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REMARKS

Section - A

- Q1. The "Doctrine of Essentiality" applied by the Supreme Court on the Religious rights of Indian Citizens is ambiguous and has scope for overriding the "Doctrine of Principle Distance" of Indian Secularism. Do you agree? Justify your answer, highlighting the Supreme Courts' recent judgments. (10 Marks)

India's model of Secularism is different from the western model of Secularism. Indian model of Secularism provides for positive intervention of state in religious issues while western model, specially of France provisions for complete separation between religion and state.

Challenges appeared while practising of Secular model in India meanwhile, Shirur mutt case appeared in 1954, in which 7 judges bench laid doctrine of essentiality, according to which.

*- Court declared that all rituals

Remarks

and practices essential to religion
will be covered under essential
practices.

*- What constitutes essential practices
will be determined by Supreme Court.
Some recent cases related
to essential practices doctrine are-
Sabarimala case - Here Supreme Court
regarded that entry ban of women
in Ayappa temple is not an essential
practice.

Female genital mutilation - Among Dawoodi
Bohra community was also considered as
unconstitutional.

you have
also
to relate to essentially of religious practices
analyse need to be considered through different
whether abolish mechanism keeping in mind
this the progress of society.

doctrine overriding principle distance
or not?

(3)

Remarks

- Q2. "...I can never accept the principle of self-government for India unless I am satisfied that every self-governing institution has provision in it which gives the depressed classes special representation in order to protect their rights...". Reflect upon this statement of B.R.Ambedkar and comment if reservations in 73rd and 74th constitutional amendment are effective enough. (10 Marks)

Panchayat Raj Institution's idea is enshrined in our constitution's Part IV, D.P.S.P, article 40. This is considered as an Gandhian concept.

Gandhi was in favour of P.R.I, gram swaraj, while Ambedkar was against it. Ambedkar regarded villages as "Den of ignorance" where social ill like untouchability are deeply entrenched

73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments provided constitutional framework for local self governance. In which some provisions were made mandatory while some voluntary.

Rather
Ambedkar
demanded
why
mention
reservations
for
depressed
classes.

Remarks

Since Ambedkar wanted special representation of dispossessed class in self governing institutions, provision of reservation for Scheduled classes has been made mandatory. This reservation is given in proportionate to the population.

sharp provisions P.R.I and U.L.B have helped in taking governance to grassroots level, thus benefiting dispossessed classes also. Dispossessed classes have also been able to acquire top post as was idea of Ambedkar but still, now focus needs to be given on quality of service delivery.

→ you have to also mention

the issues in reality

→ caste violence, Panchayat Pati etc.
concept of

3

Remarks

- Q3. "Civil society helps in the democratization of our social life which in turn helps to sustain a democratic system of governance". Analyze. (10 Marks)

Civil Societies of a countries are spheres where citizens express their opinions with considerable freedom and discuss their ideas. They provide multidimensional view into nations policies and enrich it with their suggestions.

In this way, Civil Societies are example of platforms allowing people to discuss their ideas and participate in discussions. Through these discussions, we can see the glimpse of a "mini Parliament". These practices fuel democratic values among

Try to mention some examples also.

Remarks

Citizens, and enhances democratic experience.

In a society where civil society is strong, democracy also gets manifested in its best form. A strong civil society works in strengthening democracy, resulting in empowerment of people.

→ also discuss some challenges of civil societies
and give a way forward.

3½

Remarks

- Q4. "The location of the Maldives right in the middle of the Indian Ocean has huge strategic importance". In this regard, discuss the significance of Maldives for India and also highlight the challenges between these two Nations. (10 Marks)

Maldives, located to the south of India in Indian Ocean is Strategically based near multiple maritime routes, carrying goods, and fuel from and to countries around East and West Asia.

↳ Here

highlighted

Maldives is important for India due to-

* Its strategic location which is only about 100 km away from Lakshadweep Islands and Kerala.

700 km
neighbourhood
first
policy

* Maldives is also important for India from view of internal security.

* Maldives although a small island

Remarks

nation, has significant population of Indians living and earning.

* Considering the situation of China making incursions in Indian ocean, Maldives importance get magnified.

