



**Sleepy Classes**

Free. Regular. Quality.

.....

# Editorial Discussion & Analysis (EDA)

30th & 31st August 2021

-----

Visit our website [www.sleepyclasses.com](http://www.sleepyclasses.com) or

our [YouTube channel](#) for entire GS Course **FREE** of cost

Also Available: Prelims Crash Course || Prelims Test Series

## Table of Contents

<b>1. Health .....</b>	<b>1</b>
1.1.Meeting The Poshan Challenge (Indian Express) .....	1
1.2.Seize This Opportunity to Institutionalize Accountability (The Hindu).....	2
1.3.The Vaccine's Last Mile Challenge (The Hindu) .....	3
<b>2. Ethics .....</b>	<b>4</b>
2.1.Towards a More Humane Police Force (The Hindu).....	4
<b>3. International Relation.....</b>	<b>5</b>
3.1.America's Asia Policy (The Hindu).....	5
3.2.Taliban & new Realpolitik (Indian Express) .....	5
<b>4. Environment.....</b>	<b>7</b>
4.1.India Is Indeed Walking the Green talk (The Hindu).....	7

### Note -

- The Newspaper clippings pasted in PDF are important from Mains point of view as it contains the fodder material for Mains Answer Writing.
- Also watch DND video lectures everyday @ 4 PM on Sleepy's YouTube channel in order to understand how to get the most out of everyday's Newspaper .

Click [here](#) to watch the following topics on YouTube

# 1. Health

## 1.1.Meeting The Poshan Challenge (Indian Express)

**Author - Ashok Gulati & Ritika Juneja**

- Context- Food Security to Nutritional Security
- To mark India's 75th Independence Day, PM announced that, by 2024, rice provided to the poor under any government scheme – PDS, mid- day-meal, anganwadi – will be fortified.
- Leveraging science to attack the complex challenge of malnutrition, particularly for low-income and vulnerable sections of the society is a welcome intervention.
- These bio fortified crops have 1.5 to 3 times higher levels of protein, vitamins, minerals and amino acids.
- Farmers from Punjab and Haryana have been roped in to multiply the production of Bio fortified wheat variety.
- Globally, more than 40 countries have released biofortified crops, benefitting over 48 million people.
- As per the FAO's recent publication, 'The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, 2021', India has the highest proportion of "stunted" (30 per cent) and "wasted" children (17.3 per cent) below five years of age.

### What are Other Hindrances to Nutrition?

- Access to nutritious food is only one of the determinants of nutrition.
- Poor access to safe drinking water and sanitation (especially toilets), low levels of immunisation and education, especially of women, contribute equally to this dismal situation.
- 15% of schools still lack access to basic infrastructure (electricity, drinking water and sanitation)

### Way Forward

- Direct correlation between mothers' education and the well being of children.
- Children with mothers who have no education have the least diversified diets and suffer from stunting and wasting and are anaemic.
- Childcare knowledge and information on holistic nourishment should be compulsorily included in the school curriculum.
- Global Nutrition Report (2014) estimates that every dollar invested in a proven nutrition programme offers benefits worth 16 dollars.



- Innovations in biofortified food can alleviate malnutrition only when they are scaled up with supporting policies.
- This will generate remunerative income for farmers and fuel the scaling-up of the unfolding technology.
- **National awareness drive on the lines of the “Salt Iodisation Programme” launched by the government in 1962 to replace ordinary salt with iodised salt**

## 1.2. Seize This Opportunity to Institutionalize Accountability (The Hindu)

Author - Virag Gupta and Chandrakant Lahariya

- Context- India should not succumb to the pressure of Indemnity Waiver.
- COVID-19 vaccines are given EUA by the regulatory authorities after a thorough review of their safety and efficacy
- **However, even though vaccines meet safety parameters, as an immuno- biological substance, a vaccine can be associated with rare and serious AEFIs (Adverse Events Following Immunization)**
- Indemnity translates to protection from legal proceedings and liabilities, against claims from people who may experience rare and serious (AEFI)
- **A key bottleneck is demand from manufacturers like Moderna & Johnson and Johnson to grant Indemnity.**
- **The core argument of the manufacturers is that they have been granted indemnity in their country of origin and have supplied vaccines to other countries only when granted indemnity.**

