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SYLLABUS TOPICS OF GS1

- Indian Culture - Salient aspects of Art Forms, Literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian History from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the country.

UPSC GS1 HISTORY – HANDPICKED KWYWORDS & PHRASES WITH EXAMPLES**Topic: Art Forms**

1. **Syncretic Aesthetics** – Fusion of artistic traditions from different cultures. **Example:** Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2025 murals blended Banarasi and Tamil art forms.
2. **Performative Resistance** – Use of performance to protest or raise social awareness. **Example:** Shumang Leela plays in Manipur portrayed 2024 ethnic unrest.
3. **Eco-Murals** – Murals centered on environmental themes and advocacy. **Example:** Warli artists created eco-murals on deforestation in Palghar (2024).
4. **Digital Folklore** – Folk traditions adapted using digital media. **Example:** Kala Ghoda Festival 2025 used AR to depict Banjara myths.
5. **Temple Minimalism** – Contemporary temple architecture with simplified aesthetics. **Example:** Jain temple in Gujarat (2025) designed with clean, solar-integrated structures.
6. **Rural Surrealism** – Surreal artistic expression emerging from rural contexts. **Example:** Mithila paintings in 2024 showed dream-like depictions of migration.
7. **Caste Choreography** – Dance used to express caste-based struggles. **Example:** Tamil Nadu's Dalit Theatre Festival 2024 integrated movement to show oppression.
8. **Clay Revivalism** – Rebirth of traditional clay art techniques in modern contexts. **Example:** Bishnupur's 2025 Terracotta Biennale revived tribal pottery motifs.
9. **Urban Kalighat** – Modern Kalighat painting adapted for urban narratives. **Example:** Kolkata metro stations (2024) used Kalighat art for civic storytelling.
10. **Gender Iconography** – Visual representation of gender roles and power. **Example:** Thanjavur dolls in 2025 included figures of women scientists.
11. **Mural Diplomacy** – Use of murals in public diplomacy or cultural messaging. **Example:** India's 2024 G20 mural in Delhi depicted civilizational harmony.
12. **Craft Nationalism** – National identity expressed through traditional crafts. **Example:** PM Vishwakarma Yojana 2024 promoted GI-tagged crafts as national symbols.
13. **Festival Patronage** – Revival of art forms through government or institutional festivals. **Example:** Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2025 supported tribal dance forms from Bastar.
14. **Cinema Realism** – Visual storytelling inspired by grassroots or folk aesthetics. **Example:** The 2024 Kannada film Kantara 2 drew heavily from Bhoota Kola traditions.
15. **Digital Madhubani** – Madhubani art adapted to digital or NFT platforms. **Example:** Bihar artist Sneha Kumari sold NFTs of Madhubani eco-themes in 2024.
16. **Artisan Federalism** – Regional pride and diversity expressed through handicrafts. **Example:** Ekta Mall (2024) featured region-wise artisans from all Indian states.
17. **Architectural Hybridity** – Mixed architectural styles in modern structures. **Example:** Ayodhya's Ram Mandir combined Nagara and South Indian elements (2024).
18. **Sacred Minimalism** – Simplicity in sacred art or architecture. **Example:** 2025 Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh used minimal forms for meditative space.

19. **Dance Reclamation** – Marginalized groups reclaiming identity through traditional dance. **Example:** Devadasi descendants in Tamil Nadu revived Sadir in feminist contexts (2024).
20. **Handloom Renaissance** – Revival of handloom as both tradition and trend. **Example:** Biswa Bangla stores in 2025 reported a surge in Jamdani and Tangail demand.

Artistic Innovations in India



21. **Wall Epigraphy** – Use of inscriptions and scripts in wall art. **Example:** 2024 Varanasi festival used Devnagari calligraphy on public walls.
22. **Folk Fusion** – Blending folk art with global or modern themes. **Example:** Manganiyar musicians collaborated with electronic artists at Serendipity Arts Festival 2024.
23. **Puppet Resistance** – Puppetry used for protest or political messages. **Example:** Rajasthan's Kathputli performers created shows on climate justice (2025).

24. **Cultural Codification** – Systematic preservation of intangible heritage. **Example:** IGNCA's 2024 project mapped 100+ dying tribal art forms digitally.
25. **Raga Reimagination** – Traditional ragas composed in unconventional formats. **Example:** Coke Studio Bharat 2024 fused Raag Malhar with rap.
26. **Textile Storytelling** – Narratives conveyed through weaving or embroidery. **Example:** 2025 Kantha artisans in Bengal embroidered political protest scenes.
27. **Urban Graffiti** – Contemporary murals reflecting socio-political city life. **Example:** Delhi's Lodhi Art District 2024 featured feminist and LGBTQ+ themes.
28. **Craft Diplomacy** – Using handicrafts as soft power tools in diplomacy. **Example:** G20 Summit gifts in 2024 included Channapatna toys and Kashmir papier-mâché.
29. **Theatre Translations** – Classical plays adapted into regional dialects. **Example:** Kalidasa's Shakuntala was staged in Maithili during 2024 Theatre Olympics.
30. **Myth Recasting** – Reinterpreting ancient myths for contemporary relevance. **Example:** 2025 art installations at Kochi Biennale reframed Mahabharata characters as climate warriors.
31. **Temple Narratives** – Stories embedded in temple art and structure. **Example:** Ram Mandir carvings (2024) illustrate the Valmiki Ramayana through visual panels.
32. **Musical Nationalism** – Music as a medium of patriotic sentiment. **Example:** 2025 Republic Day featured a symphony based on folk instruments from all states.
33. **Craft Urbanism** – Integration of crafts into modern urban design. **Example:** 2024 Ahmedabad metro stations used Patola designs for interior panels.
34. **Virtual Exhibitions** – Digitally hosted galleries of traditional and modern art. **Example:** NGMA's 2024 KalaSetu online exhibit featured digital archives of Ravi Varma.
35. **Textile Theology** – Spiritual motifs in traditional fabrics. **Example:** 2024 Chamba Rumals featured Buddhist mandalas in border designs.
36. **Natyam Activism** – Dance dramas used for awareness campaigns. **Example:** Bharatanatyam pieces in 2024 addressed menstrual taboos in Chennai schools.
37. **Craft AI** – Use of artificial intelligence in designing traditional crafts. **Example:** AI-assisted Gond paintings generated patterns for 2025 Delhi Craft Expo.
38. **Festival Architecture** – Temporary installations reflecting regional art. **Example:** Surajkund Mela 2025 gates were built using bamboo and Madhubani themes.
39. **Mandala Healing** – Use of mandala art for mental health and therapy. **Example:** 2024 Himachal art therapy workshops integrated Buddhist mandalas.
40. **Icon Reinterpretation** – Changing depiction of classical deities or heroes. **Example:** Modern Durga Puja pandals in Kolkata (2024) showed Durga as a tribal archer.

