

Mains PYQs - GS-1 (2025) (Q. 19, 20)

19. Achieving sustainable growth with emphasis on environmental protection could come into conflict with poor people's needs in a country like India - Comment. (250 words, 15 marks) (2025)

Direction: Intro----Conflict & Support-----Conclusion.

Introduction:

Give a definition of sustainable growth (or) Start by mentioning some data like the multidimensional poverty index, etc.

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 KEY FEATURES 		
FEATURE	REQUIREMENT	
	Cold storage	Maintain 4°C–8°C temperature
	Minimum capacity	Storage for at least 4 bodies
	Body segregation	MLC and non-MLC bodies must be stored separately
	Body identification	Each body gets a unique serial number , linked to its storage cabin
	Location	Mortuary must be on the ground floor
	Basement ban	No morgues in basements
	Waste-area ban	Cannot be near hospital refuse/dumping areas
	Entry points	Dedicated and segregated entrances for movement of bodies
	Site requirements	Adequate lighting, ventilation and isolation
	Hospital location	Preferably at one end or slightly away from the main hospital building
	Staffing	Linked to the annual number of autopsies
	Up to 100 autopsies/year	2 doctors, 2 post-mortem technicians, 2 assistants + support staff
	Additional workload	For every additional 100 autopsies: 1 doctor + 1 technician + 1 assistant
	Photographer	Official photographer listed as desirable

Main Body

Environmental protection - conflict with poor people's needs

- Displacement of people due to conservation and development projects.
- Ban on traditional activities - Shifting agriculture, etc.
- High cost of green alternatives & Environment compliances - EVs, organic foods, GRAP mandates, etc.
- Loss of jobs in traditional industries - Tanneries, brick kilns.
- Issues in agriculture - Fertilisers, transition to climate-smart agriculture, etc.

Environment protection support for poor

- Ecotourism as an income source
- Health benefits through pollution control

- Affordable clean energy - Ujjwala Yojana, KUSUM Scheme, etc.
- Green Jobs in renewable industries.
- Sustainable food products lead to food security.
- Circular economy - Waste to wealth model.

Conclusion:

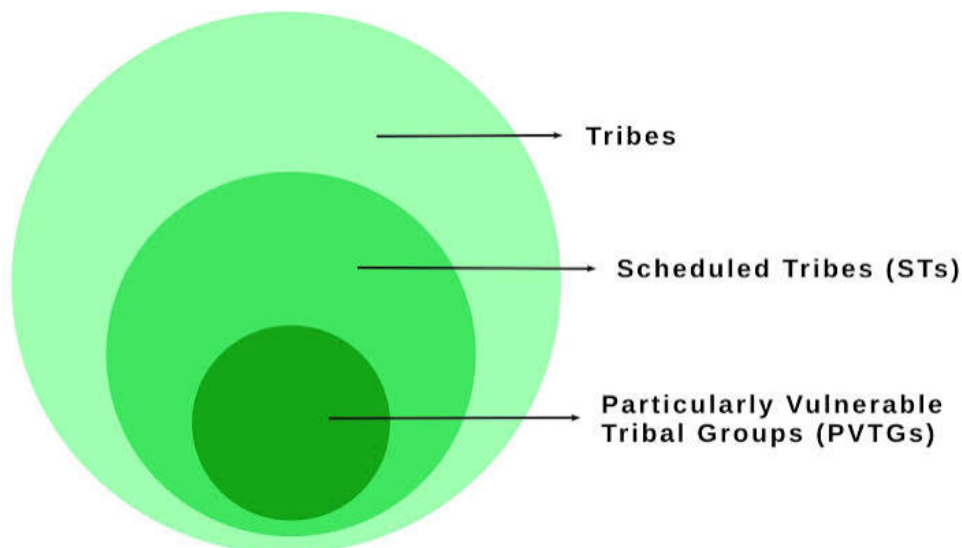
Conclude with a neutral note, like sustainable growth in society needs a balanced growth of ecology, economy and society. Suggest some way forwards & interlink that will further lead India into a growth path.

20. Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? Give your opinion. (250 words, 15 marks) (2025)

Direction: Intro---Displacement & Rehabilitation---Conclusion.

Introduction:

Give a brief introduction about tribal people in India & mention data about the tribal population in India. (or) Start like tribals and forests are inseparable, whereas for development the govt exploits resources, leading to displacement of tribals, and so on.



Main Body

Centred around displacement and rehabilitation

Displacement

- Industrialisation
- Development projects & Dams - Irrigation projects, Hydropower projects, road construction, etc.

- Mining – Extraction of coal, mineral ores, oils, etc.
- Environment protection laws & Conservation – National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Forest Acts, etc.
- Insurgency & Left wing extremism
- Urban Expansion

Rehabilitation

- Essential Infrastructure development – Housing, health, education, etc. Eg. Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
- Compensation – Land for land compensation, etc.
- Employment & Skill Development – National Skill Development Mission, PM Janjatiya Vikas Mission.
- Constitutional Safeguards – 5 & 6 th Schedules.

Goes beyond displacement and rehabilitation

- Education – Eklavya Model Residential Schools
- Health – Tribal Health Mission.
- Political – 73rd Amendment Act & PESA, reservation of seats for STs, etc.
- Community-led development & Ecotourism.
- Cultural Preservation – 8th Schedule languages, Warli paintings, etc.
- Other socio-welfare measures – Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana, TRIFED, etc.

Conclusion:

Conclude with the neutral manner, like both displacement & rehabilitation are needed for the development of the country (or) need a multidimensional approach for the empowerment of tribals, etc.