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SUBJECTS	MARKS
ESSAY PAPER-I	144
GENERAL STUDIES-I (PAPER-II)	109
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GENERAL STUDIES-IV (PAPER-V)	114
OPTIONAL-I (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) (PAPER-VI)	106
OPTIONAL-II (PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION) (PAPER-VII)	150
WRITTEN TOTAL	602
PERSONALITY TEST	137
TOTAL TOTAL	739

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## **GS 1: SOCIETY**

**1.What do you understand by empowerment? Discuss issues and challenges in women empowerment.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/working-women-too-with-a-dream-of-good-childcare/article65202368.ece>

**2.What do you understand by social mobility? How does it impact economic inequality?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-pandemics-income-inequality-surprise-covid-lockdown-poverty-economy-7830354/>

**3.Discuss the challenges facing Indian cities.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-cannot-afford-the-old-normal-any-more/article65255997.ece>

**4.What do you understand by capitalism ? Do you think it needs to redefine itself in the era of climate change?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/purpose-driven-capitalism-india-inc-must-step-up-environmental-social-and-governance-compliance/2537890/>

**5.Do we need population control law?**

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/private-members-bill-to-regulate-population-withdrawn-in-rajya-sabha-2857719>

**6.Discuss the challenges faced by migrant workers in India.**

**7.How will IR 4.0 impact the labour force?**

[Reference: [EPW](#)]

**8.India has achieved the replacement rate for its population. Discuss its implications ?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/national-family-health-survey-5-report-healthcare-india-7909955/>

**9.What do you understand by capitalism? Do you think it needs to redefine itself in the era of climate change?**

[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**10.What do you understand by empowerment ? Discuss various facets women empowerment:**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/jammu/president-hails-women-civils-toppers-sign-of-greater-empowerment/>

**11.Green revolution led to disparities in rural India, Comment ?**

<https://niti.gov.in/planningcommission.gov.in/docs/reports/publications/pub1966land.pdf>

**12.What is patriarchy? How does it affect the social, economic and political condition of women?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/chapter-1-gender-parity-drop-the-veil-minister-tells-woman-sarpanch-at-shala-praveshotsav-7987458/>

**13.The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, Surrogacy Regulation Act and Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021, collectively give new meaning to nari shakti in India ?**

**14.US SC decision is a huge blow to women's human rights and gender equality, Comment ?**

## GS 2: TRIBUNALS

1. What are tribunals? Discuss the structure of Indian Tribunal system.

2. What do you understand by tribalisation of justice? Discuss the reasons behind this trend.

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

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### **GS 3:ECONOMY**

**1.Increasing FLFP in India is crucial not just to achieve economic growth but also to promote inclusive growth and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Discuss?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/reaping-the-potential-of-the-female-workforce/article65201946.ece>

**2.What do you understand by gender dividend? Discuss the challenges in achieving gender dividend ?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/reaping-the-potential-of-the-female-workforce/article65201946.ece>

**3.Discuss the impact of Russia's invasion on Ukraine on Global and Indian economy.**

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/india-s-economy-faces-headwinds-amid-russia-ukraine-crisis-says-emkay-122030200058\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/india-s-economy-faces-headwinds-amid-russia-ukraine-crisis-says-emkay-122030200058_1.html)

**4.What do you understand by energy security?**

<https://www.dailypioneer.com/2020/sunday-edition/india---s-quest-for-energy-security.html>

**5.What do you understand by de dollarization?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/why-de-dollarisation-is-imminent-us-dollar-russia-7823308/>

**6.An efficient logistics sector is a pre-requisite for sustained economic growth .In this context, Discuss the significance of**

**7.logistics sector in the economy and explain how Gati Shakti would help realize the potential.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/gati-shakti-a-road-map-for-realising-indias-logistics-potential/2463192/>

**8.How has pandemic impacted inequality in India?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-pandemics-income-inequality-surprise-covid-lockdown-poverty-economy-7830354/>

**9.Differentiate between WPI and CPI? Can you explain the reasons for the divergence between them?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/so-what-is-the-actual-rate-of-inflation/article65245593.ece>

**10.What is buffer stock ? Discuss its significance in India's food security regime.**

[Ukraine invasion, global wheat supply and India's opportunity | The Indian Express](#)

