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What is regional disparity? How does it differ from diversity? How serious is the issue of regional disparity in India?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Society and Diversity

Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Finance Commission

Constitutional body that recommends Union-to-State transfers, a principal instrument against fiscal disparity.

Aspirational Districts Programme

A **NITI Aayog**-led effort to raise health, education and infrastructure in selected lagging districts, evidence that intra-State disparity is officially recognised.

Articles 29-30

Protect cultural and educational rights of minorities - a diversity clause, not a disparity clause.

Fifth and Sixth Schedules

Special arrangements for some tribal and northeastern areas; they recognise difference, while development gaps in those areas remain a disparity issue.

Green Revolution geography

Irrigated north-west plains gained first; many rainfed and eastern districts did not, a lasting source of agrarian disparity.

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