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ETHICS I

Question Paper Specific Instructions

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2. All the questions are **compulsory**.
3. The number of marks carried by each question (or part) is indicated against it.
4. Word limit in questions wherever specified should be adhered to.
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Understanding of question			1		
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Explicit visibility of the points are well appreciated by examiners. Try to work on that.

Points & good understanding of demand is very good.

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→ Case studies has scope for inclusion of thinkers.



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1. Despite long-standing reliance on GDP and per capita income as measures of national progress, alternative indices like Human Development Index (HDI), Gross National Happiness (GNH), and Social Progress Index (SPI) have gained greater ethical legitimacy as indicators of well-being. Discuss the ethical foundations that make these holistic indices more acceptable as representations of human development compared to purely economic metrics. (10 Marks)

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A Jaina King requested for 1000 years of material pleasure & ended up getting in despair & boredom. Material or ~~Kam~~ "Atha" is one single aspect of human development, hence holistic HDI, GNH & SPI are needed.

Inadequacy of GDP

- ↳ 1) spiritual being not considered
eg) worship place seen as revenue generating place.
- ↳ 2) Man treated as an ~~end~~ ^{means} lead to isolationism
eg) Alienation of labour
- ↳ 3) Mere numbers without considering externality
eg) -ve externalities like damage to environment

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4) Problem of extractive capitalism
↳ Consumerism

5) Issue of unidimensional personality
i.e. Producer & consumer

Need of other indicators

Gross National Happiness

↳ 1) Well being in tota i.e. Eudamonia

↳ 2) Man in relation with social contact.

Social progress Index

↳ 1) Inherent worth of vulnerable section
↳ Women equality

↳ 2) Lesser inequality
(i.e.) - Equitable distribution

Human Development Index

↳ Macpherson creative freedom

↳ 2) Skillily allow plethora of opportunity

Human well being is sum total of Artha, Karma, Dharma, absence of one leads to incomplete development

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2. Hierarchy is essential for the smooth functioning of organizations. However, it is ethically more desirable for subordinates to be obedient rather than submissive. Differentiate between obedience and submissiveness, and examine how this distinction affects the atmosphere and efficiency of an organization. (10 Marks)

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Obedience is duty to adhere to just rules whereas submissiveness leads to blurring of ethical duty & duty by command. Obedience is a quality of human of character whereas submissiveness is that of weak personalities.

Reduce.

Hierarchy essential

1) Anarchism will be result w/o it eg Hobbes's critique of stateless societies

2) Moral compass to work provided eg leader like Steve Jobs led their company

Differentiation

obedience

submissiveness



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- 1) Right thing to do
- 2) Ethics & moral included
- 3) Uphold moral individualism
- 4) Obedience instills respect & reverence

- Right to do
- 2) may be absent
- 3) Treat subordinate as cog in machine
- 4) Driven by fear.

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Effect on Organisation

- 1) Improved work culture → Improved efficiency
eg German based company 4 days / week work
- 2) Reputation & social work increased
eg B&Q vs Tata group
- 3) Enhanced collegiality - leading to better collaboration
eg space EX - open work environment.

Organisation is nothing but individual hence individualistic efficiency leads to organisational efficiency.

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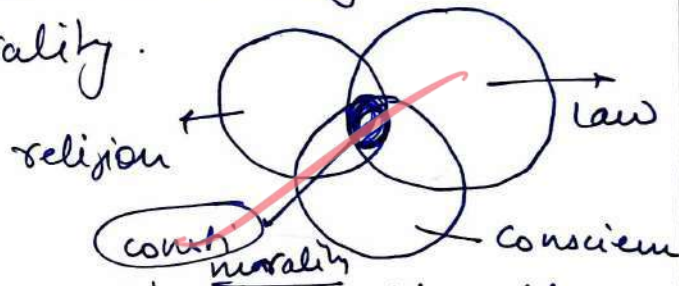


3. Religion, conscience, law, and customs have long served as traditional sources of ethics. However, in contemporary governance, constitutional morality is often regarded as ethically superior or more legitimate than religious morality. Analyse the reasons for this. (10 Marks)

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Surge or emergence of constitutional morality is a reaction to erosion of moral dignity of individual due to overreliance on customary / social morality & religious morality.

Reasons



- 1) Religious morality is culturally relativistic.
e.g. Aztec religion offered heart.
- 2) Conscience of individual at times blurred by anger & hate.
e.g. Tennis player killed by father.
- 3) Customs → are not evolving with time.
e.g. LGBTQ, Dowry



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Hence Supreme Court in Naveen Singh Johar Case held that Social morality shall not guide Individual morality but Constitutional morality should.

Constitutional morality itself is result & reflection of secular + customary + social + religious morality.

- 1) Constitution many times have religious illustration.
eg) Ideals like Ramrajya
- 2) Crisis of Conscience or rarest of rare case refer to conscience
eg) Devendra Singh case
- 3) Customary rights to tribal are part of constitutional morality.
eg) Polyandry in Himachal Pradesh

Constitutional morality is secular departure of other moralities.

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4. "A child learns more from what you are than what you teach." Interpret the ethical meaning of this statement and discuss its relevance in the context of parenting, education, and leadership. (10 Marks)

Observance is foundation of human being, through which our language, our behaviour, our gastronomy, our clothing, our ethics, our values, our principles shaped.

Interpretation

- 1) Observance is better teacher than books. eg. Kalam shirt with ocean.
- 2) Behaviour of others guide nascent child. eg. Abusive language at house.
- 3) Ethical standard of child is representative of condition. eg. child of war vs child of peace.

