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### FULL TEST GS I

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# EXAMINER REMARKS

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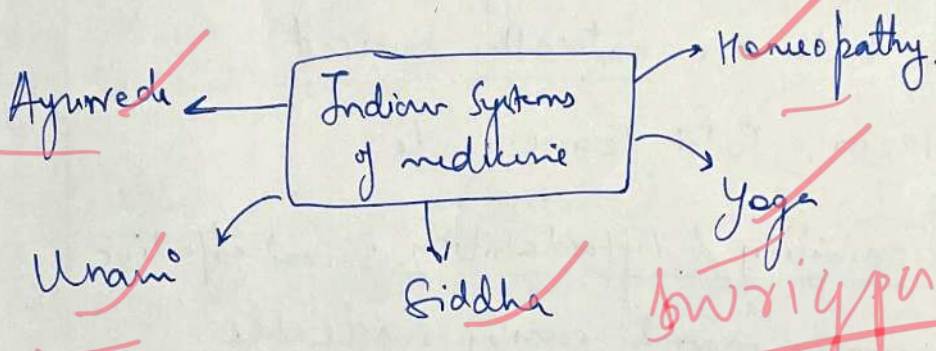
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1. Discuss the efficacy of traditional medical systems prevalent in present-day Indian society. (10 Marks)

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The Indian traditional systems of medicine are a product of deep sense of connect with nature & offer the least invasive solutions to ailments



Efficacy in present day society

(1) General ailments: for problems such as indigestion, skin problems, acidity etc

(eg) Turmeric is prescribed

(2) Immunity: general immunity is improved  
eg Chavanprash, shilajeet etc.





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(3) Physical wellbeing : Yoga prescribes asanas, pranayames etc for physical fitness  
eg purvaha, rechara, kumbhaka (pranayam)

(4) Least Invasive : side effects are minimized  
as products are naturally sourced  
eg Neem, Tulsi leaves etc.

(5) Accessibility & Affordability : Cost-effective  
for common man & easily sourceable

## Challenges

- genuineness of products doubtful  
eg Shilajet is fake these days
- not fit for more serious ailments  
eg Cancer, HIV etc.
- Codification of systems is grey area
- Certain theories refuted by science  
eg Ayurveda location of spleen is incorrect.

Hence, Ministry of Ayush by promoting & centralizing process can make it effective.





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2. In what ways did Swami Vivekananda's famous "Chicago Speech" paved the way for the formation of a new national identity? (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Swami Vivekananda's speech in the World parliament of religions 1893 paved the way for Hinduism & its ideal to be understood by the west.

## New National Identity

**Inspired youth, challenged white man's burden**  
(1) Indian Culture reformed: re-founded in the ancient ideas of the Vedas & Upanishads.

(2) Concept of Universal Brotherhood: Addressed the speech with "Brothers & Sisters of America"

(3) Spiritual Nature of India shown: Ideals of Atman & Brahman being one were brought out.





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(4) Secular Character of India : As a land called a "Birthplace of religions" of Jainism, ~~Buddhism~~ etc.

(5) Western Interest in Indian philosophy : paved the way for studies in Indian thought & traditions.

Good attempt

(6) Soft power Approach : Brought out the influential power of Indian traditions

Future Ideas Capitalized on this

- Ramakrishna Mission in New York
- ISKON etc also established presence
- Idea of universal oneness - Tolerance among people.

Thus, Swami Vivekananda's ideas & speech greatly impacted Indian identity worldwide





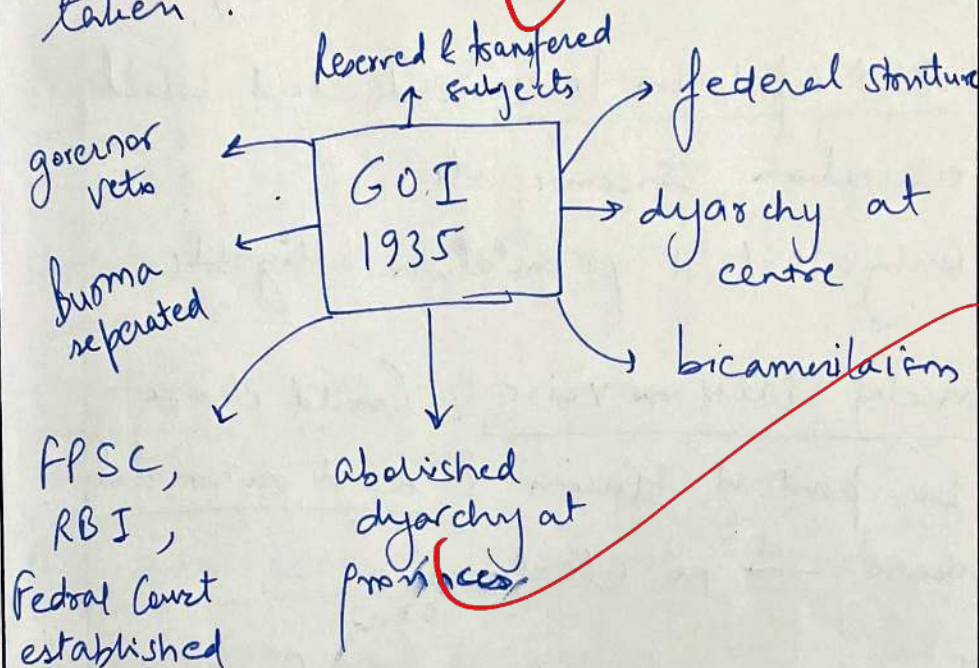
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3. The Government of India Act, 1935, provided a vehicle with "strong brakes but no engine." Comment. (10 Marks)

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The Government of India Act 1935 serves as the base on which many features of the current Constitution have been taken.



