



CURRENT AFFAIRS+ FOR MAINS 2026

Current Affairs+

For UPSC CSE Mains 2026

the one program that actually differentiates your answers.

ORIENTATION 7 June 2026	REGULAR CLASSES Mon Tue Wed	TIME 4:00 – 7:00 PM	MODE Offline + Online
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22 CLASSES	60+ TOTAL HOURS	GS 2+3 PAPERS COVERED	2026 BATCH YEAR
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CSE 2025 — OUR STUDENTS

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OUR PHILOSOPHY

This is not a newspaper class. It never was.

Every coaching centre runs a 'current affairs class.' Most follow a monthly newspaper. That produces hundreds of students with identical, surface-level answers - which examiners recognise immediately.

ForumIAS Current Affairs+ is built on a fundamentally different premise: UPSC does not ask you to recall events - it asks you to analyse themes. The questions you will face in Mains 2026 are already latent in today's debates. Our job is to map those debates with depth, structure, and distinctive intellectual content.

THE 4C PHILOSOPHY

Comprehensive Coverage: Complete coverage from PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, Times of India, EPW, and Frontline. No important issue goes uncovered.

Content Quality Enrichment: Crisp, concise content with multi-dimensional analysis, data, reports, thinker views, and concrete examples that add substance to your answers.

Content Differentiation: Classes go beyond common sources. Our students write answers that are qualitatively superior to the average candidate's.

Content Reproduction: Live answer writing inside every class — not as a separate test, but as a core pedagogical method.

“Questions are not drawn directly from current events but are rooted in the broader themes underlying those events.”

— ForumIAS Academic Team

“The key to securing high marks in Mains is content differentiation — not more hours of reading the same newspaper as everyone else.”

— Observed across CSE 2017–2025 results

WHAT YOU GET

Every session is a complete package.

22 classes designed for one purpose: to give you answers that are more qualitative and substantially superior to what the average candidate writes.

Structured Handouts

1–2 page crisp notes per topic: concept maps, curated data, thinker quotes, case studies, reports, and way-forward. Printed for offline students; uploaded digitally before each class for online students.

Live Answer Writing in Class

Answer writing is woven into every class as a teaching method, not a separate activity. You see answer structure built in real time and write it in real time, with immediate faculty feedback.

Issue-Based, Not Event-Based

Topics are selected based on recurring Mains examination themes and UPSC's analytical bent — not by what appeared in yesterday's newspaper. Every issue is taught with full conceptual depth.

Data, Reports & Quotes

Every handout includes curated data points, official reports (NITI Aayog, IPCC, UN, Ministry of Finance), thinker references, and committee recommendations that make answers quotable and distinctive.

Multi-Source Synthesis

Classes synthesise PIB, The Hindu, Indian Express, EPW, Frontline, and government reports so you never need to read multiple sources for a single topic again.

Online: Live + Recorded

Live stream at class time for online students. Missed a session? Recorded access available (2 full views per video). Offline students may request Video on Demand (max 2 per month).

Cross-Paper Utility

Content is structured to work across GS 2, GS 3, Essay, and even Ethics case study framing. One program — multiple paper dividends.

Economic Survey & Union Budget

Dedicated coverage of Economic Survey and Union Budget is embedded within the 22 classes — not a separate add-on course.

COURSE STRUCTURE**22 classes. Zero filler.**

Topics are not drawn from a calendar — they are chosen because UPSC has consistently asked, or is likely to ask, questions rooted in these themes. The first 3 classes are open to all students as a trial.

Subject Area	Classes	Key Themes Covered
GS Paper 2 — National & Social Issues	7	Polity & Governance • Welfare & Social Justice • Federalism • Gender & Minority Rights
GS Paper 3 — Economic Issues	6	Economic Survey & Budget • Trade & Industry • Agriculture • Infrastructure • Fiscal & Monetary Policy
Environment & Ecology	3	Climate Change • Biodiversity & Conservation • Disaster Management • Energy Transition
Science & Technology	2	AI & Emerging Technologies • Space Policy • Biotechnology & Health • Cybersecurity & Digital Governance
International Relations	2	India's Neighbourhood • Multilateral Institutions (UN, WTO, IMF) • Emerging World Order
Internal Security	2	LWE & Counter-terrorism • Maritime & Coastal Security • Hybrid Warfare • Cybersecurity Threats • Border Security

Note: Content from these classes is also useful for Essay framing and GS 1 social dimensions. This is not a paper-siloed program — it's designed for Mains as a whole.

