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Q7

Dreams which should not let India sleep.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Stake:** some dreams must keep India awake - a job, a tap, a school that teaches, a peace
- **One stand:** the dreams that should not let us sleep are unfinished republic promises, not a GDP insomnia or a vanity mission
- Move through social, economic, ecological, strategic. Keep one honest counter
- Close on one waking work, not a vision-document dump

Revision summary

Not a full essay - a map.

- **Open with a billboard and a railway line. Stand:** unfinished Preamble, not a vanity insomnia.
- **Headings:** social, economic/ecological, knowledge, counter.

Earn **Ambedkar** once. Three dreams max. Close on one waking work.

Note

This is a map, not the full 1,000-1,200 word essay.

Anecdote

A child still defecates by a railway line under a billboard of a 'new India'. Sleep would be to believe the billboard. The dreams that should not let India sleep are the ones the Preamble already wrote and a street has not yet received.

One stand

- **Dreams:** **Ambedkar**'s social democracy, a tap, a science, a border that is quiet. Should not let sleep: urgency, not anxiety as a personality. Write three, not thirty.

Heading map**What the line is asking**

- **Dreams:** public oughts, not private fantasies only.
- **Should not let India sleep:** a duty of restlessness.
- **Which dreams:** pick; do not list ministries.

Social

- Caste, a woman walking at night, a language.

Economic / ecological

- Decent work. A river that still runs.

Strategic / knowledge

- A science that is ours. A peace that is not a TV war.

The counter

A nation that never sleeps is a fever. Sleep is also a right of a night-shift worker. The line is about elites and a state that dozed on a promise - not about denying rest. And some 'dreams' are nightmares (a homogeneity). Keep the Preamble's dreams.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** stay awake for the street under the billboard. Expand - this is only the map.

Facts & figures

Ambedkar

A life of contradictions - stay awake until the social is democratic.

Kalam cousin

If used: a knowledge dream - then a government school, not a missile only.

Preamble / DPSP

The official dream-file.

SBM / JJM

A toilet and a tap - waking work.

Art. 21

A life that is more than a slogan.