No Engine with strong brakes

(1) Power to Governor & Viceroy: Could easily veto any resolution passed by the popular, elected members.





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*Financial powers to govt*  
(1) Dyarchy at Centre: Could divide subjects into reserved & transferred.

Reserved → Defense, foreign affairs etc.

Transferred → Health, education, <sup>local</sup> self govt etc.

(3) Electoral population law: extended based on education, Income etc.  
→ Only 10% of population eligible.

(4) Princely States no voice: Could chose to be part of Union & send nominated members → no elections.

(5) Gave Balkanization of India: Burma was separated & made separate.

Hence, the GOA 1935 was geared at restricting the collective voice of Indian people.





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4. The integration of French colonies into the Union of India was much easier compared to the Portuguese colonies. Elucidate. (10 Marks)

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The Integration of colonies post-independence was due to the diligent efforts of Sardar Vallabhai Patel among others

French Colonies → Pondicherry (1954)

Portuguese colonies → Goa. (1961)

Easier for French Colonies

(1) Lesser scope for violence: French govt. was largely cooperative & led the process to happen smoothly.

(2) Military Action: Goa needed operation Vijay to liberate.

Pondicherry came relatively peacefully.





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(3) Liberal governments : in France post World War II greatly aided the process.

(4) Support of People : Pondicherry had a large Tamil population which was closer to India.  
Goa → had significant portuguese culture rooted in the people.

(5) Resistance from Portuguese : Tried to influence internationally & diplomatically to keep colonies.

Thus, due to the above factors getting French territory back was a much easier affair.





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World Geography

5. Analyze why fossil fuels are largely found only in some regions of the earth.

(10 Marks)

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Fossil fuels are formed due to the chemical & thermal process due to overlying sediment rocks on organic matter eg plants, animals etc.

eg Coal, Petroleum

Combining

in a Map

Largely found in some regions

(1) Tectonic processes: Due to movement of earth plates & pressures created organic matter gets compressed.

(2) Subsidence & Uplifting of land: eg Gondwana period causing fossil fuel deposits in Chota Nagpur region.





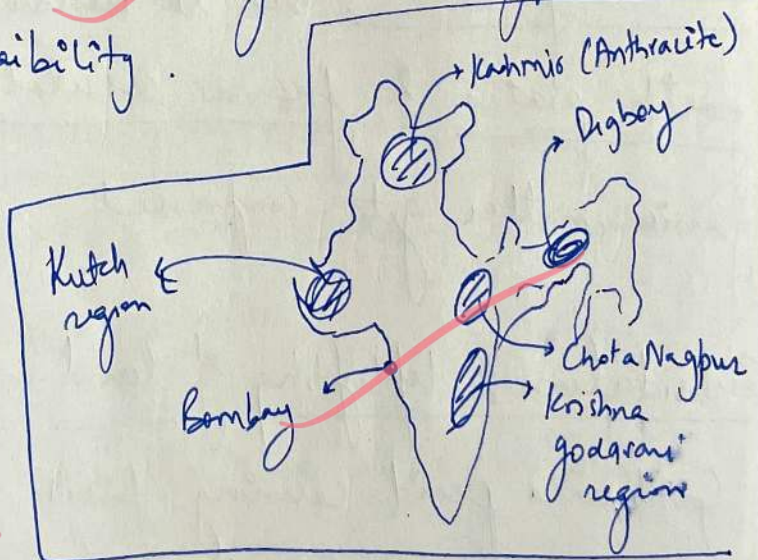
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(3) Process of sedimentation: easier deposit of overlying sediments affects the ability of formation

(eg) Ocean beds have huge crude resources of Bombay High, Neelam field.

(4) Presence of life: Huge presence of organic matter in a region also affects availability.



Indian presence

Hence, due to varying geographical & tectonic factors presence of fossil deposition varies.





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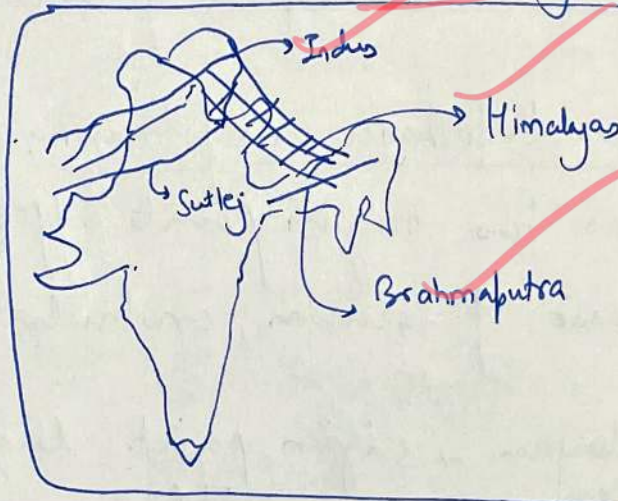
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6. Himalayan rivers are largely perennial compared to many of their peninsular counterparts. Elaborate. (10 Marks)

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Himalayan rivers are perennial that is they flow in the country throughout the year.

eg Indus, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej etc.