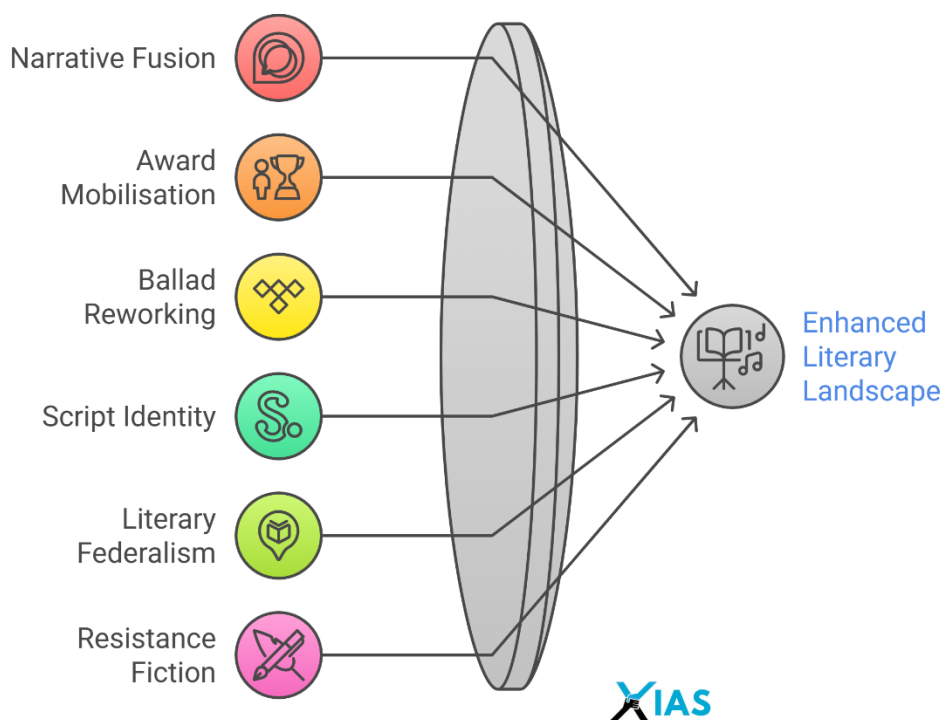
Topic 2: Literature

1. **Lyrical Resistance** – Literature used as protest against injustice. **Example:** Dalit poet Meena Kandasamy's 2024 anthology voiced caste resistance in Tamil Nadu.
2. **Mythic Retellings** – Modern reinterpretations of traditional myths. **Example:** Chitra Banerjee's *Mahabharata Rising* (2025) retells Draupadi's story with feminist overtones.
3. **Digital Sahitya** – Literature published or performed on digital platforms. **Example:** Pratilipi hosted over 10 million vernacular stories online in 2024.
4. **Regional Canon** – Culturally significant literary works from specific regions. **Example:** The 2025 Sahitya Akademi recognized Kashmiri writer Shabir Ahmad Mir's novel as part of regional canon.
5. **Epic Revival** – Re-adaptation of classical epics into contemporary literature. **Example:** Assamese novelist Indira Goswami's *Ramayana Reimagined* republished in 2024 with a tribal lens.
6. **Poetic Activism** – Use of poetry to promote political or social change. **Example:** Hindi poet Aamir Aziz's verses went viral during 2024 student protests.