**11.Discuss the economic fall out of Ukraine war on India .**

[ExplainSpeaking | How high crude oil prices threaten India's economic recovery | Explained News,The Indian Express](#)

**12.Examine the problem of urban unemployment in India**

[Explained: India's urban unemployment rate in numbers | Explained News,The Indian Express](#)

**13.What are oil shocks ? How does they impact economy ? Discuss in india's context**

[All you need to know about oil shocks and their economic impact - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)

**14.What are strategic oil reserves? Discuss their significance in ensuring energy security.**

**15.What do you understand by fiscal consolidation ? How has Ukraine crisis derailed fiscal consolidation?**

[Fiscal consolidation has begun too soon - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)

**16.Cryptocurrencies are alike Ponzi schemes. Comment**

[Crypto ban long overdue - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)

**17.What are stable coins? How are they different from cryptocurrencies?**

<https://optimizeias.com/daily-prelims-notes-24-march-2022/>

**18.Discuss the challenges before the Indian economy.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/global-uncertainties-indias-growth-prospects/article65253239.ece>

**19.Skill shortage reduces productivity. Discuss in the context of Indian economy. Discuss**

**20.Microfinance in India plays a major role in the development of India. Discuss the challenges faced by MFIs. How will new RBI norms will help MFIs?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/laissez-faire-for-mfis/article65252904.ece>

**21.What do you understand by Food Insecurity? How can it be measured?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-worsening-hunger-problem-of-indias-poor-7835064/>

**22.Discuss the potential of agri-tech?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/unlocking-the-potential-agri-tech/article65255349.ece>

**23.Is India fully self reliant on food? Suggest measures to achieve complete self reliance.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**24.Discuss the challenge of unemployment in India.**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**25.What is care economy?**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**26.Analyse the subsidy vs investment debate in Indian agriculture.**

[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**27.Atmanirbharta is neither protectionist nor isolationist; it refers to a self-reliant India dealing with the world on its own terms. In this context examine Atmanirbhara Bharat project.**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**28.Discuss the challenge of inflation in Indian economy? How can RBI manage this?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**29.Differentiate between tax evasion and tax avoidance. How can tax compliance can be improved in India?**

**30.What do you understand by post growth approach? Examine de growth in this context.**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**31.Discuss the need for reform in India's subsidy regime.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/strategic-subsidising-desperately-needing-subsidy-reforms/2482769/>

**32.Can exports be vehicle of growth in Indian?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/pushing-export-growth-in-a-turbulent-world/article65292548.ece>



<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/a-new-era-of-exports-takes-off-breaking-the-30-billion-a-month-psychological-barrier-mark/2481603/>

**33.Do we need a Central Bank Digital Currency?**

**34.Examine the monetary policy conundrum of the RBI.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/rbis-monetary-policy-conundrum/article65295881.ece>

**35.What do you understand by energy security? Discuss the challenges of energy security in India. How green hydrogen can solve this challenge. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]**

**36.The biggest problem facing the India agriculture is fast-depleting groundwater and its degrading quality. In this context, discuss the need to shift the cropping pattern.**

[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**37.Establish a relation between inflation and growth. In this context, critically examine the recent RBI's monetary policy.**

[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**38.Global extreme poverty and inequality in on rise because of covid-19 and global financial crisis. Suggest strategies to overcome it.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**39.Discuss the various challenges faced by the MSME. How far digital lending platforms can help them?**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**40.Critically examine the reasons behind decline in labour force in India in recent times.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**41.Access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern *energy* is the sine qua non to achieve *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs). Discuss in the context of South Asia.**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**42.The economics of modern agricultural produce is way higher than the market cost when considering the monetary harm to the ecosystem services. Discuss in the context of paddy cultivation and exports in India.**

[Reference: [EPW](#)]

**43.Atmanirbhar-internet-is-about-self-sufficiency-not-protectionism.Examine.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**44.What are agri technology missions? Explain with example of National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**

**45. Discuss the reasons behind the surge in prices of edible oil in India.**

**46. Discuss the challenge of inflation management in India.** [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**47. Discuss the problem of unemployment in India. Why has labour force participation rate declining in India?** [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**48. Critically examine the impact of freebies on Indian economy.** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**49. Women participation in economy is pre requisite to inclusive economic growth. In this context critically examine the challenge of reducing the gender gap in labour participation.** [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**50. Why is there a coal shortage?**

