46 PILLAR#4: ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, PLANNING, NITI-PC

आर्थिक प्रणाली →	Capitalism पंजीवाद	Mixed Economies मिश्रित अर्थव्यवस्थाएँ	Socialism समाजवाद
Ownership of the industries?	Pvt. Sector	Few industries reserved for public sector, remaining by Pvt. sector.	Public Sector / Govt / Collective ownership. There is no 'pvt' property.
What goods and services should we produce? More books or more bikes? During production shd we use more labour or more	'Free Market Economy': Let the market forces of supply & demand decide it. Whichever mode of production is more cheaper.	- Essential goods/services by Public Sector - Others by Pvt sector. In public sector industries- govt will decide. In pvt sector- entrepreneur will decide.	Govt. will decide what must be produced & in how much quantity. Preference for labour intensive modes of production.
capital (machines)?		333.331	production
How to sell/distribute those goods and services among people?	Only the consumers who can afford them, can purchase them. If a sick man cannot afford medicine, it is not govt's problem.	 For essential goods and services → government may fix the prices e.g. NPPA-Stent. For others → market forces will decide. 	Govt to decide who needs how much, and will distribute accordingly, using subsidy / rationing shops.

- Presently, most nations are 'Mixed Economic System' including USA and India. While China officially claims to be 'Socialist' but, in practice, they too have become a Mixed Economy.
- The socialist economic system stopped in most nations after the collapse of USSR, except a handful of outliers like North Korea, Cuba & Venezuela.
- **Communism** is a branch of socialism, (usually) run by a totalitarian government made up of one and only one party.

Related terms: Closed economy (बंद अर्थव्यवस्था)= A country which does not have any import-export / economic relations with rest of the world. Open Economy= an economy that is not a closed economy.

46.1 ECONOMIC PLANNING: आर्थिक योजना

Definition? It is the process through which Govt. prepares a list of socio-economic problems e.g. Mass poverty, inequality, low productivity in agriculture, lack of industrial and infrastructural development etc.; and then Govt. sets goals / targets / plans to fix these problems.

46.1.1 Economy Planning → **Before Independence**:

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1934	M. Visvesvaraya's book "The planned economy of India". He was an Engineer, Ex-
	Diwan of Mysore and Bharat Ratna recipient.
1938	Nehru's Congress plan. But not implemented due to WW2.
1944	Bombay plan by noted industrialists such as JRD Tata, GD Birla et al.

1944	Sriman Narayan Agrawal's Gandhian plan.		
1945	MN Roy's	with socialist leanings.	
1950	Jayprakash Narayan's	Plan based on Vinoba's philosophy	

46.2 ECONOMY PLANNING → AFTER INDEPENDENCE

1950-	Inspired from the USSR / Soviet Model, PM Nehru established a Planning
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51	Commission योजना आयोग . 1st FYP starts from 1951.
1952	National Development Council (NDC/राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद) made up of PM, CM etc.
	to approve the Five Year Plans/पंचवर्षीय योजनाएँ drafted by Planning Commission.
2014	Modi shuts down Planning Commission.
2015,	Modi notified the formation of Niti Aayog: National Institution for Transforming
Jan	India, to replace the Planning Commission.

PC, NDC and NITI were / are neither Constitutional nor Statutory bodies.

46.3 Planning Commission \rightarrow Five Year Plans

Following table is more relevant for CDS, SSC & StatePCS than for UPSC-CSE.

Plan	Period	Theme/Model/Target	
1st	51-56	Harrod Domar Model	
		Main focus: Agriculture, irrigation and power.	
		Got more GDP growth than its original target.	
2nd	56-61	> Model	
		 ➢ Socialist model, Rapid industrialization, heavy industries. 	
3rd	61-66	Sukhmoy Chakraborty and John Sandy Model	
		Also called "Gadgil Yojana".	
		Failed to achieve its target due to droughts and wars with Pak-China	
Holidays	66-69	Plan Holiday declared thanks to #EPICFAIL of 3rd FYP.	
4th	69-74	Ashok Rudra and Alon Manney Model.	
		growth with stability and self-reliance.	
		Indira gave 'Garibi Hatao' slogan in 1971 election campaign	
		#EPICFAIL due to Bangladeshi refugee problem and	
		drought.	
5th	74-79	C.Subramaniam and later redrafting by D.P.Dhar	
		Originally it was a 10 year long term perspective plan with	
		focus on poverty removal and self-reliance	
Plan	78-80	Morarji Desai's Janta government: "we'll measure progress every year and make new plans accordingly for next year."	
6th	80-85	 Poverty removal, IRDP, NREM, TRYSEM etc. 	
7th	85-89	Pranav Mukherjee Model	
		 Focus on employment. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana started. 	
Two	89-91	Political instability at Centre. So, only annual plans.	
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plans			
8th	92-97	➤ John W.Miller Model.	
		➤ Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao- LPG reforms	
9th	97-02	Growth with social justice and equity. Mostly "indicative"	
		planning.	

		#EPICFAIL due to global slowdown after Asian Financial Crisis (which we learned in Pillar#3 currency convertibility).	
10th	02-07	Target 8% GDP growth rate, double per capita income in 10 years.	
11th	07-12	> Theme: "Inclusive Growth"	
		 C.Rangarajan framed it with targets: 8-10% growth rate, 70 million new jobs, lower IMR, CMR, TFR etc. 	
12th	12-17	> Theme: "	
	Ended	Target growth rates: 9% GDP, 4% Agriculture, 10% Mfg.	
	on 31/3/201	> 10% reduction in poverty, create 50 million new jobs.	
	7	Get IMR:26, MMR:1000, Child Sex ratio: 950, TFR: 2.1	
	•	Increase mean school years, forest cover, infrastructure investment, rural tele-density.	

MCQ. The main objective of the 12th Five-Year Plan is (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2014)

- (a) inclusive growth and poverty reduction
- (b) inclusive growth and sustainable growth
- (c) sustainable and inclusive growth to reduce unemployment
- (d) faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth

MCQ. Arrange the following events in sequential order as they happened in India:

1. Mahalanobis Model 2. Plan Holiday 3. Rolling Plan. (Asked in CDS-II-2017)

Answer Codes: (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 3, 2, 1 (c) 2, 3, 1 (d) 1, 3, 2

46.4 PLANNING COMMISSION: LIMITATIONS / SHORTCOMINGS

- X Achieved ~9% GDP growth-rate during 2005-07, thanks to American boom prior to Subprime crisis. But almost all nations of world including Pakistan had experienced high growth in that era. So 9% GDP did not come from PC's magic wand.
- X Post-Subprime crisis, GDP-fell, food-inflation & NPA rose during 2008-13. PC couldn't fix it.
- X PC was a toothless body, couldn't punish any government organisations if targets failed. Failed to implement land reforms and labour laws.
- X PC designed CSS with 'One Size Fits' all approach and a few extra crores to NE/J&K/Hill-states and LWE-affected states. But for long, PC did not use pilot projects / sample testing / interaction with states. So, Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), ICDS-child development scheme etc. programs failed to show tangible result despite pumping crores of rupees over decades.
- PC tried to bypass State Governments by designing schemes that directly funded to NGO & private agencies. So, non-Congress states became unenthusiastic about implementing Central Schemes.
- X Only in 2013, PC attempted to undo his mistakes by reducing number of Centrally sponsored schemes (CSS), Performance based funding to States etc. But it was too little too late.
- X PC's shortcomings resulted in creation of new bodies like PM's project monitoring group, Group of Ministers (GoM) committees etc. → more lack of coordination. So, Modi felt that PC is a hopeless mess beyond repairs & replaced it with NITI Ayog.



