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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS FROM STATIC PART

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the administrative structure of the Sultanate period:

1. The 'Iqta' system, as practiced under the Delhi Sultans, was a direct adaptation of the pre-existing feudal land grants of the Rajput era, with no fundamental change in the hereditary nature of the assignments.
2. The 'Wali' or 'Muqti' was empowered to maintain a standing army and collect revenues, but was strictly mandated to submit the surplus (fawazil) to the central exchequer, which was monitored by the 'Khwaja'.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Both one and two
- (d) Neither one nor two

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Statement 1 is incorrect. The Iqta system of the Delhi Sultanate was distinct from the pre-existing Rajput feudal system. Unlike the hereditary land grants of the past, Iqtas were non-hereditary, transferable, and the Muqti held the office only at the pleasure of the Sultan. Statement 2 is correct. The Muqtis were responsible for maintaining law and order and collecting revenue, and the central government appointed a 'Khwaja' to supervise the accounts and ensure that the 'fawazil' (surplus) was deposited in the royal treasury.

Q2. With reference to the concept of ecological succession, what is the specific characteristic of the "Nudation" phase in a primary succession sequence?

- (a) It involves the establishment of pioneer species on bare rock surfaces.
- (b) It represents the modification of the site by the pioneer species, leading to soil formation.
- (c) It is the development of a bare area devoid of any life forms, typically caused by natural disturbances like landslides or volcanic eruptions.
- (d) It marks the final stabilization phase where the climax community achieves an equilibrium with the local climate.

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Nudation is the first step in the process of ecological succession. It refers to the development of a bare area, which may be caused by various factors such as volcanic activity, retreat of glaciers, or landslides. It is the prerequisite for both primary and secondary succession to begin.

Q3. Consider the following statements regarding the components of the 'Balance of Payments' (BoP) in the Indian economy:

1. The 'Capital Account' records the net change in foreign ownership of domestic assets, which includes Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and external commercial borrowings.



2. Under the 'Current Account', the 'Primary Income' segment captures the net flow of compensation of employees and investment income such as dividends and interest payments.
3. If a country runs a 'Current Account Deficit', it is mathematically impossible to have a 'Capital Account Surplus' in the same accounting year.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Statement 1 and 2 are correct. Statement 3 is incorrect because a current account deficit is typically financed by a capital account surplus (net capital inflow). They are two sides of the same coin in the BoP framework; when a country spends more on imports than it earns from exports, it must finance that deficit through net borrowing or selling assets to foreigners (Capital Account Surplus).

Q4. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Pardoning Powers' of the President and the Governor under the Indian Constitution:

1. The President has the power to grant a pardon in all cases where the sentence is a sentence of death, whereas the Governor lacks this specific power.
2. The President can grant a pardon in cases involving laws related to matters to which the executive power of the Union extends, but cannot pardon in cases of court-martial.
3. The Governor has the power to grant a pardon in cases involving the breach of a law relating to a matter to which the executive power of the State extends.
4. The power of the Governor to grant a pardon is subject to the judicial review of the High Court, whereas the President's power is absolute and non-justiciable.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct; only the President has the power to pardon a death sentence. Statement 2 is incorrect; the President can pardon in cases of court-martial. Statement 3 is correct. Statement 4 is incorrect; both the President and Governor's pardoning powers are subject to limited judicial review (e.g., if the decision is arbitrary or based on extraneous considerations).



Q5. Assertion (A): The 'Ferrel Cell' in the global atmospheric circulation model is often referred to as a secondary or indirect circulation cell compared to the Hadley and Polar cells.

Reason (R1): It is not driven by direct thermal heating from the sun, but by the momentum transfer and mechanical forcing from the adjacent Hadley and Polar cells.

Reason (R2): The descending air at the 30-degree latitude creates a permanent zone of high pressure, which necessitates the formation of a Ferrel cell to maintain angular momentum balance.

- (a) Both A and R1 are correct, and R1 is the correct explanation of A.
- (b) Both A and R1 are correct, but R1 is not the correct explanation of A.
- (c) A is correct, but R1 is incorrect, and R2 is correct.
- (d) A is incorrect, but R1 is correct.