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Relevance

1) Parents

1) Giving books to children but ~~using~~ mobile phone lead to problem of doomscrolling in children

2) Kiran Bedi is result of Batash Kaur Bedi who ~~not~~ only taught but acted with them gender neutrally

2) Education

1) Practical lab knowledge over theory classes

2) Lessons of society & life over classroom

3) Parables of teacher are more recallable than integration formula

3) Leadership

1) Napolean instead of teaching strategy showed valour

2) Gandhi led first then taught constructive programme

obsewance, is more beneficial than teaching, be what you want others to become.

Contemporary relevance is much appreciated

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5. "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." Reflect on the insights contained in this quote and examine its significance in the life of a public servant or a leader. (10 Marks)

When Edison said that he discovered 99 ways of how not to fail, ~~or~~ when MS Dhoni had to take solace in railway job, it was inherent thrill/enthusiasm of journey that helped them turn each failure into stepping stone to success.

Insights

- 1) Success is final, failure is not.
- 2) Each failure teaches us taking closer to success
- 3) It is journey to destination that builds a man befitting of success

Life of Public Servant

A) Marcus Aurelius → 1) He hurried

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7 of his son while extinguishing
fire of revolt in kingdom

2) when faced with revolt from
Germanic tribes he stood the ground
despite initial failure

(B)

→ Maharana Pratap - various
defeat

ate grains made chapattis &
succeeded in giving valour to entire
generation

(C)

→ E. Sreedharan - despite hardship
& failures played
fundamental role in Bhopal gas
tragedy -

(D)

→ Ashok Khemka - despite various
transfers never
colluded with, for
corruption

Success is nothing but
failure builded to perfection, without
failure long lasting success is ephemeral.

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Requires
contemporary
linkage

(A)



6. Explain with an example what you understand by environmental ethics. Is environmental ethics primarily about empathy towards humankind or empathy towards nature? (10 Marks)

Environmental ethics is responsive eco-centric view on part of human race in order to uphold ecological & intergenerational justice.

Environmental Ethics

- 1) Oneness with nature → i.e. integration of self with environment.
↳ Tribal treat them as part of nature
- 2) Deep Ecology — Savily environment for inherent worth.
↳ Ganga worshipped as goddess
- 3) Stewardship towards preservation of environment in lease by upcoming generation.

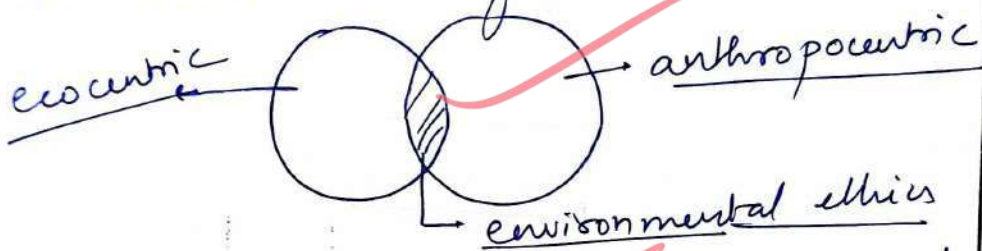
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4) ~~Equating human life + animal life.~~ ~~of~~ ~~veganism~~ out of ~~of~~ ~~compassion.~~

Empathy towards human kind or towards Nature

Environmental ethics should be combination of both.



1) ~~Environment leading to naturalised human~~ ~~of~~ ~~Not using AC in Rain~~

2) ~~Anthropocization of environment~~ ~~of~~ ~~Building banks to prevent flood~~

3) ~~Gandhian principle of need should be focused.~~

~~Dur labham hi sada~~
~~Sukham~~ is dictum by which ~~environment + ethics~~ can go together.



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7. In the Indian context, public servants are part of the permanent executive and are expected to uphold laws and rules. While adherence to rules is often seen as a sign of integrity, do you agree that an ideal public servant must go beyond mere rule compliance? Justify your answer with suitable reasoning. (10 Marks)

Laws + rules according to Justice Stephen consist of text + spirit, textual interpretation can provide legally correct, but spiritual interpretation will lead to ideal governance.

Importance of Adherence to rule

- 1) Codified centrality, remove relativism
eg Labour codes
- 2) Provide foundational fabric of law on which public servant can be creative for good governance.
eg PDS distribution in absence of Aadar.

Beyond Rules

- 1) Sometimes rules reflective of oppression

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- eg) Gandhian civil disobedience
- 2) laws can be unjust eg) Jim Crow's
law of segregation
- 3) Law can be dehumanisation & can
cause moral upheaval.
eg) Auschwitz - Nazi.

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Ideal Public Servant

- 1) Not mechanical but sensitivity of applicability of law.
eg) Treating unequals, unequally
- 2) Not only bureaucratic morality
but presence of ethical morality.
- 3) Supererogation possible when
civil servant look beyond law.
eg) Ajit Doval in Pakistan.
- 4) social progress lie in going beyond
law. eg) Armstrong Lane - constructed
road.
- Ideal public servant is one
who balances text of law with spirit of
law.

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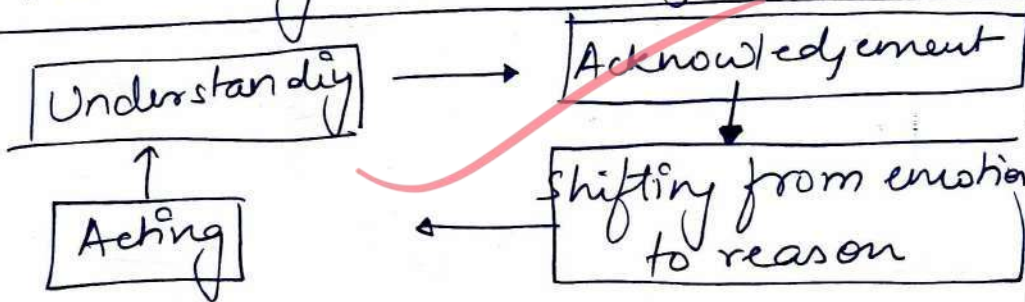
8. Emotional intelligence is not merely about understanding or regulating emotions. Its real strength lies in the harnessing of emotions for both individual growth and organizational well-being. Discuss. (10 Marks)

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Emotional Intelligence according to Cialdini is ability to acknowledge, register, internalise & act with awareness of internal feeling of one self & others.

