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Q.01 'Rule of Law' and 'Judicial review' both forms the part of basic structure of the constitution of India.

**Rule of Law and Judicial Review interdependence:**

1) Rule of Law stipulates that law shall not discriminate anyone (i.e. equality before law) and there shall be absence of privileges.

In this context, if legislature makes any law that breach this maxim and voilated the intelligent differentiation, judicial review is sine qua non to ensure such law is struck down.

~~2)~~ Eg: Haryana State local reservation law was struck down by the court



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2) If any judicial judgement violates tenets of equality, parliament reverses by new legislation or constitutional amendments

Eg: Parliament's amendment of prevention of atrocities act post SC judgement

**Judicial Review: Most important**

1) Rule of law is cornerstone of constitutionalism, hence a very important element in basic structure

2) However, other elements such as judicial review, equality, dignity, freedom of expression etc are equally important part of basic structure of constitution.

We should put due emphasis on constitutional values and inculcate constitutional morality in from individual life to institutions.



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Q.2

The ~~Office~~ of Lt. Governor of Delhi originates from ~~Amend~~ ~~Art~~. 69th ~~Constitution~~ constitutional amendment Act (~~Art~~. 239AA), which put it on different standing than Governor's of other States. Various Delhi HC and Supreme Court judgements have further shed light on the scope of powers of Lt. Governor of Delhi. (LG)

| Powers of Governors | Powers of LG |
|---|---|
| Governor is bound to work in all cases on the aid-and-advice of council of ministers, except where constitution explicitly says otherwise | LG of Delhi also work on aid and advice of Council of ministers, but if there is any difference of opinion, he refers matter to president |



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| Powers of Governor | Powers of LG |
|---|---|
| Governor has to abide by Council of Ministers on all subjects | In case of LG, he has not to take aid and advice of Council of Ministers with respect to Land, law and Order and Police |
| Governor has pardoning powers and he apply them on aid & advice of ~~Govt~~ Council of Ministers. | There is no such power with as LG of Delhi. |

The seperate provision for the Delhi LG has been made to deal with unique situation of Delhi being National Capital Territory and UT with Legislature



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Q.03 Judiciary is the 'Gaurdian of Constitution' and in this respect it plays crucial role in enforcing constitutional morality.

**Role of Judiciary**

1) Whenever there is conflict between Art, 14, 19 and 21 and any religious rights, judiciary has stepped in to ensure constitutional morality.

Eg: Sabarimala case
Triple Talaq Case
Young Lawyers Association Case etc

2) Supreme court has evolved doctrine of essential religious practice to seperate core of religion and ancillary parts. If



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any non essential practice is conflict with constitutional morality it strike down.

Eg: Shirur Mutt Case
Ayodhya Case

3) Judiciary also stepped in case of misuse of personal laws to violate rights of women

Eg: Shah Bano and Sharya Bano Case Prohibiting religious conversion for more than one marriage etc

4) However, Supreme court also protected individual freedom as well

Eg Hadiya Case

Thus, Supreme Court has played important role in ensuring justice and constitutional morality along with protecting religious rights.



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Q.4 US constitution is based on strict seperation of powers, where as Indian system follow functional overlap, system of checks and balances and seperation of judiciary from executive.

**Distinct Indian System**

(1) There executive is drawn from legislature which is not so in US.

(2) India follow functional overlap.
Eg: Legislature have impeachment powers (judicial function), Executive makes bylaws and delegated legislation (legislative power), judiciary some times gives administrative and legislative guidelines eg Vishakha guidelines.

This is not so in USA. There is strict seperation of powers.



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(3) One organ hold other organ accountable in case of transgression, where as in US there is water tight compartmentalisation.

**Advantages**

1) It ensure more responsibility of executive (Eg: legislature scrutiny of executive by DRSCs)

2) There harmony among different organ and no deadlock.

Eg: In US sometimes, government shutdown due to non passage of Budget on time

3) There is feedback mechanism between different organs

Indian system evolved based on British tradition, is more suitable to diverse polity like India.



