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GS-1

HISTORY

- Why did Soviet Union collapses? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Evaluate Mikhail Gorbachev's Role in Ending the Cold War [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Trace the evolution of Sufi movement in India.
- The Contributions of Sufism in Promoting Religious Harmony.
- What is cold war.20? Who will shape the new world order?
- What was cold war? Why did it start? How did it end? What was role of Mikhail Gorbachev? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Why was the Indian National Army formed? What did it today for freedom of the country? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the significance of INA trial? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Dara Shikoh never became emperor. But he was a true child of India. Comment.
- Discuss the contribution of Vinoba Bhave pre- and post-independence.
- Critically examine the success of Bhoodan movement.
- Discuss the evolution of cooperative movement in India.
- Explain why the Industrial revolution led to the emergence of imperialism.
- What do you understand by decolonialization? What factors led to decolonialization.
- Discuss the role played by women revolutionaries in the freedom struggle movement.
- Assess the contribution of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in pre and post independent India.
- Discuss the contribution of E V Periyar. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the history of commonwealth.
- Discuss the contribution of Chola Empire on Art and Culture. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Review the origin and growth of Khalistan movement.

GEOGRAPHY

- What do you understand by land use change? Discuss its adverse impact in Himalayan regions.
- Is recent flooding of Pakistan due to climate change? [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]
- Why Bangalore is flooded every times it rains? [Reference: [Live Mint](#), [India Times](#)]
- What are urban floods? How are they different from rural floods?
- What do you understand by Anthropocene? When did it start?
- Discuss the geographical factors making San Francisco "World Unicorn Capital"

- What is cloudburst? Discuss the phenomenon. Why is it difficult to predict? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the theory of plate tectonics? How does the theory explain various geomorphological phenomena?
- Increased frequency of cloudbursts is a manifestation of increased global temperature, Elucidate. Also highlight the reasons why predicting a cloudburst is still a challenge.
- Discuss the importance of Indian ports explaining the difference between major and minor ports. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What are features of plantation agriculture? Explain with example of rubber. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the complexity and scale of the water crisis in India.
- How far climate change is responsible for extreme weather on Pakistan? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- How has climate change impacted the Indian monsoon? Is climate change responsible for extreme weather events? [Reference: [The Hindu](#), [The Hindu](#)]
- What is La Nina? Explain the triple dip La Nina. Is climate change responsible for increasing La Nina frequency? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What are rare earth elements and why is India keen to join a global alliance to ensure their supply? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Describe the geographical distribution of rare earth metal
- Which regions of India are vulnerable to landslides?
- What are hurricanes? Why are they becoming more powerful? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by solar engineering? Will it help to curb climate change? [Reference: [DownToEarth](#)]

SOCIETY

- What is globalization? Critically examine impact of globalization on food security in the context of COVID 19 pandemic. [Reference: [EPW](#)]
- Women empowerment will at best be partial if more than half of Indian women are unhealthy. In the light of the statement examine the problem of anaemia in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by patriarchy? How does it impact the life of women? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What is marital rape? Should it be criminalised in India?



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GS-2

POLITY

- India accounts for the highest road accidents globally, with 1.5 lakh people being killed and over 3.5 lakh crippled annually. Discuss the reasons behind this. What can be done to improve this?
- India will set up a central public health cadre for medical professionals along the lines of Central services officers recruited through the Union Public Service Commission. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What was Navtej Singh Johar and Ors v Union of India case? Why it is considered momentous in LGBT rights paradigm. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by welfare state? Where do you place freebies in this? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically examine the relationship between fundamental duties and fundamental rights under our constitution
- Why India ranks so low on HDI?

