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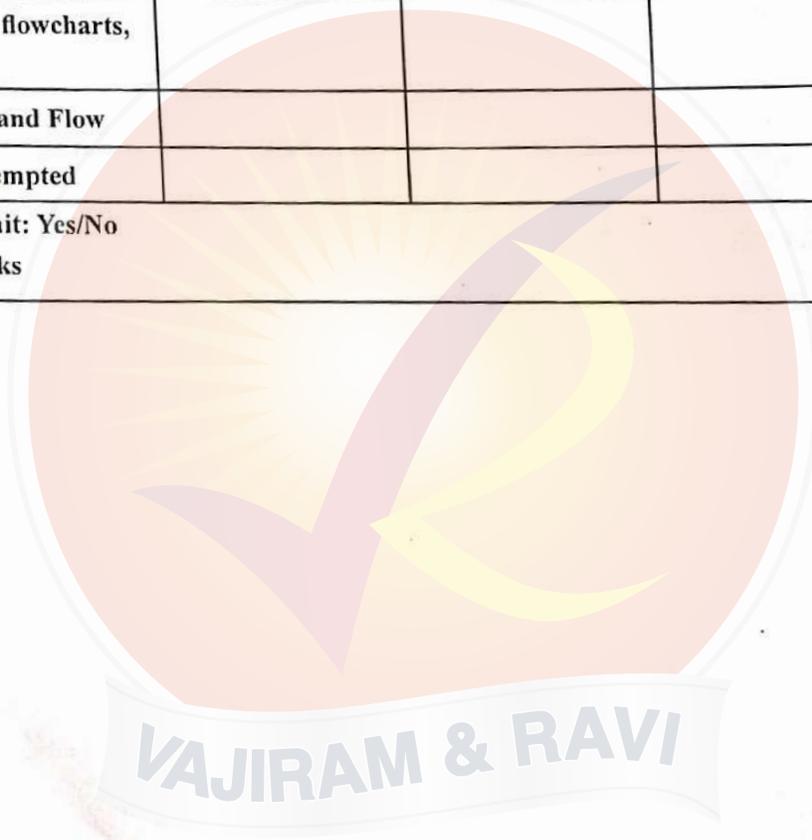
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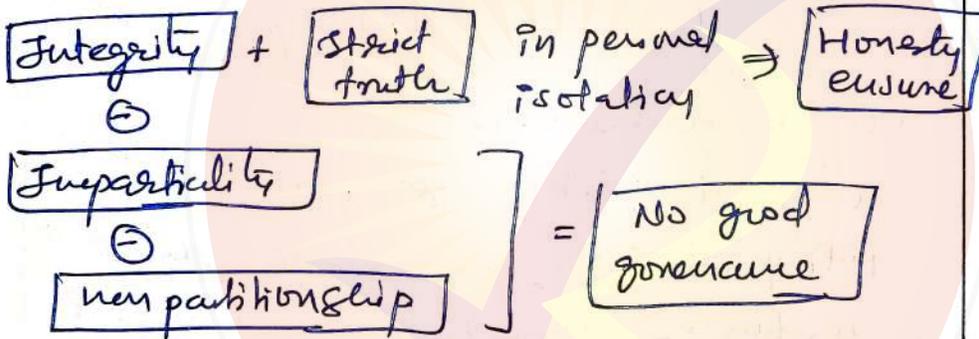
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Section A

1. (a) "Integrity in isolation may ensure honesty, but without impartiality and non-partisanship, governance cannot be ethical." Evaluate the interdependence of these foundational values in the context of public service. (10 marks, 150 words)

Integrity is about firmness and uniformity in upholding moral and ethical principles.



Thus interdependence of values above mentioned are very important because

① to uphold integrity one must be a bold impartial person.

↳ T. N. Seshan uphold rule of law and model Code of Conduct return by both values combination.

2) Social Justice is not possible without personal resolve and non partisanship.

(eg) To implement PM JAY Administration must ensure prudence, Integrity and political neutrality

3) It ensure Action based on Antyodaya professional service delivery and citizen centricness.

(eg) Ahmedabad sewa kendra's policy of open, responsive and unbiased welfare policies.

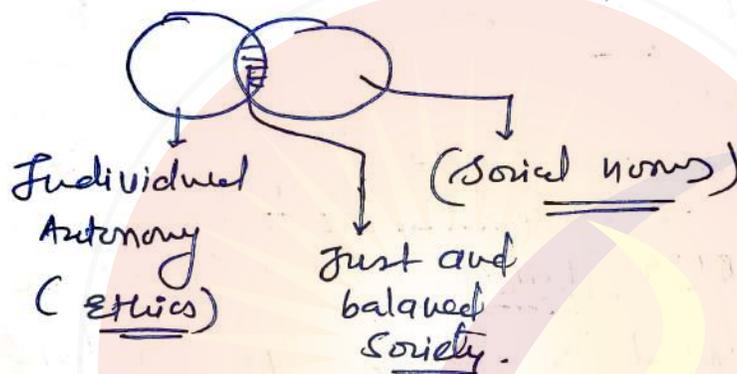
Thus, confusions upheld that " civil servant must promote values of Integrity, non partisanship and impartiality to promote functionality and prevent formality."

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(b) "The essence of ethics in human actions involves a balance between individual autonomy and societal norms". Examine this statement by exploring how ethical frameworks reconcile personal freedom with social responsibility.
(10 marks, 150 words)

" Ethics is promoter of Individual
Autonomy and uphold general will
towards society " Rousseau.



Essence of ethics in Human Action
= balancing Autonomy of individual
and societal norms.

① It promotes cultural ethical relativism

⊕ Individual choice to drink
Alcohol is not socially acceptable
in Middle east but allowed in
Europe.

② Ethics is promoter of Reforms

and uphold essential practices.

⊕ Eg As in Shyama Bano case 2017

⊖ Sc banned Triple talaq (ethics of gender equality) and bring social reform.

③ Essence of ethics is to build just and community based society.

⊕ Eg Differential principles for PWD, LGBTQIA+, SC/ST/OBC accepted in society. ⊕ Individual autonomy to employment is also upheld.

④ Ethics act as inner checks and balance for society.

