

# UPSC

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2. In recent years there has been persistent decline in poverty in the country. Do you agree with this view? comment.

First major dent in the poverty in India was in 1960s. Last major poverty estimation was by planning commission in 2011-12. Problem is with lack of consumer expenditure survey for subsequent years, which is a crucial survey for poverty analysis.

Poverty estimation in India.

NSSO's - consumer expenditure survey 2017-18 was the recent effort for poverty estimation, but was rejected due to deficiencies. The leaked data shows that consumer consumption has declined from 2011-12 onwards.

Other side of poverty analysis

Bhalla et al in an Article 'Rethink poverty and policy' showed India is <sup>experienced</sup> ~~one~~ of inclusive growth from 2014-2019.

The presentation of National Council for Applied Economic Research draft paper of IMF working paper - come to a conclusion that poverty has declined in India between 2011-12 and 2017-18/2019-2020. In their analysis on 'pandemic, poverty & inequality' - evidence of India's growth.

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Apart from that NFHS data from 2005-06, 2015, 2020 shows, multidimensional poverty has declined with Compound Annual Growth Rate of 4.8% in phase-1 and 10.3% in phase-2. nutritional deprivation has also declined with Compound Annual Growth Rate of 11.6%.

Reasons for such decline:

Governments targetted fiscal policy infusion into variables like cooking clean fuel, sanitation etc.

eg: 1. Swachh bhagat mission - toilet facility to over 110 million

2. cooking fuel through ujwala scheme. Affordable cooking fuel declined the poverty from 26% to 14% in just 5 years

3. Awas yojana - Affordable housing - lead to decline to less than 14% which is thrice before 2014.

way forward

Decline in poverty has been evident in India even before 2014, but after that ~~that~~ the pace has be evident more, china has not made its poverty data available to world bank. while India has made NFHS data available, there is no debate ~~that~~ because there is a definite decline in poverty