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1)

Constitutional morality, refers to the ideals enshrined in the Constitution — equality, justice and fairness.

Constitutional morality not a natural sentiment in India

1) Inequality in the Indian society.

eg. — Oxfam (2023) reports that Top 1% hold 40% wealth.

2) Position of women = women faces issues such as feticide, violence etc.

eg. — RJ Kar rape case

3) social discrimination against the dalits

eg. — Rohit vrmula case

4) Lack of inclusion in the society.

eg. — Stereotyping of Gender.

5) Apathy towards the environment

eg) Clearing of many forests

All these cases goes against the provisions of Constitution such as Article 14, 15, 16, 17, 46-A.

However it is only one side of the coin.

1) Inclusivity ⇒ Nalsa Case → Recognise 3rd Gender (Transgender)

2) Treatment of women as equals

eg) Sabrimala Case (2016)

3) Multiple schemes for social justice ⇒ Stand up India Scheme

Despite these, need to cultivate

Constitutional morality for a inclusive society.

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2)

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution deals with ensuring personal liberty of individual through tools such as procedure established by the law and due process of law.

Procedure established by the law

Due process of the law

- Given in the original Constitution

- Interpreted in the Maneka Gandhi case

- Deals with the fairness of procedure

- ensures the principle of natural justice

- Means oriented

- Goal oriented
→ Justice

- Innovation of UK

- Influence of USA

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- ensures that the action by the executive inline with procedure given

- ensures that the action are in line with Constitutional morality ..

- Subset of due process of law

- encompasses procedure established by law

Similarities → They both attempt to ensure justice and fairness to the citizens through various approach.

That is why, Both procedure established by law and due process of law are part of Basic structure of the constitution.

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3) Article 142, of the Indian Constitution infers on the Supreme Court some extraordinary power to do complete justice.

Challenge to separation of power

- ⊙ Against the doctrine of separation of power (Article 50)
- ⊙ Judicial activism should not turn into Judicial terrorism (CJI)
- ⊙ Impinges the power of the executive (President and governor in this case)
- ⊙ Sets a wrong precedent ⇒ Tyranny of the judiciary.
- ⊙ Against the basic structure of the Constitution.



① Against the Constitutional provision

However, it was necessary for :-

- 1) Ensuring the principle of natural Justice
- 2) To protect the autonomy of the states (federalism)
- 3) To prevent Centre from becoming authoritarian
- 4) In line with Article 13 = Original Jurisdiction in matters between States and Centre

In Conclusion, the Judicial activism

should balance with judicial restraint, and it should maintain separation of powers.

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4)

"Once a speaker, always a Speaker"
This English Convention goes in line with ensuring impartiality of the speaker of the lok Sabha.

Impartial speaker = maintains integrity of legislative process

- 1) Speaker is the final arbiter of the Constitution in the house.
- 2) Maintains the decorum of the house and represents it.
- 3) Maintains the procedural integrity of the house.
- 4) Give fair judgement → on merit in cases of defection law Schedule 10.
- 5) A key element in making legislature

hold executive accountable .

6) presides over the joint sitting of the parliament under Article 108

however, there are certain challenges in India

1) No legal obligation to leave the party once promoted to speaker .

2) Alleged cases of impartiality towards the ruling government .

3) Indefinite delays in the Antidefection cases

Therefore, it is necessary to ensure impartiality of the speaker of loksabha as he is central to ensure the vibrant democracy of India

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Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution provides for tribal autonomy in the states of Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura and Assam.

Tribal autonomy :- It leads to

formation of Tribal autonomous Councils

- 2) Empowers the Grame Sabha to take decisions.
- 3) The legislative and executive acts of the Centre and state to be applied with the permission of Governor.
- 4) Protects the Uniqueness of tribal Culture
- 5) Secures the livelihood and distinct lifestyle of the tribals.
- 6) In line with the Panchsheel policy of Nehru.

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National Integration (→ 1) Promotes brotherhood and fraternity.
2) Ensures representation in the parliament

Success

- Ensuring social justice to the North east region.
- Mostly peace in the region.