7. **Translation Diplomacy** – Promoting Indian literature abroad through translation. **Example:** Sanskrit classics were translated into French at Paris Book Fair 2025 under ICCR.
8. **Diaspora Fiction** – Indian-themed literature written by global Indians. **Example:** 2024 Booker-shortlisted *The Pepper Trade* explored Tamil merchant migration to Malaysia.
9. **Spoken Literature** – Oral storytelling revived via modern platforms. **Example:** YouTube channel Kahaani Junction retold Rajasthani folk tales to 2M subscribers (2025).
10. **Feminist Verse** – Poetry that challenges gender roles and patriarchy. **Example:** *She Stands Unshaken*, an anthology launched at Jaipur Lit Fest 2025.
11. **Tribal Narratives** – Indigenous stories and experiences in literary form. **Example:** Gondi writer Budhan Uikey won the Jnanpith fellowship in 2024.
12. **Linguistic Revival** – Literature used to revive endangered languages. **Example:** 2024 saw first poetry collection published in Toto language of West Bengal.
13. **Graphic Storytelling** – Literature in comic or illustrated format. **Example:** *Bhagat Singh: A Revolutionary Life* (2025) gained traction among young readers.
14. **Eco-Poetry** – Nature-themed poetry advocating environmentalism. **Example:** 2024 poetry collection *Green Raga* explored Yamuna River degradation.
15. **Caste Realism** – Literature highlighting lived caste experiences. **Example:** Bama's *Karukku* adapted into English stage play in 2025.
16. **Literary Secularism** – Promoting pluralism through narrative fiction. **Example:** *Safar-e-Hind*, a 2024 Urdu novel, traced interfaith friendships over decades.
17. **Dalit Memoirs** – Autobiographical narratives from Dalit perspectives. **Example:** *The Priced Skin* by Marathi writer Laxman Gaikwad gained national recognition in 2025.
18. **Bhakti Continuum** – Ongoing influence of Bhakti poets on current writing. **Example:** Kabir's dohas inspired Instagram poetry series *Soul of Kabir* (2024).
19. **Partition Echoes** – Literary reflections on India's partition and aftermath. **Example:** 2024 Hindi novel *Sarhad ke Saaye* followed three generations post-1947.
20. **Epic Feminism** – Women-centered retellings of classical epics. **Example:** *Sitayana* staged at NSD in 2024 emphasized Sita's agency.
21. **Literary Federalism** – State-sponsored promotion of regional literature. **Example:** Tamil Nadu's 2024 Urai Kavi Scheme funded 250 vernacular publications.
22. **Bilingual Poetics** – Writing or translating in two languages. **Example:** Hoshang Merchant released *Sappho & I* in both English and Telugu (2025).
23. **Spiritual Prose** – Literature focused on philosophical and spiritual themes. **Example:** 2024 bestseller *In the Footsteps of Adi Shankara* explored Vedantic journeys.
24. **Haiku Experimentation** – Indian poets writing in Japanese haiku structure. **Example:** *Desi Haiku* won international poetry prize in Tokyo (2024).
25. **LitFest Diplomacy** – Literature festivals as platforms of global cultural exchange. **Example:** 2025 Jaipur Lit Fest included poets from Palestine and South Korea.
26. **Queer Narratives** – Literature exploring LGBTQ+ lives and identities. **Example:** *The Gendered Closet* by Neel Patel won Lambda India Award 2024.
27. **Campus Fiction** – Literature set in Indian universities and colleges. **Example:** *Madhumalti Hostel* (2024) tackled caste and gender dynamics in a women's college.
28. **Spoken Word** – Oral literary performance involving rhythm and voice. **Example:** India's 2025 Slam Poetry Championship featured regional languages like Bhojpuri.
29. **Memory Fiction** – Stories anchored in personal or collective memory. **Example:** *Letters to Lahore* (2024) reflected partition memoirs through fictionalised letters.

30. **Children's Revival** – New Indian literature for young readers in regional languages. **Example:** NBT India's 2025 push translated Panchatantra into 15 tribal dialects.
31. **Urban Fiction** – Contemporary stories set in Indian urban spaces. **Example:** *Bangalore Days* (2025) explored migration and digital alienation.
32. **Epic Condensation** – Short-form adaptations of Indian epics. **Example:** *Ramayana in 108 Tweets* project gained viral success in 2024.
33. **Sanskrit Modernism** – Modern themes written in classical Sanskrit. **Example:** *Navayugam* magazine published AI ethics stories in Sanskrit (2025).
34. **Jail Literature** – Literary works written from prison. **Example:** Political activist Anand Teltumbde's 2024 jail memoir sparked national debate.
35. **Muslim Realism** – Realistic fiction capturing Muslim life in India. **Example:** *Shaheen Bagh Days* by Nazia Akhtar reflected lived gendered Islamophobia.
36. **Climate Fiction** – Literary exploration of ecological collapse and climate change. **Example:** *Monsoon Will Not Come* (2024) predicted Chennai's dystopian water crisis.
37. **Oral Epics** – Epics preserved in oral performance traditions. **Example:** Telangana's *Oggu Katha* revived through 2024 state arts grant.
38. **Social Satire** – Literature mocking societal norms and politics. **Example:** Hindi novel *Netaji in Wonderland* (2025) spoofed digital politics.
39. **Translational Equality** – Ensuring regional language works get equal national visibility. **Example:** 2024 NBT's *Bharatiya Sahitya Sampada* translated Manipuri novels into Hindi and English.
40. **Healing Narratives** – Stories of survival, therapy, and resilience. **Example:** *After the Ashes*, a collection of survivor tales from Manipur 2024 ethnic violence, won critical acclaim.

