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(A1)

A1. Rule of Law flows from Article 14 while Judicial Review is specified under Article 13, 32 and 226 of the Constitution of India.

Both Rule of law and Judicial Review are interdependent

1. Rule of Law is the legislative domain, while judicial review in ~~to~~ judiciary domain → to uphold equality also among all
2. Both check arbitrary action of the state
   - (eg) Through judicial review, the Supreme Court declared Ordinance related to Delhi invalid

Judicial Review → Important

1. Fill up legislative vacuum
   - (eg) Vishakha guidelines to protect women in workplace
2. Promote equality
   - (eg) In Babita Puniya Case →

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court intervened to provide permanent commission to women

③ Upholds the Constitutional morality to protect principle of equality

④ Balance principle of legislative autonomy and citizens rights

However, it has some limitation

① Can be arbitrary ⇒ since no clear guidelines

② Against separation of power ⇒ As per Article 50

③ Violate constitutional principle of legislative power

④ Undermine will of people through subjugation of elected MPs

A balance between judicial review and legislature autonomy is needed to uphold constitutional morality in strict sense.

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A2

A2) Delhi is a Union Territory with special status, as enshrined through Article 239AA and Article 239AB in the 69th Constitutional Amendment

Power and Authority of Delhi LG

1. Power on Land, Law and order and Police with LG, not in other States
2. As per the Constitution Delhi Act 2023, passed via ordinance, Government implies LG,
   > other states: Government is ministers ~~to~~ headed by CM
3. Set up of National Capital Civil Service Authority → gives the final decision power to LG
   > No such body in other states

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(4) Aid and Advice of Council of ministers not necessary for LG to Act, however it is mandatory for governor for other States (Article 164)

Reasons for such asymmetricity

(1) Law and order requirement in Delhi since it is the National Capital

(2) Multiple International meetings, events of national importance take place in Delhi

(3) Power like law, police in Central authority → to uphold overall security

SC judgement → Stated that Government implies CM and elected MLAs

In this background, upholding SC judgement by providing de-jure power to elected Government in the letter and spirit of Constitution is need of the hour.

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A3

(3) Right to religion is enshrined in [Articles 25-28] of Constitution of India, to uphold the principle of Secularism in India.

[Role of Judiciary]

(1) Doctrine of Essential Religious Practices (ERP) → only those practices that define the essence of religion are valid.

eg Jallikattu ban by SC

(2) Uphold [gender equality]

> [Shah Bano Case] (1985)

SC upheld maintenance for Muslim Women

(3) Ensure there exists no discrimination

> eg [Common Cause vs UOI] → ban on practice of excluding women from Sabrimala.

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(4) Uphold the constitutional morality

(eg) SC provided women the right to be coparceners under Hindu succession Act

(5) Uphold certain religious ideas

(eg) Sikh community allowed to carry Kripans by SC

However balance may not be possible

1. SC may not have the knowledge about religion
2. May lead to judicio papism
3. Violate the secular fabric of Indian society

Overall, the judiciary should carry out proper consultation between lawmakers, religious heads to balance between constitutional morality and religion.

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A4

(4) Separation of power ensures that the three pillars of American system - Executive, Judiciary and Legislature are independent of each other

Separation of Power

India Model	American Model
(1) No rigid separation (eg) Article 13 - Judicial review	(1) Rigid separation exists between 3 organs
(2) Parliamentary form of government	(2) Presidential form of Government
(3) Parliamentary Debates and tools like Zero hour, Question hour, hold executive accountable	(3) No tool to hold executive accountable
(4) Direct Election of head of Government	(4) Indirect election of head of govt.

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Advantages of checks and balances

1. Accountability of elected representatives to the people
2. Prevent hasty legislations
3. Proper consultative debates discussions, deliberations
4. Ensure that rule of law is upheld
5. Scope to correct laws that are unfavourable to societal need

Harmful issues
1. Delay in decision
2. Non suitable people for technical decision making

Overall, a limited system of checks and balances, like in Indian model ensures rule of law and citizen centricity is upheld.

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A5

(5) Sixth Schedule under Article 244 provides power to Governor to form Autonomous District Councils (ADC) and Regional District Councils (RDC) to protect tribal rights.

