

Get the Edge in your Mains Preparation with
our Issues-Based Current Affairs Program

Current Affairs Classes for Mains 2023

Batch - 01
14 June 2023
11 AM

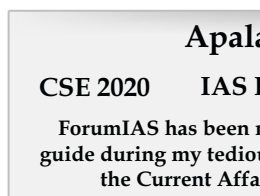


Successful Students of ForumIAS Academy



Ashish
IAS RANK-23 CSE 2021

I am Ashish. I've been ranked 23 in the final merit list of UPSC CSE 2021. I was an online student of ForumIAS Current Affairs Classes (DIPIN SIR).



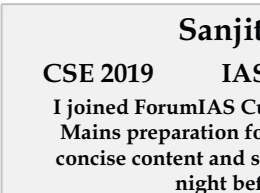
Apala Mishra
CSE 2020 IAS RANK-09

ForumIAS has been my friend philosopher and guide during my tedious UPSC journey. I joined the Current Affairs (Online) classes.



Vaibhav Rawat
IAS RANK-25 CSE 2020

I am Vaibhav Rawat, I have got AIR 25 in this year's civil service examination. I took Current Affairs Classes by Dipin sir during my 2019 attempt.



Sanjita Mohapatra
CSE 2019 IAS RANK-10

I joined ForumIAS Current Affairs Class for my Mains preparation for CSE 2019. The crisp and concise content and structuring helped me a lot night before the exam.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ForumIAS will be commencing Current Affairs for Mains 2023 – covering all major issues important for the Civil Services Mains 2023.

If there is just one classroom program, you would like to take for your Civil Services preparation – it is this.

The MGP + Current Affairs Combination has been the winning combination for almost all our successful students – be it first timers, or those seeking rank and service improvement.

Goal of the Program

The Program will focus on three things:

- **Completeness:** Ensure complete coverage of Current Affairs from PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Times of India, and magazines such as EPW, Frontline. **No issues will be left out.**
- **Content Differentiation:** Ensure that value addition beyond common sources is done so that there is **content differentiation in answers** written by our students vis-à-vis other candidates.
- **Consolidation:** Ensure that there is complete consolidation of content on various topics that are important for Mains examination. Thus, preparation is not scattered.

Note: The Current Affairs Program of ForumIAS is NOT a Newspaper class. It does not follow monthly newspaper updates but focuses on issue-based preparation. The Objective is to have 1-2- page crisp notes on every Mains topic so that it is easy to revise before the exam.

Why Current Affairs Program ?

The Current Affairs classes ensure that **(1) We add value to the knowledge base of candidates who choose us (2) We provide content differentiation in the class, since the key to secure high marks in the Mains examination is content differentiation** – so that our **students answers are both more qualitative and substantially superior** to what is written by the average candidate.

Classroom Students of ForumIAS Current Affairs Class have secured highest marks in GS for last 5 years consecutively. They have secured **Rank 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 24, 68, 75, 84 and 91** in CSE 2021 & **Rank 9, 10 & 29** in CSE 2020, **Rank 10 and 30** in CSE 2019 **Rank 5 & 10** in CSE 2017 and **Rank 7, 13, 27, 35** in CSE 2018.

Popular ForumIAS Members like IWRA and Yo_Yo_Choti_Singh, have also credited our current affairs classes for their achievements. With such favourable feedback from our students, you can trust on us.

What you get?

Handouts along with **important editorials** and articles will be given for the candidates to consolidate their preparation. The material will be sufficient to cover Current Affairs completely, and any additional sources or newspaper reading will **NOT** be required. Apart from that candidates may be required to write answers in the classroom for practice

Course Schedule:

- Regular classes will be held **3 days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)** in a week starting from **14 June, at 11 AM.**
- Each class will be of **2.5 to 3 hours** duration.

Design of the Program

(Handouts | Lectures | Answer Writing)

- Handouts of the topics to be covered will be provided in the hard copy for offline students and soft copy will be uploaded before the class. **Refer to Sample Handout 1 & 2.**
- In every class important issues will be covered comprehensively. Thus, the classes will have coverage for Mains with respect to topic discussed in the class.
- Answer Writing Component: Students will be required to solve some subjective questions as assignments.

FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Total Fees
Current Affairs Classes for Mains 2023	₹ 20,999/-

Fee Concession:

The old students of Current Affairs course can avail the program at a fee concession of 40%.

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SAMPLE HANDOUT - 1

CHAPTER 1: STATE OF THE ECONOMY; RECOVERY COMPLETE

Global challenges

Global poly crisis

→ Covid pandemic
Russia Ukraine conflict
monetary tightening

→ global slowdown

← slowing cross border trade
slowdown in china
loss of education & emp

→ growth challenges for India
↳ inflation
↳ CAD

India's economic resilience

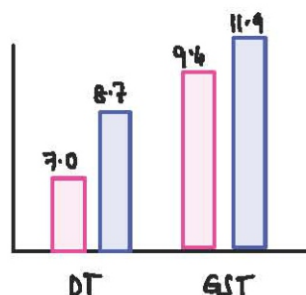
→ fast growing economy → expected growth rate 6.5 to 7.0%
→ Indian economy → 5th largest; 3rd largest (PPP)

Growth drivers

- 1) Domestic pvt consumption
- 2) coverage of vaccination

→ ↑ Production

3) increase in capex → ↑ pvt capex → ↑ eco output
↑
tax buoyancy



- 4) Strong Corporate BIs and Banking sector
- 5) inflation within RBI band of 2-6%.

Inclusive growth

- job creation
- decline in urban unemployment rate
- Schemes like → ECLGs for MSMEs
 - MGNREGA
 - PM KISAN & PM KAY

Outlook

+ve → domestic consumption
→ Capex rise
→ structural reforms

-ve → high inflation
→ CAD

Forecast (FY 23) - 6% - 6.8%

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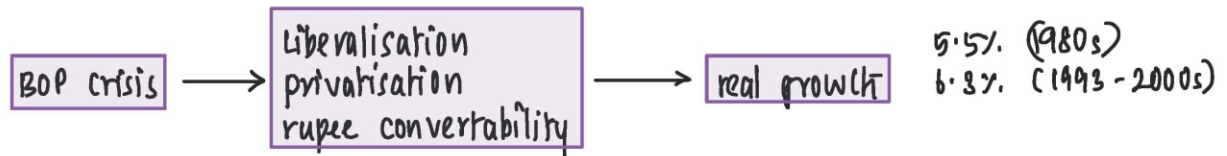
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CHAPTER 2: INDIA'S MEDIUM TERM GROWTH OUTLOOK : WITH OPTIMISM & HOPE

PRODUCT & CAPITAL MARKET REFORMS

→ 1991 REFORMS

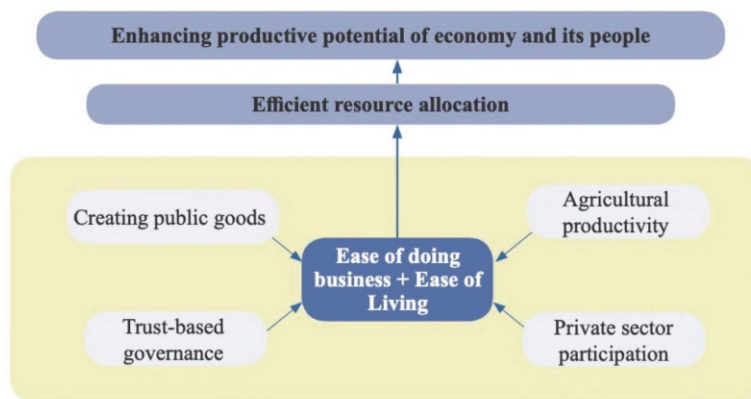


→ CONTINUITY

- FDI liberalisation
- Disinvestment
- Infrastructure development
- FRBM Act
- Banking sector reforms

→ REFORMS FOR NEW INDIA

→ Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas



CREATING PUBLIC GOODS

- 1) Physical infrastructure
Eg Bharatmala, Sagarmala, Udaan
NIP, NMP
- 2) Public digital infrastructure
Eg JAM Trinity, UPI, ONDC
SVA-Nidhi
- 3) Trust based governance
Eg Simplification of RERA, IBC
Decriminalisation of minor offences under Companies Act
Taxation reforms
- 4) Pvt Sector as co partner in the development
Eg PSU disinvestment, PLI, NLP
- 5) Enhancing productivity in Agriculture
Eg Soil health card, micro irrigation fund
FPOs, eNAM, AIF

