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Q.1

Numismatics refers to the study of coins which helps in understanding the politico-economic history.

Political History and Numismatics

① Kingdoms & Kings
- Idea of which kingdoms ruled India
- Idea about their kings
  - Ex.- Menander or Milinda
    - an Indo Greek king through his coins

② Their extent of Kingdoms
- Coins found in various regions → Ex: Kushana coins from North of Afghanistan till Mathura
  - ruled large area

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(3) Religious Patronage

↳ subscribed to a certain religion

↳ understanding how they viewed gods. Ex→ Gupta's had Lakshmi Goddess on coins

Economic History

(1) Trade relations

↳ Coins have been found in far reaching areas.

Ex→ Roman Gold coins in Pandyas and Cheras territory - Points towards flourishing trade

(2) Economic prosperity

↳ quality of gold in the coin.

Ex Kushana coins - gold of the highest quality → Extensive trade → through Silk route

↳ quality decreased in Harsha and Gatrahang

Hence Numismatics can be seen as a palimpsest - "preserving the past history"

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Q.2

Women's Organisations in pre-Indepdt. India played a major role in putting a light on their challenges

Women's Organisations

1. **Demanding voting rights**
   - ↳ Inspired from suffragate movement
   - ↳ Demanded for equal voting rights
     - Ex:- All India Women's Conference

2. **Shelter for destitute women**
   - ↳ Organisations such as Seva Sadan by Pandita Ramabai
   - ↳ Food, Shelter and livelihood training

3. **More Political representation**
   - ↳ More involvement in political leadership Ex Women's Association of India

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(4) Focus on Education

↳ Efforts of organisations and women leaders like Sarladevi Chaudharani, Margaret Cousins.

↳ Ex: Lady Hardinge Medical College was established

Focus : Organisations mostly focused on

- Access to education
- Equality in voting
- Access to political leadership
- Basic minimum resources.

Post Independence Women organisation broadened their scope to livelihood creation, Equal pay, Equal treatment at work, and fighting with deeper structural inequalities.

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Q. 3

Policy of Non Alignment was the result of Newly Independent nations wanting to stayaway from bloc politics of the time.

Aspiration of sovereignity

(1) India and other members would take decision based on their national interest

(2) collective opposition to cold war politics

(3) Relations with countries of both the blocks.

(4) Internal Capacity building, Infrastructure creation and

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eradication of poverty.

(5) Access to technology from the developed world – to empower industrialisation

(6) Attract Investment from both blocs.

Resistance to Colonial pressure

(1) Newly Independent
↳ So did not accepted any external pressure
↳ Independent foreign policy

(2) No Animosity towards past Colonisers
↳ Realist approach

(3) Idealistic Instance on International issues → Condemned Vietnam war and Apartheid in South Africa.

Non Alignment has modified into "Strategic Autonomy" foreign policy of India

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Q-4

Volcanism is the manifestation of the Earth's internal heat engine.

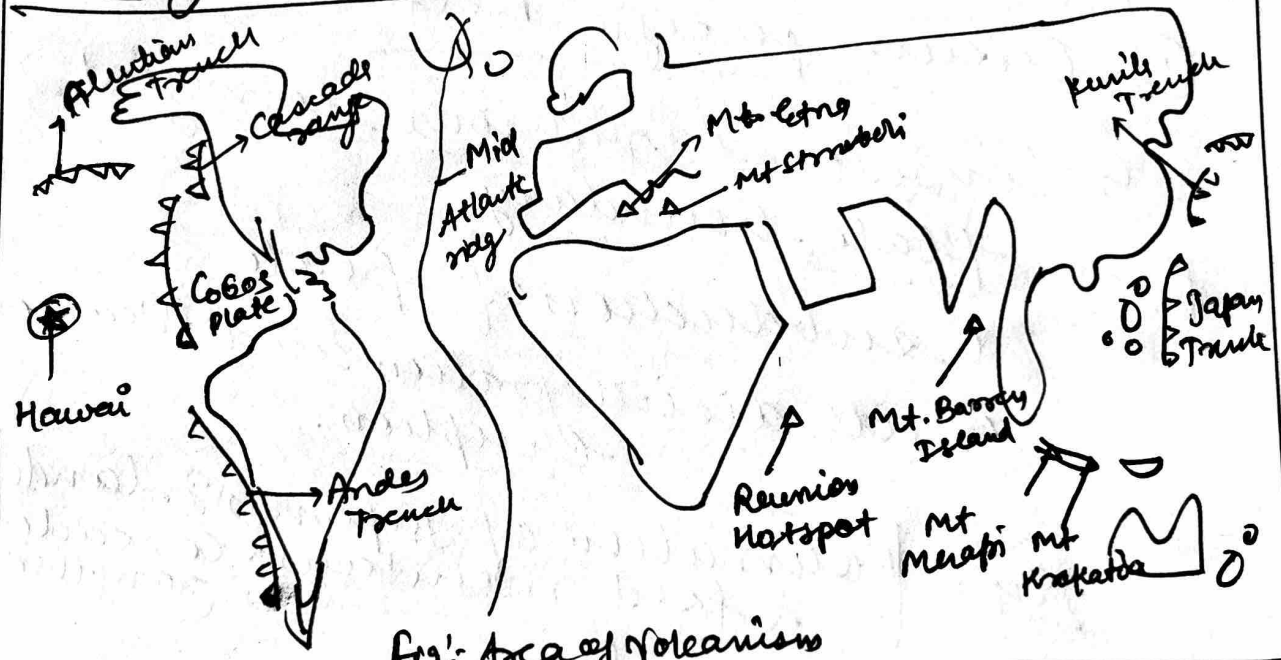


Fig:- Area of Volcanism

Processes involved in Volcanism

(1) Plate Interaction

↳ At Plate boundaries where magma comes out.