⊕ Eg Conscience based right to freedom of expression and restriction for social morality.

Thus, ethics promote social cohesion and individual freedom.

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2. (a) Is conscience a universal moral compass, or is it shaped by society and upbringing? Illustrate with suitable examples.

(10 marks, 150 words)

As per Immanuel Kant, conscience is the inner mirror, guiding light and moral compass that drive human behavior and action.

conscience as universal moral compass

- ① As per Kant it must be a guide to human action

⊕ Every human being is pure form within and must follow it. Such as by Krishna to guide Arjuna in mahabharata.

- ② conscience and strong clarity prevent conflict of interest.

⊕ S.N. Sen 1st chief election commissioner of India ^{held} ~~upheld~~ 1st election only when electoral roll integrity was pure.

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However it is also shaped by society and so role of upbringing is important.

① Because inner conscience is nothing but sum of process of socialisation.

↳ Ajit Agarwal's policy of consistency and excellence VPS
Harshad Mehta's wrong means driven by their upbringing.

② Conscience is the cumulative result of our actions and vision, family, schools role etc.

↳ Mamie Blanchard explains her strong emotions in high gains driven by past experiences.

Thus, conscience is moral compass formed cumulatively by socialisation.

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(b) How can the ethical principles rooted in ancient Indian philosophy serve as a guide for policymakers and administrators in balancing development with ecological sustainability? (10 marks, 150 words)

Ancient Indian philosophy of "Dharma in Rigveda" is key guide and friend to current policy makers and administrators to balance development and ecological sustainability.

such ethical principles are

- ① Harmony with nature as in Rig Vedic economy.
(eg) Chipko movement highlighted balance between old ethics and economic development.
- ② Sustainable water management and development during Indus valley civilisation
(eg) Rohtas canal for water sewage.
- ③ Buddha's middle path and 8 fold path to balance both (both Administrators + policymakers)

eg followed by sponge cities in china and singapore.

④ Evolution of jainism and disasme ethics. (policy makers)

eg Stakeholder driven environment Impact Assessment must be there

⑤ for Administrators it must guide honesty, permanibility and social welfare of samayana.

eg Disaster Resilient mitigation as in Odisha model.

⑥ An Design of policies and its Implementation must follow Bhakti ethics of human centricity

Thus, Ancient Indian ethics drive ethical development and environmental conservation.

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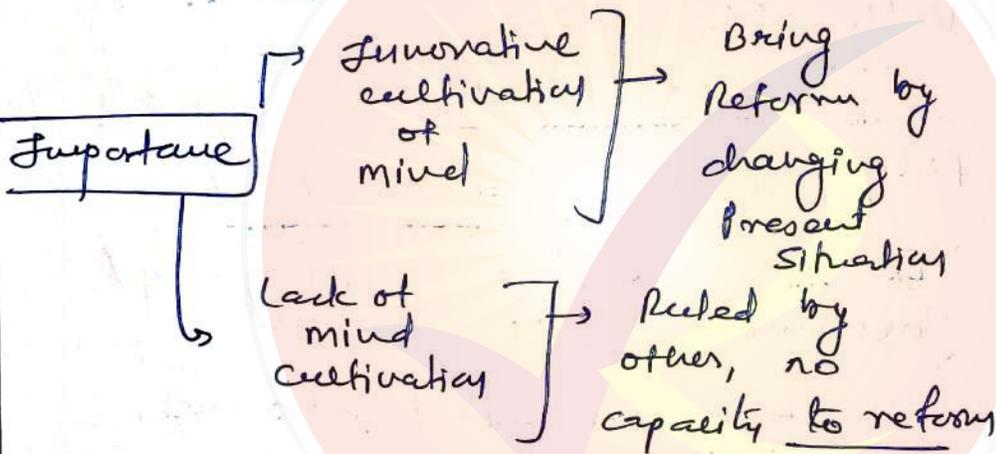
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3. Given below are three quotations of great thinkers. What do each of these quotations convey to you in the present context?

(a) Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.—Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
(10 marks, 150 words)

In this quote Dr. B. R. Ambedkar is depicting importance of mind and ability to have reasoning, questioning and innovative ability to human existence



Role in present context

① As said by Saripalli Radhakrishnan we need to educate mind and heart & soul.

eg) educated mind bring social mobility as did by Srikant Bolla (1st visually handicapped entrepreneur)

2) cultivation of mind bring ethical strength and political reforms.

⊕ cement 47% of mps in lok sabha have crime against them → need reforms by code of conduct

3) It promote social cohesion, social justice and uplift vulnerable.

⊕ "women led development" policy reform, "Risat based approach" are key reasoning based governance reforms.

Hence, educating mind also require education of heart to ensure ethical conduct.

Thus, "cultivation of mind is to serve people and bring reforms in society."

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(b) The coward calls the brave man rash, the rash man calls him a coward- Aristotle
(10 marks, 150 words)

In this quote Aristotle give relativity and personal perception of others by coward to brave man as rash and vice versa as coward.

The coward calls the brave man rash.

① It is common perception of one's own mindset on others.

eg) Pakistan ~~that~~ Always terms Indian success as irrational specially antiterror activities.

② Coward can not think out of the box and his conditioning not allow him to think positively.

eg) Accused of rape always have inner self preservation and that's why commit such an act.