SAMPLE HANDOUT

See exactly what you receive in every class.

Every handout is a self-contained exam instrument — structured for 10-mark and 15-mark answers, with value-addition content built in from multiple sources.

Handout 1 — Maritime Security (GS Paper 3, 15 Marks)

FORUMIAS · CA-250731 · CSE 2025 MAINS · GS PAPER 3

Why is maritime security vital to protect India's sea trade? Discuss maritime and coastal security challenges and the way forward. (15 Marks, 250 Words)

CURRENT CONTEXT

- Sea Vigil 2024 • Sagarmathan Dialogue • Narcotics Control Bureau → Operation Sagar-Manthan
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence → reviewed Indian Coast Guard's coastal security role

KEY DATA

- 95% of India's trade by volume and 70% by value via sea lanes
- Coastline: 7,517 km • EEZ: 2.4 million sq. km • 1,382 islands

FRAMEWORK: 6S PILLARS

- Strategic Interests • Security Enhancement • Sea-based Economy
- Sovereignty & Legal Compliance • Sustainability • Synergistic Collaboration

CHALLENGES

- Sovereign: Grey-Zone & Asymmetrical Warfare, Combat Drones (Abhijit Singh, ORF)
- Non-Traditional: Illegal Fishing, Drug Trafficking, Marine Pollution, Infiltration, Terrorism

WAY FORWARD

- 5 Principles — PM Modi at UNSC High-Level Debate on Maritime Security
- Maritime Theatre Command • Blue Bonds • UNEP FI • Parliamentary recommendation for 3rd aircraft carrier

Handout 2 — Fiscal Federalism (GS Paper 2, 15 Marks)

FORUMIAS · CA-250617 · CSE 2025 MAINS · GS PAPER 2

Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations. How far have recent reforms impacted fiscal federalism in India? (15 Marks, 250 Words)

IDEAS & QUOTES

- "Fiscal federalism is the economic counterpart of political federalism" — Dr. Rangarajan (CM – 12th FC)
- 3 Principles (K. Santhanam, 2nd FC): Dependency avoidance • Capability enhancement • Receipt growth

CURRENT AFFAIRS PEG

- 16th Finance Commission — Chairperson: Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog
- 15th FC recommendations valid up to FY 2025-26 • States share: 37.3% of divisible pool

CHALLENGES

- Prosperity Paradox: fiscal capacity of states declines as per-capita income rises
- Cess + Surcharge: ₹36.6 lakh crore collected 2009-24, kept outside divisible pool

15TH FC EVALUATION

- ✓ Retained 41% higher divisible pool • ✓ ₹2.9 lakh crore revenue deficit grants to 17 states
- X No performance-based grants for Panchayati Raj • X 2011 Census criteria equity concern



Online Money games

President granted assent to Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025

Key basics

- PROG Bill introduced under Article 117
- In context of Gambling / betting : Games classified as : Skill based Games vs. Games of Chance

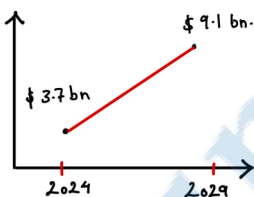
Constitutional + legal provisions

- Entry 34 of State List = Betting and gambling.
- Entry 31 of Union List = broadcasting and other forms of communication ➤ Relevant when gaming occurs online
- Section 112 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).
- Skill lotto case ➤ 28% GST

Data

Source IBEF

Expected growth in Online gaming



- 591 million gamers
- online gaming market could unlock \$63 billion in investor value by 2029

Brief highlights: Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025

- Covers domestic and foreign online gaming operators
- Online games are classified as
 - E-Sports
 - Online Social Games
 - Money Games
- Regulatory Body: Online Gaming Authority of India
- completely prohibits advertising / facilitating financial transactions for real money games
- Grievance redressal

Evaluation

Concerns

- ⚠ Union playing state's Hand
- ⚠ Lack of reasonable differentiation : online vs offline
- ⚠ Excessive supply-side focus
- ⚠ Legal paternalism

PROVEN TRACK RECORD

From class handout to Mains question paper.