You are giving more importance to Himalayas  
Can add points to peninsular

Reason for being perennial

- (1) Glacial source : presence of ice all throughout the year  
eg Mapchachungo glacier, gangotri etc.
- (2) Less dependence on rainfall : peninsular





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rivers are highly dependent on rainfall for water flow eg Chambal, Cauvery etc

(3) Nature of rocks: peninsular rivers are posed on hard rock which restricts movements of regions of Deccan Traps.

(4) Less disturbance in upstream: peninsular rivers has origin points affected because of terrorism, construction, urbanization

Himalayan → origin points largely rivers inaccessible.

(5) Utilization potential: peninsular rivers exploited at all stages (upstream, downstream) for water needs.

Himalayan rivers → usable mostly in downstream

Hence, ability to accumulate sufficient water enables Himalayan rivers to flow perennially





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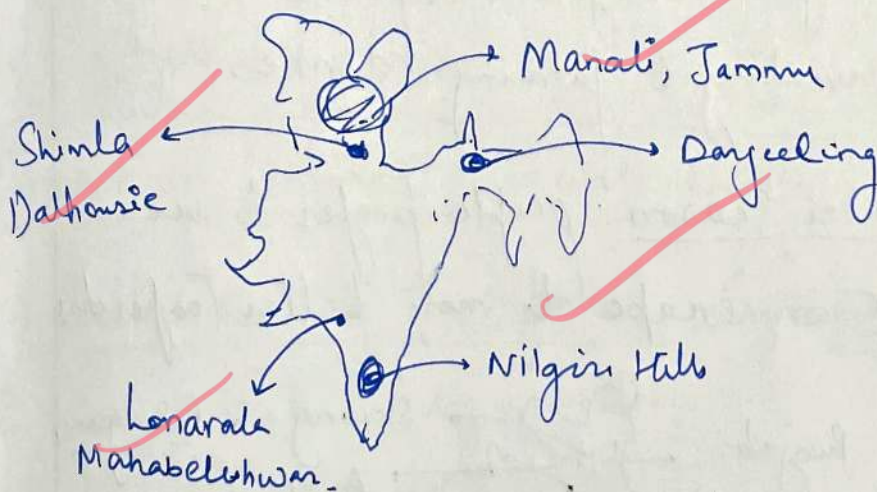
7. Discuss the relationship between different seasons and tourism in various parts of India. (10 Marks)

The Indian Tourism scenario is largely a seasonal affair with each region having its own unique features.

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## Seasons & tourism

(i) Summers: People generally prefer colder areas to escape the heat.



- prefer adaptable climate conditions
- speciality of regions eg Kahwa (J&K) like drinks etc. Solkadhi (MH)
- Usually vacation periods in schools.

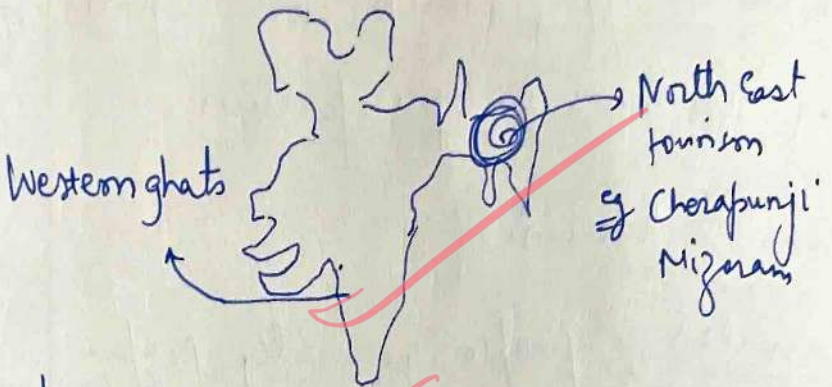




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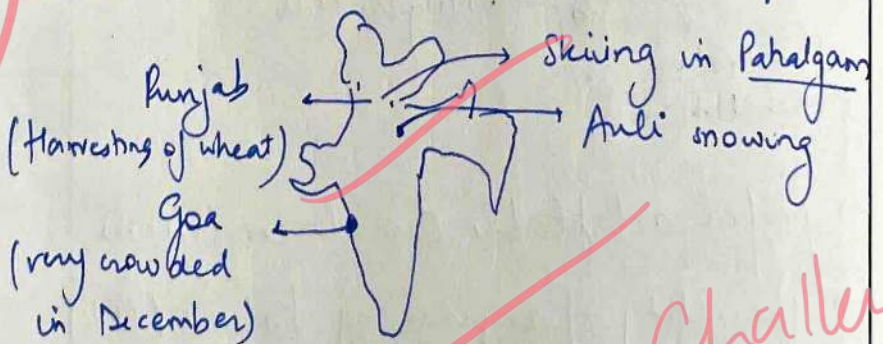
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(2) Monsoon Season: People prefer greenery & wildlife during this season.



- beautiful roads & scenery
- wildlife & ecosystem exposure
- Harvesting & farming activities.

(3) Winter Season: people prefer to see snow or escape to more better Temperatures



Hence, seasons offer various activities during tourism.

