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All the Best

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Constitutionalism means putting effective restriction on power of state. It ensures that authoritarian form of govt is avoided.

Ways in which constitutionalism is ensured

① Part III (FR) especially article 32

FR grants basic rights required for healthy development of individual. Art 32 gives power to Supreme Court to issue writs when these rights are violated.

② Art 75 : passing of no confidence motion keeps a check on the govt. and keeps it accountable to Parliament.

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③ Judicial Review:- Though not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, it forms basic structure of constitution. 25th CAA was revoked by Judiciary through judicial review.

④ Art 356 : to ensure that there is no breakdown of constitutional machinery at the state level.

⑤ Provision of D.P.S.P and Preamble guide the state in policy making & developmental welfare project.

Doctrine of basic structure and Public interest Litigation (that resulted in Wadhwa guideline) are also essential for ensuring Constitutionalism.

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CCI was established under
Competition Act of 2002. Part 49

Statutory body ensured that conducive
regulation & consumer welfare

Ensured conducive regulatory ambience for
Consumer welfare.

- ① CCI ensured that there is no predatory pricing.
- ② CCI ensured that Consumer Protection Act is well adhered to.
- ③ CCI used its power to 'Right to recall' to remove products that are sold using unfair practices
- ④ Ensuring that the practice of 'Matsya Naya' at Corporate level

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does not take place

CCI encouraging fair competition in market

① many companies which could not perform well, exited like Tata DoCom.

② checking of 'flash sales' by e-commerce.

③ It promotes fair competition as in India the telecom charges and internet charges are one of the lowest globally.

There is need to enhance R&D, fill up the vacancies, better training of staff ~~along~~ as to enhance the efficiency of CCI.



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According to NISD, there are 3.5 crore cases pending. There are 18 Judges per million population (Malawi has 50) as against UN recommendation of 50. In this scenario, online delivery of judicial services becomes essential to reduce pendency.

Initiative to ~~Reduce~~ ensure online delivery of services

- ① live streamings of judicial proceedings to keep accountability & transparency.
- ② e-Court project to ensure Justice delivery through internet.
- ③ SUPACE - use of Artificial intelligence in Justice delivery.

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④ SUVAS : Conversion of Judgement from English to Regional language.

⑤ online Dispute Resolution policy whereby Alternate dispute resolution takes place online.
eg :- eLok Adalat of Chhattisgarh during covid

Challenges faced

① Digital infrastructure :- internet penetration in rural area is least 32%.

② Gender divide :- only 33% women have access to internet

③ privacy & confidentiality issue

④ Leakage of data/information - ie, cyber threat issue.

There is need for better implementation of Digital India Mission so that online Justice delivery becomes more accessible.

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India, the largest democracy, borrowed the provisions of fundamental rights from the oldest democracy of USA. Bill of rights was drafted in USA in 1860s.

Similarities

- ① Equal Protection of Law under Article 14 was borrowed from America's bill of right. It ensures that unequal should be treated unequally.
- ② Similarity in Article 19 is, freedom of speech & expression by citizens.
- ③ Similarity in Article 21 is right to life.
- ④ Article 32 : protection of rights by Supreme Court.

Differences

- ① Provision of Article 15(4), 16(4) whereby reservation for education & job is provided in Indian constitution, however same does not find its mention in America's constitution.
- ② Art 17 is unique feature of India's Constitution which abolishes untouchability
- ③ Right to Religion (Art 25-28) :- In India, state interferes in religion (Haj subsidy, banning of Triple Talac). However, in US state maintains distance with religion.

Differences between the two countries is largely due to difference of social issues i.e. Caste system in India and Class system of USA

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Forest Rights Act, 2006 was
a revolutionary act brought to ~~change~~
reduce the miseries of tribal population
by granting them their rights.

Salient Features of FRA

- ① Section 3(2) - Grants right to MFP, right
to inhabit the forest area, community
rights, right to protect diversity.
- ② Gram Sabha has been made nodal agency
for implementation of the act.

Ineffectiveness of FRA, 2006

- ① As per Ministry of Tribal Affairs, only
40% of claims for rights have been
settled till now.

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- ② Minor Forest Produce access if for the tribal is also not as per the expectations of the act.
- ③ Clash between Gram Sabha & Forest Department as forest department do not want to dilute their powers.
- ④ Recently, there has been revolt by tribals of Himachal Pradesh for non implementation of FRA under the banner 'Zila Van Adhikar Samiti'
- ⑤ Exploitation of habitat rights and MFI is also often exploited by Contractors.

National Commission on Scheduled Tribe need to ensure that FRA, 2006 is well implemented.