46.5 PLANNING COMMISSION VS NITI AAYOG: STRUCTURE

Position	Planning Commission	NITI Aayog		
Born	Born: 15/3/1950			
	Dissolved: 13/8/2014	was born on 1/1/2015		
Chairman	Prime Minister	same		
Vice Chairman	Last Dy.Chairman was Montek Singh Ahluwalia (Cabinet minister rank).	Economist Rajiv Kumar. (previously Arvind Panagariya). He enjoys Cabinet Minister rank in the warrant of precedence, but salary = Cabinet Secretary (IAS)		
CEO	Member-Secretary (IAS)	A Secretary level bureaucrat with fixed tenure. Presently, Amitabh Kant (IAS).		
Ex-officio members	✓ Finance Minister✓ Planning minister	PM has nominated following ministers 1. Home 2. Finance 3. Railway 4. Agriculture 5. Minister of state for planning.		
Full time members	4-7 full time members, who enjoyed "Minister of State" rank.	 Bibek Debroy (Economist) Ramesh Chand (Economist) V.K. Saraswat (Technocrat, missile scientist and Ex-DRDO chief.) Dr. V.K. Paul (Paediatrician, Public Health Expert) They enjoy minister of state rank in warrant of precedence, but salary = Secretary rank (IAS) 		
Special Invitees	N/A	 Union ministers for Transport, HRD, Social Justice. PM can invite other experts as and when needed. 		
Part-time members	N/A	Tech experts from research institutes. Currently none declared.		
Governing Council	National Development Council (NDC) with PM, CM etc.	 Chairman: Prime minister CM of all states incl. Delhi, Puducherry Lieutenant governors of all Union territories. 		
Ad hoc Regional Councils	N/A	CMs & Lt.Govs of states/UTs that fall in the region. They'll be dealing with specific issue affected them e.g. irrigation, naxal-problem, infrastructure etc.		

46.6 PLANNING COMMISSION VS NITI AAYOG: FUNCTIONS

While Finance commission (a constitutional body under Art.280) is responsible for the tax-devolution from Union to states, these two non-constitutional bodies look/looked after \rightarrow

Planning Commission	NITI Aayog
Prepared the Five Year Plans of India	2015 it drafted
	√ Three Year Action Agenda (2017-20).
	√ Seven Year Strategy Document.
	√ Fifteen Year Vision Document (2017-
	32).

	2018: drafted Strategy for New India @ 75
	covering the period 2017 to 2022-23.
 How much money should union 	NITI doesn't decide how much money should
give to each state for	be given to each state. That component is
implementation of centrally	decided by the Finance Commission (tax
sponsored schemes (CSS)?	devolution and grants) and Finance Ministry
2. How much money should union	(Allocations for schemes).
give to the five year plans of the	1. NITI primarily serves as the think tank,
state governments?	helps in policy design.
PC would answer these questions using	2. Helps in monitoring schemes'
Gadgil Mukherjee formula (designed in	implementation through its dashboard
, ,	e.g. 'School Education Quality Index',
8TH FYP)- based on population, per	'SDG India Index', 'Digital
capita income, special problems etc. of a	
state.	Transformation Index' etc.

46.7 NITI → NOTABLE INITIATIVES / HOW DIFFERENT FROM PC?

Portal	2017 onwards: NGO register here, get unique id \rightarrow apply for grants under various govt schemes.		
 District Programme आकांक्षात्मक जिला कार्यक्रम	- 2018 onwards: to rapidly transform 115 backward districts on 49 key performance indicators (KPIs :मुख्य निष्पादन संकेतक) related to Health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development, infrastructure etc Their progress is monitored using NITI online dashboard called 'Champions of Change' → 2018 Ranking: #1: Dahod (Guj).		
Strategic disinvestment सामरिक/ रणनीतिक विनिवेश	 Strategic Disinvestment means selling Government shareholding to such portion that private entity gets into management control (i.e. private entity getting 51% / >). In other words it's 'privatization' but NITI prefers to use such sophisticated term NITI Aayog suggested strategic disinvestment of 30+ sick / loss making CPSEs such as Air India, Pawan Hans Helicopter, Scooters India etc. (Planning Commission wouldn't have done this because of their Nehruvian 'pro-PSU' mindset.) 		
POSHAN Abhiyaan	 Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan to make India malnutrition free India by 2022 with focus on pregnant women, mothers and children. (More in Pillar#6) NITI Vice-Chairman is the head of POSHAN Abhiyaan's National Council. (Planning Commission's focus would had been Food-calorie security through cheap wheat /grain only, whereas Nutritional Security is bigger.) 		
Bills and policies	Since it inception Niti Aayog has - Helped framing various policies on Energy, Mineral etc.		

	Helped framing various bills, Model Acts on Agricultural Land Leasing, Livestock selling etc.
Agriculture	NITI helped revamping the MSP by suggesting price deficiency payments (under PM-AASHA), & revamping fertilizer subsidies through DBT mechanism to fertilizer companies. (Ref: Agro Handout)
SDG	For Sustainable Development Goals: टिकाऊ/सातत्यपूर्ण/सतत विकास लक्ष्यों, - NITI developed SDG India Index to monitor our progress in 17 SDG goals - NITI suggested Govt. to focus on methanol / biofuel based economy for reducing the fuel bill by around 30% by 2030.
css	NITI helped developing Output Outcome Monitoring Framework to monitor the implementation of Govt schemes. PC simply launched schemes after schemes, without much attention to performance monitoring.
Seminars	NITI regularly organises various seminar, workshop, conferences for idea exchange with industries and academicians. PC was 'closed / introvert: अंतर्मुखी body' in terms of interaction with others.
Startups	NITI runs Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and SETU to help startups.
Digital Age	NITI developing National Program on Artificial Intelligence.

Conclusion? From above points, it is evident that NITI's approach is more modernised, forward-looking, less bureaucratic and less status-quo oriented than the erstwhile planning commission. With such initiatives, NITI Ayog is playing a pivotal role for economic growth, human development and good governance in India.

Asked-GSM3-2018: How are the principles followed by the NITI Aayog different from those followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission in India?

46.8 ECONOMY PLANNING → PM-EAC?

Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (प्रधानमंत्री की आर्थिक सलाहकार परिषद)

- Just like PC and NITI, this is also neither constitutional nor statutory body.
- Started in the 2000s to give advice on economic issues to the Prime Minister.
- After PM Manmohan Singh's term finished (2014), PM Modi did not reconstitute it for a
 while. But in 2017, our growth rate seemed declining in the aftermath of demonetisation
 and GST, so opposition parties & critics were making lot of hue and cry about PM's
 faulty economic policies. In that atmosphere, PM Modi again reconstituted this Economic
 Advisory Council (2017-Sept).
- **Composition?** Economist Bibek Debroy (Chairman) & other notable experts. NITI provides administrative / secretarial support to PM-EAC.
- **Controversy?** 2018-Dec: Its part-time member economist Surjit Bhalla resigned, a day after RBI Governor Urjit Patel's resignation.



46.8.1 Economy Planning → **PRAGATI?**

2015: Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) is a web platform under Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for

- 1. monitoring scheme implementation
- 2. addressing common man's grievances related to tax refunds, EPFO claims etc.

PM uses this digital platform for monthly video conferencing with ministries & departments @Union, and Chief Secretaries(IAS) @States.

nief Secretaries(IAS) @States.	
 2014: PM Modi launched web portal under Cabinet Secretariat. After the Ministers / officials meet PM → various decisions / follow up actions are monitored through this portal. If an IAS is sitting on a file, this webportal allows PM / Cabinet Secretary to digitally ask the IAS to explain the delay or expedite the decision-making. 	
 2013: PM Manmohan set it under Cabinet Secretariat for fast tracking the approval / implementation of various public, private and PPP Projects. They also operate a webportal 'e-Nivesh Monitor' for investment / business proposals. 	
- 2007: Personal ministry → Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG: प्रशासनिक सुधार और लोक शिकायत विभाग) launched the portal Centralized Public Grievance Redress And Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) - Any citizens can file complaint against any Central Ministries/Departments/Organisations for Corruption, Nepotism, harassment, mismanagement, absenteeism, Delay in providing services etc They also launched a mobile app 'My Grievance'.	
Following don't fall under any 'Ministry or Dept' APEX/ INDEPENDENT OFFICES 1. President's Secretariat (राष्ट्रपति सचिवालय)	
 Cabinet Secretariat (मंत्रीमंडल सचिवालय) → Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) Prime Minister's Office (प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय) → National Security Advisor (NSA: राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार) NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENTS Department of Atomic Energy (परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग) Department of Space (अंतरिक्ष विभाग) 	

To prepare an economic plan, and to monitor its success or failure- statistical data is required. And that leads to the next topic \rightarrow



46.9 [YEARBOOK] MOSPI, NSSO, CSO

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI: सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय)'s administrative head is called Secretary & Chief Statistician of India (भारत के मुख्य सांख्यिकीविद्).- usually, Indian Statistical Service officer recruited by UPSC.