Loehman Parameter

Not merely understanding Emotion



Harnessing Emotion for Individual growth

- 1) Awareness of emotion lead to absence of unpredictability.
eg) Winston Churchill provoked Gandhi but he remained steadfast



2) Acting on Emotions abruptly cause Chaos. eg honour killing

3) Equanimity of emotion help one control his surrounding.
eg shivaji maharaj in captivity

4) Even vices of hatred can be controlled by emotional intelligence
eg Soldiers not choosy to kill children + women.

Organisational Wellbeing

1) Help understand strength + weakness of employee
eg delegation of work.

2) work culture improved due to human touch.

3) Profiteering converted to ethical altruism because of right values due to emotional intelligence.

well being of organisation lies in well being of individual, which in turn lies in positive manifestation of emotion.

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Add an intro

9. List five key foundational values of civil services. In your view, should 'anonymity' be treated as one among them in the present era of digital media and e-governance? Substantiate your position. (10 Marks)

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A civil servant should be a color palette of various values + principles to uphold the principle of good governance + ethical administration.

Link with example

5 Key Foundational Values

- 1) Intellectual Competitiveness → Intellectual integrity help in finding solⁿ.
eg CS Rathore played national anthem to stop mob.
- 2) Empathy + Compassion → With power compassion provides for human dignity
eg old women Added to Ayushman bharat w/o document -
- 3) Emotional Intelligence → To sense self behaviour + predict others
eg Rishi situation in Mazaffarnagar SP convened adhoc meet.



4) Selflessness → To put social welfare above others & self preservation.

eg → Durgashakti Nappal in Exposed sand Mafia.

5) Probity → To uphold integrity in face of adversity.

eg → Sukumar Sen 1st CEC electoral integrity

Anonymity as value

- 1) To uphold Nishkam Karma without idealisation of compulsory duty
- 2) To maintain distance to avoid unnecessary collusion.

But for participatory governance anonymity can hinder

- 1) Separation between administrators & administered.
- 2) Grievance redressal hindered.

In times of social media idolisation & separation both shall be avoided & Madhyam Marg shall be chosen.

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10. As civic sense deepens among citizens, the distinction between the ruler and the ruled begins to fade. In such a society, governance becomes a shared ethical responsibility rather than a top-down imposition. Discuss this transformation in the context of good governance. (10 Marks)

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Justice B.V. Nagrathna held that citizenry should shift from beneficiaries of good governance to creator of good governance, as in principle, civic sense of citizen can drive good governance:

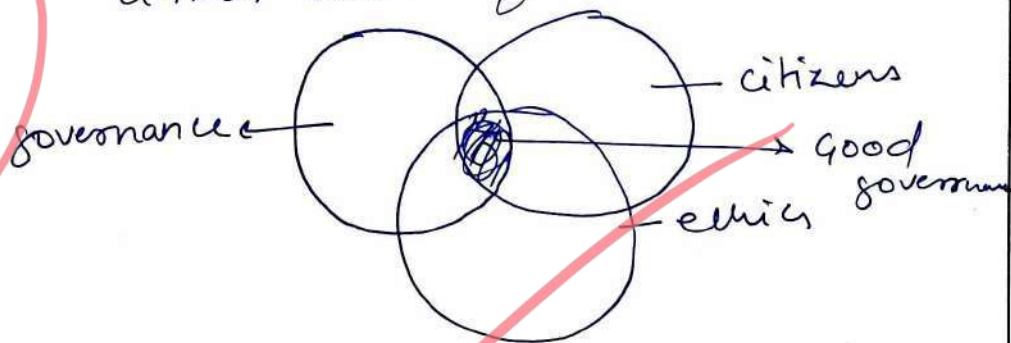
Civic Sense → Reduced Distinction

- 1) Awareness of right provide assertion of individual dignity.
eg) Bureaucrat vs college student on airport VIP entry.
- 2) Knowledge of governance - increased accountability of governors.
eg) RTI.
- 3) Citizen become provider of good governance from disruptors
eg) Vande Bharat screen broken



Shared Ethical Responsibility

- 1) For environmental ethics municipality can place ~~dustbins~~. but citizen should segregate waste
- 2) Metro as ~~public transport~~ provided by government people should maintain social ethics.
- 3) Social media usage should be in line with verbal integrity.
- 4) ~~Gov~~ Administration should inculcate awareness through citizen charter citizen should follow it



Shared governance alone can be long lasting & can provided for upholding principle of Sarvodaya

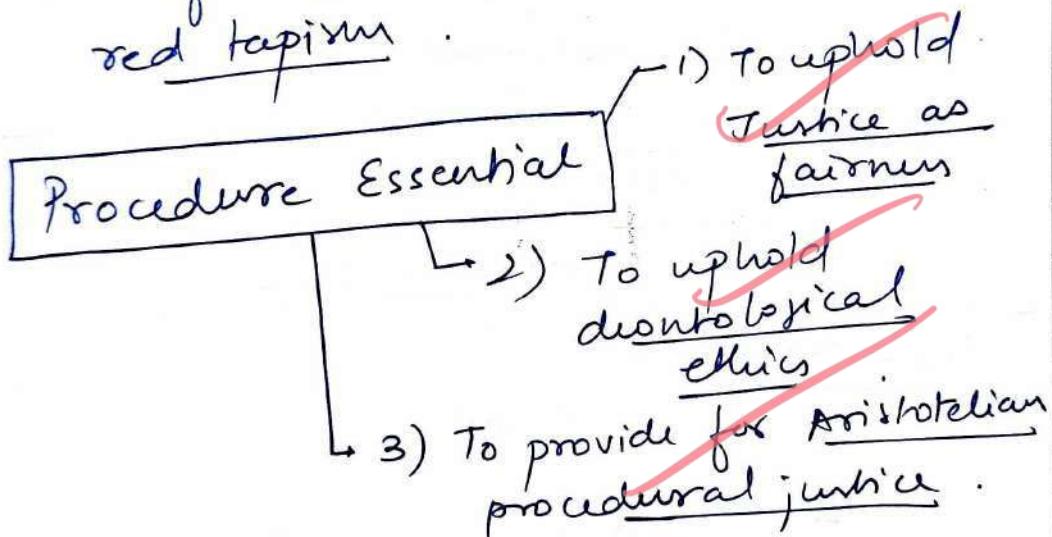
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11. Procedures are essential in governance, especially within a bureaucratic structure in a diverse country like India. However, when procedures become excessively complex, they may erode public trust and weaken the citizen-state relationship. Discuss this ethical dilemma, and briefly mention measures taken by the Government of India to simplify governance. (10 Marks)

