Rim5gC7OliiFk4PvxIWK/Opinion--Indias-neglected-groundwater-crisis.html>



## Day-27

**1. What do you understand by dedicated freight corridor? Discuss its significance for Indian economy.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/new-wagon-to-boost-cargocapacity/article30405228.ece>

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/these-two-freight-corridorswill-change-the-way-india-transport-goods-118071900242\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/these-two-freight-corridorswill-change-the-way-india-transport-goods-118071900242_1.html)

## Day-29

**1. Discuss the factors responsible for textile industry with examples from Southern India. Critically examine the challenges faced by the textile industry**

**2. Discuss the distribution of coal in India. How has this distribution impacted the distribution of industries in India in the last 100 years?**

## Day-31

**1. Despite having rich mineral reserves Jharkhand remains to be one of the most backward states in India. Discuss**

# Society

## Day-1

**1. Discuss the problems faced by transgender community in India.**

## Day-3

**1. What do you understand by the process of secularization? ( Also Target IAS 2021)**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/discrimination-hindutva-muslimsrss-alls-not-well-with-secularism-6147422/>

## Day-4

Discuss the root cause and risk factors for sexual violence in India.

## Day-6

**1. What do you understand by social justice? Discuss the contribution of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in furthering the goal of social justice in India?**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/a-time-shall-come-when-a-disability-is-nolonger-one-11574963191232.html>

**2. What do you understand by social empowerment? Discuss the efforts made by Indian government towards Dalit Empowerment**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/lessons-from-ambedkar/article30193411.ece>

### Day-7

**1. What do you understand by women empowerment? What are the challenges in this regard?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/demonic-attacks-on-women-have-shaken-conscience-of-country-president/articleshow/72399377.cms>

### Day-12

**1. Disintegration of Joint family system has thrown new challenges to elderly people.**

### Day-13

**1. What do you understand by social discrimination? Analyze the legal and institutional architecture to check social discrimination in India.**

**2. Critically examine the reservation policy in post independent India. Do you think creamy layer**

**norm should be extended to SC/STs?**

**3. Why are the tribals in India referred to as the Scheduled Tribes? Indicate the major provisions enshrined in the Constitution of India for their upliftment.**

### Day-14

**1. What do you understand by glass ceiling effect? How does it affect women?**

### Day-17

**1. India is the only country in the WEF list to exhibit a wider economic gap than its political one. Can you explain this a conundrum.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/we-need-a-paradigmshift-on-gender-11576578152994.html>

### Day-20

**1. What do you understand by glass ceiling effect? How does it affect women career prospects? How far it is existent in Indian corporate sector.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/women-are-not-encouraged-to-take-on-leadership-roles-as-often-as-men-finds-study/article30349894.ece>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glass\\_ceiling](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glass_ceiling)

**2. What do you understand by population stabilization? Analyze India's National Population Policy in this regard? Do you think it needs review TARGET IAS**

**2021**

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/govt-plans-host-of-measures-to-control-population-growth-11576778568575.html>

### Day-23

**1. What do you understand by gender inclusivity? How does it affect work environment.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/from-the-viewsroom/towards-greaterinclusivity/article30373680.ece>

### Day-26

**1. What do you understand by patriarchy? How does it impact women security?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/hyderabad-rape-murder-exemplifiespatriarchys-revenge-it-is-primarily-governments-responsibility-to-save-our-daughters/>

### Day-31

**1. Indian workforce is masculinizing rapidly. Critically examine reasons for low female workforce participation rate in India.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/c-pchandrasekhar/india-is-failing-its-young-women-in-terms-of-work/article30435400.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/india-s-workforce-is-masculinising-rapidly-1560150389726.html>

## **General Studies-2**

### **Polity**

#### Day-4

1. A free and fair electoral process is a must for a strong democracy. In these context discuss the need of electoral reform and suggest measures to strengthen electoral process in India.

#### Day-6

**1. The local self-government in India has not proved to be an effective instrument of governance". Critically examine the statement and give your views to improve the situation.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/tn-offers-to-defer-polls-to-rural-localbodies-in-9-reconstituted-districts/article30199932.ece>

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/supreme-court-puts-hold-on-tamil-nadu-local-bodyelections-2144398>

**2. Do you think introduction of electoral bonds have worsened system of electoral funding? Examine**

<https://www.prsindia.org/billtrack/fugitive-economic-offenders-bill-2018>

**3. Parliamentary Committees as like mini parliament .In this context, discuss how can they be made more effective?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/venkaiah-naidu-reprimands-mps-for-absenteeism-in-standing-committees/article30194884.ece>

### Day-7

**1. Discuss the need for a comprehensive refugee law in India.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-editorials/a-law-on-refugees-is-what-india-needs/>

<https://www.thinkpragati.com/opinion/4917/why-india-needs-a-refugee-law/>

### Day-8

**1. Examine the need for the comprehensive and holistic refugee policy.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/citizenship-amendment-bill-congress-to-vote-against-controversial-legislation/article30233022.ece>

**2. Access to justice far from universal. Critically examine the challenges in justice delivery in India.**

<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/judicial-process-beyond-reach-of-poor-says-president-ram-nath-kovind-1626188-2019-12-07>

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/pPyGzS0Y7PXmIqI9CBlaMJ/The-winding-road-to-justice-in-India.html>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/ensuring-access-to-justice/article26705126.ece>

**4. Critically examine the reservation policy in India especially the concept of creamy layer in the light of various SC judgments.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-does-government-wants-supreme-court-to-reconsider-stand-on-scst-creamy-layer/article30233041.ece>

### Day-9

**1. The question of municipal leadership is of great significance in urban governance in India. Discuss the need for directly elected mayors.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/trampling-on-grassroots/article30239173.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/oTVIQ2WNVeISPprBH0NX7I/India-needs-strong-directly-elected-mayors.html>

<https://www.orfonline.org/research/43785-strengthening-municipal-leadership-india-potential-directly-elected-mayors-executive-powers/>

**2. Discuss the significance of Article 21 of the constitution. Also comment upon how SC has expanded its scope.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/constitutional-justice-is-non-negotiable/article30239193.ece>

**3. Do you think Citizenship Amendment Bill is against the basic structure of the constitution?**

## Day-10

**1. Discuss the features of the 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule. How does it protect the tribal interests? Examine in the context of Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019**

<https://theprint.in/theprintessential/>

[what-is-6th-schedule-why-it-allows-parts-of-northeast-to-be-exempt-from-citizenshipbill/331404/](https://theprint.in/theprintessential/what-is-6th-schedule-why-it-allows-parts-of-northeast-to-be-exempt-from-citizenshipbill/331404/)

**2. Parliamentary standing Committees are mini-Parliament. In this context, critically discuss its functioning.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/rajya-sabha-chairmanvenkaiah-naidu-writes-to-party-chiefs-on-absenteeism/article30259733.ece>

## Day-11

**1. Critically examine the appointments system in Indian Judiciary. Do you think it needs an overhaul?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/judges-selected-by-collegium-govtshould-be-appointed-within-six-months-supreme-court/article30265576.ece>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/centre-must-clear-hc-judge-names-sent-by-incollegium-in-6-months-sc/articleshow/72465118.cms>

## Day-12

**1. Access to justice which is a guaranteed fundamental right. High pendency rate is one of the major hindrance in access to justice in India. Analyze the reasons . Also suggest appropriate judicial reforms.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/testing-judicialreforms/article30279727.ece>

**2. The concept of judicial review lies in the supremacy of the Constitution of the land. Comment**

<https://www.livemint.com/politics/news/citizenship-amendment-bill-a-slap-onface-of-parliament-chidambaram-11576067504390.html>

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**1. What are pressure groups? Analyze the methods used by the farmer's organizations to influence the policy-makers in India and how effective are these methods?**

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/not-many-lessons-learnt-from-water-planningfailures/article30289651.ece>

**5. Discuss the role of civil society in fighting corruption.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-iac-reset-the-agenda-for-a-graftfree-nation-11576201423130.html>

**6. Discuss how constitution of India provides equal rights in the context of Article 14 of the Indian Constitution. Critically examine whether Citizenship Amendment Bill violates Article 14?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/a-constitutional-obligation-citizenship-amendment-bill-article-14-6164236/>

#### Day-14

**1. "Implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) has led to a paradigm shift in the Centre-State relations, both financially and politically." Analyse with**