MoSPI consists of →

Mo	SPI cor	nsists of \rightarrow				
1.	Nation	ational Statistical Office (NSO: राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय) →				
	a.	सांख्यिकी कार्यालय) →				
		computation of GDP, GSDP, IIP, ASI, CPI (Rural, Urban, All India) and Economic Census (6th was done in 2013);				
	b.	प्रिट्या प्रतिदर्श सर्वेक्षण कार्यालय) →				
		data collection for various socio-economic subjects, Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), Rural-urban prices and other data required for CSO's calculations.				
2.	Progra	amme Implementation wing (कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन स्कंध $) ightarrow$				
	a.	Member of Parliament (MPLADS-1993:				
		सांसद स्थानीय क्षेत्र विकास योजना) → each MP can suggest development works				
		worth ₹ 5 crore per year in his constituency. Rajya Sabha MP: any district in their State. Nominated MP can select any district in the anywhere in India. Central Sector Scheme =100% funded by Union.				
	b.	Twenty Point Programme (2006: बीस सूत्री कार्यक्रम) to measure performance of				
		various schemes related to poverty alleviation, employment generation, housing, education,health, etc.				
	C.	Infrastructure Monitoring and Project Monitoring (आधारी संरचना प्रबोधन और				
		परियोजना प्रबोधन)				

46.10 NATIONAL STATISTICAL COMMISSION (राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी आयोग)

Setup in 2005 by Cabinet resolution. So, neither constitutional nor statutory.

- Structure? 1 part time chairman, 4 part time members + NITI Secretary is ex-officio member = 6 people. Chief Statistician of India serves as 'Secretary' to this commission.
- **Functions?** It replaced the erstwhile Governing council of the NSSO. So, basically the nodal body designing the standards of data collection data publication, coordination among the different agencies involved.
- Controversy? 2019-Jan: Two members resigned citing "Over the months, we have been feeling that we were not been taken seriously and being sidelined by the government. NSC had approved the Annual Employment Survey 2017-18 but it's not yet released." Critics allege this Employment survey shows jobs fell after demonetization / Modi raj so Modi doesn't want data released.

46.11 COLLECTION OF STATISTICS ACT 2008

- It regulates the collection of statistics related to social, economic, demographic, scientific and environmental aspects, by central, state and local governments.

- Penalty if companies, individuals and households doesn't give information / give false information to the data collectors.
- 2017 Amendment: extended this act to J&K as well.

Sidenote: Data collection / classification is done as per the System of National Accounts 2008 (SNA 2008) by United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC).

47 PILLAR#4: INDICATORS → UNEMPLOYMENT (बेरोजगारी)

- Voluntary Unemployment: a person is out of job on his own choice. Either he wants higher wages or doesn't want to work at all.
- **Involuntary unemployment (अनैकच्छिक बेरोजगारी):** It is a situation where a person is willing to work at the prevailing wage rates, but unable to find work due to factors beyond his control.

47.1 UNEMPLOYMENT → INVOLUNTARY → TYPES

Types	Features
Cyclical (चक्रीय)	mainly occurs during recession or depression when workers are laid off on mass scale.
Frictional (प्रतिरोधात्मक बेरोजगारी)	When a person is out of one job and is searching for another job. During this transition time, he's deemed frictionally unemployed.
Unemployment (प्रच्छन्न बेरोजगारी)	Unemployment which is not visible because person seems visibly working but his marginal productivity / contribution is zero. E.g. Farming family of 4 persons produces 200 kgs of wheat, but even if you remove 3 persons still production remains at 200 kgs.
Seasonal (मौसमी बेरोजगारी)	Labourers in Agriculture, Salt-pans, Sugar Mills, Ice-factory, Tourist spots, Marriage Catering-Orchestra etc. ,
Underemployment (अल्परोज़गार) or Educated unemployment	person is employed but not in a befitting position or salary corresponding to his qualification. e.g. M.Com working as Swiggy delivery boy, M. Tech working as Bank clerk and Dentist working as Dy. Section Officer.
Technological (प्रौद्योगिकी)	Technological unemployment occurs when men are replaced with machines e.g. textile / automobile.
Open / Structural (संरचनात्मक बेरोजगारी)	Lack of jobs when person's skill/qualification is insufficient for the jobs available in the market e.g. An IT Graduate knows C++ but demand is for Python/JAVA computer language experts.

47.2 Unemployment → NSSO measurement

- Unemployment Rate: = Total no. of unemployed / total labour force (of all people in the working age.)
- NSSO measures unemployment in 3 different approaches viz.

(UPS)	Unemployed for majority of the year.In official reports, this figure is given more prominence.	
Current Weekly Status	If not employed even 1 hr work in a week	
Current Daily Status	If not employed even 1 hr work in a day.	

Controversy? NSSO's periodic labour force survey (PLFS) says it's 6.1% (UPS: 2017) which is highest in last 45 years. The unemployment rate is higher in urban areas than rural areas

of the country. Although Govt maintains "it's not finalised. It is a draft report, and look at this loan data from MUDRA Yojana, if so many loans taken so it means jobs are created etc etc".

Asked-GSM3-2015: The nature of economic growth in India in described as jobless growth. Do you agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.

47.3 Unemployment \rightarrow Employed in Unorganized sector

- An unorganized sector firm is not registered under any law like Shop Establishment Act, Factory Act, Companies Act, Statutory Corporation, Govt organization etc.
- Unorganized sector consists of individuals / self employed workers engaged in nontrade-unionized casual / seasonal work with irregular payments & lack of social security coverage like EPFO/ESIC.
- Government has enacted Unorganized Sector Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 to provide them with life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection etc.

Labour Ministry classification →

	Labour Willion y Glassification		
	Examples of Unorganized worker <list exhaustive="" not=""></list>		
Occupation wise	Small and marginal farmers, landless agricultural labourers, share croppers, fishermen, those engaged in animal husbandry, beedi rolling, labeling and packing, building and construction workers, leather workers, weavers, artisans, salt workers, brick kilns and stone quarries, workers in saw mills, oil mills.		
Nature of	Attached agricultural labourers, bonded labourers, migrant workers,		
employment	contract and casual labourers.		
Specially	Toddy tappers, Scavengers, Carriers of head loads, Drivers of animal		
distressed	driven vehicles, Loaders and unloaders.		
categories			
Service	Midwives, Domestic workers, Fishermen and women, Barbers,		
categories Vegetable and fruit vendors, News paper vendors etc.			
Miscellaneous	Cobblers, Hamals, Handicraft artisans, Handloom weavers, Lady tailors,		
	Physically handicapped self employed persons, Rickshaw pullers, Auto		
	drivers, Sericulture workers, Carpenters, Tannery workers, Power loom workers and Urban poor.		

- **Unorganised worker** = Person working in above sectors. There are more number of workers in unorganized sector, than in the organized sector.
- **Informal worker** = Person who is not in the formal records / contract of a firm. So he could be in unorganized sector and he could be even in 'organized sector' e.g. driver / Security Guard / Chowkidaar / gardener in Reliance Itd.

MCQ. Which of the following statements about India's unorganised sector are true? [UPSC-CDS-2014-I]

- 1. Labour is more in number than that in the organised sector.
- 2. Job security and work regulation are better in unorganised sector.
- 3. They are usually not organised into trade unions.
- 4. Workers are usually employed for a limited number of days.

Answer Codes: (a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 1, 3 and 4 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1 and 3



48 PILLAR#4: INDICATORS → GDP

-	Gross Domestic Product (सकल घरेलू उत्पाद) is the
	during a specified
	time period, usually one year.

 Here, domestic territory means political frontiers of the country including its territorial waters, ships, aircrafts, fishing vessels operated by the normal residents of the country; AND its embassies and consulates located abroad. (as per NIOS)

48.1 GDP CALCULATION METHOD#1 \rightarrow VIA Expenditure (व्यय द्वारा)

If anything is produced then someone must have paid money for that. So, accordingly we can derive GDP =

can derive GDP =	Evamples
GDP Expenditure Method	Examples
(C) Consumption of final goods and services उपभोग हेतु अंतिम उत्पाद (I) Investments निवेश	 Purchasing new car, mobiles, computer etc. Both Indiamade & (Imported) foreignmade are counted. If existing house, its 'notional rent' is counted (i.e. even if you didnot rent the property.) IGNORE purchase of second hand goods, because we are only measuring 'new' things "MADE in India" in present year. IGNORE of new house is not counted here, it's counted in (I) Purchase of tangible capital assets like New House, land, building, factory, truck, machinery. Purchase of intangible capital assets like IPR / patents, computer software etc. Purchase of raw material / intermediate goods for production. IGNORE savings in bank, shares and bonds etc. (because it'd)
	have been given to entrepreneur as 'Capital' to buy above things).
(G) Government Purchases	 Salaries to employees, Procurement of computer, stationery, fans, tubelines, vehicles etc.
सरकार द्वारा की जाने वाली खरीद	IGNORE Government's scholarship, subsidy etc. 'transfer payments'. They're counted in "C" (Private) consumption by the respective beneficiaries.
(X-M) Export MINUS Imports निर्यात -आयात	 Export is added because it means a foreigner must have bought goods/services "MADE in India" so it's part of India's GDP. Whereas, Import is subtracted because some Indians must have Consumed (C) foreign products that were not "MADE in India", So if you do not subtract the 'Import(M)', it will give wrong estimation of India's GDP.
Total = GDP	The GDP thus arrived is called GDP at Current Market Price (सकल
	घरेलू उत्पाद वर्तमान मूल्य पर).