Shaping Literary Diversity

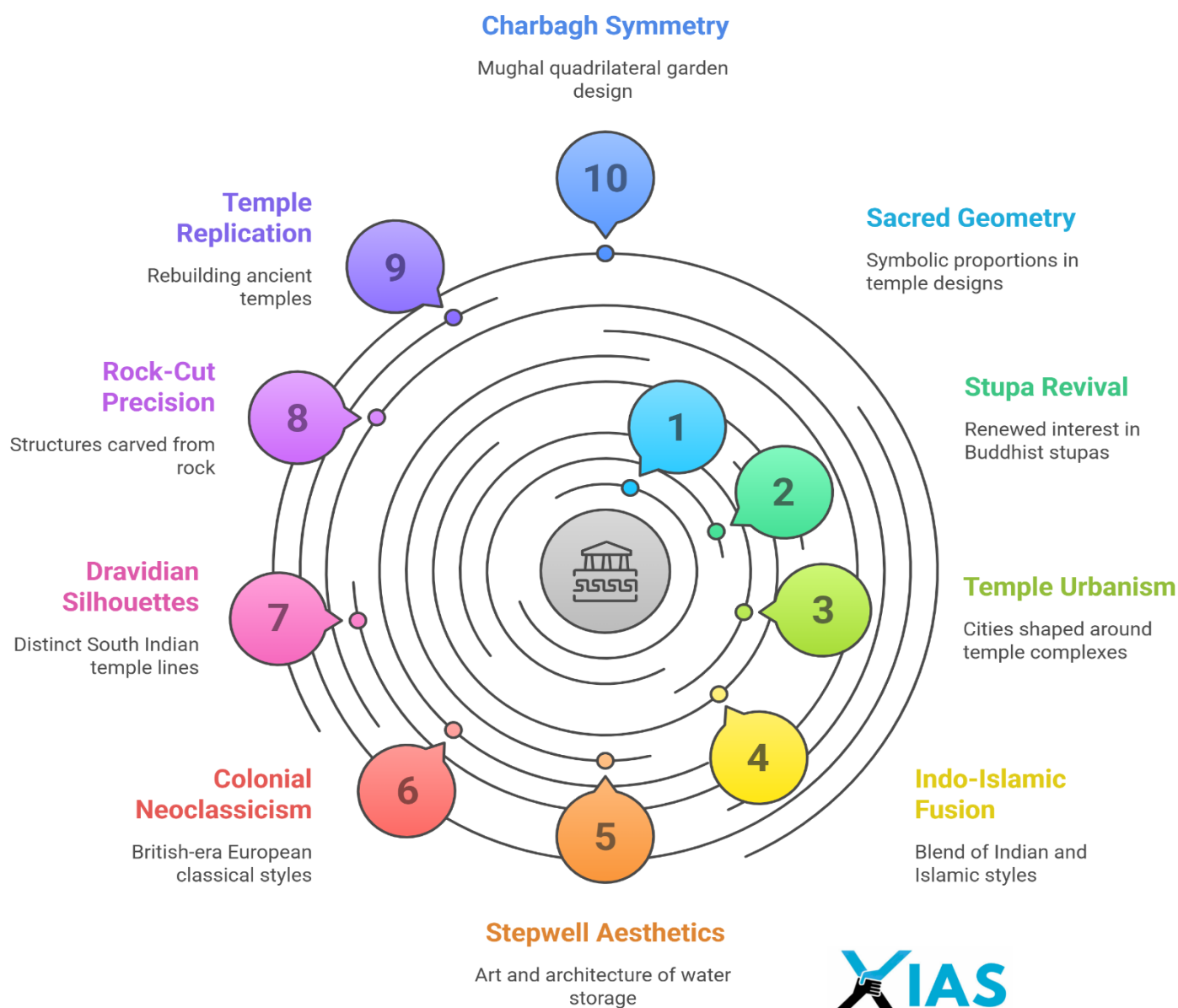


Topic :3- Architecture

1. **Gurudwara Grandeur** refers to Sikh religious architecture with domes and sarovars **Example:** Kartarpur Corridor architecture featured in 2024 bilateral peace talks.
2. **Pagoda Motifs** reflect East Asian influenced multi-tier temple design **Example:** Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh underwent restoration in 2024 using original pagoda motifs.
3. **Modern Vernacular** is the use of traditional design principles in modern buildings **Example:** Laurie Baker's methods revived in Kerala's 2025 Sustainable Housing Policy.
4. **Terracotta Detailing** includes sculptural work in clay-based temple façades **Example:** Bishnupur temples showcased in UNESCO's 2025 "Clay Heritage" digital archive.
5. **Lattice Facades** arejali patterns that allow airflow and light **Example:** Jaipur's Hawa Mahal featured in 2024 exhibition on passive cooling systems.
6. **Tibetan Monasticism** denotes monasteries built in traditional Himalayan Buddhist style **Example:** 2024 revamp of Tabo Monastery focused on conserving its original Tibetan monastic architecture.
7. **Memorial Minimalism** uses simple, symbolic architecture for modern memorials **Example:** Smriti Van in Gujarat (2024) used landscape-based minimalism for disaster memorialisation.
8. **Dynastic Patronage** is the architectural legacy supported by royal dynasties **Example:** Chalukyan temples of Pattadakal highlighted during 2025 Ganga Dynasty celebrations.
9. **Climate Responsiveness** refers to architecture adapted to local environmental conditions **Example:** Ladakh's passive solar homes received National Design Award 2024.
10. **Temple Axis** is the precise alignment of temples with cardinal directions **Example:** Sun Temple Modhera's orientation celebrated during 2024 Equinox Festival.
11. **Cantilever Innovation** features overhanging architecture without external support **Example:** Hanging balconies of Mandu featured in 2025 Ingenious India documentary.
12. **Skyline Integration** is architectural design that complements urban skylines **Example:** BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi (inaugurated 2024) blends with skyline using pink sandstone aesthetics.
13. **Civic Aesthetics** involves artistic design in public infrastructure **Example:** Varanasi's riverfront ghats redesigned in 2024 blending civic aesthetics with heritage.
14. **Chhatra Cluster** refers to dome-shaped pavilions marking royal architecture **Example:** Orchha's 2025 restoration project spotlighted Bundela chhatra clusters.
15. **Temple Inscription** means architectural surfaces with stone-carved texts **Example:** 2024 AI tool deciphered Sanskrit engravings at Hampi's Virupaksha Temple.
16. **Fortified Urbanism** involves cities designed with strong defensive structures **Example:** Jaipur's fortified walls preserved under AMRUT 2.0 in 2025.
17. **Cave Sanctum** are sacred spaces carved into hills and rocks **Example:** Badami caves reopened in 2024 after major conservation by INTACH.
18. **Buddhist Mandala** is an architectural layout based on spiritual diagrams **Example:** Nalanda's ruins were mapped in 2025 as an early example of mandala layout.
19. **Syncretic Shrines** are shared worship spaces combining styles **Example:** Baba Budangiri shrine in Karnataka gained national attention in 2024 due to interfaith claims.
20. **Temple Axis** is the directional alignment of deities and structures **Example:** Kashi Vishwanath corridor maintains original temple axis in 2024 expansion.
21. **Sanskritized Urbanism** is city planning using Hindu cosmological elements **Example:** 2024 Ayodhya Smart City Plan incorporated Sanskritized spatial mapping.
22. **Haveli Ornamentation** involves carved designs on private traditional mansions **Example:** Shekhawati havelis became art tourism sites during Desert Biennale 2025.
23. **Maratha Fortification** refers to hill forts with multiple defensive rings **Example:** Shivneri Fort promoted as model of Maratha fortification in 2024 tourism drive.

