

MAINS TEST SERIES 2024

FULL TEST GS II

Question Paper Specific Instructions

1. There are **TWENTY** Questions printed in **ENGLISH**.
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1. Hasty legislations not only challenge the essence of representative democracy but leads to judicial challenges and civic protests. In this light discuss the approaches that needs to be adopted to ensure the quality of legislations.

(10 Marks)

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Recent Delhi farmers protest highlights the issue of hasty legislations hampering the efficient democratic setup.

Recent examples → ^{Billy} Farmers ordinances 2020 -
Essential commodities act amendments 2020.

Threats posed by such legislative measures

① Leading to violent protests and marches.

(eg) Delhi farmers protest

② - Affects credibility of India in International arena.

(eg) Recent talks to G20



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- ③ Affects public order and public security.
- ④ Challenges the administrative efficiency.
- eg Inability to charge case against huge population.
- ⑤ Ever increasing need for judicial promulgation.
- eg Procession does not include the right to strike.

Approaches for quality legislations

Ensures reference to parliamentary committees

eg Standing committees

Expert consultations - in matters requiring special attention.

eg Surrogacy bill

Interministerial coordination

eg technological matters such as EIA

Adopting best practices.

eg South Africa - public scrutiny of bills

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2. The role of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament is not confined to some privileges on ceremonial occasions but is a practical and responsible one.
Comment (10 Marks)

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In India Leader of opposition has got legal recognition in 1977

Importance and role of Leader of opposition in Indian parliament

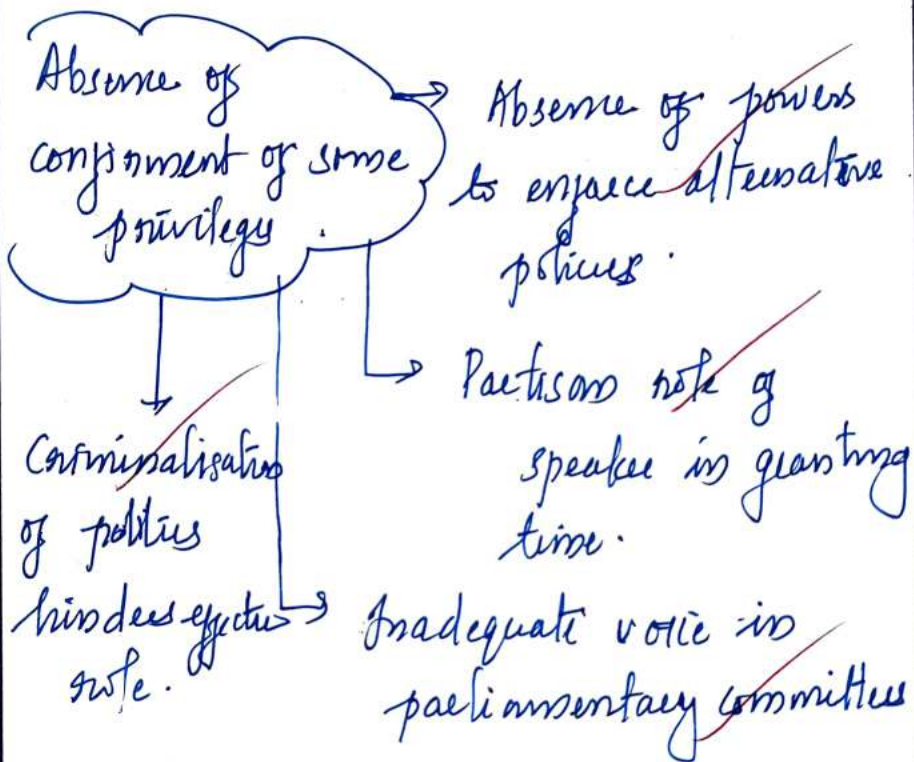
- ① Shadow prime minister - acts as effective leader in the system.
- ② Alternate policies and decisions.
- ③ Making accountable functioning of parliamentary democracy.
 - ④ member of committee
- ④ Key role in choosing and appointments
 - ④ member of CVC, CBI selection board



⑤ Ensures effective opposition thereby removing illegalities.

④ EIA amendments

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According to 2nd ARC, leader of opposition should assume equal powers in deliberations and discussions in parliament.



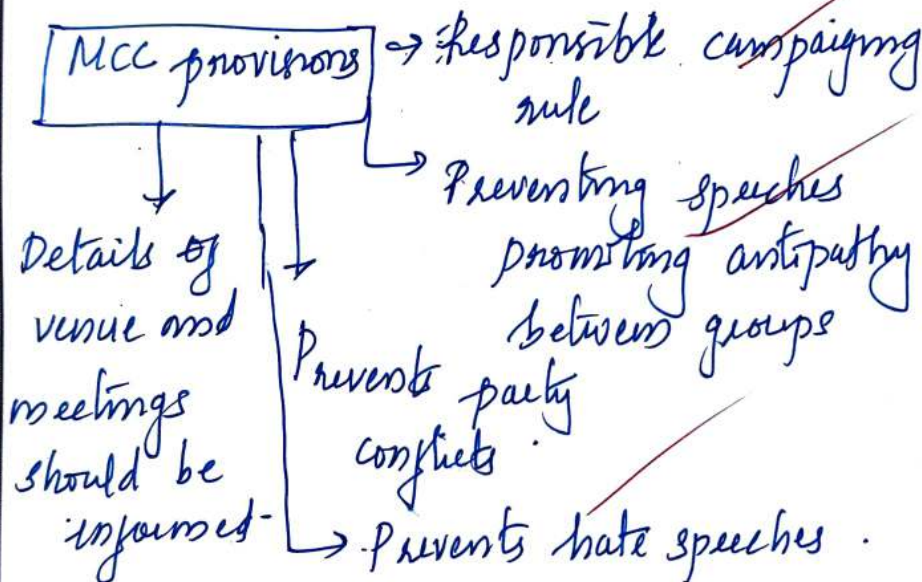
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3. Given the evolution of political campaigns and the increasing influence of digital media, is the existing Model Code of Conduct (MCC) sufficient to ensure free and fair elections in India? Propose how it could be updated to address new challenges in modern electioneering. (10 Marks)

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18th Lok Sabha elections has shown the ~~ever-increasing~~ trend of social media campaigns in the electoral politics.