**51. Explain how dedicated freight corridor would help solve the logistics challenge of Indian economy.**

**52. Discuss the measures needed to boost India's exports .**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-must-seize-the-trade-opportunity-opening-7903289/>

**53. What are nutri -cereals? What are its benefits? Examine why their production has falld?**

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2022/18/commentary/growth-and-decomposition-nutri-cereals-india-1960.html>

**54. Argue for increasing share of manufacturing in Indian economy.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/how-to-give-manufacturing-a-leg-up/article65397733.ece>

**55. Why manufacturing in India is languishing ?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/how-to-give-manufacturing-a-leg-up/article65397733.ece>

**56. Discuss the need for PSU banking reforms ?**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu-business-line/20220512/281741273013152>

**57. Climate change poses a systemic risk to the Indian economy. Discuss ?**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/taming-inflation-monetary-policy-action-may-not-be-enough/2522594/>

**58.What do you understand by informal sector ? Examine the structural changes taken place in informal sector in last 5 years.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/informal-sector-the-perception-and-the-data/article65407343.ece>

**59.What do you understand by platform economy? Critically examine issues related to platform economy.**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**60.What is green hydrogen? Why it is considered a fuel of future?** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**61. Discuss the reasons behind ongoing global chip shortage?** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**62.What do you water efficiency? Discuss why increasing water use efficiency is of utmost importance in Indian agriculture?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/water-security-under-threat/article65491940.ece>

**63.Urban agriculture can make cities sustainable and liveable.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/urban-agriculture-can-help-make-cities-sustainable-and-liveable-7951724/>

**64.Global Economic Prospects report has warned of risk of stagflation with potentially harmful consequences for middle- and low-income economies alike.**

**65.India has been at the forefront of vaccine equity . Discuss in the context of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/indias-stand-trips-vaccine-inequity/2551981/>

**66.What is crop diversification? Discuss the reasons for the distortions in cropping pattern in India. Suggest ways to correct this distortion.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/agriculture/diversify-crops-shift-rice-to-places-that-can-support-it-central-panel-83227>

**67. Critically examine India's intellectual property regime .**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/expained-the-indian-patent-regime-and-its-clash-with-the-us-norms/article65464988.ece>

**68. What is sec 3(d) of the Indian Patent Act . Is it good for innovation?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/is-section-3-d-of-patents-act-good-for-innovation-no/article64592574.ece>

**69. Critically examine the relation between covid 19 pandemic and inequality.**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**70. What do you understand by tax base? Why it is important ? How can it be increased?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/hoping-for-more-direct-tax-than-expectations-this-fiscal-looking-at-crypto-concerns-chairperson-central-board-of-direct-taxes-7965186/>

**71. Critically analyse various regulatory concerns regarding crypto currencies.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/expained-what-are-sebis-concerns-around-crypto-assets/article65517621.ece>

**72. What are freebies ? Differentiate between good and bad freebies?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/punjab-govt-free-electricity-low-income-households-support-policy-7972197/>

**73. Discuss the role of EV in energy security ? Also analyse various challenges faced in adoption of EV.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/how-evs-can-drive-energy-security/article65533594.ece>

**74. Analyse the concern regarding cryptocurrencies.**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**75. Analyse the concern regarding cryptocurrencies.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/expained-what-are-sebis-concerns-around-crypto-assets/article65517621.ece>

**76. Why land reforms are still not complete in India? Explain with case study of Punjab.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/towards-a-socially-just-ecological-agriculture/article65546563.ece>

**77.Critically comment on the status of implementation of land reforms in India**

**78.India should not ape China but instead adopt a services-led growth model. Comment**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/indias-manufacturing-dream-gets-a-second-life/article65557814.ece>

**79.Labour reforms are a pre requisite to solve India's unemployment problem. Discuss**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/labour-reforms-and-the-rise-of-jobs/article65557944.ece>

**80.What is soil health card? Discuss its implementation.**

**81.Critically examine the implementation of GST in the last 5 years.**

**82.Critically assess the impact of GST on Indian economy.**

**83.What is gig economy? Examine its various facets.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/niti-aayog-suggests-social-security-for-gig-workers/article65573459.ece>