24. **Temple Shikhara** is the tower above sanctum in Nagara style temples **Example:** Mahakaleshwar Temple's shikhara was gold-plated in 2024 religious donation campaign.

Architectural Heritage Overview



25. **Ceremonial Axes** are central thoroughfares designed for rituals or processions **Example:** Rajpath renamed Kartavya Path in 2024 retained its ceremonial axis in redesigned layout.
26. **Neo-Dravidianism** is modern state architecture inspired by southern temple styles **Example:** Vidhana Soudha's architectural influence visible in Karnataka's 2025 secretariat expansion.
27. **Rajput Aesthetics** include jharokhas, chhatris, and high plinths in design **Example:** Amer Fort's 2025 conservation highlighted core Rajput aesthetics.
28. **Jain Minimalism** is clean, symmetrical, white-stone temple architecture **Example:** Ranakpur temple became a model in 2024 for low-carbon spiritual architecture.
29. **Temple Ornamentation** refers to detailed sculptures and carvings on temple walls **Example:** Chennakesava Temple's carvings went viral after 2025 AI-3D tour launch.

30. **Islamic Calligraphy** is religious text inscribed decoratively on buildings **Example:** Qutub Minar inscriptions scanned for virtual preservation in 2025.
31. **Secular Modernism** refers to post-independence public buildings with clean design **Example:** Chandigarh's Capitol Complex featured in 2024 Nehruvian design studies.
32. **Riverfront Sanctity** is designing sacred spaces along rivers **Example:** 2024 Yamuna Ghat revamp in Delhi focused on riverfront sanctity.
33. **Symbolic Domes** use domes to express political or religious identity **Example:** Parliament House New Building featured symbolic domes replacing colonial motifs in 2025.
34. **Crafted Capitals** are pillar capitals bearing distinct motifs **Example:** Ashokan lion capital recreated at India's new Parliament House 2024.
35. **Temple Tanks** are sacred water reservoirs within temple premises **Example:** Meenakshi Temple's tank cleaned for ritual use in 2024 Chithirai festival.
36. **Architectural Palimpsest** is the layering of structures over older ones **Example:** Qutub Complex studied in 2024 as Delhi's prime architectural palimpsest.
37. **Vastu Embodiment** is alignment of buildings based on energy principles **Example:** Ram Mandir construction claimed alignment with Vastu shastra in 2024.
38. **Terrace Shrines** are elevated small temples built on home terraces **Example:** 2025 urban survey showed rise in terrace shrines in South Indian cities.
39. **Desert Architecture** is design suited for arid climate conditions **Example:** Jaisalmer Fort incorporated into 2024 UN desert architecture heritage list.
40. **Composite Capitals** are pillars with mixed religious or dynastic styles **Example:** Fatehpur Sikri showcased in 2025 as site of composite capital architecture.

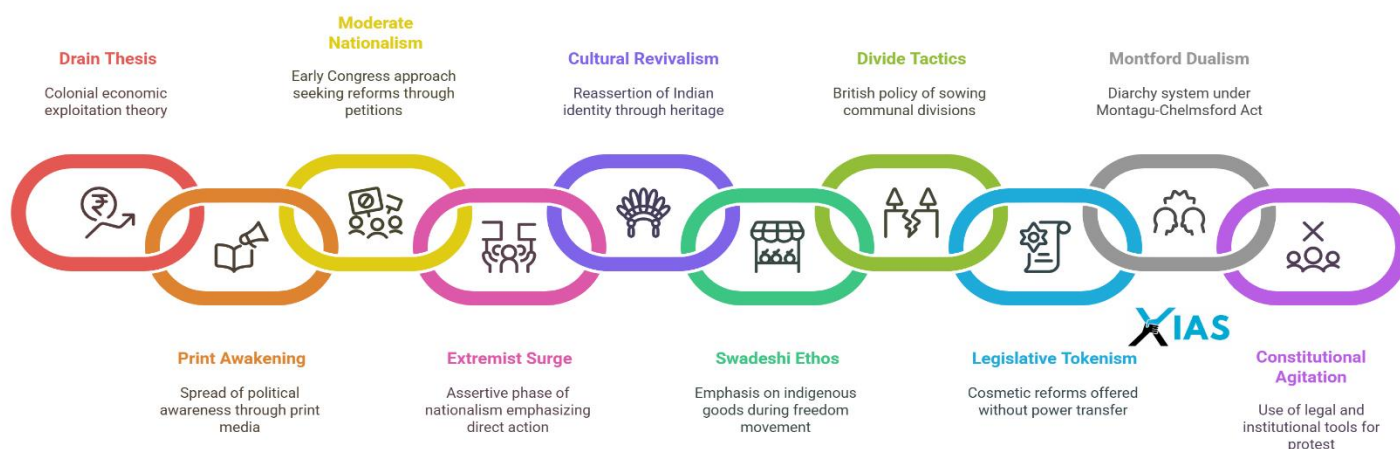
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Topic :1 - Modern Indian History