When we adjust it with inflation against base year 2011 → GDP at Constant Market Price (स्थिर मूल्य पर).

48.2 GDP CALCULATION METHOD \rightarrow VIA EXPENDITURE (CSO REAL LIFE)

Textbook formula	CSO's Real life formula
(C) Consumption of	(+)(PFCE)
final goods and	
services	
(I) Investments	(+) Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)+ Change in Stocks (CIS)
(G) Govt Purchases	(+) Government Final Consumption Expenditure (GFCE)
(X-M) Export	(+) Net Export of Goods & Services.
MINUS Imports	
	(+) Discrepancies (विसंगतियां)
Total =	Total = GDP @Current Market Price

48.3 GDP CALCULATION METHOD → VIA PRODUCTION/GVA (उत्पादन द्वारा)

Production method is also known as ____ method (GVA: सकल वर्धित मूल्य)

Amt in ₹	Mining	Engine	Tractor	Total
	Company →	Company →	Company →	
A) Total	Steel: 1 lakh	Engine: 5	Tracktor: 10	1+5+10=16 lakh
Production →		lakh	lakh	Value of Final Goods
				produced by firms
B) Intermediate	00 (suppose	1 lakh (Steel	5 lakh (Engine	0+1+5= 6 lakh Value
$Goods \to$	ore dug from	purchased)	purchased)	of Intermediate
मध्यवर्ती वस्तुएँ	free land!)			Goods used by firms
Value Added	1 lakh →	4 lakh →	5 lakh →	GVA =16-6
(A-B)=				= 1+4+5 =10

- Here, GVA = Value of final MINUS intermediate = (16-6) = 10 lakh. Alternatively, GVA = Value added at each stage = 1 + 4 + 5 = 10 lakh.
- The amount thus derived is called GVA (at basic price: मूल कीमत पर).

48.3.1 From GVA to GDP

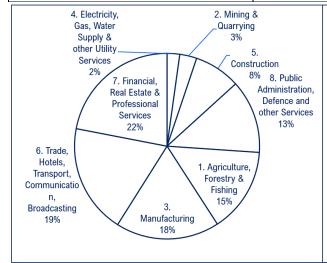
GVA at Basic price: (Suppose a country only produce LPG cylinders)	₹ 600
Indirect Taxes: CGST + SGST (Earlier, Excise + VAT)	(+) ₹ 100
But Petro ministry is also giving subsidy on the purchase of LPG cylinders	(-) ₹ 200
under PAHAL scheme	
GDP at Current Market Price (वर्तमान बाजार कीमत)	₹ 500
= GVA (+) Indirect taxes (-) Subsidies	

When we adjust Current Prices (वर्तमान) with inflation against base year 2011, we get GVA / GDP Constant Prices (स्थिर मूल्य).

Here are actual sector specific GVA, Arranged from Lowest to Highest →

GVA in crores Figures adjusted @constant Basic Price	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (est)	Growth in 2017 vs 16	Growth in 2018 vs 17
Electricity, Gas, Water Supply & other Utility Services	246,491	267,720	289,193	8.6	8
2. Mining & Quarrying	348,089	365,677	370,237	5.1	1.2
5. Construction	917,754	969,194	1,055,917	5.6	8.9

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8. Public Administration, Defence and other Services	1,394,269	1,560,252	1,692,866	11.9	8.5
1. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	1,717,467	1,803,039	1,852,580	5	2.7
3. Manufacturing	2,055,043	2,176,923	2,353,618	5.9	8.1
6. Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication, Broadcasting	2,145,415	2,312,214	2,469,571	7.8	6.8
7. Financial, Real Estate & Professional Services	2,494,444	2,649,146	2,841,805	6.2	7.3



Pie chart shows avg. contribution to 'GVA' in last 3 years (2016,2017, 2018)

- Primary Sector = Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing And Mining & Quarrying
- 2. Secondary Sector = Manufacturing, Construction, Electricity, Gas, Water Supply & Other Utility Services.
- 3. Tertiary Sector = Services of All Types

Collectively, highest to lowest contribution in GVA / GDP: Tertiary (more than 50%) > Secondary (less than 30%) > Primary (less than 20%)

The sum of above things will be GVA at Basic Prices (मूल कीमत पर) \rightarrow Add indirect taxes minus subsidies = GDP at Market Price (बाजार कीमत).

- While GVA gives a picture of economy from the producers' side or supply side, the GDP model gives the picture from the consumers' / demand side perspective. (Because it considers Indirect taxes and subsidies).
- Therefore, from 2018-April, RBI decided to use GDP instead of GVA to measure the economic activities for its policy making / big data analytics.

48.4 GDP CALCULATION METHOD → VIA INCOME (WIPR)

This method follows the simple idea that whatever is "MADE in India", its revenues must have been distributed among the factors of production. So,

- GDP = Wages to labourers (W) + Interest on Capital to Lenders (I) + Profits to Entrepreneur / Owners of the firm (P) + Rent on land (R).
- The GDP thus arrived is called GDP at Current Factor Cost (वर्तमान कारक लागत पर).

48.5GDP CALCULATION METHOD → VIA INCOME (CSO REAL LIFE)

Theoretical	CSO' real life income formula		
Wages	Compensation (i.e. Employees salary + Employer's contribution to his		
	Social Security Account e.g. EPFO / ESIC).		
(+) Income	(+) Operating Surplus, Mixed Income. (Because in a family run farm		
	/ enterprise it is difficult to separate income and profit, unlike a		
(+) Profit	corporate balancesheet)		
(+) Rent	(+) Consumption of fixed assets during production		
Total= "GDP	Here total is called "GVA @Factor Cost"		
@Factor Cost"			

In CSO' (real life) income formula the answer arrived is called 'GVA'. Further,

Further →	GVA at Factor Cost
add production level taxes i.e.	(+) Professional Tax, Stamp Duty, Land Revenue
taxes "independent of volume"	
Subtract production level	(-) Farmer interest subvention because it is given
subsidies i.e. subsidies	irrespective of whether he produces 100kg or 1000 kg;
"independent of volume"	similarly, Govt paying EPFO contribution on behalf of
	industrialist etc.
Answer=	GVA at Basic Prices
add Product Taxes i.e. taxes	(+) Excise / VAT / GST / Custom Duty- Because their
"dependent of volume / value	absolute figures will vary as per the quantum of
of product"	production
Subtract Product Level	(-) LPG Pahal subsidy that depends on number of
subsidies i.e. subsidies	cylinders purchased, MSP that depends on amount of
"dependent of volume"	grains procured etc.
Answer=	GDP at Current Market Price (MP). When we adjust it
	with inflation against base year 2011 → GDP at Constant
	Market Price.

48.6 GDP \rightarrow Growth Rate & Deflator (वृद्धि दर, अपस्फीतिकारक)

- Growth Rate (%) = {GDP (Present year Last Year) / Last Year} x 100
- But, quantitatively the production may not have improved (From 1 kg onions to 2 kg onions), and only because of inflation in the prices (₹ 10/kg onion to ₹ 100/kg) the growth rate may be appear high.
- Therefore (to remove the inflation impact on growth rate), we must select a base year, and convert the current prices to constant prices.
- The ratio of these GDPs is called 'GDP deflator', it presents a picture of inflation like CPI and WPI but, unlike CPI & WPI it's not based on a fixed basket of commodities.

$$\textit{GDP Deflator} = \frac{\text{Nominal GDP at Current Prices (2018)}}{\text{Real GDP at Constant Prices (BaseYear 2011)}} \times 100$$

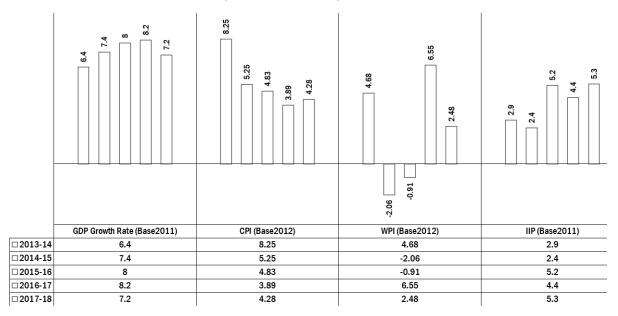
CSO Release in 2019-Feb → ₹ crores	2016	2017	2018 (est)
A) Nominal GDP @Current Basic Prices in crores [Production GVA Method]	15,362,386	17,095,005	19,053,967
Nominal Growth Rate @Current Prices (against Previous Year)	***	11.3% growth than 2016	11.5 % growth than 2017
B) Real GDP @Constant Prices (BaseYear2011)	12,298,327	13,179,857	14,100,119
Real Growth Rate @Constant Prices (against Previous Year)	***	7.2% growth than 2016	7.0% growth than 2017
GDP Deflator = {A÷B} x 100	124	129	135

These figures are revised as the new data arrives.