### What are The Existing Provisions in Indian Law?

- The idea of not granting indemnity is to hold vaccine manufacturers accountable.
- Covishield, Covaxin, and Sputnik V have not been granted indemnity.
- The rules governing clinical trials in India specify that compensation must be granted in case of injury or death of a trial subject.
- **However, mechanism does not exist for AEFIs reported under the Government’s routine immunisation programme in the country or for any other vaccine-related injury.**

### Why is Government delaying it’s decision on Indemnity?

- Supply from Moderna, J&J, Pfizer is likely to be a very small proportion of total vaccine availability in the country.
- Likely that once foreign manufacturers are granted indemnity, manufacturers currently supplying vaccines might make similar demands citing the fair play rule.

## Way Forward

- **Recent amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 disallow individuals but permit the regulatory bodies to initiate class action suit.**
- Even if there is Indemnity given to Manufacturers, then any individual seeking compensation after experiencing AEFI may directly file petitions before consumer courts and the High Courts.
- **Valuable opportunity to institutionalise legal safeguards from vaccine injuries.**
- **Create long-term mechanisms for protection from vaccine harm and making health services safer and accountable.**
- **The approach has to be to safeguard the interest of the citizen.**

## 1.3.The Vaccine's Last Mile Challenge (The Hindu)

### Author - Grete Faremo

- Context- No One is Safe, Till Everyone is Safe!

### Concern

- We need a spirit of partnerships to vaccinate the whole world.
- We must urgently share technology and doses, but we must also focus on communities that are most left behind.
- Effective vaccine coverage means a lot for the people living in the mountains of Afghanistan or the Amazon, across the sprawling lands of the Central African Republic.
- Implementing projects in hard-to reach areas requires ingenuity and resilience.
- Logistical Issues (In Developing Countries)- Combination of poor transport infrastructure, no reliable access to electricity to store the Vaccines

### Way Forward

- This requires better health systems, supply chains and infrastructure, and strong logistics support.
- **From distributing the vaccines and managing the cold chain infrastructure needed, to hiring and training vaccinators.**
- If the infrastructure for vaccination clinics is created in a sustainable way, it can **serve communities after the pandemic too.**
- **From solar water heaters to cold chain facilities and medical waste incinerators, the sustainable solutions offered now can benefit communities in the long-term.**

## 2. Ethics

### 2.1. Towards a More Humane Police Force (The Hindu)

**Author - R.K. VIJ**

- Context- Policing in India needs a Soft Touch. [Concern](#)
- **Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana expressed concern at the degree of human rights violations in police stations in the country.**
- Despite constitutional declarations and guarantees, lack of effective legal representation at the police stations is a huge detriment to detained persons.
- **NCRB (National Crime Record Bureau) Reveals that average of about 100 custodial deaths have taken place every year between 2010 and 2019.**
- Suspicious deaths which bring disrepute to the police system must be rooted out completely.

#### Suggestions from the past

- In **Special Action Forum v. Union of India (2018)**, the Court held that the police officer shall furnish to the magistrate the reasons and materials which necessitated the arrest for further detention of the accused. The Purpose of this check is to ensure that the police does not abuse the power of arrest.
- **Investigating police should be separated from the law-and-order police to ensure better expertise in investigation.**
- This is well established by (a) The National Police Commission (1977-81), (b) Law Commission in its 154th report (1996), (c) Malimath Committee Report (2003) and (d) Supreme Court in **Prakash Singh v. Union of India (2006)**
- Unless investigating officers are increased in proportion to the number of serious offences, the quality of investigation may suffer.
- **Malimath Committee's recommendation that an investigating officer should preferably investigate no more than 10 cases every year will continue to remain a dream**

#### Conclusion

- **Custodial death is perhaps one of the worst crimes in a civilised society governed by the rule of law. Departmental action against errant officers is a rule in the police force, rather than an exception**
- National Human Rights Commission also oversees deaths in custody due to human rights violations and recommends compensation in appropriate cases
- **Police Officers need to be sensitised regularly and encouraged to employ scientific tools of interrogation and investigation.**
- **CJI's suggestion- Install display boards on human rights to disseminate information about the constitutional right to legal aid.**