Ex:- Mid Oceanic ridges

(2) Mantle Convection Cells

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↳ Transport Magma within mantle.

(3) Presence of Magma Plume
↳ Resulting in Hotspot Volcano

(A) Major Volcanic region

(1) Circum pacific Belt
↳ Consist of various convergent plate boundary
(subduction of plate
↳ its disintegration and Volcanic eruption.

Eg Formation of Japanese Islands & fold mountains → cascade, sanyo USA

(2) Mediterranean Sea
↳ African and Eurasian plate Collision
↳ Volcanoes anchor Mt. Etna
↳ Fold mountains such as Alps and Atlas

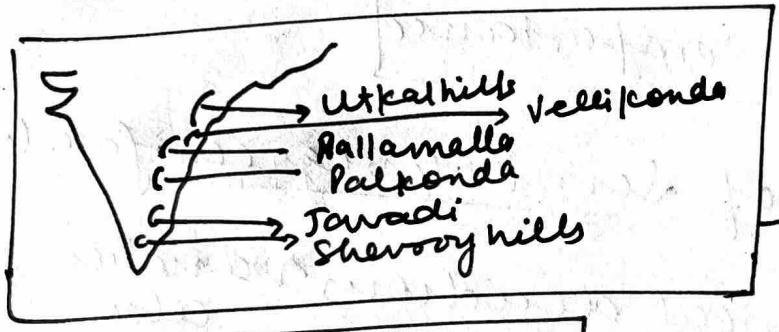
Hence Volcanic vulnerability and Early evacuation is necessary in such areas.

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Q.5

Eastern Ghats are the old fold mountains of Precambrian era now eroded down to escarpments.



→ Found on the eastern side of Indian Peninsula Plateau

→ On its east, lies Eastern Coastal plains.

Geological features :-

(1) Presence of discontinuous Mountain ranges.

(2) Geology of rocks → Mostly Archean Gneiss and Schist rocks.
↳ very hard to erode.
↳ presence of sedimentary & metamorphosed rocks too.

Eg in River basins.

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(3) Rivers cut through and form basins

↳ Eg) Mahanadi, Godavari

↳ Rectangular Channel pattern.

↳ Radial pattern for rivers origin in these mountains

Ecological Importance

(1) Areas of Semi evergreen forests

(2) Tropical deciduous varieties also

(3) Important Biodiversity areas

(4) Home to several tribes Sirhar Gonds, Santhals etc.

Challys to mining → facing challys related → water pollution, soil degradation

↳ Displacement of Tribals

↳ Habitat Fragmentations

Proper demarcation of Ecological Sensitive Zonation (ESZ) is required.

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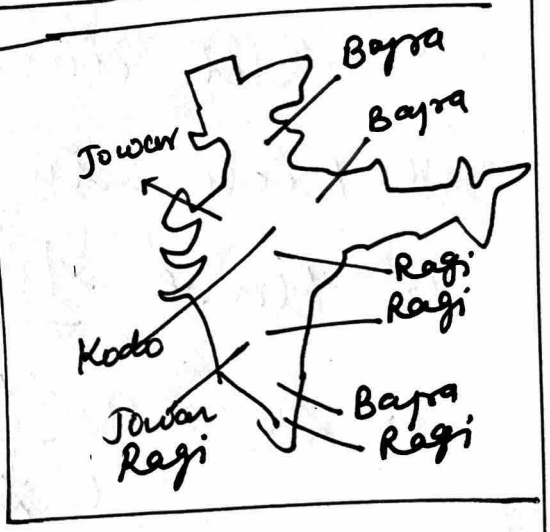
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Q.6

Millets are termed as nutri-cereals because of its immense nutritional quotient.

Ecological significance

① Drought resistant
- Can be cultivated in arid / semiarid climate
- very less water intensive



② Agro-Climatic Region
- Suitable to regions of dryland farming in India.
- Regions facing low yield of other crops such as Rayalseema

③ Ecologically Sustainable

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↳ Requires very less input
↳ Conserve soil nutrients
↳ Reduces soil salinisation
Eg) Areas such as Rajasthan & Punjab can be benefitted.

Nutritional Significance

↳ Rich in Micronutrients
↳ Rich in Fibers
↳ Have Anti Oxidant properties
↳ Does not stick to arteries
↳ zero cholesterol.

↳ Low-Carb diet
↳ High energy diet — Protein rich

Hence, Nutricereals or Millets are not only good in nutrients but ensures quality health and well being - "Shri-Anna"

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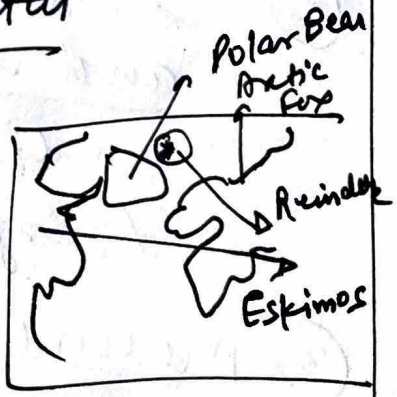
Arctic Ice melt has hastened due to rise in global temperatures

Current condition of Arctic Ice
- Fast melting [Temp have rose by 1.3-1.4°C]
- Positive feedback → Melt increases Albedo → which exacerbates melting
- Report suggest by 2050 Arctic might lost all its ice

Impact on Biodiversity & Ecosystems

① Loss of Unique habitat

↳ Provides home to biodiversity



Reindeer, Polar Bear etc.