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"Best government is one with minimum governance" as with more governance complexity of law, rules ~~and~~ lead to spider web of bureaucratic cholestool & red tapism.



Erosion of Public Trust

1) Bureaucratic hurdles → a) Non-integration of department hardship for common man.



2) Helpness due to Bureaucratic attitude of officials leads to collusive corruption

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Weaken - Citizen State relation

1) Reduction of allegiance - ferment protest & dissatisfaction of French revolution

2) Separation between governed & governor - i.e. conversion of citizen to subject

Measures

- 1) Jay Vishwas Act to reduce number of penal laws
- 2) PM Gati Shakti - inclusion of 16 ministries
- 3) Combining of schemes
- 4) E-Governance leading to faceless governance
- 5) Social training of civil servants through Karnabyoji

Citizen-state relationship is foundation of democracy.



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12. What do you understand by 'work culture' in an organization? Do you think it is primarily shaped by the vision and intent of the policy-makers who assume leadership role at the top? Substantiate your answer with suitable examples. (10 Marks)

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Work culture in organisation is ethical atmosphere providing intersession of individual liberties of organizational ethics, to provide for increased efficiency of organisation + preventing moral alienation of individual

Primarily shaped by

- A. Vision & Intent of policy makers
- 1) Rabinindranath Tagore held open class with no curriculum & exams - result → Amarthya Sen, Raj Bahrain, Nand Lal Bose.
 - 2) Elon Musk visualised open creative environment for spaceX.



3) Mahatma Gandhi in Sabarmati Ashram upheld constructive programme of individual.

4) Infosys owner talked of 70 hrs/week work strategy employees

5) Another company CEO, remarked misogynistically.

Other factors of work culture

1) Individual ethics 2) Professional efficiency

2) Collegiality of employees.

3) Democratic structure of Organisation

eg) Zomato as a startup was successful due to team competencies

eg) It was individual ethics of Tata ~~competencies~~ leadership that led to strong organisation foundation

Work culture is a result of collaboration of individual + organisational leadership.

Has scope for examples

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13. "Good governance is when the government listens, delivers, and is answerable. A Citizen's Charter is that public promise in writing." Discuss the ethical and administrative significance of the Citizen's Charter in ensuring responsive and accountable governance. (10 Marks)

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Good Governance is result of ~~efficient~~ delivery of service, with demarcated principle & standards of such delivery along with proper grievance redressal mechanism.

Learn the preconditions

Good governance

1) listens

- 1) Grievance redressal
eg CPGRAMS
- 2) Jan Sabha
eg By local mayors.

2) Delivers

- 1) Standard service
eg efficient UPI
- 2) Promised social projects
eg Health care + education

3) Answerable

- 1) Accountability
through writ system
- 2) Transparency
eg RTI.

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Ethical significance

- ↳ 1) Comparisons of expectation.
- ↳ 2) Help uphold accountability.
- ↳ 3) Lead to inclusive governance.
- ↳ 4) Foundation of participatory democracy.
- ↳ 5) Provide for grievance redressal.

Administrative significance

- ↳ 1) For - good governance
- ↳ 2) Administrative improvement
- ↳ 3) Streamlining commitment
- ↳ 4) Resource allocation
- ↳ 5) Provide for development of public trust.

Citizen charter is at foundation of governance by people & governance for people, acting as a bridge between the two.

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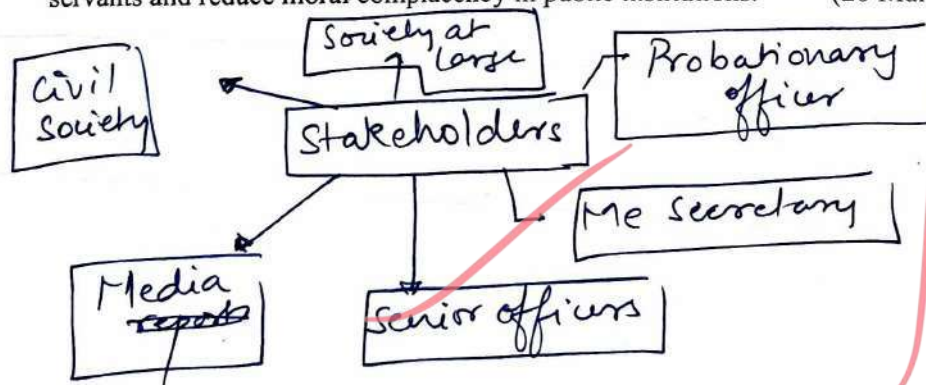
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14. You are posted as Secretary in a State Government Department. A young probationary IAS officer under your broader administrative jurisdiction has been arrested by the Anti-Corruption Bureau for allegedly accepting bribes to expedite contract approvals. The incident has drawn widespread attention because the officer was considered bright and idealistic, having recently entered the service. The moment you hear about the incident the quote of Dr. A P J Abdul kalam comes to your mind "Where do the evils like corruption arise from? It comes from the never-ending greed. The fight for a corruption-free ethical society will have to be fought against this greed and replace it with a 'what can I give' spirit."

