

MASTERING CURRENT AFFAIRS CLASSES

FOR PRELIMS 2025

Subjectwise Current Affairs Program for
Civil Services Prelims Examination

Prepare *Current Affairs* Like No Other

- 🔊 Total Classes - 25
- 🔊 Handouts for Every Class
- 🔊 Active Recall Via Retention Assessment Tests
- 🔊 Current Affairs Full Length Tests

Comprehensive Coverage: We cover not just The Hindu but also PIB, ToI, Indian Express, EPW, Yojana, Kurukshetra and other trusted sources, so you don't miss any important topic.

NOTE - Who should Not JOIN ?

Those looking for *obscure* questions: If you focus on unpredictable questions instead of mastering core Prelims CA topics, our classes might not align with your approach.

Orientation

15 FEB

TIMING: 5:00 PM

15 FEB
2025

Batch - 01 | 05 PM

ONLINE + OFFLINE



Top Rankers from ForumIAS Academy

Top Rankers from ForumIAS Academy in CSE 2022 and 2023

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3 times Rank 1 in Civil Services Examination

(IAS Rank 1) Aditya Srivastava (2023), Ishita Kishore (2022), Shruti Sharma (2021)

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

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.

Q) Consider the following airports:

1. Donyi Polo Airport
2. Kushinagar International Airport
3. Vijayawada International Airport

In the recent past, which of the above have been constructed as Greenfield projects?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

The news was covered in PIB with a list of the airports being constructed as greenfield airports. PIB comes out to be an important source for current affairs.

Q) Q) Which of the following statements about the Ethics Committee in the Lok Sabha are correct?

1. Initially it was an ad-hoc Committee.
2. Only a Member of the Lok Sabha can make a complaint relating to unethical conduct of a member of the Lok Sabha.
3. This Committee cannot take up any matter which is sub-judice.

Select the correct answer using the code given below :

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

The Ethics committee was in news because a Lok Sabha member was accused of cash for query scam and an investigation was taken up by the ethics committee. Students have to go beyond just the news and should have an idea of the features of the ethics committee.

Q) Operations undertaken by the Army towards upliftment of the local population in remote areas to include addressing of their basic needs is called :

- (a) Operation Sankalp (b) Operation Maitri
(c) Operation Sadbhavana (d) Operation Madam

The initiative was in news and easily available on PIB.

Q) Consider the following statements

Statement I: The Indian Flying Fox is placed under the "vermin" category in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

Statement II: The Indian Flying Fox feeds on the blood of other animals.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ?

- (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement-II explains Statement-I
(b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I.
(c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect
(d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct.

There was an article on The Indian Flying Fox in "The Hindu". Species in news has been a favourite area of UPSC.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Goal of the Program

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

By following 3R Strategy

Relevance: We cover only what's important for Prelims, ensuring your preparation stays focused and efficient.

Retention: Our concise, structured notes and handouts along with classroom activities are designed to make remembering and revising effortless.

Reliability: With trusted sources and thorough analysis, our material is your dependable guide to tackling Current Affairs questions.

Why should you join ForumIAS CA classes?

Comprehensive Coverage: We cover not just The Hindu but also PIB, ToI, Indian Express, EPW, Yojana, Kurukshetra and other trusted sources, so you don't miss any important topic.

Prelims-Focused Content: We strictly filter out irrelevant information to provide you only what matters for the exam.

Notes you can count ON: Our notes and handouts are designed to help you answer most Current Affairs questions confidently.

Smart Preparation: We'll guide you on what to cover from static and what to leave out of Current Affairs, so your preparation remains efficient and manageable.

Active Recall: Retention Assessment Tests (RAT) in every class shall ensure that your learning goes beyond just understanding, focusing on recall and application to strengthen your Prelims preparation.

Design of the Program

(Lectures | Handouts | RAT's | Tests)

- Lectures:** 2-3 classes per week will be conducted in offline and online mode. The duration of the class will be 2.5 - 3 hours. The medium of instruction in the class will be English Only.
- Handouts:** The classes will be supplemented with handwritten crisp handouts on each singular topic covered in the class.
- Active Recall:** Retention Assessment Tests (RAT's) in every class.
- Test:** Subject wise tests solely on current affairs will be conducted during the tenure of the class.