- E.g. 2019-Jan: CSO says 7.2% growth forecasted for 2018-19 (ending at 31/3/2019), then in 2019-Feb revises it downwards to 7.0%. CSO will also prepare quarterly growth rates (compared to previous quarters) and then engage in upwards / downwards revision.



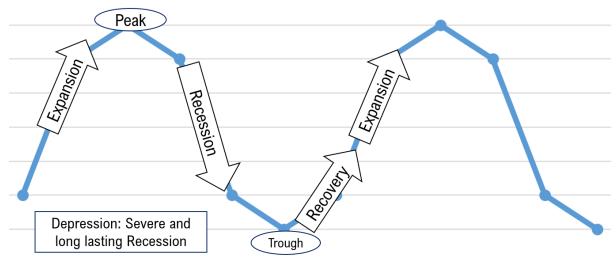
- Similarly, RBI, IMF, Rating Agencies will forecast & then revise it upwards and downwards. But that ball by ball commentary NOTIMP.



MCQ. The 8% growth rate registered by Indian economy during the year 2015-16 is based on [UPSC-CDS-2017-I]

- (a) Gross National Product at market prices.
- (b) Gross Value Added at constant prices.
- (c) Gross Domestic Product at market prices.
- (d) Gross Domestic Product at constant prices.

48.7 GDP → GROWTH RATE → ECONOMIC CYCLE



- 1. **Expansion**, Prosperity, Boom, Upswing of economy (तेजी का दौर).
- 2. **Recession** Phase (मंदी): from peak prosperity to moving downwards. Usually evident from continuous negative growth rate for two successive quarters (=6 months). E.g. USA 2007-09 in the aftermath of Subprime crisis.
- 3. **Depression** Phase (घोर मंदी): Severe and long lasting Recession e.g. USA 1929-39 in the aftermath of stock market crash. It resulted in great fall in GDP, income, employment, industrial production, and wholesale-retail sales.



4. **Recovery** Phase (समृत्थान): from recession / depression towards prosperity.

48.8 GDP → GROWTH RATE → HOW TO IMPROVE?

Savings	It's the Income excess of Consumption. Subdivided into Private Savings [by households & business firm] and Public Savings by Govt organizations.
Investment	It's the domestic Savings + NET foreign money WHICH IS put in Real (physical) Assets like machines, tools, buildings, office spaces, storehouses, roads, bridges, airports
GFCF	Gross Fixed Capital Formation Rate (सकल निश्चित पूंजी निर्माण दर) = INVESTMENT – DISPOSAL of assets (liquidation, condemnation). Thus, GFCF shows the net increase in physical assets. It IGNORES depreciation, and land purchases.
Capital Output Ratio	It is the amount of capital needed to produce one unit of output. It depends on factors such as technological progress, prices of capital goods / machinery. In India, High Capital Ratio is among the reasons for subdued growth rates.

Economic Survey 2018 observed that

- Pre-Subprime crisis, above indicators had peaked over 30% of GDP. But then falling down, then struggling zig-zag.
- Pre-subprime crisis our growth rate was in the peak 9%, presently it's struggling in ~7% range.
- Some countries take as much as 17 years to come out of such crisis.

If we want to quickly recover, & bring our growth rate back to 9% then we must increase investment \rightarrow GFCF will increase \rightarrow then growth rate will automatically increase \rightarrow savings will automatically increase. Therefore,

Increasing Investment / GCFC: should be our urgent priority	Increasing / mobilizing savings is important but should not be our urgent priority
Resolve TBS, encourage Make in India & Startup India, Reforms in Tax Laws, Labour Laws, Environment Clearance, FDI approval etc.	PMJDY, Pension-Insurance schemes, Sovereign Gold Bonds, Unearthing black money, Demonetization etc. They're important but not "URGENT"

MCQ. Economic growth in country X will occur if: (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2013)

- (a) there is technical progress in the world economy.
- (b) there is population growth in X.
- (c) there is capital formation in X.
- (d) the volume of trade grows in the world economy.

MCQ. Despite being a high saving economy, capital formation may not result in significant increase in output due to(Asked in UPSC-Pre-2018)

(a) weak administrative machinery

(b) illiteracy

(c) high population density

(d) high capital-output ratio

2018: NITI's Strategy for New India @ 75 accepted this & has set following targets



Target for 2022-23	Challenges?
Increase the Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) from present 29% → 36% of GDP by 2022-23	 To increase Public Sector / Government led-investment: Must improve Tax:GDP by combating tax evasion and avoidance. Must decrease Revenue deficit by combating Subsidy leakage through JAM-trinity. Government has to exit from loss making public sector enterprises PPP for Infrastructure. To mobilize private households' investment Greater coverage in Sovereign Gold Bond, Jan Dhan Account, Pension-Insurance schemes etc.; Preventing Ponzy & Chit Fund scams To mobilize domestic & foreign companies' investment Addressing the NPA crisis, reforms in the FDI policy, Ease of Doing Biz etc.
Increase India's growth rate to 9-10%. Increase size of Indian economy (=GDP) to trillion USD.	 For this we must increase our 'NET Exports' so, Address various bottlenecks styming our agriculture and manufacturing sector. Ease the complex labour and land laws. Readiness for the industrial revolution 4.0, artificial intelligence, loT etc. Skilling of Indian youth, increasing female participation in labour force. Renewable energy to decrease import bill. Trade agreements with like-minded countries & regional blocks

Conclusion? Higher economic growth can help increasing employment avenues for citizens & tax revenues for the Governments. Collectively, this results in improved living standards through higher expenditure on health & education by both the citizens and the State. Therefore, we must leave no stone unturned to accomplish above targets / address above challenges on priority basis.

48.8.1 GDP Misc Topics → Backseries Controversy?

- During PM Manmohan-raj GDP base year was **2004-05**.
- 2015: PM Modi changed GDP base year to 2011-12. Then, Manmohan-raj GDP figures have to updated / re-adjusted as per the new base year.
- The (new) GDP-data thus re-produced for 2005-2011 is called "Backseries" data.
- 2018 August: MoSPI → National Statistical Commission → Committee on Real Sector Statistics under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sudipto Mundle → He discussed various approaches to prepare such Backseries.
- 2018- November: NITI released backseries data, showing UPA/Congress Raj GDP growth was pathetic.
- Critiques alleging "Methodology is wrong, and MoSPI/CSO should have released the report. NITI Ayog should not have released it on their behalf. So, it's all Modi's manipulated data just to show his growth figures are higher."

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Growth rate	Base year 2004	Base year 2011
UPA-1 era (2004-09)	8.1%	~ 6.7% (using Backseries)
UPA-2 era (2009-14)	7.0%	~ 6.7% (using Backseries)
Modi-era (2014-2018*)	N/A	~ 7.4%

48.8.2 GDP Misc Topics → Discrepancy?

- Theoretically, the GDP calculated by production method should equal to GDP by expenditure method.
- However, in real life GDP (production) will not equal GDP (expenditure); because factory production data is systematically captured by Government machinery such as Corporate Affairs ministry's MCA-21 portal, CSO's Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) etc. But, all of the final private consumption may not be captured in the official statistics due to unreported transactions (e.g. due to black money etc.)
- As a result, mismatch / 'discrepancy' will be observed in GDP (expenditure) figures, and mentioned in the official CSO report.
- Therefore, GDP (Production Method GVA) is considered more accurate method among the three methods (Production, Expenditure, Income).
- So, while CSO computes data using all 3 methods, but official GDP & growth figures are presented based on the 'Production GVA' method.

