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- 1. Discuss the salient features of the Harappan architecture.**
- 2. Examine the main aspects of Akbar's religious syncretism.**
- 3. "The sculptors filled the Chandella artform with resilient vigor and breadth of life." Elucidate.**
- 4. How are climate change and the sea level rise affecting the very existence of many island nations? Discuss with examples.**
- 5. What are non-farm primary activities? How are these activities related to physiographic features in India? Discuss with suitable examples.**
- 6. Explain briefly the ecological and economic benefits of solar energy generation in India with suitable examples.**
- 7. What are Tsunamis? How and where are they formed? What are their consequences? Explain with examples.**
- 8. How does smart city in India address the issues of urban poverty and distributive justice?**
- 9. The ethos of civil service in India stand for the combination of professionalism with nationalistic consciousness – Elucidate.**
- 10. Do you think that globalization results in only an aggressive consumer culture? Justify your answer.**

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- 11. Mahatma Jotirao Phule's writings and efforts of social reforms touched issues of almost all subaltern classes. Discuss.**
- 12. Trace India's consolidation process during early phase of independence in terms of polity, economy, education and international relations.**
- 13. The French Revolution has enduring relevance to the contemporary world. Explain.**
- 14. Give a geographical explanation of the distribution of off-shore oil reserves of the world. How are they different from the on-shore occurrences of oil reserves?**
- 15. How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) and drones be effectively used along with GIS and RS techniques in locational and areal planning?**
- 16. Discuss how the changes in shape and sizes of continents and ocean basins of the planet take place due to tectonic movements of the crustal masses.**
- 17. Discuss the distribution and density of population in the Ganga River Basin with special reference to land, soil and water resources.**
- 18. How do you account for the growing fast food industries given that there are increased health concerns in modern society? Illustrate your answer with the Indian experience.**
- 19. Achieving sustainable growth with emphasis on environmental protection could come into conflict with poor people's needs in a country like India – Comment.**
- 20. Does tribal development in India centre around two axes, those of displacement and of rehabilitation? Give your opinion.**

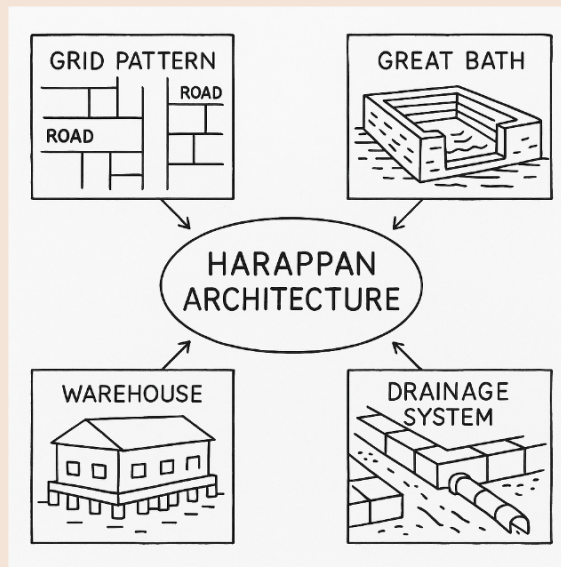
1) Harappan Architecture – Salient Features

Introduction

Harappan architecture exemplifies civic rationality—standardised materials, orthogonal planning, and water-management that fused utility with order.

I. Urban Design & Materials

- **Grid-iron towns:** Streets met at right angles, with width hierarchy and cardinal orientation.
- **Standardisation:** Baked-brick modules ($\approx 1:2:4$), uniform weights, regulated plot sizes.
- **Fortified bipartite plan:** **Citadel** (public/ritual) and **lower town** (residential/craft).
- **Material palette:** Kiln bricks, mud-brick cores; stone used notably at **Dholavira**.



II. Civic & Domestic Architecture

- **Hydraulic genius:** Covered street drains, soak-pits, house bathrooms, numerous wells; **Great Bath (Mohenjo-daro)** with bitumen sealing; **Dholavira reservoirs**.
- **Public complexes:** Granary platforms, assembly halls; **Lothal dock** signalling maritime vision.
- **Houses:** Courtyard-centric, multi-roomed, often two-storeyed; work areas segregated from living.