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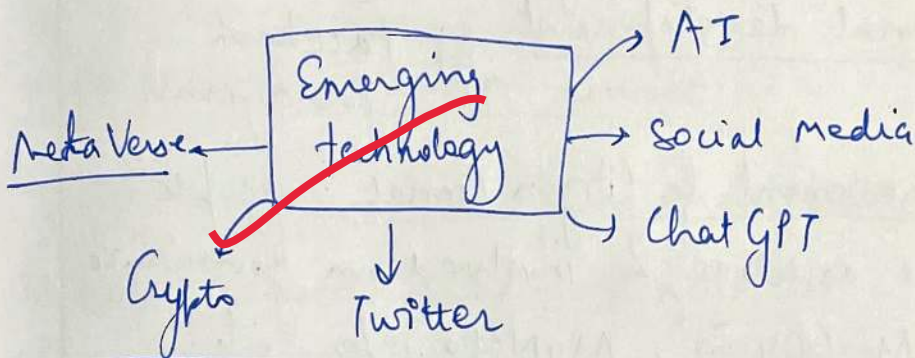
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8. Examine the impact of emerging technologies on personal and social identity in contemporary society, considering both the potential benefits and challenges they pose." (10 Marks)

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Emerging technologies gave the individual better ability to communicate, stay connected, express themselves.



## Impact on personal & social identity

- (1) Better ability to express : Can connect & share talents & expertise  
eg Non-fungible Tokens - artistic  
AI for good → Medical field etc.
- (2) Brings society together. Using social media & other campaigns eg Climate





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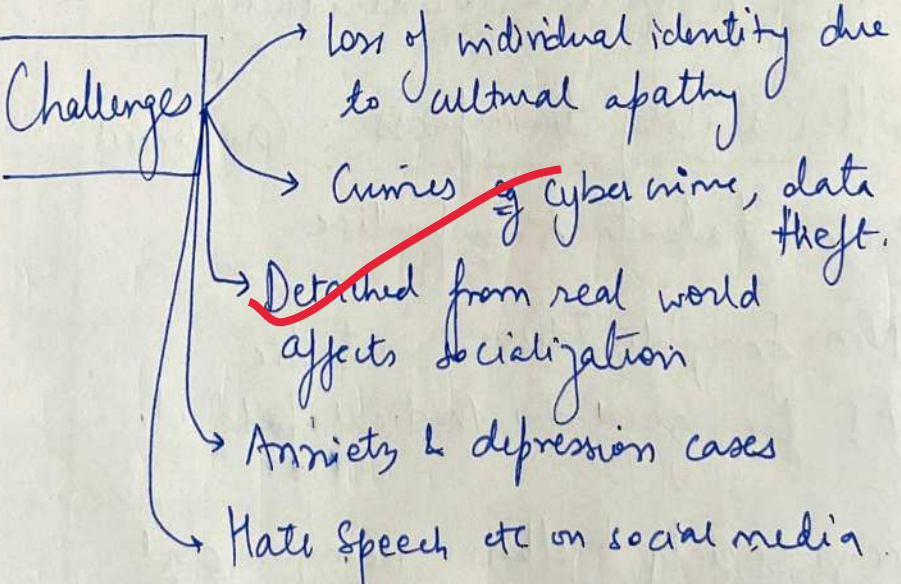
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(3) Voice to Women: #MeToo movement & other safety mechanisms eg GPS tracking gives sense of security.

(4) Globalised world: learn of different cultures, languages etc leads to personal development eg Facebook Instagram.

Can separate personal n individual identity

(5) Government to Citizen Connect: people more assertive & involved in governance eg MyGov.in, MyNeta.info etc.



Hence, emerging technologies can be a boon or a bane.





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9. Intermixing of rural culture in urban centers and urban culture in rural areas can be seen in different pockets of India. Comment. (10 Marks)

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The concept of migration & reverse migration impacts the overall culture of Indian areas. 52 crore migrants were reported as internal in India.

## Rural Culture in Urban Centres

- (1) Food Habits: consumption of authentic village & rural food eg millet (Bhakri in Maharashtra)
- (2) Sense of community: Older people usually bond very well in gated societies eg Resident Association & society events like villages
- (3) Cultural practices: like celebration of festivals & way of life done





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- (4) Exchange of people: like giving some special dish made at home to neighbors showing community spirit & tolerance.

## Urban Culture in Rural Areas

- (1) Technology: Phones, Tablets etc carried their way to rural areas.

Increased digitization amongst villagers

- (2) Topics of Entrepreneurship: most startups are from Tier 3 cities.  
**Ott platforms, Macdonaldization, fashion**

- (3) Social Media: Posting pictures of daily routine, farm vlogs, reels etc.

- (4) Emphasis on smaller families: declining joint-family system & increase in nuclear families

Hence, intermingling of cultures is giving way to a more diverse society.





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10. The states of India can be conceived as various linguistic units, each with rich cultural traditions that instill region-specific patriotism. Yet, India has survived strongly as an integrated whole, with these diverse cultural units not limiting the sovereignty and integrity of the nation. Examine. (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

The division of India in states had primarily happened on linguistic grounds. Yet the Union still stand firmly as one.

Linguistic units with traditions & region specific patriotism

(1) Each area different language : eg North states predominantly Hindi speaking (42%) & southern states speak diverse languages.

(2) Freedom fighters : coming from different regions celebrated there.  
eg Bhagat Singh (Punjab), B.G. Tilak (Maharashtra)

(3) Food Habits & Culture : difference in crops grown & food eaten.

**Political patriotism, literature etc**

Historically also different kingdoms ruled





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## Not limiting sovereignty

- (1) Single Citizenship & Constitution
- (2) Interconnected nature: with respect to Trade, manages, exchange of food etc
- (3) Freedom Movement: all regions participated equally, hence idea of collective entity.
- (4) Fraternity: due to values of Indian tradition & philosophy eg Ahimsa, Sarva Dharma Sambhava, Vandhania Kutumbakam
- (5) Federal mechanism: Institutional measures like Zonal Councils, Interstate Council (Article 263) etc
- (6) Fusion of cultures: eg lancee in Dosa (North-South) & various dialects.