Examples

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/centre-plays-foul-on-gst-compensation/article30299447.ece>

#### Day-16

**1. Discuss Anwar Ali Sarkar Case of the Supreme Court in the context of Citizenship Amendment Bill.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/citizenship-act-pleas-in-supreme-court-speak-of-past-judgments-where-it-stood-up-for-individuals-dignity/article30311251.ece>

#### Day-17

**1. Discuss the concept of constitutionalism. Is constitutionalism in India a myth or reality?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-widening-fissure-in-indias-rule-of-law/article30323344.ece>

**2. Discuss the meaning and significance of rule of law in our constitutional framework.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-widening-fissure-in-indias-rule-of-law/article30323344.ece>

**3. Who are Anglo Indians? Discuss the challenges faced by them. Comment on the constitutional safeguards guaranteed to them.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/reservations-need-to-continue-for-anglo-indians/article30323462.ece>

#### Day-18

**1. Discuss the concept of secularism in Indian Constitution. Do you think Citizenship Amendment Act violates secular values of the constitution?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/time-to-defend-indias-secularism/article30332647.ece>

#### Day-19

**1. What do you understand by free speech? Why SC did repeal Sec 66 A of IT Act?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/payal-rohatgis-arrest-politically-motivated-arrests-represent-the-crudest-possible-way-to-tackle-defamatory-speech/>

**2. What do you understand by Cooperative Federalism? Discuss constitutional provisions and institutional mechanism**

## Day-20

1. Compare and contrast Indian Political system and US political system.
2. What are interest groups and pressure groups? How do they influence government functioning?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/at-pre-budget-meetindia-inc-seeks-a-single-corporate-tax-rate-of-15-over-three-years/article30351470.ece>

3. GST Council is one of the most important institution of federalism.

## Day-22

1. What do you understand by National population of Register? How it is different from National Register of Indian Citizens?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/whatconnects-the-npr-nric-and-census/article30368465.ece>

2. Dissent is the safety valve of democracy. If dissent is not allowed, then pressure cooker may burst. Critically discuss Sec 144 of CrPC. Do you think arbitrary use of Sec 144 goes against Art 19 of the constitution?

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/what-issection-144/articleshow/72885441.cms>

## Day-24

1. In the light of recent Citizenship Amendment Act examine the role of Supreme Court as guarantor and protector of fundamental Rights.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/caa-citizenship-amendment-actsupreme-court-constitution-of-india-6181772/>

## Day-25

1. The 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Constitution, which aimed at a fundamental shift in the nature of governance, were passed in 1992 and came into effect in 1993 with great hope and anticipation. However, the past experience of over a decade shows that creating structures of elected local governments and ensuring regular elections do not necessarily guarantee effective local empowerment.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/strengthening-grassroots-democracy/article30391094.ece>

## Day-26

1. What do you understand by National population of Register? How it is different from National Register of Indian Citizens?

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/whatconnects-the-npr-nric-and-census/article30368465.ece>

## Day-27

1. Data protection Bill rather than strengthen privacy weakens it by storing and trading personal information. Critically examine

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/thedata-protection-bill-only-weakens-user-rights/article30405339.ece>

**2. Discuss the reasons for marginalization of women in Indian politics. What are the oppositions to Women Reservation Bill?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/disrupting-the-gender-blind-political-discourse-in-india/article30405483.ece>

**3. The goods and services tax, or GST, is perhaps the biggest fiscal reform that the government has embarked upon post-independence.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/gst-helped-restate-centre-staterelationship-11577407962570.html>

## Day-28

**1. UN has declared Internet has declared as human right. Discuss the status of access to internet in India. Do you think frequent and arbitrary internet shutdown is infringement on human rights?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/the-govt-must-stop-resorting-to-internetshutdowns/article30414264.ece>

## Day-30

**1. Critically examine the constitutionality of CAA.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/caais-perfectly-legal-and-constitutional-says-law-minister-ravi-shankar-prasad/article30424778.ece>

## Day-31

**1. Dissent is the symbol of vibrant democracy. Discuss the role played by Supreme Court in protection of right to freedom of speech guaranteed under Art 19 of the constitution?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/opposing-voices-cant-be-muzzled-byforce/article30438530.ece>

**2. What do you understand by right to access to internet? Do you think recognizing it as a fundamental right will**

# Governance

## Day-1

**1. Does the Transgender Person Bill addresses issues of gender and identity? Why the affected community is disappointed with the Bill?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/nartaki-nataraj-tiruchi-siva-my-genderis-my-right-transgender-community-6144704/>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/why-are-there-objections-to-the-transgenderpersons-bill/article30125894.ece>

**2. Discuss the HIV/AIDS situation in India. How will the new HIV Act help the affected community?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/cabinet-approves-amendmenthivaids-bill-3069425/>



## Day-2

**1. Critically assess the impact of Smart City Mission.**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/thehindu-business-line/20191202/281822875660461>

**2. What do you understand by good governance? Establish a relation between good governance and economic growth.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/corporate-good-governance-csraactivity-social-responsibility-6145985/>

## Day-3

**1. What do you understand by human capital formation? Critically examine Government's effort towards Human Capital formation. ( Also Target IAS**

**2021)**<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/next-two-decades-belong-toindia-if-we-can-tap-its-abundant-human-capital-by-getting-education-right/>

**2. The biggest challenge in harnessing demographic dividend is employability of Indian youth. Discuss the reasons for low employability and suggest reforms to increase the same.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/next-two-decades-belongto-india-if-we-can-tap-its-abundant-human-capital-by-getting-education-right/>

**3. Critically examine India's Anti –AIDS efforts?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/taking-stock-of-the-anti-aidsfight/article30142280.ece>

## Day-5

1. Higher education has important role in human capital formation. Critically examine the structural flaws in India's higher education system.
2. Critically examine reservation policy in promotion. Discuss various SC judgement in these regard.

## Day-7

**1. The concept of Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme is almost a century old in India with early beginnings in Madras Presidency in pre-independent India. The scheme has again been given impetus in most states in the last two decades. Critically examine its twin objectives, latest mandates and success.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/meals-that-caneducate-the-young/article30219206.ece>

## Day-9

**1. Critically examine the implementation of Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/6-years-on-lokpal-is-yet-to-get-prosecutionwing/article30239117.ece>

<https://thewire.in/government/no-lokpal-appointed-act-not-implemented-despite-screlaxing->

norms-activists-write-to-modi

2. 'A national Lokpal, however strong it may be, cannot resolve the problems of immorality in public affairs'. Discuss.

### Day-10

1. What do you understand by human development? Discuss how HDI is measured. Critically examine the reasons responsible for India's low HDI rank despite economic growth?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-moves-up-one-rank-129-in-humandevelopment-index/article30249584.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-moves-up-one-spot-in-humandevelopment-index-undp-report/article30249668.ece>

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/india-moves-up-one-rank-to-129-in-humandevelopment-index/872445.html>

2. Economic growth can't be the principal means of poverty removal. Examine the reasons.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/2019-humandevelopment-report-india-inequality-poverty-economic-growth-6158809/>

3. Discuss the impact of inequality on human development. Examine the structural and systemic reasons for rising inequality in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/2019-human-development-reportindia-inequality-poverty-economic-growth-6158809/>

4. Human trafficking is perhaps one of the well-organized crimes being committed in India. Examine the legal and institutional mechanism to tackle this organized crime. Also critically analyze Anti Trafficking Bill.

[https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/human-trafficking-forced-rescues-are-notthe-answer-](https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/human-trafficking-forced-rescues-are-notthe-answer-11575978696978.html)

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/PSRVMkJFvSif1pSJJH60iJ/Opinion-The-antitrafficking-Bill-is-necessary.html>

5. What do you understand by Human Rights? Discuss the three generation of Human Rights.

6. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in India can be most effective when its tasks are adequately supported by other mechanisms that ensure the accountability of a government. In light of above observation assess the role of NHRC as an effective complement to the judiciary and other institutions in promoting and protecting human rights standards.