Fungi → such as Lichens, Mollans

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(2) Loss of permanent Ice sheet

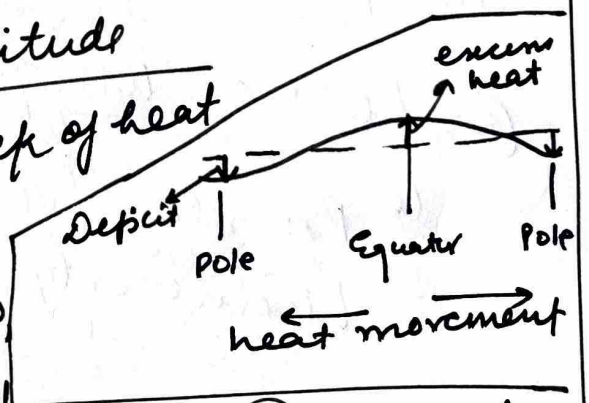
(3) Release high level of trapped GHGs
(Ex) some studies suggest over 1700 Billion Tons of Carbon stored

(4) Impact the aboriginals & tribes in these regions such as Eskimos

GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL BALANCE

(1) Slowing of Oceanic Conveyor Belt
↳ Warmer tropical Oceans
↳ More cyclones.

(2) Increased heat waves in mid and low latitude
↳ due to lack of heat transfer



(3) Marine heat waves
↳ loss of Stenothermal species → such as (D) coral reefs

International community have to complete Paris Climate target of 1.5°C

Q-8

Uniform Civil Code refers to having similar set of personal laws for all the religion, comunities

Idea of Religious Pluralism

- Presence of different Religion
- Acceptance of different Ideologies

Cultural diversity

- differences in way of living
- differences in social values, norms.

U.C.C. and Religious pluralism & cultural differences

(D) Creation of similar personal laws → could lead to loss of unique personal norms in different religions.

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- Majoritarian Outlook over minority cultural practices
- Tribal Culture
  - have remained preserved
  - Topophilia & love for Culture very high
- Could result into communalism and social conflict
- Law Commission of India → "Not Needed"

While, UCC is a step in right direction as:

- Art 44 of Constitution provides for it
- Supreme Court in Shayara Bano Case
- Relevant safeguards for communities such as tribals.

It must be ensured that UCC remains a consensus oriented practice and a comprehensive law with relevant safeguards to preserve plurality & multi culturalism

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Q. 9

Demographic shift in India is visible as it will have 16% Old age population by 2041.

Concept of Healthy Active Ageing

Need-: ① Presence of large Old age population (67% of population)

② Lack of social security

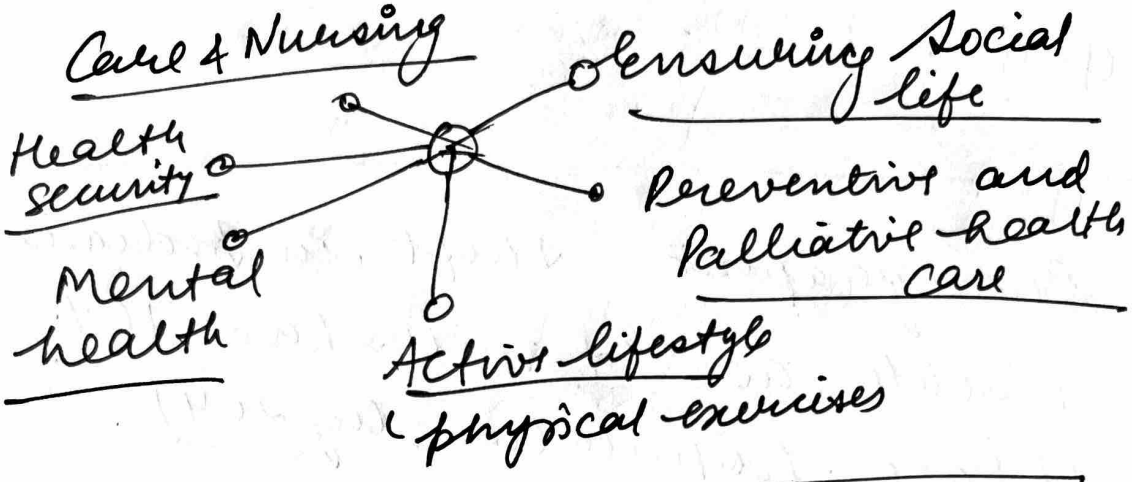
③ Nuclearisation of family
↳ Facing Neglect

④ High Burden of Lifestyle diseases
↳ India - Diabetes Capital

Active Ageing

↳ Concept developed to ensure sustainable development of ageing population

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Contributions to Social Inclusion

(1) Being ageing population to forefront.

(2) Ensure their social connections

(3) Ensure their social wellbeing
various events, team games etc.

(4) Ageing population from all classes, Caste etc. → Interminglig

(5) Adressing lack of social security

Here, India can learn from model example of Korea & Japan who have been able to sustainably manage healthcare costs Inspite of large Ageing population

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Q.10

Conscious Consumption refers to consumption based on essentiality and in moderations.

while Compulsive Consumption refers to addictive and excessive consuptions.

Change from Conscious to Compulsive Consumption :- Family Structure

① High Cost of living
↳ Increased unnessary expenditure increased cost of living.
↳ Increased fiscal burden on earner

② Credit Culture
↳ Culture of Credit cards

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and personal loans.