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Function over monumentality, Harappan architecture prioritised urban efficiency—an early template of sustainable citycraft.

2) Akbar's Religious Syncretism – Main Aspects

Introduction

Akbar reframed sovereignty through **sulḥ-i kul** (peace with all), recasting the Mughal state as ethically ecumenical and politically integrative.

I. Ideational Foundations

- **Sulḥ-i kul:** Norm of universal toleration guiding governance.
- **Mahzar (1579):** Emperor as final arbiter in juristic disputes, curbing narrow orthodoxy.
- **Din-i Ilahi / Tawḥid-i Ilahi:** Elite ethical fellowship emphasising piety and loyalty (limited spread).

II. Institutional & Cultural Instruments

- **Ibadat-khana dialogues:** Inter-faith debates (Sunni, Shia, Jain, Jesuit, Hindu thinkers).
- **Policy reforms:** Abolition of **jizya** & pilgrimage tax; appointments of Hindu elites; Rajput alliances.
- **Knowledge project:** **Maktab-khana** translations (Mahabharata, Ramayana) into Persian; calendar and coinage symbolism.

Conclusion

Akbar's syncretism was less a creed than a **statecraft grammar**—legitimising plural rule while enlarging imperial consensus.

3) “Chandella Artform brimmed with vigor and breadth of life.” — Elucidate

Introduction

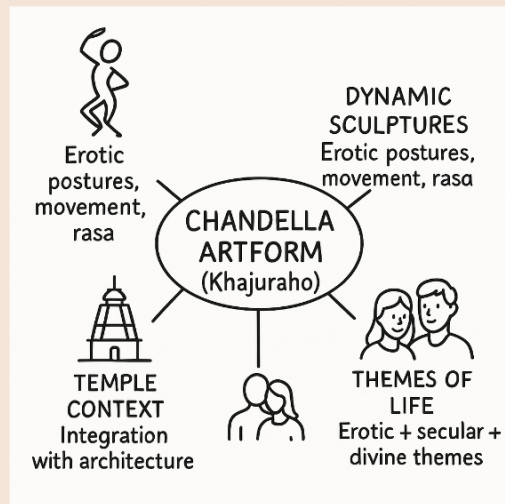
The Chandella temples of **Khajuraho** (10th–11th c.) animate stone with kinetic grace, marrying architectural rhythm to figural vitality.

I. Formal Energies (Vigor)

- **Dynamic postures:** Tribhaṅga, torsional movement, fluttering drapery create palpable motion.
- **Robust plasticity:** Deep relief, rounded modelling, sharp chiselling in buff sandstone.
- **Architectural syncopation:** Sculptural bands echo shikhara’s upward surge—form amplifies life.

II. Thematic Breadth (Life’s Spectrum)

- **Sacred to secular:** Deities, apsaras, mithuna juxtaposed with warriors, dancers, musicians.



- **Everyday vignettes:** Grooming, play, processions, fauna—society mirrored alongside spirituality.
- **Rasa richness:** Śṛṅgāra and bhakti co-present, embodying joy, devotion, fertility, auspiciousness.

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By integrating sacred iconics with worldly narratives, Chandella sculpture becomes a **total theatre of life**, resilient in spirit and capacious in theme.

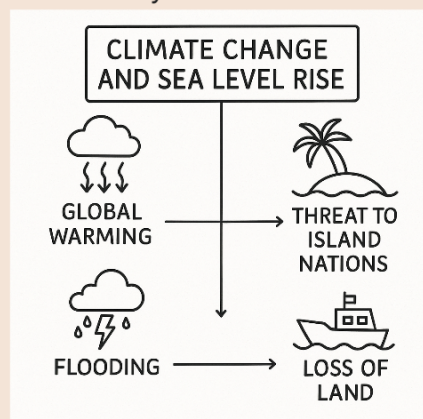
4) Climate Change & Sea-Level Rise: Impact on Island Nations

Introduction

Low-lying islands—Maldives, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Seychelles—stand on the frontlines of a warming ocean.