~~India and maldives has shared strong relations, but during recent times there came some disturbances due to pro China president Abdulla Yameen, who now has been replaced by Ibrahim Solih. Another irritant is growing Islamic fundamentalism, which may be dangerous for internal security considering proximity of maldives to Kerala and Lakshadweep.~~

(4) After the formation of new govt. India has initiated project like Great male connectivity project etc. New govt. also reiterate its commitment of India first policy. Need is to build on the momentum to strengthen the ties.

Remarks

- Q5. While elucidating salient features of Presidential form of government, examine the causal factors which prevented India from accepting the above mentioned form of government. (10 Marks)

Democracy around the globe practice either ~~presidential~~ or parliamentary form of government. USA has ~~a presidential form of govt.~~ while, UK has ~~parliamentary form of govt.~~

Features of ~~presidential~~ form of govt. are -

*- Presidential govt. is based on strict scheme of separation of Power. For example - U.S.A President is not part of U.S.A Legislature.

*- President is not responsible to legislature thus it is known as non-responsible govt.

well highlighted

the
salient
features of
presidential
form
of
government

Remarks

- * Minister need not be members of legislature.
- * In presidential system president is head of state and also head of government.

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India opted for parliamentary form of system due to -

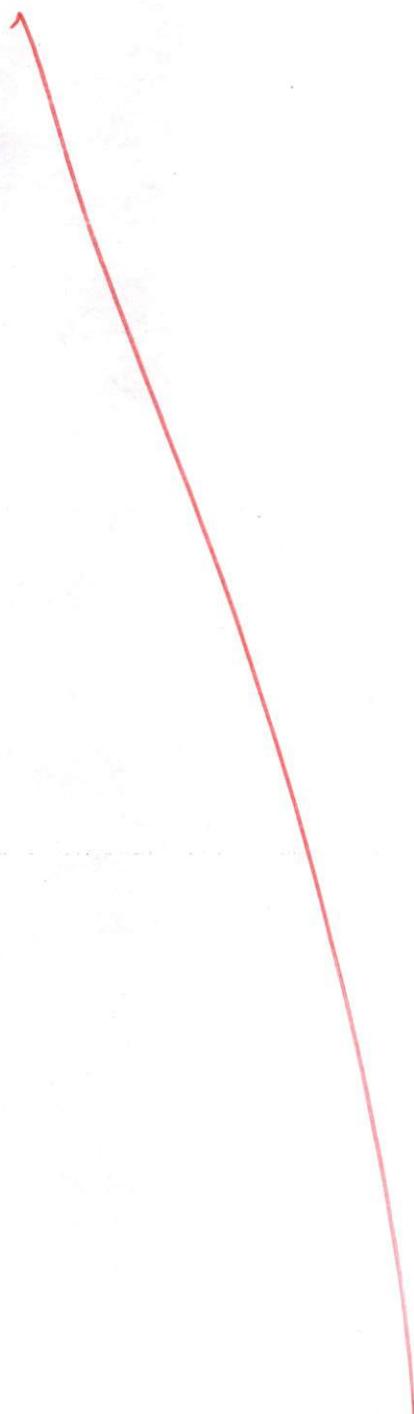
- * Indian population was familiar with parliamentary system after 1919 act.
- * India needed a responsible government.
- * Also, parliamentary system is somewhat less complex than presidential system.

Founding fathers of constitution wanted to provide

on conclusion a govt. which can ensure welfare
briefly, of people, thus they went for
highlight will responsible Parliamentary form of govt.
residential system over presidential.
beneficial for India in near future.

Remarks

- Q6. "Contrary to popular perception, reservations for certain sections of the society in educational institutions and government jobs is not a fundamental right". Discuss with respect to EWS reservations. (10 Marks)



Remarks

Remarks

- Q7. Recently, the National Conference on e-Governance was organised by the Union Government to give impetus to e-governance in India. In light of this explain what do you understand by e-Governance in India? Also discuss the key objectives of Mumbai declaration on e-Governance while highlighting the role of National e-Services Delivery Assessment (NeSDA). (10 Marks)

Recently, Conference on e-governance was held in Shillong where Shillong declaration on e-governance was adopted, which prescribes on intensification of efforts of e-gov. to provide better services to citizen. After that summit in Mumbai adopted the concept of NeSDA.