1. **Passive Resistance** Non-violent disobedience as political strategy **Example** 2024 school curriculum linked Ukraine protests to Gandhian passive resistance models.
2. **Constructive Programme** Gandhi's nation-building focus like khadi, sanitation, education **Example** PM's 2024 "Seva Parv" campaign invoked Gandhi's constructive programme values.
3. **Temple Entry** Social reform movements for Dalit access to temples **Example** Vaikom Satyagraha centenary commemorated with documentary screening in 2024.
4. **Khilafat Solidarity** Hindu-Muslim unity during Khilafat Movement **Example** 2024 AMU seminar recalled Gandhi-Ali brothers collaboration as model for Khilafat solidarity.
5. **Purna Swaraj** Complete independence declared by INC in 1930 **Example** 2025 Republic Day theme was "From Purna Swaraj to Kartavya Kaal."
6. **Roundtable Gridlock** Stalemate in Round Table Conferences with British **Example** BBC's 2025 mini-series dramatized Roundtable gridlock with focus on Ambedkar-Gandhi debates.
7. **Communal Award** Separate electorates granted to minorities **Example** 2024 discussion on caste census referred back to the 1932 Communal Award.
8. **Poona Pact** Agreement between Gandhi and Ambedkar on Dalit representation **Example** India International Centre hosted 2024 exhibition on Poona Pact's legacy.
9. **Civil Disobedience** Mass protests against unjust laws **Example** Salt March route was recreated for 2025 Unity Run Marathon.
10. **Guerilla Uprising** Armed revolts using hit-and-run tactics **Example** 2024 movie *Bagh* revived interest in Alluri Sitarama Raju's guerilla uprising.

11. **Andaman Martyrdom** Sacrifices of freedom fighters jailed in Cellular Jail **Example** Veer Savarkar's birth anniversary in 2024 sparked debates on Andaman martyrdom.
12. **Azad Hind** Provisional Indian government-in-exile led by Subhas Bose **Example** INA uniforms displayed at 2025 Kolkata museum event on Azad Hind.
13. **Red Fort Trial** Historic 1945 INA court martial **Example** 2024 AIR drama re-enacted Red Fort trial as part of national integration campaign.
14. **Quit Ultimatum** 1942 Quit India Movement's call for British exit **Example** A 2024 UPSC question referenced Quit Ultimatum as turning point.
15. **Naval Mutiny** 1946 revolt by Indian sailors in Bombay **Example** Book *Waves of Rebellion* launched in 2025 re-evaluated Naval Mutiny's impact.
16. **Wavell Deadlock** Failure of 1945 Wavell Plan due to communal rift **Example** 2024 panel discussion linked Wavell deadlock with present-day coalition politics.
17. **Partition Trauma** Human cost of the 1947 division of India **Example** 2025 digital archive *Memory of Borders* captured partition trauma survivor accounts.
18. **Cabinet Mission** 1946 British plan for Indian federation **Example** 2024 IGNOU lectures used Cabinet Mission Plan to explain federal design failures.
19. **Princely Puzzle** Challenge of integrating princely states into India **Example** 2025 docu-series *The Accession Files* explored Patel's role in solving princely puzzle.
20. **Hydrabad Standoff** Armed conflict over Hyderabad's integration **Example** 2024 Republic Day tableau featured Operation Polo visuals.
21. **Cultural Assertion** Using art and heritage for nationalist identity **Example** 2024 restoration of Shantiniketan celebrated Tagore's role in cultural assertion.
22. **Brahmo Reformism** Religious and social reform by Brahmo Samaj **Example** 2025 curriculum introduced a chapter on Debendranath Tagore's Brahmo reformism.
23. **Arya Revivalism** Return to Vedic ideals through Arya Samaj **Example** Arya Samaj's 2024 centenary event focused on girl education reforms.
24. **Muslim Renaissance** Social awakening among Indian Muslims **Example** 2025 seminar at Jamia Millia reviewed Sir Syed's contribution to Muslim renaissance.
25. **Vernacular Mobilisation** Use of Indian languages for political consciousness **Example** 2024 Google Doodle celebrated Bharatendu Harishchandra's vernacular mobilisation.
26. **Bhakti Nationalism** Religious devotion merged with patriotic ideas **Example** PM cited Sant Ravidas in 2025 speech as example of Bhakti nationalism.
27. **Rebel Historiography** Emphasis on local resistance heroes in history writing **Example** 2024 NCERT updates added Birsa Munda under rebel historiography.
28. **Feminist Awakening** Women's role in the freedom struggle **Example** Durgabai Deshmukh's bust unveiled in 2025 Parliament Hall of Women Patriots.
29. **Iconic Martyrdom** Sacrifice by freedom fighters as nationalist symbols **Example** Bhagat Singh's diary made public in 2024 as part of iconic martyrdom memorial.
30. **Ghadar Echoes** Early overseas rebellion for India's freedom **Example** Canada's 2025 diaspora event remembered Ghadar echoes in Vancouver.
31. **Deccan Riots** 1875 peasant uprising against moneylenders **Example** 2024 Maharashtra State Board added Deccan Riots as early rural resistance.
32. **Economic Nationalism** Resistance through indigenous enterprise and critique of colonial economy **Example** 2024 RBI Museum inaugurated "Swadeshi Finance" section.

