

and Hunger, Issues in them, Possible Solutions - Food Nutrition - Nutrition Security - M S Swaminathan's Views.

Topic 15: Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizen charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.

Key concepts: Governance - Concept-Evolution in India, Important aspects -Transparency - Accountability - Current Scenario -Measures by Central and State Government - Good Governance - E-governance - Steps taken by Government for e-governance penetration - limitation of e-governance-Direct Benefit Transfer - Lokpal - Ease of Doing Business - Corruption perception - Citizen Charter - Social Audit - Corporate Governance - Whistleblower Protection Act - Media - Independence - Corporate Ownership of Media - Paid News - Yellow Journalism - Fake News - Challenge to Good Governance - Prevention of Corruption in Civil Service

Topic 16: Role of civil services in a democracy.

Key concepts: Civil Service - Historical Background - Colonial Hangover - Role in Development - Failure at Poverty Alleviation - Committed Bureaucracy - Reforms - Corruption in Civil Service - Article 311

Topic 17: India and its neighborhood- relations.

Key concepts: Prevention of Corruption in Civil Service - Nehru's Foreign policy - Non Aligned Movement - Panchsheel - Idealism - Indira Gandhi [1966 - 1984] - Era of Realism - India's Monroe Doctrine - Policy of Coalition Era[1985-2003] - Gujaral Doctrine - Neighbourhood first policy, Look East to Act East policy, Connect Central Asia policy - Look West Policy - SAGAR - India's Relationship with its neighboring countries - Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Sri-Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar, Bangladesh - Afghan Peace Process - Increasing Role of Foreign Policy in Domestic Politics - India's Soft and Hard Power - India West Asia Relations - Indian Ocean Region - Challenges and Opportunities

Topic 18: Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.

Key concepts: SAARC vs BIMSTEC, BRICS, Afro-India Relations, SCO, ASEAN, Resurgence of Non-Aligned Movement - Connectivity Initiatives - Ashgabat Agreement - Chabahar - Peace Pipeline - Arctic Council - Non Proliferation Policy - Wassenaar Agreement, Australian Group, MTCR, NSG, NPT - FIPIC Countries - CMLV Countries and India - Arctic Council