Role of the above measures

- ① Proposes a fair playing field.
- ② Ensures fair conduct of election process



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Argue about need of PDPs

③ Prevents confrontations during processing processions.

④ Ensures free and fair elections.

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emerging challenge and limitations of MCC

→ Increasing number of hate speeches

→ Election atrocities and violence (eg Mamprui case 2024)

↓
Violence and booth capturing

→ Unauthorised social media campaigns

(eg 15 election - WB)

Measures

→ Expanding the scope - including post election and pre-election time

→ Adequate statutory backup

→ More powers to EC to deal and enforce MCC

→ Technical updation - covering digital campaigns

Through these smooth elections is ensured



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4. Examine the constitutional perspectives on environmental conservation and climate justice in India. Discuss how these concepts have evolved over time through constitutional amendments and landmark case laws. (10 Marks)

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Recently supreme court has ruled that right to life under Article 21 also includes the right of environment also.

Constitutional perspectives of environmental conservation

→ A/48A - protection of forest, wildlife etc

→ A/51A(g) duty of individual to protect environment.

V & VIth schedule -

protection of tribes and environment

→ temporary and special provisions under Part 2 - protection of environment.

Constitutional amendments and landmark case laws

① Right to life against adverse



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climate bundles.

(eg) Rajith Kumar vs UoI case 2019

(2) Right to pollution free environment under A/21

(eg) MC Mehta case

(3) Right to health under right to life.

(eg) PB KMS vs state of WB 1998

(4) Right to pollution free air and water under A/21

(eg) Subash Kumar vs state of Bihar 1996

(5) Right life of forest dwellers.

(eg) Niyamgiri tribe case

(6) Right against air pollution.

(eg) Heun gopal case - burning of crackers

Through these measures courts and amendments expands the scope of envt justice.



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5. The Right to Information (RTI) and the right to privacy both hold significant value in a democratic society. Neither should be compromised for the other; instead, a balanced approach is essential. Discuss this in the context of the challenges in implementing the RTI Act, 2005 (10 Marks)

(Don't write anything in this area)

Supreme Court in Puttaswamy Case of 2021 upheld that right to privacy could go hand in hand with other provisions and laws such as RTI.

Need of a balanced approach of RTI and Right to privacy.

- ① For ensuring smooth parliamentary democracy. - informed citizenry
- ② Balancing rights and duties of the individual.
- ③ Tackling the problems of misinformation and privacy concerns.
(u) Shreya Singhal case.
- ④ For ensuring effective justice and tackling corrupt practices.



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Challenges in implementing RTI

① Bypassing provisions regarding privacy.

(eg) Puttuswamy judgement

② Effect on smooth functioning of govt machinery.

(eg) OSA 1923.

③ Widespread political venues and criminal activities.

④ Dilution of co-acts and policies.

(eg) whistle blowers protection Act

⑤ Threat posed by emerging media

(eg) Hate speeches, leak of RTI information.

Way forward

→ Comprehensive coverage and strict implementation

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6. A systematic approach to cadre management in civil services across states is as crucial as the introduction of lateral entry into the civil services. Discuss the importance of both in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of public administration. (10 Marks)

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OPSC has recently announced
40 lateral entry posts in civil
services 2023.

Importance of systematic approach to
cadre management.

- ① For ensuring uniformity of
administration across the country
- ② Discouraging regional disparities
and divide -
④ Cadre allocation criteria
- ③ Sensitising official about cultural-
geographic diversity of the
country.
- ④ freedom to avoid relative alienation

No
main
points



④ Role of NE in economic productivity is 210%.

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Importance of lateral entry

- ① Expertise in specific fields - such as medical, engineering.
- ② Enables technical advice and data driven policy formulation.
 - ④ Experts in laws
- ③ Enabling career opportunities for those who possess higher qualifications.
- ④ Induces innovation and research in administration.

Therefore these measures act as way forward in expanding scope of civil services - 2nd ARC.



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The inception of Jan Vishwas act aligns with the overarching goal of simplifying legal processes, reducing compliance burden and fostering a more business friendly environment. Analyse. (10 Marks)

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Recently parliament has enacted Jan Vishwas Act for effective justice delivery in democratic polity.

Role of Jan Vishwas Act

- ① Ensures effective dispensation of justice according to rule of law.
- ② Enables public perception management.
 - ④ Public hearing clause
- ③ Fostering and promotion of interministerial and departmental coordination.
- ④ Enables data driven policy formulation.

decriminalising
micro offences
with penalties
182 provision
1242 (a)



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⑤ enables smooth implementation of existing legal provisions and frameworks.

⑥ ensures adequate grievance redressal mechanisms.

Some concerns → Absence of explicit provisions to deal with public participation
↓
Absence of strong dispute redressal provisions -
↓
Scope of misinterpretations due to lack of clarity.

way ahead

- ① Inviting suggestions from public
- ② engaging community participation in implementation

* Gives clarity for definition; This improves implementation.
* Evidence for Proactive role of ~~leg~~ Parliament.