I. Physical & Socio-Economic Impacts

- **Inundation & erosion:** Land loss, beach retreat, habitat squeeze; coral bleaching undermines reefs.
- **Salinisation:** Freshwater lens contamination, crop failure, food insecurity.
- **Storm risk & infrastructure:** Intense cyclones/floods damage ports, airports, tourism assets.



- **Human security:** Displacement, cultural loss, emergent **climate refugees**, GDP shocks (tourism/fisheries).

II. Responses & Way Forward

- **Adaptation:** Sea walls, elevated housing, **Hulhumalé**-style land raising; mangrove/coral restoration.
- **Governance & finance:** Early-warning systems, insurance pools, concessional climate finance, loss-and-damage facilities.
- **Migration with dignity:** Planned mobility (e.g., Kiribati) plus blue-economy diversification.

Conclusion

For islands, survival hinges on **ambitious global mitigation** plus **locally led, financed adaptation** that protects people, ecosystems, and identity.

5) Non-farm Primary Activities & Physiographic Relation

Introduction

Primary activities are nature-based, but not all are crop farming. In India, non-farm primaries are deeply linked with physiographic endowments.

I. Types of Non-farm Primary Activities

- **Forestry:** Timber, bamboo, lac in Himalayan & Central Indian forests.
- **Fishing:** Marine fisheries (Kerala, Gujarat coasts), inland aquaculture (Andhra Pradesh).
- **Animal husbandry:** Pastoralism in Rajasthan (camel, sheep), dairying in Punjab & Haryana.
- **Mining & quarrying:** Iron ore in Odisha, coal in Jharkhand, limestone in Chhattisgarh.

II. Relation with Physiography

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- **Mountains:** Forest-based livelihoods, hydropower.
- **Plains:** Cattle rearing, dairying (Green Revolution regions).
- **Coasts:** Marine fishing, salt pans.
- **Plateaus:** Mineral extraction and tribal gathering.

Conclusion

Non-farm primary activities reveal how **landforms dictate livelihoods**—turning ecological niches into economic zones.

6) Ecological & Economic Benefits of Solar Energy

Introduction

In a tropical country with 300+ sunny days, solar energy is India's keystone for **sustainable and inclusive growth**.

I. Ecological Benefits

- **Clean energy:** Reduces CO₂ emissions; supports India's NDC goals.
- **Resource conservation:** Lessens dependence on coal, oil imports.
- **Climate resilience:** Decentralised solar (rooftops, pumps) cuts transmission loss.
- **Eco-restoration:** Agro-PV systems blend farming with panels, reducing land pressure.

II. Economic Benefits

- **Energy security:** Solar parks in Rajasthan, Gujarat reduce import bills.
- **Employment:** Solar module manufacturing, O&M jobs.
- **Cost efficiency:** LCOE of solar now cheaper than coal.
- **Rural empowerment:** PM-KUSUM scheme aids farmers with solar pumps.

Conclusion

Solar is not merely power generation—it is a **green growth engine** that aligns ecology with economy.

7) Tsunamis: Formation & Consequences

Introduction

"Tsunami" (Japanese: *harbour waves*) are seismic sea waves of colossal destructive potential, triggered by sudden seabed shifts.

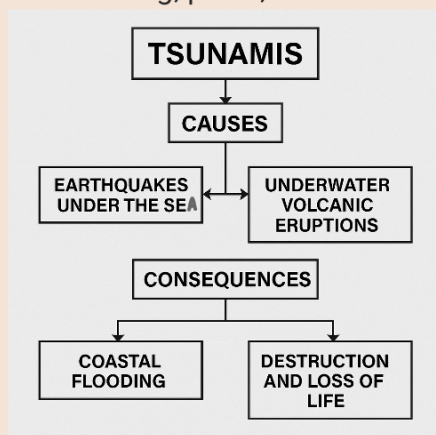
I. Causes & Formation

- **Tectonic uplift/subduction:** Undersea earthquakes (e.g., 2004 Sumatra–Andaman).

- **Volcanic eruptions:** Krakatoa (1883) generated tsunamis.
- **Landslides/glacial falls:** Alaskan fjords, Lituya Bay (1958).
- Waves travel >800 km/h, rising to walls of water near coasts.