Modern Indian History



33. **Educational Assertion** Establishing Indian-run schools and universities **Example** AMU, BHU, and JNU hosted 2024 “Azadi through Education” festival.
34. **Sedition Trials** Colonial prosecution of nationalist leaders **Example** 2024 reenactment of Gandhi’s 1922 sedition trial held at Gujarat High Court.
35. **Peasant Militancy** Farmer-led uprisings against zamindars and colonial agents **Example** Eka Movement remembered in 2025 rural mobilisation symposium.
36. **Social Banditry** Criminalised rebels seen as people’s heroes **Example** 2024 panel at BHU discussed Phoolan Devi as legacy of social banditry.
37. **Railway Resistance** Use of trains for protest and sabotage **Example** 2024 article in *Frontline* analysed the Kakori train robbery’s modern relevance.
38. **Migrant Patriotism** Diaspora support for Indian freedom **Example** Singapore museum in 2025 opened INA Wing under migrant patriotism theme.
39. **Colonial Surveillance** British intelligence to suppress freedom activities **Example** Declassified 2024 files revealed Tagore was under colonial surveillance.
40. **Postal Agitation** Boycotts and protests via British postal systems **Example** 2025 Delhi Postal Museum recreated Gandhi’s boycott campaign exhibits.

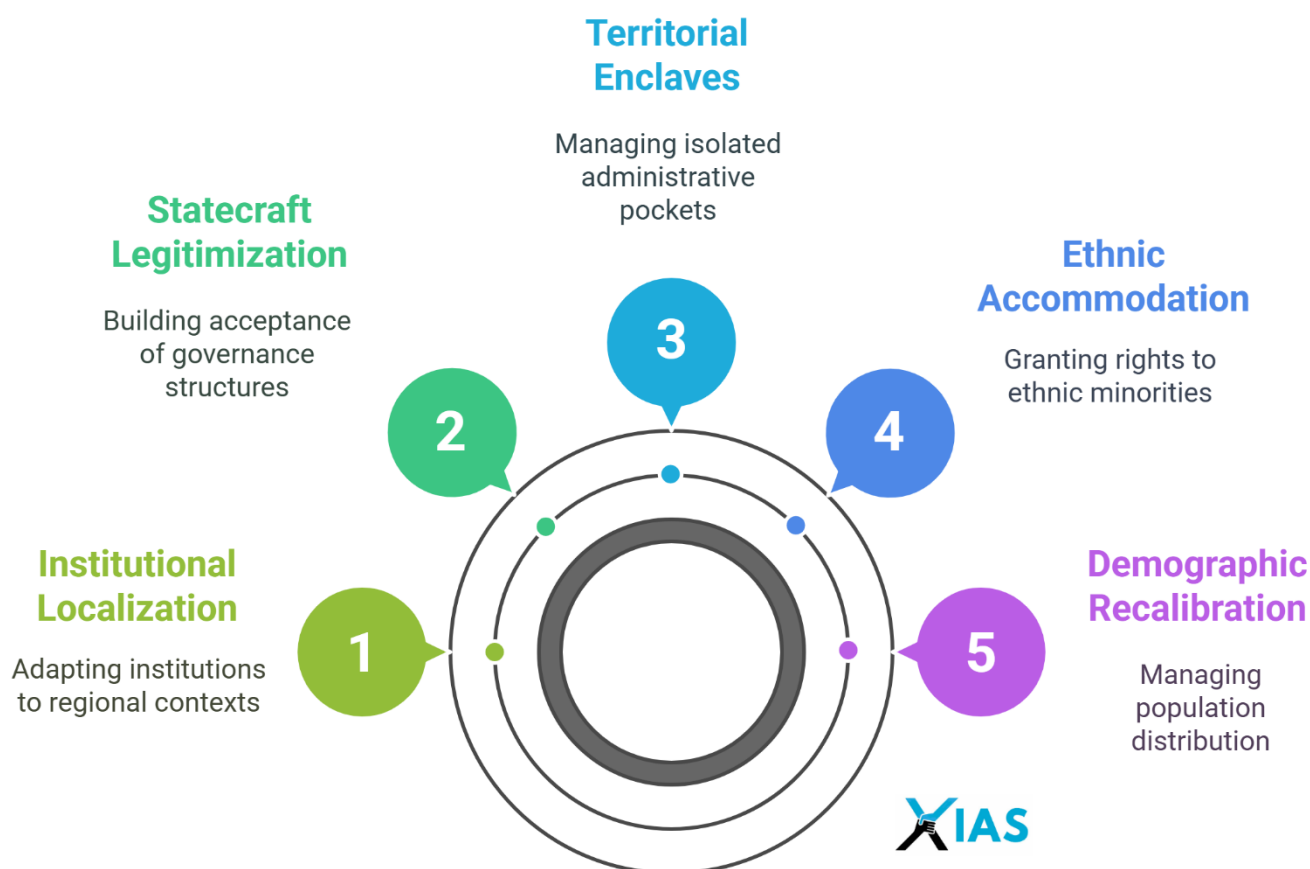
Topic – 2: Post-Independence Consolidation and Reorganization within the Country:

1. **Cartographic Assertion** – Reaffirming territorial claims through official mapping. **Example:** Updated political map reinforcing Arunachal Pradesh after external renaming attempts.
2. **Centripetal Governance** – Concentration of authority at the national core to ensure unity. **Example:** Use of ordinances by the Centre to manage urgent policy matters.
3. **Subnational Reflux** – Resurgence of regional identity and demands within the national framework. **Example:** Kuki-Zo homeland demands reflecting regional identity assertions.
4. **Unification Ethos** – The ideological drive fostering national integration post-independence. **Example:** Digital museum dedicated to Sardar Patel’s role in integration.
5. **Peripheral Pacification** – Strategies aimed at stabilizing insurgency-prone or border areas. **Example:** “Peace Through Prosperity” initiatives in Manipur addressing unrest.
6. **Constitutional Adhesion** – Legal mechanisms binding diverse regions into a unified polity. **Example:** Supreme Court rulings upholding Article 371 protections in Northeast.

