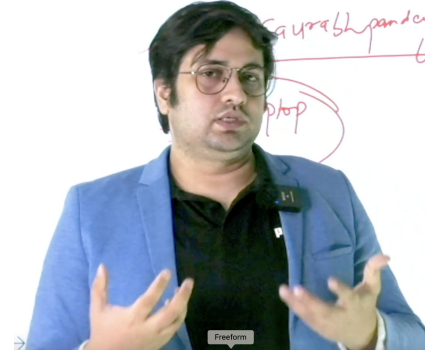

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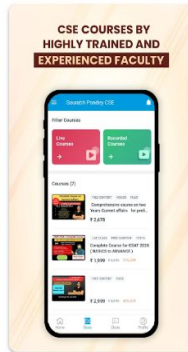
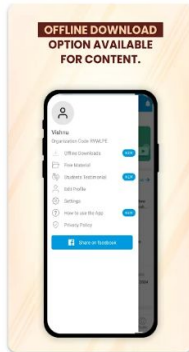
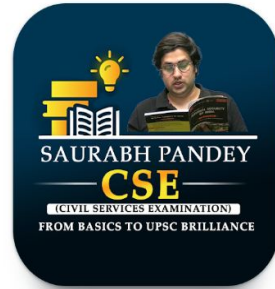
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Topic ---> Infrastructure Development in India

Overview

Key Driver: Infrastructure sector is crucial for India's economy.

Goals: Aim to become a developed nation by 2047.

Government Initiatives:

- PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP)

- National Logistics Policy

- Smart Cities Mission

Budget Allocation: ₹11.11 lakh crore (3.4% of GDP) for 2024, showing commitment to infrastructure development.

Challenges

Common Issues:

Time delays and cost overruns

431 projects faced cost overruns of ₹4.82 lakh crore.

Project Delays:

779 projects delayed; 36% delayed by 25 to 60 months.

Clearance Requirements:

Multiple clearances needed from conception to commissioning.

Project Management Gaps:

Lack of comprehensive planning and management in urban projects.

Insufficient expertise in project planning stages.


Importance of Project Management

Need for Structured Management: Essential for maintaining India's growth trajectory.

Short-term Programs: Organizations are focusing on enhancing existing teams' skill sets.

Need for Overhaul



Integration of Modern Tools: To enhance project management with real-time data and analytics. 

Global Best Practices: Adoption of international standards and frameworks for effective project execution. 

Current Approaches

Country-Specific Initiatives:

United Kingdom: Infrastructure and Projects Authority focuses on completion processes. 

China & Saudi Arabia: Establishment of agencies for end-to-end project delivery.  

PM Gati Shakti Initiative

National Master Plan: Aims to integrate government departments for collaborative project execution. 

GIS-Based ERP Portal:

Monitors real-time progress.

Integrates diverse departmental data through APIs. 

Challenges in Project Management

Implementation Quality: Ensuring project integrity during execution.

Team Overseeing Projects: Critical for maintaining standards and meeting deadlines. 🕒

Proposed Solutions

Holistic Program Management Approach:

Adopted in Shendra-Bidkin project, Maharashtra.

Systematic coordination of resources (human, time, money). ↻

Essential for projects with significant resource expenditure.

Setting Up a Project Management Agency in India

Establish a well-defined agency for project management

Focus on industry readiness and skills development

Align with government initiatives for infrastructure projects

Key Aspects:

Program Management: Proven processes and tools

Workforce Development: Professional courses in project management

Infrastructure Efficiency: Addressing time and cost overruns



Overview

Regulatory Authority

Established in 1988

Given statutory powers via SEBI Act of 1992

Primary Objective

Protect investor interests

Promote development and regulation of securities market

Key Functions

Market Regulation

Regulates stock exchanges, mutual funds, intermediaries

Ensures fair and transparent market operation

Prevents fraudulent and unfair trade practices

Issuance & Trading Oversight

Sets guidelines for public offerings

Ensures transparency for investor protection

Market Development

Introduces reforms and policies

Promotes innovation (e.g., electronic trading, dematerialization)