6th Schedule → Legal Provision

1. ADC / RDC
2. Governor permission to implement State laws
3. ~~Pr~~ Elected representatives 30 members out of which 6 are nominated by Governor

6th Schedule - Beyond legal provision

1. Protect the cultural rights
2. Tool to provide enhanced reservation for the local community
3. Protect livelihood through forest rights
4. Protect the unique social fabric of community

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6th schedule – Foster development & Respect traditions

1. Form ADCs and ensure efficient decision making
2. Autonomy to utilize funds as per the local needs
3. Exclude unnecessary intervention from outside
4. Protect traditional livelihood
   - (eg) Forest settlements and collection of minor forest produce

Recent demand by Ladakh for schedule VI status has raised concerns about it due to national security challenges. A balance between autonomy and security should be upheld in granting schedule 6 status.

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A6

⑥ Civil society organization (CSOs) act as a bridge between Government and People to contribute to development Goals

Government → Civil society → Citizens

Role of CSOs

① Ensure last mile connectivity

eg Mid Day Meal delivery by Akshay Patra

② Uphold Constitutional morality

eg Bachpan Bachao Andolan - uphold rights of children

③ Aid during crisis situation

eg PAANI foundation provided food grains to migrants during Covid lockdown

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④ Uphold citizen centricity

(eg) PRATA NGO identified the reason for tribal deaths and intervened timely

⑤ Provide data driven policy focus

(eg) Pratham – learning poverty through ASER survey

Issues with CSO

① NSA called CSO as 4th Dimension of warfare

② As per CBI, only 10% file ITR

③ Misuse of foreign funds

(eg) Amnesty International

Way forward lies in creating a database of all NGOs / CSOs, demolition of funds, & inspection of CSOs so that development goals of India do not suffer.

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(7) Civil Servants are the backbone of Indian administration for policy formulation and implementation.

Importance of culture of life long learning

1. Shift from Rule based to Role based
   - (eg) IAS Keerthi Jadi walked bare foot to save people in Assam floods
2. Innovation and creativity
   - (eg) IAS Pirmahony Pame → crowd funding to build road
3. Motivate followers
   - (eg) IAS Parmeshwar Iyer - cleaned toilets to motivate his team
4. Uphold citizen centricity
   - (eg) IAS Prashant Nair -

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food coupon to help hungry people

⑤ Prevent misuse of discretionary power

⑥ Help in crisis situation
eg DM Nashik converted bus stops to covid centres

Role of Mission Karmayogi

① iGOT platform to provide learning material

② FRACing → to impart behaviour, functional and domain competencies including skills

③ Shift from rule based to role based

These steps have helped civil servants to uphold citizen centricity and devotion to public service.

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A8

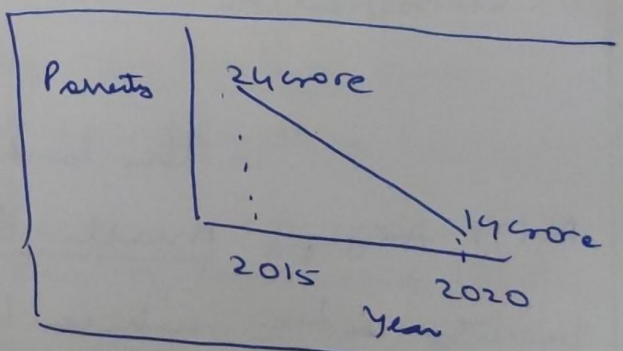
(8) Poverty line is defined by Consumption method, as per the Tendulkar Committee.

Rural poverty ⇒ Less than 2100 calories

Urban poverty ⇒ less than 1800 calories

As per World Bank, India is one of the 25 countries to have halved its poverty in 15 years from 2005-06 to 2019-20

Need for redefining poverty line



(1) Reflect multi dimensional aspect like health, education

(2) Better welfare policies due to data driven decision making

(3) Improve lives of poor

(4) Changing needs of society (eg) Today,

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Internet is a basic need.

Challenges associated

1. Difficult to create weighting diagram
2. Subjectivity in poverty definition
3. Difficult in international comparisons
4. Challenge to shape policy for the poor due to subjective classification

In this background, NITI Aayog's multi-dimensional poverty index which has health, education and standard of living has helped to capture poverty more holistically.