7. **Integrative Federalism** – Cooperative federal structure balancing unity and regional autonomy. **Example:** Revival of Inter-State Council to facilitate center-state coordination.
8. **Territorial Rationalism** – Redrawing internal boundaries based on administrative logic and efficiency. **Example:** Proposals to reorganize Ladakh's districts for better governance.
9. **Postcolonial Realignment** – Institutional restructuring tailored to Indian socio-political realities. **Example:** Mission Karmayogi's focus on rural administration reforms.
10. **Secular Consolidation** – Strengthening the state's secular framework amid pluralistic pressures. **Example:** Debates around Uniform Civil Code as an expression of secular consolidation.
11. **Boundary Rationalization** – Resolving ambiguities in state borders for smoother governance. **Example:** Settlement of disputes between Maharashtra and Karnataka.
12. **Civic Rejuvenation** – Revitalizing local self-government and urban bodies. **Example:** Smart City initiatives enhancing municipal efficiency.
13. **Cultural Synchronization** – Harmonizing diverse cultural identities within national unity. **Example:** Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programs promoting inter-state cultural exchanges.
14. **Constitutional Pluralism** – Accommodating multiple legal systems within one constitution. **Example:** Recognition of customary laws under Sixth Schedule.
15. **Security Centralization** – Central government's control over internal security forces. **Example:** Debates on Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act in Northeast.
16. **Federal Calibration** – Adjusting center-state power balance to evolving needs. **Example:** Enhanced financial devolution through GST Council reforms.
17. **Socioeconomic Integration** – Bridging economic disparities across regions. **Example:** Special economic packages for backward regions.
18. **Political Homogenization** – Unifying political processes to strengthen national identity. **Example:** Push for simultaneous elections to harmonize electoral cycles.
19. **Administrative Reconfiguration** – Restructuring governance frameworks to increase efficiency. **Example:** District reorganization in Telangana for better administration.
20. **Indigenous Assertion** – Demands and movements asserting indigenous peoples' rights. **Example:** Protests by tribal communities for forest land rights.
21. **Democratic Deepening** – Expanding democratic participation at grassroots levels. **Example:** Increased Panchayat elections and women's representation.
22. **Societal Hybridization** – Mixing of traditional and modern social structures post-independence. **Example:** Urban-rural cultural blending in expanding cities.
23. **Regional Divergence** – Differences in political and economic trajectories within the country. **Example:** Economic disparity between South India and the Hindi heartland.
24. **Ethno-Political Mobilization** – Organization of ethnic identities into political movements. **Example:** Demand for Bodoland Territorial Region expansion.
25. **Boundary Contestation** – Conflicts over territorial lines between states or regions. **Example:** Nagaland-Assam border disputes leading to violence.
26. **Electoral Reorganization** – Changes in constituencies and electoral processes. **Example:** Delimitation Commission proposals in Jammu and Kashmir.
27. **Developmental Federalism** – Using federal structures to promote region-specific growth. **Example:** North East Special Infrastructure Development Schemes.
28. **Judicial Federalism** – Role of courts in balancing center-state relations. **Example:** Supreme Court rulings on governor's discretionary powers.
29. **Migration Regulation** – Managing internal population movements for stability. **Example:** Implementation of the National Register of Citizens in Assam.

- 30. **Institutional Continuity** – Retaining functional colonial institutions post-independence. **Example:** Indian Administrative Service's origins in colonial civil services.
- 31. **Public Sphere Expansion** – Growth of civic spaces for political discourse. **Example:** Rise of social media activism on regional issues.
- 32. **Conflict Mitigation** – State efforts to reduce insurgency and ethnic violence. **Example:** Ceasefire agreements with Naga insurgent groups.

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- 33. **Fiscal Federalism** – Allocation of financial resources between center and states. **Example:** GST revenue sharing arrangements.
- 34. **Legal Pluralism** – Coexistence of multiple legal traditions within the country. **Example:** Recognition of Sharia and customary laws alongside civil law.
- 35. **Demographic Engineering** – Policies aimed at influencing population composition. **Example:** Incentives to encourage settlement in border areas.
- 36. **Administrative Decentralization** – Transfer of powers to local governance bodies. **Example:** Strengthening of Urban Local Bodies through 74th Amendment.
- 37. **Electoral Harmonization** – Synchronizing elections to improve governance stability. **Example:** Campaigns promoting 'One Nation, One Election.'
- 38. **Nation-Building Discourse** – Narrative fostering a shared national identity. **Example:** Educational curricula emphasizing integration and unity.

39. **Geopolitical Buffering** – Using border states as strategic buffers. **Example:** Infrastructure development along India-China border.
40. **Legislative Uniformity** – Standardizing laws across states to reduce disparity. **Example:** Model tenancy laws proposed for adoption by states.



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