Adapts regulatory framework to meet new challenges

Programs & Initiatives

Increases financial literacy

Empowers informed investment decisions

Enforcement Powers

Regulatory Actions

Imposes penalties, suspends trading

Prosecutes offenders to maintain market discipline

Overall Impact

Market Stability & Growth

Contributes to making Indian market attractive

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Topic --->> India's Fisheries Subsidies at WTO



India's submissions at the WTO aim to:

Check large-scale industrial fishing fleets involved in deep-sea fishing.

Support small players looking to expand fishing capabilities.

Received support from developing countries and LDCs (Least Developed Countries).

Key Points

Negotiation Efforts: Ongoing efforts at WTO to conclude the fisheries subsidies agreement.

Disciplining Subsidies: Focus on subsidies contributing to overcapacity and overfishing.

Political Will: Importance of engaging member countries and senior leaders to conclude negotiations by year-end.

Key Loopholes in India's WTO Fisheries Subsidies Submissions



India's submissions highlight significant loopholes in the current WTO draft text on fisheries subsidies.

Emphasizes the need for alignment with sustainability goals without overburdening developing nations.

Key Points

Industrial Fishing Concerns: Large-scale operations are not effectively disciplined, risking overfishing and resource depletion.

Small-Scale Fisher Support: Current provisions are inadequate for small-scale fisheries, imposing stringent conditions that threaten their sustainability.

Sustainability-Exemption Clause: Allows advanced fishing nations to bypass commitments, disadvantaging poorer countries.

Inequality in Treatment: Special provisions for small-scale fishers do not tackle the core issues posed by industrial fishing practices.

—Overview of India's Concerns



Significant loopholes in WTO draft text

Potential for unsustainable fishing operations

Impact on developing countries and small-scale fishers

Key points from India's submissions:

Need for alignment with sustainability goals

Avoid unfair burden on developing nations

Address concerns of small-scale fishers

Issues Highlighted in the Draft Text

Lack of discipline on large-scale industrial fishing

Stringent conditions imposed on small-scale fishers

Sustainability-exemption clause allowing advanced nations to avoid commitments

Mr. Sowe's insights:

Discrimination against poorer countries

Inadequate treatment provisions for small-scale fishers

Core issue of industrial fishing not addressed

Global Overfishing: 37.7% of stocks overfished

Total government funding of \$35 billion for fishing

\$22 billion estimated to promote unsustainable fishing practices

Comparison of Subsidies:

Top subsidizers: China, EU, U.S., South Korea, Japan

India's subsidies: less than \$15 per fisher family annually

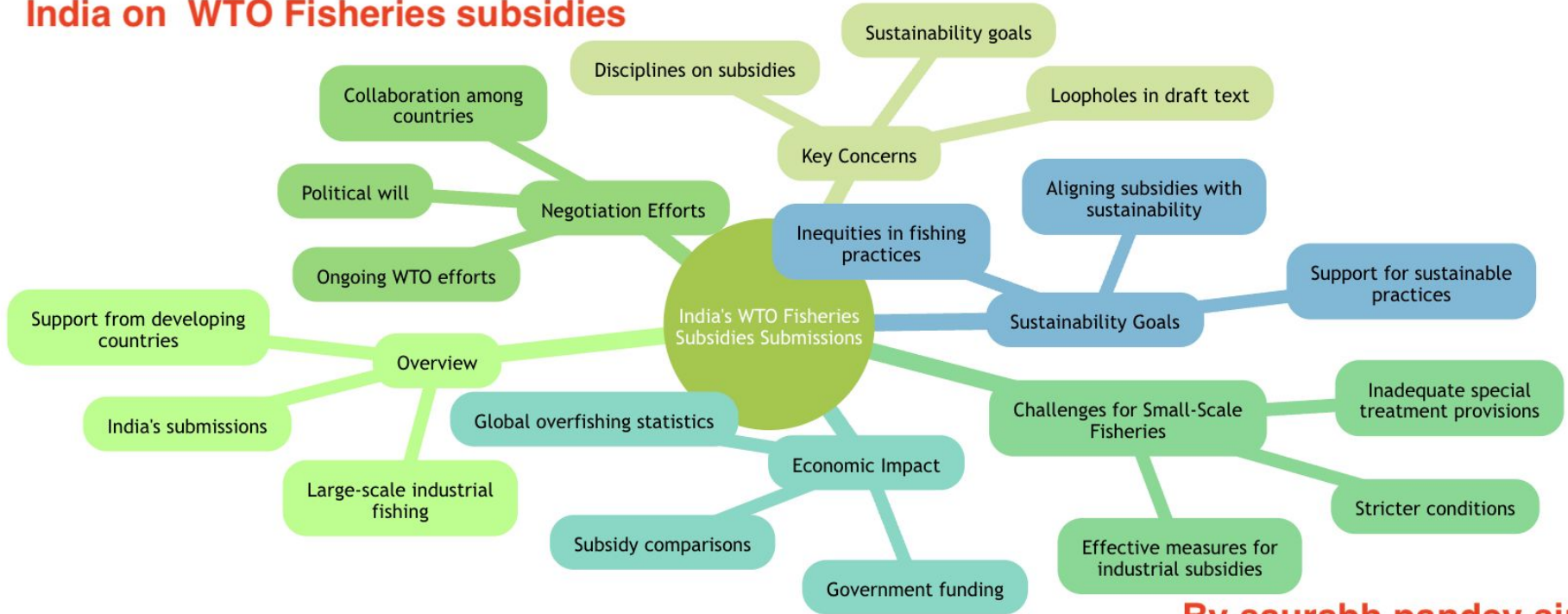
Call for Action

Small-scale fishers demand:

More effective measures to curb industrial fishing subsidies

Better support for sustainable fishing practices

India on WTO Fisheries subsidies



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— Topic--->>Jute Production Challenges and Opportunities

Overview

Jute production expected to drop by 20% this financial year due to natural calamities.

Significant potential for jute exports, projected growth from ₹3,000 crore to ₹4,500 crore.

Key Issues:

Flood damage in West Bengal and Assam.

Impact on cultivation and production levels.

Need for technology and innovation in jute applications

West Bengal, Bihar, and Assam are the top three jute producing states in India



Topic →> UNRWA: Services for Palestine Refugees

Overview of UNRWA

Established in 1949 by the United Nations General Assembly

Operational since 1950

Funding: Almost entirely from voluntary contributions by UN

Member States

UNRWA provides essential services to registered Palestine refugees across the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria.

Services Offered by UNRWA



Education

Safe, quality education

Remedial classes

Counseling services

Health Care

Primary health care services

Last resort for many refugees

Emergency Response

Assistance in armed conflicts

Food and shelter support

Job Creation

Short-term jobs for families

Support for livelihoods lost due to conflict

Relocation

Temporary shelter for displaced families

Aid for homes damaged during military operations



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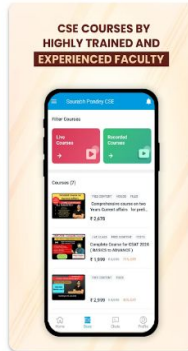
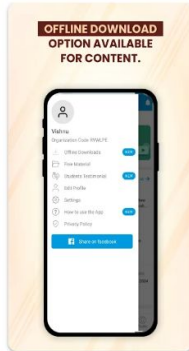
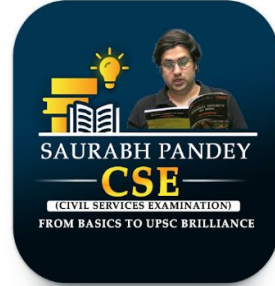
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