Preliminary internal reports indicate that some senior officials had prior knowledge of irregularities in the officer's conduct but chose not to act, citing lack of concrete proof and a desire not to "demoralize" a promising officer. Media reports and civil society have raised ethical concerns about whether greed is overtaking the spirit of service among new entrants to the civil services, and whether the silence of senior officers in the face of wrongdoing reflects a failure of ethical leadership. At the same time, some argue that ambition, if ethically guided, can be a force for public good.

- What are the core ethical issues involved in this situation?
- How can the tension between greed and ethical conduct be addressed in public service?
- Do you agree that silence or inaction by senior officers in such matters amounts to a failure of ethical leadership? Justify with relevant ethical principles and administrative values.
- Suggest practical steps to promote a 'what can I give' spirit among civil servants and reduce moral complacency in public institutions. (20 Marks)



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Introduce the case

Link the role in the case



Core Ethical Issues

- 1) Astha vs Dharma issue - for IAS.
- 2) Moral integrity vs Professional integrity
- 3) Administrative efficiency vs social morality.
- 4) Justice as end vs Justice as a means
- 5) Allowing corrupt official vs maintaining organisational integrity
- 6) Obedience to senior vs standing for morally correct

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Link with the case - will help to personalise

Tension Between Greed & Conduct

- 1) Moral education through school & family
- 2) As a society valuing spiritual moral principle over materialism



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- 3) Providing for social auditing & enhanced accountability.
- 4) Nudging ethical attitude via social perception matrix.
- 5) By providing work-salary parity & allowing increased investment in securities.

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③ Silence of leadership

- 1) Failing to lead by example.
- 2) Ethical leadership showing moral myopia.
- 3) Upholding principle of Karoma forgoing Nishtha.
- 4) Setting wrong precedent by giving more significance to intelligence.
- 5) Forgoing principle of trusteeship erosion of trust.

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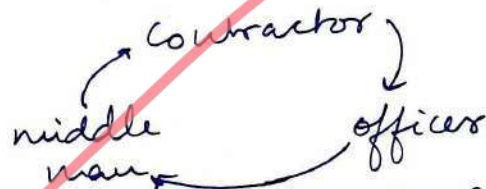


d) What can I give - step

1) Social connect with people, when one becomes part of life of "individual" life understanding "Souder" they become more diligent

2) Corruption being moral affliction should be addressed with moral solution like - moral training

3) Showing domino effect - how one act of corruption creates many act of corruption



4) Giving strict transparency to internal committees of enquiry.

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15. While teaching a class on political philosophy, Professor Kishore was explaining the thoughts of Machiavelli. He quoted: "Tardiness often robs us opportunity, and the dispatch of our forces." To make the concept relatable, he narrated a recent real-life incident.

A candidate appearing for the Civil Services Preliminary Examination, on his final attempt, arrived a few minutes late to the examination centre due to a delayed train caused by severe weather conditions. Despite providing proof of his genuine circumstances — including train tickets and meteorological alerts — the examination supervisor strictly followed the UPSC's standard instructions and denied him entry. The candidate pleaded, citing the magnitude of the loss, but was not allowed in. Later, the supervisor confided that he felt morally conflicted but believed he had no authority to deviate from the established rules.

The incident sparked a broader debate in the classroom and beyond. While some argued that strict adherence to rules ensures fairness and institutional credibility, others questioned whether rigid enforcement is always the most ethical course of action, especially when it leads to significant personal loss. The discussion also raised concerns about how institutions should respond when compassion and policy enforcement come into conflict, and whether procedures ought to be redesigned to allow reasonable flexibility in genuine cases without undermining the principle of fairness.

- What are the key ethical issues involved in this case?
- Is it ethical for institutions to follow rules rigidly even when doing so causes significant personal harm? In your opinion, should systems be redesigned to allow flexibility in genuine cases? How can institutions ensure fairness while accommodating compassion?
- If you were the examination supervisor, how would you have handled the situation within your ethical and institutional boundaries?

(20 Marks)

Roman general proclaimed,
let justice be done even if the
world perishes. The case study
is representative of core issue of
justice as substantive + as fairness

root cause
↓
good work

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Follow this
introduction
style -

Can club with
stakeholder.

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Ethical Issues

- 1) Balancing last attempt of individual & rules of institution
- 2) Providing an exception but fear of setting a wrong precedent.
- 3) Problem of differentiating between Rawlsian justice as fairness or Amartya Sen's with focus on end
- 4) Issue of responsibility of a railways as to loss incurred
- 5) Broader issue of balancing other recurrent precedents due to railway decision.
- 6) Professor Kishore's issue of intellectually balancing two equally valid theory.

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Can limit the 4-5 issues to the analysis of points.



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b) Is it Ethical for Institution

1) If one guided by procedural justice philosophy it will be ethical

BUT

2) When following substantive justice principle they should allow given the last attempt.

3) If they consider compassion as value to be more strict they would allow.

BUT

4) If strictness of rule to avoid setting precedent they may not.

MY OPINION

→ 1) In my opinion the system should have basic human touch, otherwise will be mere machine

2) In cases where there is

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sufficient evidence it should be allowed.

How can Institution ensure compassion

- 1) By not following straight jacket formula & looking from case to case following differential ethics.
- 2) By providing for previous code of ethics to deal with natural circumstances. eg In Gaokao china roads are blocked for exam.

How would I have handled

- 1) I would have allowed the student give exam, on condition that post exam he give undertaking.
- 2) I will then follow weberian hierarchy to senior, who will decide whether his copy should be marked. Thereby, a detailed discursive decision can be taken.