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(9)

Deepening of political divisions ~~has~~ is reshaping the global world order, fragmented political landscapes and impinging upon governance.

Causes of political divisions

1. Intensification of ideological polarization.
   - (eg) Assassination attempt on Donald Trump (July 2024)
2. Forces of globalization and immigration – promoting conservative ideology
   - (eg) Rise of conservative ideology in Italy, Spain, Argentina
3. Rise of liberal parties rising on anti-incumbency
   - (eg) Defeat of Tories in England
4. New Alliances, balancing between Rightist & Leftist

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(eg) New Popular Front (France)

Navigating these divisions – Strategy for India

① Engaging in issue based discussions to remain politically neutral
(eg) Climate Change, terrorism with USA, Italy

② Use of multilateral platforms like BRICS, QUAD to promote international cooperation

③ Domestic stability to reduce vulnerability to economic shocks

④ Tight rope diplomacy to balance neutral ties (eg) Russia – India and US – India

These strategies will safeguard rule of law, uphold India's interest and promote global good governance

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A10

(10) India's Arctic policy aims to seize the opportunity of melting Artic Ocean by adhering to rules framed by Arctic Council.

India's Arctic policy and foreign policy

1. Uphold National security
   ⇒ Melting of Arctic Ocean opens up navigation routes in North
2. Promote Global good
   ⇒ Adhering to rules of equitable participation by all countries
3. Global collaboration with countries to benefit out of Arctic melt
4. Protect sovereignty through framing of domestic law and not accepting the broad Policy

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⑤ Non interference in other territories by limiting exploration only in the high seas - where no country has its jurisdiction

Collaboration and Agreement

① Project Himadri - Research station in the Arctic Council

② Engagement with Arctic Council on research and development

③ Resources like mineral exploration to be done jointly

④ Impact on monsoons studies to be done by India - Norway

⑤ Exploration of trade route through Arctic Ocean

Thus, India's Arctic Policy envisages to seize the opportunities on account of melting of Arctic Ocean ~~in a~~ with adherence to rules of Arctic Policy

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A11

(11) Under Article 280, the President forms the Finance Commission every FIVE YEARS to ensure financial devolution takes place effectively

Terms of Reference

15th FC	16th FC
(1) Review the current status of finance, deficit debt levels	(1) No such requirement mentioned
(2) Sector specific grants (Ex) Health, education	(2) No such requirement
(3) Separate allocation for Panchayats and municipalities	(3) Specific allocation not present
(4) Specified categorization for horizontal distribution	No specific requirement

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⑤ Setting of borrowing limits to ensure fiscal prudence	⑤ No such requirement specified
⑥ More focus on fiscal consolidation due to external events like Covid-19	⑥ More focus on expenditure to achieve the target of becoming developed India by 2047.

Increasing progressive devolution

↳ From 32% (in 13th FC) to 42% (in 14th FC) to 41% (15th FC)

Still economic disparities

① Asymmetric devolution horizontally

eg 45% weightage to ~~popu~~ income distance

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(2) Inefficient utilization of funds

(eg) In Bihar, most funds used for revenue expenditure, not capital expenditure

(3) Limited Devolution to the local government

As per RBI, only 2 states have shifted to 50% devolution

(4) Poor audit mechanism to trace funds appropriation

(5) Fund utilization for political gains

(eg) Freebies by Government

Way Forward

(1) Auditing - timely

(2) Devolution of funds at 3rd level

(3) Planning of fund utilization.

As Finance Commission ensures to be the balancing wheel of fiscal federation, need for states to uphold trusteeship model of fund utilization will ensure equitable development.