The questions below appeared in CSE 2025 Mains. Every single topic was covered in ForumIAS Current Affairs+ classes — with the exact frameworks that appear in model answers.

Mains 2025 Question	Paper	Marks	Covered in CA+ Class
Why is maritime security vital to protect India's sea trade? Discuss challenges and way forward.	GS 3	15	Maritime Security • SAGAR • CA-250731
Centre-State financial relations: how far have recent reforms impacted fiscal federalism?	GS 2	15	16th Finance Commission • CA-250617
Discuss the rationale of the PLI scheme. What are its achievements and how can outcomes be improved?	GS 3	15	PLI Scheme • Make in India • Manufacturing
Review India's climate commitments under Paris Agreement. How was India's first NDC updated in 2022?	GS 3	15	UNFCCC • COP Series • NDC 2022 • CA-250802
Challenges before the Indian economy as the world moves toward protectionism and bilateralism.	GS 3	10	Geo-Economic Fragmentation • Trade Policy
Constitutional morality: apply to ensure balance between judicial independence and accountability.	GS 2	15	Judiciary • FR Interpretation • CA-250703
HDI vs IHDI: why is IHDI considered a better indicator of inclusive growth?	GS 3	10	Inequality in India • Human Development
LWE will be eliminated by 2026 — what measures has the government taken?	GS 3	10	Hybrid Warfare • Naxalism • CA-250802
With the waning of globalisation, post-Cold War world is becoming a site of sovereign nationalism.	GS 2	10	India & Emerging World Order • CA-250607
UN reform remains unresolved because of East-West confrontations. Examine critically.	GS 2	15	UN Reform • Multilateralism • IR Module

This is not coincidence. ForumIAS faculty tracks examination patterns going back to 2013. The overlap between our classes and the actual Mains paper has been consistently high across CSE 2017 through 2025.

What our students say.

"I feel extremely blessed to have been part of such an amazing and competitive environment during the course of my 5-year CSE journey. CA classes, Essay Guidance Program, Ethics classes, SFG and GSAP guided me in the right direction and competition made me work hard. Thanks to Ayush Sir, Anika Ma'am, and all the mentors to make the impossible possible for me."

Madhvendra Pratap Singh | AIR 153 · CSE 2025

"I would like to thank ForumIAS for quality content through the Current Affairs Programme and MGP. The answers helped me improve and do value enrichment. The mentorship programme provided me guidance and support during multiple setbacks."

Samiksha Dwivedi | AIR 56 · CSE 2025

"I have been a student of this institute for around 3 years. I enrolled in several ForumIAS programmes including SFG, MGP, GSAP, Current Affairs etc. The personal mentorship provided by Ayush Sir has been immensely helpful in my journey."

Liza Garga | AIR 303 · CSE 2025

"The Foundation Program played a pivotal role in preparing me from all three stages of the exam. CA classes by Sahil Sir, they were highly engaging. CA classes were the PANACEA in labyrinth of materials. The CA assignments were the benchmark of materials."

Rishabh Yadav | AIR 132 · CSE 2025

Earlier Batches

"I am grateful to ForumIAS for their valuable Current Affairs program which benefited me immensely in GS Paper 2 & 3 and in Essay also."

Varun Reddy | AIR 7 · IAS · CSE 2018

"The crisp and concise content and structuring helped me a lot right before the exam. I would like to thank ForumIAS."

Sanjita Mohapatra | AIR 9 · IAS · CSE 2019

"I have been a part of ForumIAS Current Affairs classes. notes are very unique, quantitative and crisp. They helped me add value to my mains answers."

