

Current Affairs Classes Prelims 2024

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IAS Rank I - Ishita Kishore (2022), Shruti Sharma (2021), Anudeep Duraisetty (2017)

5 Times Rank I in Indian Forest Service

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ForumIAS is launching its Current Affairs for Prelims 2024. The classes will be conducted by Dipin Damodaran Sir. The classes will ensure holistic coverage of Current events and happening for past 2 years. It will also help you revise important static concept on topics which are in news.

To understand the importance of Current Affairs and how it is used in different aspects in a UPSC Civil Services Prelims paper, we need to look into few questions from Civil Services (Prelims) 2023 GS Paper.

<p>Q) Consider the following statements in relation to Janani Suraksha Yojana:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It is a safe motherhood intervention of the State Health Departments.2. Its objective is to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality among poor pregnant women.3. It aims to promote institutional delivery among poor pregnant women.4. Its objective includes providing public health facilities to sick infants up to one year of age. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	<p>A direct question from Scheme of Government of India which was in news and can be answered directly from studying the scheme.</p>
<p>Q) Consider the following statements in the context of interventions being undertaken under Anaemia Mukta Bharat Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. It is a safe motherhood intervention of the State Health Departments.2. Its objective is to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality among poor pregnant women.3. It aims to promote institutional delivery among poor pregnant women.4. Its objective includes providing public health facilities to sick infants up to one year of age. <p>How many of the statements given above are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four</p>	<p>The topic in news Anaemia Mukta Bharat but content required to answer the question needs more in depth understanding of strategies adopted and cannot be answered by just reading about the scheme.</p>
<p>Q) Consider the following statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. India has more arable area than China.2. The proportion of irrigated area is more in India as compared to China.3. The average productivity per hectare in Indian agriculture is higher than that in China: <p>How many of the above statements are correct?</p> <p>(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None</p>	<p>A question that could have been answered by doing a relevant study of Economic Survey (2022 – 23)</p>
<p>Q) Consider the following statements in respect of the National Flag of India according to the Flag Code of India, 2002:</p> <p>Statement I: One of the standard the National Flag of 600 mm x 400 mm.</p> <p>Statement II: Sizes India of is the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3: 2.</p> <p>Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?</p> <p>(a) Both Statement 1 and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is the correct explanation for Statement I</p> <p>(b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct, and Statement II is not the correct explanation for Statement I</p> <p>(c) Statement I is correct, but Statement II is incorrect</p> <p>(d) Statement I is incorrect, but Statement- II is correct</p>	<p>The topic was in news because of Har Ghar Tiranga Movement but needs static information to solve the question and not the current update.</p>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Goal of the Program

So, how does the ForumIAS Current Affairs for Prelims help me?

By following the 3 C's - *Comprehensiveness, Completeness, and Consolidation* - the program aims to provide the best possible preparation for the Current Affairs for Prelims. It ensures that you are able to answer each and every question related to current affairs as illustrated above in the table.

- a) **Comprehensiveness:** The program is designed to cover a) *subject wise topics* from almost 2 years back to till date, b) cover *Economics Survey and Union Budget* for the year and c) to include current affairs from *subjects like Geogrpahy, Art and Culture* etc. Candidates will be provided with clear and concise notes to understand and retain important information.
- b) **Consolidation:** The program focuses not just delivering current associated with topics but help in consolidating content in depth current and static content that are important for the Prelims examination. This ensures that the preparation is decluttered and organized, allowing candidates to focus on the most relevant topics for the exam.
- c) **Completeness:** The program ensures complete coverage of current affairs from various sources such as PIB, Hindu, Indian Express, Times of India, and magazines such as EPW, Frontline, and Economy Survey & Budget. This guarantees that candidates are well-informed about all the important events and developments.