II. Consequences

- **Human toll:** 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killed ~2.3 lakh across 14 countries.
- **Economic devastation:** Fishing, ports, tourism collapse (Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka).



- **Ecological impacts:** Saltwater intrusion, coral reef destruction, mangrove loss.
- **Preparedness need:** Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (Hyderabad).

Conclusion

Tsunamis remind us of the ocean's fury—**mitigation, early warning, and resilient coastal planning** are our best shields.

8) Smart Cities, Urban Poverty & Distributive Justice

Introduction

India's Smart Cities Mission (2015) is not just about technology; it aspires to make cities **inclusive growth hubs** ensuring equity in service access.

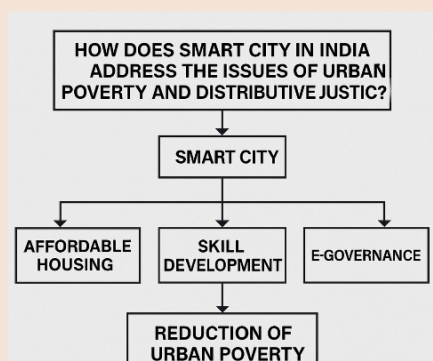
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I. Addressing Urban Poverty

- **Affordable housing:** Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana integrated into Smart City planning.
- **Livelihoods:** Skill training under DAY-NULM; incubation hubs for informal workers.
- **Basic services:** Smart water grids, sanitation, health centres in slum areas.
- **Digital access:** Wi-Fi hotspots and e-governance kiosks bridge digital divide.

II. Ensuring Distributive Justice

- **Participatory governance:** Area-based planning with citizen consultations.
- **Equitable mobility:** Smart public transport, e-buses, cycle tracks benefit low-income groups.



- **Energy equity:** Rooftop solar, smart meters ensure affordable power.
- **Targeted welfare:** ICT platforms enable DBT for transparency.

Conclusion

Smart cities become truly "smart" when they embed **social justice in urban design**, reducing exclusion while enhancing dignity for the urban poor.

9) Ethos of Civil Service in India: Professionalism & Nationalism

Introduction

Indian civil services were envisioned as the “steel frame” — embodying **impartial professionalism** while remaining rooted in **national consciousness**.

I. Professionalism

- **Competence:** UPSC meritocratic selection ensures subject knowledge.
- **Impartiality:** Neutrality in law and order, tax collection, scheme delivery.
- **Accountability:** Parliamentary responsibility, CAG, RTI, performance reviews.
- **Adaptability:** Training in LBSNAA and Mission Karmayogi for dynamic governance.

II. Nationalistic Consciousness

- **Nation-building role:** Planned development under Nehruvian model.
- **Unity in diversity:** Upholding secular values and constitutional morality.
- **Disaster relief & security:** Officers mobilising during wars, pandemics, calamities.
- **Welfare orientation:** Poverty alleviation, inclusion of weaker sections.

Conclusion

Civil services in India are a **fusion of skill and spirit**—where professional integrity combines with nationalist duty to safeguard democracy and development.

10) Globalization & Aggressive Consumer Culture

Introduction

Globalization has integrated markets, cultures, and technologies; critics argue it fuels only a **consumerist ethos**, but its effects are multi-dimensional.

I. Consumerist Tendencies (Aggressive Side)

- **Market expansion:** MNC brands proliferating in India’s metros.
- **Lifestyle shifts:** Fast fashion, processed foods, credit-fuelled consumption.
- **Environmental costs:** Rising e-waste, over-packaging, carbon footprint.
- **Cultural homogenization:** “McDonaldization” and erosion of traditional crafts.

