

**GS-I Population and Associated Issues, Poverty and Developmental Issues, urbanization, their Problems and their remedies.**

- 1. Critically analyse the various initiatives taken by the government to alleviate Malnutrition in India.**

**Why this Question?**

- ▶▶ The Global Hunger Index Report 2019 ranks India 102 among 117 countries. When it comes to GHI scores, the country has been consistently improving. From securing a score of 38.8 back in 2000 (alarming category), the score has gradually improved to 30.3 (serious category).

**Key Demands of Question:**

- ▶▶ Explain the status of malnutrition in India.
- ▶▶ Mention the various initiatives taken by the government to address the malnutrition.
- ▶▶ Bring out merits and demerits of the steps taken by the government.
- ▶▶ Write down way forward measure to address the malnutrition problem holistically.

**Directive Word:**

**Critically Analyse:**

- ▶▶ When asked to analyze, you have to examine methodically the structure or nature of the topic by separating it into component parts and present them as a whole in a summary. When 'critically' is suffixed or prefixed to a directive, one needs to look at the good and bad of the topic and give a fair judgement.
- ▶▶ Whenever it is asking Critically Examine, Critically Comment or Critically Analyse just remember that you have to write both pros and cons and give a fair, unbiased or value loaded judgement.
- ▶▶ It should always give a closure feeling while examiner reading the answer.

**Structure of Answer:**

**Introduction:**

- ▶▶ Mention some statistics about the malnutrition problem in India.

**Body:**

- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the various initiatives taken by the government in this regard.
- ▶▶ Discuss despite various measures why malnutrition still prevalent in India. I.e. bring out the positives and negatives of the government intervention.

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- ▶▶ Discuss the alternative way forward measures needed to be taken by the government to address the malnutrition problem holistically. For examples address the social indicators like gender inequality, gender discrimination, etc.

**Conclusion:**

- ▶▶ Conclude with the multidimensional impact of the malnutrition and the importance to address the same with immediate efforts.