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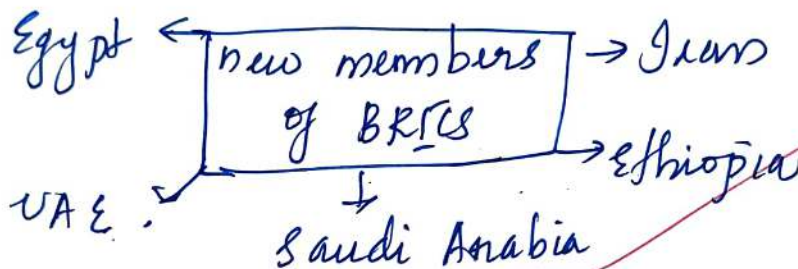
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8. How does the expansion of BRICS with new member countries improve its potential as a global group in the changing world order? What challenges does it need to overcome to work effectively and gain influence? (10 Marks)

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Recently BRICS has transformed into a 10-member grouping by the addition of 5 new members



Benefits and prospects of expansion.

- ① strategic alignment of like minded economies - *Energy Security*
 - (a) oil producing countries.
- ② Emergence of new multilateral order.
 - (a) Saudi, UAE & Iran



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③ Energy security - opec nations

④ Enhancing regional integration

eg Middle east members - ④

⑤ Increasing focus on key global issues

eg Contingency reserve fund

⑥ Upliftment of vulnerable

eg Ayutem nation - ethiopia

Challenges

Absence of broad-based engagements

eg No frequent summits

Strategic rivalry - India - china

Regional conflicts and destabilisation

eg Saudi - Iran

Rise of multilaterals - west Asia quad

way ahead

→ Finishing priority goals

→ Promoting strategic partnerships



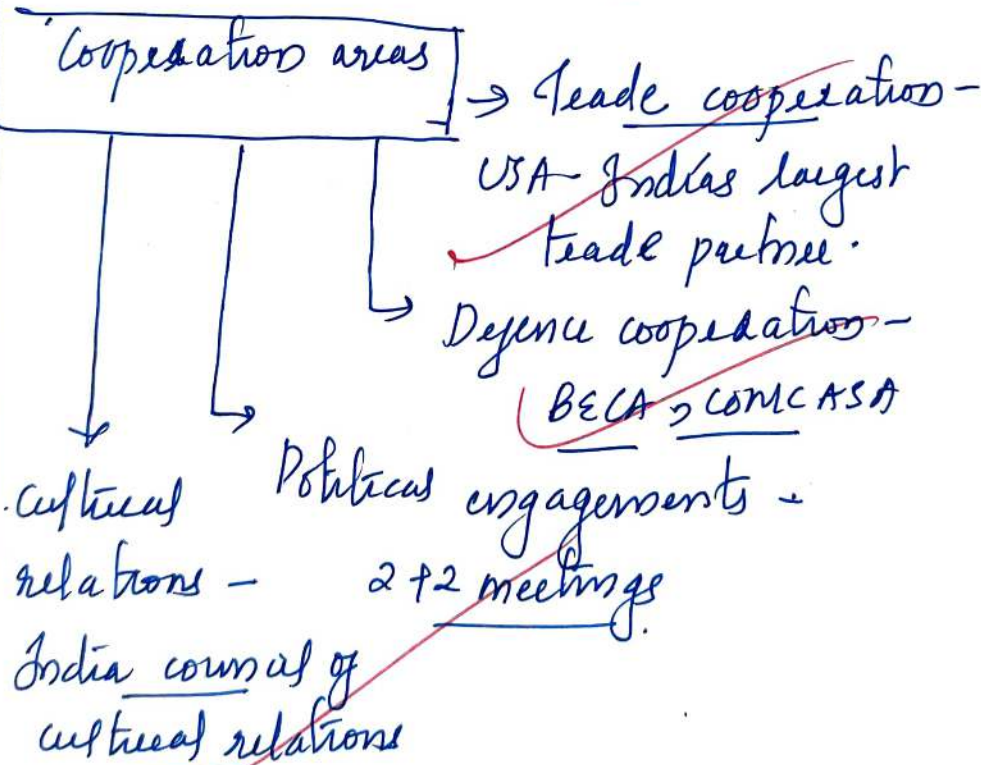
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9. The Indo-US relationship has witnessed a strategic convergence in recent years. However, differences persist on multiple issues. Discuss the current state of India-US relations and suggest measures to further strengthen this partnership. (10 Marks)

