

# Poverty is the worst form of violence

## OUTLINE :-

### 1) Introduction

#### Thesis Statement:

Poverty is indeed the greatest burden for mankind. It is the evil from which all other kinds of social, political, economic, racial-ethnic and gender disparities emerge thus leading to chaos and violence within the mankind. This ultimately prevents people from leading good lives and attaining the full potential.

- 2) Poverty lies at the heart of every clash and conflict.
- 3) Poverty urges man to become a rebel

Reference :- Merton's Theory of Strain

- 4) Poverty creates social discontent

Reference :- Theory of Marx

- 5) Poverty creates political strife

a) Generates a class of political "Haves" and "Haves not"



- b) Poverty-stricken mass do not stand to gain much from democracy
- c) Poor masses fall prey to autocratic regimes
- d) The nexus of the rich and the powerful

## 6) Poverty and the economic violence

- a) Poverty is built into the world system

Reference :- Wallerstein's World System Theory

## b) Explorations of Capitalist System

## 7) Poverty exacerbates racial-ethnic violence

- a) Racial-ethnic minorities have limited access to social, economic and legal facilities

Case in Point :- Plight of Ethnic minorities after Hurricane Katrina

## 8) Poverty reinforces gender discrimination

Reference :- Dependency Theory

## 9) Ways to reduce poverty:

- a) Equitable resource division
- b) Uplifting the poor via progressive taxation
- c) Welfare of racial-ethnic minorities
- d) Gender inclusive policies

## 10) Conclusion