48.8.3 GDP Misc Topics \rightarrow Changing base years to 2017 & 18

2018-Feb: MoSPI declared that it'll 'initiate' steps to change base years:

Indicator	Present Base year	Proposed New Base Year from 2019
GDP & IIP		2017-18
CPI		2018-19

This is proposed to 'accommodate' the changes take place in the economic scenario of the country (e.g. GST, Demonetization, RERA).

48.8.4 GDP Misc Topics → (Proposed) City-level GDP

- 2018: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) asked the the Economist Magazine's Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) to prepare feasibility of calculating City level GDP for Indian cities.
- This can help the municipal administrators to know the economic potential of their area, and decide municipal property tax rates & user fees; development projects for water / sanitation / transport / infrastructure accordingly.

48.9 GDP → GNP TO NNP TO PER CAPITA INCOME

First, we've to derive Gross National "Product" (GNP: सकल राष्ट्रीय उत्पाद) i.e.

- India's GDP
- PLUS (wages, interest, profit, rent) earned by residents from overseas.
- MINUS (wages, interest, profit, rent) earned by non-residents from India.

IGNORE transfer incomes such as remittances gifts, donations, charities, fines. IGNORE the incomes from second hand goods.

GNP (Market Prices) = GDP + "NET" factor income from abroad.

Whenever something is produced, capital assets get consumed due to wear and tear. This wear and tear is called Depreciation (मूल्यहास). Since, depreciation does not become part of anybody's income, so it has to be subtracted.

Net National Product (NNP@Market Price) = GNP MINUS Depreciation.

However, here we are getting the NNP at 'Market Prices'. We've to convert it to Factor cost.

NNP (Factor Cost) = NNP (Market Price) _____.

NNP (Factor Cost) is the National Income of India, says NCERT Class12.

Per Capita Income = NNP ÷ population of India

Per Capita Income (प्रति व्यक्ति आय)	2016	2017	2018 (Est)
Population in Crores	129	131	133
At ₹ Current Prices	1,04,659	1,14,958	1,26,699
At ₹ Constant Prices (@BaseYear2011)	82,931	87,623	92,718

MCQ. National product at factor cost is equal to [UPSC-CDS-2014-II]

- (a) Domestic product + Net factor income from abroad.
- (b) National product at market prices indirect taxes + subsidies.
- (c) Gross domestic-product depreciation.
- (d) National product at market prices + Indirect taxes + subsidies.

48.9.1 GDP → National Income → Misc. concepts

Gross national	OECD defines it as GDP + NET receipts from abroad (wages,
income (GNI)	interest, profit, rent) plus net taxes & subsidies receivable from
	abroad. Here, 'Wages and salaries' from abroad = 'Guest'
	workers who reside abroad for less than 12 months and whose
	centre of economic interest remains in their home country.
	The technical difference between GNP and GNI=notIMP
National disposable	= NNP + Other Current Transfers from rest of the world
income	(remittances, gift, donations etc.)
राष्ट्रीय प्रयोज्य आय	
	National Disposable Income gives an idea of what is the
	maximum amount of goods and services the domestic economy
	has at its disposal.
Personal income (PI)	Very contrived formula, not important.
Personal Disposable	Personal Income MINUS Personal Tax Payments
Income	(e.g.income tax) MINUS Non-tax Payments (e.g. fines)

You can satiate further scholastic curiosity by studying (new) NCERT macroeconomics class 12 page 24 onwards but poor cost : benefit.

48.10 GDP & PER CAPITA INCOME → CRITICISM / LIMITATIONS

- 1. Provides only quantitative picture and does not consider the qualitative aspects / negative externalities (লকায়নেলক ৰাह্যনাए) e.g. More coal based thermal power production= more GDP, disregarding how much pollution it created.
- 2. Ignores non-marketed activities e.g. domestic work done by mother.

- 3. Ignores the Opportunity Cost (अवसर लागत) e.g. A child labour produced ₹ 50000 rupees worth firecracker annually = added in GDP. But, child labourer could not pursue education ELSE he **could have** become a doctor/engineer and produced ₹ 5,00,000 rupees worth of annual goods and services such angles are not considered in computing GDP.
- 4. Ignores inequality of income among people. (आय की असमानता)

48.10.1 GDP \rightarrow is everyone benefitting?

Economic	Economic
आर्थिक वृद्धि	आर्थिक विकास
It measures the increase in the production of goods and services in a country.	It measures whether economic growth has resulted in improving the quality of life & the socioeconomic structure of the country?
Quantitative measurement: gross Domestic Product (GDP), Consumption, Government Spending, Investment, Net Exports.	Qualitative measurements such as UNDP's HDI (Human Development Index), life expectancy, gender- related indices, infant mortality, literacy rate etc.
GDP divided by total population = per capita income.	It'll focus on 'Inequality of income distribution' e.g. obtained through World Bank Gini coefficient or Oxfam NGO's Inequality report.
	Related: Sustainable Development (सतत
	विकास) is development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

In pillar#4 our focus is economic growth (GDP), whereas in pillar#6 we will be focusing on Economic Development (Human aspect).

MCQ. Increase in absolute and per capita real GNP do not connote a higher level of economic development, if(Asked in UPSC-Pre-2018)

- (a) industrial output fails to keep pace with agricultural output.
- (b) agricultural output fails to keep pace with industrial output.
- (c) poverty and unemployment increase.
- (d) imports grow faster than exports.

48.10.2 Mains Questions in past UPSC-GSM3

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Among several factors for India's potential growth, savings rate is the most	2017					
effective one. Do you agree? What are the other factors available for growth						
potential?						
The nature of economic growth in India in described as jobless growth. Do you	2015					
agree with this view? Give arguments in favour of your answer.						
Capitalism has guided the world economy to unprecedented prosperity. However,	2014					
it often encourages shortsightedness and contributes to wide disparities between						
the rich and the poor. In this light, would it be correct to believe and adopt						
capitalism driving inclusive growth in India? Discuss.						



49 PILLAR#4: INDICATORS → INFLATION

-	Inflation	(मुद्रार्स्प	गेति) is the	e		 	 		 	 	
	5 (1.4)	<i></i> -			_		 _	-			

Deflation (मुद्रा अवस्फीति) is inverse of above definition. Deflation occurs when the inflation rate falls below 0%

49.1 INFLATIONARY AND DEFLATIONARY GAPS

- In his book "General Theory on employment, interest, money", British Economist J.M.Keyenes (1883) said, "when economy is functioning at full employment, aggregate supply will match aggregate demand." At this equilibrium, we'll have 'General Price' level → any increase → inflation, decrease → deflation.

Aggregate Demand

= Consumption(C) + Investments(I) + Govt Purchases (G) + {Exports (X) — Imports (M)}

Inflationary Gap (मुद्रास्फीतिकारी अंतर)	Deflationary Gap (अवस्फीतिकारी अंतर)
It could have occurred because of	It could have occurred because of
- ↑ Money supply	 ↓ Money supply
- ↑ Propensity to consume,	2. ↑ Propensity to SAVE / Consumer
 ↑ Investment expenditure 	delaying purchase with hopes of
- ↑ Fiscal deficit	further fall in prices.
- ↑ NET exports	3. ↓ Investment expenditure
 High growth → higher Aggregate 	4. ↑ Fiscal consolidation
demand \rightarrow could lead to inflation.	5. ↓ NET exports
	6. Depression / Recession that results
	into falling 'Aggregate demand'.
Inflationary Spiral	Deflationary Spiral
<u>(मद्रास्फीति में उत्तरोत्तर वृद्धि)</u>	Fall in prices \rightarrow lower profit to firm \rightarrow lower
When inflation increases, workers demand	production, lower wages / workers laid off
higher wages to keep up with the cost of	\rightarrow lower demand \rightarrow lower prices \rightarrow
living → firms pass these higher labor costs	
on to their customers \rightarrow higher prices \rightarrow	
more inflation $\rightarrow \dots$	

MCQ. A rise in general level of prices may be caused by (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2013)

- 1. An increase in the money supply.
- 2. A decrease in the aggregate level of output.
- 3. An increase in the effective demand.

Answer Codes: (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

MCQ. Economic growth is usually coupled with? (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2011)

(a) Deflation

(b) Inflation

(c) Stagflation

(d) Hyperinflation

MCQ. Which is an appropriate description of deflation? [UPSC-CDS-2012-II]

- (a) it is a sudden fall in the value of a currency against other currencies.
- (b) It is a persistent recession in the economy.