Also mention the challenges

Hence, India is a prime example of unity in diversity.





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11. What are the different types of traditional handicrafts in India? Discuss the various ways through which they can be conserved and promoted. (15 Marks)

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Indian Art is a great array of various types of handicrafts & artistic pieces made from a variety of elements eg wood, metal etc.

## Different types of Handicrafts

(1) Wood work → Various types of toys, bangles, jewellery made from wood.

(2) Metal Work → Making of mirrors (Kunla), ornaments, bracelets etc done using various metals like Brass, Copper, gold, silver etc.

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(3) Delicate Carvings: of woodwork to give texture & life to the handicraft pieces

eg Kathputli puppets from wood in Rajasthan

(4) Artisinal textile: Delicate handmade & hand weaved textile. eg Madhubani textile.  
said to be "lighter than woven Air"

(5) Embroidary Handicrafts: eg Phulkari of Punjab show the beauty of different geometric & other patterns.

## Ways to Conserve

(1) Ministry of Culture: Schemes to promote





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area)

the culture & traditions of handicrafts  
eg HRIDAY scheme etc.

(2) PM Vishwakarma Scheme : promotes  
training & financial support to the  
artisans.

(3) Self Help groups (SHGs) : To help promote  
& market the products & tradition

(4) Social Media : as a tool to promote &  
market the products eg ONDC,  
e-commerce websites

(5) NGOs & Civil Society : eg Smita Ghosh  
"Kangasutra" collaboration with Fab  
India → for rural Artisans

Thus, by engaging different sections  
of society we can certainly promote  
our handicrafts across the world.





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12. "The policies of the Company rule during Dalhousie's period were not the root cause but the necessary trigger for the inevitable uprising of 1857." Elaborate. (15 Marks)

The policies of Dalhousie angered a lot of the sections of ruling classes in those times & provided the trigger for revolt of 1857.

Policies of Company during Dalhousie

- (1) Doctrine of lapse: If no-legal natural heir to a king the state will fall to the EIC

→ Thanasi, Sambalpur, Udaipur, Jaitpur, Satara etc. were annexed using doctrine of lapse.

- (2) Pretext of Maladministration: If state not being administered properly then British could annex





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eg Awadh was the most notable example.

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(3) Feudal Attitudes: ~~The mistreatment of~~ Indians & general apathy to condition of people created dissent.

(4) Post Annexation Company rule: Peasants were pestered for ~~more revenue~~ which led to poor conditions, famines, deaths.

Bring out the keywords

(5) Post Lapse loss of patronage: After Lapse of state the traditional artisans became unemployed and went to agriculture → they were also dissatisfied.

Necessary trigger

(1) Annexation of Awadh (1856) caused a very viable ground for a revolt.





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(2) Loss of traditional rulers : created opportunity to Install Badshah Shah Zaffar II as symbolic leader of revolt

(3) Creation of Telegraph & Postal System provided targets of destruction for rebels & facilitated communication during the revolt.

(4) Railways : provided transport mechanism from different parts of the country

Hence, Dalhousie's political doctrines created dissent among ruler, peasants, artisans, religious figures etc & provided trigger for revolt of 1857.





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13. The British, who never gave concrete consent even for granting dominion status to India at the beginning of the 1940s, finally left the country in a hurry by granting complete independence even before the anticipated date. Analyze (15 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

The British since 1940 engaged with Indians on different plans for grant of dominion status to complete Independence of August declaration to Cabinet Mission, Mountbatten plan etc.

Never gave concrete consent

(1) August offer: Allowed dominion but constituent Assembly not fully Indian.

Why?

(2) Cripps Mission (1942): Constituent Assembly "mainly" Indians & dominion status. Governor-general had veto.





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(3) Wavell plans: "Caste Hindus" & Muslims with representation & dominion status

(4) Cabinet Mission: process of Balkanization & accepted the inevitable independence of India

(5) Mountbatten plan: Boundary Commission (Radcliffe) to divide into 2 separate dominions for complete Independence.

Reasons for shift in British attitude

(1) Post-War Scenario: Britain was no longer superpower & could not contain India for much longer.  
eg USA, Soviet Union now superpower

(2) Liberal government: in UK post WWII favoured independence for India





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as compared to Churchill earlier.

(3) Dent in loyalty of Army, Navy: the INA trials, & RIN Mutiny showed British they couldn't trust the defense forces.

(4) Pressure from Global powers: formation of United Nations & pressure from USA → more for liberty & independence

(5) Freedom Movement → Quit India Movement (1942) could not be controlled any longer & communal violence.

(6) War weary British soldiers: Also didn't want to engage militarily anymore.

Hence, due to a great shift in global & national circumstances Britain had to quit India.