7. Examine the role of Non-Governmental Organization in governance in India.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pratham-abhijit-banerjee-esther-duflopoverty-6158791/>

### Day-11

1. What do you understand by test of reasonable classification under Article 14 of the constitution? Discuss in the context of Citizenship Amendment Bill.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/north-east-protests-stop-and-thinkcitizenship-amendment-bill-will-create-far-more-problems-than-it-solves/>

**2. There is not any official at the central level that can be compared to Chief Secretary of the state. Discuss the role of Chief Secretary in the state administration.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/chief-secretarys-hands-on-approachhelps-cut-costs/article30271276.ece>

**3. Income inequalities amplify failings on other HDI indices. In this context, discuss adverse impact of income inequality. Critically examine government's efforts to address income inequality.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/from-theviewsroom/why-india-underperforms-on-hdi/article30269129.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/Politics/RyU4Iw2NxwoIMOp5SIfmVK/Oxfam-survey-points-Indiasrising-income-inequality-ahead-o.html>

**4. Poverty is "pronounced deprivation in well-being. In this context, discuss the concept of Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/from-the-viewsroom/why-indiaunderperforms-on-hdi/article30269129.ece>

### Day-12

**1. Analyze the salient features of The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Bill 2019.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-the-elderlycould-soon-get-more-money-from-their-children-6150323/>

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### Day-15

**1. Analyze the main issues which children in India grapple with.**

<https://www.savethechildren.in/resource-centre/articles/top-5-issues-which-children-in-indiagrapple-with>

## Day-16

**1. What do you understand by manual scavenging? Critically examine why even after being outlawed this practice still continues in India.** Assess the effectiveness of legal and institutional mechanism to prevent manual scavenging.

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/waste/manual-scavenging-a-stinking-legacy-of-suffocation-and-stigma-61586>

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/only-6-of-42300-manual-scavengers-got-skill-training/articleshow/72718900.cms>

**2. Assess the legal and institutional mechanism for tribal development in India.**

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/2019/dec/16/more-proactive-ministry-must-forensuring-welfare-of-tribals-parliamentary-panel-report-2076674.html>

## Day-17

**1. What is Nirbhaya Fund? Discuss various schemes under it.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/delay-in-framing-rules-for-global-carbon-market-is-a-huge-disappointment/article30322440.ece>

**2. Misuse of RTI Act had created fear and paralysis in government functioning. Critically**

**Comment** <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/abuse-of-rti-has-led-to-paralysis-and-fear-among-officials-says-cji-bobde/article30320357.ece>

**3. Discuss the role of Finance Commission in maintaining fiscal federalism.**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu-business-line/20191217/281599537392314>

## Day-18

**1. Critically examine labour laws in India. Do you think there has been deliberate dilution in labour protection?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/bearing-the-brunt-of-slack-laws/article30332651.ece>

**1. Despite a law against the destruction of property, incidents of rioting, vandalism, and arson have been common during protests across the country. In the light of statement analyze The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 and Supreme Court direction regarding it.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/citizenship-amendment-bill-act-2019-cab-CAA-pm-modi-jamia-aligarh-muslim-university-protests-6169750/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/destruction-of-public-property-what-law-says-what-top-court-directed-6170546/>

## Day-19

**1. Examine the reasons why none of our higher education Institutions feature in world's top 100 list. How can India achieve this feat? Examine the draft National Education Policy in**

**this regard.** <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/how-to-have-great-universities-nep-has-some-useful-suggestions-towards-this-they-must-be-elaborated-and-acted->

upon/

**2. RTI act has played an important role in fostering informed citizenry and accountable government however, it faces many challenges. Discuss**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-duty-to-publish-on-rti-and-locus-standi-of-applicants/article30341726.ece>

**3. Do you think RTI act has led paralysis and fear in government? How far bringing locus –standi.**

**4. Critically examine labour laws in India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/bearing-the-brunt-of-slack-laws/article30332651.ece>

## Day-21

**1. What do you understand by bio fortification? Can it be plausible antidote to hunger in India?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/biofortification-a-plausible-antidote-to-hidden-hunger/1800317/>

**2. Do you agree with the opinion that PDS needs to expand to include protein?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/pds-for-proteinaceous-foods-is-a-bad-idea/1799237/>

**3. What do you understand by Human Rights? Discuss the three generations of Human Rights.**

## Day-22

**What do you understand by corporate governance? Critically examine the impact of NCLAT order in the recent Tata case on the corporate governance in India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/nclats-tata-mistryruling/article30368458.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/nclat-s-far-reaching-order-may-impact-other-firms-too-11576778423419.html>

## Day-24

**1. According to recent report one in seven Indians is affected by mental disorder. In the light of this fact, examine the challenge of mental health care in India. Critically assess efforts of government in this regard.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/science/one-in-seven-indians-affected-by-a-mental-disorder-lancet-paper/article30382700.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/south-has-higher-prevalence-of-mental-disorders-study/article30382976.ece>

## Day-25

**1. Good governance is pre requisite for development. Discuss the concept of Good Governance**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/south-india-once-again-leads-in-governance/articleshow/72962593.cms>

## **2. Restructuring of railways will end departmentalization and smoothen operation.**

### **Comment**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/restructuring-will-end-departmentalism-piyush-goyal-after-cabinet-approves-trimming-of-rly-board-119122400715\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/restructuring-will-end-departmentalism-piyush-goyal-after-cabinet-approves-trimming-of-rly-board-119122400715_1.html)

### Day-26

**1. That government is best which governs least. In the context of this statement critically examine the ideological base of good governance. What are the challenges to good governance in India?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/tn-tops-in-good-governance/article30397206.ece>

**2. Examine the significance of Indian Railways in the economy. Do you think the recent revamping will help in improving efficiency and professionalizing the mammoth organization?**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/restructuring-will-end-departmentalism-piyush-goyal-after-cabinet-approves-trimming-of-rly-board-119122400715\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/restructuring-will-end-departmentalism-piyush-goyal-after-cabinet-approves-trimming-of-rly-board-119122400715_1.html)

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/railway-board-revamp-will-bring-down-wall-official/article30401790.ece>

### Day-27

**1. Self Help Group –Bank Linkage Programme was an innovative programme for building human, social, economic and technological capital in rural India. Critically assess its performance.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/why-shgs-are-saddled-with-bad-loans/article30404778.ece>

### Day-28

**Poor progress on undernutrition is possibly due to the double burden of malnutrition which calls for an integrated approach and simultaneous action to address undernutrition and obesity and overweight together. Discuss the challenge of double burden of nutrition in India.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/why-we-need-need-to-revisit-the-national-nutrition-strategy-malnutrition-obesity-undernutrition-india-6187824/>

### Day-29

**1. Though child malnutrition is declining in India, the rate of decrease is very slow. In this context, critically review Government's effort to tackle malnutrition.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/need-a-different-approach-to-address-child-malnutrition/article30420267.ece>

**2. Analyze the salient features of the Juvenile Justice Act?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/caa-protests-protecting-minors/article30421354.ece>

**3. What are child rights? Discuss the powers and functions of NCPDR.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/caa-protests-protecting-minors/article30421354.ece>

## Day-30

### **Why Southern states fare well on the Good Governance Index?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/governance-index-on-study-of-states-ongovernance/article30427523.ece>

## Day-31

### **1. Why Southern states fare well on the Good Governance Index?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/governance-index-on-study-of-states-ongovernance/article30427523.ece>

### **2. What do you understand by demographic dividend? Do you agree with the opinion that without human development it will morph into a demographic nightmare?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/holding-a-mirror-to-our-face/article30435874.ece>

### **3. What do you understand by commercialization of the health care? Do you think NITI Aayog proposed 15 year plan for Indian healthcare entitled "Health system for New India" will lead to more commercialization of healthcare in India**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/for-a-personal-healing-touch/article30435721.ece>

## International Relations

### Day-1

#### **1. What do you understand by Neighborhood Policy of India? Critically assess its effectiveness in the context of growing presence of China in South Asia.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/notas-you-say-but-as-you-do/article30109769.ece>

### Day-3

#### **1. There is increasing convergence between Russia and China on several global issues. What implications it has for India?**

<https://edition.cnn.com/2019/12/03/asia/china-russia-gas-pipeline-intl-hnk/index.html>

#### **2. Discuss the strategic and geo economic importance of Mauritius for Indian interests. Do you think India should have an Indian Ocean island policy to tap the potential**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/pravind-jugnauth-a-new-mould-formauritius-military-bases-6147423/>

