Future Challenges

**Poverty:** 300 million Indian people live in absolute poverty. India has a third of the world’s malnourished children. Several hundred thousand die every year from dirty water.

**Environmental degradation:** At a local level, this is poisoning air and water supplies; at a global level it is increasing climate change.

**Poor infrastructure:** Roads, railways, energy supply and communication systems cannot keep up with the fast change in India.

**Growing population:** In 1990, the world’s population was 1.6 billion. By 2050, India alone is expected to reach this figure. India already has 17% of the world’s population.

**HIV-Aids:** 5.1 million Indians are HIV positive, making India the second largest sufferer in the world. Reports warn that unless it tackles the problem, there will be 20 million sufferers by 2010.

**Caste system:** Indian society is deeply divided by caste or class. 10 percent of the higher castes own 53% of the country’s wealth.

Sort the above issues into the following categories. You put the same issue into more than one category.

LOCAL; NATIONAL; GLOBAL; ENVIRONMENTAL; SOCIAL; ECONOMIC