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Q.05

India follows system of asymmetrical federation. Another crucial expression of this principle is VI schedule areas.

**VI schedule – Self rule & Development**

(1) VI schedule provide for Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) which is composed of local tribal representatives.

(2) TAC has legislature and judicial powers as well
They are empowered to make laws on the local issues, custom, culture, local resources development etc

(3) Any Parliamentary and State legislature law apply in such areas with modification if needed



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④ PESA further enhances the provisions related to the self rule

③ Gram Sabha has right to take developmental decisions.

Eg: Samta judgement and Niyamgiri Hills judgement

Thus, 6th Schedule empowers tribal to foster their development as per their own genius, as envisaged by the Tribal Panchsheel.



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Q.06 Civil Society organisations are important contributors in developmental aspect. They become more effective when government enters make partership with them.

**Role in Development Goal's**

(1) **Policy formulation**: The civil society organisation like MKSS (Mazdoor Kishan Shakti Shangthan) helped in formulation of RTI Act

(2) **Policy implementation**: Role of Akshay Patra in implementation of Mid Day Meal scheme

(3) **Policy Assessment**: ASER report of Pratham NGO highlighting the gaps in learning

(4) **Disaster Relief**: NGOs like Goonj



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working in Disaster relief.

(5) Women Empowerment: Eg Role played by SEWA in Gujrat

(6) Environmental Policy formulation and Impact Assessment: Eg: Role played by Centre for Environmental Studies.

(7) Reaching last mile: Various NGOs work in areas where government machinery is not properly available. Eg: Naxal affected areas.

However, proper checks should also be ensured so that there is no diversion of fund contributed by State for developmental works. Civil Society Organisation works for deepening democracy by ensuring State reach to last mile

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Q.7

The role of civil servant is very dynamic, especially in modern techno charged world. In this case, life long learning becomes very important.

## Importance of life long learning Culture

(1) Help to have relevant skillsets in changing world Eg AI

(2) Ensures modern technologies are integrated for governance to make it more efficient Eg UMANG app

(3) Every now and then, new challenges emerge, in such case life long learning culture is of immense importance Eg New Disasters

(4) Have to work in a diverse nation, must have learning aptitude through out life



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## Role of Mission Karmayogi

1) Mission Karmayogi is ambitious project of ~~Govt~~ DoPT providing resources to ensure life long learning

2) ICT enabled training made it simultaneously accessible to all offices.

3) Mid-career training will be helpful in upradagation of skills & ~~outlo~~ outlook with changing world

Thus, Mission KarmaYogi is suitable intervention by government at opportune time.

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Q.08

The recent report from Multi-Dimensional poverty index revealed that within a short duration India pulled out 400 million people from poverty.

IMF economist paper also highlight that India has almost eliminated extreme form of poverty.

The current poverty levels is around 8 to 10%. However, it is based on $ 1.9 per day poverty line. This poverty line is for low income countries.

India is now middle income country. for middle income countries, the poverty line is $ 3.2 per day. So, India should consider redefining its poverty line



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## Potential benefits

1) Social security will cover large part of population, thus preventing them again to fall below extreme poverty line.
2) Developmental assistance from multilateral institutions.

## Challenges

1) Further extra ~~freeze~~ pressure on budget, could lead to fiscal imbalance
2) Last committee to assess was made decade ago. Need of new study in changed realities.

India is on path of fulfilling SDG-1 (No hunger) and SDG-2 (Zero poverty).

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Q.09 In the current times of fractured world politics, India is facing strain in relations with major world powers with western States.

## India and US

1) India has deep engagement with Russia, which US vehemently objects
2) India is keen on deepening relations with Iran, which is again not appreciated by US.
3) US is not happy with India's stance on climate change (less ambitious commitments) and WTO (agriculture subsidy issue).

## India and EU

1) Apart from above common issues between India & EU, too



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~~with UK~~, India - EU still has not finalised BITA. Various issues ranging from IPR to workers right, Samtary & phyto-sanitary measures are stumbling block.