**84.PSU are vehicles of social empowerment . Comment.**

**85.The platform worker is placed at the unique intersection of formal and informal classification. Has gig economy led to more informalisation of work force?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/a-return-to-pre-reforms-era/article65576845.ece>

**86.Discuss various concerns regarding gig workers . Are they protected under social security code?**

**87.There are inherent and systemic issues of the PLI scheme with respect to its design, nature, and coverage that may have far-reaching effects on manufacturing, exports, and economic growth. Comment ?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/a-return-to-pre-reforms-era/article65576845.ece>

**88.Has GST delivered?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blexplainer/bl-explainer-five-years-on-has-gst-delivered/article65579054.ece>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/gst-five-years-stronger-8001468/>

**89.Any extension of GST compensation to states must be linked to clear performance benchmarks. Discuss in the context of GST Act.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/compensation-stalemate-any-extension-of-gst-compensation-to-states-must-be-linked-to-clear-performance-benchmarks/2577301/>

### GS 3: SECURITY:

1. Discuss the security threat posed by crypto currencies? Is India prepared?

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

2. Critically examine the status of implementation of police reform as directed by the supreme Court in Prakash Singh Case

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/police-reform-supreme-court-prakash-singh-verdict-7912273/>

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#### **1. IPCC report highlights nature's potential to reduce climate risks**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/ipcc-report-highlights-natures-potential-to-reduce-climate-risks/article65183497.ece>

<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/second-edit/ipcc-report-a-dire-warning-but-who-will-heed-it-1087665.html>

#### **2. What do you understand by carrying capacity? Discuss its significance**

#### **3. What do you understand by circular economy? How can green economy and circular economy be linked to achieve suitable development?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/clean-energy-use-battery-circular-economy/article65231923.ece>

#### **4. Analyze the challenge of depleting ground water? Suggest remedies to improve the situation.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/effective-management-of-groundwater-vital/article65245890.ece>

#### **5. What are green bonds? Discuss their significance in achieving sustainable development**

[Green bonds, digital currency hold promise | The Indian Express](#)

#### **6. Discuss the impact of agriculture on climate change. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]**

#### **7. What do you understand by decarbonisation? Discuss the strategies to decarbonise agriculture. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]**

#### **8. Electric vehicle will give double dividend.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/energy/electric-vehicles-in-india-can-we-protect-the-environment-also-help-the-economy-82241>

#### **9. Discuss various strategies of climate change mitigation. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]**

#### **10. Electric vehicle will give double dividend. [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]**

#### **11. What do you understand by 6<sup>th</sup> mass extinction? Discuss the factors responsible for it.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]



**12. What do you understand by 6<sup>th</sup> mass extinction? Discuss the factors responsible for it.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**13. Discuss the impact of climate change on agriculture. Discuss strategies of adaptation needed in this context.**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**14. Discuss the impact of climate change on urban cities? Are India cities prepared for climate change?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**15. What are micro plastics? Discuss its adverse impact on environment including humans.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**16. Can climate change be solved by pricing carbon?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**17. Discuss the impact of green revolution on biodiversity in Indian.**

[Reference: [EPW](#)]

**18. What are Miyawaki forests? Discuss their significance in the context of climate change.**

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2022/14/special-articles/climate-change-and-miyawaki-forests.html>

**19. Examine the impact between climate change and desertification**

**20. Discuss the challenge of E waste management in India.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/data-stories/data-focus/around-78-of-indias-e-waste-is-not-being-collected-or-disposed-by-the-government/article65406820.ece>

**21. Differentiate between deep and shallow ecology.**

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

**23. What is National mission on biodiversity? Discuss its significance.**

**24. Critically examine Biological Diversity Amendment Bill 2021. Will it dilute the original Act?**

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**25. Discuss the threat of climate change to agriculture and food security.**

[Reference: [Business Line](#), [Business Line](#)]

**26.Environment cannot be improved in conditions of poverty. In this context, examine the relation between poverty and environment conservation.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/only-one-earth-stockholm-revisited/article65491410.ece>

**27.Discuss the significance of UN Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in June 1972.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/only-one-earth-stockholm-revisited/article65491410.ece>

**28.The essence of the warning from The Club of Rome remains valid. Discuss**

<https://www.abc.net.au/science/slab/rome/default.htm>

**29.Discuss the threat of rising sea level in India. Is India prepared?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/only-one-earth-stockholm-revisited/article65491410.ece>