- What do you understand by monarchy? How it is different from republican form of government?
- Assess India's progress in HDI. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Critically examine the reasons behind judicial pendency in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- In India eliminating tuberculosis isn't just a health issue — it's an economic one. In this context assess government's effort towards eliminating TB. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by constitutional government? Where do you locate citizen's duty in it? [Reference: [The Print](#)]
- Discuss the need for social security in India in the backdrop of COVID 19 pandemic. [Reference: [EPW](#)]
- What is Preventive detention? Does constitution provide any protection against its misuse?
- Though the framework of the Indian Constitution is inspired majorly from the British system and experience under them, yet, two differs significantly
- What do you understand by doctrine of essential religious practices? Discuss in the context of Karnataka HC Judgment on Hijab ban.
- A better approach to eradicate poverty is to consider it as the deprivation of basic human rights. In light of this statement discuss the need of reservation for economically weaker sections (EWS). Also discuss the validity of 103rd constitutional amendment act 2019.
- Investment in education can help bridge the HDI gap. Discuss. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Why is India's HDI performance poor? How does inequality affect HDI? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by special category status? Why are few states demanding it? [Reference: [The Hindu](#), [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by Aaya Ram Gaya Ram culture in Indian Polity? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Social security for elderly in India is inadequate. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Make a case for scrapping out the sedition law in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by whole of government approach? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the evolution of green benches in India. Has the meaning of green benches changed? [Reference: [India Today](#)]
- How AI can be used to tackle the problem of corruption in governance. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- How government efficiency can be improved in India
- Compare and contrast concept of secularism In India with France. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Is wearing the hijab is a fundamental right of expression? Critically examine. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

- Discuss the challenge of NCDs in India. Is India prepared for this health emergency? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically examine higher education regulation in India. Discuss the need for the Higher Education Commission. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Examine jurisprudence regarding death sentence. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Analyse the provisions of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act 1960. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by inner party democracy in India? Analyse the factors hindering inner party democracy. [Reference: [The Hindu](#), [The Quint](#)]
- What do you understand by hate speech? Review the law on hate speech in India.
- Review the evolution of Doctrine of Basic Structure. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by Basic Structure Doctrine? Do you think through it constitutional adjudicators had assumed the role of constitutional governors? Comment. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by Basic Structure Doctrine? Do you think the doctrine has put the judiciary in the exact position of unlimited power that it sought to prevent Parliament from occupying? Critically examine.
- What is basic structure of the constitution? How it safeguards our constitution? Illustrate with example. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What do you understand by the essential practice's doctrine? Discuss in the context of hijab case. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the tribal development strategies.
- Discuss the jurisprudence regarding capital punishment in India.
- Examine the deficit in healthcare in Indian in the context of National Health Accounts estimate for 2018–19.
- A just society deals with inequality in various ways. Discuss
- Is right to protest a fundamental right? How far it can be restricted? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically analyse the Criminal Procedure Amendment Bill. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]
- Public interest litigation, which was a tool meant to protect the rights of the marginalised and vulnerable, has been weaponised by self-appointed defenders of social, cultural and religious values to curtail artistic expression and viewer choice. Critically comment upon how PILs have evolved over the time.
- The PILs have played a key role in strengthening the rule of law of the country and ensured that everyone has access to justice. Discuss
- The founding fathers of our constitution envisaged an egalitarian society based on justice, equality, liberty and secularism. Does contemporary reality reflect these values? [Reference: [The Wire](#)]
- A republic is far closer to democratic traditions than a monarchy, where a queen or king from one dynasty is more privileged than the rest of the citizens. In this context compare and contrast between a republic and monarchy. [Reference: [NewIndian Express](#)]

- Discuss the role and powers of attorney. [Reference ;[The Hindu](#)]
- PM SHRI schools reimagine education in India
- Good economics is good politics. In the light of this critically examine freebies.
- What do you understand by human capital? Discuss UGC reforms in this context.
- India roads are way too unsafe. In this context, critically examine the GOI effort to make roads safer. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What do you understand by corruption? Discuss its dynamics in Indian governance system? How can it be tackled?
- Discuss the significance of recent SC judgement of abortion. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]