③ Lack of Savings
↳ family savings have dropped.
↳ Lack of buffer for times of crisis

④ Vulnerability to financial shocks
↳ Victim of fake sites and deals
↳ because of reckless consumption

Impact on Urban dynamics —:

① Unsustainable Waste generation
Ⓐ only 20% of municipal waste treated in India

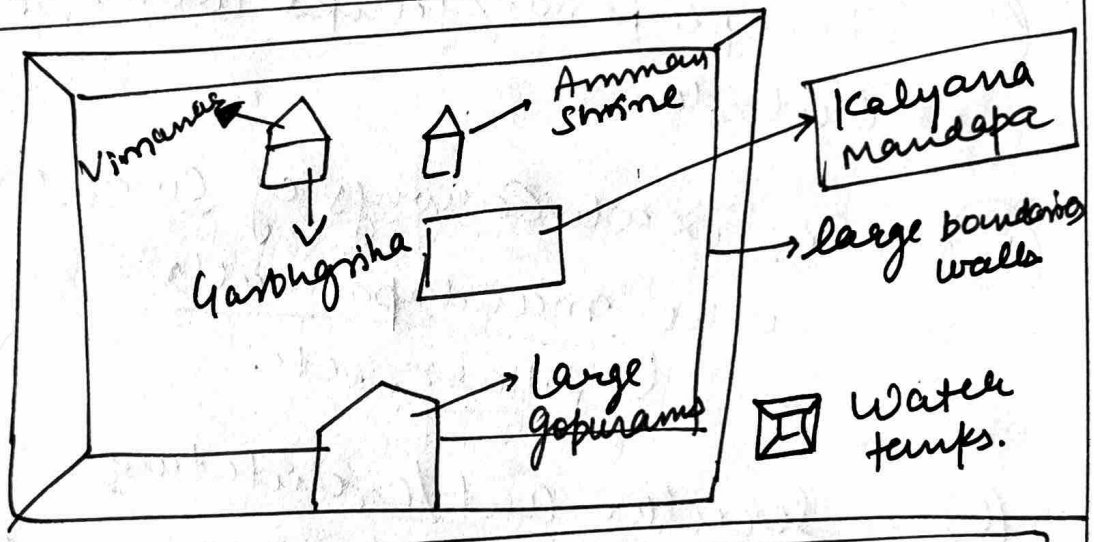
② Increased Plastic Pollution

③ Deep Economic Divide
↳ High Consumption → High demand → Inflation → Increased Prices
More impact on poor

"LiFE" lifestyle as promoted by India Govt. should be internalised by All the Indians

Q. 11

Vijayanagara Kingdom was a medieval Kingdom which ruled in 15th – 16th century and had an indelible impact on Art & Architecture



Features of Vijayanagara Architecture

① Based on Dravida School of Architecture

- Vimanas → large sculpted.

Eg:- Virupaksha Temple

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(2) Addition of Amman Shrine
→ Mother Goddess Shrine
Eg:- Meenakshi Amman

(3) Addition of Kalyana Mandapa
→ To celebrate Shiva-Parvati marriage
Eg:- Hayagriva Temple

(4) Temple ponds / tanks were shifted outside

(5) Intricate carvings of gods on the mandapa walls & pillars etc.

(6) Secular art/architecture in form of King & queens on Temple walls, pavilions

(7) Dwarapala & Yakshas on the entrance of Garbhagriha

(8) Acted as a Centre of power
↳ when King Darbar was held.

Influence of Indo-Islamic Art

(1) Presence of Deccan Sultanate Kingdoms in the proximity.

(2) Took various inspiration ↳ from trade relation with Arab & Muslim world

Manifestation → (1) work of "Jaali" in Temples.

(2) "Pietra-dura" → To add stones in the walls & floor, roofs.

(3) "Arcreate" entrance at Gopuram
↳ Lotus Arch

(4) Arabesque method of flowershaped beautifications.

Hence Vijayanagar Art is a heritage of Mastery and Syncretism in Indian Medeval Society

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(12)

Ancient Indian Universities such as Nalanda & Taxila hosted thousands of students and teachers from across the world.

Features: **Comparison**

Old/Ancient Universities	Modern Universities
(1) Subjects such as Language, religion Astrology was primary.	(1) Science and Humanities subject.
(2) Believed in Integrationist approach - all subjects to be studied by All	(2) Based on West's idea of segregation of Science and Humanities And Intra field also.

(3) Culture, Morals, "Guru-Shishya parampara"

(4) Housed Students from across the world

(5) Were Considered the greatest Centre of Learning of the time

(3) Transactional relationship. No personal connection
↳ lack of emphasis on culture.

(4) Indian Universities could not attract that high number of foreign students.

(5) Few universities are counted in top 100 or top 200 of the world

There are similarities too :-

(1) Both have hostels for children / students.

(2) Have dedicated Library

(3) Have Classrooms and public space for social interactions

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What more can be learned

(1) Ensure Education is Multi sectoral and holistic

Eg National Education policy's framework sisters yard.

(2) Ensure Culture and moral values studies.

(3) More international experience
- Improve infrastructure
- more cross-country exchange programmes.

(4) Ensure a respectable and person connection between Teacher & Students → Pedogogy change

National Education policy tries to address certain loopholes & gaps in higher education & is a step in right direction

Q.13

In Gandhian Phase of National freedom movement, there were other ideologies too which enriched our freedom struggle.

Revolutionary Movement of 1920s-1930s and similarities with Gandhian Struggle

1. Both had the same goal of a **self-rule** in India
2. Both were against the **servitude** of India by **British Colonisers**
3. Both believed in the ideas of **Equality, Liberty**
4. Against the **Anglicisation** of Indian Society.

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(5) Both criticised the racial and ethnic inequality practised by British

Similarities however were accompanied with stark differences in "Means" and "Ways"

Gandhian	Revolutionary
(1) Non violence is unquestionable	(1) Use of violence to make deaf hear
(2) Satyagraha Truth Non violence Conviction of courage No Animosity for perpetrator	(2) Against humans brutality over other humans; use of Individual heroics, formation of bands of revolutionaries
Ex:- Non cooperation & Salt Satyagraha	Ex:- Kakori train Robbery, Saunders Killing by HSRA

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③ Mass Movement
↳ people from every classes should participate

③ Mostly young revolutionaries - Zeal of independence, influenced by Russian Revolution & Modern Socialistic Ideas

Influenced Each Other

① Most revolutionaries were part of Gandhian Non Cooperation movement (NCM)

② Sudden withdrawal of NCM after Chauri-Chaura.
↳ discontentedness among certain groups.
↳ followed revolutionary ideology.

