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The country is paying for the government's unscientific attitudes (Indian Express, GS-2, Polity, Government policy)

Context:- Government of India's apathy towards the public by ignoring the sign of rage of corona and indication plus warnings of scientists on the spread of corona were largely ignored. Government was celebrating Kumbh mela, election in West Bengal which created further havoc in the country. This shows government inability plus nonscientific attitude.

Unscientific gesture from the Indian government

- lack of scientific temper among senior functionaries
- Ministers have claimed the use of in-vitro fertilisation techniques and plastic surgery in ancient times.
- a minister in charge of education had objected to the theory of evolution
- lack of scientific temper — indeed, a definite anti-science attitude
- minister promotes astrology as a science

Many people on the social media is saying that this is due to the 5G technology introduction. This technology is depleting the oxygen level in the atmosphere.

Constitutional angle:-

- Fundamental duties talks about inculcating the scientific temper
- DPSP also talks about science and environment
- It is also the duty of every indian that we should excel towards science

What is the issue:-

- Issue is in creating an atmosphere which provides opportunity to excel in the science
- So as the king, as is the follower.
- Degradation of science in india
- People educate towards science for job but not to fight the social evil.

Stormy start (GS-3, Disaster management, The Hindu)

Context:- Disaster which is an extreme form of any crisis is going on the western coast of India, where tautake hit.

What is a cyclone

- A cyclone is any low-pressure area with a high pressure area around it and with winds spiralling inwards.
- It rotates anti-clockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and rotates clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Types of Cyclone:-
 - Tropical cyclone.
 - Extratropical cyclones.
- Condition of formation:

- Large sea surface with a temperature higher than 27° C.
 - Presence of the Coriolis force so that cyclones can be formed.
 - Small differences in the vertical wind speed to create speed.
 - A pre-existing weak- low-pressure area or low-level-cyclonic circulation.
 - Upper divergence above the sea level system.
- Why cyclone formation is so frequent now a days
 - Change in the weather pattern around the globe
 - Climate change
 - Increase in the sea surface temperature.
 - Frequent change in the land use pattern
 - Cause of clogging of drainage crises become a catastrophe.

How India tackles the disaster

- Disaster management act 2005
 - It creates national and state level bodies with chairmen PM and CM
 - it has people participatory approach.
 - it operates on bottom up approach.
 - it tackles, from the beginning and also focus on retrofitting.

POLYCENTRIC WORLD ORDER AND BRICS

GS PAPER- 2, International Relations

Source- THE HINDU

Context

Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa are the members of BRICS. BRICS countries together account for 42% of the world's population, a third of the global GDP and around 17% share of world trade. BRICS countries' sizable contribution to global growth, trade and investment makes it an important pillar of global order.

The significance of the BRICS can be seen in following points-

- Various institutions introduced by BRICS like New Development Bank, BRICS Contingency Reserve etc are providing viable alternatives in global economic governance.
- With the withdrawal of US from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and Iran deal has posed a great security threat to global peace, In this context BRICS can play a vital role to fill the gap
- The BRICS contribution to world poverty reduction has been sizeable
- It provides a platform for the major developing countries to arrive at workable solutions to achieve sustainable development and counter the harmful impacts of global warming.

Way Forward

Hence, as the success achieved by BRICS in a short span of time it is seen that BRICS can contribute significantly in maintaining international stability, ensuring global economic growth and becoming a united centre of the multi-polar world

-Khyati Khare

Malerkotla

GS PAPER-2, GOVERNANCE

SOURCE-

THE HINDU

Context-

Punjab announced on Eid that only muslim dominated town and the former princely State of Punjab Malerkotla would be the 23rd district of the state

history of Malerkotla-

- Malerkotla was founded by the 15th century sufi saint Sheikh Sadruddin Sadr i Jahan also known as Haider Sheikh.
- The initial beginning were humble with Maler which was bestowed by the Behlol Lodhi to the Sheikh whose lineage too was Afghan As was Lodhi and they were said to be distantly related
- Kotla meaning fortress was added later in the 17th century with a collection of villages which formed a Jagir which was awarded to the Baizaad e Khan a descendant of Haider Sheikh by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan

