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Q16

Besides the welfare schemes, India needs deft management of inflation and unemployment to serve the poor and the underprivileged sections of the society. Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS II · 15 marks · Welfare Schemes for Vulnerable Sections

Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.

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Monetary Policy Committee

Statutory RBI committee that targets CPI inflation at 4 per cent with a plus-or-minus 2 per cent band, as notified by the Union Government.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)

Demand-driven rural wage-employment statute that acts as a shock absorber but is not a universal employment policy.

Public Distribution System

In-kind food security architecture that still matters when cash cannot buy grain at stable prices in thin markets.

Articles 38, 39 and 41

Directive Principles on a welfare order, livelihood, and the right to work, education and public assistance in cases of unemployment and undeserved want.

PLFS

Periodic Labour Force Survey, the principal official source on labour-force and unemployment indicators, with known limits for informal slack.

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