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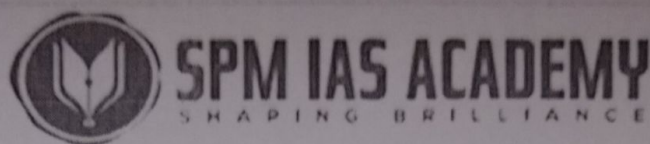
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1 critically analyse the gandhi's ideology of nonviolence influence on the directions of the Indian independence movement?

'Non violence is the weapon of strong'
— a prominent saying propounded by
M.K. Gandhi : His ideology of non violence
influenced the Indian independence movement
for a large extent.

Instances of nonviolence ideology
of Gandhiji on the direction of Independence

① To increase popularity of mass struggle.

(1.1) helped masses to understand
unity against British.

(1.2) To sensitize masses.

② Creation of all India movements

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(2.1) movement like non cooperation,
civil disobedience, satyagraha etc. were
based on gandhi's nonviolent ideology.

② Increase participation of women, labours
etc.

(3.1) nonviolent ideology led to increase
in participation of women in freedom struggle.

Despite these benefits, many argues
that nonviolent ideology had some faults
such as —

- ① Increase british cruelty on masses.
- ② Took longer time for gaining independence.
- ③ No major changes or steps taken
by british after ~~non~~ struggles like
non cooperation.

Although, non violent ideology of gandhi
along with combining efforts of ~~with~~ other
freedom fighters led to gain India its freedom.

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2. Examine the importance of regional movements in relation to India's struggle for freedom.

Indian struggle for freedom was a complex phenomenon in which numerous players played their major role. Along with multiple efforts of freedom fighters regional movements also played a prominent role.

The importance of regional movements in relation to India's struggle for freedom

- ① mass participation of locals:—

Regional movements such as mapilla rebellion, munda revolt etc increased participation of all strata.

- ② women participation increase

Regional movements such as in Assam

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where women fighters such as Kankalata, Bingerwati phukanani etc. played major role.

③ To increase awareness and sensitive Indian against british, regional movements played an important role.

④ Birth of middle class intelligentsia

Regional movements led to the birth of middle class intelligentsia such as regional movements in assam like zorhat sarvagandhi sabla, Assam association movements etc led to birth of prominent freedom fighters such as gopinath Bordoloi, NC Bordoloi etc.

Thus, in relation to regional freedom struggle Regional movements played a significant role.

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3. What were the key factors that fueled the demand for a separate state among adivasis in the region of Khassan prior to the Khassan massacre on Jan: 1, 1948.

Khassan province which is currently in Jharkhand was one the facet of tribal movements in India history.

The key factors that fueled the demand for a separate state :-

① Discontentment among tribals or adivasis was one of the factors.

② Underdevelopment of the region
Increase in poverty as well as other issues led to the demand of state.

③ Fear of loss of culture and distinctiveness
Adivasis increasing fear against the

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less of distinctiveness and led to the demand of state.

④ Stress on resources and forest
land - Increase in stress also led to discontentment among administrators.

Due to these causes along with socio-economic - as well as political causes, the Jharkhand massacre occurred on Jan 1, 1948.

Impact and consequences of the massacre -

- ① loss of human lives,
- ② loss of property and wildlife.
- ③ hampered law and order situation of the area.

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Q. Elucidate the role of ocean currents in influencing global climate patterns and their impact on marine ecosystems.

70% of world surface is covered with ocean water which plays important role in influencing climate patterns.

Out of many factors, ocean currents plays imp significant role in influencing global climate pattern.

① Fishing grounds near kuroshio and
onshore currents.