③ Revolutionaries inspired people to participate in national movement
↳ various joined Gandhian Struggle.

Hence while both were different in their approach, success of Indian national movement cannot be studied in isolation.

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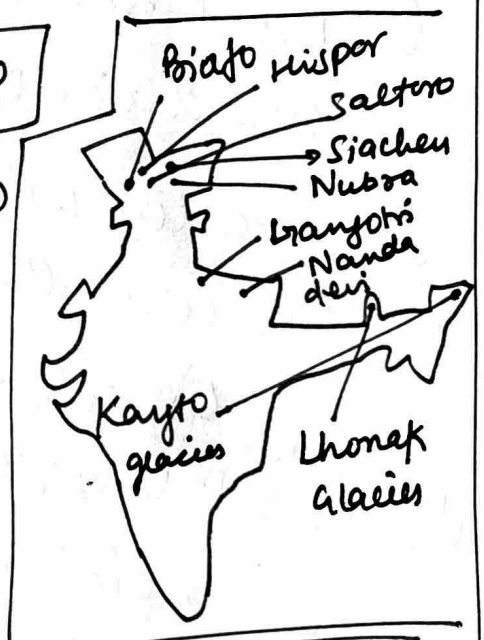
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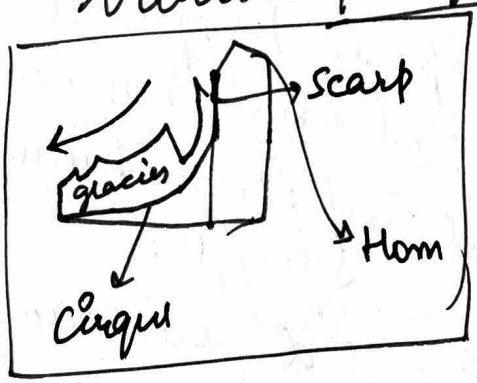
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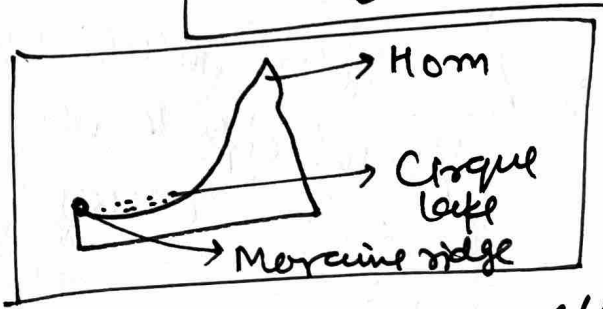
Glacial Landforms

① Erosional landforms

(i) Glaciers through scouring forms various Cirques



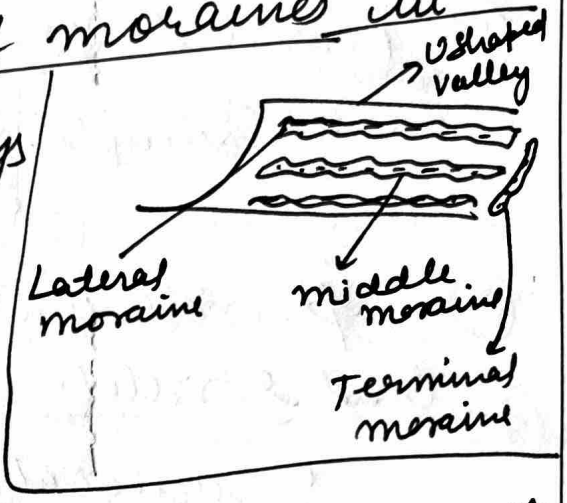




↳ These cirque through glacier melt can have Cirque lakes. Eg:- Vasuki Tal

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(ii-) As glaciers retreat → They deposits tills in form of moraines in U-shaped valleys



(iii-) Formation of Aretes, horns and Col-topography.

Ex: Silk route passed through passes provided by these cols.

deposition due to Ablation

(1) When glacier leach snout & its starts melting & These melt water carries sediments → deposits and forms Ablation plains or Outwash plains

features

- Kames
- Drumlins
- Eskers
- Hummock & Kettles

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Impact on Local ecosystem & Humans

(1) Provided unique habitat
- Example: Himalayan Ibex, Snow leopard.

(2) provide water to small streams and rivulets
- crucial drinking water source for himalayan community.

(3) feeds rivers of Indo Gangaplains
- (A) 40% of Indus River water comes from Glacier)

Present Condition

(1) Threat to Biodiversity Hotspot

- Future water crisis
- High glacier melt [85% might be lost by 2100 - IGMOD]
- Glacier retreat
  - fall in river regime ecosystem
- Glacier lake outburst due to extreme weather events
  - Eg:- Kedarnath floods

National Mission of Sustainable Himalayan Ecosystem implementation will be key to their survival.

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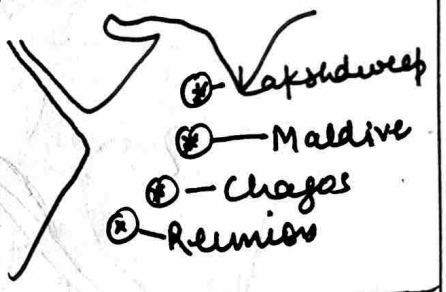
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Q. 15

Indian Ocean is the only major ocean that is limited to southern hemisphere and tropics of northern hemisphere.

Unique Geographical Features

① Presence of Reunion hotspot and chain of islands
↳ forming "Chagos – Laccadive" Ridge



② On its western side
↳ Horn of Africa → Spouting out resulting in into breaking of currents into two parts.