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16. Raman is a senior Loco pilot working with Northwestern railway for the past 30 years. He is the secretary of the loco pilots union. He has seen the advancement in technology within the railways in all sections of his work like signals, maintenance, electrical etc. Advancement in technology has helped in improving the overall efficiency of railways and reduced the number of accidents happening. He is very proud of his organisation but at the same time he feels his seniors whenever facing any issues try to find a scapegoat rather than fixing the core of the issue. This he feels has created a general distrust among employees especially among the new recruits.

Recently the railway board has published a report mentioning the types of accidents happening across various divisions of railways which comes to the notice of Raman. The report says that maximum number of accidents is happening in the northwestern division. Most of these are minor accidents with no harm to any. These include not stopping the train immediately when seeing the stop signal. Railway board feels such mistakes can potentially lead to a major accident and wants all divisional heads to correctly report the cases involving jumping the signal. The board has also recommended prompt training sessions for such pilots if the mistake is repeated more than once in a calendar year. Raman based on his experience feels that other divisions are underreporting the cases and only his divisional head is accurately reporting. He feels due to inadequate number of loco pilots the divisional heads are underreporting the cases because sending each loco pilot for training will reduce the available workforce in the division. He feels underreporting of cases will affect the safety standards set by the organisation in the long run. He being the secretary of the loco pilots union raises this issue through proper channels to the higher ups in railway board. The railway board upon investigation finds merit in Raman's complaint and assures quick resolution.

- Analysing the case bring out the issues involved in the case.
- Is it moral to prioritize productivity or reputation of an organisation over employee health and safety?
- Who should be held responsible in the above instance if accidents happen due to underreporting of cases- Loco pilot ,the divisional head, or railway board.

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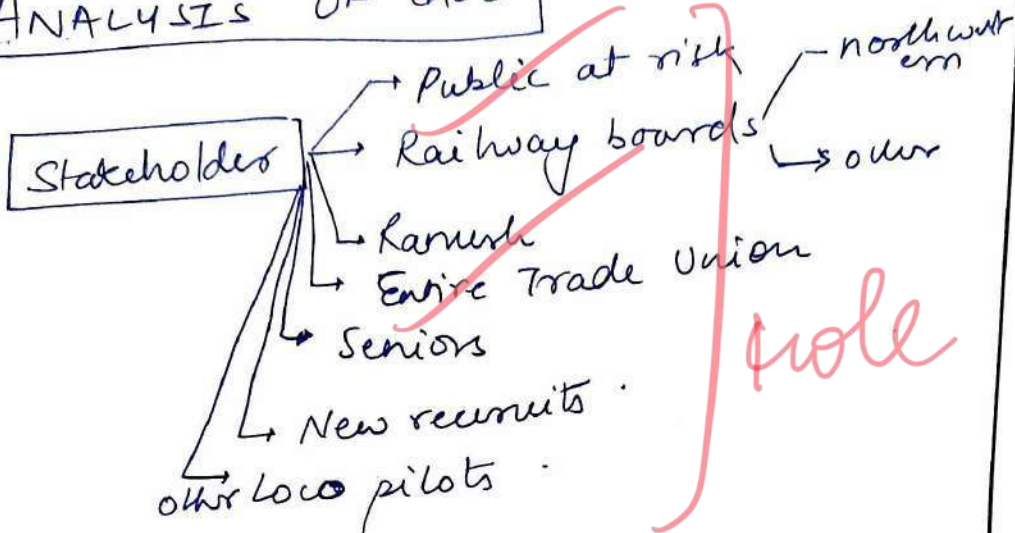
What is an accident of fire? The non-removal of fuel despite repeated sparks. This case study highlights the potential of

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of small sparks convert to big accident if not resolved.

ANALYSIS OF CASE



Issues Involved

- 1) Raman's ethical responsibility to ensure resolution-timely. as time tickity.
- 2) Seniors issue of not addressing organisational responsibility finders scape goat.
- 3) unethical precedent to upcoming new recruits.
- 4) Ensuring safety of public & maintain the required number of loco pilots.

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Moral to prioritize

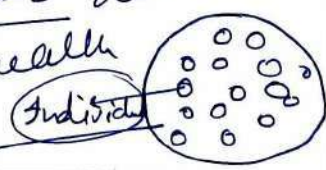
Reputation of Organisation

- 1) Goodwill decide Organisational revenue — trickle down benefit to employee
- 2) Erosion of reputation will destroy public trust → creaky domino effect.

Employee health + Safety

- 1) Against moral individualism of Sartre to treat them as tool.
- 2) Man should be treated as end not means (deontologically)
- 3) Health + safety of individual ensure professional efficiency leading to sevottam.
- 4) Organisational health decided by individual health

ORJ.



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② Who should be held responsible

- 1) Holding ~~divisional~~ head responsible immediately for hiding facts.
- 2) Against responsibility of board towards public.
- 3) Against Rawlsian justice of fair procedure hence unfair outcome.

But Railway board also has certain responsibilities which should also be followed: -

- 1) Railway board has duty to conduct field audit
- 2) Technological implementation to automatic report case through KFID not implemented.

Scapegoating is Matsyanyaya hence divisional board head is more responsible, but transparency needed for railway board also.

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17. A cargo vessel encountered a catastrophic shipwreck in international waters under unexplained circumstances. The ship was carrying a highly hazardous cargo comprising toxic chemicals such as benzene, toluene, hydrogen sulfide, and heavy metals like mercury and cadmium, along with thousands of gallons of fuel oil. Driven by adverse climatic conditions and strong ocean currents, the stranded vessel drifted perilously close to the coastline, posing an imminent threat to the fragile marine ecosystem, the fisheries sector and the livelihoods of coastal communities dependent on the sea. In the aftermath, the ship-owning company, citing the enormous financial liabilities involved in salvaging the vessel and managing the hazardous spill, decided to abandon both the ship and its crew. Subsequently, the crew were saved by the coastguard and navy of the bordering country. Further they were detained by the authorities and declared that they would only be released once the company clears the heavy fines imposed for environmental damage and illegal abandonment.