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Rashmi may calls him a coward

① It depict relative positive and true picture of someone.

eg) as per Martine Luther King

" Retaliation with peace is not cowardice" so solving problem by dialogue and diplomacy for border rights are not cowardice

② Actual cowardice is about not raising voice against injustice

eg) Mutual stance by Turkey favouring Pakistan on J&K issue,

eg) Failure of Accessible India campaign to provide PwD friendly infra → Administrative cowardice (CAG Report)

Thus, true reality of self is only possible by self introspection for both

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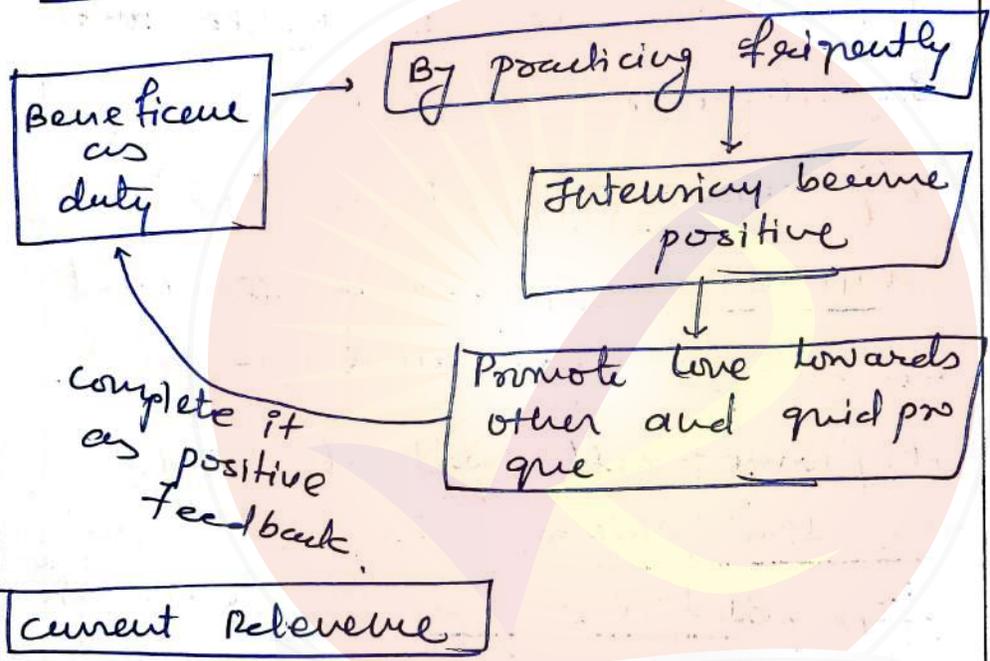
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(c) Beneficence is a duty. He who frequently practices it, and sees his benevolent intentions realized, at length comes really to love him to whom he has done good- Immanuel Kant
(10 marks, 150 words)

In this quote Kant giving importance of beneficence as means to ends in itself and larger, such practice followed by individual give positive outcome.



① It promote goodwill and ethical responsible gesture.

eg despite "India out campaign" India continuously provided Aid to Maldives → led to PM's recent Red carpet visit to Maldives.

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② Beneficence as duty promote team spirit attitude.

eg) JPO's chairman gave success of chandrayan III to all team led efforts

③ It promote valuable justice and sarvodaya to poor.

eg) sweepsthi scheme for LGBTQIA+ by odisha government shows how beneficence is good

④ It provide self respect to all the stakeholders.

eg) "Judore model of cleaners" shows how beneficence as duty practices by "safai mitras" uphold Rank I in Swachhata Sarveksha. "This beneficence is crebler."

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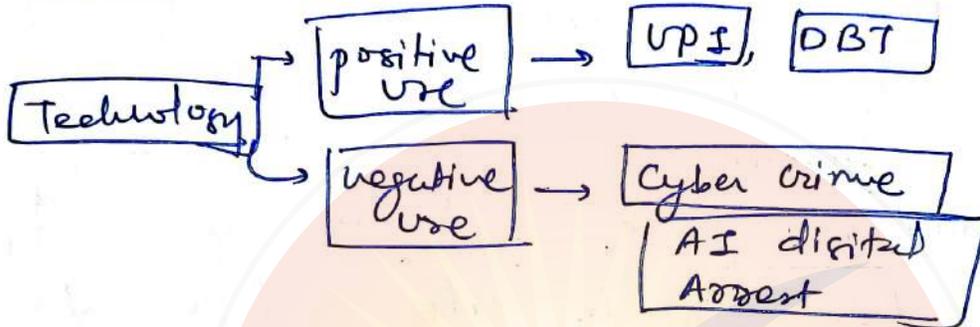
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4. (a) "Technology is ethically neutral until we apply it." Discuss this statement with reference to the ethical challenges posed by artificial intelligence and data privacy. (10 marks, 150 words)

Technology is neutral object but its usage define whether it is good or bad.



ethical challenges by artificial intelligence

① Biased training, no local language training led to exclusion of poor.

eg NITI Aayog Report shows "Responsible AI" is not followed by many AI developers.

② privacy violation during data processing.

eg ANI case and chatGPT shows how users data stolen

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③ Lack of transparency, accountability and responsiveness.

⊕ PM modi highlighted in AI Action Summit 2025.

④ Lack of inclusivity.

⊕ ~18% women only using internet.

Ethical challenges by data privacy

① Violate right to life and personal liberty (Art. 21)

⊕ K.S. Puttaswami case

② no good governance in handling cases ethically

⊕ Deep web Adhar data leaks

③ Lack of consent to give and withdraw

⊕ no right to withdraw consent

"This technology is enabler and destroyer, its usage defines its outcome"

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(b) Rules and procedures are essential for institutional functioning. However, they are not substitutes for ethical leadership and value-based discretion. Justify your answer with examples from public administration. (10 marks, 150 words)

" Rules and procedure are for public service but when it become master it substitute ethical leadership and values lead to invisibility of people."

- Durkheim

Importance of Rules and procedure

① It promote ethical external accountability mechanism.

eg court servants follows All India conduct rules 1964 during dilemma.

② This ensure citizen welfare and transparent administration.

eg Tools like Digital India guidelines and e governance policies promote service delivery eg UMANG App.

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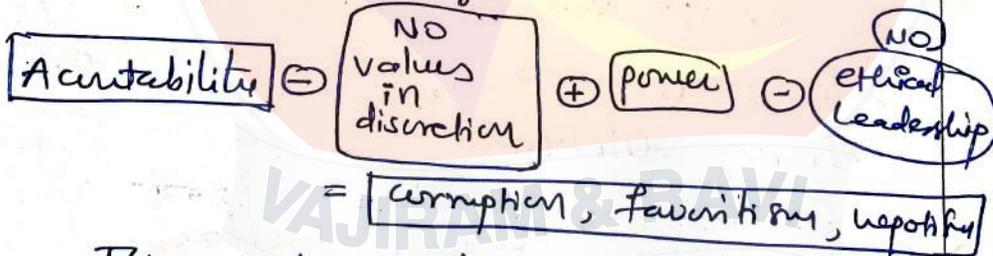
Hence it must not be substitute for ethical leadership and values based decision.