IR

- Analyze the India's multifaceted bilateral relationship with the UK in the light of the recent 10 –year road map. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Discuss the need to complete quota reforms in the IMF amid changing dynamics of developed and emerging economies including India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What is commonwealth? Discuss its relevance.
- Analyze the growing strategic partnership between Sri Lanka and China.
- India is the most important closest neighbour for Bangladesh. In this context analyze the relationship.
- India and Bangladesh share bonds of history, language, culture, and multitude of other Commonalities. While the ties have deepened in recent years but still, they have failed to resolve long standing issues". Analyse
- River system has a huge role to play in Indo-Bangladesh relations. Comment while highlighting the significance of Teesta and kushiyara river water treaty between India and Bangladesh.
- India's current policy of pursuing geopolitical ends without geoeconomic ballast is a regressive step. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Why SCO is important for India? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Do you think in the changing world dynamics India needs to rethink its nuclear policy? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by multi alignment? How it is related to non-alignment?
- Analyse the various issues of WHO dispute settlement.
- Differentiate between SCO and QUAD? How is India balancing both? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the mandate of UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)in the backdrop of Uighur report. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Argue for India's bid for UNSC Permanent membership. Discuss the impediments India is facing in its pursuit of a permanent seat in UNSC. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]
- Discuss the need for UN reforms. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]

- The rising importance of the SCO is an indicator of the growing strategic exhaustion with the US-led world order. Comment.
- Differentiate between hard power and soft power? Do you think role of hard power has reduced in current times? Support your argument through examples? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by soft power? Assess India's soft power. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Has UN failed in its mission?
- Why did India opt out of the trade pillar of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF)? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What is veto power in UN? Why it is so controversial? Discuss in the backdrop of UNSC expansion. [Reference: [India Today](#), [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the challenges in the path of India becoming a permanent member of UNSC. How will it benefit India.
- The bilateral relationship between neighbours India and Nepal encompasses not only common notions of culture and common geographical boundaries, but also shared freshwater resources. Discuss. [Reference: [The Hindu](#), [Orfonline](#)]
- Discuss various international laws and principles guiding
- Discuss the significance of India's forthcoming G20 presidency. [Reference: [Tribune India](#)]

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GS-3

ECONOMY

- Critically examine various pros and cons of the Electricity Amendment Bill?
- Efficient logistics is a pre requisite for exports. In this context discuss the challenges in the logistics sector.
- Why led to Sri Lankan economic crisis?
- Can Indian economy grow fast enough to become a developed economy in next 25 years? What are the challenges? [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What are unicorns? Discuss their role in Indian economy. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Make a case for CBDC
- Review all the agriculture revolutions in India. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- Discuss the contribution of agriculture scientists in India. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What do you understand by gig workers? Discuss the need to provide them social security. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What are shell companies? Discuss the risks posed by them? [Reference: [India Times](#)]
- Dairy sector once heralded as model to be emulated in other agriculture and allied sector is in crisis today. In this context discuss challenged faced by the sector and way to address them.
- Can exports sustainably contribute to India's GDP and help it achieve its ambition of becoming a \$5-trillion economy?
- Livestock is essential for inclusive growth. The livestock sector has emerged as a vital sector for ensuring a more inclusive and sustainable agriculture system. Discuss
- What do you understand by dependency ration? How does it impact the growth prospect for an economy? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- The Indian Ports Act, 1908 ("Act") needs to be revamped to reflect the present-day frameworks, incorporate India's international obligations, address emerging environmental concerns, and aid the consultative development of the ports sector in the national interest. In this context, critically analyse Indian Ports Bill, 2022. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Can cooperatives model help to double farmer's income? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What are windfall taxes? Analyse the issue in imposing such taxes. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- SEZs are beset with various challenges. How far the new DESH bill can solve them? [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- What do you understand By Employment Elasticity? Why it is declining in Post 1991 economic reforms. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Critically comment upon the status of labour reform in India.
- Analyse the National logistics policy 2022. [Reference: [Money Control](#)]