**30.What do you understand by green jobs?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/what-are-green-jobs-pm-modi-world-environment-day-speech-7957457/>

**31.Climate change is threatening the health and condition of the oceans. Discuss**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/lifestyle/science/world-oceans-day-2022-plastic-pollution-un/2552704/>

**32.Discuss the mandate of National Green Tribunal.** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**33.What is Environmental Performance Index/ Why is India lagging ?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/environment-index-and-india-7963597/>

**34.Discuss the significance of wetlands in the context of response to climate change?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/many-virtues-of-wetlands/article65530842.ece>

**35.What do you understand by green tax? Discuss**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/green-tax-paying-for-emissions/2563296/>

**36.What are micro Plastics? Discuss their effect on marine ecosystem.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-is-the-discovery-of-microplastics-in-fresh-antarctic-snow-troubling-pollution-7974455/>

**37.What do you understand by single use plastic? Why it is so controversial? Discuss national and global effort to eliminate it.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-why-is-single-use-plastic-being-banned-in-india-from-july-1-7980064/>

**38.What are wetlands ? Why are they important ? Why are they considered kidneys of our ecosystem?**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/wildlife-biodiversity/include-wetland-conservation-in-upcoming-biodiversity-climate-change-negotiations-experts-83378>

<https://science.thewire.in/environment/explained-wetlands-why-are-they-important/>

**39.Critically examine MOEFCC notification regarding compliance of**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/environment/what-is-moef-cc-s-compliance-module-for-environmental-clearance-all-about--83376>

**40.Do you think the recent Environmental performance index report is an indication that we need to reflect and improve our environment?**

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**8.Discuss the need for Indian legal services.**



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**13. What is rule of law? Why it is important?**

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**29.Critically examine India's family planning policy.**

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**30. Discuss the mandate of GST council. Examine the impact of SC recent observation on GST Council.**

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**32. Analyze the 101st constitutional Amendment**

**33. Indian federalism is a dialogue in which the States and the Centre constantly engage in conversations. Discuss in the context of SC observation on GST.**

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### **8.Why the potential of BIMSTEC as a regional organisation has not yet realised?**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

### **9.Critically examine the recent draft TRIPS waiver.**

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**11. Bay of Bengal is integral to India’s Neighbourhood first policy and Act East policy. In this context, discuss the potential of BIMSTEC.** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**12. What is strategic autonomy? Explain in the context of Russia-Ukraine war.** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)].

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**24. Discuss the strategic and economic importance of Gulf region for India. Assess India's ties with gulf.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**25. What lessons SAARC has for BIMSTEC.**

**26. Why the potential of BIMSTEC as a regional organisation has not yet realised?**

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**27. Discuss the economic importance of West Asia for India.**

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**29. Why is India opposed to draft on fishery subsidies at WTO?**

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[https://www.thehindu.com/topic/Net\\_Neutrality/](https://www.thehindu.com/topic/Net_Neutrality/)

**2.What is human genome project? Discuss its significance for human kind.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**3.Discuss the need for strengthening IPS regime in India.** [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

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**5.What is web 3.0? How will it impact internet?** [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**6.What is one health approach? How can it help to counter anti microbial resistance?**

**7.Analyse the reasons for the rise in antimicrobial resistance throughout the world.**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**8.What do you understand by copyright? Discuss the Indian legal regime around it.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**9.Explain the concept behind open source software.** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**10.What is web 3.0?Discuss its potential for Indian economy.**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/regulatory-leap-why-india-must-lead-the-web-3-0-policy-narrative/2515657/>

**11.What is VPN ? What are its**

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**12.WTO draft text doesn't even come close to real TRIPS waiver. Comment**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/specials/pulse/two-years-into-the-pandemic-battle-lines-on-ip-remain-firmly-drawn/article65413766.ece>

13.What will be advantage of using 5G ? Is India prepared for 5 G technology ?