① when it substitute ethical leadership it leads to corruption

eg Case of sand mining, Rapid urbanisation and sof. fire safety norms not available

② If ethical leadership side the administration it bring best citizen centric governance

eg Renua Rajeshwari (Ips) led Administration at government level to bring actn. in fake internet



Thus, rules and procedure must be guided by values and ethical leadership.

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5. (a) Is it ethically justified for youth to remain apolitical in a democracy if politics determines the moral fabric of society? Critically examine.
(10 marks, 150 words)

"politics must be driven by principles" As said by gandhiji.

If politics determine the morality of society youth must not be totally apolitical.

YOUTH can remain apolitical if

① fully mature, ethical leadership guide the morality of society.

↳ In Britain not a single case of defection since 1940's shows political maturity.

② If political parties follows interparty democracy, leaders follow principles and not winability of candidates.

↳ youth in Rwanda as following a women leadership for social welfare →

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As per Essex study 2019 women are less corrupt members of parliament.

However being totally apolitical brings organised chaos in society.

① As leadership can manipulate youth on names of unethical policies.
eg Jatra politics and communal rights (Sri Krishna committee)

② political parties, politics can guide morality if society have checks and balance on it.
eg It upholds Aristotle's Principles of Authority & checks & balance.

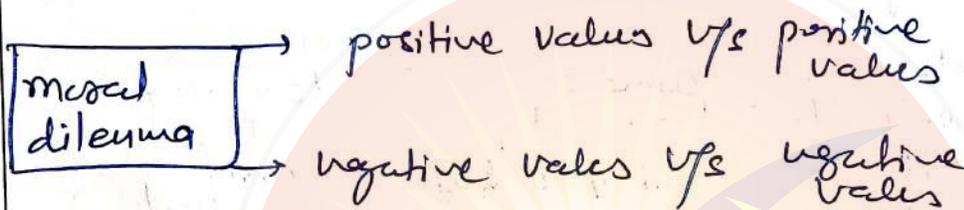
"Ethics is about do not do on to others unless you want be done by" This must guide youth
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(b) Explain three moral dilemmas commonly faced by civil servants. Provide ethical frameworks to resolve them effectively. (10 marks, 150 words)

moral dilemmas are common in civil services when two equally fighting positive values or negative values in conflict.

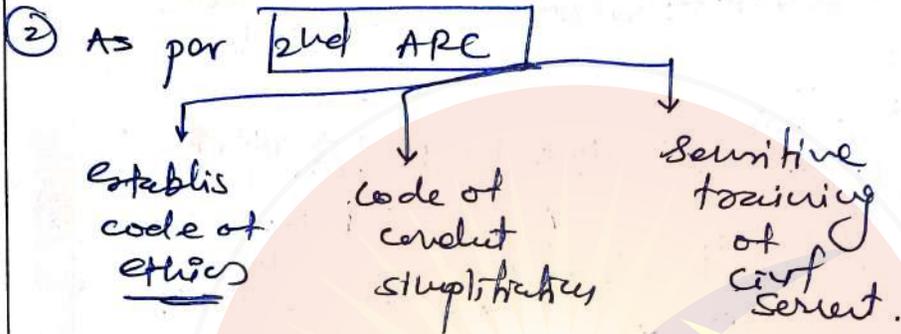


3 common moral dilemmas

- ① Rights of people vs Rights of civil servant.
eg anonymity vs RTI rights
- ② upholding written order vs upholding moral orders
eg superior oral orders vs policies/laws
- ③ public service vs Institutional Integrity.

Ethical Framework to resolve it

① clear conflict of interest
norms (NCRWC)



③ Mission karmyon based field training, skill based activity mapping.

④ Review and monitoring of ethical leadership.

Key terms

- ① Bring Socialisation Refers
- ② Value driven education
- ③ Role model based teachings.

Thus, ethics of strong values can Reduce moral dilemmas in civt serent.

6. (a) "Sporting fairness and gender inclusivity are often on a collision course." Discuss the ethical dimensions involved in allowing transgender athletes to participate in women's sports. Should fairness outweigh inclusion? (10 marks, 150 words)

Recent cases of many transgender in female sports in olympics promoted this ethical debate.

Sporting fairness vs gender inclusivity ethical dimensions in transgender athletes

① It violate fair sports spirit

eg female athletes muscular building is not as of transgender.

② Against sports ethics.

eg sporting fairness of allowing transgender in female sports → violate biological ethics

③ Against UNDH12 rights to equality and differential principles

eg transgender inclusivity violate

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women's rights → shows many principles violation.

- ④ one's rights violation can not be justified by upholding others
↳ eg against socio-utilitarian principles of magnanimous welfare violation (women)

Fairness and Inclusivity are two pillars of social justice.

- ① Fairness is outweighing when it comes to above concern.
- ② Balancing inclusivity with proper guidelines and fair's play rules.

Thus, fair, equal and ethical sporting spirit must guide sports.

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(b) How can Buddhist principles guide public servants in maintaining a balance between personal well-being and professional responsibilities in high-pressure governance environments? (10 marks, 150 words)

Buddhis principle of middle path uphold civil servant to bring reforms and maintain personal well-being

Role of Buddhist ethics in balancing both

① Buddha's eight fold path give true self control

eg) Civil servants like Viraj Bedi followed laws to Patna Tihar jail also uphold personal well being by work life balance

② During high pressure situation it helps to calm mind.

↳ Eg kasal kaanna principles and following emotional intelligence by Amstrong pane in manipur road construction

③ principles of eight cornered eight view and eight zero side tree balance in conflict of Interest.

↳ Role of it in solving tourism led dilemma to Ashoka klawka.

This Buddhist claw Act as guiding light in balancing personal & public situation.

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Section B

7. Ravi, a senior IAS officer, is currently serving as the head of the State Health Procurement Division. He is tasked with overseeing the final stages of awarding a high-value government contract for the supply of critical medical equipment to district hospitals. This initiative is part of a public health modernization scheme aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery in underserved areas.