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(12) Ethical Committee and Privilege Committee are Parliamentary Committees to address unethical conduct of parliamentarians and breach of privileges (Article 102)

Similarities between 2 committees

1. Ensure that Parliament functions as per the Rule of Law, Code of Conduct and Constitution
2. Ensure a system of checks and Balances on Parliamentarians
3. Conduct proper ~~inequ~~ inquiry against MPs in free and unbiased manner
4. Maintain decorum of Parliament
5. Ensure that MPs are accountable to people

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Differences

Ethics Committee	Privilege Committee
① General ethics maintenance in the day-to-day functioning of the Parliament	① Check for violation of privileges → collective and individual under Article 102
② Power of investigation is limited	② Act as a Civil Court — to summon witnesses
③ No codified set of ethics	③ Privileges are codified
④ Suo-moto action by the committee on the MP.	④ Take action ~~by~~ when a one Parliamentarian files complaint with presiding officer

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Complementing Nature of the Committee

① Upholding privileges will uphold ethics in Parliament

② Both collective privilege and individual privileges protected

③ Ensure the misuse of privileges
(eg) Right to speech, publish reports on whatever said on the floor of House

Overall, maintance of ethical conduct in Parliament ensures free, fair and constructive debate in Parliament, that is the hallmark of a democratic country

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(13) As per PRS Data, 17th Lok Sabha was one of the poorest ~~perf~~ performing session of Parliament due to frequent adjournments and absence of debates.

Judicial Activism - Active role played by judiciary to ensure citizen centricity and public welfare governance.

Role of Judiciary

(1) Fill in the Legislative Vacuum

(eg) Vishakha guidelines under Bharani Devi vs State of Rajasthan 2003 led to POSH Act 2013

(2) Ensure Gender Justice

(eg) Muslim women rights of maintenance under Section 125 of CrPC in 2024.

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③ Civil Rights to All

eg Right to inheritance to women under Hindu Succession Act

④ Right to Equality

eg Babita Puniya case (2020)

- Permanent Commission to Women in Army

⑤ Affirmative Action

eg Janhit Abhiyan (2021)

Rights of economically weaker section (EWS) upheld.

Effectiveness of Judicial Intervention

① Ensures constitutional morality is safeguarded

② Uphold the rights of the vulnerable section

③ Make constitution a living document

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(4) Acts as a system of check and balances on the legislature

Limited Effectiveness

- (1) May lead to judicial overreach
- (2) No Checks and balances on the Judiciary
- (3) Blurring of lines between separation of power between Judiciary and Executive (Article 50)

Way Forward

- (1) Ensure judicial overreach does not take place
- (2) Active Parliament to uphold discussions
- (3) Uphold Constitutional morality

Thus, role of judiciary is important to act due to legislative dysfunction, but its role need to be defined to prevent judicial overreach.

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A14

(14) Internal democracy within political parties is necessary to uphold the national democracy, to provide real choice to the public during elections.

Limited Intra Party democracy

Affecting legitimacy of Indian Party system

1. Absence of real choice to the public
   - eg Elected MLA may not subsibe to party values
2. Frequent defections
   - eg Maharashtra Fraction ⇒ impact political stability
3. Threat to regionalism As regional parties may not represent the needs of locals

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(4) Threat to multicultural model of Indian Society
⇒ elected leaders not upholding party goals, which they promised to uphold

(5) Break of trust between people and political party

(6) Ineffective utilization of public funds raised through electoral bond

(7) Power tussle and buying of 'MPs / MLAs' - resulting in horse trading

Reforms needed

(1) Role of party whip to ensure internal democracy

(2) Elections within party about policies, party leader

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(3) Establishing communicating channels among party members to provide safety valve to dissent

(4) Anonymity to raising issues to be provided to party members

(5) Circulation of tickets to party members so that opportunities are equally distributed

(6) Provision in the Defection Law to give chance to dissent MLA/MP to discuss issue with party

Intraparty Democracy is sine-qua-non for legitimate functioning of Indian Party system through communication, discussions and role of whip.

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A 15

(15) NHRC is a statutory body formed under Human Rights Act, 1993 to protect the rights of vulnerable sections, in line with Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

NRHC – A Watchdog
- (1) Take suo moto cognisance
- (2) Investigative Agency
- (3) Power of Civil Court

NHRC – Beacon of Hope → Act Against arbitrary power of STATE
- Uphold Constitutional values (eg) Anti discrimination
- Ensure proper implementation of laws (eg) Prevention of Atrocities Act

Role of NHRC
- (1) Check and Balance on arbitrary power of State Action
  - (eg) Enquiry on custodial death

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(2) Protect the interest of marginal section

(3) Uphold [rule of law]

(4) Prevent [human rights violation]

(eg) Kuki-Meiti clash ⇒ human rights violation - NHRC intervention

[Mandate of NHRC]