## 3. International Relation

### 3.1.America's Asia Policy (The Hindu)

- Context- Abandonment with Assurances
- How can Mr. Biden assure his opponents & his Asian Allies about an engaging approach post abandonment in Afghanistan?
- To shift the American policy paradigm on Afghanistan from a boilerplate approach **toward institution-building.**
- Recognising the political complexities of governing a society where tribal and ethnic loyalties are dominant.
- **Not demonising or cutting ties with the Taliban before they have had an opportunity to settle into power and announce intentions for governing Afghanistan.**
- **Recognition of the role that third parties are going to play, for better or worse (Pakistan's ISI and their Proxies)**

#### Way Forward

- **Need to reassure Asian allies and partners that the U.S will play a significant role in the broader Asian Region.**
- Need to ensure Ground level QUAD type summits with it's Asian Allies concerned about the backlash in Afghanistan

#### Way Forward

- **Need to reassure Asian allies and partners that the U.S will play a significant role in the broader Asian Region.**
- Need to ensure Ground level QUAD type summits with it's Asian Allies concerned about the backlash in Afghanistan
- **Any abdication by USA will only create a vaccum which will be happily occupied by China, imposing it's hegemony in Asia.**

### 3.2.Taliban & new Realpolitik (Indian Express)

#### Author - C Raja Mohan

- Context- No permanent friends or enemies, only Self Interests!

#### Evolving International Politics

- The human tragedy unfolding in Afghanistan
- India's enormous emotional investment in the Kabul government that collapsed this month



- **Delhi's strong concerns that the Taliban's connections with Pakistan. This should not impact Delhi's viewpoint of seeing things as they are.**
- Governments have no option but to come to terms, now or later, with the victor.
- **Delhi Should not be Surprised seeing Normalising relations between Taliban and other major powers.**
- The convergence of US and Taliban interests may be more than tactical to deal with ISIS- K
- **Joe Biden on convergence with Taliban "It's not a matter of trust — it's a matter of mutual self-interest."**

### **Convergence between Taliban & India?**

- Delhi should not rule out contradictions between Pakistan and the terror groups it has spawned.
- Differences even among the closest of friends are natural and always offer openings to adversaries
- History tells us that movements based on ideology — either secular or religious, are especially prone to Conflicts.
- Pan-Islamist movements have quickly splintered amidst sectarian tensions in the past.
- Religious ideology has failed to build durable political coalitions within and across nations.
- Message From Panchtantra for India- try and divide your potential adversaries and strengthen your internal unity.



## 4. Environment

### 4.1. India Is Indeed Walking the Green talk (The Hindu)

Author - Sumant Narain

- Context- When it Comes to Environment, India Complies!

#### **Comparison with Other Countries when it comes to Green Commitments!**

- Examining World Bank data for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (metric tons per capita) over two decades since the Kyoto protocol informs that at the current rate, both China and the U.S. could emit five times more than India in 2030.
- The U.K.'s emission levels could be more than 1.5 times that of India.
- China remains committed to supporting the coal industry while the rest of the world experiences a decline.
- China is home to half of the world's coal capacity.
- No baseline for reducing emissions from domestic flights was fixed by the French Government on its aviation sector despite setting green conditions for the industry.
- While Stretches of Great barrier Reef are dying , Australian Government remains Non Committal towards stringent policies for Climate change.

#### **India's Stand**

- India is on track to meet and exceed the NDC commitment to achieve 40% electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based sources by 2030.
- Against the voluntary declaration for reducing the emission intensity of GDP by 20%-25% by 2020, India has reduced it by 24% between 2005-2016.
- Achieved these targets with around 2% out of the U.S.\$100 billion committed to developing nations. (Cop 15 @ Copenhagen, 2009)
- 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022 and 450 GW by 2030.
- \$26.5-billion investment in biogas and cleaner fuels, \$3.5 billion in incentives for producing efficient solar photovoltaic (PV) and advanced chemistry cell battery.
- India provided leadership for setting up the International Solar Alliance, a coalition of solar-resource-rich countries.
- India also provided leadership to Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, a partnership of governments, United Nations agencies, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and knowledge institutions.