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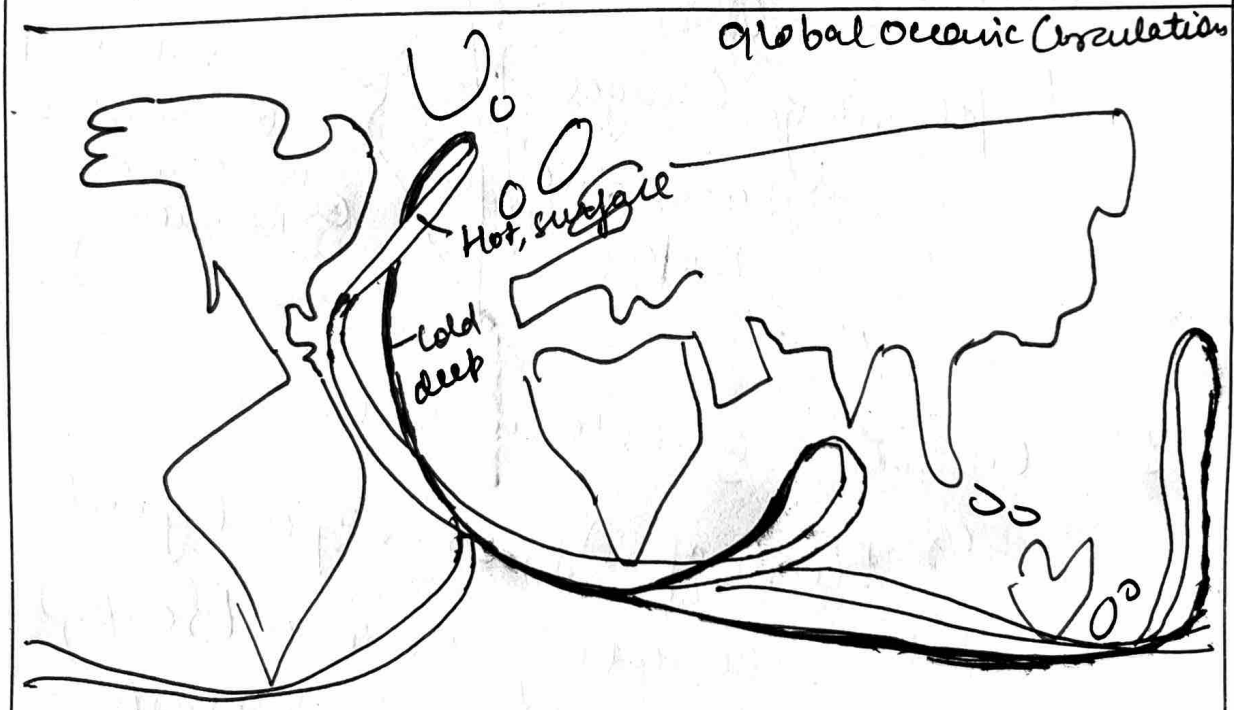
③ Part of Global Oceanic Conveyer belt

↳ ~~Recieves Cold water~~
Transfer of heat from tropics to poles.

④ Bay of Bengal

↳ lots of rivers convey
↳ High temperature
↳ Cyclonic formation.

Global Oceanic Circulation



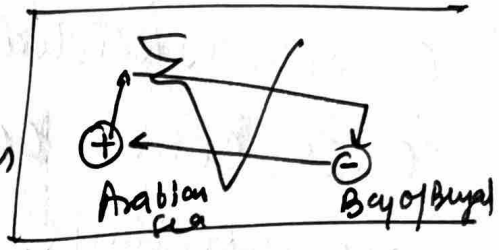
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Features influence Indian Climate

① Warming of Indian Ocean

↳ Formation of Indian Ocean Dipole

↳ Positive monsoon



② Horn of Africa & formation of Somali Jet Stream → pushes S.W. monsoon towards India

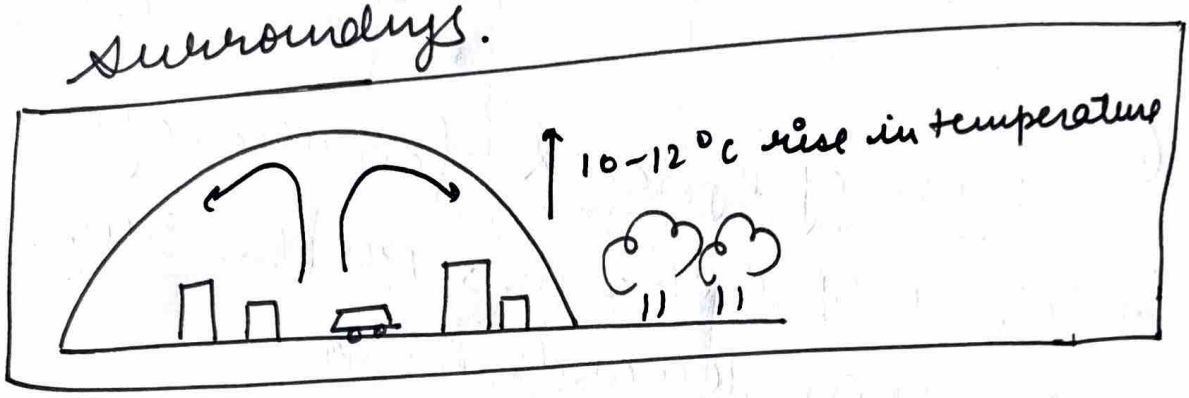
③ Mascarene high in Indian Ocean has an important impact on Indian Monsoon

④ Climate change lead to increased Ocean warming and increased instances of pre monsoon cyclone and intense rainfall.

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Q.16

Urban heat Island refers to a substantial rise in temperature over cities compared to rural surroundings.