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Social stock Exchange is a platform whereby Non profit organisation can raise funds for social work ie, improving education, health etc.

Rationale behind SSE

- ① India is large country with huge population, hence it would be good if non govt. org. contribute towards social cause, this can be done through the platform.
- ② Govt. often lacks resources for carrying out the welfare activities as per the expectation, SSE can fill this gap.
- ③ SSE is a common concept in western countries like UK, Canada.

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① There are less chances of corruption in carrying out social work because the platform is regulated by SEBI.

It will boost social impact investing

① many NPO lacks funds to carry out social impact, ~~into~~ this platform can provide funds by linking corporates to NPO.

②

However, (a) economy due to lockdown, there can also be chances of less investment by pub. sector (b) already corporates through NPO and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) are doing social investment.

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SDG goal no. 3 envisages good health care services. NDHM has been brought to realise this SDG target.

Potential to bring new revolution

① It will digitise health records which can be easily shown in different hospitals across India. As per Census 2011, there are 450 million internal migrants and many times accessibility to health services decreases due to change in location. NDHM seeks to rectify it.

② Ayushman Bharat effectiveness will be enhanced due to NDHM.

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③ it will lead to uniform standards of health services across the nation.

④ Telemedicine will make healthcare affordable & accessible.

⑤ Digi doctor & e pharmacy can reduce rural urban disparities.

For eg:- 70% of population resides in rural area but only 30% of health services are present in rural areas.

⑥ It will reduce regional imbalances.

eg Goa has 1 bed for 652 people while Bihar has 1 bed for 8000 people.

NDHM also will help in upgrading the ASHA workers which will have multiplier effect at rural level.

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The Gross Enrolment Rate in higher education is 25.1. NEP, 2020 envisages GER up to 50%, in which private sector will play a major role.

Necessity of pvt sector participation

- ① lack of governmental colleges & universities to accommodate all the students passing out of class 12. This results in students taking up to foreign university for graduation leading to brain drain.
- ② Pvt. sectors are quick to change themselves as per market demands, which is not the case in govt. colleges.
for eg:- inclusion of course in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning

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③ In foreign countries too, pub. sector play important role in tertiary education eg Oxford, Stanford university

Issues that needs to be addressed

① High pricing of the courses will result in inaccessibility to poor/vulnerable leading to increased inequalities.

② It is found that only 15% of Engineers are employable, hence the curriculum needs proper updation.

③ There is also need of greater industry-academia linkage.

AICTE, Medical Council of India and other such bodies can effectively regulate the pub. sector so that it is universal, affordable & accessible.

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Central Asia relation is seen with "India's extended neighbourhood" policy.

Significance of Central Asia

- ① Central Asian countries are rich in gas and minerals which can fulfil India's demand. for eg: Turkmenistan has 25% of global gas reserve.
- ② Can help India's nuclear projects
eg: Civil nuclear cooperation with Kazakhstan.
- ③ Infrastructural significance:
 - 3.1) TAPI pipeline
 - 3.2) North South Transport Corridor
 - 3.3) Ashgabat agreement

④ Defence significance. for eg:-
Forward base of India in Tajikistan

Challenges

① Connectivity issue because Pakistan
block the way for India.

② meagre trade of \$2 billion with Central
Asian Countries.

③ Rising China's presence under Belt
& Road initiative. Recently China gained
control of Paramir mountains of Tajikistan
because of its inability to give back loan.

With Common platform
Under Shanghai Cooperation Organisation,
greater collaboration can be made with
Central Asia, also there is need to
reinforce the 'Connect Central Asia Policy'

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Indian diaspora is like
a living bridge that connects India
to the world - MEA.

Role in making Atma Nirbhar Bharat

① Economic needs / investments :- Indian
diaspora sends Annual remittances of
\$ 87 billion to India.

② Can influence policy maker :- 30% of
population in UAE is that of India.
This has also fosters close relations
between countries resulting in signing of
CEPA between UAE & India.

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Q Rising role of diaspora in politics.

For eg:- Rishi Sunak and Kamla Harris.

Who can have India friendly policies

Which can help in achieving goal of

Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Challenges

- ① Lack of connect of diaspora with India.
- ② Loss of psychological connect with mother India.
- ③ Indian diaspora are preferring other destination like Vietnam, China & Bangladesh for investment.

Kapo India Campaign

Can be effective in connection of roots of Indian diaspora with India.

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74th CAA led to establishment
of urban local bodies i.e. Nagar Palika,
Municipal Council & Municipal Corporation.
It inserted schedule 12 in the Constitution.