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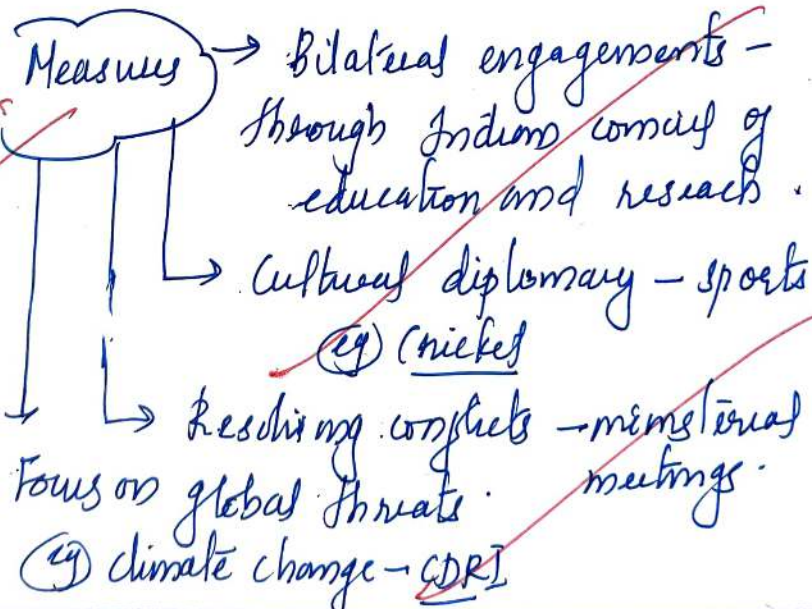
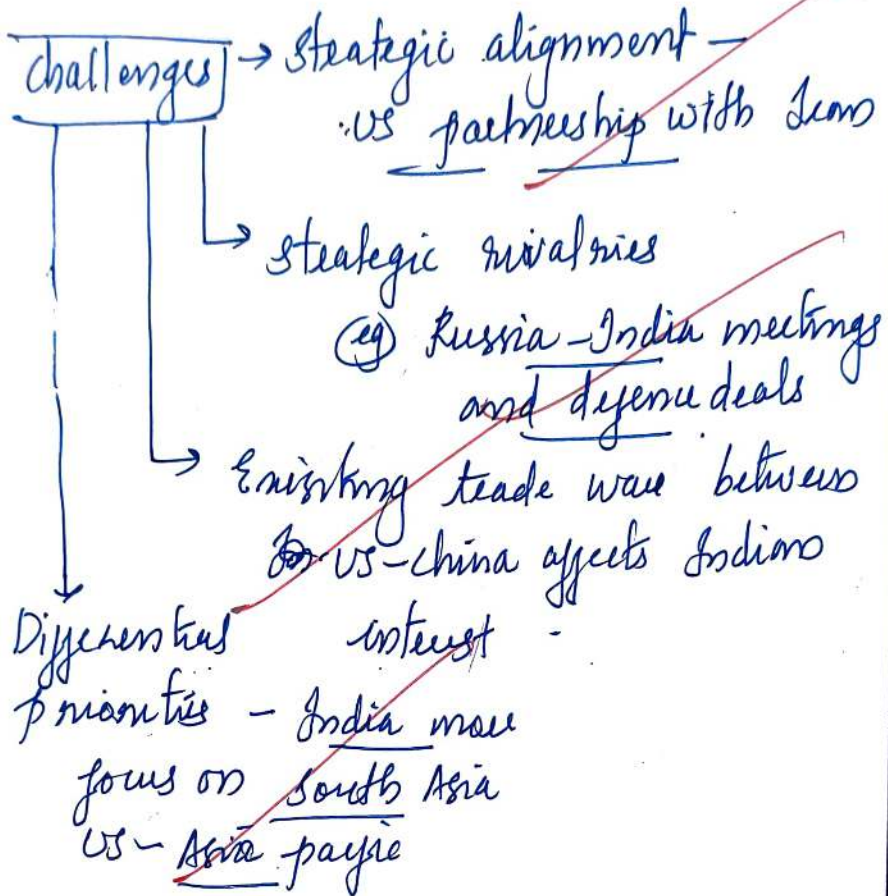
Recently India-US 2+2 ministerial meeting has highlighted the need for deepening engagements.





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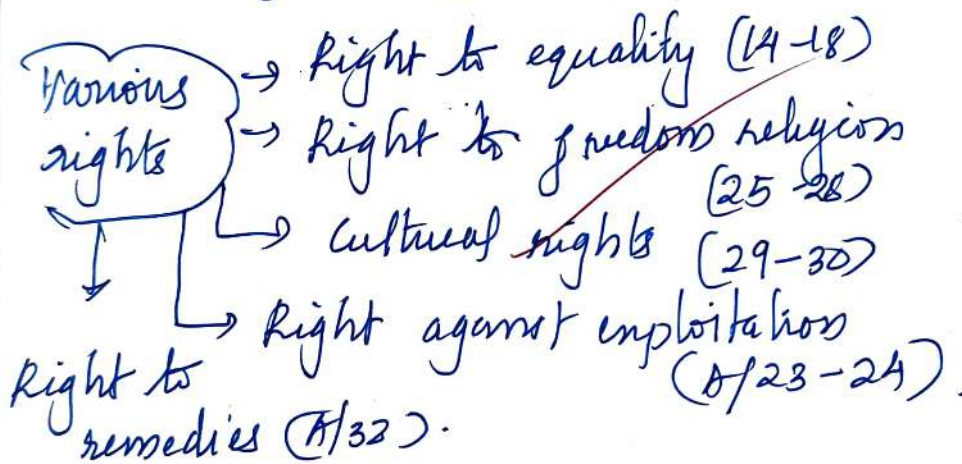
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10. The conflict between fundamental rights is a frequent occurrence and is likely to increase in the coming times. Discuss this trend and analyse how effectively the constitutional courts are fulfilling their role as the 'balancing wheel' in managing these rights. (10 Marks)

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Supreme court in Minerva Mills case ~~has~~ has reinstated the position fundamental rights as the basic feature of constitution.



Trends in conflict between rights.

- ① Right to equality vs right to employment.
- ② Reservation and affirmative actions.