### Day-4

1. Inclusion of CPEC under OBOR shows lack of appreciation of India's concerns. Discuss India's concerns in these regard.
2. China's BRI initiative is one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects ever concerned. However there are various concerns which has created skepticism regarding it. Discuss

### Day-9

**1. Asia has emerged as the fulcrum of geo economic and geo strategic realignment. In this context, critically examine India-China relations.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/an-asian-engine-driven-by-india-andchina/article30239199.ece>

### Day-10

**1. What is meant by Gujral doctrine? Does it have any relevance today? Discuss.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/singh-on-84-riots-political-move-or-harmlesswords-11575912898481.html>

### Day-12

**1. Why did India opt for non –alignment policy after independence? Has it lost relevance in post-cold war international order?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-delhi-dogma-fallacy-of-theright/article30279716.ece>

### Day-14

**1. What do you understand by trade war? Discuss the implications of US- China trade war.**

### Day-15

**1. Discuss the strategic significance of Maldives for India. Critically examine impact of China's generous grant to Maldives on India's interests.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/security-ties-with-india-a-priority-but-china-agenerous-donor-on-infra/article30307475.ece> <https://thediplomat.com/2018/12/a-newchapter-in-india-maldives-relations/>

**2. What is Indian Ocean Rim Association? Discuss the significance of IORA for India.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/indian-ocean-region-nations-should-build-acommon-vision-for-indo-pacific-jaishankar/article30307459.ece>

### Day-16

**1. Critically examine the impact of Citizenship Amendment Bill 2019 on India's external relationship with neighboring countries and extended neighbours. Do you think it will compromise India's foreign policy objective?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/g-parthasarathy/pak-canleverage-indias-citizenship-move/article30312894.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/citizenship-amendment-bill-india-protestbjp-government-nrc-bangladesh-6168783/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/citizenship-amendment-bill-cab-protestsindia-amit-shah-narendra-modi-6168756/>

**2. Why is India-EU FTA significant for India? Critically analyze the issues with holding signing of BTIA.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/eu-fta-talks-india-looking-at-ways-to-endstalemate-re-start-negotiations/article30313313.ece>



**3. Discuss the mandate of UNICEF. Comment upon the work done by UNICEF in India.**

Day-17

**1. What do you understand by Indo –Pacific? Discuss India’s Indo-Pacific strategy.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/navigating-the-indo-pacific-6170525/>

Day-19

**1. What do you understand by Indo –Pacific? Discuss India’s Indo-Pacific strategy.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/navigating-the-indo-pacific-6170525/>

Day-21

**1. Critically examine the India-US relationship. How far the potential of relationship is realized?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/pds-for-proteinaceous-foods-is-a-badidea/1799237/>

Day-22

**1. Differentiate between International Criminal Court and International Court Of Justice.**

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-icc-palestinians-israel/icc-to-investigate-alleged-war-crimesin-palestinian-territories-idUKKBN1YO1SF>

Day-23

**1. Do you think fall of WTO Appellate Body represent a turbulent period in the history of trade dispute adjudication?**

Day-25

**1. India and Oman, maritime neighbors linked by geography, history and culture, enjoy close and friendly relations. In this context, discuss the significance of Oman in India’s policy towards Indian Ocean, Eastern Africa and Indo-Pacific**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-oman-signmaritime-pact-foreign-ministers-of-india-oman-iran-meet-in-muscat/articleshow/72960154.cms>

[https://mea.gov.in/Portal/ForeignRelation/India-Oman\\_Bilateral\\_Realtions\\_for\\_MEA\\_Website.pdf](https://mea.gov.in/Portal/ForeignRelation/India-Oman_Bilateral_Realtions_for_MEA_Website.pdf)

Day-26

**1. Myanmar plays a key part in India’s “Act East Policy”. In this context discuss the growing security and economic relation between the neighboring countries.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/myanmar-a-promising-investmentdestination/article30397022.ece>

<https://www.iiss.org/blogs/analysis/2018/05/india-myanmar-china-relations>

## Day-27

### **1. Discuss the reasons why India did not join 1951 Refugee convention?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/what-are-the-amendments-that-the-caaneeds/article30405445.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/bePZQScFlq1wEWv9Tqt4QO/Why-India-wont-sign-Refugee-Treaty.html>

## Day-28

### **1. What do you understand by unorganized economy? Discuss its significance**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/how-not-to-counter-economicstagnation/article30415125.ece>

## Day-30

### **1. Examine the defence relationship between India-US.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-us-defence-ties-yield-majorgains/article30427085.ece>

## **General Studies-3**

## **Economy**

### Day-2

#### **1. The present slowdown can only be overturned by introducing structural reforms in factors of production.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/the-road-aheadgovernment-must-fix-the-financial-sector-to-reverse-economic-decline/>

#### **2. Do you think looking at the persistent growth slowdown in the economy achieving \$5 trillion economy will be an uphill task?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/indias-aim-of-being-a-5-trillion-economy-challenging-but-realizable-nirmala-sitharaman/articleshow/71621262.cms>

#### **3. Seed is the primary input of a productive agriculture setup. In this context, critically analyze the Draft Seed Bill. Do you think it does enough to balance and protect farmer's rights against corporate interests?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/the-seed-bill-needs-to-betweaked-to-serve-the-interests-of-all-stakeholders-better/article30095614.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/will-seed-bill-2019-deliver-thegoods/article30051274.ece>

<https://www.navdanya.org/bija-reflections/2019/11/04/the-the-seed-bill-2019-is-a-threat-toindias-seed-sovereignty-and-farmers-rights/>

<https://www.deccanherald.com/specials/sunday-spotlight/seed-bill-must-serve-farmers-not-mncs-776906.html>

### Day-3

**1. The recent RCEP controversy has exposed the low competitiveness of Indian economy. Discuss the causes for low competitiveness and suggest measures to improve it so that India can become an exporting nation.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-edit-page/tensteps-to-5-trillion-lesson-from-rcep-fiasco-is-that-india-must-execute-bold-reforms-to-become-competitive/>

**3. How can India become a manufacturing hub?**

### Day-5

1. What do you understand by contractualization of labour force? Critically discuss its impact on Indian Labour force and Indian economy. Is contractualization desirable.
2. What do you understand by Dominant Caste. How LPG policy and consequent increase in economic opportunities in urban areas for backward caste has impacted dominant caste.

### Day-6

**1. Do you think the draft seed bill balances the interest of farmers and corporate? Discuss critically**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-potential-seedbed-for-private-profits/article30195634.ece>

### Day-9

**1. What do you understand by demonetization? Do you think it is prudent to demonetize 2,000 rupee note?**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu-businessline/20191209/281865825348110>

**2. Critically examine the financial health of railways. Discuss the challenges faced by railways in this context.**

**3. Do you think Indian economy has got decoupled from monetary policy? Critically examine the role of monetary policy in this regard.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/all-but-lost-in-transmission-hope-trust-and-confidence-11575814958741.html>

### Day-10

**1. Private investments are the driver of economic growth. Critically examine reasons for slowdown in private investments and measures taken by government to revive the same.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/aim-is-to-boost-private-investment-says-cea/article30259312.ece>

## Day-11

**1. The MSME sector is called the backbone sector of the Indian economy, however, they are under stress. Examine the challenges faced by MSME sectors.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/karnataka-msmes-apprise-gadkari-of-problems-faced-by-sector/article30268104.ece>

## Day-12

**1. Tourism is a major part of their economy and a significant source of income and employment, however it faces various challenges. Discuss**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/coimbatore/neglect-hits-tourist-flow-to-valparai/articleshow/72481908.cms>

**2. What do you understand by Gross Domestic Product? Comment upon the method of GDP estimation by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/india-may-switch-to-chain-basemechanism-for-gdp-estimates/articleshow/72480916.cms?from=mdr>

**3. What do you understand by social security? Critically comment on the Social security code 2019. Do you think it will be able to provide comprehensive social security to all workers?**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-editorials/rethink-the-social-security-code-2019/>

**4. Critically analyze the rationale of government behind strategic disinvestment of profitable company like BPCL. Do you agree with the opinion that it tantamount to selling family silver?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-not-so-bright-idea-of-selling-the-family-silver/article30279719.ece>

## Day-13

**1. Examine the causes behind consumption slowdown. Suggest measures to revive it.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/aarati-krishnan/whats-behind-the-consumption-slowdown/article30288403.ece>