Meanwhile, the toxic chemical spillage from the stranded ship has begun spreading towards the coastline, causing large-scale ecological degradation. The spill has severely affected the local fisheries sector, destroyed marine habitats, and disrupted the livelihoods of thousands of fishermen dependent on the sea for survival. Despite the mounting crisis, the concerned government authorities have not implemented any substantial relief measures or compensation mechanisms for the affected communities.

- (a) Analysing the case bring out the various issues involved in the case?
- (b) In such a complex scenario involving international jurisdiction, corporate negligence, environmental disaster, and human rights concerns — who holds primary and secondary responsibility for the incident?
- (c) What do you understand by “polluter pays” principle and is it applicable in above case?
- (d) Which ethical theory provides the best guidance in such cases— utilitarianism, deontology, or environmental virtue ethics? (20 Marks)

Recently an Italian ship got wrecked south of Iberian peninsula causing ecological damage on Spanish & Portugal coast. The issue in this case study highlight the increasing

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number of such wrecks & environmental harm!

Issues

- 1) Irresponsibility of ship company & damage to local community
- 2) Threatened livelihood of Individuals & irresponsible government
- 3) Responsibility of ship to save crew but denial.
- 4) International jurisdiction involvement & treaty crew as means to end of compensation
- 5) Issue of increased wreckage & effect on ecology & environment
- 6) Balancing trade priority & ecological balance.

Responsibilities

- 1) Primary responsibility - Apply -

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leather tannery case (2005) -
"No fault liability" principle -
primary responsibility is that of
Ship Company

Secondary Responsibility

1) Secondary responsibility is of
government & crew members &
civil society organisations to
come forward & help the community
following social contract theory
of Rousseau.

Polluter's Pay Principle

Principle - emerged as dictum in
Vellore pollution case reiterated in
M.C. Mehta vs Union of India Oleum
gas leak.

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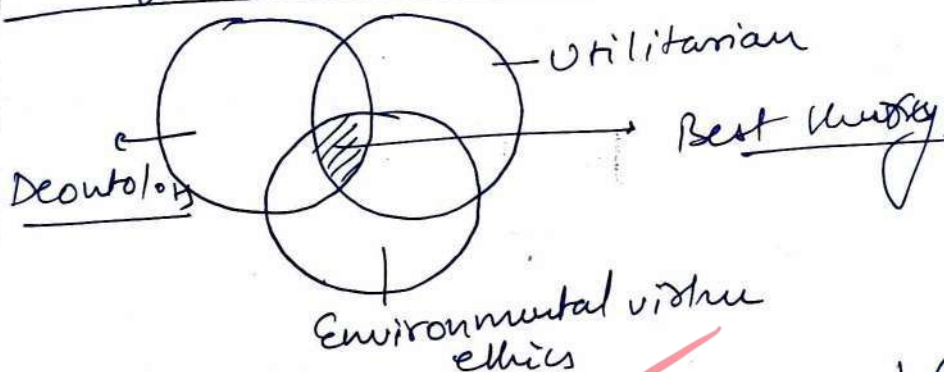
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1) The principle holds the polluter liable for pollution in line with Law of Karma.

2) Polluter pay principle is aimed towards retributive principle of Justice.

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(d) which ethical theory best guidance



Justification → a) Utilitarian principle to keep greatest good of greatest number that is fisheries & coastal community

b) Deontology to maintain procedural means.

c) Environmental virtue ethics to shift view from anthropocentric.

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18. In recent years, several nations have witnessed a surge in extreme nationalism, where allegiance to one's nation is placed above broader international cooperation and even human rights. One such example is the "America First" policy under President Trump, which strongly emphasized prioritizing American identity, economic interests and sovereignty over global cooperation and international institutions. While proponents argue that such policies protect national interests, restore pride, and strengthen internal stability, critics highlight the ethical dilemma it creates — jeopardising human rights, marginalizing minorities, straining global relationships, undermining international responsibilities, and sometimes promoting xenophobia and isolationism. This form of extreme nationalism often challenges global efforts in addressing issues like climate change, refugee crises, trade fairness, and global peace.

- (a) Do you think it is ethically justifiable to prioritize national interests above international cooperation and global welfare?
- (b) Discuss the ethical dimensions involved, highlighting both the merits and potential consequences of extreme nationalism.
- (c) Can nationalism ethically justify war or violence for national interest or territorial claims?

(20 Marks)

Article 51 specifically provide for idealism + honouring national struggle ideals - In line Rabindra Nath Tagore wrote a book "Nationalism" - critiquing it & propounded Synthetic Universalism. Gandhi was against army + armoury. But do these ideal hold good when our borders are threatened? Let's look.

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Ethical Justification

No

1) Idealism says that human welfare should be over and above national boundary.

eg India's past with refugee

2) Human inherent worth should not be diluted for group identity. eg Kierkegaard considered them ugly delusion

Yes

1) Realism + history shows that peace can be talked with those who want it
eg China - Hindi chini
Bhai - Bhai - 1962 war