Among the shortlisted bidders is a private firm that has submitted a technically sound and competitively priced proposal. However, it has come to light through a media report that Ravi's daughter is a non-executive board member of this firm. Though she holds no operational or financial responsibilities, her association with the company has raised concerns in the public domain about a potential conflict of interest.

At the same time, Ravi is facing covert pressure from a second bidder, a politically well-connected company with a track record of substandard deliveries and cost overruns in past government contracts. Representatives of this company have informally offered Ravi indirect favours, including the prospect of a lucrative post-retirement consultancy role, should he influence the contract award in their favour.

Ravi is aware that while there is no formal requirement under departmental rules for recusal in this situation, the All India Services Conduct Rules do emphasize the importance of avoiding not just actual impropriety but even the appearance of impropriety. One of Ravi's senior colleagues advises him to proceed with the technically strong bid, arguing that his daughter's role is merely symbolic and that the bid deserves to win on merit.

However, the situation escalates when an anonymous complaint is filed by a junior officer to the Chief Secretary, flagging the potential conflict of interest and the possibility of favoritism. The issue starts gaining media traction, casting doubts on the transparency and impartiality of the procurement process. Ravi now finds himself in a dilemma, torn between his professional duty, personal integrity, and public perception.

- Identify and discuss the ethical issues involved in this case.
- What are the options available to Ravi? Evaluate each with respect to ethical principles such as objectivity, integrity, accountability, and transparency.
- What course of action should Ravi take to uphold both procedural propriety and public trust? Justify your decision using ethical reasoning.
- How should Ravi manage the competing pressures of personal relationships, political influence, and institutional norms without compromising his role as a public servant?

(20 marks, 250 words)

This case is classic
dilemma between choosing fair
competent bidder and media,
Political pressure due to conflict of
Interest issue.

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a) Ethical issues involved

- 1) Dilemma by Ravi for choosing technically and financially sound bidder vs political one.
- 2) Conflict of Interest is in question for Ravi to choose daughter company or not.
- 3) Political Pressure, media talks generating extra pressure on Ravi to decide recused and emotionally competent decision.
- 4) Public welfare is in question if Health Scheme not getting good buyer.
- 5) Transparency, Integrity and objectivity of Ravi in question.

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b) options + Evaluation.

3) Recusal from case and not to take decision.

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1) uphold <u>AICS rules</u> for <u>impropriety led</u> <u>recusal</u>	1) <u>improper</u> <u>recusal</u> and <u>no transparent</u> <u>objective</u> one.
2) <u>public health</u> <u>duty</u> <u>uphold</u> .	2) <u>Accountability</u> of <u>Ravi</u> in <u>question</u> .

2) Go with proper report analysis of both bidder, forming committee and discussing financially sound one.

merit	Demerit
1) uphold <u>discourse</u> <u>ethics</u>	1) may create <u>false</u> <u>sense</u> of <u>conflict</u> of <u>interest</u>
2) <u>objective</u> <u>decision</u>	2) <u>politically</u> <u>misuse</u> <u>decision</u> and <u>Reduce</u> <u>public</u> <u>trust</u>
3) uphold <u>Ravis</u> <u>transparency</u> <u>under</u> <u>crit</u> <u>services</u> <u>rules</u> .	

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3) Inform the Superior in written and act on their Advice.

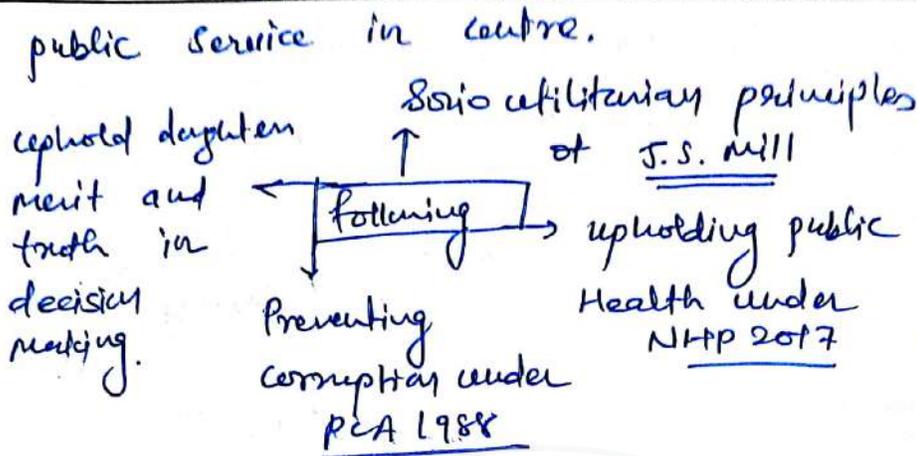
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1) Reduce pressure on Ravi	1) Shows Ravis incompetency to handle
2) Balanced decision and no future issue to Ravi.	2) Reduce ability, objectivity and integrity.

4) Course of Action + justification.

Ravi should uphold neutrality under civil services rules, Department guidelines and personal ethics.

- 1) Ravi must form stakeholder based committee (media, Bidders, Senior officials)
- 2) put all technical and financial details of both companies.
- 3) choosing best one to uphold

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d) By Emotional Intelligence + Discourse ethics + Objective Inquiry

- ① for personal relationship → Ravi put exact details of duties Role and uphold transparency.
- ② By following strict transparent and impartiality handle political Pressure.
- ③ not allowing favoritism, nexus corruption upholding constitutional law.
"This justice is served, not just looking like served."

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8. A border district along the Indo-Pak Line of Control has been devastated by continuous cross-border shelling. Villages lie abandoned, homes destroyed, schools shut indefinitely, and farmlands rendered unusable. The displaced population, children, elderly, and daily-wage families, suffers from deep psychological trauma, loss of livelihood, and absence of basic services.

To respond, the administration has established multiple rehabilitation camps under emergency relief protocols. As the newly appointed District Rehabilitation Commissioner, known for your integrity, you are tasked with leading this effort.

However, you soon discover a distressing reality: Relief distribution is marred by corruption, funds are being siphoned off, and material aid is being diverted to private godowns. Caste-based discrimination in compensation lists is rampant and marginalised communities are systematically excluded. Political interference is growing, local leaders demand selective allocation for their vote banks, threatening to stir unrest if their demands aren't met.