E-governance has brought about a revolution in India in area of public service delivery. Benefits of E-gov. are -

* First and foremost benefit of

Remarks

E-gov. is fast service delivery.

* E-gov. also allows efficient delivery of govt. services.

* It is also a green process involving less use of paper.

Highlight some government public services in this regard.

NESDA, under min. of grievances is agency to monitor delivery of e-governance in

India. NESDA has played an important role in proliferation of e-gov. for schemes like, IMPDS, PMJAY and Ujjawala Yojana etc.

With increasing ambit of e-gov. there is a need to educate people about its benefits and also know how about availing of services. Digital literacy will allow to reap maximum benefit of e-gov.

Remarks

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- Q8. Recently, India hosted the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue, a track 1.5 discussion, in New Delhi. What do you understand by track 1.5 diplomacy? Discuss the role of India in the Indian Ocean region vis-à-vis maritime corporation with the Indian Ocean Rim countries. (10 Marks)

Unlike track one diplomacy which involves government official and head of state and track two involving INGO's, civil society, track one and half diplomacy can be considered as mix of both.

For centuries, Indian Ocean has facilitated unhindered trade and commerce. In this India has played important role. Indian ocean region consists of area from East coast of Africa to western island of Indonesia. Challenges faced in this region are of piracy, natural

Remarks

Mention some initiatives of India in the region like SAGAR programme etc.

disasters and now increased incursions by China.

In this context,

IORA was established in 1997 with HQ in Mauritius. India is active, founding member of IORA. IORA Countries including India work on maritime domain awareness, and cooperation regarding free navigation of white berel ships (commercial ships)

India's engagement with IORA countries need to be enhanced for not only countering piracy concerns but also against any hindrance that may be posed by assertiveness of China.

(4)

Remarks

- Q9. "Daughter's equal right to ancestral property in Indian society is a great leap forward". Discuss in the wake of recent SC clarification about Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005. (10 Marks)

Indian property law, Hindu
 Succession law is mainly based
 on Mitakshara School according to
 which Daughter's coparcenary rights
 were not acknowledged.

In 2005 govt. came
 up with amendment allowing
 daughters to inherit property. This
 was big step in an intensely
 Patriarchal society. Moreover, it
 was a big blow on Patriarchal
 mindset of population.

S.C recent judgement
 was regarding issue whether
 2005 amendment was having

mention
 more
 about
 features of
 this
 Act.

Remarks

retrospective effect or not.

on which S.C has

~~said~~ that amendment does not have retrospective effect and it also ~~say~~ women can claim their property right in cases prior to ~~that~~ 2005 amendment.

their right doesn't depend on whether her father is alive or not.

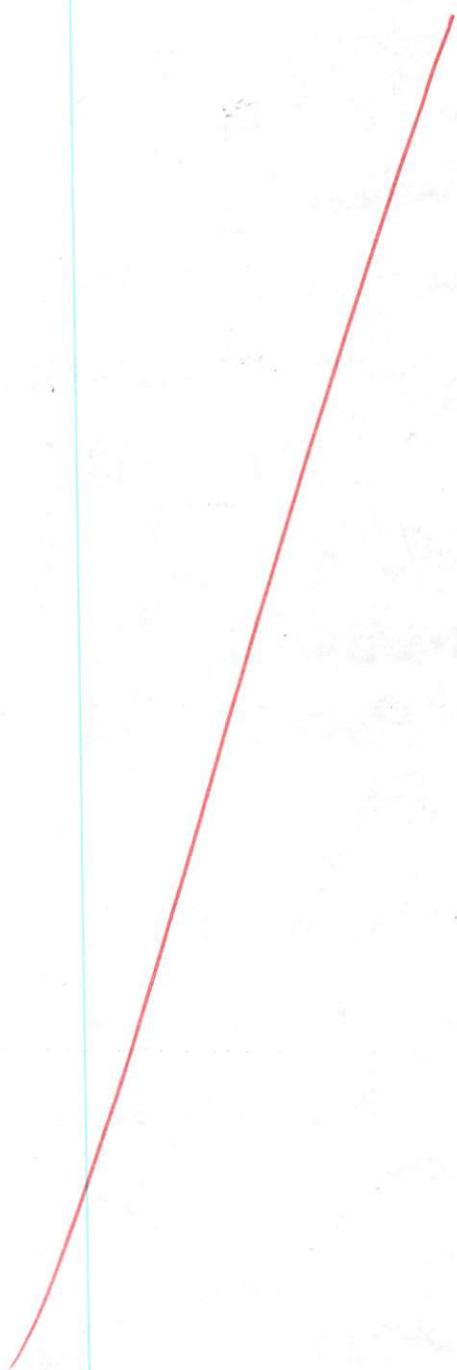
↳ also highlight significance of this clarification by S.C