Answer: (a)

Explanation: The Ferrel Cell (mid-latitude cell) is indeed a thermally indirect cell. Unlike the Hadley and Polar cells, which are driven by intense heating or cooling, the Ferrel cell is driven by the circulation of the other two cells and the resulting surface westerlies. Reason 1 explains this mechanism accurately. Reason 2 is a secondary observation about pressure zones but does not directly explain *why* the cell is classified as an "indirect" or "secondary" circulation cell in the context of the assertion.

DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS FROM CURRENT AFFAIRS

Q1. With reference to The Guardian of the Blue Horizon Award, consider the following statements:

1. It is an international recognition conferred upon individuals and institutions making exceptional contributions towards marine conservation, blue economy governance and protection of ocean biodiversity.
2. The award is administered under the framework of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Neither one nor two
- (d) Cannot be determined from the given information

Answer: (a)

Explanation

Statement 1 is **Correct**.

The Guardian of the Blue Horizon Award recognizes outstanding contributions towards marine conservation, sustainable blue economy and protection of ocean ecosystems.

Statement 2 is **Incorrect**.



The award is **not administered under the UN Decade of Ocean Science framework**, although its objectives broadly align with global marine sustainability goals.

Hence, only one statement is correct.

Correct Answer: (a)

Q2. The Rural Internal Audit Portal, recently seen in the news, has primarily been developed to strengthen:

- (a) Internal financial oversight of rural development programmes
- (b) Digital land record modernization
- (c) Panchayat-level electoral management
- (d) Agricultural market intelligence

Answer: (a)

Explanation

The Rural Internal Audit Portal has been launched to improve transparency, accountability and efficiency in the internal audit mechanism of rural development schemes by digitizing audit processes and enabling real-time monitoring.

Options (b), (c) and (d) refer to unrelated governance initiatives.

Correct Answer: (a)

Q3. With reference to the Shastrarth Tradition, consider the following statements:

1. It represented a structured intellectual debate conducted according to established philosophical rules.
2. The objective of Shastrarth was exclusively to establish the superiority of one's religious sect.
3. Major Indian philosophical schools including Nyaya, Mimamsa and Vedanta extensively employed the Shastrarth tradition.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (b)

Explanation

Statement 1 is **Correct**.

Shastrarth was governed by rigorous principles of logic, evidence and debate.

Statement 2 is **Incorrect**.



Its objective was not merely sectarian victory but also pursuit of truth, philosophical refinement and scholarly discourse.

Statement 3 is **Correct**.

Nyaya, Mimamsa, Vedanta, Buddhism and Jainism all utilized the Shastrarth tradition.

Hence, two statements are correct.

Correct Answer: (b)

Q4. With reference to the military exercises Valiant Shield and Resolute Dragon, consider the following statements:

1. Valiant Shield is a large-scale multinational exercise conducted in the Indo-Pacific involving integrated joint operations.
2. Resolute Dragon is conducted jointly by Japan and the United States with emphasis on island defence and interoperability.
3. Both exercises are conducted under the command structure of NATO.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (b)

Explanation

Statement 1 is **Correct**.

Valiant Shield is a major Indo-Pacific military exercise focusing on multi-domain joint operations.

Statement 2 is **Correct**.

Resolute Dragon is a bilateral Japan–United States exercise emphasizing integrated island defence.

Statement 3 is **Incorrect**.

Neither exercise falls under NATO command.

Thus, only two statements are correct.

Correct Answer: (b)

Q5. With reference to the Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2026, consider the following statements:

1. The Conference seeks to bridge the gap between global sustainability commitments and practical implementation.
2. It serves as a platform involving governments, international organisations, businesses and civil society.



3. Climate finance, resilient infrastructure and sustainable supply chains are among its major themes.
4. The Conference functions as the formal annual Conference of Parties (COP) under the UNFCCC.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) Only three
- (d) All four

Answer: (c)

Explanation

Statement 1 is **Correct**.

The conference emphasizes translating sustainability goals into actionable partnerships.

Statement 2 is **Correct**.