Limitations

- Regional movements
 - Naga / Bodo land.
- Ethnic clashes
 - eg) Fuki - Naga.
- Internal security Challenges

Proper implementation, is needed to ensure tribal autonomy with national integration.



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8)

Puttaswamy case, 2017, made privacy a right under Article 17 and Article 21, In that regard Digital data protection act was passed.

Safeguard of privacy :-

- ① Privacy of data on social media
- ② Set accountability of the platforms
- ③ Right to be forgotten.
- ④ empowers citizens by giving them power over their data.

However, it weakens the RTI act, 2005

① Dilemma of transparency versus privacy.

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- ① Serial of information citing the reason of privacy breach.
 - ② leads to weaken the accountability of institutions.
 - ③ Against the fundamental right of Article 19 (Right to be informed)

Thus, it is important to protect privacy, however, transparency is equally important for maintaining good governance. Thus need to balance both.

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7)

Indian judiciary, faces over 5 Crores
pending cases, in this regard,
Alternative dispute resolution mechanism
can be game changer.

Types of ADR mechanisms :-

1) Arbitration and Mediation :-

Ensures the cases are dispersed
through a 3rd party.

2) National legal authority → Under

NALSA act (1987)

→ Provides free legal aid to
vulnerable sections.

3) Tribunals → for special cases.

→ National green tribunal (2010)

4) Family Courts → to settle dispute

relating to marriage, property etc.

- Advantages** → Faster Justice as
" Justice delayed is Justice denied "
- Betterment of the vulnerable
 - Prevent distress and saves time
 - Reduce the burden on judiciary
 - Inculcate a culture of Justice through official channels (against thap panchayats)

- Limitations** → Lack of trust in the citizens
- High cost in arbitration and mitigation
 - Improper implementation of NALSA act.

- Way Forward** → Institutionalisation of ADR
(Arbitration Act, 2023)
- Digital justice
 - Ensure transparency.

ADR mechanism can ensure that justice is delivered last mile

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8)

Community based financial institutions

such as self Help group (SHGs) are

tools of social justice and empowerment.

☞: Kudumshree (Kerala)

Importance

:- 1) Ensure financial inclusion of the vulnerable

2) Empowerment of the women Community ☞ 88% Women members

→ Help in realising the goals of good governance → responsive governance

→ Addresses caste based, regional and gender inequalities

→ found credit disbursed to the marginalised sector.

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Limitations :- Regional imbalance :- Most

are situated in Southern part

→ Impaired credit : Still 25% of loans in rural areas.

→ Women faces other issues on well - violence / rape.

Way Forward → Strengthening Cooperatives & MFIs

→ Schemes such as Stand up India

All this will lead to achieve the SDG-5 (gender equality)

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9)

Citizen charter is a public declaration
by the public official departments
regarding the rights and grievance
redressal mechanisms

es Railways public charter

Factors inhibiting its effectiveness

1) Design :- lack of consultation of
stakeholders.

↳ Regional languages not used

↳ Lack of awareness among the
masses about Citizen Charter

2) Implementation :- lack of will →

in letters only not in spirit

↳ Poor grievance redressal mechanisms

es Most municipal charters

↳ Lack of trained workforce



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As these have led to lack
of transformation into a citizen-centric
service.

Way Forward [→ 1) Use of technology in

design of citizen charter →

easy to understand

→ Regular update

→ Separate funds for Citizen Charter

Implementation of citizen charter in

spirit and letter will lead to

Sevottam model of governance

(2nd ARC)

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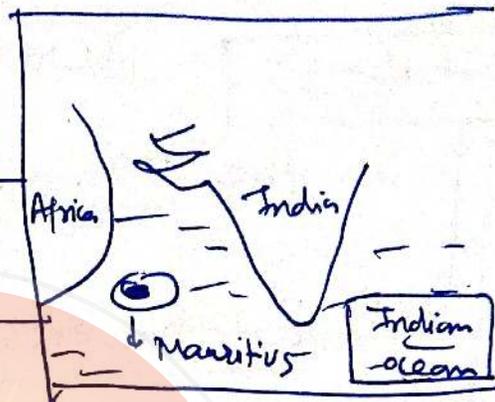
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10)

Mauritius presence in the Indian ocean makes it significant for interests of India

Geopolitical significance



1) To secure the Sea line of communication

2) To counter China's string of pearl policy

3) To secure the trade routes
[Strait of Malacca and Strait of Hormuz]

4) To prevent the issue of Piracy in the Indian Ocean.

eg) Piracy in the Somalian region.