Design of the Program

(Lectures | Handouts | Test)

- a) **Lectures:** The classes will be conducted in offline and online mode thrice a week i.e. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The duration of the class will be 2 - 2.5 hours. The medium of instruction in the class will be English Only.
- b) **Handouts:** The classes will be supplemented with handwritten crisp handouts (sample in Annexure) on each singular topic covered in the class. Also, there will be a printed handout from time to time on topics deemed relevant by the faculty.
- c) **Test:** 2 Full length tests solely on current affairs will be conducted during the tenure of the class. They will be surprise test which will be intimated a day before conduction.

Course Schedule:

Regular classes will be held 3 days in a week starting from **27 February**, at **5 PM**. Each class will be of 2 to 2.5 hours duration. The lecture videos will be available in your student portal till Prelims 2024 examination.

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 topic relevant for Prelims Exam.

FEE STRUCTURE

Course

Total Fees

Current Affairs Classes Prelims 2024

₹ 15,000/-

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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

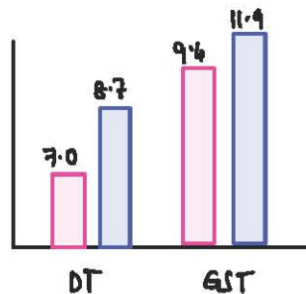
India's economic resilience

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

Growth drivers

1) Domestic pvt consumption → ↑ Production
2) coverage of vaccination

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



4) Strong Corporate BLS 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

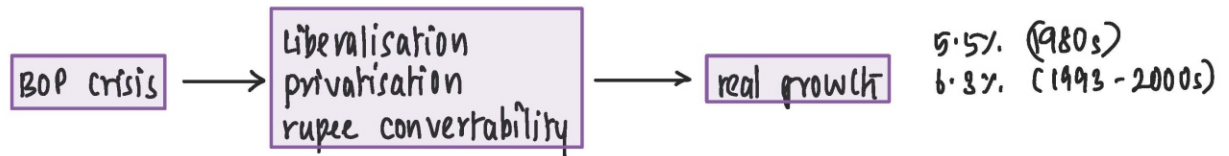
+ve → domestic consumption -ve
→ Capex rise → high inflation
→ structural reforms → CAD
Forecast (FY 23) - 6% - 6.8%

