

GS-III: Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

1. Numerous committees have been formed to give recommendations on conservation of Western Ghats, but there is no visible change on ground. Critically Analyse by giving special reference to recent landslides in the Southern States.

Why this Question?

- ✚ The recent floods of Kerala has brought the issue of Conservation of Western Ghats and regarding committee recommendations again into limelight.

Demand of the Question:

- ✚ The question demands to write about the various committees that has been formed to give recommendations on the conservation of western ghats. Then write why there is no visible change on ground inspite of these many recommendations. Write the lacunae or else about the implementation failure regarding the recommendations.

Directive word:

Discuss:

- ✚ It is the most frequently asked term and it means you write anything what you want. You write whatever you know but most important thing is write as if you are talking to the examiner. It is mostly used in framing questions and you can include different opinion into that picture.

Structure of The Answer:

Introduction:

- ✚ Write about the ecological importance of western ghats and about the richness of it regarding flora and fauna.

Body:

- ✚ Write about the various committees formed regarding conservation of western ghats.
- ✚ Write the background or need of forming such committees. Give few examples of major committees.
- ✚ Write the major recommendations of such committees.
- ✚ Write why there is no visible change on ground inspite of these many recommendations.
- ✚ Write the lacunae that exists in implementation of the recommendations.

- ✚ Write any major factor if any, that has not been given due importance.
- ✚ Write about the failure in implementation with giving special reference to Kerala floods and landslides.

Conclusion:

- ✚ Conclude with way ahead. (Take hints from editorial: like empowering grassroot level bodies, community participation).