(1) Power to take [suo-moto] cognisance

(2) Acts as [civil court] to carry out investigation

(3) Seek reports from government on specific issue

(4) Submit report to the President about its finding

(5) Adhere to international principles set by International human rights commission body

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Current Composition and Functioning

① Headed by retired CJI / SC judge

② Members are : HC judge, ex-officio member – NCW chairman, National Minority Mission, minimum one woman member

③ Functioning – under the President of India, limited power due to lack of Constitutional status

Need For Reforms

① Constitutional Status to NHRC

② Uphold independence by fixed tenure

③ Provide power to deal with criminal cases

Human Rights are inalienable that have to be protected by providing more power to NHRC.

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(16) "Life is not mere living, it is living in health, Health is not absence of disease, it is living in glowing vitality"

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) aims to provide 'Health for All' as defined in SDG 3.

Health Equity Challenges

(I) Rural Urban divide

→ limited infrastructure in rural areas

→ Absence of tertiary healthcare in rural areas

→ Doctors not willing to take rural postings

(II) Inequity in Gender

→ limited focus on women related ~~health~~ health issues

→ Absence of reproductive health awareness

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III) Inequity in geriatric healthcare

→ Absence of proper old age disease treatment due to limited R&D

IV) Inequity in technology

→ eg During Covid, telemedical facilities not available in rural areas

Role of public sector

① Funds provision for health equity

⇒ currently, only 2.1% is spent as part of Budgetary devolution

② Handholding to private sector

eg Land at subsidized cost

③ Enhanced devolution of funds for research and development

⇒ currently, only 0.7% of GDP on R&D

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Role of Private sectors

① Technological development to advance the medical research

② Novel ways of medical delivery in rural areas

③ Enhanced contribution to research and development (only 35% of R&D done by private sector)

Rural - Urban divide

① Technology penetration
② Connectivity with rural areas
③ Awareness creation in rural areas

'Health for All' is not an act of charity, but Right of each citizen. Steps like Right to Health Act by Rajasthan, role of technology will help to achieve this goal of universal health.

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(17) NITI Aayog implemented local SDG goals on the lines of 17 SDGs at international level to enhance outcome by understanding local issues

Regional Context
- (1) Regional Realities
  - (eg) Bihar has high fertility rate and higher IMR
- (2) Customized solution
  - (eg) Tribal population in Jharkhand
- (3) Geographical variations

Local situation
- (1) Issue of naxalism
- (2) Issue of regional menace
  - (eg) Drug problem in Punjab

Role of Panchayat for Grassroot level development

(1) Tailor made customized solution

(eg) Karnataka government implemented 'Bhoomi' project for land reforms

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② Data driven decision making

eg High IMR in Bogainaon led to Mission Sampoorna through push to institutionalized birth

③ Better potential to target the issue

eg Weight loss among tribals in Jharkhand - due to sickle cell disease

④ Ensure gender equality

eg Nuh district saw better girls enrolment ratio after construction of roads to schools

⑤ Learning from best practices

eg Kozhikode's model of food distribution to achieve SDG 2 (no hunger) through food coupon

⑥ Better education outcomes

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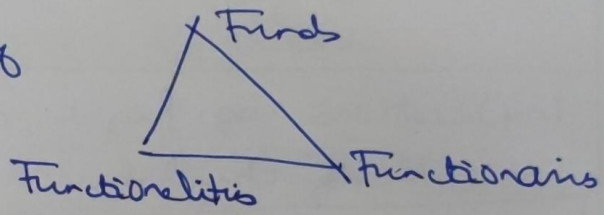
Ex: Nashik district → learning poverty reduced by Online education and personalized feedback

Issues with Role of Panchayats

1. Limited financial devolution
2. Role of



3. Issue of Sarpanch Pati
4. Parastatal bodies - overlapping power

Way Forward

1. Fund devolution by State Government
2. Amend Article 243G for true devolution of power
3. Create List 4 for Panchayats

These steps will ensure that panchayats get true power and adhere to SDG implementation in the whole of country.

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(18) POCSO Act aims to protect the right of children from the sexual acts ~~of~~, in the spirit of rights to equality, self dignity and prosperity of leaders of tomorrow.