2) During Pandemic no country came to help - eg Kindberger trap

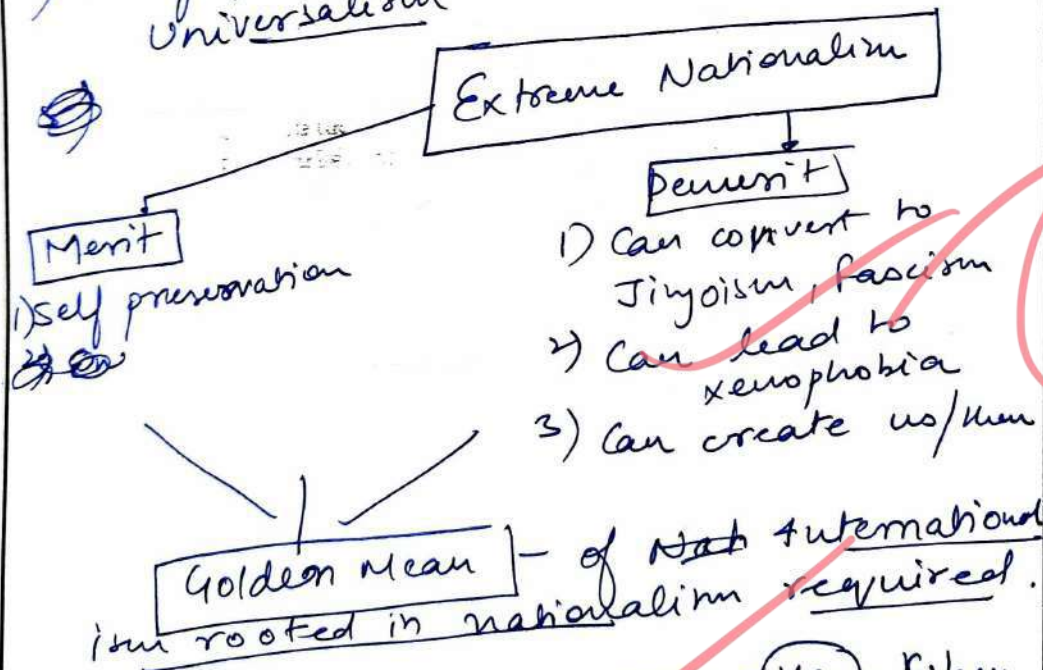
3) Nation secures an individual.
global welfare is a myth that vaporates during crisis.

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Ethical Dimension Involved

- 1) National ~~Interest~~ over International Interest
- 2) Transactional diplomacy of Trump vs ethical ~~diplomacy~~.
- 3) Nationalism as virtue vs nationalism as a threat
- 4) Self preservation vs Synthetic Universalism



Nationalism ethically Justify

NO - when it is simply expansionary like China.

Yes - When it comes to national security + safety.

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19. Medical negligence refers to a breach of duty by a healthcare professional, where the standard of care provided falls below what is reasonably expected, resulting in harm or injury to a patient. It results in conflict with patients especially when both parties are angry and yet empathy is still needed. Doctors who learn to empathize with patients during emotionally charged interactions can reduce anger and frustration and create a better atmosphere at the hospital.

Maya is a final year medical student who had a first hand experience involving medical negligence and conflict resolution. The incident had created a deep emotional turmoil for Maya. Recently while taking the history of a two year child who visited her college with high fever and vomiting, Maya comes to know that she is suffering from blood cancer and is undergoing treatment at the tertiary care hospital dedicated for cancer care. As is the routine procedure she sends the blood sample of the child for checking. The blood report astonished Maya as she found out that the child was HIV positive. As per protocol she checked the blood of both parents of the child. When the results came out it astonished all. Both parents were tested negative for HIV. This meant the child contracted HIV during blood transfusion or from contaminated syringes. Experts felt the blood was donated by a person in the window period and even advanced diagnostic methods can only reduce the duration when HIV can be detected in blood. The matter was taken with state health department after the parents and relatives brought the issue to national media attention and altercation happened between doctors and the child's relatives. The health authorities considered the above instance as very rare and suspended few officials. Maya felt that the issue needed more attention.

- Analysing the case bring out the issues involved in the case.
- In your opinion should doctors be penalised for mistakes committed by them in line of duty.
- In the above instance how should the government act without scapegoating few officials.
- What role can media play in above instance without sensationalizing it.

(20 Marks)

Medical negligence goes against the hippocratic oath of health care professional leading to erosion of trust. In a nation

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Where doctors are seen as GOD, sometimes are manhandled due to emotional upsurge.

ISSUE

- 1) Public health Infrastructure
A poor delivery
- 2) Absence of ICMR given code of ethics for diagnostic sample
⇒ Bharat Biotech has one for vector viral pathogens.
- 3) Ethical issue of maintaining peace balancing emotion of parents + safety of health professional
- 4) Ethical issue of increased cases leading to insensitivity amongst doctors.
- 5) Broader health issue of HIV contamination risk + higher mortality of child.

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PENALISING DOCTORS

- Yes** →
- 1) Not following Niskama Karma
 - 2) Against traditional ethics of Sushruta + Charvaka
 - 3) Mishandling of ego → potential risk hence to uphold utilitarian principle
 - 4) To establish procedural justice they should be penalised
 - 5) To maintain peace & emotionally handle parents + relatives following Palovian conditionality

- No** →
- 1) Without committee establishment & inquiry
 - 2) To have reduced workforce of able doctors upholding professional competency.

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(c) How should govt act

Short term

- 1) Provide immediate compensation to prevent law + order situation
- 2) Establish civil society contacts to have discursive resolution with family.
- 3) Take audit of state health infrastructure
- 4) Institute committee for negligent behaviour.
- 5) Until solution + decision come provide for continued suspension

Long term

- 1) Increased health expenditure from current 1.9% → 2.5%.
- 2) Have private doctors to do duty - concept of "doctor of practice"

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- 3) Ethical training of doctors to sensitise them towards public.
- 4) Inculcation of "Sevottam" model for doctors.
- 5) Provide for committee establishment concerning All India Medical Service.

Role of Media

- 1) Abstain from holding media trials.
- 2) Act as bridge between authority & family
- 3) Uphold media ethics by not sensationalising & maintaining HIV sensitive privacy
- 4) Give non-TRP conducive reporting & focusing on true news
- 5) Act as you branch institution in lines of post south era.