**2. What do you understand by Gross Domestic Product? Comment upon the method of GDP estimation by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/india-may-switch-to-chain-basemechanism-for-gdp-estimates/articleshow/72480916.cms?from=mdr>

## Day-14

**1. Discuss the structural factors underlying the economic slowdown. Suggest measures to revive it.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/underlying-causes-of-the-economic-slowdown/article30299555.ece>

**2. Industry has raised various concerns regarding data Bill. Comment**

## Day-17

**1. There is a debate about the reasons for slowdown: cyclical factors or structural factors. What do you understand by structural factors of economic growth? Discuss the challenges in bringing structural factors.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/interview/if-india-has-to-growfaster-states-have-to-grow-faster/article30322923.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-should-focus-on-structural-reformssays-imfs-gita-gopinath/article30320789.ece>

**2. Discuss the inflation growth relationship in the context of slowdown in Indian economy.**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/rbi-saw-growth-slowdown-acted-aheadof-time-by-cutting-rates-from-feb-das-119121600303\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/rbi-saw-growth-slowdown-acted-aheadof-time-by-cutting-rates-from-feb-das-119121600303_1.html)

**3. What do you understand by direct benefit transfer? Will it be effective in case of fertilizer subsidy?**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/why-cash-transfers-won-t-work-forfertilizer-subsidies-11576516860440.html>

## Day-18

**1. Examine the factors leading to rise in NPA in the Indian Banking sector in the last one decade. What lessons can be learnt from the crisis.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/some-key-lessons-from-the-npacrisis/article30331406.ece>

## Day-19

**1. India is facing a great slowdown which can be characterized as “Four Balance Sheet Challenge” which is deeper than Twin Balance Sheet Problem. Discuss**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/indian-economy-lose-growth-momentum-fourbalance-sheet-challenge-6171838/>

**2. Analyze the four engines of economic growth. Critically assess their present status and examine the reasons for the situation.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indian-economy-is-facing-a-greatslowdown/article30340782.ece>

**3. In the digital world trained workforce will come to India’s biggest competitive advantage. In this context, discuss the PRIME programme.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/it-ministry-okays-rs-436-crore-toupskill-four-lakh-professionals/articleshow/72872850.cms>

<https://www.zeebiz.com/india/news-new-india-modi-government-to-train-4-lakh-professionalscheck-big-rs-436-cr-plans-of-ambitious-skill-india-initiative-116000>

## Day-20

**1. What do you understand by Black Money? Discuss the reasons for Black Money generation in India. Critically examine the government’s effort to bring back black money. TARGET IAS 2021**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/inaccurate-diagnosis-draconianremedy/article30351692.ece>

**2. Tourism is one of the most important job creating sectors in the country. In this context, discuss the need for national tourism policy**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/logistics/need-for-national-tourismpolicy-suggests-cii/article30348596.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national-tourism-policy-to-be-rolled-outsoon/article8289952.ece>

<https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=169063>

**3. Critically examine the problems faced by Public Sector Undertakings. Discuss in the light of Roongta Panel recommendations.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/should-the-government-exit-navratna-companies/article30351524.ece>

**4. Strategic Disinvestment has multiple objectives. Critically Comment**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/should-the-government-exit-navratnaccompanies/article30351524.ece>

**5. What do you understand by Four Balance Sheet problem? How can it be resolved?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/indian-economy-gdp-slowdown-modigovernment-6175652/>

## Day-21

**1. Assess the impact of internet shutdown on polity and economy of the country.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/the-virtual-effacement-of-civilliberty/article30362038.ece>

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/net-loss-on-citizenship-amendment-act-caaprotests/article30362007.ece>

## Day-23

**1. Critically discuss the impact of Liberalization on Indian economy? Do you think India benefited from it?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/this-slowdown-is-a-fallout-ofliberalisation/article30373297.ece>

**2. Do you agree with the opinion that increasing tendency of farm loan waiver indicate that agriculture is economically unviable? Critically analyze the policy of loan waiver in this regard?**

**3. If agriculture goes wrong, nothing will go right. In this context examine issues facing Indian agriculture. How can it be revived?**

**4. Critically assess the efforts made by government to double farmer's income.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/portfolio/commodity-analysis/kisan-diwas-2019-awashout-for-farmers/article30372521.ece>

**5. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Sector contributes significantly to the Indian Economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Exports and Employment generation. Discuss the challenges faced by the sector and possible solutions.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/books/a-holistic-picture-ofmsmes/article30373604.ece>

**6. The IBC, Bill 2019 has been hailed as a paradigm –changing move. Discuss**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/fm-nirmala-sitharaman-introduces-billin-lok-sabha-to-amend-insolvency-law/article30284374.ece>

## Day-24

**1. What do you understand by dumping of goods? How it impacts domestic manufacturing industry? Suggest measures to tackle it.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/commerce-ministry-wants-strict-rules-on-trade-remedies-to-be-implemented-soon/article30382702.ece>

## Day-25

**1. India's substantial growth potential depends critically on the implementation of the growth enhancing structural reforms.**

<https://www.indiatoday.in/business/story/india-now-in-the-midst-of-major-economic-slowdown-urgent-actions-needed-imf-1631115-2019-12-24>

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/india-in-midst-of-significant-economic-slowdown-says-imf/article30385942.ece>

**2. Labour reforms are vital to harness India's demographic dividend. Discuss**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/macro-economy/to-reap-the-demographic-dividend-india-should-focus-on-labour-land-reforms-imf/article30386294.ece>

**3. Inflation targeting has contributed to macroeconomic stability by better anchoring inflation expectation. Comment**

**4. What do you understand by monetary transmission? Why banks have failed to transmit the policy rate cut by RBI? How will RBI's Operation Twist will help in Operation Twist?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/slate/all-you-need-to-know-about-operation-twist/article30382539.ece>

## Day-27

**1. Indian railways financial health is in dire state. Discuss the reasons.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/railways-hint-at-passenger-fare-rationalisation-amid-financial-crunch/articleshow/72987064.cms>

<http://prcindia.org/theprsblog/financial-health-indian-railways>

<https://www.livemint.com/Companies/j4NPjdThb9nmskzaC7xLMM/The-financial-situation-of-Indian-Railways.html>

**2. Revival of demand is key not just for consumption, but also for private investment. Discuss measures to revive demand**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/how-to-deal-with-the-demand-slowdown/article30404706.ece>

**3. Government has no business to remain in business. In this context, discuss the privatization policy of GOI.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/online-views/opinion-there-is-a-method-to-india-s-sell-off-agenda-11577377869895.html>

**4. To become a \$5 trillion economy India should have a good competition policy. Discuss**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-the-relevance-of-a-good-competition-policy-to-our-aims-11577377302114.html>

## Day-28

**1. What do you understand by Quantum Computing? How different it is from classical computing? Discuss its potential application?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/science/astronomers-unveil-the-first-photo-of-a-black-hole/article26797511.ece>

## **2. What is Repurpose Used Cooking Oil initiative?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/govt-unveils-portal-for-monitoring-used-cooking-oil-diverted-for-conversion-to-biodiesel/article30413321.ece><https://fssai.gov.in/ruco/>

### Day-29

#### **1. The present slowdown has been called as the great slowdown. Is it due to structural factors or cyclical factors?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/is-the-economy-in-really-badshape/article30421356.ece>

### Day-30

#### **1. What do you understand by buffer stock? Discuss its significance. Do you think record high buffer stock point towards food logistics problem?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/wheat-stocks-at-7-year-high-point-to-complex-food-logistics-problems/article30426881.ece>

#### **2. MSMEs are the backbone of Indian economy. Comment**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/budget-must-support-msmes-cut-personal-tax-rates/article30435171.ece?homepage=true>

### Day-31

#### **1. Discuss the concept of sustainable development. In the light of this, critically comment upon India's development path.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-improves-three-positions-on-sdg-index/article30432752.ece>

#### **2. What are Sustainable Development Goals? How are they different from Millennium Development Goals? Assess India's progress in achieving SDG targets in the light of NITI Aayog SDG report.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-improves-three-positions-on-sdg-index/article30432752.ece>

#### **3. The new Personal Data Protection Bill would pose serious challenge to economy by posing an existential threat to many global firms in India. Critically Comment**