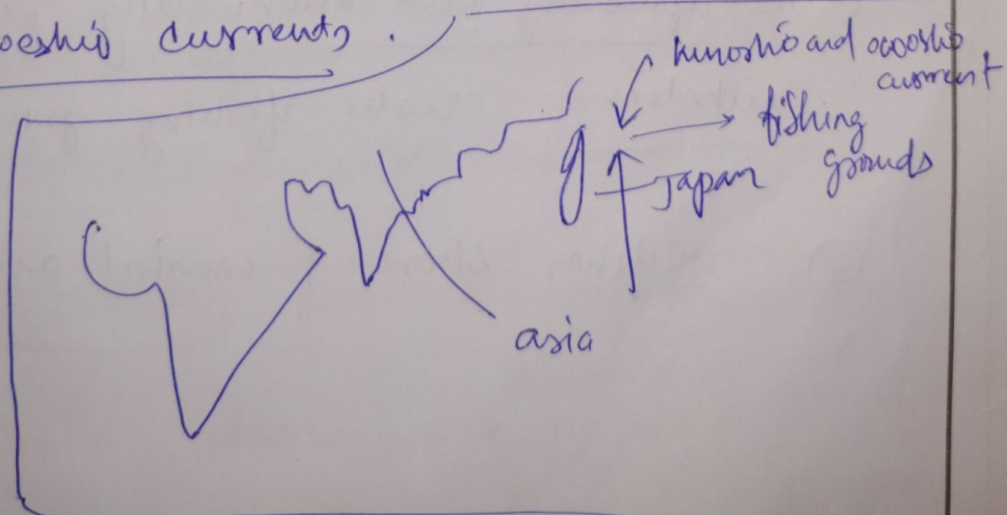
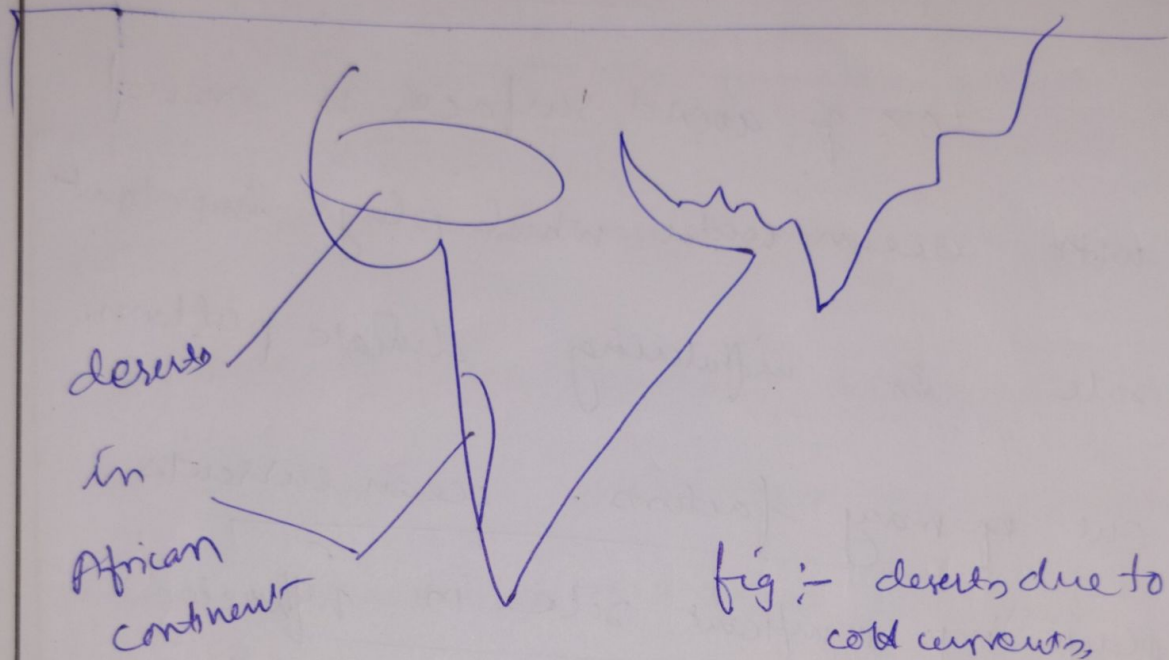


Fig. fishing ground near japan.

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② deserts due to ocean currents
specially cold ocean currents



~~to~~
ocean currents have impacts on
marine system such as -

- ① upwelling and downwelling of
nutrients creates fishing grounds.
- ② defines shores of coastal areas.

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5. In the light of the supreme court's recent ruling, do you believe that legal recognition of environmental rights is an effective tool for combating climate change? justify your answer with examples.

Indian constitution through its article 48A mandate state for acts in the directions of environmental protection.

In view of these, recent supreme court's ruling regarding the recognition of environmental rights can play a effective role for combating climate change such as. —

- ① [generating awareness] regarding efforts towards environment protection.
Such as, mission life (life style for environment).

② Punishment to the wrong doers.

Legal backing can increase and make efficient the penalty system

③ Campa fund can be more effectively used if ~~it~~ environmental rights are given legal backing.

④ Increase speed of climate change efforts. — For eg panchamti strategy and LTLED strategy can be more rapidly implemented and achieved if legal backing is there.

Despite there are socio-economic issues are there it in poverty ridden India which is need of the hour, while simultaneously working for climate change efforts for combating it.

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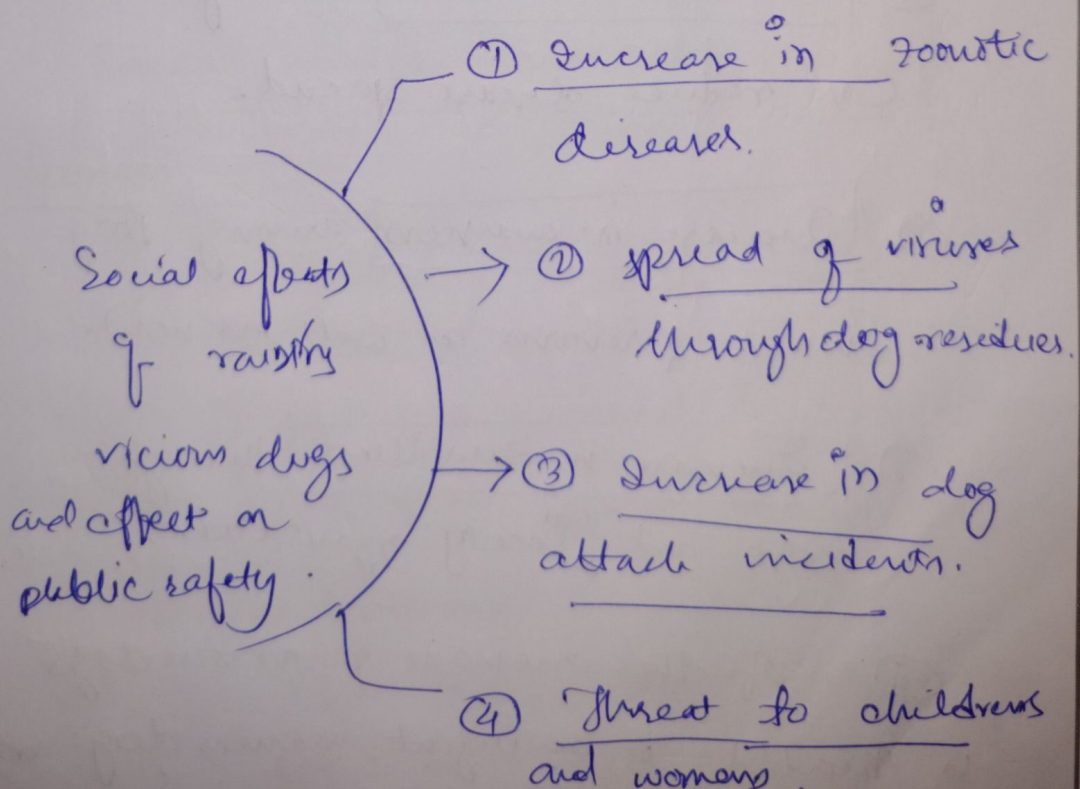
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6. Talk about the social effects of raising vicious dogs in city neighborhoods. Examine how these behaviours affect public safety and the relationship between people and animals. Make suggestions for mitigating the negative effects.

