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Though there have been several different estimates of poverty in India, all indicate reduction in poverty over time. Do you agree. Critically examine with reference to urban and rural poverty indicators.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS II · 12 marks · Poverty and Hunger

Issues relating to poverty and hunger.

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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Tendulkar Committee (2009)

Shifted the official line toward a broader consumption basket; used by the **Planning Commission** for 2004-05 and 2011-12 estimates.

Rangarajan Committee (2014)

Recommended a higher poverty line and found more poor people than Tendulkar, while still reporting a decline over time.

NSSO quinquennial surveys

The main household consumption data behind official poverty ratios; rural and urban samples are estimated separately.

Rural-urban gap

Official headcount ratios have typically been higher in rural India, even as both ratios fell in the 2000s.

NFHS nutrition

Child stunting and anaemia declined slowly relative to consumption-poverty ratios, showing a gap between money-metric poverty and human poverty.

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