

**1. Do you think India's recent evacuation efforts in Ukraine were unnecessarily politicised? Critically comment.**

**Approach**

Candidates need to write about the Indian operation of evacuating the students from Ukraine in introduction. Then comment on how politicization of operation was done as question demands to critically comment need to present alternative view also.

**Introduction**

Just after tension between Russia and Ukraine heightened, with war erupting in Ukraine after the Russian military launched a series of attacks Operation Ganga by central government was launched as evacuation mission to bring back all the Indian nationals who were stranded in Ukraine.

**Body**

Politicization of rescue operation:

- Naming the mission as operation Ganga with considering the UP election was ongoing. Also addressing the electors with the efforts taken by central government about the mission in election rallies.
- Sending the Cabinet minister to the bordering nation of Ukraine and also receiving the students at the New Delhi airport was seen as politicization by ruling establishment.
- The Indian government has vastly exaggerated its claims of evacuating Indian students from Pesochin in war-ravaged Ukraine, students and educational consultants have alleged. As students at pesochin and many other area were not treated well.
- It is not that India doesn't have experience in evacuating its people. It has managed evacuations from war zones on a far larger scale in the past as shown in the media.
- Ministers made students who were evacuated from war-torn Ukraine chant slogans in favour of the government. Government was criticized for self congratulatory ecstasy.

Evacuation was based on principle of impartiality without creating political optics:

- Humanitarian action in India is always guided by the principles of humanitarian assistance, i.e., humanity, neutrality and independence.
- It was MEAs Alacrity and dynamism to hasten the evacuation process, because there were around 20000 Indian student massive number face difficulty at

border checkpoints, sending students to embankment sites and clearing the immigration.

- India has a long history of conducting such evacuations and it has conducted 23 such evacuations since 1962-63, always such evacuation were done on huge scale and always it's big responsibility for government and it's legitimate to publicize the efforts taken by efficient mission.

### **Conclusion**

India needs to have structural change in healthcare academics to make Indian university attractive for Indian students. Also we should think bringing back our citizens as a duty of the government of the day so it should not be seen as favor.

### **2. What is NATO? Discuss the role of NATO's involvement (or the lack of it) in shaping the events in present day Europe.**

#### **Approach**

Students are expected to write about the NATO in the introduction and then simply highlight how NATO's role is shaping the European continent in current situation try to give example.

#### **Introduction**

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization was created in 1949 by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union. It was the first peacetime military alliance the United States entered into outside of the Western Hemisphere.

#### **Body**

Role of NATO's involvement in shaping the Europe:

- The United States viewed an economically strong, rearmed, and integrated Europe as vital to the prevention of communist expansion across the continent.
- Article 5 of the treaty proclaims that an armed attack against one or more of them (NATO members) shall be considered an attack against them all this gives the security and confidence to the European countries.
- Military cooperation, and the security it brings the development in parallel with economic and political progress.

- The threat of a Russian invasion of Ukraine has placed heightened importance on the United States' and NATO's defences across eastern Europe, which for decades have acted as a buffer between Russia and the West.
- US pressure on NATO in 2008 to recognise Ukraine's membership aspirations and its encouragement for a change of government in Ukraine in 2014, provoked the Russian annexation of Crimea and today war with Ukraine.
- US NATO pressure may eventually led to the present crisis for example for Germany, the Nord Stream 2 (NS2) Russia-Germany gas pipeline was the cheapest recently called off.

### **Conclusion**

Geopolitics, however, is a long game, and the larger context of the U.S.-China rivalry could, at some point in the not too distant future, reopen the question of how Russia fits into the European security order.

### **3. Do you think the Russian aggression against Ukraine further eroded the of the UN? Substantiate your views.**

#### **Approach-**

Candidates need to substantiate how Russian aggression against Ukraine further eroded the credibility of the UN.

#### **Introduction:**

The Russian Federation is now past the initial stages of its widespread military invasion of Ukraine. Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, unleashing airstrikes on cities and military bases and sending in troops and tanks from three sides in an attack that could rewrite the global post-Cold War security order.

#### **The Russian Aggression Against Ukraine Further Eroded the Credibility of the UN**

- The tragedy unfolding in Ukraine has attracted worldwide sympathy and support for Ukraine, its leadership and the people of Ukraine. The rule of law and democracy must be respected and defended.
- Russia has invaded a free and democratic country. They are killing innocents in the thousands. They are blowing up historic buildings, residences, hospitals, schools and critical infrastructure.

- Vladimir Putin will soon be investigated for war crimes. And yet Russia is allowed to remain in the United Nations, and holds a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. That is indeed a big question.
- The Russian Federation continues to treat its international legal commitments with contempt through its practices; flouting the international prohibition on the use of force and intervention, whilst also disregarding its obligation to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other states.
- The Russia's invasion of Ukraine is one of the greatest challenges ever to the international order "because of its nature, intensity, and consequences.
- The UN Security Council exists, and security in the world doesn't for anyone. This definitely means that the United Nations is currently unable to carry out the functions for which it was created.
- Only one state is to blame for this - Russia, which discredits the UN and all other international institutions where it still participates.
- Russia tries to block everything constructive and use global architecture in order to spread lies and justify the evil it does.
- The world sees it and will hopefully draw conclusions. Otherwise, there will be only one institution left in the world to guarantee the security of states. Namely - weapons.
- The UN General Assembly has voted on a draft resolution which expresses grave concern at the ongoing human rights and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, particularly at the reports of violations and abuses of human rights and violations of international humanitarian law by Russia, including gross and systematic violations and abuses of human rights. Through this draft the UN seek to suspend Russia from the UN Human Rights Council.

### **Conclusion**

The UN has struggled with its usefulness in recent years, but this takes the cake. It's time to kick Russia out of the UN, or the members might as well pack up and go home.