Adding to the challenge, vulnerable groups like landless labourers, orphans, the elderly, and differently-abled persons are invisible in the rehabilitation process. You also find that some field officers are indifferent or even complicit, out of fear or political alignment. Meanwhile, the media focuses only on high-profile narratives, ignoring those suffering silently.

- What are the core ethical issues involved in this situation?
- What should be your immediate course of action to ensure fair and transparent relief distribution?
- How can you tactfully manage political interference while upholding neutrality and inclusivity?
- How can an administrator maintain emotional balance and compassion without compromising institutional discipline?

(20 marks, 250 words)

This case is highlighting how Insecurity in border area and welfare measures crippled with corruption, discrimination and violation of Antyodaya principles.

(a) Ethical Issues

- ① Homeless, employment loss for many violate their ethical living & earning.
- ② Sarvodaya principles violate for welfare measures
- ③ Social Justice in danger due to children, poor, elderly not getting benefits.
- ④ corruption, misuse of funds and violate public service delivery
- ⑤ Discrimination on name of caste, vulnerability
- ⑥ political nexus, selfish motives of vote bank.

(b) Immediate Action

By following principles of "public duty" Antyodaya and

Sarvodaya I will

- ① Ordering fair implementation of welfare for children, elderly, vulnerable
 - ② calling for persuasion to local leaders for not to indulge in high honor in corruption
 - ③ Strict Action against corruption and fund misuse under PCA 1988, BNS 2020, BNS 2023 with help of police administration
 - ④ upholding social justice under Art. 21, 14
 - ⑤ appeal to media to focus on serious issues
 - ⑥ Relief measures must not be diverted for political purpose.
- This way I uphold

transparent select warns and
civil service neutrality and impartiality

(C) To manage political interference

I will use

① my political relationship,
persuasion and influence
accept.

② Informing superior and direct
pressure or accepts.

③ Involving local beneficiary and
a. motivate political leaders
for rights based voting

④ I will uphold rules,
strict warnings and also
flexible dialogue to reduce
interference

⑤ Involving civil society for
well fare work.

d) to maintain emotional balance and comparity without compromise institutional discipline one need,

① social awareness about real situations and social relationship management.

② It require high integrity like Ashoka klemka to adopt it and uphold law.

③ Strictly following neutrality of POS, NFSA 2013, Scheme rules along with eight communication

④ people sensitive Reviews, field monitoring helps in comparative balance.

This way it uphold social welfare along with personal and political decision favouritism.

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9. You have recently been appointed as the senior administrative officer overseeing coastal development planning in a remote and ecologically sensitive island region. The area is globally recognized for its marine biodiversity, dense mangrove forests, endangered wildlife, and the presence of indigenous communities that depend on traditional livelihoods closely linked to the land and sea. It is also a haven for rare species of birds and is surrounded by vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine biodiversity. Protected as a biodiversity hotspot, it has long been revered as a sanctuary for conservationists and eco-tourists alike.

A major infrastructure development project has been proposed by a consortium of investors, with support from state authorities. The plan includes a commercial port, luxury tourism infrastructure, and entertainment zones. It is projected to generate significant economic benefits, including employment and increased revenue, and is also being positioned as a strategic asset for maritime trade and national security.

However, environmental experts warn of irreversible ecological damage, including threats to nesting sites, coral reefs, and biodiversity corridors. They argue that the development will irreversibly damage the island's fragile ecosystem.

Furthermore, indigenous communities, including the local Adivasi tribes, express deep concern over the project's impact on their ancestral lands and traditional way of life. They fear that large-scale infrastructure development and an influx of tourists will lead to land grabbing, displacement, and the erosion of their cultural heritage.

Civil society organizations have petitioned for a comprehensive environmental impact assessment and genuine stakeholder consultation. Whereas supporters of the project highlight its strategic importance for India's economic growth and national security. They argue that the project will enhance India's maritime infrastructure, strengthen coastal security, and stimulate trade and investment in the region.

As the officer responsible for coordinating the project's evaluation and recommendations, you are under pressure from political and corporate interests to fast-track approvals. At the same time, you are aware of your duty to uphold constitutional values, protect vulnerable communities, and ensure sustainable governance.

- (a) What are the core ethical dilemmas present in the case?
- (b) Discuss options available to you and give their merits and demerits.
- (c) As a senior public servant assigned to coordinate the project, outline the steps you would take to ensure ethical and evidence-based governance.
- (d) Suggest long-term policy and institutional reforms that could help resolve such conflicts.

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This case highlights the environmental, tribal, biodiversity concerns and economic and security for national purpose.

(a) core ethical dilemma

- 1) upholding environmental ethics
vs security and economic development
- 2) large scale biodiversity like mangroves, Biodiversity hotspot
in danger vs sustainability and trade sustenance.
- 3) Integrity towards environmental laws
and ethics vs Integrity to develop region.
- 4) upholding neutrality towards law and prioritize political corporate interest.
- 5) Right to livelihood vs right to regional development
- 6) Rights of minority (Art. 29, 30)
vs rights of Protection (Art. 19)

b) Options available

① proposing up to projects due to environmental → tribals concerns.

Merit	Demerit
1) uphold Bio-diversity ethics	① Development, trade and national security in danger
2) <u>Right to livelihood</u> <u>Right to property</u> uphold for tribals	② <u>No middle path</u> of Buddha

② committee based on all stakeholders, fact based Report and not compromising anyone.