- Why logistics cost in India is so high? What impact it has on Indian economy.
- Discuss the need to review the National Water Policy 2012 in the context of water in agriculture.
- What do you understand by gender pay gap? Why does it exist. Examine its implications. Discuss various efforts by government to bridge the gap. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- Discuss the economics of climate change.
- The logistics sector has a great role in the economic development of India. Discuss
- What are FPOs? Discuss their role in doubling farmers income. [Reference: [Financial Express](#)]
- Critically examine Is its self-isolation? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What are millets? Why are they important? Discuss the need of change in cropping pattern
- Critically examine draft telecom bill.
- Passing of the Electricity Bill is crucial for growth and fighting climate change. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What do you understand by competitiveness? How National logistics policy will help improve Indian competitiveness? [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- India's biggest challenge remains the need to create more "good jobs" for its people. Discuss
- Analyze the telecom bill.
- What are the objectives of National logistics policy? Will it help to improve competitiveness?
- Why has the share of manufacturing not increased even after so many schemes and initiatives? How different is PLI? Critically examine if it would succeed? [Reference: [Business Today](#)]
- "Investment in infrastructure is essential for more rapid and inclusive economic growth." Discuss in the light of India's experience.

ENVIRONMENT

- Explain the term loss and damage used within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiation. Why developed world is resisting it? [Reference: [Mongabay](#)]
- What do you understand by agroecology? Discuss why this approach is important in the context of climate change. [Reference: [Mongabay](#)]
- Discuss the impact of climate change on food security.
- What is aim of the Cheetah project? What are the concerns raised by conservationist. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What do you understand by green finance? How will it help in achieving net zero by 2070?

- Discuss the challenge of solid waste management in Indian cities. [Reference: [Tribune India](#)]
- What is the mandate of NGT? [Reference: [Tribune India](#)]
- Comment upon the India's infrastructure funding gap.
- Critically analyse the telecom bill. Will it lead to surveillance state? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Will the draft telecom bill tangle the digital economy? [Reference; [Business Standard](#)]
- Discuss the impact of pesticide use in agriculture. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

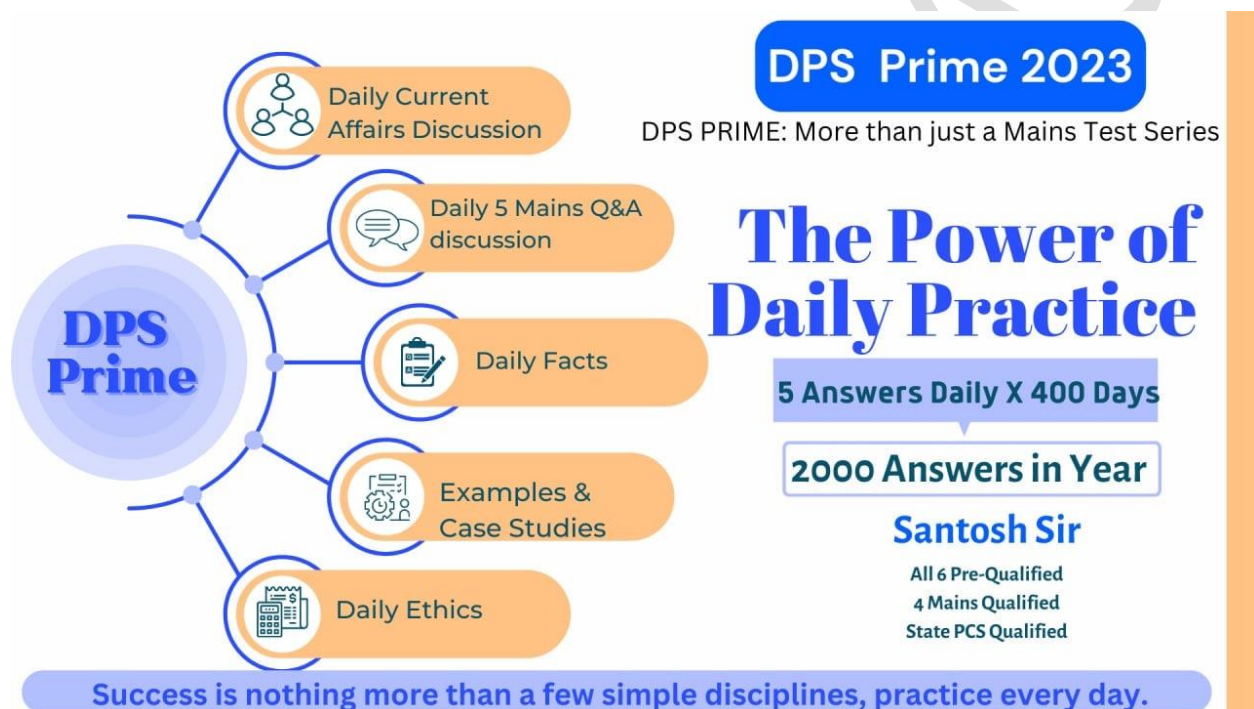
- Discuss the NDMA's National Guidelines on Management of Urban Flooding.
- Is Bangalore flooding man made or natural?

