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Previous Year Questions

Development Processes & NGOs — GS-II

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

15 Questions

Year range: 2013–2025

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Development processes and the development industry

2019 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q11. The need for cooperation among various service sectors has been an inherent component of development discourse. Partnership bridges the gap among the sectors. It also sets in motion a culture of 'collaboration' and 'team spirit'. In the light of statements above examine India's development process.

Role of NGOs, SHGs, groups, donors, charities and other stakeholders

2025 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q12. Civil Society Organizations are often perceived as being anti-State actors than non-State actors. Do you agree? Justify.

2024 GS-II 10M · 250W

Q11. Public charitable trusts have the potential to make India's development more inclusive as they relate to certain vital public issues. Comment.

2023 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q15. Discuss the contribution of civil society groups for women's effective and meaningful participation and representation in state legislatures in India.

2022 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q12. Do you agree with the view that increasing dependence on donor agencies for development reduces the importance of community participation in the development process? Justify your answer.

2021 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q12. Can Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations present an alternative model of public service delivery to benefit the common citizen? Discuss the challenges of this alternative model.

2021 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q13. Can the vicious cycle of gender inequality, poverty, and malnutrition be broken through microfinancing of women SHGs? Explain with examples.

2020 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q11. "Micro-Finance as an anti-poverty vaccine, is aimed at asset creation and income security of the rural poor in India." Evaluate the role of the Self-Help Groups in achieving the twin objectives along with empowering women in rural India.

2017 GS-II 15M · 250W

Q11. 'The emergence of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) in contemporary times points to the slow but steady withdrawal of the state from developmental activities.' Examine the role of the SHGs in developmental activities and the measures taken by the Government of India to promote the SHGs.

2016 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q14. "In the Indian governance system, the role of non-state actors has been only marginal." Critically examine this statement.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 150W

Q10. Examine critically the recent changes in the rule governing foreign funding of NGOs under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA), 1976.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q11. The Self-Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Program (SBLP), which is India's own innovation, has proved to be one of the most effective poverty alleviation and women empowerment programmes. Elucidate.

2015 GS-II 12.5M · 250W

Q12. How can the role of NGOs be strengthened in India for development works relating to the protection of the environment? Discuss, throwing light on the major constraints.

2014 GS-II 12.5M · 200W

Q12. The penetration of Self Help Groups (SHGs) in rural areas in promoting participation in development programmes is facing socio-cultural hurdles. Examine.

2013 GS-II 10M · 200W

Q11. The legitimacy and accountability of Self Help Groups (SHGs) and their patrons, the micro-finance outfits, need systematic assessment and scrutiny for the sustained success of the concept. Discuss.

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