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② Secularism vs freedom of religion

eg Burning of crackers -
Arun Jopai case

③ Right against discrimination vs preferential treatment under A16.

eg Backward representation

④ Right to ^{equal} religion vs right to health

eg Subash Kumar case 1996

⑤ Right to privacy vs right to information

eg RTI

This is a case of environment / gnt

Court as a Balancing wheel

→ Ensuring effective implementation of reasonable restriction.

eg Public order

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Doctrine of necessity

→ Doctrine of proportionality application

eg Bom on loudspeakers

→ Ensuring Justice in dispensation
eg Kerala education bill

Thus court acts as Guardians of rights



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11. Tribunals are designed to unclog the courts and aid in the overall dispensation of justice. Critically analyse this statement and suggest measures to improve their functioning. (15 Marks)

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Supreme court in recent judgement has highlighted the prominent role played by tribunals in dispensation of justice.



Role of tribunals in aiding courts and overall justice delivery.

- ① Helps in timely redressal of grievances.
 - eg) Usually within six months.
- ② Effective solutions through experts.
 - eg) Administrative members are also present.



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- ③. Easing burden on ordinary courts -
India justice report - huge pendency of cases - ~ 2 lakh in Supreme court
- ④. Emphasising on principle of natural justice.
- ⑤. Improved access - due to provision for regional benches.
④ CA-1 - 17 regional benches.

Efficacy of their functions and concerns

- ① Provisions for higher appeals.
④ NGT places higher appeals in Supreme Court
- ② Mushroom growth.
④ A/263 provides for separate



- tribunals for each disputes.
- ③ No strict implementation of judicial pronouncements.
 - ④ Concurrent powers of tribunals in dispensing natural justice.
 - ① Administrative inefficiency - due to inadequate infrastructure, man power.
 - ⑤ No technical expertise and timely dispensation of justice.

Measures → Centralised rules and regulations governing their functioning

- Provision for adequate infrastructure and man power.
- Interoperability in justice delivery system ④ SUPAS portal
- Ensuring concurrent powers of HC in hearing appeals.
- Technological expertise. Thus tribunals helps in effective justice delivery.

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12. Conduct a comparative analysis of the composition, functions, and functioning of the British parliamentary system, the American congressional system, and the Indian parliamentary system. (15 Marks)

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India, Britain and America shares many similarities and dissimilarities in their politico-administrative systems.

Comparative analysis

Composition

British	American	Indian
① Bicameral legislature	① Single chamber.	① Bicameral.
② Real and nominal head	② Real executive head	② Real and nominal head.



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③ Multiparty systems

Multiparty systems

Multiparty systems

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④ Direct and indirect elections

Direct election

Direct and indirect elections

Functions

British

① legislative process -
Introductions, debate, passage.

② Promulgation of emergency - national.

③ Speech from throne.

Tell about role in legislation, accountability

Americans

Introductions, debate, public hearing, passage.

② National and state emergency

National convention.

Indians

Introduction, hearing debate, passage.

National and state emergency

Motion of thanks.

executive



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Functioning

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<u>British</u>	<u>American</u>	<u>Indians</u>
① Flexible separation of powers	① Strict sop	Principle of checks and balances
② Legal responsibility for ministers in passage of acts	② President as the sole authority	No legal responsibility
③ Limited role of judiciary in interpretation	③ Scope for Judicial review and interpretation	③ Scope for Judicial review and binding rules

Thus they have many similarities and dissimilarities.



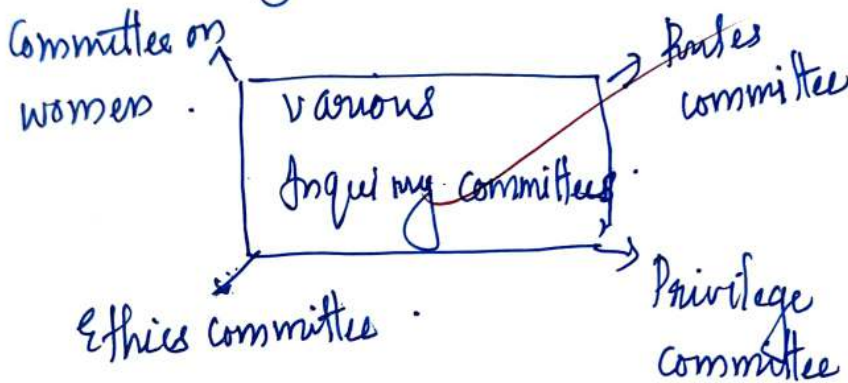
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13. Discuss the role of various inquiry committees of the Indian Parliament. Do you think the functioning and recommendations of these committees are sufficient to uphold democratic values? (15 Marks)

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Parliamentary committees plays a significant role in Indian representative democracy.



Role of inquiry committees.

① Proper implementation of the rules and procedures governing parliamentary functions.

eg Rules committee.

② - Inquiring into the conduct of members of the house.



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eg Ethics committee .

③ Investigating into breach of
privileges and ~~in~~ contempt of house.

eg Privilege committee .

④ Recommending necessary actions against
wrong doings .

eg Suspension of members .

⑤ Ensures transparency in parliamentary
proceedings .

eg Regular sitting of members
ensured .

Success of their recommendations
and functions .

- Preventing unnecessary crossing
of parties .
- Ensuring sufficient quorum .
- Establishing party discipline .



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→ Ensuring public faith .

Concerns/inadequacy of these committees .

- ① loopholes tigers - ~~no~~ enforcement powers at hand
- ② Poor referral rate - 19th has only 11%.
Complaints went to committees .
- ③ Criminalisation of politics - ~43%.
members face charges in 17th has
- ④ Only recommendatory role that too
in specific matters .
- ⑤ Ineffective opposition - no opposition
in leaders as head .

Way forward

- ① Legal backing for committees .
- ② Mandatory reference clause .
- ③ Enforcement powers and more autonomy

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14. Critically examine the provisions of the new criminal laws, emphasizing their potential to ensure justice for the people. Suggest measures to overcome systemic barriers in the criminal justice system. (15 marks)

Recently parliament has come up with new criminal laws - Bharatya Nyaya Samhita > Bharatya Sakshya Samhita etc.