Causes

① Increased **GHG emissions**
- vehicular pollution
- household cooling requirements
- Industrial

② Presence of High pressure Anticyclonic Conditions further acts as (lid)

③ These GHGs absorb heat from Urban surface & reradiates it back

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④ Concretisation of Urban areas have further increased the urban heating.

Impact on Heat waves

Frequency of Heat Waves

① Consistence and prolonged heat waves.

Eg Delhi saw longest heat wave recorded in May-June month.

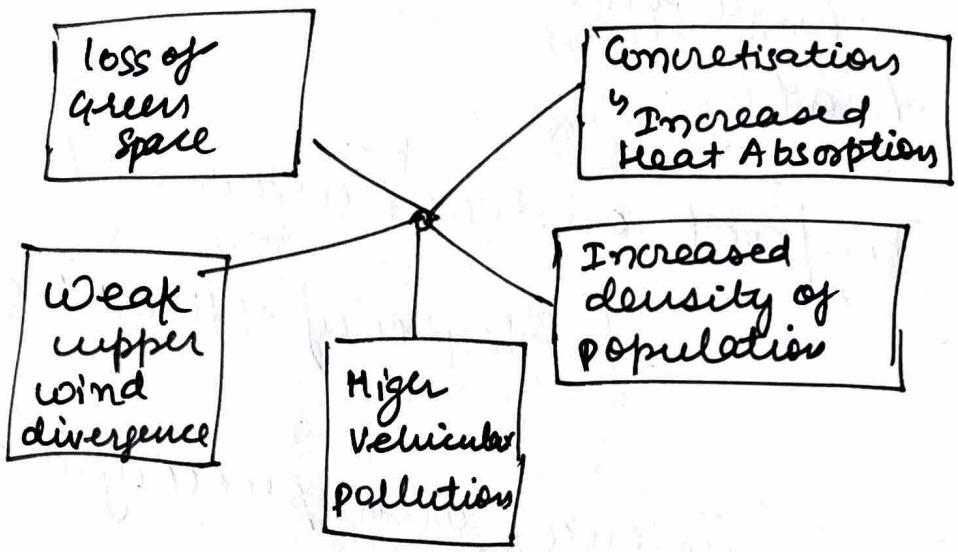
② It through Venturi Effect increase the intensity of heat wave.

③ Temperature at surfaces cross the normal temperature.

Plains	> 40°C
coast	> 37°C
Hills	> 30°C

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Underlying factors



Case study — Chennai



Chennai
- used to have 80% area under wetlands
- Now only 15%
  - Lakes such as Vellachery has reduced from 250 km^2 to 50 km^2

→ Increased droughts and ~~Heatwaves~~ floods

Mitigation Strategy

(i) Increased Urban forestry

(ii) Increased extension of Urban Mass Transportation

(iii) JanBhagidari → reduction in use of private vehicle.

(iv) Nation Building Code → "Green Buildings"

(v) Ensure Renewable energy

To achieve SDG 11 → Need to Combat UHI

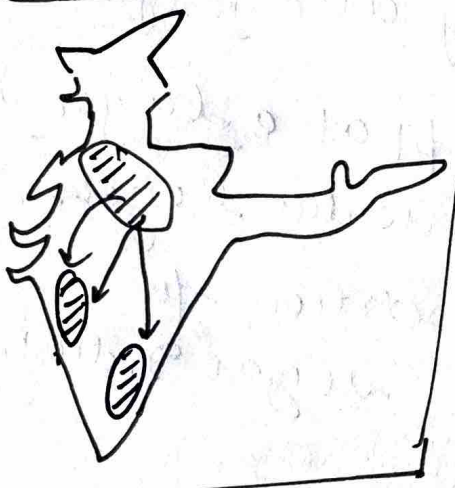
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Q.17

North India especially North West belt was the traditional Sugarcane production zone which has now shifted to southwards.



Causes :-

1. Tropical regions in South → better climate
2. Improvements in irrigations
3. Soils → Blacksoil ↓ fertile

Regional disparities occur :-

1. Industries in South
   ↳ More profitable
2. Cane in South (Peninsular India) is much stronger and High Yield

Eg High Sucrose Content in peninsular sugarcane

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(3) Availability of Industrial region

↳ Peninsular region are close to port areas and fuel production centres.

↳ Agglomeration benefits for industries

(4) Sugar Industry and Agro fuel Industry are kept at a larger distance in peninsular region

(Ex) less competition for sugar industry.

Issues

(1) High Water Intensive Crops

↳ >70% of Irrigation by Maharashtra used in Sugarcane Cultivation

(2) Not favourable to Agro Climatic region of Peninsula.

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③ Surplus Sugar productions

↳ because of high yield of sugarcane.

Measures to reduce surplus sugar productions

① More Ethanol Industries can be setup.

② MSP or FRP can be set accordig to market need and demand.

③ Reduce Export restrictions on Sugar

④ Support to other crops such as Millet, Oilseeds etc. must be increased

Indian Govt. sub Scheme of Agriculture Diversification must be implemented in its true form to reduce surplus sugar.

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Q. 18

Social mobility refers to the process of movement of person up the social ladder, not bounded by any irrational or arbitrary pressure.

True Equality & Social Mobility

1. Ensures No birth based disabilities (Eg) like Caste system
2. Ensures Merit and Qualification matters.
3. Social equality → Opportunity be provided to everyone
4. Just Society

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Barriers to Intergenerational mobility

1. Continued existence of **Caste System**
   - It has morphed into Caste based politics,
   - Still in the deeper imperatives of the people.

