

Issue based Current Affairs Program for
Civil Services Examination

Current Affairs Classes (Pre + Mains) 2024

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9. Priyansha Garg, IAS Rank-31 (Uttar Pradesh)
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11. Garima Narula, IAS Rank-39 (Uttarakhand)
12. Pranita Dash, IAS Rank-42 (Odisha)

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1. Mithun Premraj, IAS Rank-12 (Kerala)
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4. Avinash Kumar, IAS Rank-17 (Bihar)
5. Ashish, IAS Rank-23 (Bihar)
6. Bhavishya Desai, IAS Rank-29 (Rajasthan)
7. Naman Goyal, IAS Rank-30 (Maharashtra)
8. Nittin Singh, IAS Rank-32 (Jammu & Kashmir)
9. Jaspinder Singh, IAS Rank-33 (Punjab)
10. Anubhav Singh, IAS Rank-34 (Uttar Pradesh)
11. Ajmera Sanketh, IAS Rank-35 (Telangana)
12. Anup Das, IAS Rank-38 (Odisha)

3 times Rank 1 in Civil Services Examination

IAS Rank 1 - Ishita Kishore (2022), Shruti Sharma (2021), Anudeep Duraishetty (2017)

5 Times Rank 1 in Indian Forest Service

IFoS Rank 1 - Kolluru Venkata Srikanth (2022), Shruti (2021), Rishi Kumar (2019), M Naveen Reddy (2018), Vaibhav Srivastava (2017)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Mastering the current affairs while simultaneously tackling the static part in CSE preparation can be a daunting challenge. However, ForumIAS is here to simplify this process for you.

Introducing our comprehensive Current Affairs Classes (Pre + Mains), designed to filter and deliver the most relevant and crucial dynamic information for both Prelims and Mains. This program is a game-changer that seamlessly integrates current affairs with your CSE preparation.

If there's one classroom program you should choose for your Civil Services journey, it's this one.

Our Current Affairs program, 'Pre-cum-Mains 2024,' is a robust blend of in-classroom sessions and online resources.

Goal of the Program

The Program will focus on three things:

- **Completeness:** Ensuring comprehensive coverage of Current Affairs from reliable sources such as PIB, Hindu, Indian Express, Times of India, and magazines like EPW and Frontline. No important issues will be left out.
- **Content Differentiation:** Adding value beyond common sources to ensure that our students' answers stand out with unique and differentiated content compared to other candidates.
- **Consolidation:** Thoroughly consolidating content on various topics that are crucial for both Prelims and Mains examinations, thereby providing a structured and cohesive preparation approach.

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.

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.

Phases of the Current Affairs Program

The Current Affairs Program by ForumIAS will commence from 09 Sept. 2023. It is conducted in 3 phases.

- **Phase 1:** Issue wise Coverage of Contemporary Issues of GS Paper 2 & Paper 3. In this phase, 2 classes will be held in a week. They cover both Prelims & Mains Centric Issues which have been in news. The Phase 1 ends with a break of 4-6 weeks, after which Phase 2 commences.
- **Phase 2:** In this Phase, the focus changes from Mains to Prelims completely. Classes are held 2-3 days in a week about 2-3 months before the Prelims. Phase 2 follows Phase 1 with a 4 – 6 week break.
- **Phase 3:** Phase 3 commences about 2 weeks after the Prelims, and issues covered are completely from that year's Mains Perspective. Classes resume on a weekly basis. As the program comes to an end there is a steady & revision break for two weeks subsequently regular classes will be held 3 days in a week for completion of the course. Just like Prelims, the last classes are held about the 1 month before the Mains Examination and are conducted on Weekdays and not on Weekends.

Classroom students of ForumIAS Current Affairs Class have consistently secured the highest marks in General Studies (GS) for the past six years. Notably, they achieved **Rank 2, 4, 12, 17, 68, and 101** in CSE 2022, **Rank 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 24, 68, 75, 84, and 91** in CSE 2021, **Rank 9, 10, and 29** in CSE 2020, **Rank 10 and 30** in CSE 2019, **Rank 7, 13, 27, and 35** in 2018, and **Rank 5 and 10** in CSE 2017. Their consistent outstanding performance is a testament to the effectiveness of ForumIAS's Current Affairs Class.

Design of the Program

(Handouts | Lectures | Answer Writing)

- Handouts of the topics to be covered will be uploaded before the class in soft copy on the student portal. **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.

Course Schedule:

- Classes will be held **2 days (Saturday and Sunday)** in a week starting from **16 Sept., at 11 AM.**
- Each class will be of **2.5 to 3 hours** duration.

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FEE STRUCTURE

Course

Total Fees

Current Affairs Classes (Pre + Mains) 2024

₹ 28,000/-

Fee Concession:

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

Note: Fee concession can be availed by writing to admissions@forumias.academy. No other concession will be granted on any other ground.