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### **GS 3: SECURITY**

**1.What do you understand by golden crescent? Examine its linkage with India's internal security.**

[Reference: [NY Times](#)]

**2.What do you understand by misinformation? How does social media lead to misinformation?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

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**4.What is mob violence ? Discuss the factors responsible for it? How can it be controlled?**

**5.Critically examine the impact of Agnipath recruitment schemes on Armed forces and security of the nation.**

[Reference: [Deccan Herald](#)]

**6.Critically examine the impact of Agnipath recruitment schemes on Armed forces and security of the nation**

<https://www.deccanherald.com/national/how-the-agnipath-recruitment-scheme-will-help-armed-forces-cut-rising-bills-1118354.html>

**7.Discuss the need for a national security doctrine.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/agnipath-scheme-armed-forces-protests-7979936/>

**8.Will Agneepath schemes energize or demoralise the military . Critically examine pro's and con's .**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/will-agnipath-energise-or-demoralise-the-military/article65558006.ece>

**9.Agnipath is part of a larger process of defence reform and modernisation. Discuss**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/agnipath-is-part-of-a-larger-process-of-defence-reform-and-modernisation-7996856/>

**10.What are the new CERT-IN cyber security directives? Can tighter reporting rules strengthen and improve cybersecurity?**

<https://www.medianama.com/2022/05/223-analysis-6-hour-cybersecurity-incidents-timeline/>

<https://cio.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/corporate-news/a-new-six-hour-reporting-timeline-to-flag-cyber-incidents/91880269>

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## **GS 1:GEOGRAPHY**

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<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/blexpainer/all-about-solar-storms-and-how-they-affects-us/article65245445.ece>

**2.Discuss the problem of unplanned urbanisation in India.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/india-cannot-afford-the-old-normal-any-more/article65255997.ece>

**3.Why Ladakh is important for India?**

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

**4.Discuss the locational factors of the sugar industry ? Why they are shifting to South India.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-sugar-export-curbs-and-their-impact-7936227/>

**5.What are features of plantation agriculture? Explain with example of rubber.**

**6.Discuss the geographical distribution of rubber cultivation in India.**

[Reference: [Rubber Board](#)]

**7.Discuss the marine resource base of Bay of Bengal region. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]**

**8.What do you understand by optimum population?**

**9.Is ground water over exploited in India? Discuss. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]**

**10.Discuss the potential of wind energy in India.**

**11.What do you understand by incremental policy making? Explain in the context of urbanisation policy in India.**

[Reference: [Business Line](#)]

**12.What are heat waves?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**13.Discuss the challenge of land degradation. Explain its inter linkage with climate change.**

[Reference: [Business Standard](#)]

**14.What are heatwaves? How it is related to La Nina?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/north-india-summer-heatwave-global-warming-7902920/>

**15.What is desertification? Discuss factors responsible for it.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/climate-change/desertification-droughts-reduced-india-s-gdp-by-up-to-5-in-20-years--82794>

**16.What do you understand by droughts? Explain its impact on economy.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/climate-change/desertification-droughts-reduced-india-s-gdp-by-up-to-5-in-20-years--82794>

**17.Discuss the location factor responsible for distribution of jute mills in India.**

<https://www.pressreader.com/india/the-hindu/20220514/281883006938124>

**18.Explain the phenomenon of India monsoon.**

**19.Is climate change responsible for increasing frequency of landslides in India? Discuss the NDMA guideline regarding landslides.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**20.What do you understand by landslides? Which regions of India are more vulnerable to landslides? Discuss the factors responsible for landslides?**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**21.Discuss the locational factors of the sugar industry? Why they are shifting to South India.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**22.Critically examine the impact of tourism in Himalayan region.**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/urbanisation/too-many-tourists-in-himalayas-new-report-presses-for-pre-empting-disasters-83354>

**23.Why Assam floods every year?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/watch-why-does-assam-flood-every-year/article65514260.ec>

**24.Why Assam gets flooded every year? Is climate change responsible for this?**

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/natural-disasters/climate-change-poor-planning-why-assam-s-floods-are-getting-worse-83361>

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<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/natural-disasters/several-mplad-funds-disbursed-after-disaster-events-have-been-misappropriated-bengal-mp-83262>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/natural-disasters/tripura-mizoram-meghalaya-south-assam-running-out-of-essentials-after-downpour-landslides-82923>

**26. Explain the phenomenon of lightening. Discuss the geographical distribution of lightening in India.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-lightning-strikes-kills-precautions-7979880/>

**27. Soil degradation needs to be urgently addressed and reversed. Discuss**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/india-food-security-soil-quality-7987378/>