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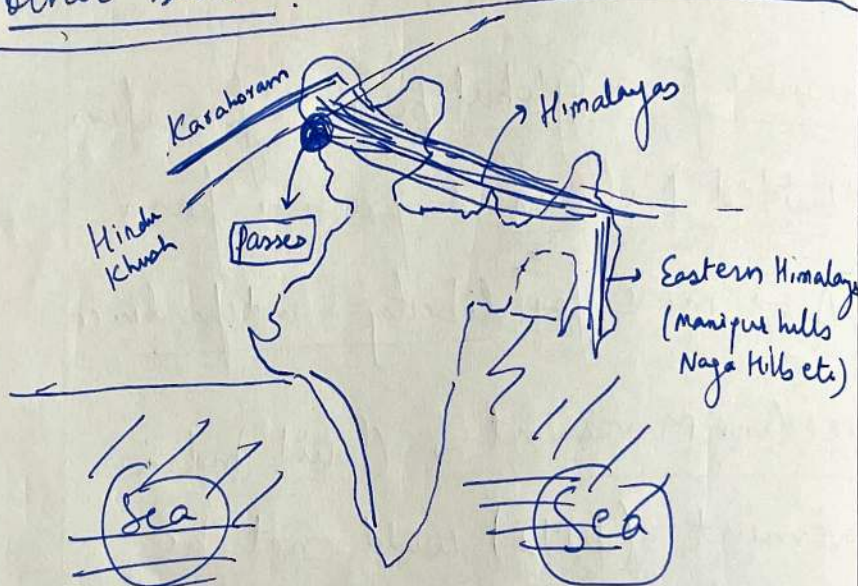


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14. Why did the Indian subcontinent face numerous invasions from the northwestern side rather than from elsewhere? (15 Marks)

The Indian subcontinent is a peninsular body surrounded by mountains on one side & seas on the other side.



Reasons for Invasions from NW side

(i) Presence of Himalayan mountain passes → eg Khyber Pass, Bolan Pass etc.





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(2) location of other empires: of Central Asian power (Sakas, Hunas) & Iranian Afghan powers (Abdali, Nader Shah)

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(3) Permeable procedures: Roads were built by later times & facilitated access to Indian subcontinent.

(4) Lack of Navy: other powers didn't have a good navy → couldn't come by sea except Europeans.

(5) Eastern & Central Himalayas: they are taller, wider & impenetrable due to harsher climatic condition.

(6) Nature of Afghans: They were nomadic tribal kingdoms hence dependent





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on plundering & looting of wealth.

(7) Presence of denser forests: south of the Narmada & Vindhya. Therefore south India remained protected & culturally Homogeneous.

→ ~~East~~ North East India also had mountains & dense forest hence not feasible

64 Hence due to the nature of empires, climatic ~~conditions~~ & presence of permeable passes North-Western side of India faced numerous invasions.





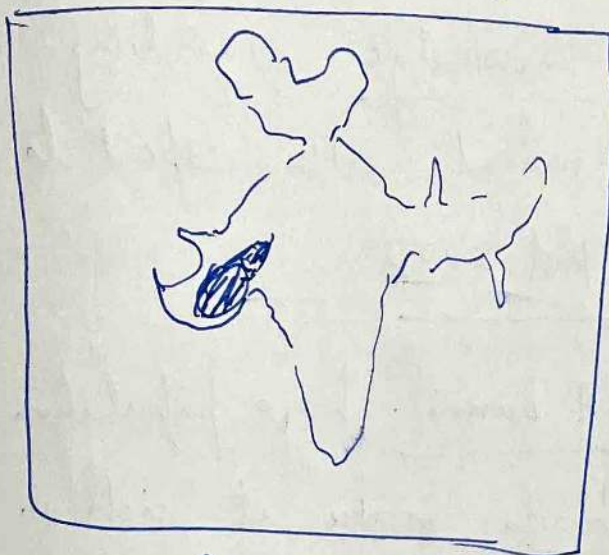
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15. Discuss the significance of the Banni grasslands of India.

(15 Marks)

Banni Grasslands are located in regions of Western India especially regions of Gujarat, Rajasthan etc.



Banni grassland

(Don't write anything in this area)

Significance of Banni grassland

(1) Population of Asiatic Lions: the only home of the Asiatic Lions is the Gir Sanctuary Area





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(2) Tribal population : Tribal populations reside that live in harmony with the nature → role in protection of lion as well

(3) Traditional Knowledge : regarding plants & animals with respect to Biodiversity Act 2002

(4) Biodiversity of Banri : huge population of migratory birds make it rich in biodiversity.

(5) Sequestration of Carbon : Huge amount of Carbon is sequestered in organic form in the soil.

(6) Provides Buffer Against Thar desert :





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Winds blowing from Rajasthan could impact the fertile areas. Therefore acts as protection.

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## Challenges faced by Banni grasslands

- Overgrazing & loss of plant life.
- Invasive species & loss of fauna
- Endangered nature of lions
- Urbanization & pressure on land & ecosystem.
- Climate Change effects & erosion

Way forward

- Ecosystem & lifecycle approach
- National Action Plan on Climate Change
- Community & local participation
- Civil Society involvement in management of grassland.
- Green energy use & reduce GHGs

Hence, grasslands act as an important lifeline for the ecosystem.



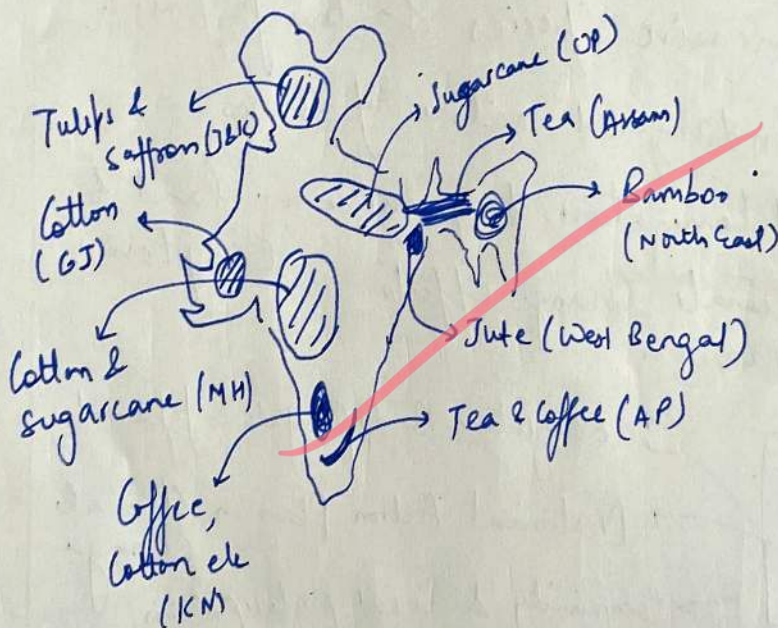


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16. What are the various geographical factors responsible for the growth of the major cash crops in India? (15 Marks)