5) To ensure safe passage of vehicle

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c) To ensure data based Indo Pacific

Challenges :- 1) China's growing assertiveness

in the region : String of Pearl policy

2) External events :- Choking of Red Sea by houthis

3) Increased piracy in the Indian Ocean

Way Forward :- Proactive engagement

with Mauritius \Rightarrow Provide line of credit

\rightarrow Ensure people-to-people tie through Culture & universities

\rightarrow Defence exercise \Rightarrow Indo navy exercise

Mauritius remains star and key for

India's Sagan doctrine

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उत्तर लिखें।
उम्मीदवार
अधिक शब्दों
में उत्तर नहीं
लिख सकते।

Schedule 10, of the Indian Constitution deals with the disqualification of the members of the parliament in India

Constitutional provisions

- 1) Disqualification of member of parliament on the grounds of — office of profit, discharged insolvent etc.
 - 2) 52nd Constitutional amendment : — introduced 6th schedule to curb the menace of Aaya Ram, Aaya Ram
- Speaker of the house is the final authority to disqualify the member.

Statutory provisions : — Representation of people's act 1950 and 1951 deals

with the disqualification of members of Parliament.

- In case of hate speech, criminal offences, the members can be disqualified.

Effectiveness in upholding the Integrity of the legislature

- Curbs the anti defection → misuse of entrusted power
- Holds the members accountable and responsible.
- Upholds the Constitutional morality of the Constitution.
- Upholds the integrity of the Parliament.

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Not so effective → Curb the freedom of speech of the member

- ↳ Discourage independent thoughts
- ↳ lowers the quality of debate in the Constitution → fear of whip
- ↳ Causes Conflicts in the parliaments
- ↳ led to questioning of the role of presiding officer in the defection case.

Way Forward → As said in the Supreme Court judgement → decision of speaker is subject to judicial review.

Therefore, need to balance the Individual right to speech with that of integrity of legislature.

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12)

India's federalism is quasi-federal in nature (KC Wheare), it is reflected in the vertical and tax centric feature of fiscal federalism.

Vertical, transactional and tax-centric fiscal federalism

① Devolution of finances to lower levels through finance Commission (Article 280)

② Distribution of taxes under GST (Article 279-A) from Centre to states (Vertical nature)

③ States can not take loan beyond a certain limit without the permission of Centre.

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Therefore, to address these, need for institutionalizing resource federalism

1) Provide more power to State and local bodies to generate resources.

eg: Urban local bodies generate merely 0.2% of GDP.

2) Will ensure equitable economic development

eg:- Allegation of asymmetric federalism.

3) Will prevent concentration of resources

(Against Article (39(b)(c)))

4) Will encourage the spirit of

Cooperative federalism

5) In line with Gandhian idea of

democracy \Rightarrow grassroot economic development

6) Will prevent the issue of regionalism

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However, there are Certain Challenges :-

1) This goes against the nature of quasi-federalism

2) Against the fiscal prudence of the Centre.

3) Might lead to secessionist tendencies | eg:- Phalistan

4)

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13)

UK polity is based on the mechanism of parliamentary sovereignty, while in India, we follow the principle of supremacy of constitution.

Judicial accountability = refers to keeping a check on the judicial process and institutions

India's approach

- Removal of judges as per the provisions of constitution.
- Judicial decisions can not be discussed in parliament
- Judicial supreme

UK approach

- Removal of judges as per the parliamentary convenience.
- Can be discussed in the parliament
- parliament supreme.

