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The country needs a comprehensive law for strict population control? Or you agree with this view? comment?

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In a recent report published by United Nations said that India will surpass China by end of 2023 to become world's most populous country. However some consider that India's slow rate of growth & development is associated with its large population.

Since independence 35 times draft relating to control of population has been put forward but it has never been passed by legislature. Reasons for not passing such bill can be attributed to appease the voters, debate over people's fundamental right & extent to which state can intervene in it; reluctance shown by legislators & public's response at large.

During independence the total fertility rate was 5.9% however it dropped to 2.0 in 2021 as per report given by national family health survey.



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Quite clearly India has been able to control its population without having a legislation for it.

China despite having huge population is able to grow very rapidly & reason for this could be attributed to their investment in human capital.

Despite forced population control measures adopted by China since 1980's it has not been able to control demographic dividend.

Therefore; India does not require a legislation regarding population control rather it requires investment & development of better healthcare facilities, education & skill development.

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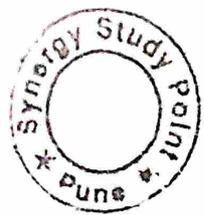
ans. mahatma gandhi national rural employment scheme was launched in 2005 to provide for minimum 100 days of wage employment to those who are willing to contribute unskilled labour.

This was in line with directive principle of state policy ensuring right to work as per Indian constitution.

Major issue with this has been devolution of funds from centre to states which ultimately is cause for delay in payments to workers.

However, the activities to be done for applying MGNREGS scheme has clearly been specified in the act. There is always confusion whether to consider a particular work in ambit of scheme or not.

Poor capacity, literacy rates, awareness & experience are the hurdles which



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actually impedes the work. However candidate's argument regarding delay in providing funds is procedural & even compliance of act in certain specific activities,

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On the right of this argument of few funds are being misused & does not reach to needy person which actually defeats the very purpose of the act.

However; center needs to evolve the scheme over a period of time with social auditing, awareness among rural people, providing institutional support to such schemes because the scheme was worked smoothly during the period of covid. therefore center & state should come together to evolve such procedures to avoid bottlenecks present in the system & work in the spirit of constitution.



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Q6

Explain the efforts that could help in control stubble burning along with environmental pollution in the country?

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Stubble burning can be defined as burning of agricultural waste for clearing fields after the harvest of grains like paddy & wheat for next sowing season.

Stubble is actually agricultural waste which is left when crops are harvested by edge machines like harvesters & threshers.

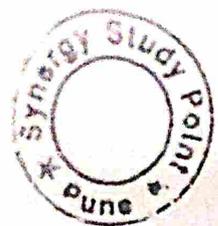
As these stubble are burnt it causes pollution, emission of green house gases which increase global warming & further aggravates climate change crisis.

This burning causes severe air pollution during winters in Delhi & NCR region.

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1) There can be a lot of ways but most prominent one are sustainable agricultural practices that not only reduce the effect of global warming but also improve soil health quality as well.

A). Zero tillage farming: in this technique soil is not tilled so



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that organic matter & moisture
remains intact.

B. **BUSA COMPOSTER**: it is a technique
by which stubble can be converted
to organic manure.

C. **Sustainable seed varieties**: seed varieties
such as **BUSA Basmati** can be used
which have a less gestation period.

D. **Biogas plant**: organic decomposition
of stubble will generate energy.

Therefore; sustainable agricultural
practices along with awareness
among farmers, demand of working
will certainly bring gradual
change.

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Analyse India's export regime in context of ~~shrinking~~^{sliding} global demand?

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COVID-19 crisis & Russia-Ukraine war has certainly stressed the global supply chain networks which have resulted into reduced industrial output, reduced demand, migration of people, unemployment & energy crisis in various parts of the world.

India due to its demographic dividend, diversified imports & exports & strategic foreign policy was able to sail smoothly during tough times.

However road ahead is not going to be easy given sanctions imposed by western world on Russia, escalating Chinese assertiveness & global uncertainties.

In order to (sliding global demand) push economy further India needs to raise demand domestically by expenditure on infrastructure, health, education, skill development which will generate employment.



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4 That will promote domestic demand which will increase industrial output. Therefore govt. spending on road, highway, internet service, health, education has to be increased.

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