The various cash crops grown in India differ from region to region & from climate, local demands, soil conditions, availability of water etc.



Examples of few cash crops in India

Geographical factors responsible

(1) Climate: Most cash crops require





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ambient temperature eg Cotton -  $21^{\circ} - 30^{\circ}$   
& tea requires  $21^{\circ} - 25^{\circ}C$

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(2) Soil Conditions: Red soil favorable for Cashew cultivation eg Andhra, Orissa & Black soil good for Cotton & sugarcane eg Maharashtra etc.

(3) Availability of irrigation: ~~Water~~ Sugarcane & Jute etc are water guzzling crops must be grown in water sufficient areas.

Cotton requires lesser rainfall therefore grown in Deccan Areas

(4) Linkages of Connectivity: Upstream & downstream with logistics facility eg Sugar Mills in Maharashtra facilitate huge cultivation & crushing within 48 hours





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(5) Altitude - crops like Tea & Coffee require sloping, well drained soils. Thus they are grown mostly in hills eg Darjeeling, Nilgiri Hills etc.

(6) Temperature: Frost & icy conditions will greatly affect cotton, tea leaves etc.

Adequate sunlight etc will decide

(7) Rivers: Jute crops require fast moving water for wretting of jute fibre eg Hooghly area famous for Jute

Thus, various physical & human geographical factors shape the location of geographical cultivation of cash crops





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17. Discuss the major factors contributing to the formation of the major river deltas of the world. Also, highlight their significance. (15 Marks)

River deltas are usually the geographical features seen at the lower ends of the rivers course (mature stage).

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## Factors causing formation of Deltas

- (1) Sediment Deposition: Accumulated sediment from the young stage is deposited on reaching the plains of Sunderban Delta, Ganga Delta.
- (2) Tidal force of Sea: A high tide & force from sea prevents formation of deltas & forms estuaries eg Krishna estuary.
- (3) Force of Rivers: High force of corrosion, abrasion, corrosion will result in more





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sediments causing large deltas formation eg Brahmaputra Delta.

(4) Obstructions in path of river : eg Alluvial fans, vegetations, rock etc. cause deposition of sediment.

(5) Changing course of river : eg Amazon Basin causes lots of meanders, sieve edge deposits, onbow lakes resulting in → Wider delta formations

## Significance of Deltas

(1) Ecological Significance

→ ecological niche created

↳ have huge amount of biodiversity as are present between plains &







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marine ecosystem

- (2) Edge Species : like water birds, Tigers etc prefer to be in the ~~delta~~ delta ecosystem.
- (3) Extremely fertile soil : Very good for agricultural purposes eg rice cultivation (West Bengal highest producer)
- (4) Sand Mining activities : High content of alluvium & clay fit for construction activities
- (5) High degree of urbanization : due to resources like water, agriculture etc.
- (6) Carbon Sequestration potential : highest in deltas & estuaries
- (7) Presence of mangroves : Kidneys of the ecosystem, edge species & valuable source of ecosystem services

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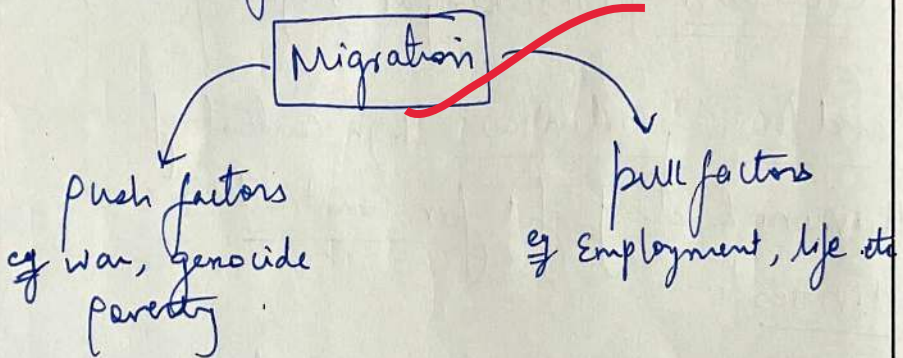


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18. Analyze whether the phenomenon of migration has further reinforced the Indian model of multiculturalism. (15 Marks)

Migration refers the travel of persons from their home to a different location in search of better opportunities, jobs, life etc. or due to forced eviction (war etc).



Reinforced Indian multiculturalism

(1) Integration over Assimilation: Not try to create a homogenous entity. Let other cultures express themselves in a unified whole.

eg Punjabi living in Tamil Nadu will freely celebrate Baisakhi.

(Don't write anything in this area)





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(2) Tolerance & openness: Acceptance of different cultures & ~~using~~ that to enrich others

eg Pannier in Dosa, filter coffee in Delhi etc. - enrich cultures.