Implications of Rights and welfare of children

1. Uphold dignity of Children
   ⇒ Minimum 7 years of Punishment
2. Fast track courts for faster adjudication of case
3. Children Counsellors to help them move forward
4. Sensitization of Parents regarding the importance of safety of children

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⑤ Strict bail condition for the accused so that no lapse in Provision of justice takes place.

Role of POCSO in transforming India's legal framework for children

① Separate law to provide quick disposal of cases

② Higher minimum punishment for perpetrators ⇒ sends the signal of such crimes being heinous

③ stringent procedure for the accused to prove innocence

④ Awareness among all stakeholders including judges, lawyers

⑤ Flexibility in law to try perpetrators as adults.

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Challenges with POCSO

1. Accumulation of cases in the courts → limited success to punish the perpetrator
2. Lack of awareness among parents, children
3. Social stigma surrounding such incidents → prefer to not file cases
4. Harassment of victims and families

Way Forward
- 1. Awareness about the law
- 2. Disposal of cases

Children of today are leaders of tomorrow. Need to protect their dignity through strict implementation of POCSO will protect the future of children.

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(19) India and US are considered to be natural partners due to adherence to the principle of human rights and democratic values.

Influence of human rights

1. Unity in upholding human rights
   - (eg) Collective recognition of human rights violence in China's Xinjiang and in Myanmar
2. Protection of Rights in domestic capacity
   - (eg) NHRC in India and Rights body in USA

Influence of democratic values

1. Free and Fair elections – hallmark of Indian elections – recognised by US
2. India is the largest democracy vs US is the oldest democracy

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Concerns of Human Rights — Impact on bilateral relationship

① US accused India of plotting assassination of separatist leader in USA

② India denied such allegations

③ US supported Canada's claim of death plot of another separatist leader in Canada

Concerns of Democracy

① Report by USA ranked India lowly in the Democratic Index on ground of majoritarianism and curb of dissent

② The Capitol Hill Attack (6th January 2021) and Assassination Attempt shows rise in intolerance in USA

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Ways to mitigate tensions

1. India agreed to set up a panel to enquire about fate of Indian in death plot
2. USA invited India to World Democracy summit
3. Bilateral discussions on trade, FTA, terrorism, technology, defence, etc
4. Strong dialogue channels to communicate concerns and
5. Engagement in minilaterals like QUAD

India and US relations have stood test of its times through converging complementarities and managing divergences.

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20 "The paradox of India's global rise, its regional decline"

India's global rise
- ① 3rd largest economy
- ② Largest remittance
- ③ Positive Balance of Payment
- ④ Stable economy

Geopolitical Challenge in South Asia

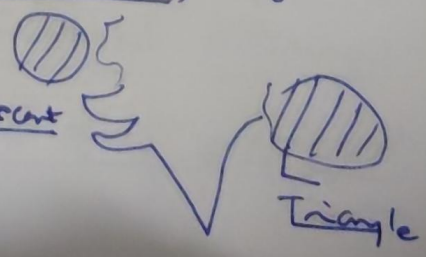
(I) Security challenge

(eg) Rising infiltration in Jammu region from Western borders

(ii) ⇒ Salami slicing and incursion by China

(eg) Galwan Clashes (2020)

(II) Proximity to Golden Crescent and Golden triangle of drug trafficking



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III) Adversial neighbourhood due to regime change

(eg) Maldives - 'India out'

IV) Unrest in d neighbour countries

(eg) Myanmar civil war

V) Water sharing dispute

(eg) Teesta water sharing between India and Bangladesh

VI) Human trafficking

⇒ From Nepal, Myanmar

Ways to navigate challenges

① Enhancing Bilateral relationship

(eg) CEPA between India and Bangladesh

② Soft power diplomacy

(eg) Invitation to Maldives for swearing-in ceremony of NDA government

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③ Multilateral engagements
(eg) BIMSTEC

④ Utilizing other stronger bilateral relations to balance power in South Asia
(eg) India-Russia to counter China

⑤ Technology development to reduce dependency on other countries ⇒ stronger supply chain

⑥ Becoming Net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region

⑦ Aid in the region (eg) SAGAR, Vaccine Maitri

India's rise in the geopolitical theatre can be ensured through stable borders, economic growth and stronger bilateral relationships with neighbouring countries