HOW TO ENROLL?

Students can enroll in the program by paying the fees through the below mentioned means:

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- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in ICICI account.

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to admissions@forumias.academy within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated. While sharing screenshot do share your ForumIAS roll no. along with course paid for.

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Current Affairs in Online Mode

ForumIAS Current Affairs is available in Online mode only on mobile phones and tablets. It will be available in Apple store and Google play store (Android) for both Phones and tabs. The Course will not be available on Laptop and Desktop. This has been done primarily to combat the menace and Privacy.

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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

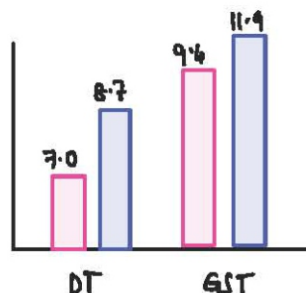
→ fast growing economy → expected growth rate 6.5 to 7.0%
→ Indian economy → 5th largest; 3rd largest (PPP)

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
 - PMKISAN & PMKAY

Outlook

+ve → domestic consumption
→ Capex rise
→ structural reforms

-ve
→ high inflation
→ CAD

Forecast (FY 23) - 6% - 6.8%

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 1

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

PRODUCT & CAPITAL MARKET REFORMS

→ 1991 REFORMS

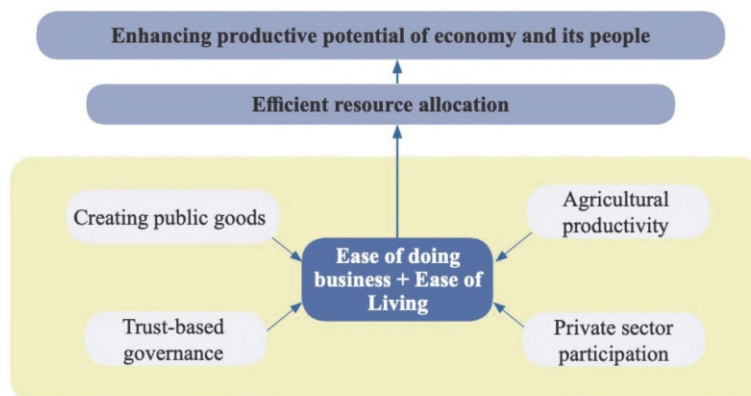


→ CONTINUITY

- 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

ECONOMIC SHOCKS 2014-2022

- Balance sheet stress
- 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



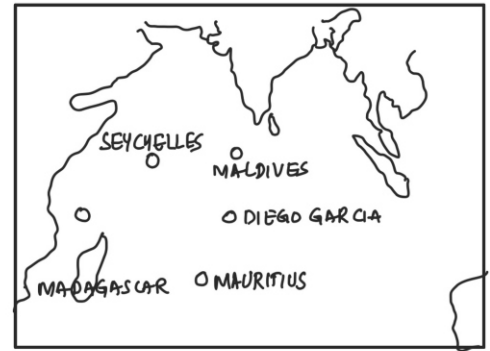
The Russia-ukraine war could be an economic tipping point, driving a shift from 'economic efficiency to security' and 'globalisation to regionalisation'

— Christine Lagarde

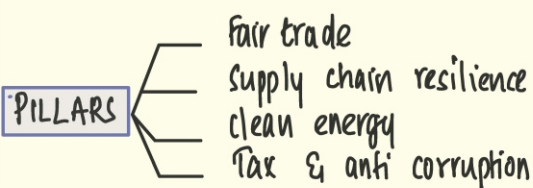


IPEF

- 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



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 BZW, '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'

Topper's Testimonials

I was a part of MGP at Forum IAS. Apart from this I also took Current Affairs classes for mains by Dipin Dasodhan Sir. The top notch quality of the content and the versatile perspectives I got from Sir's classes really boosted my score in GS. One on one interaction with Ayush Sir during my interview preparation helped me.

I am really grateful to Forum IAS especially Dipin Sir and Ayush Sir for their valuable inputs.



IAS Rank
02
CSE 2022

Garima Lohia

GARIMA LOHIA
AIR 2

To Forum IAS,

MGP Program helped me in simulating mine & the feedback was helpful too.

Thank you for so much efficiency & in paper checking and the elaborate feedback.



IAS Rank
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Ishita Kishore

Ishita Kishore
AIR - 1

My name is Umaharathi. I've secured AIR 3 in UPSC CSE 2022. I was enrolled in the MGP program for General Studies and Anthropology. The analytical nature of questions helped me prepare well for the actual exam. The ranking system helped me track my progress constantly. I'm grateful for the



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