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- Conduct of Judges
Can lead to
Contempt of Cases

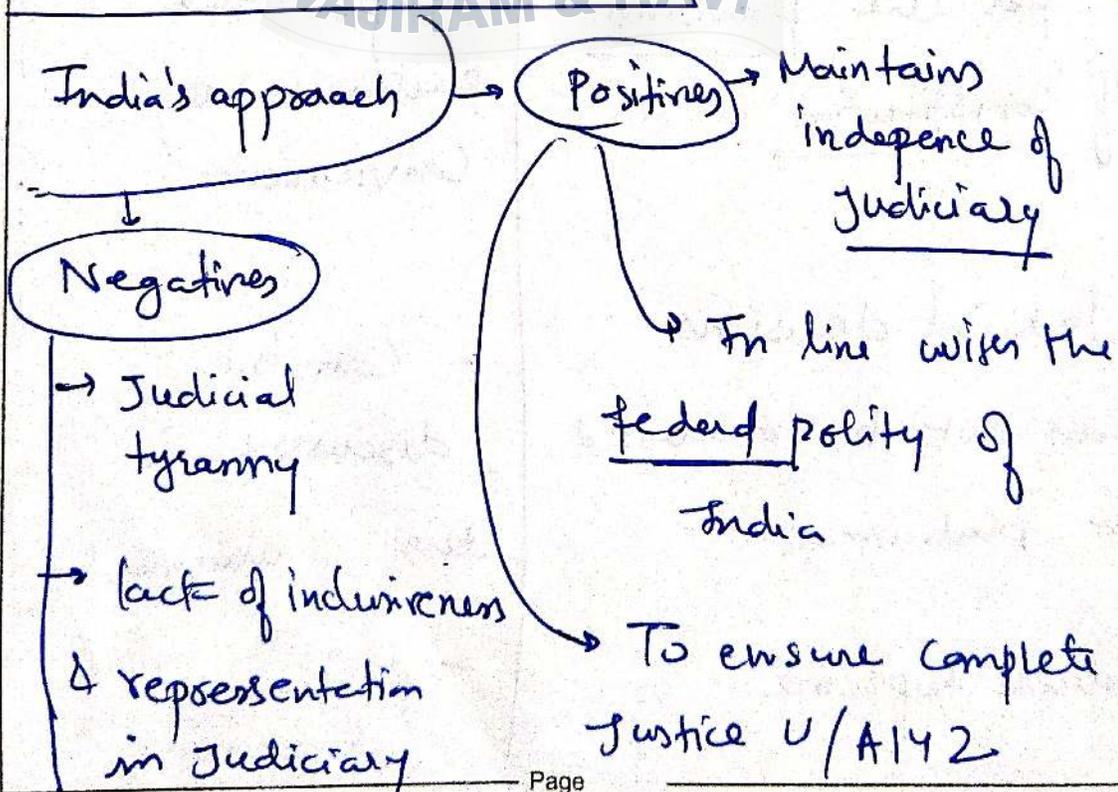
- Parliamentary
law can be
curtailed by
Judiciary

es NJAC-2014

- Judge's conduct
can be freely
discussed

- Limited power
to the judiciary
in case of
parliamentary law

Evaluation of mechanism in maintaining
Judicial accountability



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UK approach in maintaining judicial accountability

Positives

- Keep the Judiciary in check
- In line with separation of power

Negatives

- Against the doctrine of Judicial autonomy
- Tyranny of the legislatures

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Therefore, we saw that Both the Nations have different mechanism to ensure Judicial accountability based on their different needs and historical contexts.

14)

Article 44 of the Indian Constitution provides for Uniform Civil Code,
UCC refers to formulation of uniform rules to guide events such as marriage, property rights etc.

Factors behind the Delay

- 1) Diversity of India :- India home to multiple religion and ethnicity.
- 2) Fear of political unrest and backlash
- 3) Lack of consensus among the stakeholders
- 4) Goes against the principle of Indian Secularism (Article 25-28)
- 5) Fear of imposition of majoritarian culture

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on minority practices.

6) Lack of political will \Rightarrow might lead to erosion of vote bank.

7) Law commission recommendation \Rightarrow no need of implementing UCC, rather a piecemeal approach required.

8) Threat of Communal riots, such as Delhi riots (2020)

Potential measure for its national Implementation:-

1) Build consensus among the various communities through dialogue and deliberation.

2) Involve political / religious leaders in the national implementation.

3) Ensure law and order situation - to control the anti social elements

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4) Make sure the balance between the religious freedom and uniformity is maintained.