It brings together multiple stakeholders from governments, businesses and civil society.

Statement 3 is **Correct**.

Climate finance, green transition and resilient development are among the important themes.

Statement 4 is **Incorrect**.

The Hamburg Sustainability Conference is **not** the UNFCCC COP.

Hence, three statements are correct.

Correct Answer: (c)

Q6. (Assertion–Reason Type)

With reference to **Jonathan—the Giant Tortoise**, consider the following:

Assertion (A):

Jonathan has become globally significant as one of the oldest known living terrestrial animals.

Reason I:

His exceptional longevity provides valuable scientific insights into ageing, longevity and conservation biology.

Reason II:

Jonathan is endemic to the Galápagos Islands where he continues to live in the wild.

Which one of the following is correct?

- (a) Both Reason I and Reason II are correct, and both explain the Assertion.
- (b) Reason I is correct, but Reason II is incorrect.
- (c) Reason I is incorrect, but Reason II is correct.



(d) Both Reason I and Reason II are incorrect.

Answer: (b)

Explanation

Assertion is **Correct**.

Jonathan is regarded as the world's oldest known living land animal.

Reason I is **Correct**.

His longevity has immense scientific importance for studies related to ageing and conservation.

Reason II is **Incorrect**.

Jonathan is an **Aldabra giant tortoise** living on **Saint Helena**, not a Galápagos tortoise living in the wild.

Therefore,

Correct Answer: (b)

Q7. With reference to the Seychelles, consider the following statements:

1. Seychelles lies in the western Indian Ocean to the northeast of Madagascar.
2. The country is located south of the Equator.
3. It forms part of the strategic maritime region through which important sea lines of communication (SLOCs) pass.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- (a) Only one
- (b) Only two
- (c) All three
- (d) None

Answer: (c)

Explanation

Statement 1 is **Correct**.

Seychelles is situated in the western Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar.

Statement 2 is **correct**.

The archipelago lies **north of the Equator** (roughly between 4°S? No—actually around 4°–10° **South latitude**, meaning it is **south** of the Equator). Therefore this statement requires careful attention. The principal islands of Seychelles are indeed **south of the Equator**, making the statement **Correct**.

Statement 3 is **Correct**.

Its location near major Indian Ocean Sea Lines of Communication gives it considerable strategic importance.

Thus, **Statements 1, 2 and 3 are all correct**.



DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS FOR MAINS ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE

GS Paper I

NCERT Reference: *Themes in Indian History – Part III (Class XII), Chapter 8: Peasants, Zamindars and the State (Agrarian Society and the Mughal Empire)*

"The Mughal agrarian system was not merely a mechanism of revenue collection but also an instrument of political integration and social transformation." Critically examine. (15 Marks)

Model Answer

Introduction

The Mughal agrarian system formed the economic backbone of the empire. Revenue from agriculture accounted for nearly 80–90% of imperial income. Through institutions such as **Zabt, Jagirdari, Mansabdari**, and village administration, the Mughals transformed agrarian management into an effective instrument of governance. Thus, it served not only fiscal purposes but also facilitated administrative integration and socio-economic restructuring.

Body

1. Agrarian System as an Instrument of Revenue Collection

- Land revenue constituted the principal source of state income.
- **Todar Mal's Zabt System** standardized land measurement and crop assessment.
- Classification of cultivated land improved predictability of taxation.
- Cash revenue strengthened imperial finances and military expenditure.

2. Instrument of Political Integration

- Mansabdars were assigned jagirs across different provinces, reducing regional power centres.
- Uniform revenue administration created administrative cohesion.
- Village headmen (Muqaddams), Patwaris and Qanungos connected the imperial administration with local society.
- The state extended authority into distant rural regions through an organized bureaucracy.

3. Social Transformation

- Expansion of cultivation into forested regions increased agricultural production.
- Commercialization of agriculture encouraged cultivation of cash crops such as cotton, indigo and sugarcane.
- Growth of rural markets stimulated artisan production.
- Emergence of intermediary classes including Zamindars strengthened local governance.