Critical appraisal of 74th CAA

① There are certain issues pertaining to ULB like:

(1.1) Overlapping of Jurisdiction like water
board, electricity board, Municipal Corporation

(1.2) bureaucratic control over the executive
Municipal commission exercises real power
in execution of policies and she is not
responsible to the elected people.

(1.3) Issue of finances:

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(13.1) According to Municipal performance Index (MPI, 2020) only 20 cities out of 111 cities can borrow & invest money without state govt's permission.

(13.2) Weak, non functional State Finance Commission

(14) No regular election as seen in case of Tamil Nadu

② In cities where the MULB are strong there the real decentralisation has taken place

Because of the lacunas mentioned above, there is need for 2nd Gen. Reform of ULB so that there is Real grass root democracy and not grass without root democracy

Reforms needed

① Finances :-

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①.1 SFC needs to be established regularly and its recommendations can be made binding on the state govt.

①.2 ULBs should have independence in levying taxes & collecting polls so that it can fulfil the functions mentioned in 12th schedule

② Election

Regularly election should be conducted by SEC.

③ Bureaucratic control over ULBs need to be minimised.

④ Activity mapping needs to be done as per recommendation of ARC-II

Centralisation of power with state govt will lead to blood pressure (at state level) and anemia at periphery (local body level). Hence, Article 40, and vision of Gandhi for effective decentralisation need to be implemented.



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1st CAA Inserted
9th schedule in the Constitution. It
had a provision the laws inserted in
9th schedule by Parliament / State Legislature
are immune from the Judiciary.

9th schedule undermining constitutional supremacy

① Indian constitution envisaged separation of power between Judiciary, executive & legislature, however this principle was against it.

② Since Judicial Review was not applicable, the Parliament was changing the Fundamental rights of citizens like right to property and citizens were not able to avail the benefits

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granted to them under Article 32.

③ Judiciary was made subordinate to the Parliament which goes against the provisions of the Constitution.

However, the reason for addition of 9th Schedule and ~~it was~~ because:-

① There was need for quick reforms in post independent India so as to ensure social justice.

② ~~But~~ There was huge inequalities that gripped the society, landlords had acres of lands while many were landless.

③ If reforms were brought in regular fashion, it could lead to filing of PIL, Judicial review - which would also slow down the pace of reforms.

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④ Since at that time (1950s) most of the Parliamentarians were the one who framed the Constitution, hence it is believed that 9th schedule was as per the sail of Constitution.

⑤ Intention of bringing reform was right, A upheld principles mentioned in Constitution like equality of opportunity & status (preamble) ensure good standard of living (DISP).

In Kovananda Bhatti Judgement, it was said that the laws should adhere to the basic structure of Constitution.

IR Coelho Judgement said that addition of any article in 9th schedule is subject to Technical scrutiny.

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KC where called Indian federalism as quasi federalism. The Centre is more powerful than the state which has resulted in asymmetry in federalism.

Asymmetry helping in accommodation of diverse demands

① Post independence, states demanded reorganisation on linguistic basis.

This demand was accommodated by passing of State Reorganisation Act 1956

and political map of India was thus changed.

② Later, demands for Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana were also accommodated.

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③ Demand for Regional language led
and non acceptance of Hindi led to
Official Language Act of 1963.

④ Demand for water sharing led to:-

④.1 River Boards Act 1956

④.2 Inter State River Dispute Act 1956.

⑤ Demand for saving of tribal culture
and maintaining its isolation as per
Tribal Panchsheel led to:-

⑤.1 Panchayati Raj extension to Scheduled Area, 1956

⑤.2 5th schedule ⑤.3 6th schedule.

⑥ Grant of special status to some
state like North Eastern state

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However, not all demands have been accommodated. For eg:-

- ① Rajmanna Committee of TN demanding for abolition of AIS
- ② West Bengal Memorandum demanding for greater autonomy to state govt.
- ③ Demand of conducting NEET exam by state govt (T.N demand)
- ④ Demands of insurgent groups like NLCN

Hence, saving the demands that questioned the unity & integrity of nation, most of demands have been accepted because of checks and balances provided by

asymmetry federal structure like institution of Governor, Art 356, AIS, single citizenship etc.

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Under Art 243, State Finance Commissions are established by the Governor of the state every five years so as to strengthen fiscal federalism.

Function of SFC

- ① net proceeds from state to local bodies
- ② demand for grant of local bodies.
- ③ Strengthen the finances of local bodies.

SFC - effectiveness in its task

- ① In many states especially the southern states of Kerala & Karnataka, the finances of local bodies have improved because of recommitment of SFC.

eg:- Dolphin Kannada Zila Panchayat, Karnataka

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② SFC have helped local bodies to be independent from the state govt and collect their own finances to fulfil objectives of 11th & 12th schedule of constitution.

