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कृपया इस स्थान में प्रश्न संख्या के अतिरिक्त कुछ न लिखें।

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Q Explain the role of labour strikes and trade union activism in expanding the social base of India's national movement. (10M)

labour strikes and trade union activism ~~were started~~ against policies of British to increase wages, improve working conditions and workers rights. Earlier nationalism was largely confined to educated class, now it transformed into true mass movement with labour class.

Keep your introduction in 3-4 lines

You are writing too long introduction

Role of labour strikes and trade union activism

1 Mobilization of new social class

Need to work on structure

Inclusion of working class of industries in mainstream national politics

eg Bombay Textile Strike (1908) involving and over 150000 workers shows mass participation in Bombay Textile Strike (1928)

Again 2-3 lines per point

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2. Formation of Trade Union — late 19th & early 20th century seen large formation of unions and associations [eg] All India Trade Union Congress (1920)

Mention their role and importance

3. Emergence of labour leaders — Like N.M. Joshi, V.V. Giri, Jawaharlal Nehru and S.A. Dange

You are diverging from the demand of the question

4. Non Cooperation and Civil Disobedience

Give examples, such as bombay mill strike
Trade Unions and workers boycotted foreign goods & performed hartals in major movements like Non cooperation (1920-22) and Civil disobedience (1930s)

5. Meerut Conspiracy case (1929) — case involved accusation that communist leaders were plotting to overthrow British rule. which further criticized British judiciary and solidarity in workers.

Not relevant to the question

You need to read about the topic more

By politicizing grievances of workers providing organisational structure, new leadership and support to national movements, they expanded the social base of movements against colonial rule

Fair conclusion

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Q The structure of the finance commission appointment process creates the perception of partnership".
Critically examine. How does this affect cooperative federalism in India?
(15M)

Fair mention of the article making contextual introduction
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It must be partisanship.
Please check.

finance commission is the quasi-judicial body appointed by president under Article 280 of the constitution faces criticism for creating 'perception of partnership'.

Don't repeat the line from the question itself

perception of partnership in the finance commission (FC) (Appointments)

1. Centralized control - President on

Recommendation of Government of India appoint members of FC

eg perception of individual to be inclined toward ruling party

Fair points with examples

2. Terms of Reference - Ministry of finance drafts the Terms of Reference (TOR) as parameters within

Keep the points crisp to save space to add other points also

which Commission has to operate.

g) Southern states' dissent towards Tok having 2011 census for tax devolution.

Good example

3. No recommendation from states

States recommendations and regional representation is lacking in FC which fuels the perception that appointment favour ruling party interest.

Lack of regional participation can be the heading

Try to write it in a crisp manner

4. News paper considered 15th & 16th FC. to have anti peninsular bias.

Underline important lines

4. Advisory nature of FC - non binding recommendations of FC make centre politically aligned members modify or reject them at their discretion

Politically aligned members

You need not to write the counter agreements, but only the things asked in the question

Counter arguments

1. Constitutional Validity - Appointment is under the framework laid by constitution.

2. Experts - FC contain experts like eminent economists, administrators and financial experts ensuring high level of technical expertise.

Begin impact on cooperative federalism from here and then write the way forward

3. Parliamentary Scrutiny - Recommendations of FC & government action is laid before both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha for scrutiny.



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Impact on Cooperatives federalism in India

You need to write 4-5 points under each heading

1. Erosion of Trust - States perception of F.C. to be centrally biased erode their trust in institution and demotivate them to cooperate with centre.

Only write keywords in explanation

2. State - Centre friction - State deny to implement Central Sector scheme and funding centrally sponsored schemes.

Reduced stakeholders buy in

3. fiscal autonomy - Using outdated population census and biased Terms of Reference make states dependent of centre for grants which undermine their fiscal autonomy.

Politicization of federal transfers

Undermines spirit of fiscal federalism

Need to write way forward

There should be transparent appointment criteria of F.C. members, ensuring State representation or recommendations and framing Terms of Reference by meaningful dialogue between state and centre. This will increase credibility and trust of states in finance commission.

Conclusion should be in 3-4 lines at maximum

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Q. Analyse how India's ethanol blending programme is altering cropping patterns. Examine the consequences for small and marginal farmers. (10M)

Keep introduction crisp and to the point

Ethanol blending is the adding ethanol to petrol to burn lesser fossil fuel. India's ethanol blending programme set target of achieving 20% ethanol blending till 2025 which is facing several challenges.

Ensuring energy security

Altered cropping pattern

Write proper headings according to the question

1. Overreliance on food crops —

Main crop used for ethanol blending is Maize and sugarcane which is used for both human and animal consumption. Can lead to divergence and shortage

[eg] Government banned Sugarcane use in ethanol making and export in 2024 due to shortage.

2. Shift from rice and wheat

Water intensive crops

high Minimum Support price on Maize

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i.e. Kharif crop in 2024 make farmers grow Maize more

3. Rice for ethanol

Encouragement for mono cropping

farmers produce rice for ethanol blending than food crop.

[eg] food Corporation of India banned Supply of rice to ethanol production (2023)

Consequences for small and marginal farmers

1. Increased demand of sugarcane and maize - increase their prices which affect small farmers not growing these crops

2. Poultry and cattle farmers - found price hike in poultry and animal feed.

[eg] Poultry and cattle feed industry consume 60-70% maize

3. Lack of access to infrastructure and technology - small and marginal farmers lack infrastructure to optimal production of ethanol feedstocks.

In order to achieve target of ethanol blending India must focus on 2nd generation feedstocks like crop waste than on food crops and incentivize farmers to grow crops promoting food security and resilience.