Dogs are the most loyal friend as termed by many researchers.

But raising vicious dogs in city neighborhoods can have many social effects.



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other social effects such as -

- ⑤ discontent generate against animal rights.
- ⑥ Deterioration of man animal relation.

For eg - many people have dogs as pets. may reduce.

There are few suggestions which can be taken such as -

- ① Vaccination drive in large extent can reduce disease spread.
- ② Increase in awareness among dog owners previous as well as new.
- ③ Increase in surveillance through ngo and ^{civil} society organisation.
- ④ If the menace of vicious dogs is treated in an urgent manner dog and human conflict can be reduced.

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7. Exemplify the role of social media in both exacerbating and mitigating regional tensions in contemporary India.

Social media which is often termed as 'double edge sword' includes social networking sites such as facebook, whatsapp, twitter (now X), instagram etc. can play major role in exacerbating and mitigating regional tensions in India.

Social media exacerbating regional tensions :-

① Spreading of fake news

Fake news spread through social media can play major role in increasing regional tensions,

such as — during covid many fake news acts as hurdle in

Vaccination drive

- ② Reducing Trust on media Certain news through social media hampers the trust of people in media which is also known as 'fourth pillar of democracy'.

- ③ Domino effect of social media sites.

Despite these challenges of social media, it can have potential to mitigate ~~social~~ regional tensions. Such as —

role of social media in mitigating regional tensions

- ④ reducing stereotypes

- ① Increase in awareness regarding government schemes.

- ② Knowledge sharing through social media

- ③ Platform for creativity

eg - many artisan and painters gained popularity through youtube, facebook etc.

The social media can play a significant role in mitigating regional tensions if consistently used.

8. "Discuss the causes and consequences of feminization of poverty in India."

As per global gender gap report published by World Economic Forum India stands at 135 rank out of 146 countries in 2022 report, and its evident that feminization of poverty has hampered India's growth in all aspects.

(Causes of feminization of poverty)

① Low labour force participation of female :-

As per World Bank female labour force participation of India is only 25%, whereas at global level average is 47%.

② Lack of opportunity for women

└ job opportunity low due to
 low skill.
└ low education level and
 enrollment low.

Due to these causes, numerous
consequences can be seen due because of
feminization of poverty. such as —

Consequences of
feminization of poverty

① Low Human Development
Index —

as per UNDP.

HDI rank of India
is 123th out of
167. country (2023).

② Hampering economic participation

③ Increasing dependency of women
to their counterparts. leading
to domestic violence at home,
abuse at office etc.

Efforts like mission Shakti, Beti Bachao etc can reduce.

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7. Discuss the sociocultural factors contributing to the higher incidence of suicide among young girls and women in India. What measures can be taken to address these deeply ingrained issues?

Suicide has become one of the factors contributing to socio-cultural deterioration of Indian society.

Factors contributing to higher incidence of suicide among young girls and women:

① Pressure for marriage at early age for girls has become a significant reason for suicide.

② Job pressure by family has played a major factor

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for young boys girls.

③ Mental issues during study
also one of the reason.

④ Low level of knowledge and
awareness among young girls.

To prevent the menace of suicide
of young girls and women some measures
can be taken such as —

① Mental issues prevention workshops

② Motivation and inspirations generation

③ increase awareness among parents
for supporting their children

④ Providing welfare scheme through
monetary help.

for eg — Sukanya Samriddhi,
in Assam night moira, sukadai etc.

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10. Analyse the difficulties that Indian consumers with disabilities encounter when attempting to obtain goods and services. What legislative and policy actions are required to successfully address these issues?

Disability is defined as the inability of someone to reach their maximum potential as human and live like a normal human in society. Today Indian consumers face many issues while attempting to obtain goods and services.

Difficulty faced by consumers with diff disability such as —

① Poor level of infrastructure

↳ ①.1 no proper lift system.

①.2 no elevator for disable person.

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- ① Discrimination faced by disabled is acts as hindrance.
- ② Stereotypes associated with disability.
- ③ Lack of awareness and sensitivity among sellers plays as ~~the~~ hindrance for consumers.
- ④ Lack of availability of products compatible for disabled.

To address these issues successfully certain measures can be taken —

- ① Legislative → ①.1 Implementation of right to persons with disabilities act 2017 properly.
- ①.2 Bring legal provisions for consumers with disabilities.
- ② Policy Action → ②.1 To increase availability of products.
- ②.2 To generate awareness and reduce stereotypes.

11. Explore the impact of mughal art and culture on Indian Society in context of literature, music and painting.

Mughal era has played an immense role in numerous facets including development of Indian society through its impacts from mughal arts and painting and music.

Impact of mughal art and culture on Indian Society :-

① Development of local artisans

↳ mughal art played imminent role increasing creativity of local artisans.

② → development of art and cultural monuments.