However, largely SFC has remained ineffective

① SFC are not formed regularly by the state govt as they ~~believe~~ want the power to be centralised in their hands.

③ Recommendation of SFC (in states where they are formed) is often not accepted by the state govt.

④ SFC unlike Central Finance Commission often lacks the technical expertise, and experience, which makes their recommendation redundant.

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~~Hence, there is need to strengthen SFC~~
All this has resulted in weak finances of ~~SFC~~ local bodies which is evident from Municipal Performance Index (MPI, 2020) which says that only 20 out of 111 cities have power to borrow & invest money on own without interference of state Govt.

Hence, there is need to improve SFC through:-

- (1) Firstly, all states should contribute SFC regularly.
- (2) External technical expertise can be given to SFC
- (3) Recommendation of SFC needs to be implemented

The 15th FC of India, has issued orders to the state to contribute SFC, and if not done grants to state will be reduced.

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PM Modi in Lok Sabha made a remark with 'Babas' controlling everything - from fertiliser industry to flying of airplane. This remark of Prime Minister shows the present/future policy of govt whereby there will be less role of Civil servant.

Positives of reduction of size of bureaucracy

- ① Ministry of Personnel, marked that reduced size ensures good quality bureaucrats.
- ② Govt. spending on bureaucracy is U-high, hence reduced size means that govt. funds are saved and can be utilised for socio economic development.
- ③ It is in concurrence with govt. vision of Minimum Govt and

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Maximum governance

- ① The recent reform of Lateral entry also reduces the need for more number of civil servants in India.
- ② lack of technical expertise with civil servant.

Negatives of reduced size of bureaucracy

- ① Already, India has less size of civil servants. It is lowest among all the G20 members (ie, lowest in terms of civil servant/capita)
- ② Civil servants are experts in drainage wealth from barren lands and their efficiency cannot be questioned.
- ③ Already many bureaucrats have brought positive reforms eg:

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(3.1) Prashant Nayak (IAS) - hanger free
toilet

(3.2) Anil Kumar Lallu (IAS) - single window

(3.3) Miss Lexmi (IAS) - rudder Sampradaya

④ Even at political level, Govt has ~~hired~~
recruited many civil servants for eg:
National Security Advisor, Minister of External Affairs

⑤ All India Service ~~was~~ envisaged as
steel frame by Lord Patel, reducing its
size will lead to weakening of steel frame

Hence, there is more need for
other reforms to transform the civil services
in India. Recommendation of Yogandor
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can be implemented for positive reforms.

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Recently, there was movement across India "Free the temple" movement, which demanded that state intervention should end in case of temples.

Issues associated with state intervention

① Violation of right to religion (Art 25-28) especially Art 26 whereby individuals have right to manage religious institution.

② Also violation of Article 14 because state does not intervene in other's religious life controlling of Mosque or Church.

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③ Indian temples also involve use amount of money (Pg Tirupati Balaji temple) which can be mismanaged by the government.

④ There is also seen a nexus between the landis of the temple & the politicians.

However, state management of temples also have some positives :-

① temples are often gripped by caste and gender issue, state intervention ensures that there is equal access for all in the temples.

② odisha govt made construction in the lingaraj temple of Puri so as to benefit the devotees.

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③ Govt. management also becomes essential in case of unexpected crisis like COVID whereby Rath Yatra was called off.

④ Govt. can often make finances available for temples which are old & whose infrastructure is crippled.

⑤ Govt helps in promoting temples by including it in their 'tourism manifesto' which also gives boost to temple finances.

There can be enhanced transparency with govt submitting annual report to parliament / legislature with regard to the management of temples.

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Feminisation of old age
implies that greater share of female population
in the age group of above 60. It is
expected by 2030, the sex ratio of old
age population will be 1000:1060. It is
also called Urindavon effect.

Issues associated with feminisation of old age

- ① females in India have only 10% of
land rights. They do ^{not} have sufficient
bank balance. Once they are shifted to
old age homes, the left rest of the
life is spent in poverty & misery.

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- ② Psychological impact :- Losing of partner also has deep psychological effect on women.
- ③ Empty nest syndrome :- having to deal with old age and children going out in search of Jobs in neobal residence makes them feel empty.
- ④ Women in old age are prone to health problems like arthritis, osteoporosis, which they have to deal with alone.

Measures taken by Govt

- ① Maintenance of welfare of Parents and Senior Citizen Act, 2017
- ①.1 biological / adopted / children in law have been made responsible for

taking care of parents.