Course Schedule:

Starts: Feb 15, 2025 **Ends:** May 4, 2025
No. of Classes: 25
Classes days | Time : 02-03 days per Week | **5:00 PM**
Subject wise Current Affairs Classes
Coverage of at least Two years of Current Affairs

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 2025 ★ Old/Existing students of GS Foundation and Current Affairs Program can avail a concession of 50% ★ Old/Existing Students of other ForumIAS Program can avail a concession of 40%	₹ 10,000/-
Prelims Guidance Program (PGP) & Current Affairs Classes Prelims 2025	₹ 15,000/- *No concession applicable

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COP @29

Overview

- 29th session of the UN Climate change conference.
- Baku, Azerbaijan
- 11th - 22th Nov, 2024
- Theme - Investing in a livable planet for all

Key Terms

- UNFCCC, NDC, COP, Global stocktake, New collective Quantified Goal (NCQG), Just Energy Transition

Key outcomes

New Collective Quantified Goal	Triple Climate Financing CORE- USD 300 billion annually by 2025 Additional- USD 1.3 trillion annually by 2035
Carbon market Framework	Finalized rules for carbon trading under Paris Agreement Article 6
Baku Adaptation Roadmap	Framework to advance Global goal on Adaptation Article 7 Est of Baku High level Dialogue
Indigenous People Inclusion	Adoption of Baku Workplan
Extension of LIMA Work Program	Gender mainstreaming in climate action

Important Initiatives

Declaration / Initiative	Launched by	Details
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The 3 Pledges: Introduced by _____ on Energy day i.e. Nov 15th, 2024.

1. **Hydrogen Declaration** | Non-legally binding | Aims to catalyze global clean hydrogen market | Public and Private sector
2. **Green Energy Pledge: Green Energy Zones and Corridors** | focus on creation of green zones | Signed during Istanbul dialogue
3. **Green Energy Storage and Grids Pledge** | Achieve global target of _____ GW in energy storage and 25 million km of grid infrastructure by 2030.

Other Declaration and Initiatives

1. **Reducing Methane from Organic Waste Declaration** | by _____ | reduce methane from waste and food systems, aligning with the 1.5°C goal | Supports "Green Methane Pledge", launched at COP@_____.
2. **Baku Harmonia Climate Initiative for farmers** | by FAO and COP 29 Presidency | increasing farmers' resilience and reducing the risk of loss and damage | FAST partnership | Will contribute to International Year of the Women Farmer @ _____

3. **Climate Finance Action Fund** | by Azerbaijan | HQ: Baku | aim is to invest in climate action in developing world | Fund to receive annual contributions from fossil fuel producing countries and companies
4. **Declaration on Green Digital Action** | Climate positive digitalization | First ever 'Digitalization day' in COP history
5. Baku Initiative for Climate Finance, Investment and Trade (BICFIT) dialogue
6. Baku Global Coalition for SMEs Green Transitions
7. **Baku Dialogue on Water for Climate action** | by COP 29 + UNEP + UNECE+ _____

INDIA@COP 29

LeadIT Member Meet	Launched by India and Sweden at UN Climate action summit in 2019
India-Sweden Industry Transition Partnership	Launched under LeadIT 2.0 at COP @ _____
Energy Transitions for the Global South	Gol and International Solar Alliance The session called for a 20x increase in solar adoption by 2050.
Integrating Disaster Resilient Infrastructure into the Adaptation Strategies	Gol and CDR CDRI's initiatives-> Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) + the Global Infrastructure Resilience Initiative (GIRI)

SAMPLE HANDOUT - 2

Atlantic migration route

Context : In 2024 alone : more than 10,000 migrants lost their lives on **Atlantic migration route**.

4 things you should know:

1. **AMR** = Dangerous route that migrants take from West Africa to the **Canary Islands (Spain)**
2. **Canary Islands ! Atlantic Ocean + Approx. 62 miles west of Morocco (Africa) + European Union's outermost regions.**
3. **Departure points:** Senegal, The Gambia, Mauritania, Morocco, Guinea.
4. **Causes:** Conflict in the Sahel region, unemployment, climate change, stricter border controls in the Mediterranean



UPSC Prelims Question

- In the recent years Chad, Guinea, Mali and Sudan caught the international attention for which one of the following reason common to all the them? (2023)

- A. Discovery of rich deposits of rare earth elements
- B. Establishment of Chinese military bases
- C. Southward expansion of Sahara Desert
- D. Successful coups

Consider the following pairs:

- Country - Important reason for being in the news recently (2022)

- 1. Chad - Setting up of permanent military base by China
- 2. Guinea - Suspension of Constitution and Government by military
- 3. Lebanon - Severe and prolonged economic depression
- 4. Tunisia - Suspension of Parliament by President

How many pairs given above are correctly matched?

- a) Only one pair
- b) Only two pairs
- c) Only three pairs
- d) All four p

Special category status (SCS)

Context : Andhra Pradesh and Bihar raised demands for special category status (SCS)

5 things you should know:

1. **Status ! Not mentioned in the constitution.**
2. **Basis : 5th FC ! Gadgil formula :** 5 parameters : Hilly/difficult terrain + low population density / more tribal population + strategic location + economically and infrastructural backwardness + non-viable state finances.
3. **Present status : 11 States** | | First : Assam, J&K, Nagaland | | Latest Telangana.
4. **Benefits :** tax concessions + Special Plan Assistance + Central assistance 90%.
5. **Comparison :** Article 371 + 371A - 371J vs SCS