2) EU is imposing Carbon taxs.

## Options for India

As External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar said, India should take advantage of global contradictions to advance our national interests by taking issue based stands as need arise.

India should refrain being part of one camp & keep its own interest priority.

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Q.10

The melting of Arctic ice has opened new avenues for the regions. In this light, India has envisioned its Arctic policy.

**Arctic policy and foreign Policy Objectives**

1) Arctic policy aims to fulfill our energy security policy
2) It bolsters our scientific endeavours in Arctic
3) It promotes our rule and order based global order stand.
4) It enables our cooperation with crucial regional players
5) It asserts our super power ambitions as well, by displaying we are not hesitant to participate in distant regions.



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## Collaborations and Agreements

1) India has observer status in Arctic council.
2) We have research station named Himadri in Arctic
3) We have our samples deposited in global seed vault at Svalbard
4) India is actively engaged in the climate studies in the arctic, as it impacts Indian monsoon as well.

Arctic is going to be new resource and trade route corridors, India should maintain active engagement with Arctic Council Nations.

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Q.13 India follow the systems of checks and balances. Whenever one organ of government is not functioning properly other step in. But sometimes it might also lead to imbalance in seperation of powers as well.

In this context, due to dysfunctional legislature, sometime judicary has stepped in filling crucial gaps, whereas other times leading to judicial over reach.

**Effective judicial interventions in shaping public policy & governance**

(1) Supreme court issued "Vishakha Guidelines", in absence of law to protect women from sexual



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harassment at workplace

(2) Supreme Court directies lead to establishment of multi member body for selection of election commissioners.

(3) Puttaswamy case, Right to privacy nudges govt. to bring Data Protection Act

(4) Tripple Talaq Case, nudged govt to bring act to declared tripple talaq crime and protect the rights of muslim women

(5) Supreme court directives lead to proper utilisation of Campa fund.

Ineffective interventions

1) Ban on crackers of Diwali in Delhi



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2) Ban on sale of liquor along highways
3) Direction to change entire diesel fleet of Delhi Transport Corporation
4) Quashing of NJAC Act
5) Amendment to ~~S~~ Prevention of Atrocities Act (Parliament restored it).
6) Judicial overreach by judiciary herself involving in appointment of ~~&~~ Chief election commissioner.

Thus, at some instances judicial activism has ~~been~~ shown positive outcomes, on the other it has become judicial overreach.

Judiciary shall exercise caution while opining on functions of other organs & practice judicial restrain.



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Q.14

Political parties are instrumental in ensuring the representational democracy in India and also consensus building on various issues of national interests.

In this context, the intra-party democracy is very important for the functioning of democracy in India.

**Intra-party democracy within parties**

Indian parties hardly follow the intra-party democracy. They are run by high-command structure. There is almost no exception to this rule.

Even if election is there more of less ceremonial in nature.

The parties not even follow



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their own constitution

**Impact on functioning & Legitimacy**

In India, we are still not mature stage of democracy. Hence, there not much impact on the legitimacy of the political parties among public

There is no demand from public or party workers for intra-party democracy.

Even intelligensia raises this question very sparingly.

**Reforms to address challenges to ensure intra-party democracy**

1) Election commission shall come with model party constitution,



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the compulsory elements of which shall be integral part of each party constitution.

② Every party has to submit compliance report to election commission.

③ Every party shall upload their party constitution on their website and submit to election commission, which shall be available to all citizens.

④ ~~Penalties~~ penalties and ~~disqualification~~ deregistration in case of non-compliance

⑤ focus on political education & citizen awareness

⑥ Active role by civil society.