How are new districts carved –

- The power to create new district or existing district rest with the state government
- The state government request is sent to other departments and agencies such as Ministry of earth sciences, Intelligence Bureau, department of post, Ministry of Railways for seeking clearance
- No obligation certificate may be issued after examining their replies

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Restructuring the Tribunal system

(GS PAPER-2, TRIBUNALS

Source- Livemint)

Context:

Tribunal reforms Ordinance 2021 promulgated by the president have been challenged in the supreme court.

key points:

- Ordinance seeks to dissolve certain existing appellate bodies and transfer their functions to other existing judicial bodies
- It abolished several tribunals such as film certification appellate Tribunal without any stakeholder consultation
- Despite the supreme court direction in Roja Mathew versus South Indian Bank no judicial impact assessment was conducted prior to abolishing the tribunal through this ordinance
- The ordinance has also fixed a four year tenure for chairperson and members of tribunals
- It has disregarded the court direction for fixing a 5 year term for chairperson and members
- **The Centre has also not constituted the National tribunal Commission as proposed by the supreme court**

National Tribunal Commission:

- The idea of a National Commission was first noted in L. Chandra Kumar versus Union of India case 1997

Commission will act as an independent umbrella body to-

- To supervise the functioning of tribunals, appointment of and disciplinary proceedings against members
- Take care of Administrative and infrastructural needs of the Tribunals

- Providing support services to tribunal members, litigants and their lawyers

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The czar of brinkmanship must seek peace (The Hindu, International Relations, GS-2)

Context:- The recent stand-off between Russia and Ukraine is again capturing headlines in the international news media. This time Russia is piling up the army in west Asia near to the Ukraine border, therefore Ukraine is apprehensive again about the conflict.

- History
 - Ukraine was the part of soviet, due to the disintegration ukraine became independent and in 2014 ukraine's black sea portion was annexed
- Now what is the issue:-
 - Issue is that russia is piling up forces on the western border, this is creating an apprehension in the ukraine
 - Ukraine is not the member of NATO organisation but still ukraine was called for the security dialogue which further created a rift in ukraine and russia
 - Russia thinks that she can be invaded by NATO forces and due to this she is flexing her muscles.
- Rift in west asia
 - Now Hamas strikes on Israel and Israel retaliates on it with full force.
 - Iran seems to support hamas and USA seems to support israel.
 - Russia inarguably will support to hamas.

- Turkey which is a bluffing partner is now with HAMAS and this is creating a new rift
- Turkey which seems along with Russia in the new adventure is on the side of UKRAINE.

Tracking the pandemic's rural march (The Hindu, GS-2, Governance, Health)

Context:- Pandemic's initial wave led to a mass exodus of migrant laborers from cities towards rural India because rural areas will not let them sleep with empty stomachs.

Why this time rural India is in the critical stage:-

- only 29% of specialists were present in the community health centres in Uttar Pradesh
- Bihar reported the highest shortage in availability of sub centres, at 58%, followed by Jharkhand
- primary health care centres which is also known as PHCs, are 73% for Jharkhand, 58% for West Bengal, 53% for Bihar and 51% for Uttar Pradesh.
- Mass gathering in rural areas
- Issue of worst governance
- A feeling of neglect.
- steps were not taken to contain the spread along with augmenting the rural health infrastructure
- West Bengal:- Election time; no precautions such as social distancing in place

Issue of Miss governance:-

- When people are asking for their rights in the health sector, the government of Uttar Pradesh is threatening them with legal action.
- When Allahabad High Court intervenes, the government of Uttar Pradesh went to the Supreme Court, showing arrogance of government.
- Government is reporting less cases that show complacency.
- Rather than increasing health infrastructure, government is talking about publicity.

What is the way forward in the current circumstances?

- A comprehensive testing with contract tracing
- Providing health care to the neglected
- A control on exorbitant prices in private hospitals
- People are the end in themselves.

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