5) Follow the Supreme Court guidelines
:- Shah Bano Case, 1985

6) Independent Commission, to oversight the national implementation.

Need of UCC → To secure women's dignity
→ Shayra Bano Case
→ Equality before law (Article 14)
→ In line with various Supreme Court judgements

Uniform Civil Code, can build fraternity and a sense of cohesion among the citizens, if properly implemented



15)

Recently, the Supreme Court, has recognised the need for maintaining Creamy layer within Schedule castes, this has opened debates around the social justice.

Challenges poses for social justice :-

- 1) Protests and Agitations, by the dalit elites.
- 2) Against the principles of equity (Article 15 and Article 16).
- 3) Schedule Castes, is a Status group and not a class group.
- 4) Instances of Untouchability still persists.
eg: Rohit Verma Case

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5) Against the Constitutional morality of Justice and fairness.

6) Against the ideals of social democracy as envisioned by DR. Ambedkar

However, it also poses for opportunities as well

1) Benefits of the affirmative action to the real needy [Dalit have not's]

2) Will promote a merit based society.

3) Leading to strengthening of Caste system rather challenging it.

4) In line with the idea of welfare state [Article 38]

5) further, in line with the multiple judicial interpretations.

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Way forward (→ 1) Data driven and evident
based decision making → ensure Caste
Census

→ Debate and discussions with dalit leaders.

→ Recognise the vulnerabilities of
the Dalit women (At intersectionality
of caste and gender)

Social justice, should not just restrict
to the few, it should reach the
needy, that is how we will
realise the goal of social democracy

14)

AI driven education can play a transformative role by providing accessibility to quality education to the vulnerables, thus ensuring social justice (Article 3B)

Opportunities of Integrating AI :-

1) fulfills the deficit of teacher - student ratio in village.

Yes Padhai with AI App

2) Imparts Critical thinking, in line with NEP, 2020.

3) Ensure creative learning through animation and Videos.

4) Provide quality education to the poor children.



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margin.

- 5) Can provide personalised teaching
- against the one size fit all approach
- 6) Can lead to universalisation of
education in India.

Challenges :- 1) Digital divide :- As

per NSSO, only 23% rural population
have internet access.

2) Issues of privacy and biases ⇒
social against the tribal kids.

3) AI still in developing stage ⇒
need human touch.

4) Can block the Cognitive ability ⇒
Use of AI without doing anything by
own.

5) Lack of digital infrastructure in
the village.

Safeguards needed to ensure its safe deployment

- 1) Ethical training of AI \Rightarrow ensure sensitivity towards tribals/dalit kids.
- 2) Inclusivity \Rightarrow to ensure access to differently abled as well.
- 3) Human Supervision, to safeguard against ill effect of AI.
- 4) Regular update of data \Rightarrow to make it updated with current development -
- 5) Data protection act (2023) \Rightarrow Proper implementation.

The use of AI in education system

Can help us achieve the SDG-3

- quality education for all

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18)

Article 38 of the Indian Constitution provides for a welfare state, under which targeted welfare schemes have been launched for the nomadic communities.

Role of targeted welfare schemes :-

- 1) Provide social justice and economic justice to the nomads.
- 2) Provide them freedom of movement under Article 19.
- 3) In line with the Constitutional morality ⇒ equality and fairness.
- 4) Help in achieving inclusive growth (Article 39 (b) (c))
- 5) In line with the fairness principle

of securing minority rights

Bottlenecks in the implementation

1) Stand up India scheme.

2) Eklaya residential school.

3) Right to education under A-21

Targeted welfare scheme

1) Lack of awareness

of the welfare schemes in the nomadic people

2) Bureaucratic apathy and Bureaucratic inertia leading to poor implementation,

3) Lack of stakeholder feed back during the policy formulation phase.

4) Protests and agitations by the nomadic communities \Rightarrow lack of trust in administration.

5) Untrained workforce to properly implement the schemes on ground.

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6) Conflicts between the States and the Center (overlapping of functions)

Resolution :- 1) Use of Technology

Such as AI in implementation

2) Coordination between the Centre and state.

3) Target to bureaucrats for implementation.

4) Use of NGOs and Civil Society
→ Use nomadic leaders

5) Empower Gramsabhas in implementation.