Merit	Demerit
1) uphold <u>gairibhau</u> discourse/ <u>syadvad</u>	1) may influenced by <u>politicians</u> & <u>corporate</u> .
2) <u>fair</u> , <u>fact based</u> impartial report	2) public trust can be eroded if not properly done
3) Balancing both development and conservation	

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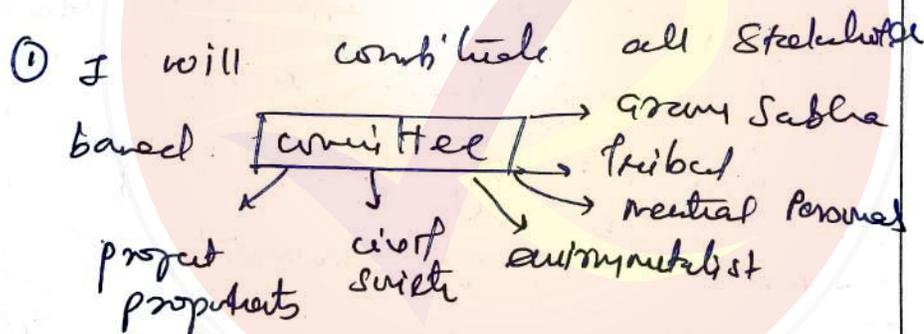
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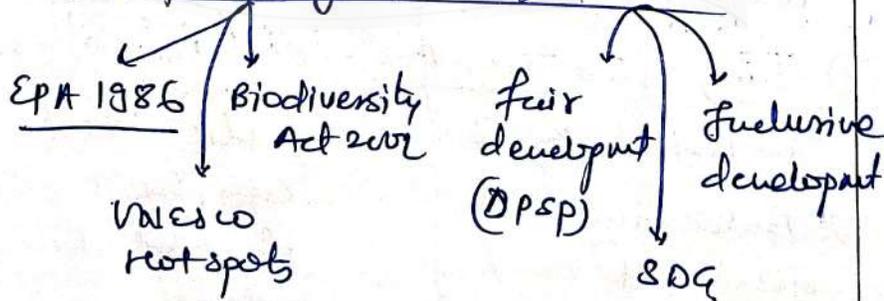
3) Allowing total developmental approach as it is necessary

merit	demerit
1) Allow natural security + trade	1) Dange local environment + Tribals life

③ To uphold ethics & virtues
guarantee, as senior project
public servant,



② By upholding principles of



By above principles all stakeholders consultation is key for the process.

④ Long policy means

Institutional Returns

① norms for stakeholder based consultation.

① Transparency norms (NCRWC)

② Strict Authority oversight (Accountability)

② prevent conflict of interest.

③ Digital Recording (Transparency)

③ upholding time bound and fair reporting

④ Action must be taken on Report

④ Open bidding, digital portal,

⑤ grievance redressal for vulnerable

This "Environmental and Coal vulnerable need protection at the same time need development and security → Balanced by Aristotle's Golden Mean

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10. You are a senior civil servant in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Your 17-year-old daughter, an intelligent and sensitive student of Class 12, has been an avid follower of popular influencers and motivational speakers. Recently, she became deeply interested in a popular podcast show hosted by a well-known social media figure, Kunal Bhalla. The show claims to champion "free thinking" and covers topics like hustle culture, masculinity, personal transformation, and anti-institutional narratives.

Over time, your daughter's behaviour begins to change. She withdraws from academic interests, begins idolising internet influencers, and adopts rigid opinions about success, failure, and mental health. She starts rejecting family advice, refuses to appear for her board preparatory exams, and argues that "school is irrelevant in the age of free minds." Concerned, you and your spouse try to reason with her, but she accuses you of being "closed-minded."

Matters come to head when you are alerted by your ministry's media monitoring cell about a viral video clip where your daughter is seen giving an interview on a fringe podcast platform, endorsing radical views on education, politics, and civil services. The clip drew public attention because of your designation, and journalists began speculating about a "generational rebellion" within the bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, the influencer, Kunal Bhalla, publicly praises your daughter as "the new voice of youth dissent," but refuses to take accountability for his platform's role in shaping her worldview. Social media is split, some defend her right to free thought, while others accuse such influencers of normalising disrespect for institutions and romanticizing shallow intellectualism. Your colleagues advice silence, but your daughter now wants to drop out of school and intern with a podcast network.

- What are the key ethical issues involved in the way "free thinking" is promoted by influencers on social media, especially for impressionable youth?
- What should be the role of public figures in responding to the misuse or distortion of influential platforms in the name of free expression?
- Suggest a policy framework or guidelines for responsible influencer content aimed at youth without curbing intellectual freedom.

(20 marks, 250 words)

Raising issues of social media influencers and radicalisation of youth ideology is of grave concern.

c) Ethical Issues

- ① Lack of Responsibility on their content and due to that radical thought in youth.
- ② No limit of influence and no boundaries of social media → Question of who is Accountable?
- ③ Privacy and livelihood in danger if value based education of youth days.
- ④ more radical thought → social unrest → Against social morality.
- ⑤ Stakeholders compassion, Profit led views highlight eroded values

⑥ lack of longterm vision and shortterm gain based youth irresponsible behaviour. (Against hedonism)

⑦ passivism over active learning by youth.

⑧ wrong role model and influencers

⑨ being a public figure, while responding to misuse or distortion of authenticity platform

⑩ need to have view of conflict of interest not violate

⑪ Balanced freedom as in Art.19 must be in mind.

- ③ policy level recommendations to uphold "Science with humanity" of Gandhiji.
- ④ youth radical thought must be regulated by policies as in Scandinavian countries, UNESCO recommendations.
- ⑤ upholding public trust, Democratic ethos of free expression and some reasonable restrictions.

⑥ policy framework / guidelines must be based on and includes.

⑦ Content Review and Responsibility mechanisms must be there.

- ② upholding DPDP Act 2023, EU's data protection law to guide reforms.
- ③ By IT Act 2008, such radical views platforms need Action → Set example
- ④ while upholding free expression role of family must be there → control over children (As no consent age)
- ⑤ Right to freedom of expression (Art. 21), Right to consent, Right to withdraw consent must be implemented.

balanced *Plus public free speech need* *guidelines fr.*

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11. Raghav is the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of a fast-growing tech company in South Asia that designs and deploys AI systems for public services like education and policing. Recently, the company secured a large government contract to implement facial recognition and predictive analytics systems in public schools and police departments.

The project is significant for the company's growth and is being closely monitored by international investors and government agencies. However, two major concerns have emerged.

First, internal audits show that the AI systems are not adequately trained on local data. They frequently misidentify individuals from tribal and minority backgrounds and unfairly flag behavioral issues among students from these communities. The software also lacks support for vernacular languages and neurodivergent users, raising concerns about exclusion and discrimination.