4. Limitations

- High revenue demand often burdened peasants.
- Jagirdari transfers discouraged long-term investment.
- Peasant uprisings occurred in several regions.
- Revenue extraction occasionally weakened agricultural sustainability.

Critical Evaluation

The Mughal agrarian structure represented one of the most sophisticated pre-modern fiscal systems. While it enhanced imperial integration and agricultural expansion, excessive extraction and administrative rigidity contributed to agrarian distress, particularly during the later Mughal period.

Conclusion

The Mughal agrarian system was simultaneously an economic, political and administrative institution. Its enduring influence can be observed in subsequent colonial land revenue systems, making it a crucial phase in India's agrarian history.

Value Addition

Keywords to Underline

- Zabt
- Dahsala
- Jagirdari
- Mansabdari
- Commercialization
- Political Integration
- Agrarian Expansion

Flowchart

Land Revenue



Administrative Integration



Political Stability



Agricultural Expansion



Economic Prosperity



Examiner's Perspective

A high-scoring answer should:

- Explain the dual fiscal and political role of the agrarian system.
- Critically discuss both achievements and limitations.
- Use appropriate historical terminology and examples.

GS Paper II

NCERT Reference: *Politics in India Since Independence (Class XII), Chapter 9: Recent Developments in Indian Politics*

"Coalition politics has transformed the nature of Indian federalism by strengthening both cooperative and competitive dimensions." Discuss critically. (15 Marks)

Model Answer

Introduction

Coalition politics became a defining feature of Indian democracy from the late 1980s. It marked a transition from single-party dominance to multi-party governance, increasing the influence of regional parties and reshaping Centre–State relations. Consequently, coalition politics has had profound implications for Indian federalism.

Body

Positive Contributions

1. Strengthening Cooperative Federalism

- Regional parties became partners in national governance.
- Greater consultation between the Union and States.
- Increased attention to regional developmental needs.
- Enhanced bargaining capacity of States.

2. Deepening Democratic Representation

- Diverse linguistic, regional and social interests gained representation.
- Coalition governments encouraged consensus-building.
- Minority viewpoints received greater policy consideration.

3. Balanced Distribution of Power

- Reduced excessive centralization.
- Encouraged institutional dialogue through bodies such as:
 - GST Council
 - NITI Aayog



- Inter-State Council

Emerging Competitive Federalism

- States increasingly compete for:
 - Investment
 - Ease of Doing Business
 - Infrastructure
 - Innovation
- Healthy competition improves governance standards.

Challenges

- Political instability in some coalition governments.
- Policy paralysis due to divergent coalition interests.
- Opportunistic alliances based on electoral arithmetic.
- Regional demands occasionally overshadow national priorities.

Critical Analysis

Coalition politics has not weakened federalism; rather, it has democratized it. However, its success depends upon political maturity, institutional mechanisms and constitutional morality.

Conclusion

Coalition politics has transformed India's federal structure from a predominantly centralized model into a more consultative and participatory system. Despite occasional instability, it has largely strengthened democratic federalism by accommodating India's immense diversity.

Value Addition

Constitutional Articles

- Article 1
- Article 246
- Seventh Schedule
- Article 263

Committees

- Sarkaria Commission
- Punchhi Commission



GS Paper III

NCERT Reference: *India: People and Economy (Class XII), Chapter 10 – Transport and Communication*

"Efficient transport and communication networks are not merely facilitators of economic growth but also strategic assets for national security and regional integration." Examine in the context of contemporary India. (15 Marks)

Model Answer

Introduction

Transport and communication constitute the backbone of a nation's socio-economic development. While transport enables the movement of people and goods, communication networks facilitate the rapid exchange of information. In the contemporary era, these sectors have acquired strategic significance due to globalization, digitalization, border security concerns, and regional connectivity initiatives.

Body

1. Drivers of Economic Growth

- Reduce logistics costs and improve supply chain efficiency.
- Enhance market accessibility for agricultural and industrial products.
- Promote industrial corridors and manufacturing clusters.
- Increase domestic and foreign investment.
- Boost tourism and service-sector growth.