(3) United in difficult times: eg 26/11, Kargil War over one Identity as Indians

(4) Freedom to Work: Travel & Migrate for employment & better Jobs  
eg Bangalore & Hyderabad Hub for all Indians in IT.

(5) Diversity & Fraternity: inspired from single citizenship & constitutional values

eg Art 301 free trade & intercourse through country

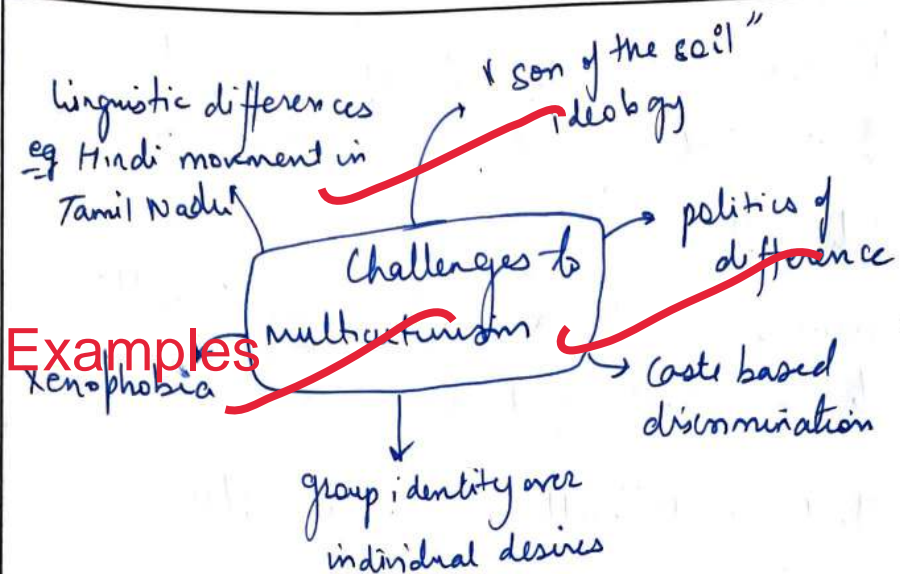
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Way forward - reconcile migration & positive multiculturalism

- discourse & dialogue between different cultures
- celebrating unitary festivals eg "Phad wale ki Sair" & "Janga Jammuni Jehzees"
- Abiding by the Constitution & its ideals & fundamental duties

Hence, the idea of multiculturalism is enforced by migratory practices.

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19. The Western world has witnessed various movements seeking gender parity in different forms. In this context, analyze how far the nature of these movements in the West is compatible with the general psyche of Indian society, where similar movements are lacking. (15 Marks)

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The Western movements have been for a variety of causes regarding gender parity in work, life etc.



How far compatible with Indian psyche

- (1) Slight Conflict: As society is predominantly patriarchal & women not have sufficient freedom in private sphere.





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- (2) Son-preference: Women still discriminated against & male child preferred.
  - (3) Financial parity: Women still not given complete economic independence  
eg 17% women alone have land to their name.
  - (4) Biological disadvantaged: poor condition & female infanticide, abortions etc still prevalent.
  - (5) Double Burden: Caste + Gender discrimination for girl child.
  - (6) Literacy rates lower for women: 71% compared to 82% of men (census 2011)
- However, India has been doing better in some aspects :-
- (1) Universal adult franchise: given to all





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citizens ~~of~~ contrast Switzerland that gave in 1973 - ~~women's~~ voting rights

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(2) Womens rights: protected legally a Maternity Benefits Act, Equal Wages National Creche Scheme etc.

(3) Women right to chose : ~~on~~ abortion matters ~~of~~ MTP Act recently supreme court said applicable to unmarried women also

(4) Womens education: Numerous initiatives ~~of~~ Mahajyoti Scheme, KIRAN scheme, Mission Shakti etc.

(5) POSH guidelines: Workplace safety & prevention of harassment.

Hence, despite lot of ground to cover we are doing quite well in terms of efforts for gender emancipation.





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20. "There is no dichotomy between religiosity and secularism in the Indian context." Examine. (15 Marks)

This statement emphasizes on the nature of Indian secularism which is to respect all religions equally & state to engage with all religions equally.

Dichotomy → Western nations segregated state from religion  
eg USA, France.

No dichotomy in India

- (1) Religiosity: All religions teach ideas of universal one-ness & brotherhood eg Brahman, Nirguna aspects.
- (2) All religions teach tolerance & acceptance of other humans eg largar.

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by Sikhs is open to all

(3) State involvement: Indian government helps all religions eg exemption on taxation for temples, Haj subsidy, Opening of Kartarpur corridor etc

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(4) Civilizational influence: India called "Birthplace of religions". Huge commonalities in Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism etc. **Public holidays on religious festivals**

(5) Intermixing of religions: causes a composite religious practice eg Phool Walo Ki Sai - secular procession from Mandir to Dargah

Godess Bibi - worshipped in Sunderbans by Both Hindus & Muslims





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## Threats to idea of secularism

→ divisive elements in society eg political for vote bank

→ Hate speech on social media  
risk of deep fakes etc

→ External Actors influence eg Pakistan using social media to radicalize.

→ decline of constitutional morality  
(secularism → basic structure)

## Way forward

- (1) Dialogue between religious heads of different religions
- (2) Government facilitate dialogue & easy settlement of disputes.
- (3) Celebrating different religions for the good parts → love, peace, tolerance etc.

Dr. Ambedkar said religion in India determines life from "cradle to grave" of a person.

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