New provisions ensuring justice ^{but 152}

- ① Scapping of sedition laws - thereby strengthening right to dissent
- ② Inclusion of modern day crimes
(eg) crime through digital platforms
- ③ Ensures speedy and expeditious justice delivery
(eg) Establishment of special courts when needed.

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④ enables technological updation of forces.

eg provisions to use new forensic techniques.

⑤ widens the scope of evidence collection.

eg DNA, fingerprints etc

⑥ Acts enables proper implementation of reasonable restrictions.

eg Bans on meeting in public
private spaces

Challenges and inadequacy

→ skewed scope - doesn't cover cyber threats

No compliance provision on custodial harassments and deaths.

→ May give arbitrary powers in hands of police force.



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goal

Critical angle is

Measures to address the above

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- ① Proper definition of crimes and criminal attempts.
- ② Widening the scope - cyber crimes such as child pornography
- ③ Application of doctrine of proportionality.
 - ④ Does not affect individual rights.
- ④ Enable community engagement.
- ⑤ Technological upgradation - new forensic methods and procedures.

Through the above an effective justice delivery system is created.



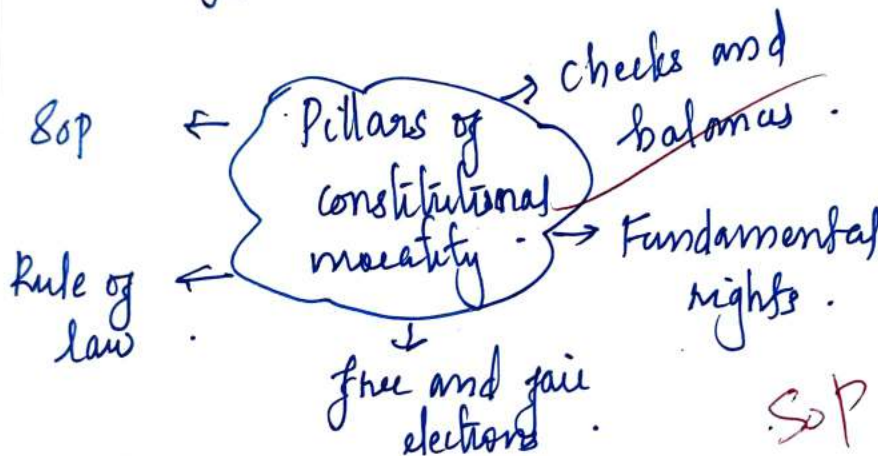
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15. The doctrines of separation of powers and checks and balances are enshrined in the Indian Constitution, yet their effective implementation relies heavily on the constitutional morality upheld by the various organs of democracy. Discuss the significance of constitutional morality in ensuring the proper functioning of these doctrines. (15 marks)

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Supreme court in L.G. of Delhi vs UoI case 2021 upheld that constitutional morality as foundation of democracy in India.



Doctrine of separation of powers is ensured through Article 50, A/121, A/122 etc. whereas checks and balances are ensured through functional overlapping, Judicial review, rule of law etc.

SOP & checks & balances should be more specified



Significance of constitutional morality

- ① Anti-majoritarian approach - prevents the arbitrary exercise of powers by any one organ.
- ② Doctrine of implied limitation -
- SC in Kamesh Thappa case - only against excessive powers and not against normal exercise of functions.
- ③ Ensures smooth functioning of democracy.
 - ④ S.R. Bommai case - secularism as a part of basic structure
- ④ Striking balance between judicial activism and judicial restraint.

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⑤ Protection of fundamental rights of citizens, thereby ensures proper balancing of these doctrines

(eg) Sabharwal verdict 2018 -
constitutional morality includes liberty of individual.

⑥ Enables cooperation and coordination between different organs.

(eg) Members of executive and legislature.

⑦ Supremacy of rule of law in conduct of business of each organs.

Thus as in SP Gupta case 1982 ;
constitutional morality is the guardian of individual rights.



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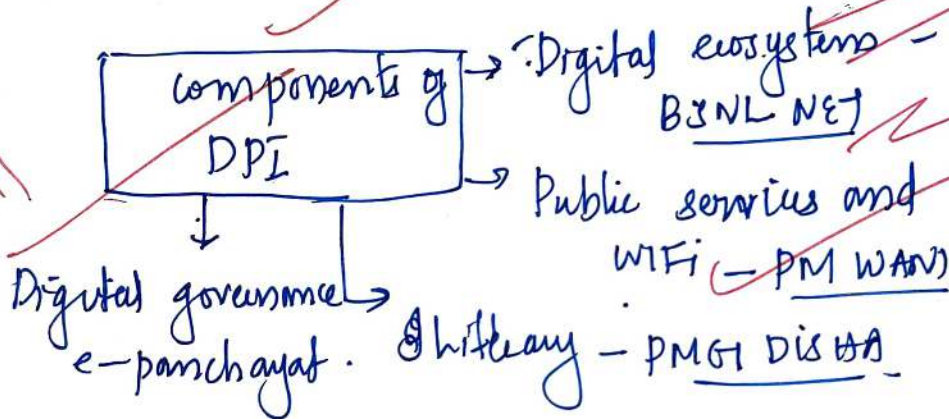
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16. India's ambitious push towards Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is set to revolutionize the governance system. Critically analyze how DPI can act as a catalyst for transformative change in governance, while also highlighting the challenges and limitations it may face (15 Marks)

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Prime Minister in recent ASEAN-India conclave has highlighted India's recent push toward Digital public infrastructure (DPI).