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/business/2019/dec/31/new-personal-dataprotection-bill-may-disrupt-models-of-global-firms-experts-2083084.html>

## **Environment**

### Day-1

#### **1. Preservation of agro biodiversity is important for food and nutritional security of India. In this context, what do you understand by agro biodiversity? Discuss the challenges to India's agrobiodiversity. Suggest measures to increase India's agro biodiversity.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/indias-food-basket-must-beenlarged/article30109818.ece>



## Day-6

1. **Critically Analyze the salient features of draft seed Bill .Do you think it violates Protection of Plant Varieties and farmer’s Rights Act?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/apotential-seedbed-for-private-profits/article30195634.ece>

## Day-7

1. **What do you understand by commodification of emission cuts? Do you think it can help in mitigating climate change?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/climatewarnings/article30224648.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/why-carbon-market-is-debated-climate-changemeeting-madrid-paris-agreement-6154571/>

2. **Discuss the adverse impact of global warming.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/climate-warnings/article30224648.ece>

## Day-10

1. **What do you understand by man –animal conflict? Discuss the reasons for the conflict and suggest innovative measures to reduce such conflicts.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todayspaper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/15-elephant-early-warning-systems-setup/article30261780.ece>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/factsheet/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-mananimal-conflict-54347>

2. **Discuss the link between pollution and mortality while suggesting measures to alleviate both.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-opinion/pollution-can-be-linked-to-mortality/article30261573.ece>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/health/javadekar-says-no-link-between-air-pollution-and-health-dumps-icmr-study-68325>

3. **Assess India’s performance in efforts to tackle climate change.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-among-top-performing-countries-on-climate-action-report-6160102/>

## Day-11

2. **What do you understand by global carbon market? Critically examine how far commodifying emission can tackle this problem?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toieditorials/kyoto-to-madrid-if-accumulated-credits-become-worthless-it-will-undermine-the-idea-of-a-global-carbon-market/>

3. **Analyze the salient features of PPV&FRA, 2001 in the light of PepsiCo vs Potato farmers controversy.**

## Day-12

1. **Analyze the factors responsible for pollution of river water.** Discuss its adverse impact and strategies to tackle it.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/heavy-metals-contaminating-indias->

[rivers/article30279681.ece](#)

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/water/huge-amounts-of-toxic-heavy-metals-swim-in-indian-rivers-60545>

### Day-14

**1. Examine the impact of climate change on human health .**

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/opinions/2019/dec/14/the-climate-change-threat-to-nutrition-2075785.html>

### Day-15

**1. What do you understand by climate migrants? Discuss the extent of the problem throughout the world. Why do they not have refugee status?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/californias-new-climate-refugees/article30306988.ece>

<https://www.unhcr.org/climate-change-and-disasters.html>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/as-cop-25-ends-a-look-at-why-climate-migrants-dont-have-refugee-status>

### Day-16

**1. KUSUM aims towards solarisation to benefit farmers by improving water and energy security. Critically examine the scheme.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/kusum-guidelines-arent-watertight/article30312905.ece>

### Day-17

**1. What do you understand by carbon trading? Do you think carbon trading will be able to mitigate and reverse the impact of climate change?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/climate-of-inaction-on-un-climate-change-conference/article30323331.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/delay-in-framing-rules-for-global-carbon-market-is-a-huge-disappointment/article30322440.ece>

### Day-18

**1. What do you understand by smart Agriculture? Discuss its relevance in the present context.**

### Day-19

**1. What do you understand by micro plastics? Discuss the challenges associated with marine plastic pollution in India. In this context, elaborate the need for National Marine Litter Policy.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/in-a-1st-india-uk-study-on-microplastic-pollution-will-begin-from-chennai-coast/articleshow/72877350.cms>

### Day-21

### 1. How can development and environment

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ametro-line-in-search-of-a-car-shed/article30362156.ece>

#### Day-26

**1. Discuss the scope of ship breaking industry in India. Critically examine the environmental impact of ship breaking industry. Analyze the recycling of Ship Act.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/india-eyes-60-share-of-global-ship-recycling-businesssays-minister/article30398072.ece>

#### Day-28

**1. What do you understand by extreme weather events? Do you think they are increasing in frequency and intensity because of climate change? Assess their impact.**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/floods-in-north-india-killed-over-1-900-people-this-year-displaced-over-3-mn-report-119122700074\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/floods-in-north-india-killed-over-1-900-people-this-year-displaced-over-3-mn-report-119122700074_1.html)

#### Day-29

**1. What do you understand by Environment Impact Assessment? Do you think green clearances are merely treated as formality in India? In this context, critically examine EIA in India.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/mining/green-clearances-are-being-increasingly-treated-as-a-mere-formality-61284>

## Science and Technology

#### Day-1

**1. What is FASTags? How it is going to help cut losses and delays on India's highways?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/how-will-the-fastag-toll-collection-programme-help-cut-delays-and-losses-on-indias-highways/article30125880.ece>

**2. What do you understand by Antimicrobial Resistance? Discuss the causes and implications. Critically assess the efforts made by the government to check the growth of AMR.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/antibiotic-prescription-rate-high-in-private-sector/article30125756.ece>

#### Day-2

**1. Anti-Microbial Resistance has been recognized as an important public health challenge with serious impact on economy and development. In this context analyze National Action Plan on AMR.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/battling-anti-microbial-resistance/article30131559.ece>

#### Day-7

**1. Analyze the salient features of Personal Data Protection Bill. How will it impact the tech industry?**

<https://analyticsindiamag.com/personal-data-protection-bill-india/>

### Day-9

**1. What are Superbugs? Discuss the implications of world moving into post- antibiotic future?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/books/the-quest-to-outwitsuperbugs/article30238987.ece>

**2. What do you understand by genome sequencing? Discuss its significance.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/science/genome-study-helps-decode-diseasesamong-asians/article30238660.ece>

**3. What do you understand by block chain technology? Discuss its significance.**

### Day-10

**1. Discuss the applications of remote sensing satellite. How is radar imaging satellite different from optical imaging remote sensing satellite?**

### Day-11

**1. What is 3D printing? Discuss its applications.**

**2. What is allelopathy? Discuss its role in major cropping systems of irrigated agriculture.**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allelopathy>

**3. What do you understand by right to be forgotten? Discuss various issues related to it.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/data-protection-bill-government-agenciescan-collect-personal-data-in-national-interest/article30266212.ece>

### Day-12

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<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/books/the-quest-to-outwitsuperbugs/article30238987.ece>

### Day-19

**1. What are cryptocurrencies? Critically Discuss the issue related to them?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/forex/us-federal-reserve-to-study-facebooklibra/article28368853.ece>

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/forex/us-federal-reserve-to-study-facebooklibra/article28368853.ece>

### Day-22

**1. Discuss the contribution of Srinivasa Ramanujan to mathematics. Are they still relevant?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/ramanujans-legacy-used-in-signal-processingblack-hole-physics/article30367891.ece>

### Day-23

**1. Stem cell therapy is gaining popularity in India to treat a wide variety of medical conditions including leukaemia, Thalassaemia, damaged cornea and several burns. Describe briefly what stem cell therapy is and what advantages it has over other treatments? Explain ICMR regulation on stem cells.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/icmr-to-bring-norms-on-stem-cell-research-banking-by-jan-end/articleshow/72930895.cms>

**2. What do you understand by Block chain? Discuss its applications.**

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/infotech/blockchain-to-gain-momentum-in-india-in-2020-driven-by-startups-11577101749234.html>

### Day-25

**1. Scientific research in Indian universities is declining, because a career in science is not as attractive as are business professions, engineering or administration, and the universities are becoming consumer-oriented. Critically comment.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-editorials/indian-research-quality-lagsquantity/>

### Day-27

**1. Examine the changes which will come as a result of Driverless Car.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/columns/opinion-driverless-cars-will-drive-a-lot-of-marketdisruption-in-the-2020s-11577375858037.html>

### Day-28

**1. What do you understand by Quantum Computing? How different it is from classical computing? Discuss its potential application?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/science/astronomers-unveil-the-first-photo-of-a-black-hole/article26797511.ece>

**2. What is Repurpose Used Cooking Oil initiative?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/govt-unveils-portal-for-monitoring-usedcooking-oil-diverted-for-conversion-to-biodiesel/article30413321.ecehttps://fssai.gov.in/ruco/>

### Day-30

**1. What do you understand by Artificial intelligence? Discuss its application in governance and economy.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/blogs/et-commentary/openly-courting-ai/>

## Day-31

**1. What do you understand by gene editing? Discuss its applications highlighting ethical challenges involved in gene editing.**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/dec/30/geneediting-chinese-scientist-he-jiankui-jailed-three-years>

# **Security**

## Day-1

**1. Discuss the mandate of Border Security Forces? Also analyze the challenges in Border Management.**

## Day-2

**1. Discuss the causes of communal violence in India. Examine the need for a law to prevent and punish Communal Violence.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/glimmer-of-hopeon-fresh-sit-report-on-1984-riots/article30131681.ece>

## Day-3

**1. Discuss how religious radicalization is becoming a threat to global security? Is India prepared to tackle it?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/terror-in-london-on-knife-attack-near-londonbridge/article30142271.ece>

## Day-4

1. Discuss the mandate of Special Protection Group (SPG). Do you think SPG Act amendment bill will end the dilution of Act over the year?