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ECONOMIC SHOCKS 2014-2022

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- Twin deficit
- NBFC crisis

Table II.3: A parallel between the periods: 1998-2002 and 2014-2022

1998-2002	2014-2022
Shocks to the economy	
♦ Nuclear device testing 1998; sanctions followed	♦ Period of Banking, Non-Banking and Non-Financial Corporate Sector Balance-sheet stress
♦ Banking and Corporate Sector deleveraging and repairing balance-sheets	♦ Unprecedented pandemic shock followed by inflation global commodity price shock followed by tightening of financial conditions
♦ Two successive droughts	
♦ Technology bust; US recession and 09/11	
Structural reforms in the economy	
♦ Interest rate deregulation	♦ Unique Identity
♦ Privatisation	♦ Financial Inclusion
♦ Asset Recovery for banks	♦ GST leading to formalisation
♦ Infrastructure (Golden quadrilateral)	♦ Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code
♦ FRBM Act	♦ Privatisation
	♦ Tax rates rationalisation and tax administration reforms
	♦ Decriminalisation of offences
	♦ Vaccines roll-out
	♦ Expenditure Management Reforms
	♦ AatmaNirbhar Bharat
	♦ Public Digital Infrastructure
Growth returns	
♦ One-off shocks delayed the growth returns	♦ Balance sheets strengthened in the financial sector; the corporate sector deleveraged by about 30 percentage points (Non-financial private sector debt to GDP ratio)
♦ Once shocks faded away, structural reforms paid growth dividends from 2003 onwards	♦ Emphasis on macro-economic stability while dealing with global shocks

GROWTH MAGNETS

- robust banking & corporate sector
- digital tech reforms
- investment destination

WAY FORWARD

- Deregulation & simplification
 - Power sector reforms
 - Education & skilling
 - Energy transition
 - Healthy lifestyle
 - Asset monetisation
 - MSME reforms

INDO - PACIFIC ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK (IPEF)



India stays out of the trade policy pillar of IPEF



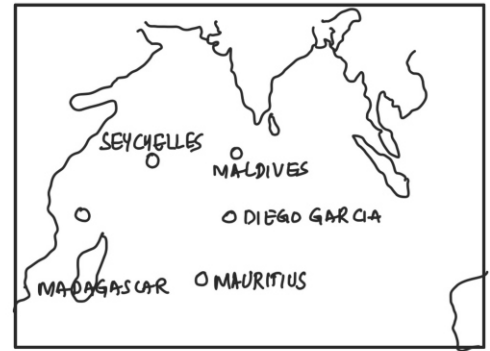
The Russia-ukraine war could be an economic tipping point, driving a shift from 'economic efficiency to security' and 'globalisation to regionalisation'

— Christine Lagarde



IPEF

- economic bloc of 14 countries in Indo-Pacific
- India, Australia, Brunei, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand & the USA



MAP 1: Indo-Pacific



PILLARS

- Fair trade
- Supply chain resilience
- Clean energy
- Tax & anti corruption



SIGNIFICANCE

- an alternative trading arrangement
- represent 40% of global GDP
- Cornwall Consensus model
- 'friend shoring'



IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA



POSITIVES

- geopolitical & geoeconomic importance
- economic partnership after RCEP withdrawal
- outside Chinese dominance → 'Quad plus'
- address 'weaponisation of supply chain'
- intergovernmental cooperation to prevent tax evasion
- harness AI & IR

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OTHER CHALLENGES

- Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar not part
- No progress on B3W, 'Blue dot'
- Decoupling China
- Global inflation

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INDIA OPT OUT OF TRADE PILLAR

- Higher stds - envt, labour, digital trade
- evolving domestic policy
- acting in India's national interest
- discriminating developing countries



WAY FORWARD

- 'Atma nirbhar Bharat'
- Ease of Doing Business
- 'China plus one'