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Q17

How far do you agree with the view that the focus on lack of availability of food as the main cause of hunger takes the attention away from ineffective human development policies in India? (15).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS II · 15 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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Amartya Sen, Poverty and Famines

Showed that starvation can occur without a fall in total food availability, through failed entitlements.

National Food Security Act, 2013

Legal entitlement to subsidised grain for priority households; still cereal-centred.

NFHS nutrition indicators

Stunting, wasting and anaemia remain high relative to India's foodgrain output.

ICDS and Mid-Day Meal

Core human-development feeding programmes; quality and worker vacancies decide outcomes.

FAO food-security pillars

Availability, access, utilisation and stability; India is weakest on access and utilisation for the poor.

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