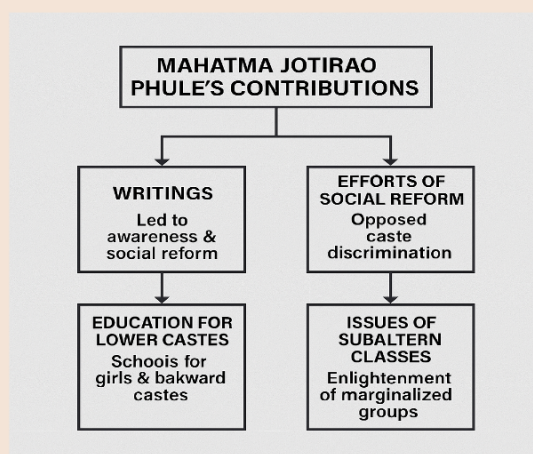
II. Beyond Consumerism (Positive Outcomes) The Legend IAS

- **Knowledge economy:** IT-BPO exports, start-ups, global R&D centres.
- **Cultural exchange:** Yoga, Ayurveda, Bollywood gaining global reach.
- **Social awareness:** Global movements on climate, gender, human rights.
- **Economic uplift:** FDI inflows, job creation, middle-class expansion.

Conclusion

Globalization is **not a one-way consumerist tide**—its outcomes hinge on policy choices. With safeguards, it can balance prosperity with cultural and ecological integrity.

11) Mahatma Jotirao Phule’s Reform Writings and Subaltern



Introduction

Mahatma Jotirao Phule (1827–1890), a pioneering social reformer from Maharashtra, challenged the Brahmanical order and articulated the grievances of India's subaltern masses through activism and writings like *Gulamgiri* and *Shetkaryacha Asud*.

I. Women and Gender Justice

- Founded **Satyashodhak Samaj** (1873) to promote equality and women's rights.
- Along with Savitribai Phule, opened India's first girls' school (1848).
- Fought against child marriage, widow exploitation, and supported widow remarriage.
- Critiqued patriarchal structures through writings and poetry.

II. Caste Oppression and Dalit Uplift

- Exposed Brahmanical hegemony in *Gulamgiri*, comparing caste with slavery.
- Opened schools for Dalits and Shudras.
- Organised public wells for untouchables against water discrimination.
- Asserted dignity of labour and questioned religious orthodoxy.

III. Peasantry and Economic Justice

- In *Shetkaryacha Asud*, highlighted exploitation of farmers by landlords and moneylenders.
- Demanded fair land taxes and state responsibility in irrigation.
- Advocated education as weapon of emancipation for peasants.
- Linked agrarian distress to caste–class nexus.

Conclusion

Phule's legacy lay in fusing social, economic, and gender justice. His writings made the **subaltern voice central to reform**, inspiring Ambedkarite and later Bahujan movements.

12) India's Consolidation Process in Early Independence

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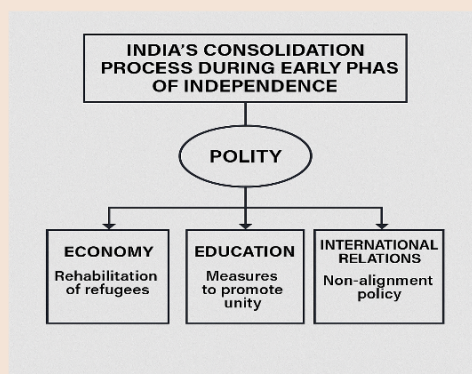
The years after 1947 tested India's ability to transform a colonial polity into a democratic republic while integrating territory, economy, and society.

I. Political & Institutional Consolidation The Legend IAS

- **Integration of princely states** by Sardar Patel and V.P. Menon (e.g., Hyderabad, Junagarh).
- Adoption of **Constitution (1950)** with universal franchise.
- First general elections (1951–52) institutionalised parliamentary democracy.
- Strengthening federalism through linguistic reorganisation (1956).

II. Economic Foundations

- Adoption of **Planned Development** with Five-Year Plans (1951 onwards).
- Emphasis on heavy industries, dams as "temples of modern India."
- Land reforms to abolish zamindari and ensure tenancy rights.
- Community Development Programme to integrate rural economy.



III. Education & International Relations

- Expansion of IITs, universities, adult literacy campaigns.
- Establishment of scientific institutions (ISRO precursor INCOSPAR, CSIR).

- **Non-Aligned Movement** under Nehru balancing Cold War blocs.
- Leadership in Afro-Asian solidarity at Bandung (1955).