- (c) It is a persistent fall in the general price level of goods and services.
- (d) It is fall in the rate of inflation over a period of time.

49.2 Inflation: Types based on Causation (कारणता के अनुसार)

	It's 'too much money chasing too few goods' i.e. Prices are rising	
Inflation	because people have excess money → demand for goods and	
(मांगजनित)	services exceeds the available supply. MNREGA, Pay Commission,	
(PM KISAN6k/Rahul's NYAY72k/Universal Basic Income(UBI) etc.	
	could lead to this.	
Monetary	When RBI printing of more money results in inflation (Recall	
inflation	'Monetising the deficit' from Pillar#2: FRBM Handout).	
	Price rise due to increased cost of inputs e.g.	
Inflation	 Expensive crude oil → higher costs for Transport 	
(लागतजनित)	Companies.	
	- Trade / labour unions' protests / strikes → wage hike.	
	- Natural disasters → Lower potato / chilly production →	
Profit – Push	Chips makers have to pay more for inputs.	
	When Cartels / Monopolists / Oligopolists deliberately cut down the	
Inflation	supply / production or hike the prices because of greed / profit motive.	
Built-in-Inflation	Linked to the "price/wage inflationary spiral" i.e. when inflation rises,	
built-in-initiation	workers demand higher wages to keep up with the cost of living →	
	firms passing these higher labor costs on to their customers as	
	higher prices → more inflation.	
Repressed	During war, Government imposes price controls and rationing to	
Inflation	keep prices under check. But the moment such controls are	
(दमित स्फीति)	withdrawn, prices will go up (because traders will want to cover up	
(पानरा स्परारा)	their previous losses by raising prices). This is called <i>Repressed</i>	
	Inflation.	
	Persistent high inflation, high unemployment and low growth	
	resulting into a stagnant economy.	
Skewflation	Term to denote episodic price rise in one / small group of	
	commodities while Inflation in the remaining goods and services	
	remain usual. E.g. pulse / tomato / onion inflation in india.	
Headline Inflation	It is the measure of the total inflation within an economy, usually	
(सुर्खि)	presented in the form of CPI or WPI.	
Core inflation	Headline inflation MINUS inflation in articles.	
(प्रमुख मुद्रास्फीति)		
Reflation	In Pillar#1: Philip curve we learned that deflation → unemployment,	
(पुन: मुद्रास्फीति)	so, RBI tries to stimulate economy by increasing the money supply,	
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Govt tries to give 'fiscal stimulus' by reducing taxes / increasing	
	public procurement Such actions take economy from deflationary	
	path towards inflation path, this is process is 'Reflation'.	
Structural	Inflation that is part of a particular economic system. A complete	
Inflation	change in economic policy would be needed to get rid of it. e.g.	
(सरचनात्मक	 To keep farmers happy, Govt keeps raising MSP for wheat / rice but not so much for pulses → inflation in pulses. 	
मुद्रास्फीति)	 APMC reforms not taken → cartelization & hoarding → 	
	inflation in vegetables.	
	- When global crude prices are falling, Govt raises Excise / VAT	
	great distance and family, contrained Excelor, with	

to get more money for their schemes, so, petrol-diesel not
getting cheaper & so on

49.3 Inflation types based on Speed / Quantum

- 1. **Creeping Inflation**: ~4% per annum. It's regarded safe and essential for job creation and economic growth.
- 2. Walking / Trotting Inflation: >4% onwards → Running Inflation: When it shifts to double digit.
- 3. Galloping / Hyperinflation (新宿 स्पीत): Very high level. 20%-100%-even 10,000% or more, as observed in Germany after Treaty of Versailles due to monetized deficit. Modern day Venezuela and Zimbabwe due to misgovernance of ruling parties resulting into broken economy & shortage of essential commodities. Here, money becomes quite worthless and new currency may have to be introduced.

MCQ. Which one of the following is likely to be the most inflationary in its effect? (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2013)

- (a) Repayment of public debt
- (b) Borrowing from the public to finance a budget deficit
- (c) Borrowing from banks to finance a budget deficit
- (d) Creating new money to finance a budget deficit

49.3.1 Inflation → **Base Effect?**

- Suppose price of 1 kg onion = 100 (2010), 110 (2011), 120 (2012). So, as such their price is increasing at the rate of ₹ 10 per year.
- However, the % rise in inflation over previous year is 10% for 2011 (110 vs 100), and 9.09% for 2012 (=120 vs 110).
- Thus, the choice of base (denomination) could make the inflation look too high or too low even if the price rise has been same as the same.

MCQ. A rapid increase in the rate of inflation is sometimes attributed to the "base effect". What is "base effect"?(Asked in UPSC-Pre-2011)

- (a) It is the impact of drastic deficiency in supply due to failure of crops
- (b) It is the impact of the surge in demand due to rapid economic growth
- (c) It is the impact of the price levels of previous year on the calculation of inflation rate
- (d) None of the statements

49.4 EFFECTS ON INDIVIDUALS

Effect	During Inflation	During Deflation
Businessman,	They make huge profits because	They make losses because prices
Borrowers	the price of final product is rising at	of final products fall faster than the
	a much faster speed than the price	cost of production→ lay-off
of raw materials. workers to cut sal		workers to cut salary bill.
Fixed Income	- Salaried individual, pensions	While they will benefit because the
Groups,	suffer.	value (=purchasing power) of
Lenders	- Lenders suffer because even if	money will increase, but some
	borrowed money is returned their 'real Purchasing Power' would have declined due to the	workers / employees will lose their

	fall in Real Interest Rate.	jobs during deflation as per the Philip Curve.
Currency itself	Since rupee's purchasing power will decline, its exchange rate value will weaken against foreign currencies, as foreigners get less keen to buy from India.	Reverse will happen.

MCQ. Consider the following statements: (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2013)

- 1. Inflation benefits the debtors.
- 2. Inflation benefits the bondholders.
- 3. Both 1 and 2
- 4. Neither 1 nor 2

49.5 COMBATING INFLATION OR DEFLATION

	Fighting inflation	Fighting deflation
RBI	Tight / dear / Hawkish Monetary Policy	Cheap / Easy / Dovish - to make loans
	to make the loans expensive	cheaper
Govt	 Tax deduction / exemption / subsidy benefits towards producers to decrease the cost of production. Curtailing Fiscal Deficit. Curtailing schemes and subsidies that are increasing money in the hands of beneficiary without increasing production. Ordering RBI to issue inflation Indexed Bonds, Sovereign Gold Bonds Essential commodities act, Stock limits, minimum export price, FCI's Open Market Sale Scheme, Operation Greens for TOP, Price stabilisation fund, Offering higher MSP to farmers to increase cultivation of a particular crop etc. 	 Tax deduction / exemption / subsidy type benefits to consumers to encourage purchase / consumption. (e.g. cut GST on Television, Computers, Cars) Increasing the expenditure on public projects e.g. highway, dam etc. to boost demand in steel / cement industry → workers get money → demand → towards inflation .

MCQ. Which of the following measures should be taken when an economy is going through in inflationary pressures? [UPSC-CDS-2012-I]

- 1. The direct taxes should be increased.
- 2. The interest rate should be reduced.
- 3. The public spending should be increased.

Answer Codes: (a) Only 1

(b) Only 2

(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 and 2



50 PILLAR#4: INDICES: CPI, WPI, IIP & OTHERS

Laspeyre	German economist Etienne Laspeyres formula is used in calculation of WPI, CPI and IIP index. It is a weighted arithmetic mean (average) of a basket of commodities that tracks price / production level against the base year. Formula NOTIMP.	
Paasche	German economist Hermann Paasche's index tells us what today's "Basket"	
Index	of commodities, would have cost @base year's price.	
Fisher	American Economist Irving Fisher's index is the Geometric mean of	
Index	(Laspeyrese and Passche), to give a more accurate picture.	