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→ numerous motives defined the nature of Indian society.

for eg - depiction of village life through paintings.

② Development of music

↳ For eg - Kaval, Sufism etc have led to popularise the music of local artisan.

↳ musical instruments developed during Mughal era depicts social life.

↳ helped Indians to convey their inner feelings through music.

④ Zenith of Mughal art during Jahangir

↳ Jahangir's interest on paintings depicted social life of Indian society at that time.

Thus Mughal art and culture have impacted Indian society through its paintings, music as well as literature.

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12. Discuss the impact of world war I on the British India while critically elaborating the responses of Indian leaders to the conflict?

World war I which was started in the year of 1914 played an important role greatly consciousness among Indians.

(Impacts of WWI on British India)

① (Generate political awareness) ~~was~~

↳ WWI helped Indians to generate political awareness which was evident in later movements on freedom struggle.

② (Increase say of Indians) on policy and administration of British.

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③ Helped in non cooperation movement

WWI helped to generate awareness and made non cooperation movement strong.

④ Helped to merge ^{non} cooperation movement
with khilafat-movement

⑤ Helped in gaining momentum of freedom struggle.

⑥ Shake british supremacy

WWI shake the mid of british supremacy.

due to these impacts Indian leaders responded to the conflict in following way -

① Gandhiji urged for non cooperation

→ merging it with khilafat movement.

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② Showed a path for freedom struggle

As a response, freedom struggle leaders paved a way for India's freedom struggle for later years.

Though the impact of WWI was partially successful but it increased the possibility of India's freedom through later time following other all India movements such as civil disobedience movement, Quit India movement etc.

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13. Assess the preparedness of Assam dealing with the predicted hotter summers and longer heatwaves in terms of water stress management.

Heatwave is simply refers to the phenomenon of extreme heat conditions in a particular area where normal temperature is 5° Celsius higher than the average.

Recently hotter summers and longer heatwaves has become one of the significant causing for water stress in various cities of Assam.

Preparedness of Assam dealing with
hotter summers :-

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① State disaster management protocols
in line with disaster management
act 2005.

② SDRF and NDRF personnel for
intense heatwave conditions.

③ Increasing urban reservoir of
water.

For eg - Am Sarovar scheme
of ~~govt~~ Indian government.

Despite there are numerous measures
can be taken to reduce water stress
in cities. such as —

① Increase awareness while
sustainably using water.

② SDG goal no 12 which
mandate for sustainable consumption
and responsible citizen.

③ Focus on preserving of water to reduce water stress.

Though water stress management is impediment for India's growth in general and Assam ~~as~~ in particular.

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14.

Explicate the strategic and political circumstances leading upto operation polo. Discuss its contemporary relevance in the context of national integration and security in India.

After the India's independence in ~~14~~ 15 August 1947, India's faced the issue regarding its national integration and security where Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played an immense role.

Strategic and political circumstances

① Two Nation Theory led to violence among people of both the country India and Pakistan.

② Nearly 550+ princely states at

that time.

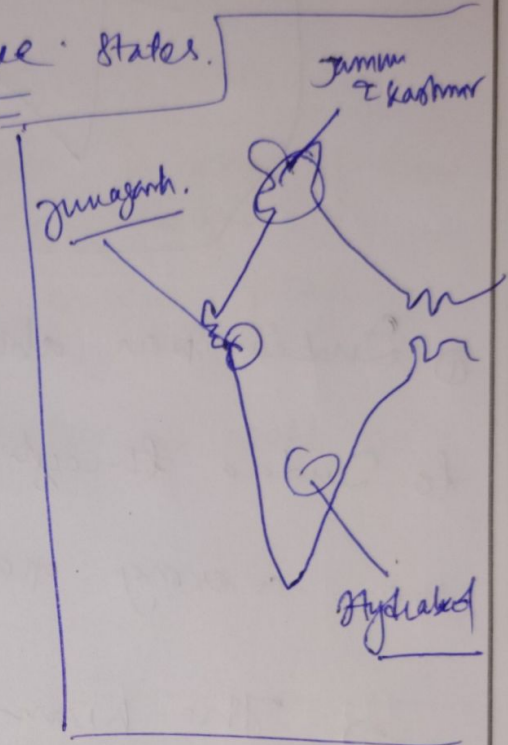
③ Approach of Patel led to integration

all except three states.

① Junagadh

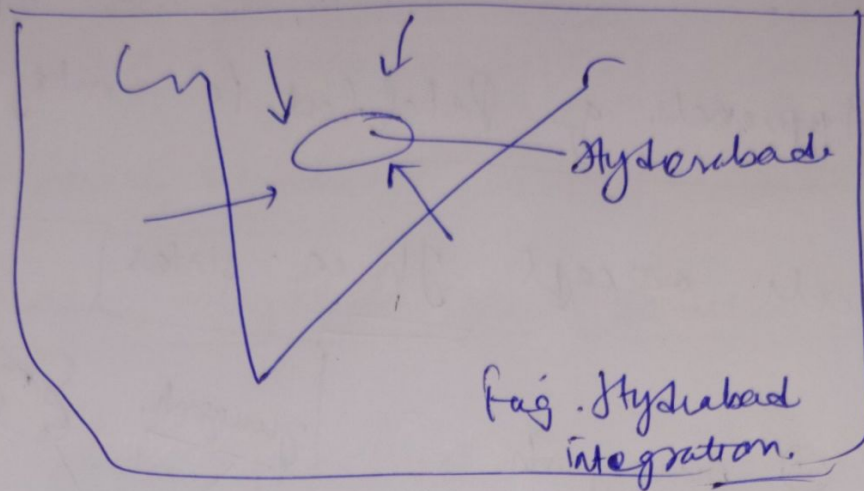
② Jammu and Kashmir

③ Hyderabad



Junagadh was integrated by plebiscite and
Jammu Kashmir was integrated by signing
the instrument of accession by Hari Singh
(king of Jammu). But Hyderabad was
reluctant to join the Indian Dominion.