Conclusion

Early consolidation blended **democracy, development, and diplomacy**. Despite challenges, it laid the foundation for India's survival as a united, secular, developmental state.

13) Relevance of the French Revolution to Contemporary World

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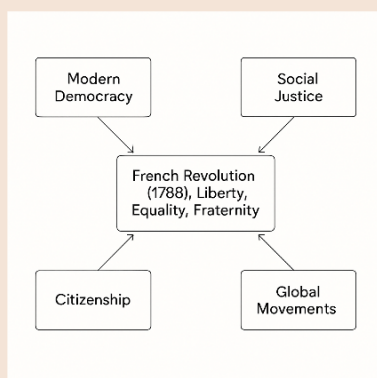
The French Revolution (1789) was a watershed in human history, enshrining ideals of **liberty, equality, fraternity**, which continue to resonate globally.

I. Political Legacy

- Popular sovereignty: legitimacy rests with the people, not monarchy.
- Birth of modern constitutions and codification of rights.
- Republicanism as inspiration for anti-colonial struggles worldwide.
- UN's human rights framework reflects its ethos.

II. Social & Ideological Legacy

- Equality before law challenged feudal privileges.
- Abolition of serfdom inspired reform in Europe and colonies.
- Women's participation sowed seeds for later suffrage movements.
- Revolutionary ideals influenced socialist and nationalist ideologies.



III. Contemporary Resonance

- Democratic protests (Arab Spring, anti-apartheid) echo its values.
- Global debates on secularism, laïcité trace to French Revolution.
- Idea of citizenship transcending ethnicity remains vital in plural states.
- Inspires critique of economic inequality in neoliberal order.

Conclusion

The Revolution's unfinished agenda—**bridging liberty with equality**—makes it a continuing reference point for movements seeking justice in today's world.

14) Offshore Oil Reserves: Geographical Distribution & Features

Introduction

Offshore petroleum exploration, begun in the mid-20th century, has become crucial as onshore reserves



deplete. Its distribution reflects tectonic basins and sedimentary geology.

I. Geographical Distribution

- **North America:** Gulf of Mexico major offshore hub.
- **South America:** Brazil's pre-salt fields.
- **Africa:** West African coast (Nigeria, Angola).
- **Asia:** Arabian Gulf (Saudi Arabia, Iran, Qatar), Bombay High (India), South China Sea.
- **Europe:** North Sea (UK, Norway).

II. Distinguishing Features from Onshore Reserves

- Located on **continental shelves and basins** rather than inland sedimentary traps.
- Require advanced **offshore rigs, FPSOs, subsea technology**.
- More vulnerable to cyclones, oil spills, ecological risks.
- Higher capital cost but often **larger reserves** than onshore fields.

III. Indian Context

- **Bombay High (1974):** cornerstone of India's oil security.
- KG-D6 basin in Bay of Bengal, Cauvery offshore prospects.
- Strategic for reducing import dependence and energy transition.
- Challenges: deepwater technology, environmental safeguards.

Conclusion

Offshore reserves represent the **frontier of hydrocarbon geography**, shaping global geopolitics and energy economics while demanding ecological caution.

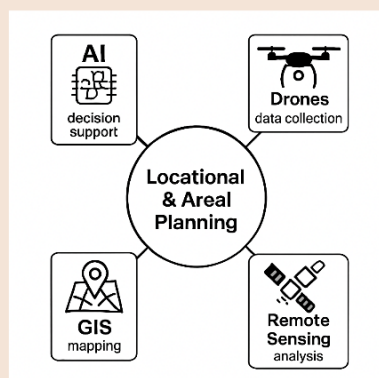
15) AI, Drones, GIS & RS in Locational and Areal Planning

Introduction

Locational and areal planning increasingly relies on technology. The convergence of **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**, **Remote Sensing (RS)**, **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, and **drones** provides precision, efficiency, and predictive capacity in spatial planning.

I. Data Collection & Monitoring

- **Drones:** High-resolution mapping of urban slums, flood-prone zones, crop fields.
- **RS satellites:** Multi-spectral imagery for forest cover, water bodies, land-use classification.
- **AI algorithms:** Automate extraction of features (roads, settlements) from raw images.