Intra-party democracy is corner stone to ensure true democracy



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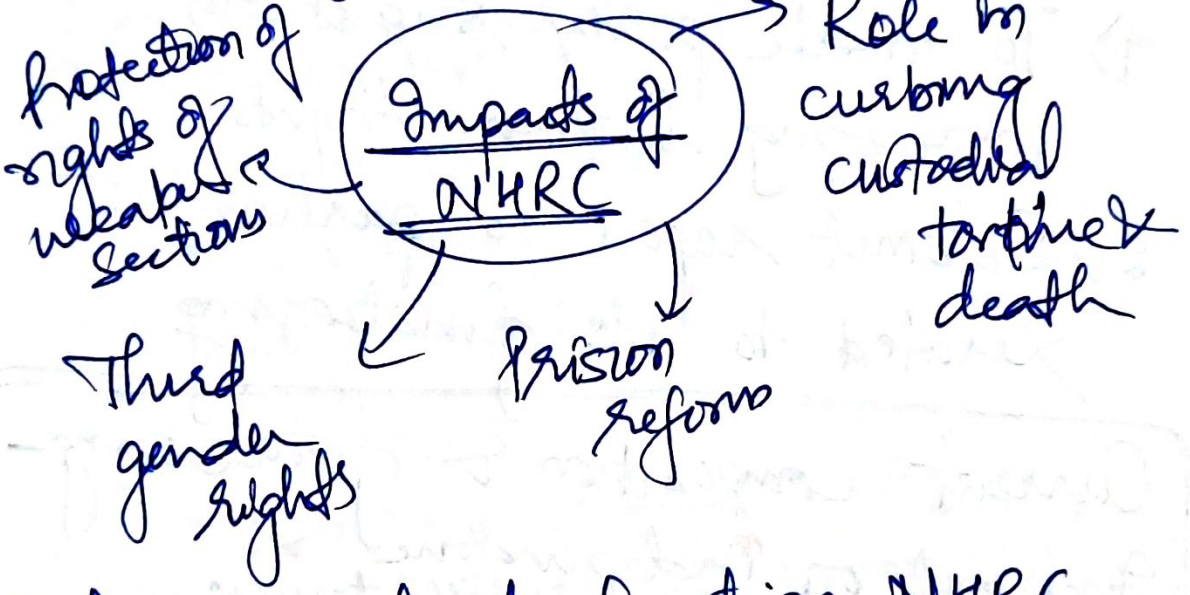


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Q.15

NHRC is the Statutory body formed by National Human Rights Act, functioning as watchdog of human rights in India




Thus, through its function NHRC has taken ~~step~~ step to restore faith of weaker sections in system.

## Role & Mandate

1) To look into matters of human righ violations.



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2) To investigate matters of human rights violations

3) To conduct research related to human rights

4) To make policy suggestions impacting human rights

5) Submit report to parliament related to its functioning

Current composition & functioning- Impact on independence & effectiveness

(1) NHRC is composed of chairman and member. Chairman must be retd. SC judge or Retd HC of chief judge. He is appointed by government.



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He is dependent on government for fund and staff This result in less independence of the commission especially in cases where government is involved.

② Commission could only take 1 year old cases. This limits its effectiveness to address old issues.

③ It does not have its own investigative staff

There is need to re-imagine the NHRC in terms of its composition, appointment, functioning and responsibilities.

Justice HL Dattu (former NHRC Chairmain) called it toothless tiger. There is need to give tooth to this tiger.



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Q.16

India's vast geography and massive population do not let development of uniform health structures. Combined with this institutional weakness results in massive health inequality.

## Health Inequalities

1) Rural Urban Divide: 70% people live in rural areas but 70% doctors are in urban areas.

2) Gender Divide: Half of women are malnourished and ~~anemic~~ ~~anemic~~ have iron deficiency.

3) Age Divide: There is lack geriatric care available at PHCs

4) Regional Divide: Southern and



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western States perform better than northern and eastern States.

These inequalities inhibit in achieving SDG-3 of universal Health Care and Coverage

## Role of public and private sectors

Public and private sector could play complimentary role in ensuring universal health coverage

(1) In rural and hard to reach areas, role of public sector is important

(2) In developed and high income areas, private sector play important role

(3) In primary care, government should



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ensure universal coverage (Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres), where Govt & Secondary and Tertiary level private ~~sector~~ sector could help to plug the gap.