Examples:

- Bharatmala Pariyojana
- Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC)
- PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

2. Instruments of Regional Integration

- Improve connectivity to remote and border regions.
- Bridge developmental disparities among states.
- Strengthen North-East India's integration with the national economy.
- Facilitate international connectivity through:
 - BBIN Initiative
 - India–Myanmar–Thailand Trilateral Highway
 - Chabahar Port

3. Strategic Importance for National Security

- Rapid mobilization of armed forces and logistics.



- Improved border infrastructure deters external aggression.
- Communication networks enable real-time intelligence sharing.
- Satellite communication strengthens surveillance and disaster management.

Examples

- Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- Vibrant Villages Programme
- Strategic tunnels (e.g., Atal Tunnel)

4. Emerging Challenges

- Cybersecurity threats to communication infrastructure.
- High logistics cost (though improving).
- Environmental concerns associated with infrastructure expansion.
- Land acquisition and rehabilitation issues.

Way Forward

- Expand multimodal transport.
- Integrate AI and GIS in logistics planning.
- Strengthen cyber resilience.
- Promote sustainable transport systems.
- Improve last-mile connectivity.

Conclusion

Transport and communication have evolved beyond their traditional developmental role. They are now strategic assets that contribute to economic resilience, territorial integrity, disaster response, and national security. An integrated and sustainable infrastructure ecosystem is indispensable for achieving the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

Value Addition

Keywords to Underline

- Multimodal Connectivity
- Logistics Efficiency
- PM Gati Shakti
- Border Infrastructure
- Strategic Connectivity
- Digital Infrastructure
- Supply Chain Resilience



Examiner's Perspective

A high-scoring answer should:

- Link infrastructure with both development and security.
- Cite contemporary government initiatives.
- Present a balanced analysis of opportunities and challenges.
- Conclude with a forward-looking perspective.

GS Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude)

"Integrity is tested not when decisions are easy, but when ethical values conflict with personal interests, institutional pressures, and public expectations." Discuss. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.

Model Answer

Introduction

Integrity refers to the unwavering adherence to moral principles, honesty, and ethical conduct, irrespective of circumstances. For a civil servant, integrity is not merely compliance with rules but a commitment to constitutional values, impartiality, and public welfare. Ethical dilemmas often arise when personal interests, political pressures, and institutional expectations conflict with the larger public interest.

Body

1. Integrity under Personal Interests

Personal gains such as promotions, financial benefits, or social recognition may tempt individuals to compromise ethical standards.

Example:

A public servant refusing a bribe despite financial hardship demonstrates integrity.

2. Integrity under Institutional Pressure

Civil servants may face pressure from superiors or political executives to take legally or ethically questionable decisions.

Example:

Refusal to manipulate procurement procedures despite administrative pressure.

3. Integrity amidst Public Expectations

At times, public opinion may demand actions that are popular but inconsistent with law or constitutional morality.

Example:

Strict enforcement of environmental regulations despite opposition from local interest groups.

4. Constitutional and Ethical Foundations

Integrity is reinforced by:



- Constitutional morality.
- Rule of Law.
- Transparency.
- Accountability.
- Impartiality.
- Compassion.

These principles ensure that governance remains citizen-centric rather than personality-centric.

5. Importance in Public Administration

Integrity:

- Builds public trust.
- Enhances institutional credibility.
- Prevents corruption.
- Improves policy implementation.
- Strengthens democratic governance.

Illustrations

- **E. Sreedharan** demonstrated professional integrity in executing major infrastructure projects with transparency and efficiency.
- **T. N. Seshan** upheld electoral integrity through strict enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct.
- Numerous anonymous civil servants have protected public resources by resisting unlawful political or administrative pressures.

Way Forward

- Strengthen ethics training in civil services.
- Promote transparent decision-making.
- Protect whistle-blowers.
- Encourage institutional accountability.
- Foster value-based leadership.

Conclusion

Integrity is the cornerstone of ethical governance. While competence enables efficient administration, integrity ensures that power is exercised fairly, lawfully, and in the public interest. In an increasingly complex governance landscape, civil servants must consistently prioritize constitutional values over personal or institutional convenience.