II. Decision Support & Planning

- **Urban planning:** AI-driven GIS for traffic flows, smart transport routes.
- **Agriculture:** Crop yield prediction, precision irrigation zones.
- **Disaster management:** Drone reconnaissance + AI risk maps for floods/earthquakes.
- **Environmental zoning:** Biodiversity corridors, pollution monitoring.

III. Implementation & Governance

- **Smart cities:** IoT-linked GIS for utilities, solid waste, energy.
- **Land administration:** Drone-based cadastral surveys (e.g., *SVAMITVA* scheme).
- **Participatory planning:** Web-GIS platforms integrating citizen data with AI analytics.
- **Security uses:** Border monitoring, coastal surveillance.

Conclusion

When fused, AI, drones, GIS and RS create **dynamic planning ecosystems**—transforming governance from reactive to predictive, and ensuring sustainability and inclusiveness in spatial development.

16) Tectonic Movements & Change in Continents and Ocean Basins

Introduction

The Earth's lithosphere, broken into plates, constantly shifts due to **tectonic forces**. These movements alter the **shapes and sizes of continents and ocean basins**, shaping planetary geography.

I. Continental Drift & Expansion/Reduction

- **Divergence:** Mid-ocean ridges (Atlantic expansion, East African Rift).
- **Convergence:** Himalayas formed by India–Eurasia collision.
- **Subduction zones:** Destruction of ocean crust (Mariana Trench).
- **Island arcs:** Japan, Philippines from subduction processes.

II. Basin Formation & Oceanic Restructuring

- **New ocean basins:** Red Sea opening due to Arabian–African plate divergence.
- **Ridge push/slab pull:** Expands Atlantic basin, shrinks Pacific.
- **Back-arc basins:** E.g., Sea of Japan due to volcanic arc systems.
- **Transform faults:** California's San Andreas causing lateral shifts.

III. Long-term Implications

- **Supercontinent cycles:** Pangaea breakup → current continents → future Pangaea Proxima.
- **Climate impacts:** Continental reconfiguration alters currents, monsoons.
- **Biogeography:** Faunal migration and speciation linked to drifting landmasses.
- **Hazards:** Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions reshape landscapes.

Conclusion

Tectonics ensure Earth is never static. The **dynamic dance of plates** creates and destroys continents and oceans, underpinning evolution of landscapes and life itself.

17) Population Distribution in the Ganga River Basin

Introduction

The Ganga basin (8.6 lakh sq. km, 26% of India's land) sustains over 40% of India's population, making it one of the world's most densely populated river basins.

I. Land & Settlement Patterns

- **Fertile alluvium:** Indo-Gangetic plain supports intensive rice–wheat agriculture.
- **High rural density:** Bihar, eastern UP, West Bengal have 1,000+ persons/sq. km.
- **Urban hubs:** Delhi, Kanpur, Patna, Kolkata as industrial–service centres.
- **Transport:** Dense rail-road network follows Ganga's course.

II. Soil & Agricultural Productivity

- **Alluvial soils:** Rich in humus, ideal for food grains and sugarcane.
- **Cropping intensity:** Among world's highest, supporting labour-absorbing farms.
- **Agro-based industries:** Sugar mills, textile centres clustered in basin towns.
- **Pressure on land:** Fragmentation, landlessness intensify population dependence.

III. Water Resources & Human Settlements

- **Perennial supply:** Ganga and tributaries (Yamuna, Ghaghara, Kosi).
- **Irrigation backbone:** Upper Ganga Canal, tube wells enable agriculture.
- **Religious-cultural magnet:** Varanasi, Prayagraj attract pilgrims, migrants.
- **Water stress:** Pollution, groundwater depletion threaten sustainability.

Conclusion

The Ganga basin epitomises the nexus of **land, soil, water, and people**. Its demographic weight drives India's economy but also poses ecological and resource challenges for the future.

18) Fast Food Growth vs Health Concerns

Introduction

Despite rising awareness of obesity, diabetes, and lifestyle diseases, India's fast food industry has expanded exponentially, reflecting a paradox of modern consumer society.

