

② The policy priority with respect to population needs to focused on augmentation of the quality of life?

Introduction - ^{population} world prospects

report 2022 forecasts India becoming populous country surpassing CHN and expected to reach 150 crore by 2030 where 17% of world's population lives in IND.

Concerns on population explosion

India is at the 3rd stage of demographic transition & expecting a slow growth rate due to decline in fertility rate of mortality.

① The current growth of population [2%] is expected to fall by 1% by 2025.

↳ But even after falling growth rate the population is expected to reach stability only after 2064 as still some states - ~~JK~~ Jharkhand, UP, Bihar experiencing 2.2 rate of fertility.

② High illiteracy rate, rampant child marriage, high under-5 mortality rate & low usage of contraceptives still affecting the efforts to bring down population.

→ majority of women doesn't have economic or decisive say in their lives

③ India will have one of the largest working age population globally as it has grown from 50% to 65%.

→ many obstacles are present to harness this demographic transition due to [lack of skills, absence of women in employment, no quality of education]

④ Male dominant sex ratios another concern

(i.e) 2011 - 943 females to 1000 males
2022 - 950 females to 1000 males

Though (↑) it faces several challenges from [marriage squeeze, eventual bride purchase]

⑤ 62% of deaths in India is due to [NCD] & share of NCD almost doubled since 1990's.

— more than a quarter of global deaths is due to Pollution is a worst way of living

steps needs to be taken

→ Implement NEP, 2020 to improve the skills of youth which could lead them to employment.

→ without ameliorating status of women in society, only lopsided growth is achievable.

→ [PMKVY] programmes should be strengthened.

→ focus of action should be on extensive investment in human capital on older age population & on healthy population ageing.

Conclusion - Thus instead focusing on population control measures or augmentation of the quality of life should be the priority.