“The operation polo” was brought
by India to integrate Hyderabad.



① India was able to integrate Hyderabad to India through 'Operation Polo' which was a army operation.

② The Nizam of Hyderabad surrendered in front of India's army.

The strategic and diplomatic
relation and management by Sardar
Patel along with other leaders ultimately
made today India by overruling every
such issue regarding its national integrity
and security.

15. In what ways can the negative impacts of unregulated tourism be mitigated, while promoting sustainable development in the Himalayas.

The Himalayas, which is one of the biodiversity hotspot ⁱⁿ India plays prominent role geographically as well as economically.

(Importance of Himalayas for India)

① Rich in resources and river origins.

↳ Himalayas is the source of
Ganges, Yamuna etc.

↳ Resources are rich in Himalayas

② Act as natural barrier to external threat - for example from China.

③ Rich in Biodiversity

④ Water security since Himalayas have multiple glaciers.

⑤ Tourism potential - Himalayas have potential due to its scenic beauty.

due to recent increase in unsustainable tourism, Himalayas are getting negatively impacted such as -

① Loss of diversity

② Loss of flora and fauna of Himalayas

③ Increasing carbon footprints in Himalayas.

④ Increase of industry due to

Development of tourism causing pollution,

⑧ global warming and climate change

have impacting himalayan natural environment.

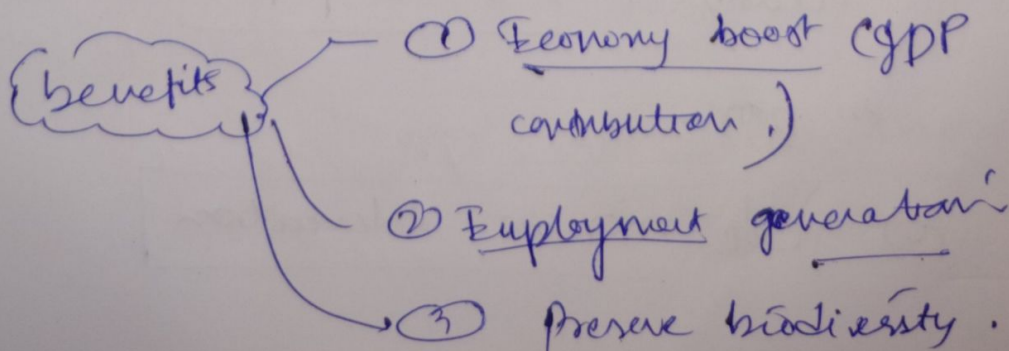
Though with sustainable
use of tourism can boost India's growth

through following steps —

① Sustainable products must
be available to use.

② Protecting environment - less
harmful buildings. ~~can~~, homestays
can ~~do~~ be constructed,

With sustainable use of himalayas, it
can give multiple benefits such as, —



16. Assess the ^{inter}relationship between water security and food security. Emphasizing their impact on agriculture and rural livelihood.

Though India is 2% of total area of earth, but has only 18% of population of the earth which have increase the dependency and interrelationship between water security and food security.

Interrelationship of water security and food security } & its importance

① To Reduce poverty

↳ As per world Bank India have nearly 23 crore population categorised as poor.

② To increase education

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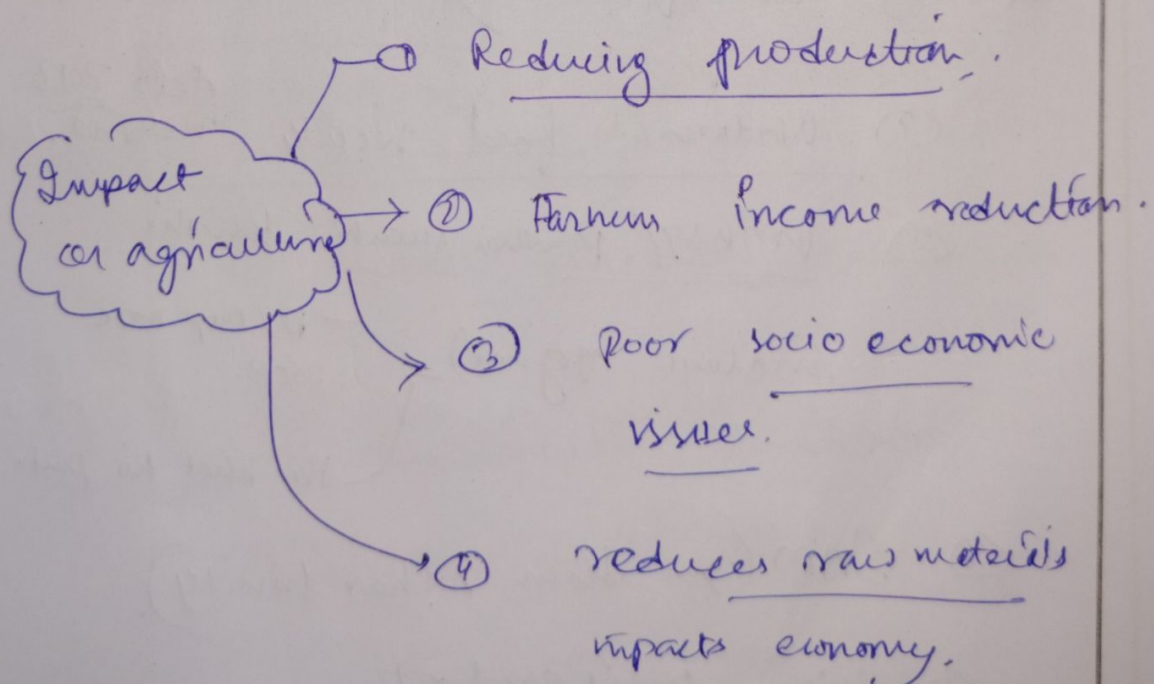
Food security and water security can
hampers education.