I. Drivers of Fast Food Growth

- **Urbanisation & nuclear families:** Demand for convenience food.
- **Globalisation of culture:** McDonald's, Domino's, KFC adapting to Indian tastes (paneer pizza, aloo tikki burger).
- **Price & accessibility:** Affordable, quick meals for middle and lower classes.
- **Marketing strategies:** Aggressive youth-centric advertising and food delivery apps.

II. Health Concerns & Rising Burden

- **NCDs:** India has 77 million diabetics, obesity rising in urban youth.
- **Processed ingredients:** High salt, sugar, trans-fats linked to hypertension.
- **Changing lifestyle:** Sedentary jobs + junk diets fueling cardiovascular diseases.
- **Public expenditure:** Rising healthcare costs due to diet-related illnesses.

III. Indian Experience & Responses

- **Awareness campaigns:** Eat Right Movement by FSSAI.
- **Policy regulations:** Trans-fat limits, front-of-pack labelling.
- **Hybrid models:** Fast food chains offering millet, vegan, healthy options.
- **Cultural resilience:** Traditional foods (idli, poha) repositioned as healthy fast foods.

Conclusion

The contradiction lies not in fast food itself but in **unregulated consumption**. Balancing taste, convenience, and health through **policy, innovation, and awareness** is the sustainable path forward.

19) Sustainable Growth vs Poor People's Needs

Introduction

In India, with 22% population still below poverty line, balancing **environmental protection with livelihood needs** is a critical governance challenge.

I. Points of Conflict

- **Resource access:** Forest conservation restricts tribal firewood and grazing rights.
- **Industrial projects:** Ban on mining or hydel dams curbs employment.
- **Agricultural livelihoods:** Restrictions on groundwater extraction impact marginal farmers.
- **Energy poverty:** Push for renewables vs. cheap coal dependency.

II. Pathways to Harmonisation

- **Inclusive policies:** FRA 2006 gave forest rights to tribals.
- **Sustainable livelihoods:** Eco-tourism, NTFP (tendu leaves, honey).
- **Green jobs:** Solar technicians, afforestation schemes (CAMPA funds).
- **Technology adoption:** Micro-irrigation, biogas reducing environmental footprint.

III. Case Studies & Best Practices

- **Chipko Movement:** Villagers defending forests while sustaining livelihoods.
- **Self-help groups:** Women-led eco-friendly enterprises (vermicompost, handicrafts).
- **MNREGA:** Provides wage employment in water harvesting, afforestation works.
- **International support:** Green Climate Fund for climate-resilient communities.

Conclusion

Environmental protection and poverty alleviation are not mutually exclusive; with **participatory development models**, India can achieve growth that is both green and just.

20) Tribal Development: Displacement & Rehabilitation

Introduction

India's 104 million tribals (8.6% of population) often face a development paradox: displacement due to projects and the challenge of rehabilitation.

I. Displacement as Development Cost

- **Dams & industries:** Narmada Valley, mining in Odisha uprooted thousands.
- **Forest laws & sanctuaries:** Tiger reserves displacing forest dwellers.
- **Infrastructure:** Highways, SEZs cutting through tribal belts.
- **Cultural loss:** Alienation from land leads to erosion of identity.

II. Rehabilitation Framework

- **Policies:** National R&R Policy (2007), provisions under Land Acquisition Act (2013).
- **Livelihood support:** Land-for-land, skill training, jobs in industrial projects.
- **Housing & social amenities:** Schools, health centres in resettlement colonies.
- **Challenges:** Poor implementation, corruption, inadequate compensation.

III. Beyond Displacement–Rehabilitation

- **Empowerment model:** PESA Act 1996, FRA 2006 for community rights.
- **Participatory planning:** Gram Sabha-led decisions in tribal areas.
- **Sustainable development:** Bamboo, lac, honey-based enterprises.
- **Success stories:** Kerala's Kudumbashree, Jharkhand's lac producers cooperatives.

Conclusion

While displacement and rehabilitation dominate discourse, **true tribal development lies in empowerment and autonomy**, ensuring dignity along with material progress.