## Day-5

1. Social media has become a tool misused by terrorists organization to radicalize youth. Discuss the threat posed by misuse of social media and radicalization. Examine India's strategy to counter radicalization.

## Day-6

**1. What do you understand by Money laundering? Explain the process and discuss its implications on the economy and nation. Analyze the Fugitive Offenders Act in this regard.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/pnb-fraud-nirav-modi-declared-fugitive-economic-offender/articleshow/72380087.cms>

<https://www.prsindia.org/billtrack/fugitive-economic-offenders-bill-2018>

**2.Social media has been increasingly been misused to disrupt society and law and order. Analyze how far law can tackle such misuse?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/otherstates/government-to-frame-new-norms-to-make-social-media-moreaccountable/article30196789.ece>

### Day-7

**1.Critically examine the reasons for extra judicial killings particularly in fight against Maoist movement.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/seeking-truth-and-reconciliation-inchhattisgarh/article30221117.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/criminals-in-uniform-hyderabad-rape-murder-case-police-encounter-6154562/>

**2. Discuss the challenges faced by criminal justice system.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/criminals-in-uniform-hyderabad-rape-murder-case-police-encounter-6154562/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/criminals-in-uniform-hyderabad-rape-murder-case-police-encounter-6154562/>

### Day-8

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/seeking-truth-and-reconciliation-inchhattisgarh/article30221117.ece>

### Day-9

**1. Indian police system being often described as inept, malevolent and a political tool by the citizens. Discuss the image of police. How can community policing help change the police image?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pm-modi-asks-police-to-reach-out-to-public/article30238533.ece>

<https://www.firstpost.com/blogs/how-to-improve-indias-police-a-roadmap-677462.html>

### Day-10

**1.Critically examine the Criminal Justice System in India. Discuss reforms which can make it more effective.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/a-growing-blot-on-the-criminal-justice-system/article30259835.ece>

### Day-11

**1. There must be balance between National Security vs personal privacy of citizens. In the light of the statement critically analyze Data Protection Bill.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/data-protection-bill-government-agencies-can-collect-personal-data-in-national-interest/article30266212.ece>

## Day-12

1. **Do you think the draft Personal Data Protection Bill does enough to protect the citizen's right to privacy? Critically analyze the Bill.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editpage/power-over-privacy-new-personal-data-protection-bill-fails-to-really-protect-the-citizensright-to-privacy/>

## Day-14

1. **Assess the cost of the various types of cyber-attacks in India. How far we are prepared to tackle it?**

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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editpage/power-over-privacy-new-personal-data-protection-bill-fails-to-really-protect-the-citizensright-to-privacy/>

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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editpage/power-over-privacy-new-personal-data-protection-bill-fails-to-really-protect-the-citizensright-to-privacy/>

## Day-18

1. **Critically examine India's Mission Shakti. Do you agree to the opinion that it will lead to space conflict?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/why-mission-shakti-maystart-a-space-tiff/article30331853.ece>

2. **What do you understand by weaponisation of outer space? In this context, discuss the significance of outer Space Treaty?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/mankindsgiant-leaps/article19345891.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/mission-shakti-anti-satellite-weapon-isrodrdo-india-space-missions-5701517/>

## Day-21

1. **Increasing vigilantism and encounter killings point to the flaws in India's criminal justice system. Discuss the shortcomings of criminal justice system. Also suggest reforms.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/crime-and-instant-punishment-6177499/>

## Day-23



**1.10 years after 26 /11, do you think marine and coastal security preparedness of India has improved?**

<https://idsa.in/monograph/IndiaCoastalSecurity>

**2. India's Coast Guard must be strengthened to play a leadership role in coastal security.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/icmr-to-bring-norms-on-stem-cell-research-banking-by-jan-end/articleshow/72930895.cms>

### Day-24

**1.What do you understand by weaponisation of space? Discuss its implications for world and India. Is India prepared for it?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/beijing-attacks-washington-for-weaponisation-of-outer-space/article30383016.ece>

**2.Discuss various types of security challenges facing India. Comment upon India's preparedness to tackle it.**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/govt-committed-to-wipe-out-terrorism-left-wing-extremism-in-ne-amit-shah/articleshow/72939668.cms>

### Day-25

**1.How will creation of Chief of Defence Staff help in improving the defence preparedness of India?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-now-get-chief-of-defence-staff-will-be-a-4-star-general/articleshow/72954105.cms>

### Day-26

**1.What do you understand by fake news? Analyze the security implication of fake news. Suggest measures**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/defang-fake-news-not-by-draconian-actions-but-by-smarter-policing-and-raising-awareness-among-netizens/>

**2.The appointment of India's first CDS will lay the foundation for a modern, integrated and nimble forces. Comment**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/cds-thumbs-up-this-much-awaited-post-lays-the-foundation-for-deeper-reforms-in-the-military/>

### Day-27

**1. "A leader is one person who leads you in the correct direction". In the light of the statement discuss meaning and significance of leadership?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/anti-CAA-stir-leading-crowds-to-arson-violence-is-not-leadership-army-chief-says/articleshow/72976991.cms>

**2.“Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.” Discuss the meaning**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ugc-issues-norms-for-ethics-in-higher-education/article30405203.ece>

### Day-30

**1. In the wake of recent controversy related to police handling of recent protest against CAA critically examine the need for Police reforms in India**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/for-a-humane-and-autonomous-police/article30427539.ece>

### Day-31

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<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/oped/for-a-humane-and-autonomous-police/article30427539.ece>

**2. Chief Defence Staff will provide seamless coordination in higher defense management. Discuss**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/general-bipin-rawat-cds-indian-army-6192092/>

## General Studies-4

### Ethics

#### Day-1

**1. What do you understand by civil services activism? Do you think it is healthy for the institution of civil service?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/tn-govt-tells-ponmanickavel-to-hand-over-idol-theft-case-records-to-special-officer/articleshow/72305889.cms>

#### Day-2

**1. What do you understand by vigilantism? Discuss the reasons for growth of vigilantism.**

**2. Courage and integrity are one of the most fundamental values in civil service. Comment**

#### Day-3

**1. What do you understand by commitment? Why it is important in civil service? (Also Target IAS 2021)**

#### Day-4

**1. What do you understand by mob-justice?**

#### Day-6

**1. What do you understand by restorative justice? Do you think it can help in crime against women?**

<https://www.livemint.com/mint-lounge/features/will-restorative-justice-end-violence-against-women-11575039151199.html>

**2. What do you understand by natural principles of justice? Critically examine police encounters to neutralize criminals in this regard.**

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/quick-edit/opinion-a-miscarriage-of-justice-11575627542759.html>

**3. What do you understand by conscience?**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/national-politics/conscience-clear-resolve-stronger-pchidambaram-782986.html>

**4. Discuss the significance of love and empathy in society.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/our-first-line-of-defence-mumbai-attacksstories-of-strength-6152788/>

Day-7

**1. What do you understand by criminal justice system? Can retributive justice lead to deterrence against crime?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/retributivejustice/article30219474.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/criminals-in-uniform-hyderabad-rapemurder-case-police-encounter-6154562/>

**2. What do you understand by mob justice? Is it justified?**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu-business-line/20191207/281883005214079>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/hyderabad-vet-murder-case-telangana-police-crime-as-punishment-6154540/>