(3½)

Remarks

- Q10. India-EU summit was recently held through virtual medium after being halted for a couple of years. Examine the India-EU relationship on the backdrop of evolving geopolitical situation. (10 Marks)

Remarks



Remarks

Section - B

Q11. What is the Montesquieu doctrine? How is it relevant to the theory and practice of separation of power? (15 Marks)

Montesquieu was 17th century French philosopher, who had a very significant influence on French revolution. He is considered to be belonging from liberal stream of thought.

Montesquieu doctrine is doctrine which advocates in favour of separation of power, that means separation of 3 organs of government, legislative, judiciary and executive.

well introduced
Montesquieu
doctrine

According to Montesquieu, if one has to enjoy liberty in the state, then it is necessary -

* That legislative and executive

Remarks

Organs of state are separated.

*- Executive and ~~judiciary~~ ^{any} organ
~~of~~ state are ~~are~~ separated.

*- Also, legislative and judiciary
 organs of state are separated.

also analyse its relevance If any of these conditions aren't met, one will enjoy liberty is a questionable claim. Montesquieu in support of his doctrine gave examples of principle of natural justice, in which one can't be judge in his own case.

Separation of power doctrine is basis of political system of many countries. In some this separation is watertight while in others, it isn't. Most of European liberal democracies has strict separation

also refer example of USA

Remarks

Try to mention Articles regarding separation of power in

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of power, while in India this separation isn't watertight. For example - ministers who are part of executive are also part of legislature. Also at some instances like pardoning power, ordinance issuing power of president, scheme of separation of power get blurred.

Sabine has declared Montesquieu most influential philosopher after Rousseau, and this becomes clear when we see Montesquieu doctrine in action around the globe.



Remarks

Q12. 'India' health care sector is battling a major crisis-inadequate infrastructure and human resource'. Discuss the challenges being faced by the Healthcare system in India? Suggest measures taken by the government to strengthen the healthcare infrastructure in India.

(15 Marks)

Firstly give a brief own significance of strong ratio of ~~1:1400+~~, against WHO recommended ~~2:1000~~. Also India's Expenditure on health as a percentage of G.D.P is ~~1.28%~~, against target of ~~2.5%~~ in National health Policy.

Clearly, India's health system was not in adequate shape when pandemic as huge as COVID-19 hit. It exposed loopholes from which India's health system is suffering. Some of these problems are-

* - Health system in India has

Remarks

a problem of "ghost clinics". These are clinics established as primary health centres without medical practitioners and ~~doctors~~.

* Primary Health ~~centres~~ and District hospitals suffer from lack of equipments. PHC lack equipments even for basics like ~~blood test~~.

* Doctor patient ratio is very ~~low~~ far away from WHO recommended levels.

* There is massive inter-state inequality in terms of human resource like nursing staff. Kerala, Tamil nadu has adequate no. of staff while U.P., Bihar, and MP suffer.

mention about
these
high out of pocket ~~are~~
can be expenditure taken-

Considering these problems some steps that

also* - Very first necessity is to increase budget allocation on health

Remarks

on the lines of National health Policy, which suggest health expenditure at 2.5% of G.D.P.

* Private sector which has attained expertise need to rope in and a P.P.P model may prove effective.

* There is need to establish more medical colleges for improvement in doctor patient ratio.

~~measures taken by govt~~ Health service needs to be available, affordable, and accessible for every section of population. In this context, PM Jan Arogya Yojana, is step in right direction which may offer quality healthcare to 10 crore families, but there is need and large room for improvement.