**28. Historic draughts looms horn of Africa. What can be the possible reasons? How far climate change is responsible for it.**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/historic-drought-looms-for-20-million-living-in-horn-of-africa>

<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/africa/is-eastern-africa-s-drought-the-worst-in-recent-history-and-are-worse-yet-to-come--83472>

## **GS 1:HISTORY**

**1. In what ways the naval mutiny proved to be the last nail in the coffin of British colonial aspirations in India.**

[Inside Track: Fear of EC | The Indian Express](#)

[What was the Indian Naval Mutiny? \(indianexpress.com\)](#)

**2.Discuss the significance of Ghadar movement.**

[The Boy General who was Bhagat Singh's hero | The Indian Express](#)

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

**4.Assess the contribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in pre and post independent India.**

**5.Discuss the various legislation which protects the cultural wealth of India.**

[Reference: [Financial Express](#)]

**6.Discuss the legacy of Bhagat Singh.**

[Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

**7.Discuss the contribution of Sree Narayan Guru in the field of social reform.**

[Reference: [India Times](#)]

**8.Discuss the legacy of the Chipko movement. Why environment movements of India are considered different from west?**

[Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

**9.Critically review the official language controversy. Why the issue which had disappeared from the political scene is again resurfacing?** [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

**10.Discuss the contribution of Basavanna as a socio-religious reformer.**

[Reference: [Star of Mysore](#)]

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/the-debate-on-the-national-language/article65376264.ece>

**16.What do you understand by protected monuments? Discuss various legislation which helps to preserve ancient monuments in India.**

**17.Analyze the salient features of Mughal architecture.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/mughal-era-finials-their-grandeur-architectural-traditions-7953747/>

**18.What is the significance of the Second Battle of Tarain?** [Reference: [Wikipedia](#)]

**19.What had triggered the imposition of emergency in India by Indira Gandhi?**

<https://zeenews.india.com/india/indira-gandhis-emergency-anniversary-what-exactly-happened-on-june-25-1975-2477738.html>

**20.Discuss the historical significance of megalith culture of India.**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/variety/mysterious-megalithic-era-menhirs-of-telangana-seek-global-attention/article65539795.ece>

**21.Critically examine the contribution of Mughals in India.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/express-exclusive/express-investigation-part-3-textbook-revision-slashes-portion-in-history-on-islamic-rulers-of-india-7979095/>

## POST INDEPENDENCE

1. Critically review the history of Anti-Hindi protest in South India.

[Reference: [The Hindu](#)]

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## **GS:4 ETHICS**

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

**2.What do you understand medical ethics?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/why-kidney-transplantation-rackets-thrive-7954512/>

**3.Discuss the ethical issues of use of artificial intelligence especially driver less car.**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/editorials/whodunnit-2-big-tech-driver-less-cars-7871293/>

**4.Compassion is at the heart of every religion. In this context explain compassion ?**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/a-virus-rages-among-us-7871258/>

**5.What are ethical lessons we can learn from the life of Maharana Pratap?**

[Reference: [NewsOnAir](#)]

**6.What do you understand by environmental ethics?**

**7.Discuss ethical issues in advertising ?**

<https://www.livemint.com/Opinion/PyMZsMjvHlphz2riALxrlO/Education-ads-and-ethics.html>

**8.What do you understand by homophobia’?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/indias-lingering-homophobia/article65529543.ece>

**9.What are misleading and deceptive ads?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/clearing-the-fog-over-misleading-ads/article65530816.ece>

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/advertising/2-in-3-consumers-have-come-across-3-or-more-misleading-advertisements-survey-11654243821470.html>

**10.What do you understand by discipline. Why it is a must in civil services?**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/no-rollback-of-agnipath-scheme-says-top-military-officer/articleshow/92317525.cms>

**11.What do you understand by hypocrisy? Why it is unethical?**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/hypocrisy-is-par-for-the-course/article65546577.ece>

**12.What do you understand by apathy? Explain reasons behind government apathy towards people.**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/rahul-gandhis-office-in-wayanad-attacked-kerala-cm-assures-stern-action/article65561167.ece>

**13.Discuss the ethical issues regarding abortion.**

**14.What do you understand by truth ? Why it is important?**

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/alt-news-mohammed-zubair-punished-for-speaking-the-truth-opposition-parties/article65575837.ece>

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**16.What do you understand by fairness? Why it is important?**



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