④ Private health insurers and Standalone Health Insurers could ensure in improving insurance coverage

⑤ Recently, govt allowed private sector to provide services at district hospitals.

⑥ Private sector could ensure more expansion of health care ~~workers~~ education.

∴ The two could, thus, play complimentary role in achieving Universal Health Coverage.

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Q.17

The SDG goals could be more successfully achieved if development Strategies are based on local resource endowments, local needs and designed with targetted precision.

## Role of Panchayats

(1) Panchayats are uniquely placed governance structure which are in direct contact with people

(2) Thus, they have precise knowledge of regional needs and aspirations.

(3) Better beneficiary identification



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can happen at panchayat level.

④ The growth and development process could be designed to be participatory & inclusive at panchayat level

⑤ The immediate readily available feedbacks to improve the strategies.

Thus, panchayats are better suited for ensuring grassroot development or leading sustainable development



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Q.18 POCSO Act was brought with aim to prevent children from sexual offenses. It has been pivotal in protecting rights and innocence of our children

**Implication on rights & welfare of children**

1) It provided legal framework and guidelines to protect children & punish wrongdoer.
2) It setup special courts to ensure speedy justice.
3) It creates situation such that investigation and trial process takes care of child's mental health & safety.



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4) It has stringent punishment to act as deterrents

5) It ban creation, store, watching etc of child pornographic content.

6) It lead to sensitization of officials

7) Special care homes for needy children

## Role in transforming legal framework

1) Provides strong legal architecture ranging from
   - registering complain
   - Investigation
   - Trial

2) Inclusion of women officer at all level to ensure sensitivity

3) Mental health has been given



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key importance

4) Special court and prosecution.

5) Strict time lims for investigation & trial

Thus, POCSO has revolutionised the legal and judicial framework to protect child rights

There is need of enough human resource and physical infrastructure to proper implementation & operationalisation of the Act



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Q.19

India and US are emerging as natural partners due to shared values and interests. However there are some hiccups too in the relationship.

**Democratic values**

- Both follow democracy & rule of law
- Shared faith in global rule based order
- Equity and benefit sharing

These values have resulted cooperation of both nations in various multilateral and bilateral engagements.

USA has been our important partner



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in our development journey, especially in last 2-decades.

## Human Rights Issues

- US times and again raises issue of:
  - Right of minorities in India
  - Refugee rights
  - Various human rights violations
  - Religious freedom
  - issues during farmers protest

All these issues has resulted in strain in relations. Recently, US blamed India in attempt to trying to kill its citizen.



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## Steps to mitigate tensions

1) US should not speak and interfere in the internal affairs of India.

2) India should keep strong law and order and rule of law in country, so there is no opportunity to raise question for anyone.

Both nations can focus on the issues of convergence to bolster the relationships and ~~keep~~ cooperate to build democratic order in global governance.

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Q.2) South Asia is home to nearly 1/4th of world's population and houses two faster growing economies. Its subcontinental design gives unified identity.

## Global Rise

Now, at various multilateral bodies, South Asia is seen as a bloc & have an representative one of South Asian diaspora forms, largest diaspora across world. It is young region having potential to significant growth.

## Geopolitical challenges

1) Internal dissentions and



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lack of unification. Internal trade is minimum ~~exact~~ and political structure like SAARC is dysfunctional.

(2) ~~Home to~~ Being part of great power rivalry.

Eg: US vs China in Pakistan

(3) Facing refugee crisis and authoritarian regimes.

Eg: Pakistan, Rohingya and Afghan refugees

## What India can do?

(1) India can act as regional leader in ensuring rising integration in terms of trade by granting unilateral concessions



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to nations like Nepal, Bhutan etc

② We can give developmental assistence.

③ Leverage BIMSTEC to promote regional cooperation.

④ Ensuring big powers do not take advantage of regional fault line.

A peaceful region and accepted India's leadership over region will bloster our standing for global leadership.



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