Remarks

- Q13. Although a rights based approach has been adopted in alleviating poverty in India, a lot needs to be done in structural terms to materialize the goals of government programmes in this direction. Discuss. (15 Marks)

According to a latest report by World Bank, India has reduced poverty by 50% during the period 2006-2016. Jharkhand emerged as fastest improver.

But according to same report, India still has world largest population of poor numbering around 280 million. This 280 million population isn't able to fulfill its daily basic needs.

Try to put your introduction in brief

After Independence India was suffering from atrocious colonial legacies and poverty was

Remarks

one of them. In this context there was immediate need to address the problem of poverty.

India went for right based approach. Initially, India's focus was on becoming self-reliant in aspect of grain production. Once India was able to meet its needs, India took steps towards poverty eradication.

During 6th Five year plan, focus was on poverty eradication [Gareebi Hatao]. During this F.Y.P., National rural employment programme started. Additionally, TRYSEM was started for self employment.

public distribution system for ration distribution evolved to targeted P.D.S. in 1997.

Remarks

Today people has right for 100 days of employment under M.G.N.R.E.G.A's Employment guarantee act 2005. Also people has right to food security under National food security act of 2010, under which 75% of rural and 50% of urban population is supplied with foodgrains @ 1,2,3 ₹ kg.

Undoubtedly India has come a long way after independence and has taken long jump in area of poverty eradication but still we have a significant population under poverty, efforts need to be continued for achievement of the target of S.D.G-1, zero poverty.



You have to analyse the limitation with these programmes also.

Remarks

Q14. "A diaspora can play a crucial role in pushing to achieve their home country's interests from abroad". Discuss their contributions to India's developmental process. Also, analyze the emerging issues faced by them. (15 Marks)

A Country's diaspora is its population living, earning abroad in other countries. According to UN DESA and also I.M.O [International migration organisation], India has largest diaspora population around the globe numbering 17 million.

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also
mention
they
territorial
extent

Diaspora of a country plays very important role in relation of the countries they are concerned with. In case of India, we receive 80 Billion \$ in remittances from our diaspora population which is largest in world.

Diaspora population also helps in maintaining good relations

Remarks

with countries. For example- Indian diaspora has played significant role in strengthening of India- USA relation, India- Australia relations.

Additionally, once these people come from abroad to India, they bring specialisation, expertise with them, which helps in encouraging entrepreneurial spirit in India. *(well mentioned significant abroad)*

During recent times, India has given additional emphasis on raising our diaspora population in strengthening of foreign relations. Thus it has got more involved politically, due to which they face some reactions from the society.

Additionally, one of most serious problem faced by

Remarks

You can mention government's steps in this regard.

Indian diaspora is of racism. A lot of racist attack has been faced by Indians in Australia and U.S.A.

Diaspora population has also been facing increased intimidation of spy agencies like ISI.

⑤ Indian diaspora is most vibrant diaspora population around the globe, they have been building bridge between foreign relations and this needs to be encouraged. But there is a need to not mobilising them politically to prevent any reactionary action against them.

→ suggest some solutions.

Remarks

Q15. "Prison reforms are long pending reforms in our criminal justice system whose time has come". Identify major problems plaguing our prisons and suggest cardinal reforms required. (15 Marks)

India has 4th largest prison population in the world. According to data by N.C.R.B., our jails are overcrowded to the level of 118%.

Overcrowding is not only problem. There is also problem of understaffing due to which we face incidents like jail-break, prison fighting etc.

India's prisons are also underfunded which aggravates problems like poor hygiene, mosquito borne disease, and sub-human living conditions.

Remarks

→ also highlight torture and ill treatment of prisoners
 (Refer recent examples)

Recognising these short comings, Supreme court constituted Dmitava Roy Committee which had recently submitted its report.

Some of its recommendation are -

- * Major reason of over crowding of jails is under trial cases. These are to the tune of around 60%.
- * These cases need to be disposed off.
- * There is urgent requirement of filling up of vacancies.
- * Funding needs to be increased.
- * Speedy trials need to be

Remarks

Conducted in cases involving minor crimes.