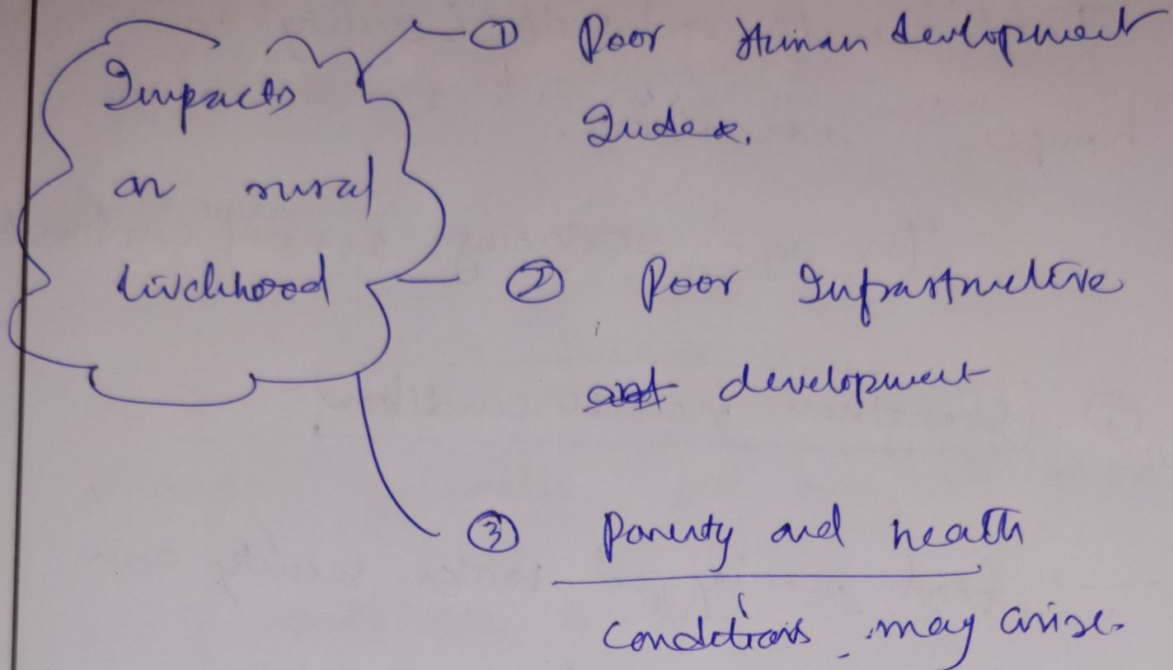
For eg - reducing school enrollment.

② Strengthen health conditions

→ food security and water security can
boost health conditions of Indians.

Despite these importance water
stress and food stress plays impact
on agriculture and rural livelihood,





To reduce the impact of on agriculture and rural livelihood govt. of India had brought many steps to maintain water security and food security, such as. —

- ① National food security Act 2013 ~~national~~.
- ② PMKSY/ Pradhan mantri Krishi
siksha yojana —
 - Per drop more crop.
 - Har khet ko pani.
- ③ JAM (Jan Shiksha Aikya Trinity).
- ④ Kisan credit card etc.

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Rural tourism in India offers a unique combination of opportunities and challenges.

Discuss various initiatives undertaken for this sector.

Rural Tourism sector in India

has a lot of potential in current times which offers a big opportunity as well as challenges.

Opportunity from rural tourism

①

Growth of rural GDP

①.1 Income generation from tourism

①.2 Diversification of Incom.

①.3 reduce dependency on agriculture.

As per 2015 agriculture census, 86% farmers in India are marginalised.

② Employment generation

- ↳ ②.1 Employment to young ^{youths.} ~~entrepreneurship~~
- ↳ ②.2 opportunity for entrepreneurs.