2. Lack of resources especially **Social Capital**
   - Lower Castes or Dalits lack connections, relationships that help them in social mobility

3. Education → Clear difference in Education access

72%	59%	: Literacy
India	Tribals	

4. **Vote bank politics** → Have not adressed

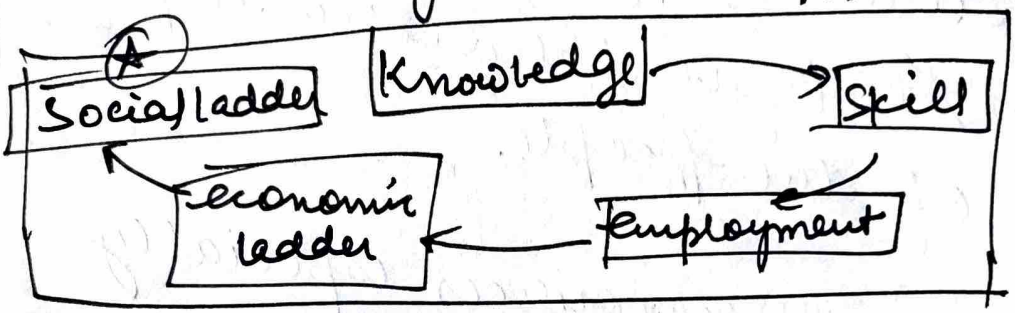
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the inequalities.

Role of Education in Social Mobility

(1) Help gather **knowledge**

of utmost importance in today's modern world.



(2) Help build **social Capital**

Connection inter-relationships Awareness

(3) Awareness about **rights**

Rights Welfare schemes Opportunities

(4) **Intergenerational benefit**

↳ Especially **Women** education

"Education access to all" is a sine qua non in addition to mindset change and Affirmative action to ensure Social Mobility

Q.19

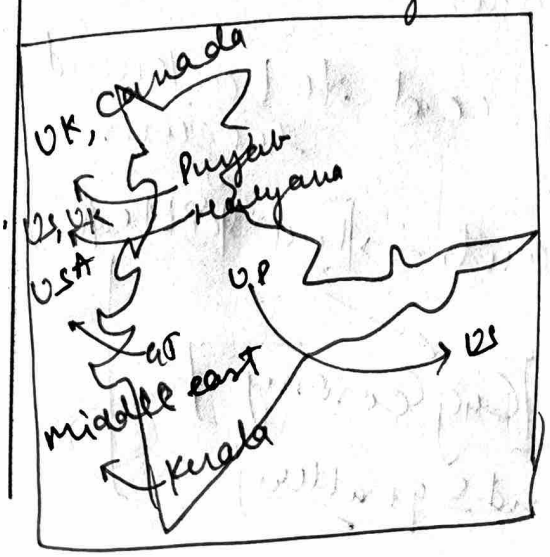
Globalization earlier thought to be confined to economic space has also impacted the **Movement of people**.

Influence of Globalisation on Indian Migration

① **International**

↳ India accounts for 5 million international migrants
Largest in the world

↳ Skilled, Semi Skilled type migration



② **Domestic**

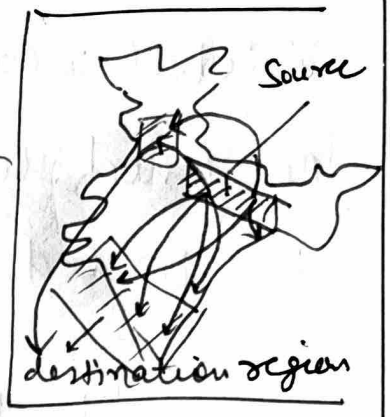
↳ Improved transportation connectivity has increased domestic migration

↳ **28.9% All India migrations**

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(2) Presence of Urban Centres & Megalopolis attracted more & more migrants

(3) Social Media & Increased Awareness
Awareness about jobs, better Standard of living has lead to more migration



(4) In search of Better education

(5) Marriage → Mostly women migrate with families to urban.

Economic Implications

(1) Concentration of Industries in these Urban centres
↳ Lack of spread to backward regions.

Domestic

(2) Mostly Migrants → Low skilled
Low wages
Gig Economy
Slums and Squatters

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International
- Huge Remittance to India
  - (A) 120B$ in 2023
- Huge Diffusion of Immigration → Come back to India → Startups

Social Implications

(1) Domestic migration

Urban
- → Congestion & Urban blight
- → Urban poverty
- → Inequality = Ghettos & Gentrified colonies

Rural
- → loss of labour
- → feminisation of Agriculture
- → Money order economy distorts

(2) International migration

India
- → Issue of Brain drain
- → Culture dilution
- → Neglect of Parents
- → Rich migration → loss of Taxes

Migration is a natural phenomenon & must be leverage for national interest

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Q 20

Gender based violence in India is visible from the fact that more than 30% women have faced one kind of Gender based violence in their lives.

Manifestation of Patriarchy

- Idea of considering husband as God
- Trivialisation of Domestic Violence
- Idea that women are submissive & docile
- Idea that women are dependent on males
- Women should be restricted to household
- Idea that Women are weaker of the sexes

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Modernisation of Law as an instrument

(1) Laws such as Dowry prohibition act, Prevention of child marriage Act.

(2) Vishaka Guidelines & POSH act

(3) Domestic Violence Act

(4) "Shakti" Act → Rigorous punishment

All have been able to deliver limited success :-

- Prevalence of Sexual harassment at work
  - Eg #Me too movement
- One out of 3 women ↓ Domestic violence
- Sexual Stereotype common
  - Politics
  - Lower level judiciary
  - education
  - Police

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Needs to be done

(1) Ensuring High quality Education to women

→ awareness of their rights
→ high self esteem
→ high motivation & confidence.

(2) EGG → for businesses
↳ Performance be tracked on basis of Gender attainment by companies

(3) Political Representation
↳ Currently only 14%
↳ Need more gendered unbiased lawmaking

(4) Community outreach
↳ Role models, & Religious leaders
↳ To bring reforms to the core values of people

Women empowerment has to be done through a holistic Approach.