Pari Bishnoi | AIR 30 · IAS · CSE 2019

"The Current Affairs at ForumIAS really helped me especially with organization and presentation of notes which was mirrored in my own answers in the Exam."

Saloni Khemka | AIR 27 · IAS · CSE 2018

WHY FORUMIAS

Not all current affairs programs are the same.

An honest listing of features which distinguishes our approach from standard offerings in the market.

Feature	ForumIAS CA+
Teaching approach	Issue & theme based – UPSC question-centric
Answer writing in class	✓ Live answer writing every session
Handout depth	Concept map + data + quotes + case studies + way forward
Content differentiation	EPW, Frontline, thinker views synthesised in every class
Track record	Multiple rank holders in AIR 1–10 from classroom every cycle since 2018
Essay & GS 1 crossover	✓ Content structured to work across all papers
Economic Survey & Budget	✓ Dedicated coverage within the 22 classes
Mentorship access	Faculty team · Personalised guidance for offline students

CLASS SCHEDULE**60 hours. 9 focused weeks.**

Classes are timed to give you maximum preparation time post-Prelims, with all 22 sessions complete well before the Mains examination window.

Day / Date	Timing	Notes
7 June 2026 (Sunday)	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Orientation — Open to all students, no enrollment required
Monday (weekly)	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Regular class • GS Paper 2 / 3 topic + handout
Tuesday (weekly)	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Regular class • Includes live answer writing session
Wednesday (weekly)	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Regular class • Next session handout uploaded before class

Online Access: Live stream at class time + recorded replay (2 full views per video). Offline students who miss a class may request Video on Demand (max 2 per month). All handouts uploaded before each class.

PROGRAM FEES · MAINS 2026**One investment. Three months of impact.**

All fees are inclusive of GST and non-refundable. The course is valid until September 2026. Concessions available for returning ForumIAS students.

	Online	Offline	Concession
New Students	₹ 13,000 incl. GST	₹ 15,000 incl. GST	Early bird 10% (50 seats)
Existing CA Students	₹ 9,100 incl. GST	₹ 11,500 incl. GST	30%
MGP Students	₹ 10,000 incl. GST	₹ 12,000 incl. GST	10% off
GSFP & MGP Infinity Students	₹ 6,500 incl. of GST	₹ 7,500 incl. of GST	50%

How to Enroll

A. Online: Visit <https://academy.forumias.com> • Pay via Net Banking, UPI, Debit or Credit Card. Instant activation upon successful payment.

B. Offline Center: 2nd Floor, IAPL House, 19 Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005. Payment by Cheque, DD, or Card. Physical ID card required for offline class access (nominal ₹30 fee).

C. NEFT / Cash Deposit: ICICI Bank account. Email proof within 48 hours with your ForumIAS Roll No. to admissions@forumias.academy for activation.

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Terms & Conditions: All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is non-transferable to another person. Each program is linked to a ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. Sharing programs is not permitted and will result in access termination without refund. ForumIAS reserves the right to amend its schedule in case of exigencies. All disputes subject to jurisdiction of the Delhi High Court, Force Majeure clause applies.

In case of adverse results in Prelims 2026, the students can migrate to any programs of 2027 of their choice. They will be liable to pay any balance fee if applicable.

THE WINNING COMBINATION

MGP + Current Affairs+ = Complete Mains Arsenal

ForumIAS's Mains Guidance Program (MGP) and Current Affairs+ together represent the single most powerful combination for Mains preparation — regardless of your attempt number. MGP builds your core static knowledge and answer-writing discipline. CA+ ensures that knowledge is enriched with themes, data, and analytical depth that differentiate top-50 answers from average ones.

This combination has been the backbone of our toppers: AIR 2 & 4 in CSE 2022, AIR 3 & 8 in CSE 2023, and multiple top-200 rankers in CSE 2025 — whether first-timers or those seeking rank improvement.

WITHOUT CA+

Good foundational answers. Limited data and thinker views. Identical structure to most candidates. Unlikely to stand out in a competitive field.



MGP + CA+

Differentiated answers. Examiner-noted data. Multi-dimensional analysis. Thinker quotes. Answer structure that stands out. Consistent topper results.