③ Women empowerment and upliftment

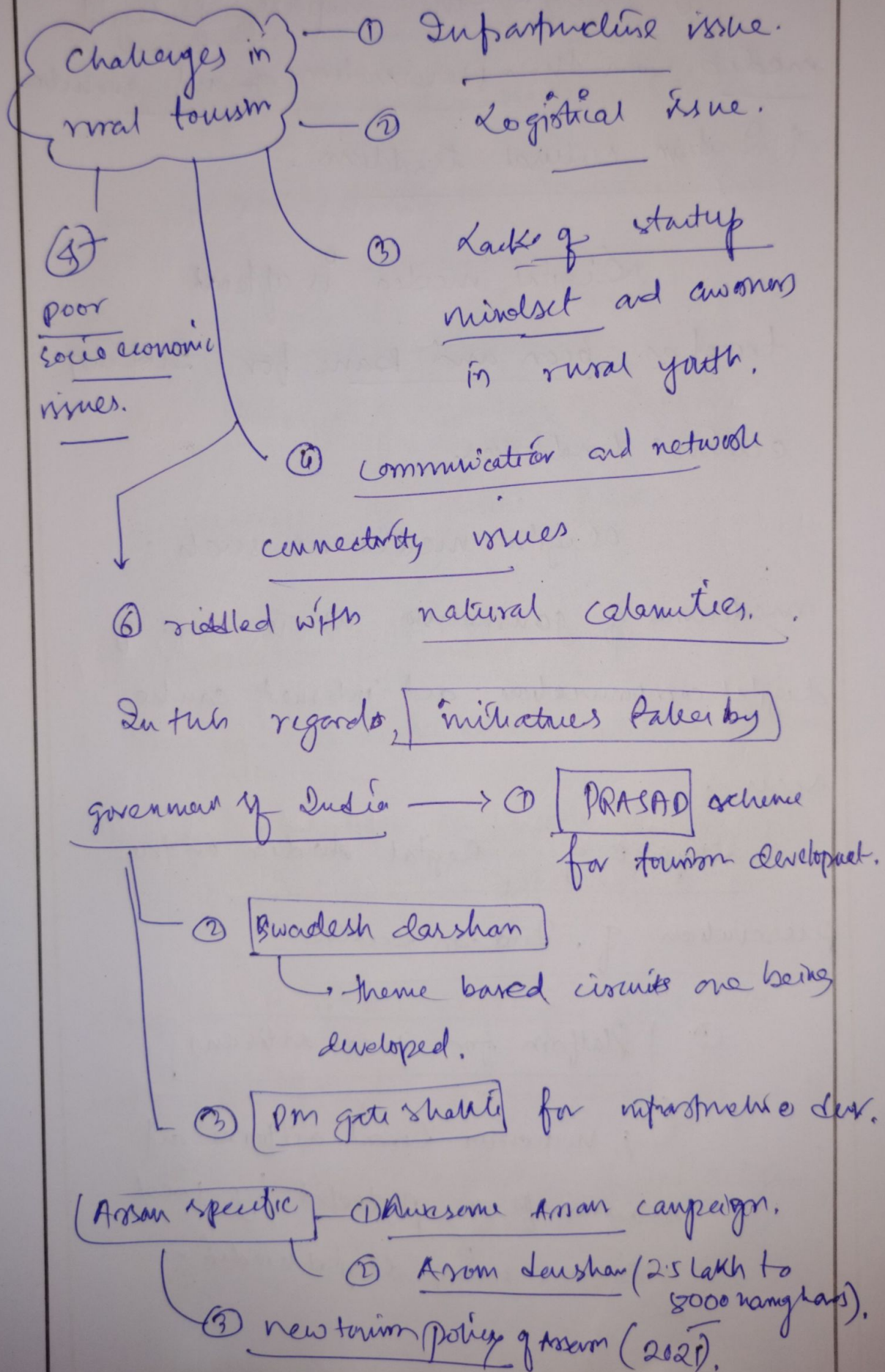
- ↳ reducing dependency on agriculture.

④ Tourism or industry

- ↳ growth of homestays, restaurant in rural villages.

Despite these opportunities, ~~the~~ challenges are there.

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18. critically analyse the impact of digital media on the preservation of and evolution of Indian cultural traditions.

Digital media is often termed as boon and bane for Indian cultural traditions.

Digital media are such mediums of journalism where use of digital communication and internet can be seen.

Impact of Digital media on the preservation of Indian culture

① Platform for local artisans

↳ numerous local artforms and handicrafts are protected by local artisans, using digital media -

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② Larger audience

↳ digital media helps to obtain
larger audience.

③ Showcasing to global level

↳ Increasing portion of Indian
culture at global front.

④ Contribution to India's GDP

↳ eg. In digital media acts as platform
for startups to work for preserving
cultural traditions and artifacts.

Despite there are challenges associated
with the digital media such as—

① Negatively impacting local artisan.

② Local business are getting affected

① modernization and industrialization,
homogenizing local customs.

② Impacts of globalisation also can
 be seen.

③ Loss of cultural traditions due
course of time.

Efforts and measures are need of
 the hour in these regard. such as

as → ① reducing threat of digital
media

② Increase awareness regarding
 negative use of digital
media

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19. Explain the concept of deepfakes and delve into the specific challenges they pose to Indian society. Also propose strategies to overcome these challenges.

Deepfakes are manipulated videos and photos being generated through new technology such as Artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Recently An actress's deepfake was circulated in social media's speculated huge concern regarding the use of deepfakes.