ABDM
ONDC
Rudra
UPI
CH-1



DPI as a catalyst for transformative change in governance.

- Helps in creating informed citizenry
- PMGI DISHA



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② Evidence based data collection.

④ through M-Governance

③ Data driven policy formulations.

④ Digital land records - DILPMP

④ Ensures participatory governance framework.

④ e-panchayat.

⑤ Efficient service delivery initiatives

④ SEVANA - Kerala

⑥ Effective grievance redressal mechanisms.

④ CPGRAMS portal

Challenges and limitations.

① Widespread digital illiteracy.

④ NESO - only 38% people are digitally literate.



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- (Don't write anything in this area)
- ② Absence of last mile connectivity.
④ NE share in digital infra $< 1\%$ - CAG
 - ③ Unaware about existing services among citizen.
 - ④ Infrastructural hurdles.
④ Connectivity grids, mobile towers
 - ⑤ Absence of strong data protection of laws.
 - ⑥ Cyber attacks and frauds ④ ATIIMS Delhi case

Measures → Ensures last mile connectivity
→ Efficient data protect law - Sri Krishna Committee
→ Awareness Campaigns
④ Digital Saksharata campaigns



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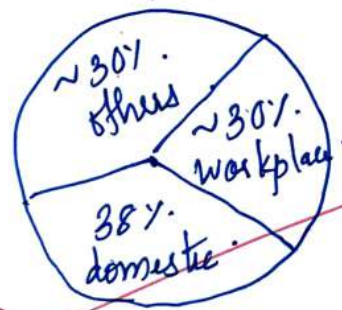
17. There is a harrowing surge in crimes against women in India especially in their workplaces. In this light critically analyse the effectiveness of India's women protection mechanisms and suggest reforms in this regard. (15 Marks)

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Recent Kolkata Gang Rape has once again evoked the question of effectiveness of women protection mechanisms in India.

Various measures for women safety:

① Visakha guidelines - against sexual harassment at workplace.



(fig - crime against women).

② Prevention of domestic violence Act 2005

③ Women helpline numbers - Mee Sevak

④ National Commission for women.

⑤ Child Marriage prohibition Act.



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Effectiveness/
Aves of measures.

Effectiveness/ inadequacy of such measures.

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- ① Absence of strong deterrence provisions in the acts.
 - eg) Visakha guidelines - no provision for taking immediate action
- ② Ever increasing crime records -
NCRB - 21% increase in violence
- ③ Lack of awareness among women about existing mechanisms.
- ④ Social culture - norms such as patriarchy perpetuate violence.
- ⑤ Lack of support from the family and society.
- ⑥ Delayed implementation and gap in justice delivery.



Suggestive measures

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- ① Empowering women - through awareness campaigns.
- ② Review of existing legal structure.
(eg) speedy justice delivery components
- ③ Establishment of special courts for reducing delays.
- ④ Women friendly labour laws.
(eg) crèche facilities.
- ⑤ Technological initiatives
(eg) cctv cameras, panic button.
- ⑥ Women helpline numbers and access points.

By empowering and respecting women,
we respect humanity - J. Nehru.



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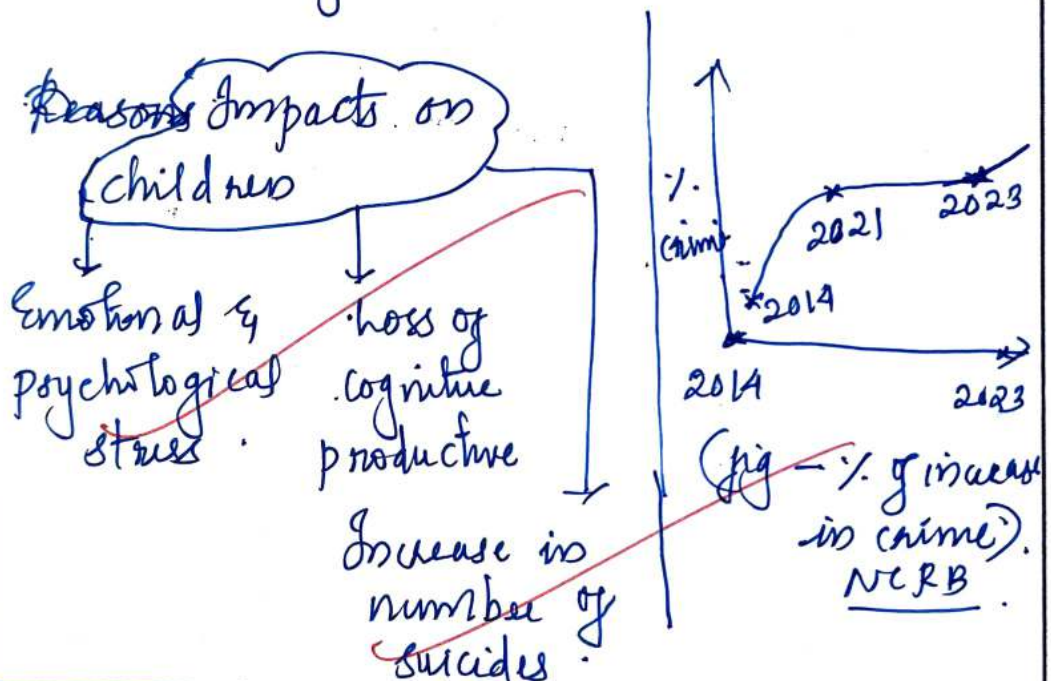
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18. Production, distribution and consumption of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) is one of the terrible forms of sexual abuse and exploitation faced by children and consequently, a grave violation of their human rights. In this context, analyse the reasons for increase in proliferation of CSAM and bring about the various mechanisms available to address this heinous crime.