Second, environmental groups have raised objections to the company's rising carbon footprint due to the expansion of energy-intensive data centers. There has been a 42% increase in emissions over the last two years.

Raghav now faces a serious ethical dilemma: whether to push ahead with deployment to maintain momentum and company interests, or pause and resolve these concerns, knowing it may slow down progress and create internal friction.

- (a) Identify and discuss the ethical issues involved in the case.
- (b) Critically examine the options available to Raghav in this situation.
- (c) Which of the above options should Raghav adopt and why? Justify your answer using principles of ethics and professional responsibility.

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This case highlight the core conflict of scientific tools in public service and its limitations. This violating "commerce without principles of ethics."

a) Ethical issues

- ① Issues on biased free, open local data based AI training.
- ② Lack of tribal and backward people compassion in AI.
- ③ No neutrality and integrity of AI system as not welfare oriented due to language barriers.
- ④ Violate trusteeship principles and carbon footprint raising.
- ⑤ Violate EPA 1986, Energy conservation Act, renewable responsibility.
- ⑥ Against welfare based principled companies Ashia → no inclusive data training

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Ⓐ Attitudinal bias in AI
Towards vulnerable

Ⓑ options available to Daghav

① Not to follow concern and focus on profit of company.

Merit	Demerit
1) may get profit to company	1) violate <u>welfare state</u>
2) Increase contact, personal growth.	2) Against organizational ethics
	3) Using science for profit

2) Committee of executive inform, decision to solve both concern and sharing responsibility.

Merit	Demerit
1) His ethical leadership	1) may be not approved by directors.
2) Long term plans uphold.	

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3) procedural reforms and main focus on company profit & projects.

merit	Demerit
1) Showering Sovereign responsibility	1) Violates <u>social Justice</u>
2) AI development continues	2) violate "criminal justice" <u>not culprit unless proved guilty</u>

© options to be adopted.

① Regulator must adopt option 2 that is responsible use of position based on organisational and compassionate Capitalism.

① first he must ensure Report based environmental and language + teaching bias.

- ② Based on Report filing he must present it to company board of director.
- ③ Approval for Returns, technical approval and investment plans for AI training charges and Environmental Returns.
- ④ Submitting this to government that such steps taken

This uphold

Ethical Principles

Professional Responsibility

- ↳ Compassionate Capitalism
- ↳ Cadbury Committee's Principles
- ↳ Organisational ethics and CSR
- ↳ Responsible Kantian philosophy
- ↳ Rule of law (Art. 14)
- ↳ Companies Act
- ↳ Accountability
- ↳ Personal Responsibility

Thus, Corporate science Projects must be responsive, responsible and open.

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12. A senior IAS officer, recently appointed as chairperson of the NCR Clean Air Mission, is tasked with addressing the escalating air pollution crisis in Delhi and neighboring regions, where the Air Quality Index has reached hazardous levels. Scientific assessments point to multiple contributors, i.e., stubble burning in nearby states, construction-related dust, industrial emissions, and diesel vehicle traffic.

The officer proposes strict, time-bound restrictions, including suspending construction activities, limiting vehicular movement, and enforcing crop-residue burning bans. However, these measures attract strong opposition from various stakeholders. Farmers cite a lack of alternatives, real estate bodies warn of large-scale job losses, transport unions threaten strikes, and political authorities express concerns over the potential impact on upcoming international investment events.

Meanwhile, health experts caution that delays will result in severe public health consequences, especially for children and the elderly. The media criticizes the measures as elitist and anti-poor. Caught between conflicting imperatives, i.e., environmental protection, economic livelihood, public health, and political viability, the officer must now make a decision.

- What are the options available to the officer to tackle the situation effectively?
- What core values and principles should guide decision-making in this scenario?
- In such situations, what long-term institutional reforms would you suggest to reconcile environmental protection with developmental imperatives?

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Recent November 2024, Delhi
Air quality index was in severe
to very severe category for days.
Same case in this case study
highlight multiple issues and
comprehensive resolution with
strong motivational & dentive

a) Options available

① Strict banning of activities and upholding public Health.

Merit	Demerit
① Right to Health (Art. 21) upheld.	① Livelihood and investment may hamper
② people centric	② Negative image of administration
③ vulnerable / poor centric <u>relation</u> state.	

② stakeholder based approach in short term and long term policies implementation

Merit	Demerit
① not violate right to livelihood	① Immediate Health may not <u>purpose</u>
② <u>practical solutions</u> for farmers. (pragmatism)	② media may escalate if more.
③ <u>Prevent strike</u> and law & order	

③ Adopting innovative technology and strong administrative resolve to solve & implement it.

Merit	Demerit
① Innovation, creative solutions ② Technology use for humanity ③ State support	① May not solve issue ② Long lasting political backing continues.

⑥ To take above decisions core values and principles that must guide an core values principles

① <u>Integrity</u> and <u>Responsibility</u> to <u>lead</u> all ② <u>Strong</u> resolve to solve any issue ③ <u>upholding</u> <u>innovation</u> <u>creativity</u> like <u>odd</u> <u>every</u> <u>scheme</u>	① Right to health (Art. 21) ② Right to climate change and clean Air (Art. 21) ③ <u>Balancing</u> <u>livelihood</u> , <u>forestry</u> , <u>strike</u> issue with health → Middle path of <u>Buddha</u>
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4) upholding civil
services values
(NOCEN core values)

4) Environmental ethics
+
Principles of "Kosha
Mulo dand" welfare
state

③ Long term institutional reforms

- ① Strict decrease rules for vehicle
scrapping policy, construction permit
and building code 2016.
- ② Regular monitoring by CPCB, SPCB
on AQI ⇒ time based, Real time
Action.
- ③ oversight mechanism → to set
auditability (Ex) As in china success
- ④ Strong policy implementation for
public transport (Germany) and
green infrastructure, sustainable
Agriculture.
- ⑤ Institutional Responsibility to
give immediate Response
in some Situations.
- ⑥ Strict law implementation
like EPA 1986, As Act 1987,

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consumer protection Act 2019.

⑦ Regular Auditing and funding innovation such as green bonds and green garden based funding

Thus, by upholding climate and air friendly ventures and responsive administration it solve long term issues of Air pollution & development.

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