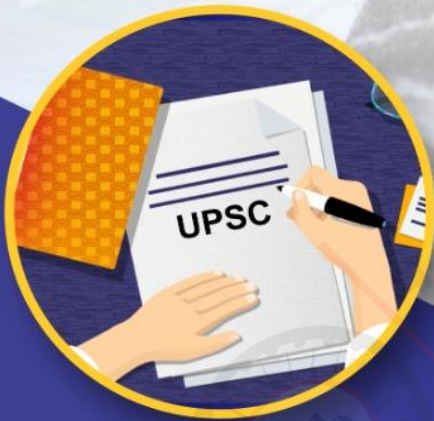


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## 1. KEYWORDS

### 1.1 From production centric to farmer's centric agriculture policy:

- **Meaning:** It suggests a shift in focus from solely increasing agricultural output and productivity to prioritizing the welfare and empowerment of farmers.
  - This shift recognizes that sustainable agricultural development is closely linked to the well-being of farmers and their communities.
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to – agricultural reforms (issue of productivity, issue of farmer's plight), government policies and subsidies towards farmers, SDGs and inclusive growth, rural economy etc.

### 1.2 She-preneurs:

- **Meaning:** It is a term used to refer to female entrepreneurs, specifically women who are actively involved in starting, managing, and running their businesses. The word is a combination of "she" and "entrepreneurs," highlighting the focus on women in entrepreneurship.
- **Usage:** It can be used in questions related to - women empowerment and women led development, gender equality and equity, women role in economy, India @ developed nation by 2047 etc.

### 1.3 From shifting goal posts to setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound) goals:

- **Meaning:** It signifies a transition from policy of changing your goal time to time to setting up a SMART goal i.e., specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and time-bound goals.
- **Usage:** Government policies and schemes (changing goal of eradicating manual exchanging, cleaning ganga, reducing fiscal deficit), Environmental goals (Kyoto protocol to Paris agreement), etc.

### 1.4 Future is Bright and the Future is India:

- **Meaning:** It reflects the optimism and potential in India's future. It signifies India's strides in various fields and has the potential to play a major role on the global stage.
- **Usage:** Make in India, Atmanirbhar bharat, Investment and trade opportunity in India, space technologies, semi-conductor industry, chip industry, critical technologies etc.

## 2. CASE STUDIES/ EXAMPLES

### 2.1 The success story of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):

- **Achievements:** The share of Indian households using LPG as the primary cooking fuel had risen to more than **70% in 2020** from around **30% in 2011**.
- **Challenges:** India's dependence on imported LPG has steadily increased to over 64% in FY23 (versus 46% in the pre-PMUY phase).

### 3. KEY FACTS

#### 3.1 Increasing rate of financial inclusion among women:

- According to RBI's 'Deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks, 2023:
- **Women have started saving more than men: In FY2023 (Banking sector)**
  - **Overall deposits:** Increased by 10.2%,
  - **Share of individuals** in total deposits declined during the year,
  - **Share of women customers:** Increased to more than 20% from around 18% five years ago.
- The share is **highest in case of rural areas**, with women deposits accounting for 41% of the incremental rural deposits during the same period.

#### 3.2 India's female labor force participation rate (LFPR):

- **In the last two decades, female LFPR has fallen from 30% to 24%**, despite the Class 10 enrolment rate among girls increasing from over 46% to 87%.
- **In 2022, India's female LFPR (24%) was the lowest among BRICS countries (excluding Russia).**

### 4. JUDGEMENTS/ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

#### 4.1 Two committees' recommendations on Western Ghats (WGs):

- **Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) headed by Prof. Madhav Gadgil:** It recommended that all of the Western Ghats be declared as the Ecological Sensitive Areas (ESA).
- **High Level Working Group (HLWG) headed by Dr. K. Kasturirangan:** It proposed 37% of the total area of Western Ghats, to be declared as eco-sensitive area (ESA). The report recommended a blanket ban on mining, quarrying, setting up of red category industries and thermal power projects.

### 5. DEFINITION

#### 5.1 Windfall tax:

- **Definition:** A windfall tax is a **higher tax levied** by the government on specific industries when they experience **unexpected and above-average profits**.
  - As the name suggests, "windfall" refers to a dramatic and unanticipated increase in profits. On the other hand, "tax" implies an imposition levied on this dramatic income growth.
  - For instance, the recent Russia-Ukraine war benefitted oil and gas industries with a sudden rise in their profit. So, the government imposed a windfall tax on these industries.

## 5.2 Disaster:

- **Definition:** According to the **United Nations**, Disaster is the occurrence of a sudden or significant catastrophe that impairs a society's (or community's) fundamental structure and daily operations.
- According to the **World Bank**, a disaster is an extraordinary, short-lived event that significantly disrupts a nation's economy.

## 6. QUOTES

### 6.1 Quote on difficulties and opportunities: *"What hurts you, blesses you. The darkness is your candle". - RUMI*

- **Meaning:** The quote suggests that challenges and difficult experiences in life can ultimately lead to growth, learning, and transformation.
  - **What hurts you, blesses you:** Adversity and difficult experiences can be painful and challenging in the moment, but they can also be opportunities for personal development and growth.
  - **The darkness is your candle:** In times of darkness, uncertainty, or difficulty, there can be hidden opportunities for self-discovery and enlightenment. Just as a candle shines brightest in the darkness, these challenging moments can illuminate aspects of ourselves and our lives that we may not have noticed before.

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