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How can child vulnerability mapping strengthen child protection and social justice in India? Discuss the associated challenges.

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Answer Hint

Child rights, early identification, targeted welfare, interdepartmental coordination, data privacy, rehabilitation, accountability.

Model Answer

Introduction:

Child vulnerability mapping is a systematic process of identifying children exposed to abuse, neglect, trafficking, exploitation and other risks. It enables authorities to shift from reactive responses to preventive child protection.

Significance:

- Early identification: Helps detect vulnerable children before risks escalate.
- Targeted welfare: Enables need-based delivery of nutrition, education, counselling and financial assistance.
- Better coordination: Connects schools, Anganwadis, local bodies, police and child protection agencies.
- Evidence-based planning: Helps authorities identify high-risk areas and allocate resources effectively.
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Challenges:

- Protecting children's personal data and privacy.
- Preventing stigma, discrimination and inaccurate classification.

- Addressing staff shortages and gaps in coordination.
- Ensuring identified children actually receive timely support.
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Way Forward:

Establish secure databases, standardise assessment methods, conduct regular reviews and strengthen District Child Protection Units and community-level monitoring.

Conclusion:

Child vulnerability mapping can advance child rights only when reliable data is followed by timely intervention, rehabilitation and sustained support.

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