All these will ensure an Inclusive

Society ⇒ Uphold the Social democracy

Ambedkar idea

10)

International Yoga day celebration
on June 21, shows the power
of India's cultural diplomacy.

Strength of diaspora led cultural
diplomacy

- 1) India has a huge diaspora population across the world.
- 2) Cultural diplomacy, leads to exposure of rich Indian culture to the world.
eg Hawman kind → Indian rapper
- 3) leads to increase people to people connect through tourism.
- 4) India's rich and diverse culture itself is its strength.

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13) Folkharpasi Chappal.

5) Cultural diplomacy increase
India's soft power.

14) Celebration of Diwali in
the White House.

Limitations :- 1) can not be a
substitute for hard power → military
strength
↳ economy.

2) Increased racial abuse towards
indian in Australia and Europe.

3) Limited reach of the diaspora.

4) India's neutral stance in War
being questioned by the Europe.

5) Protectional regime in US lead to
limited cultural diplomacy.

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- Way Forward :- Balance Cultural
- diplomacy with strengthening hard power
 - Expand digital public infrastructure
access world
 - Diversity exports in pharma, textile, renewable etc.
 - Strengthen monuments and biodiversity
and heritage places

Thus, India needs a perfect balance of soft power and hard power in realizing its goal of becoming Vishwa guru.

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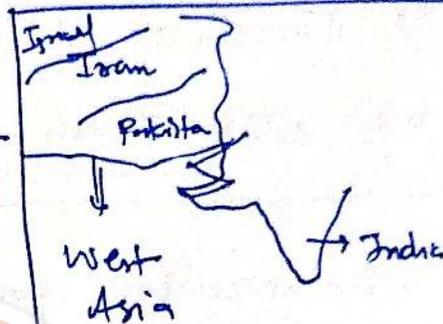
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19)

The recent war between Israel and Hamas has again destabilised West Asia.



Growing tension between US, Israel and Iran

- ① US launching attacks on Iran and threatening with economic sanctions.
- ② Israel and Hamas war (Iran's proxy)

Impact on regional stability :- 1)

Affects the connectivity and trade routes.  Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz

2) Humanitarian crisis \Rightarrow loss of innocent lives \Rightarrow children and women most vulnerable

3) Environmental cost of war \Rightarrow loss of resources

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4) Can lead to joining of further nations in the war.

5) Threat of nuclear advancement by the Iran.

Consideration for India's foreign policy

1) Evacuation of its citizens

eg operation Sindh.

2) Diversify its energy import

→ Deal with Russia and South America

3) Promote peace and rule based

order in the west Asia. [Article 5]

4) Secure its investment → Chabahar Port

5) Maintain diplomatic talks with all

the stakeholders → Iran and Israel

6) Stress for deliberation and discussion

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in the International Forums →
Against Humanitarian crisis.

7) Both countries important for India's extended neighbourhood policy.

A peaceful West Asia is not only in interest of India but the whole world, all the stakeholders should solve the issue with deliberation and peace.

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20)

Asean and Bimstec are the regional forums to ensure Collaboration of the countries neighbouring the Indian ocean. However, it faces certain Challenges.

Institutional Challenges :- Lack of Capacity

of the Countries.

↳ Lack of regular meetings of the Institutions.

↳ Lack of institutional Secretariat

↳ Divergences of opinions in the organisation

↳ eg India declining RCEP

↳ Lack of funds and resources.

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Political Challenges → Instability in the region
eg: Cambodia - Myanmar War

→ Political Changes eg Myanmar Coup

→ Leader to leader partnership rather interest based.

→ Civil war and Internal conflicts in the nations.

external Challenges → China's growing assertiveness → String of pearl policy

→ Protectionism regime of USA & Tariffs and Non tariffs

→ War and Conflicts ⇒ over more than 50 kinetic war for

→ Security and Safety issue in the region ⇒ Terrorism (Global phenomenon)

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Way Forward (→ Collaboration between

Asean and Bimstec

→ Rule based Indo-pacific region

Engagement on the Economic,
military and people to people
level.

Asean and Bimstec cooperation is
needed to ensure free and fair
Indo-pacific region

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