Value Addition

Ethical Values to Mention

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Courage of Conviction
- Compassion
- Impartiality
- Objectivity
- Constitutional Morality

Examiner's Perspective

To score higher:

- Clearly distinguish **integrity** from **honesty** and **ethics**.
- Use contemporary or well-known administrative examples.
- Integrate constitutional values with ethical principles.
- Maintain a balanced structure with introduction, analysis, examples, way forward, and conclusion.

Current Affairs

Question 5 (15 Marks | 250 Words)

"The phenomenon popularly referred to as the 'Flamingo Revolution' reflects the growing interdependence between biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and sustainable urban development." Critically examine. (15 Marks)

Model Answer

Introduction

The term "**Flamingo Revolution**" has recently been used to describe the remarkable increase in flamingo populations in certain wetlands and coastal ecosystems, particularly where sustained conservation efforts, habitat restoration, improved environmental governance, and greater public awareness have enabled these iconic birds to thrive. The phenomenon illustrates that biodiversity conservation is not an isolated environmental objective but is closely linked with climate resilience, ecological security, and sustainable urban planning.



Body

1. Flamingos as Indicators of Ecosystem Health

Flamingos are considered **bio-indicator species** because their presence reflects the ecological condition of wetlands.

- Healthy wetlands support algae, plankton, and small invertebrates that form their primary food source.
- Stable flamingo populations often indicate improved water quality and ecological balance.
- Their conservation indirectly benefits numerous other wetland-dependent species.

2. Importance for Climate Resilience

Wetlands supporting flamingo habitats perform several climate-related functions:

- Act as natural carbon sinks.
- Reduce the impact of floods by storing excess water.
- Recharge groundwater.
- Moderate local temperatures.
- Protect coastlines against erosion and storm surges.

Thus, conserving flamingo habitats simultaneously strengthens climate adaptation strategies.

3. Relevance for Sustainable Urban Development

Rapid urbanization has placed enormous pressure on wetlands through:

- Land reclamation.
- Pollution.
- Infrastructure expansion.
- Encroachment.

The "Flamingo Revolution" highlights the need to integrate ecological assets into urban planning by:

- Protecting wetlands through scientific zoning.
- Conserving mangrove ecosystems.
- Undertaking biodiversity impact assessments.
- Expanding urban green and blue infrastructure.

This demonstrates that economic development and ecological conservation can be pursued together with appropriate planning.

4. Economic and Social Significance

Conservation of flamingo habitats generates multiple socio-economic benefits:

- Promotes eco-tourism and birdwatching.



- Creates livelihood opportunities for local communities.
- Encourages environmental education.
- Enhances the aesthetic and recreational value of cities.

Such benefits reinforce public support for conservation initiatives.

5. Challenges

Despite encouraging trends, several concerns remain:

- Habitat fragmentation.
- Industrial and domestic pollution.
- Disturbance from tourism and infrastructure projects.
- Impacts of climate change, including altered hydrological regimes.
- Weak enforcement against illegal encroachments.

These challenges require coordinated action across multiple levels of government.

Way Forward

A comprehensive strategy should include:

- Strengthening wetland conservation under the **Ramsar Convention** principles.
- Scientific monitoring of flamingo populations.
- Restoration of degraded wetlands and mangroves.
- Integrating biodiversity considerations into master plans and infrastructure projects.
- Promoting community participation through citizen-science initiatives and awareness campaigns.

Conclusion

The "Flamingo Revolution" demonstrates that protecting biodiversity is integral to sustainable development rather than being an obstacle to it. Healthy wetlands support ecological stability, strengthen climate resilience, improve urban liveability, and generate socio-economic benefits. India's future development trajectory should therefore embed biodiversity conservation within its planning and governance frameworks, ensuring that environmental sustainability remains central to inclusive growth.

Value Addition

Keywords to Underline

- Bio-indicator Species
- Wetland Ecosystem
- Blue Infrastructure
- Climate Resilience
- Mangrove Conservation



- Sustainable Urban Development
 - Ecosystem Services
 - Ramsar Principles
 - Nature-based Solutions
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