

UPSC CIVIL SERVICES PRELIMS & MAINS COMPENDIUM

GS Papers I–IV Thematic Breakdown, Constitutional Jurisprudence & Gazetted Officer Verdicts

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1. General Studies Paper-II: Constitutional Morality & Institutional Dynamics

In-depth analytical frameworks required for GS-2 analytical scoring:

Constitutional Doctrine / Area	Jurisprudential Evolution & Articles	Mains Answer Writing Integration
Climate Right under Article 21 <i>M.K. Ranjitsinh (2024)</i>	CJI Chandrachud expanded Art 21 & Art 14 to recognize the right to be free from adverse impacts of climate change, balancing clean energy transition against biodiversity (Great Indian Bustard).	Cite in GS-3 Environment & GS-2 Fundamental Rights. Establish connection between anthropogenic degradation and right to dignified livelihood.
Fiscal Federalism & Devolution <i>Article 270, 280 & 16th FC</i>	16th Finance Commission headed by Dr. Arvind Panagariya mandated to recommend vertical tax sharing (Union-State) and horizontal distribution across states considering demographic performance and climate vulnerabilities.	Highlight the tension between Southern states' demographic stabilization and Northern states' developmental expenditure requirements.
Preamble & Basic Structure <i>Kesavananda Bharati (1973)</i>	Articles 368 cannot abrogate the essential constitutional core: Judicial Review, Federalism, Secularism, Free & Fair Elections, and Rule of Law.	Contrast procedure established by law (Art 21) with substantive 'due process of law' crystallized via Maneka Gandhi (1978).

2. General Studies Paper-III: Green Transition & Macroeconomic Stability

Economic / Technological Sector	Policy Matrix & Targets	Strategic Policy Recommendation
Panchamrit & Net Zero 2070	500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030 50% energy requirements from renewables 1 billion tonnes carbon emissions reduction 45% carbon intensity reduction by 2030	Requires massive grid battery storage (BESS) investments and green hydrogen electrolysis incentives under National Green Hydrogen Mission.
Artificial Intelligence & Sovereign DPI	- IndiaAI Mission (10,000+ GPUs compute capacity) - Sovereign LLMs for Indian linguistic diversity - DPI integration with healthcare (ABDM) & agriculture (Agristack)	Mitigate algorithmic bias and compute monopoly through open-source foundation models and ethical AI governance guidelines.
Fiscal Consolidation & Capex	Fiscal Deficit glide path target below 4.5% of GDP by 2025-26, driven by record capital expenditure (Capex > 3.4% of GDP) crowding in private investments.	Balance infrastructure outlay with revenue expenditure on primary health, education, and social safety nets.

3. Gazetted Officer Verdict Blueprint (UPSC CSE Mains Scoring Standard)

Master Answer Writing Rule: In GS Paper II and III answers, avoid purely adversarial conclusions. Structure the terminal paragraph under the *Gazetted Officer Verdict* framework:

1. The Synthesis Principle: Recognize the legitimate public policy trade-off (e.g. industrial economic growth versus environmental ecological preservation).

2. Constitutional Anchor: Ground the proposed remediation in constitutional ethos (Articles 14, 21, 38, or 48A).

3. Actionable Administrative Roadmap: Conclude with technological, institutional, or regulatory safeguards (e.g., automated EIA compliance tracking, community-participatory forest management under FRA 2006).

Exemplar Closing Statement: *"Ultimately, sustainable development cannot be conceived as an irreconcilable binary between infrastructure expansion and ecological preservation. By institutionalizing rigorous technological monitoring and anchoring policy choices in constitutional stewardship, India can attain economic dynamism while fulfilling its solemn environmental mandate to future generations."*