**3. What do you understand by humility? How can it be cultivated?**

Day-8

**1. Justice loses its character if it takes the form of revenge. Comment.**

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/justice-can-never-be-instant-loses-its-character-when-it-becomes-revenge-cji/articleshow/72415928.cms?from=mdr>

**2. Discuss the ethical issues in utilization of public fund.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/misuse-of-funds-by-cultural-bodies-under-probe/article30232815.ece>

Day-9

**1. What do you understand by Constitutional Morality?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/constitutional-justice-is-non-negotiable/article30239193.ece>

Day-10

**1. What do you understand by gender bias? How it affects Women?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-moves-up-one-rank-129-in-human-development-index/article30249584.ece>

**2. Justify ban on doping in sports.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/sport/athletics/ban-affected-moscow-blames-anti-russian-hysteria/article30259811.ece>

<https://jme.bmj.com/content/43/5/287>

Day-11

**1. What do you understand by business ethics?**

2. Discuss the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)? Also discuss various models of CSR.

3. What do you understand by Whistleblowing? Should anonymous whistleblowing be allowed?

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/commodities/sebi-dumps-whistleblowerallegations-against-mcx/article30238272.ece>

4. Death penalty kills criminals not crime. In the light discuss reformatory justice.

5. Discuss why use of performance enhancing drugs is unethical?

### Day-12

1. What do you understand by cultural norms? How do they regulate our Behavior

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/against-culture-madhya-pradesh-minister-wantsban-on-pre-wedding-shoots-2146586>

2. What do you understand by vaccine hesitancy? Discuss the psychological reasons for the same.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/staggering-spread/article30279713.ece>

### Day-13

1. What do you understand by trust? How can we become more trustworthy?

### Day-14

1. There is enough for everyone's need not for anyone's greed. –Mahatma Gandhi  
Discuss the relevance of the quote.

### Day-15

1. What do you understand by ethics? Discuss its importance in civil service.

[https://www.google.com/search?q=ethical+behaviour+pays+in+civil+service&rlz=1C1GCEU\\_enlN831IN835&oq=ethical+behaviour+pa&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0l2.6993j1j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=ethical+behaviour+pays+in+civil+service&rlz=1C1GCEU_enlN831IN835&oq=ethical+behaviour+pa&aqs=chrome.1.69i57j0l2.6993j1j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

2. What do you understand by *Summum bonum*?

3. What do you understand by happiness? Do you think one can be happy without being ethical?

### Day-16

1. What do you understand by compassion? Why we should be compassionate towards weak?

2. Explain how transparent and open culture leads to trust?

3. What do you understand by discrimination? How it is related to attitude? Explain with example of discrimination against girl child.

### Day-17

1. You are a Public Information Officer (PIO) in a government department. You are aware that the RTI Act 2005 envisages transparency and accountability in administration. The act has functioned as a check on the supposedly arbitrarily administrative behaviour and

actions. However, as a PIO you have observed that there are citizens who filed RTI applications not for themselves but on behalf of such stakeholders who purportedly want to have access to information to further their own interests. At the same time there are these RTI activists who routinely file RTI applications and attempt to extort money from the decision makers. This type of RTI activism has affected the functioning of the administration adversely and also possibly jeopardises the genuineness of the applications which are essentially aimed at getting justice.

What measures would you suggest to separate genuine and non-genuine applications? Give merits and demerits of your suggestions.

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/abuse-ofrti-has-led-to-paralysis-and-fear-among-officials-says-cji-bobde/article30320357.ece>

2. What do you understand by harmony? How tolerance and acceptance leads to harmony?
3. What do you understand by brotherhood?

## Day-18

1. What do you understand by ethos?

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/citizenshipamendment-bill-act-2019-cab-cao-pm-modi-jamia-alugarh-muslim-university-protests-6169750/>

## Day-19

1. What do you understand by probity?
2. What do you understand by corporate governance? Has it any relation to company's financial performance?
3. Discuss the theory of punishment. Do you think capital punishment violates achieves its purpose of deterring crimes.

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/the-rhetoric-andreality-of-capital-punishment/article30341861.ece>

4. What do you understand by patriotism? How can students show patriotic behaviour?
- <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-true-citizens-of-india-student-protests-6173884/>

## Day-20

1. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. TARGET IAS 2021

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/18/us/politics/trump-impeached.html>

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/majority-of-us-house-votes-to-impeach-trump-for-abuse-of-power/article30344870.ece>

2. What do you understand by prejudice? How prejudice against women affect their career prospects. TARGET IAS 2021

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/women-are-not-encouraged-to-take-on-leadership-roles-as-often-as-men-finds-study/article30349894.ece>

3. "The greatness of the nation is judged by the way its animals are treated." –Mahatma Gandhi. Discuss the meaning and relevance of the quote with example.

<http://www.newsonair.com/Main-News-Details.aspx?id=376371>

4. Examine the relevance of Gandhian ideals in the present time.

**5. Speedy justice should not bury the cause of justice. How can the balance be maintained between speedy trial and fair procedure.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/speedytrials-shouldnt-bury-the-cause-of-justice-supreme-court/article30351471.ece>

**6. What do you understand by ethics and morality?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/citizenship-amendment-act-cao-indianconstitution-moral-law-6175664/>

### Day-21

**1. What do you understand by vigilantism?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/crime-and-instant-punishment-6177499/>

**2. What do you understand by probity? Why it is important for public servant to maintain probity in personal and public life?**

<https://www.dailypioneer.com/2019/page1/sengar-getsjail-for-life---fined-rs-25l-for-unnao-rape.html>

### Day-22

**1. Who is a good citizen? Do you consider yourself a good citizen?**

<https://www.speakingtree.in/article/citizenship-vedanta>

**2. Do you think it is right to seal the properties of rioters to compensate for the losses during violent protest?**

**3. What do you understand by meaningful life? Why it is important for happiness?**

### Day-23

**1. What do you understand by love and compassion? Why are they considered universal values?**

### Day-24

**1. "The price of greatness is responsibility."- Winston Churchill**

**Discuss the relevance of the quote in the present Indian context.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/safeguarding-constitutionalmorality/article30383084.ece>

**2. What do you understand by constitutional morality?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/safeguarding-constitutionalmorality/article30383084.ece>

### Day-25

**1. What do you understand by humility? Why it is important for public servant to possess humility?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/firm-policy-gentle-politicsatal-bihari-vajpayee-orator-6183390/>

**2. What do you understand by forgiveness? Why it is important?**

### Day-26

- 1. What do you understand by magnanimity?**
- 2. Should public servants have the same freedom of speech as other citizens? What are the ethical implications of this?**  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/assamgovt-warns-staff-against-political-posts-on-social-media/article30394320.ece>
- 3. What do you understand by misogyny?**
- 4. Rights have limits whereas responsibilities and duties have vast expanse. Discuss the relation between rights and duties.**  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/pm-narendra-modisharpens-attack-on-protesters-for-anti-cao-riots/articleshow/72972292.cms>

### Day-28

- 1. What do you understand by amoral politics?**  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/students-tend-to-resist-politicalcynicism/article30414495.ece>
- 2. What do you understand by politics? Do you agree with the opinion that attainment of power has become the sole goal of politics in India? Argue**  
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/columns/students-tend-to-resist-politicalcynicism/article30414495.ece>
- 3. What do you understand by fairness?**
- 4. Young people with ethical conduct are not willing to come forward to join active politics. Suggest steps to motivate them to come forward.**
- 5. What do you understand by conflict of interest? Discuss how it can be managed?**

### Day-29

- 1. What do you understand by bonfire mistake? How can honest civil servants be protected against undue harassment?**

### Day-30

- 1. What do you understand by political neutrality? Why it is important for public servants to be politically neutral?**  
<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/arms-and-the-man-on-genrawats-comments/article30427515.ece>
- 2. What do you understand by hypocrisy?**
- 3. What do you understand by courage? Why it is mother of all virtues?**

### Day-31

- 1. What do you understand by public service?**  
<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/priyanka-slams-uttar-pradesh-cm-for-seekingrevenge/article30439834.ece>
- 2. What do you understand by medical ethics?**
- 3. What do you understand by fraternity? Why it is important in society?**  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/cao-protests-nrc-secularism-muslimshindutva-civilisation-an-act-of-empathy-6192115/>