Today's jails are in condition which may fail very purpose of criminal system. Prisons are called "Sardar Chikas" but situation like these may only deteriorate the condition, not improve. Additionally, human rights of prisoners needs to be taken care of.

also refer recommendations of Law Commission

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Remarks

- Q16. In times of Covid-19 pandemic, which has halted not just commercial transactions but also lifestyles, the Indian Government took relevant steps to avoid mass spread of the virus which included invoking the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. Analyse the Act's relevance in the today's era. (15 Marks)

Try
to
start
your
answer
with

A lot of acts in India has their origin during colonial rule, Epidemic disease act 1897 is one of them.

Act was passed during recent colonial era to curb plague outbreak in Bombay presidency. Since then act was used several times during colonial rule. But after passing of time its use became infrequent, and it becomes clear from the fact that it has been invoked only 2 or 3 times in last 3 decades.

Remarks

Act came into action again during COVID-19 Pandemic. Some features of this act are-

- *- Act provides overarching powers to central and state govt (also U.T) to curb epidemic or pandemic ~~outbreak~~.
 - *- Under this act, Centre government issues directions even as Health is a state subject.
 - *- By an recent amendment, health workers has now been provided with security. Creating trouble for health workers during duty is now punishable offence under epidemic disease act.
- After COVID-19 outbreak, importance of this act became
- can mention it in introduction

clear. This act -

- * - Provides for basic framework during such epidemic or pandemic
- * - Having all encompassing powers during such pandemic becomes necessity. For example - If COVID-19 is contained in a region while others are suffering, there is a constant threat of proliferation.
- * - Act provides power for even restricting movement of people, which has been useful during Pandemic.

You have also Although epidemic diseases act has served purpose during COVID-19 Pandemic, but now is the time to make it more effective by amendments considering modern scenarios. Because act has become quite outdated.



Remarks

- Q17. Right to constitutional remedies is the very heart and soul of the Constitution and without it the Constitution would be a nullity. Explain how Article 32 acts as a protector of the Fundamental Rights. (15 Marks)

Article 32 of Indian Constitution under Part - III is a fundamental right. It provides citizens to approach Supreme Court directly in case of violation of fundamental rights.

During constituent assembly debates, Dr B.R Ambedkar, creator of Indian constitution said that Article 32 is heart and soul of Indian Constitution. Effectiveness of fundamental rights depends on proper functioning of article 32.

Under article 32, Supreme Court issues writs. There are 5 types of writs.

Remarks

Habeas Corpus - literally means to have body of, and is issued when person is not presented in front of magistrate within 24 hours of his detention.

Certiorari - by SC, to lower courts for consideration of issue.

Prohibition - when a lower court or body try to transgress its limit. Popularly known as stay order.

Quo Warranto - restraining a person from acting in public office for some which he isn't entitled to.

Mandamus - Order from SC to lower courts to perform its duty which fall in their ambit.

These writs empower a person to approach highest court in case their rights are

Remarks

Refer Shreya Singhal case, Jairaw Jain case etc.

infringed upon. In case if there wasn't provision of article 32, fundamental rights implementation will be subject to whims and fancies of executive authorities.

For example - In China also, people has rights, but in case of violation, they can't move to courts for implementation.

Thus article 32 is rightly called as soul and heart of constitution as it ensures enforcement of fundamental rights provided by constitution.

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Remarks

- Q18. To realize social justice and liberal values in governance, effective implementation of DPSP is sine qua non. Explain the implementation of various DPSP with examples. (15 Marks)

Directive Principles of State Policies

(D.P.S.P) are contained in Part IV of Indian Constitution. These are non-justiciable in nature.

Article 36-51

A lot of debate

happened in constituent assembly regarding provisions of D.P.S.P and questions regarding their justicability, and why they are non-justiciable but due to lack of economic resources and social conditions

these provisions were not made justiciable, but were left on Parliament to make them justiciable after attainment of necessary conditions.

→ why significant for governance?

Remarks

Although D.P.S.P's provisions aren't justiciable, but many of its elements have now been taken form of act and are being implemented. Some of these are-

- * Article - 39-(A) - Has now been actioned through National Legal Services Act providing justice to socially disadvantaged sections.
- * Article - 40 - In 1992, 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments were passed providing justiciability of to village panchayats and urban local bodies.
- * Article - 45 - provisioned for free education for children aged 6-14 years old. It is now a fundamental right.

good
that
you
mentioned
the example

under article 21(A), through
86th Constitutional act.