② Also, quick implementation by establishment of Fast Track Court

③ PM Vayashree Yojna :- for providing medical aids to senior citizen.

④ Indira Gandhi old Age Pension Scheme.

⑤ Vanshikra Pension Bima Yojna for providing pension & insurance

⑥ PM Vaya Vandana Yojna.

Govt Can also help in establishing more old age home and connecting them with orphanage, also the expertise and experience of old aged female can be harnessed for silver economy.

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Universal social protection would imply that there is one scheme/act that is responsible for providing social protection (in terms of disability, health etc) to all the citizens

Impact on individual resilience

Positive impact

① exclusion error will be minimised

for eg:- exclusion from PDS services due to non availability of Ration Card

② Internal migrants will be benefitted as the scheme will also be applicable in other states. This will

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particularly benefit women who change their location after marriage.

- ③ will largely benefit labours.
- ④ will help in reducing inequalities.

Negatives

- ① one size fits all approach is difficult, how can similar benefits be given to a widow and a displaced tribal.
- ② Against the principle of cooperative federalism.
- ③ If universal social protection is given in form of universal basic income it can lead to conspicuous consumption like alcohol consumption.

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Impact on Economy

Positives

- ① UBI has also been favoured by Eco. Survey.
- ② easy to administer the social scheme rather than present system of "You name 9 persons, I will name a scheme".

Negatives

- ① Can lead to inflation.
- ② enhanced govt. expenditure leading to fiscal deficit.

To conclude, even if Universal scheme is to be implemented it should be implemented in piecemeal manner i.e. step by step.

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Due to failure of managing divergence between member countries of large multilateral coalition, and also because of changing trends of globalisation, issue based coalition are becoming more popular.

Multilateral order failing to manage rising challenges:

- ① United Nation represents a body of 1945, which has failed to effectively tackle COVID terrorism (non acceptance of definition of terrorism)
- ② WHO has failed to effectively tackle the COVID crisis.
- ③ WTO has failed to tackle rising protectionism of USA and unfair trade practices of China.



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④ World Bank has not effectively tackled poverty.

⑤ IMF imposing conditionalities of "Must" before granting of loans.
Could not prevent Sri Lankan Crisis.

⑥ UNSC ineffective in denuclearisation and prevention of Russia-Ukraine war.

Emergence of issue based Coalition

① Issue of Countering the Rise of China
led to:-

①.1 5 eyes ② Quad ③ AUKUS ④ I2U2

② Issue of Regional Trade:-

②.1 RCEP - Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.

2.2 IPEF : Indo Pacific Eco-Forum.

3 Issue of tackling terrorism:-

3.1 RATS of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

4 for managing of oil production & distribution

4.1 OPEC 4.2 OPEC +

5 bilateral coalition :-

5.1 India-Japan military exercise JOINT

5.2 Project Kaladan between India & Myanmar

6 Banks for development & Loans :-

6.1 New Development Bank (NDB)

6.2 Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA)

The Conditions of issue based are reflecting Countries policy of minimising i.e., minimising the loss increasing the gains.

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Recently, South Asia Group of Energy (SAGE) has been established under Ministry of External Affairs to ensure optimal development of energy infrastructure.

Need for balanced energy infrastructure in South Asian Region.

① According to World Bank, the South Asian Region is expected to grow by 7% in 2020-2030 period. This growth can only be harnessed if with balanced regional infrastructure.

② It can lead to optimal utilisation of resources. For eg:- India can provide electricity to Nepal & Bhutan



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in winters (through coal supply) and Nepal and Bhutan can provide hydroelectricity to India in Monsoons.

③ Effective harnessing the Resource :- Bhutan & Nepal have hydroelectric potential of 10 Million Mega watt but only 1% of it is harnessed.

④ Balanced energy infra. in the region will ensure less presence of China in region. Eg :- energy crisis of Laos led to entire power system in hands of China.

⑤ Import dependency from far away country will reduce. For eg : India imports 35% of coal from Australia & Indonesia.

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Gaps & Challenges

- ① nm functional SAARC.
- ② India Pakistan rivalry.
- ③ Sri Lanka crisis.
- ④ Construction of dams in Bhutan & Nepal will have high capital expenditure, Countries ~~are~~ ^{have} already not completely recovered from Covid shocks.
- ⑤ Lack of connectivity : BDIN project has gained momentum now after years of its announcement.
- ⑥ India's DisComs are already in dismal conditions - helping other countries in this scenario ~~does~~ not seem feasible.
PM Modi's vision of One Sun one world one Grid Can be realised only when there is greater coordination in energy sector among neighbouring countries.