(15 Marks)

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NCRB recent data shows doubling rate of child sexual abuse cases from the last decade.



Reasons behind distribution and consumption of CSAM :

- ① Digital penetration - India 2nd



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largest market of mobile phones.

② Absence of strong deterrence.

(eg) No specific clause in IPC, CrPc

③ Absence of personal data protection laws in India.

④ Increased exposure of children to digital media

— 50% of social media users below 16 years — NSO

⑤ Inadequacy of care and support from family → children's refuge in social media.

lack of care.

⑥ Anonymity of social media platforms — difficulty in tracking — Encryption

⑦ Inadequate awareness regarding possible threats.



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Various mechanisms available

- 67B*
- ① : IT Act 2008 - special provision deals with child abuse.
- See 14 & 15*
- ② : Child POC SO Act - contains detailed mechanisms to curb such menace.
- ③ : child helpline numbers.
- ④ : Existence of legal counselling cells in every public schools.

Suggestive measures

→ strict compliance on social intermediaries to report crime.

→ child protection tool kit

→ Special investigation team.

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19. Discuss the role and mandate of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in maintaining a rule-based international order and protecting human rights. How effective have these institutions been in fulfilling their objectives? (15 Marks)

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International criminal court, International Court of Justice and UNHRC acts as the watchdog of human rights across the globe.

Role and mandate of these organisations

ICJ and ICC

*Restate.
(CJ - principal organ of UN.)*

- ① Establishment of rule of law in ~~world~~ global affairs.
- ② effective justice delivery mechanisms.
(eg) Enrica Lerie case
- ③ Upholding principle of natural justice
(eg) In Palestinian crisis



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- ④ Establishing just world order.
 - eg Russia-Ukraine war verdict
- ⑤ Facilitating arbitration and conciliation
- ⑥ Providing binding awards.

UNHRC

- ① Protecting human rights across the globe.
 - eg A/27 - right to life
- ② Helps in maintaining global peace and security.
- ③ Protecting the rights of climate refugees and migrants.
 - eg Ethiopian crisis
- ④ Humanitarian assistance in crisis affected areas.
 - eg Madhesi camp

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Inefficiencies

- ① Absence of powers to deal with individual complaints and private party issues.
- ② Not addressing key global issues like terrorism, cyber threats.
- ③ Ever increasing problems without passport crisis.
- ④ Absence of binding powers and autonomy.
- ⑤ No proper jurisdiction criteria at hand.

Suggestive measures → strong ^{NO} ~~self~~ ^{Self} ~~auto~~ ^{auto} jurisdiction powers.
↳ Enhanced representation of vulnerable regions.

Through empowering these organs, just international order could be made.



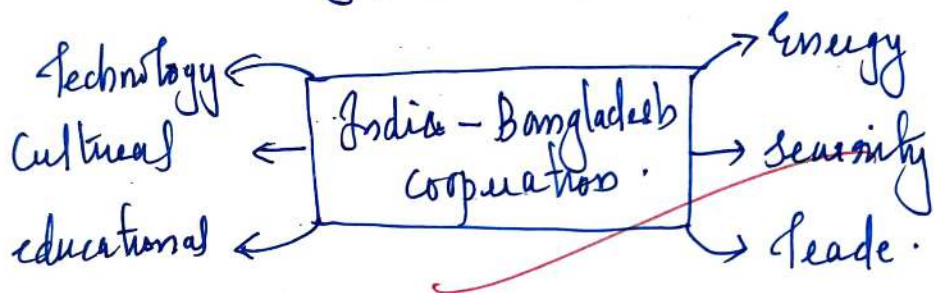
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20. The recent political turmoil in Bangladesh is a major cause of concern to India's foreign policy and bilateral relations with Bangladesh. How might this crisis impact regional stability and India's strategic interests in South Asia? Suggest measures India could take to navigate these challenges effectively. (15 Marks)

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Recent issues regarding Bangladeshi leader Sheikh Hasina's term of re-election poses concerns in India - Bangladesh relations.



Impact on regional stability

- ① Perpetuating strategic rivalries.
(eg) China - US rivalry
- ② Threat to regional connectivity initiatives.
(eg) INSTC.
- ③ Affecting functioning of regional



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facto-

④ BIMSTEC summits

④ Affects trade relation -
unhealthy competitions and
unsustainability.

⑤ Affects broad based engagements in
these south Asian regions.

④ ASEAN area.

Effect on strategic interest of India in
south Asia.

① Affecting trade negotiations.

④ unresolved & trade pacts

② Rift in bilateral relations.

④ Bene-Bang refugee crisis.

③ Affects India's developmental initiatives

④ Kolengachu project

④ Threat to defence and security

Justice

→ vulnerable

→ women, sc/st, children, tribes, disabled, elderly, transgender.



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What? Problems

Why? Causes

Govt, dev/limitation

Suggesting way forward

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initiatives

(eg) ASEAN-India ~~not~~ conclave

(b) Perpetuating strategic rivalry

(eg) Increasing Chinese dominance

Suggestive measures

→ Bea-d-based engagements
→ ministerial visits

→ Cultural diplomacy -
ethnic diversity promotion

~~Border Security~~

→ Connectivity initiatives

(eg) Special infrastructure assistance

→ Raising the matter in regional soft diplomacy fora

(eg) Sports

(eg) BISTEC 5th meeting convening

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