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 1

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

PRODUCT & CAPITAL MARKET REFORMS

→ 1991 REFORMS

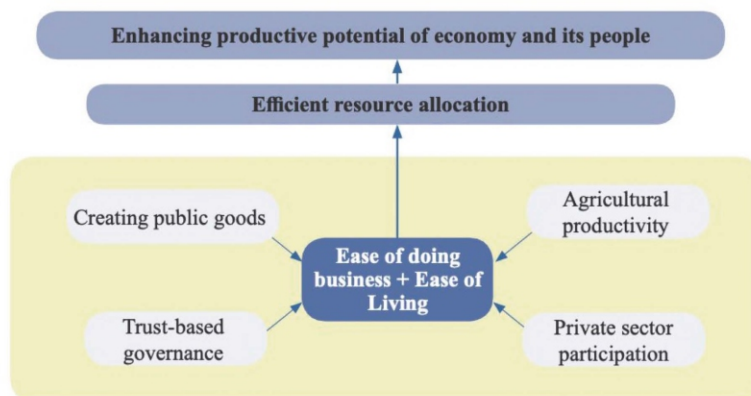


→ CONTINUITY

- 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

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 1

ECONOMIC SHOCKS 2014-2022

- Balance sheet stress
- FWIN deficit
- NBFC crisis

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

1998-2002	2014-2022
Shocks to the economy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Nuclear device testing 1998; sanctions followed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Period of Banking, Non-Banking and Non-Financial Corporate Sector Balance-sheet stress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Banking and Corporate Sector deleveraging and repairing balance-sheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Unprecedented pandemic shock followed by inflation global commodity price shock followed by tightening of financial conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Two successive droughts 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Technology bust; US recession and 09/11 	
Structural reforms in the economy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Interest rate deregulation ♦ Privatisation ♦ Asset Recovery for banks ♦ Infrastructure (Golden quadrilateral) ♦ FRBM Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Unique Identity ♦ Financial Inclusion ♦ GST leading to formalisation ♦ Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code ♦ Privatisation ♦ Tax rates rationalisation and tax administration reforms ♦ Decriminalisation of offences ♦ Vaccines roll-out ♦ Expenditure Management Reforms ♦ AatmaNirbhar Bharat ♦ Public Digital Infrastructure
Growth returns	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ One-off shocks delayed the growth returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Balance sheets strengthened in the financial sector; the corporate sector deleveraged by about 30 percentage points (Non-financial private sector debt to GDP ratio)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Once shocks faded away, structural reforms paid growth dividends from 2003 onwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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

RIGHT TO HEALTH

- Rajasthan first state
- mandatory free of cost emergency treatment for every resident at pub & pri hospitals
- state to secure a social order for the promotion of welfare of the people
- adequate means to livelihood; equitable distribution of wealth etc
- promotion of cooperatives
- uniform civil code
- reservation for EWS
- envt protection
- separation of power

- Art 38,
- Art 39(c)
- Art 41
- Art 47
- Art 38
- Art 39
- Art 43B
- Art 44
- Art 46
- Art 48A
- Art 50
- Art 32B

RIGHT TO VOTE FOR UNDERTRIALS

- deprived for undertrials
- section 62 (5) RPA, 1951

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

PAROLE & FURLOUGH

- Temporary & conditional release of prisoners
- Parole - specific
 - ↳ NO suspension of sentence

BAIL

- processing the release of persons from the police custody
- Bailable offence
- Bail for undertrials
- non bailable offences
- anticipatory bail

- 436 CrPC
- 436A
- 437
- 438

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 2

COGNIZABLE &
NON COGNIZABLE

- arrest w/o warrant
- Need court order for non cognizable

COMPOUNDABLE &
NON COMPOUNDABLE

- reach compromise
- cannot reach a settlement

JUDICIAL &
POLICE CUSTODY

- detention w/ the supervision of a magistrate
- detention in the hands of police for further investigation

CHARGE SHEET

- formal document by Police after investigation
- SC refused to make it public

PLEA BARGAINING

- plead guilty to a charge for a reduced sentence

COMMISSIONERATE
SYSTEM

- major cities ; headed by IPS wider powers than SP system
- SP system comes w/ the overall supervision of DM (IAS)

VII schedule:
Police w/ statelist

LEGISLATURE

DEPUTY SPEAKER

- SC notice to Centre & few states
- election of speaker & deputy speaker is mandatory
- Deputy speaker has the same powers as speaker when presiding over the house
- vacate, resign or removed

- Art 122
- Art 93
- Art 178
- Art 95(1)

PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING
COMMITTEES

- Panel of MPs, appointed, elected or nominated by the speaker
- meetings are 'closed door' ; not bound by party 'whips'
- reports are not binding
- FCs : PAC, EC, & COPU

- Art 105
- Art 118

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 2

JPC

- ad hoc nature
- members from LC & RS
- investigate specific matters

PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES

- rights & immunities enjoyed by legislatures
- individual & collective privileges
- breach of privilege

→ Art 105

→ Art 194

DISQUALIFICATION

Art 102, 103

ADL

- prevent political defection
 - voluntarily gives up
 - violate party whip
 - independent member
 - nominated (after 6 months)
- exemptions
 - presiding officer (authority)
 - w/r JR

→ 52 CAA

→ XIth schedule

OFFICE OF PROFIT

- not defined in Clue (C) or RPA, 1951
- SC outlined broad principles

→ Art 102(c)

RPA

- Section 8 - Disqualification on conviction on certain offences
- Lily Thomas case - SC struck down section 8(4) of RPA
- Section 8A - corrupt practices during election
- Section 9 - dismissal for corruption or disloyalty
- Section 10 - member of both the House

NATIONAL E-VIDHAN APP (NEVA)

- paperless proceedings