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1. Polity & Governance

1.1.What Counts is Seldom Counted (The Hindu)

Author - S Irudaya Rajan & U.S. Mishra

- Context- Census is Not Just counting the “Uncounted”

Why is Census Significant?

- It has lot of potential in policymaking and the exercise is not merely about counting the population.
- They allow for a detailed analysis of the socio-economic issues of significance since the raw data are made available in the public domain.
- It was much significant at a time when there was no alternative way of gauging the dynamics of population change alongside its varied features like employment, education, etc.
- Demographic attributes around which the Census data are structured & offer a lot of scope for interpretation for future policy analysis.
- Engagement can be made more fascinating & the potential of census can be realised in a much better way.
- Census-based information are residence, age, gender, administrative units, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and religion

Why has The Census Lost it's Significance?

- Under-utilisation or non-utilisation of Census data has limited the role of the Census in policymaking.
- Data collected are not disseminated on time, despite the use of technology.
- Government regulates the release of the numbers based on its calculations of whether or not the Census data have the potential to harm the political agenda.
- Caste census is also imperative. But utilising census selectively for meeting political interests is a hindrance for effective affirmative action
- This once in a decade exercise has been reduced to just a count of the population is a great pity.

Way Forward

- Excessive associating caste/religion for identification and then intervening by state generates an environment of patronage. (To Play Vote Bank Politics) This Culture must be avoided.
- Counting ascribed identities like caste and religion is perhaps less progressive.



- Instead assessment of education and profession and other tangible endowments like the ownership of land, house and other consumer durables is much better.
- **Effort should be on addressing the adversity irrespective of the identity.**
- Example; Instead of Blaming certain Minorities that they have higher fertility rates, better to identify the real reason behind their socio economic exclusion.

2. Indian Agriculture

2.1. Changing The Agri Export Basket (The Hindu)

Author - Parashram Patil

- Context- Untapped Potential of Food Processing
- Indian government has been encouraging agricultural exports to meet an ambitious target of \$60bn by 2022.
- **Contribution of agricultural and processed food products in India's total exports is 11%**
- India's export earnings will increase by focusing more on value-added processed food products.
- **Indian food processing industry promises high economic growth and makes good profits**

Progress so Far

- In 2020-21, India exported 13.09 million tonnes of non-basmati rice (\$4.8bn), up from an average 6.9 million tonnes (\$2.7bn) in the previous 5 years.
- Indian buffalo meat due to its lean character and near organic nature has a lot of demand in countries like Vietnam, Hong Kong and Indonesia.
- Domestic prices of processed food products are much higher compared to the International Prices. (thereby less internal demand of Processed Indian Food)
- Main objective of Agri Export Policy should be to increase India's Export in higher value items and not just Primary Agriculture Products.
- Centre's policy should be in the direction of
 - ✓ Nurturing food processing companies
 - ✓ Ensuring low cost of production

3. Environment

3.1. Sea Level Rise is Certain (The Hindu)

Author - Sujatha Byravan

- Context- Impact on Coastal Communities

Concerns-

- The average global temperature is already 1.09°C higher than preindustrial levels
- CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere is currently 410 ppm compared to 285 ppm in 1850.
- Close to 700 million people worldwide live along the coast and there continue to be plans to expand coastal cities.
- Sea level rise will continue after emissions no longer increase, because oceans respond slowly to warming.
- Sea level rise occurs mainly due to the expansion of warm ocean waters, melting of glaciers on land, and the melting of ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica.
- The average rate of sea level rise was 1.3 mm/year (1901-1971) and rose to 3.7 mm/year (2006-2018).

How will this impact the Coastal Cities in India?

- Communities along the coast in India are vulnerable to sea level rise and storms, which will become more intense and frequent.
- Even if less than a metre sea level rise by 2100 is the likely scenario, we have another 60-80 years to continue developing infrastructure along the coasts
- Presently there is lack of knowledge and inability to run models, hence accuracy is much needed.
- Adaptation to sea level rise must include a range of measures, along with coastal regulation, which should be stricter.
- Coastal communities should be alerted in advance and protected during severe weather event.

4. International Relations

4.1. The Perfect Coalition For America (Indian Express)

Author - Tanvi Madan

- Context- QUAD is the perfect recipe for Indo Pacific.

Benefits of QUAD

- The coalition fits with the president's desire to see democracies try to deliver, and the administration's broader foreign policy approach emphasising alliances and partnerships.
- **Alliance a part of building up a “position of strength”**
- Like Trump, Biden officials envisioned a significant role for non-ally India in their strategy for the region.
- **Not a “China First” Approach but an Indo Pacific or Asia First Approach.**
- **Adoption of flexible multilateralism-** bilateral alliances and partnerships, as well as regional and international organisations are necessary but insufficient mechanisms to deal with today's challenges.
- **QUAD will ensure a Rules based world order in Indo Pacific.**

Essential Engagements in QUAD

- **Combating Covid and climate change, enhancing regional connectivity, and fuelling innovation.**
- The 4 countries & their Navies will engage with each other in several Exercises. (MALABAR)
- Commitment to have Joint Vaccine Production for needy Indo pacific Countries by 2022.
- **The charter of the Grouping does not mention the C word (China) in any way as it wants to portray as an alliance of like minded democracies going beyond the Chinese narrative.**
- However it is implicit with evolving US foreign policy that for them China's rise & aggression is to be kept under Control by forming alliances like QUAD.

4.2. Improving The Economic Game (The Hindu)

Author - Chandrajit Banerjee

- Context- Economic Integration Of QUAD
- For India, each of the other three countries is a strategic partner, and bilateral and multilateral initiatives have been taken across multiple areas.
- India's total trade with the three Quad partners was over \$108 billion in 2020-21, accounting for almost **16% of its total merchandise exports and imports.**



- U.S. is India's second largest source of foreign direct investments, while Japan has a notable footprint in India's major infrastructure project.
- Participants of Quad must activate business partnerships to align economic and strategic objectives.

Way Forward- (For Comprehensive Engagement)

- **Trade & Investment** -Establish alternative manufacturing hubs and make regional supply chains more diversified.
- **India must become the natural choice for investment post covid and must ensure that it has a facilitating investment climate.**
- Innovative financing and public-private partnership models can enlarge the space for private industry and support public funds in the endeavour
- Green infrastructure creation must be built into the template.
- **Cooperation on multiple dimensions of the climate challenge is proposed, including finance, emissions reduction, technology and capacity-building.**