Challenges posed by deepfakes

① Privacy concerns

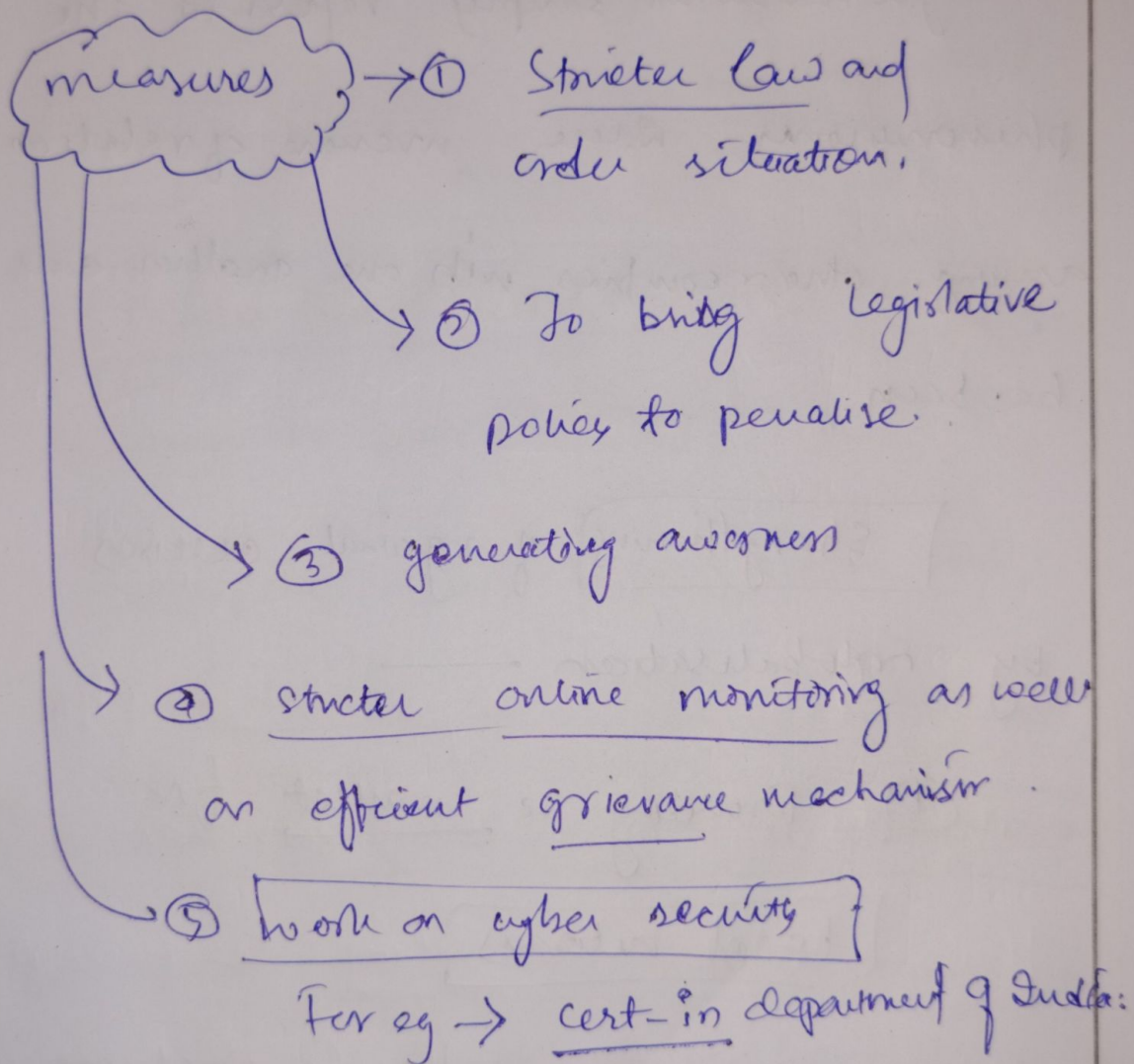
↳ use in derogatory manner can lead to privacy threat.

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- ② Abuse and harassment to
women using deepfakes.
- ③ Children abuse using deepfakes
- ④ Fraud ~~act~~ by many fraudsters
in recent times is a major concern
which depletes trust in democracy.
- ⑤ kidnapping and ransom calls
using deepfakes kidnapping
and ransom calls can hamper
law and order situation.
- ⑥ negative publicity and political
gimmick
↳ deepfakes can be used in
politics negatively to gain votes.

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Due to these challenges, deepfakes must be taken seriously and must work for controlling it -



though, deepfakes can help in certain ways

- such as
- ① generating ~~idea~~ photos of human creative minds
 - ② For eg. moralise painting was brought into life using deepfakes.

20. Critically examine how globalization has led to the strengthening & dilution of regional cultures.

globalisation simply refers to the phenomenon where increase of relation among other countries with one another can be seen.

Strengthening of regional cultures by globalisation —

① Providing a market for

local artisans

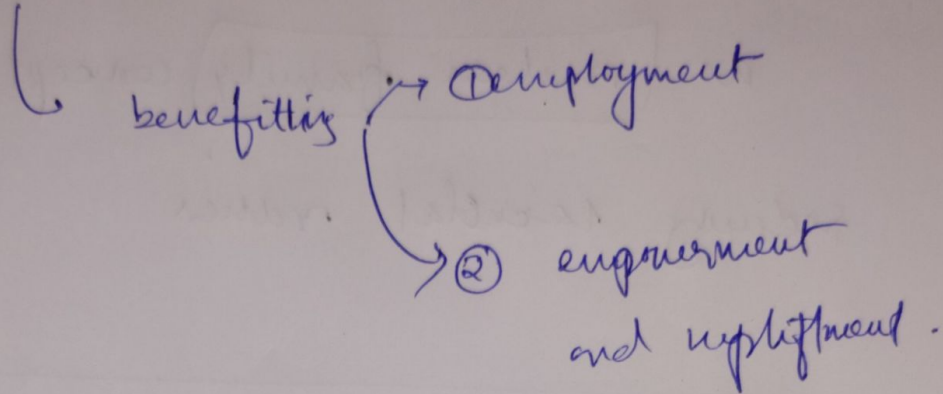
② Boost in foreign exchange.

③ Preserving regional arts, paintings through global efforts.

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④ Increase in tourism



⑤ Modern thoughts and knowledge increasing awareness to preserve regional cultures.

Despite these globalisation has led to deletion of regional cultures

deletion of regional cultures by globalisation

- ① Local artisans and markets are flooded with foreign cheap products.
- ② Concept of McDonaldisation of society hampering regional culture.

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③ globalisation led concepts such
as nuclear family concept etc.
reducing societal values

④ Decrease in respect to regional
culture due to increase in globalisation,
led modernisation and industrialisation.

Now to protect regional culture
from globalisation is urgent need of the
hour through constant preservation
efforts, while also taking the benefits
of globalisation to the fullest is important.
