

GS-I Development Issues and Issues Related to Poverty and Hunger.

- 1. Despite implementation of various poverty alleviation measures by government, poverty still exists? Explain by Giving Reasons.**

Why this Question?

- ▶▶ The Nobel Prize for economics this year has been awarded to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for “their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty”. In this context, analysis of poverty alleviation measures is critical.

Key Demands of Question:

- ▶▶ Firstly, bring out the status of poverty in India.
▶▶ List out the steps taken by the government to address the issue.
▶▶ Explain why poverty still exists and suggestion for improvement.

Directive word:

Explain:

- ▶▶ Here the student should clearly express why something happens, or why something is the way it is. He needs to look at a subject in depth taking note of the detail and if appropriate, consider the implications, and should explain them in good simple language.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- ▶▶ Mention some statistics about prevalence of poverty in India and the importance to address the issue.

Body:

- ▶▶ Mention the steps taken by the government to eradicate poverty in India. For example, MGNREGA, mid-day meal scheme, etc.
▶▶ Explain in detail, the reasons for continuation of poverty in India. For example, corruption, leakages in welfare measures, limited government resources, etc.
▶▶ Discuss the steps must be taken to improve the situation.

Conclusion:

- ▶▶ Conclude with brief highlights of how much of poverty reduced through the government measures and way to go to address the eradication of poverty in India.