50.1 INDEX \rightarrow INFLATION INDICES

Inflation Index	Ву	Base year
Consumer Price Index: 1) Rural 2) Urban 3) All		2012
India. उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक		
Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)		2012
उपभोक्ता खाद्य मूल्य सूचकांक		
CPI Industrial Workers (IW)	Labour Ministry's	2001
CPI Rural labourers (RL),Agri.I labourers (AL)	Labour Bureau Min. of Labour	1986
Wholesale Price Index (WPI) थोक मूल्य सूचकांक	Economic Advisor to DPIIT, Commerce Min.	2011

MCQ. Which of the following brings out the 'Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers?(Asked in UPSC-Pre-2015)

(a) The Reserve Bank of India

(b) The Department of Economic Affairs

(c) The Labour Bureau

(d) The Department of Personnel and Training

50.1.1 Index → Inflation → CPI (All India), CSO, Base: 2012

Monthly CPI Components in (All India) Index → (decreasing order)	
	45.86
Services: (Transport & communication > Health > Education > Recreation)	20.62
	10.07
Fuel & Light	6.84
Clothing / footwear	6.53
Misc. Personal care (soap etc)	3.89
Household goods & Services	3.80
Pan Masala, Tobacco, Intoxicants	2.38
Total Weight	100

- For Individual CPI for Urban and Rural areas, these weights are assigned differently. E.g. CPI rural has zero weight to housing & 54.18 weight to food and beverages.
- **Headline CPI (सुर्खि मुद्रास्फीति)** = The inflation figure arrived based on all of the above components of CPI (All India).
- Core CPI (प्रमुख मुद्रा स्फीति) = Headline CPI MINUS (inflation in food & energy)

- **Trend?** CPI was towards Inflationary path in UPA/Manmohan era, Deflationary path during Modi era- mainly due to falling food prices. Food commands ~46% weight in CPI calculation. (*Ref: Agro Handout: Food Inflation*)
- RBI Monetary policy rate cuts in 2019-Feb & 2019-April to address the deflationary trend in CPI.

50.1.2 Index \rightarrow Inflation \rightarrow Wholesale Price Index, EA-DPIIT, Base: 2011

Monthly WPI Components in descending order→	
Manufactured products: Processed Food, Edible Oil, Paper Products,	
Chemicals, Plastic, Cement, Metal Products, Transport Equipments etc.	
Primary Articles:	
A. (Unprocessed) food articles, eggs, meat-fishes, oil seeds etc. (~19%)	
B. Crude Petroleum (~2%)	
C. Minerals (~0.8%)	
Fuel & Power: High Speed Diesel (HSD) >	
Total	100%

WPI: monthly growth is zigzag although towards deflationary path nowadays. During initial Modi raj it even went into **negative zone** for some months due to fall in global crude price (although since Union/State Govts kept raising Excise/VAT so it was not felt in real life).

50.1.3 WPI calculation: reforms in 2017

- Base year changed from 2004 to 2011.
- Separately, we'll publish WPI FOOD INDEX to measure collective inflation in unprocessed and processed food.
- Introduced new items, removed the redundant items (e.g. VHS player).
- Following the international practices, we have decided to measure only 'price' of products. (Not 'Price + indirect TAX').
- Technical Review Committee (TRC) under Secretary (IAS) of DPIIT. They'll meet will meet at least once a year to update the methodology, weightage, list of items in WPI.

50.1.4 Index \rightarrow Inflation \rightarrow Other Indices

Index	Features	
Producer's Price	 WPI covers only goods but not services. 	
Index (PPI:	 Whereas, PPI covers both goods and services. It 	
उत्पादक मूल्य	measures price change from sellers' perspective. OECD nations use PPI to measure inflation	
सूचकांक)	@wholesale level. Their PPI only measures price	
	(and not PRICE + Taxes).	
	 2014: DPIIT setup Dr. B.N.Goldar Committee to 	
	explore this for India.	
Experimental	EA to DPIIT preparing these experimental indices separately	
Service Price	for Railway Services, Port Services, Air Services, Postal	
Index	Services, Telecom Services, Banking Services, Insurance,	
Banking	It measures the inflation in the fees charged by Banks for	
Business Service	NEFT-RTGS, Mobile Banking, Card Transactions, Issuing	
Price by RBI.	Demand Drafts / Bank Guarantee, annual fees for opening	
-	DEMAT account etc. [Base Year 2011]	



Inflation Expectation Survey for	RBI quarterly survey of ~5k households across 18 cities, asking them what is their 'expected level' of inflation for the next 3 months and 1 year.	
Households by		
RBI		
RESIDEX by	Measures inflation in the residential house prices in selected	
National Housing	Indian cities. 2018 Reforms →	
Bank (NHB)	1. NHB changed base year from 2012 to 2017.	
	NHB introduced new indices to measure inflation in	
	Land Price, Building Materials & Housing Rental.	

50.2 INDEX \rightarrow PRODUCTION \rightarrow			(IIP

औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक is a monthly index prepared by CSO, Base Year 2011 and Laspeyres Index Formula.

IIP measures production of 407 item groups related to:

- 1. **Primary goods (प्राथमिक वस्तु):** directly obtained from natural sources e.g. Ores, Minerals, Crude Oil; And energy goods such as Petrol, Diesel, Electricity (Both **Renewable and Non-Renewable)**.
- 2. Capital goods (पूंजीगत सामान): Plants & machinery used for further production e.g. Boilers, Air & Gas Compressors, Engines, Transformers, Commercial Vehicles etc.
- 3. **Infrastructure/ construction goods (बुनियादी ढांचागत/निर्माण वस्तु):** e.g. paints, cement, cables, bricks and tiles, rail materials, etc.
- 4. Intermediate goods (बुनियादी ढांचागत/निर्माण वस्तु): which goes as input in production e.g. Cotton yarn, Plywood, Steel Tubes/ Pipes, Fasteners, etc.
- 5. Consumer durables (टिकाऊ उपभोक्ता सामान): Products directly used by consumers and having a longer durability (2 years or more). E.g. Pressure Cooker, TV, AC, Tyres, Telephone, Mobile, Cars, Motorcycles, Scooters, Jewellery etc.
- 6. **Consumer non-durables (गैर-टिकाऊ):** Products that are directly used by consumers and can't be preserved for long periods. e.g.: Soyabean Oil, Milk Powder, Maida, Rice, Biscuits, Sugar, Tea, Cigarettes etc.

Sector	Weights(%)	Item groups
Mining	14.373	1
Manufacturing	77.633	405
Electricity	7.994	1
Total	100	407

Trend? IIP went into negative territory during UPA/Manmohan raj for some months due to subprime crisis, fall in exports demand. Presently, gradual improvement but Zigzag.

50.2.1 Index → Production → IIP → 8 Core Industries
It's a sub-type of IIP index that measures production in 8 core industries viz.
> Electricity> Steel> Coal> Crude Oil> Natural Gas>
Cement> (Arranged in the descending order of weight).
- Collectively, these 8 industries command 40.27% weight in the overall IIP.



Trend? From Feb-2018 to Feb-2019 \rightarrow

- Negative growth in all months = Crude Oil Sector.
- Negative growth in some months = Refinery Products, Natural Gas, Steel.

MCQ. In the 'Index of Eight Core Industries', which one of the following is given the highest weight? (Asked in UPSC-Pre-2015)

(a) Coal production

(b) Electricity generation

(c) Fertilizer production

(d) Steel production

MCQ. Which of the following are among the 8 Core Industries of IIP?(Asked in UPSC-Pre-2012)

1.Cement 2.Fertilizers 3.Natural Gas 4.Refinery products 5.Textiles Answer Codes: (a) 1 and 5 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 only (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

50.3 INDEX \rightarrow Production \rightarrow Misc. indices

Indexes	Features
Annual Survey of	By CSO, covering all registered units under factories act, and
Industries (ASI)	electricity companies.
	NOT Surveyed: Defense Factories, Oil-gas Storage,
	Restaurants, Hotels, Café, Computer Services, Departmental
	Units such as Railway Workshops, Govt. Mints, Sanitary, Water
	Supply, etc.
Index of Service	Because IIP & ASI only cover manufactured items & electricity, so,
Production (ISP)	CSO working on (Experimental) Index of Service Production
	covering Banking, Insurance, Education, Telecom and transport.
RBI's OBICUS	Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilization Survey.
	Quarterly survey to assess consumption & investment demand.
Economic Health	➤ HSBC's Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) : by surveying 400+
Indices by	companies senior executives.
Commercial Banks	> SBI's Composite Index based on its loan portfolio, inflation,
	consumer spending etc.
	Such indices have scale of 0-100 points. Above 50 means
	economic growth, below 50 means contraction compared to
	previous period.
Baltic Dry Index	London's Baltic Exchange measures the cost to transport raw
	material by sea. If increasing \rightarrow world economy is growing, and
	vice versa. Post-Subprime crisis fell, then rose from 2016-18, then
	again falling in 2018 due to protectionism.

Past Mains Questions from inflation and production indices: Curiously, nothing specific asked so far since the syllabus change of 2013.