SECURITY

- What do you understand by blue water navy? Is Indian navy a blue water navy? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- India needs a modern Navy to protect its maritime interests and shoulder additional responsibilities, particularly in the current geo-political and security situation that prevails in the Indian Ocean region. Discuss
- How far do you think nuclear Non-proliferation treaty (NPT) has achieved its objectives? Highlight its significance for India.
- "Cyberspace is becoming a new frontier of war that can cripple the economy of a country as a whole", discuss the statement by highlighting the critical cyber infrastructure of India, also highlight the shortcomings and steps to improve them. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- There has been a steady spike in cases of cybercrime in the last five years. Do you think India's cyber infrastructure is strong enough to handle it. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What are the linkages between terrorism and organized crime and how are they relevant in the Indian context? [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]
- Critically examine the function of CBI. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the reforms needed in CBI.
- What is a terrorism organisation under UAPA? Discuss the legal architecture to tackle the threat of terrorism. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the threat of radicalisation in India. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- If India is to progress and emerge as a great power, there is no alternative to radical reforms in the police. In the light of this statement, discuss the need for police reform. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Police reforms in India have remained a contentious issue. Critically amaze
- Discuss the rationale behind creation of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Discuss the need to invest in patent ecosystem in India. [Reference: [The Hindu](#)]
- What is generic medicine? Discuss its significance. [Reference: [The Print](#)]
- What do you understand Ethereum Merge. Discuss its significance. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- Discuss the role of AI and 5G in healthcare. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What was the objective of NASA DART mission? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]



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GS-4 (ETHICS)

- What do you understand by nepotism and favoritism? How does it affect [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- People who are, or are perceived as, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex suffer from social stigma, exclusion, and bias at work, at home, at school, in health care institutions and in many other aspects of their lives. Explain below terms
 - Social stigma
 - Exclusion
 - Bias
 - Stereotype
 - What can be done to improve this? [Reference: [Timesnow News](#)]
- Domestic workers are one of the groups most vulnerable to exploitation, violence, harassment, and forced labour. How can we change attitude of employers towards domestic help [Reference: [NDTV](#)]
- What do you understand by duty? Do you think raising voice against injustice is moral duty?
- Discuss the ethical issues in recent demolition of twin towers in Noida.
- Discuss the ethical dilemma in cyber world.
- What do you understand by reparative justice?
- Make a case for climate reparation. [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- The “impunity” for the past and present human rights abuses, economic crimes and corruption were the underlying causes for the collapse of the island nation’s economy.
- Examine the ethical issues related to gig economy.
- What do you understand by Kartavya – duty?
- What do you understand by colonial hangover?
- What do you understand by commitment? Why it is important in civil service?
- What do you understand by cognitive dissonance?
- What is chalta hai attitude? [Reference: [BarAndBench](#)]
- What do you understand by integrity? Why it is important? [Reference: [India Times](#)]
- What are animal ethics? [Reference: [Indian Express](#)]
- What is conflict of interest?
- Discuss the various ethical issues in marketing of pharma companies. [Reference: [Hindustan Times](#)]
- Critically examine the issue of moonlighting from ethical standpoint.
- Discuss ethical issues concerning fund utilization in the government. [Reference: [Business Line](#)]
- What do you understand by apathy? Why people perceive government as apathetic to their suffering?
- What is loyalty? Why it is important? [Reference: [Daily Pioneer](#)]
- Are ethical standards universal? [Reference: [Daily Pioneer](#)]

- Why do we need ethics? Can't we do without it? [Reference: [Daily Pioneer](#)]

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