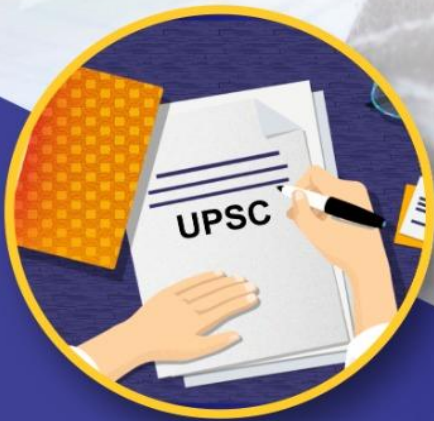


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24. Internal Security: Part 1
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1. KEYWORDS

1.1 From cultural stereotyping to cross-cultural collaboration:

- **Meaning:** It suggests a positive shift from perpetuating harmful cultural stereotypes to actively engaging in productive and respectful interactions between people from different cultural backgrounds.
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to: **Society** (paternalism, women subjugation, communalism and mob lynching), **fraternity and brotherhood, fundamental duty, migration and refugee** (xenophobia), Ek Bharat, Shresta Bharat, **ethics** etc.

1.2 Triple burden of work for women: Paid work, childcare and domestic chores:

- **Meaning:** It highlights the challenges and pressures that women face in juggling three significant areas of responsibility:
 - **Paid Work:** Employment or jobs.
 - **Childcare:** Taking care of and raising children,
 - **Domestic Chores:** cooking, cleaning, shopping, and managing household finances
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to - Challenges with Women empowerment and women labour force participation, challenges with unpaid work of women, MGNEGS, etc.

1.3 Middle income trap:

- **Meaning:** It is an economic concept that refers to a situation where a country reaches a certain level of income but struggles to continue its growth and progress to higher income levels.
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to: Problem with India's transition to developed economy, Economic reforms, India @5\$ economy, Manufacturing and export etc.

1.4 Planet-changing breakthrough:

- **Meaning:** It refers to a significant and groundbreaking discovery, innovation, or achievement that has the potential to profoundly alter the course of the planet's future.
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to – scientific innovation, critical technologies (superconductivity, quantum computing), women as front-runners, climate justice, etc.

2. CASE STUDIES/ EXAMPLES

2.1 Use of technology to improve policy implementation/MGNREGS:

- **Step taken by:** Union Ministry of Rural development.
- **Step taken:** According to a standard operating procedure (SOP) recently issued by the Ministry, the **drones will be used for four types of monitoring:**
- Surveying the ongoing works, inspecting the completed works, impact assessment, and special inspection in case of complaints.

2.2 Use of technology to forecast flood in advance:

- The Central Water Commission has launched **an app, called 'Floodwatch'**, which can forecast the chances of floods a day in advance.
- "The app will also provide State wise/basin wide flood forecast up to 24 hours or flood advisory, up to seven days, that can be accessed via selecting specific station.

3. KEY FACTS

3.1 Pharmaceutical Industry in India:

- India has been recognised as the "**Pharmacy of the World**". India is the leading country in the world's generic drugs market.
- **FDI up to 100%** under the automatic route is permitted for the manufacturing of medical devices.
- **Largest manufacturer in India:** The pharmaceutical industry in **Gujarat ranks number one** in India with a **33% share** in drug manufacturing and 28% share of drug exports".
- **Step taken: National Medical Device Policy 2023, Export-Promotion Council** for Medical Devices and a **scheme for Assistance of the Medical Device Cluster** to promote infrastructure development and strengthen the testing facilities for medical devices in the country".

4. JUDGEMENTS/ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Supreme Court on suspension of MPs:

- In **Ashish Shelar vs Maharashtra Legislative Assembly:**
 - The SC in this case held that any suspension of Member of Parliament (MPs) beyond the period prescribed in the rules is **unconstitutional**.

5. DEFINITION

5.1 Remission:

- **Definition:** Remission is the pardoning power of President and Governor under **Article 72 and Article 161**. It implies reducing the period of sentence without changing its character.
 - **For example,** a sentence of rigorous imprisonment for two years may be remitted to rigorous imprisonment for one year.

5.2 Deforestation:

- **Definition:** According to Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), deforestation is the conversion of forest to other land uses (regardless of whether it is human-induced).
 - It is the permanent removal of trees from a forest.

6. QUOTES

Notes

6.1 Quote on Foreign Policy: *“If you know a country’s geography, you can understand and predict its foreign policy”*. - **Napolean Bonaparte**

- **Meaning:** This statement suggests that a nation's geographical features, location, and physical characteristics have a significant influence on its foreign policy decisions and actions.
 - By analyzing a country's geographic context, one can gain insights into the strategic priorities, security concerns, economic interests, and diplomatic interactions that shape its approach to international relations.

6.2 Quote on Developed countries: *“Developed countries are characterised by three attributes – rule of law, a strong state and accountable governance”*. - **Francis Fukuyama**

- **Meaning:** This statement refers to the key characteristics or qualities that are often observed in countries that have achieved a high level of economic, social, and political development.
 - These attributes play a significant role in contributing to the overall stability, progress, and well-being of a nation.



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