During constituent assembly debates, Dr. Ambedkar said that performance of govt. could be assessed by monitoring of their implementation of D.P.S.P.s. D.P.S.P.'s are guiding lights for policy formulation.

(6)

Remarks

- Q19. Despite ASHA playing the crucial last link to India's rural healthcare delivery system, there is no social security provided to them. What are the problems faced by ASHA? What measures are needed to enhance their situation and in turn healthcare in India?

(15 Marks)

Social
Accredited & Health activist (ASHA)
 is a community worker
instituted by min. of Health
 and family welfare in 2005.
 These easily accessible activist
 assist in ~~health care~~ services
 in rural areas.

ASHA's play very
 crucial role in India's health care
 delivery system. They are from
 the same village thus familiar
 with village population. They
 play crucial role during pregnancy
 of a women and assist her
 to primary health care centres.

well highlighted their work

Remarks

ASHA also generates awareness about health schemes in rural areas.

Despite being a crucial link in healthcare delivery system, ASHA activist face some problems today. Some of these are -

* Biggest problem is stipend **they** -? **are paid**, which is very low around 2000/3000 ₹ month, which is also not fixed.

Try to mention issues

* There isn't fixed budgetary allocation.

* Sufficient training is not done such as - to improve efficiency of no Job security, Health care system in rural appointment is politically motivated areas taken infrastructure etc.

Some steps can be taken such as -

Remarks

- * - A fixed appropriate salary needs to be provided to ASHA workers.
 - * - These needs to be a dedicated fund with fixed budgetary allocation.
 - * - A baining and skill enhancement exercise needs to be conducted before joining.
- Health care service improvement in rural areas can be effectively done by ASHA activist. We have a well spread network, need it to empower it with funds and baining.
- ↳ also
most importantly
grunitive system is required an
job security.



Reason behind weak grievance Redressal?

Q20. Identity the crucial factors behind "Weak Grievance Redressal" in India. Will the growth of Tribunals fill the gap in Justice delivery? (15 Marks)

India has a weak grievance redressal problem, regarding public service delivery. This hinders quality of service and also limits scope of improvement due to lack of feedback mechanism.

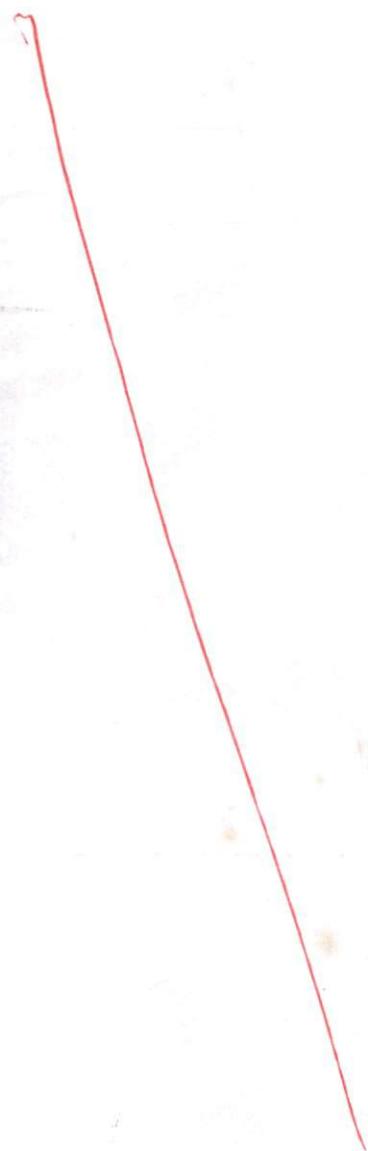
In recent time we are experiencing increasing no. of tribunals. We can say that we are experiencing tribunalisation of grievance redressal mechanism. As per the directions of Supreme court, nearly every high court has a grievance redressal tribunal.

↳ incomplete)

you have to explain the significance of Tribunals in justice delivery.

Remarks

— some challenges faced
and give a way forward.



Remarks

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