

UPSC CSE 2023 PRELIMS – MOST PROBABLE TOPICS

Focus on **GEEP (Geography, Economy, Environment and Polity)** and then on History, science, and tech etc. Current affairs- dominant in Economy and Environment

Indian Polity

- Constitutional background- brief- GOI ACT 1919, 1935
- Features and Preamble- especially Secularism, Social Justice, Fraternity
- Creation of UT- Special focus on Chandigarh, Ladakh and Delhi, Art 239AA and Regulation on peace and good government in UT
- Public order vs law and order
- Fundamental Rights- Art 20,21,22, 19 – Sedition, right to freely reside and associations- cooperatives (amendment and SC verdict) Religion-25 and 26, Minorities and writ powers of HC vs SC, RTE
- DPSP- 39 b and c, 50, Separation of powers, 39A, 43B
- Enforceability of FD
- Basic structure-cases
- Federal vs unitary features
- 7th schedule- Centre-state-GST Council
- All India services
- President- Transaction of business rules, allocation of business, electoral college, SC/ST list order-Parliament
- Pardoning power of President vs Governor
- Governor's role in 5th and 6th schedule areas
- PESA, FRA, panchayat elections, chairperson, reservation, cantonment boards, mayor elections
- 142- complete justice, Review petition, Court of record, e-Courts, Judges recusal, Additional and retired judges in SC/HC, Statutory Bail vs Anticipatory bail, transfer of Judges-Collegium, District court, punishment power, ADR- Lok Adalat
- Suspension of MPs, Motion of Thanks of Prez and Gov.
- Deputy Speaker-election, Substantive motion, Cut motions, Delimitation- associate members, No Confidence motion, starred question, Financial bills, Election of VP- Chairman Rajya Sabha-role, Dictionary of unparliamentary words
- RPA, state vs national party, electoral funding limit, ECI-election symbols, X schedule- split and merger
- NHRC, CVC, ED, CBI, CWC, NGT, CAT

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- FCRA, PMLA, POCA
- **Certain Bills-** Draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022, The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Bill, 2023, The New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022, The Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021, The Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022

Geography and Environment

- Earth's rotation and revolution
- Earthquake and Tsunamis- types of plate interactions
- Landforms- Volcanic-intrusive and extrusive, glacial, and arid.
- Climatology- linked with environmental issues- pressure belts (shifting), winds (latitudinal extent), Jet streams (weak), Polar vortex
- Tropical cyclone vs mid-latitude cyclone
- River tributaries- Brahmaputra, Narmada, Godavari, Cauvery, Krishna
- Salinity of oceans and currents of the Atlantic, AMOC, Southern Ocean
- Global climate types- tropical, tundra, taiga biome linked with vegetation and characteristics
- El-NINO, LA-NINA, MODOKI, MJO, IOD, Color codes of IMD warning, graded response to air pollution, NCR committee by SC
- Ecological succession and pyramids
- Algal bloom, eutrophication
- Agriculture-millet, pulses, cotton, cash crops, indigenous tanks-water conservation, food fortification, black and red rice, jute
- WS, NP, BR focus on Karnataka, Kerala, J&K, MP-vegetation linked with species
- IUCN red list for cheetah, dolphins, Asiatic lion, civet, pangolin, bustard, dhole- wild dogs.
- Lakes of north-east and wetlands- New Ramsar wetlands
- Project snow leopard, crocodile and cheetah, Tiger census, SAWEN
- LiFE, NICRA, FAME, Global Hunger index, IPCC latest report
- Organizations and conventions- AWBI, PETA, CMS 2020, birdlife international, WPA act changes in schedule, vermin, REDD+ COP 27

INDIAN ECONOMY

- Basics- GDP VS NDP, NI, PPP
- FRBM 2003 and its review NK Singh
- Inflation-types- basic revision, recession vs boom-business cycle

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- How to increase exports, current trade deficit- major imports vs exports
- Lithium- rare earth minerals, MMDR act-PGM
- Tax to GDP Ratio, Laffer curve, GST council, Surcharge vs cess
- CRR, SLR, MSF- increase-decrease effect
- Types of banks- payment, cooperatives, small, regional rural
- Crypto currency issues and budget provision
- IPO and SEBI, AT-1, T-Bills, credit default swap, GIFT city
- NEER, REER, FOREX, FTA, World bank and IMF, tokenization, sandbox, rules of origin, NOSTRO-VOSTRO, GREEN FIN HUBS
- LRS, PLI, IPR, MSME, hackathons
- PCA framework and NPA
- Important curves
- Animal husbandry, GOBARdhan, agricultural census, one nation-one fertilizer
- Budget- Saptirishi, fintech, education
- Purple revolution, ODOP, Parboiled rice, PRANAM, DESH bill, SAMARTH, National rail plan vision 2030
- Toll models- RFID, hydrogen fuel, Coal logistics policy-issues with Indian coal, LPI, LEADS reports

International Relations

- G20 (CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT- Troika- watch my video on StudyIQ search on YouTube) and G7, G4, African Union
- Special focus on Africa- Sudan, Mali, Maghreb, Ethiopia (conflicts), Djibouti, Horn of Africa
- Kaladan multimodal project
- Duqm, Just ports in news, Sabang
- Great lakes
- SCO and RATS
- BRICS (summit scheduled)
- Mekong Ganga Coop
- OECD, World Bank reports
- Iran- Saudi- water bodies
- Afghanistan and central asia borders
- Russia-Europe borders, NATO-non nato ally, Delhi declaration, Bucharest 9
- Panama and neighbouring countries
- Brazil- Important as next G20 President

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- Indonesia- Previous G20 president
- Raisina Dialogue, India-Nordic summit, Indian Arctic act
- Indian Ocean Region- CECPA, India-UAE-CEPA
- 17th EAST ASIA Summit, Eastern Economic forum
- Australia group and wassenar agreement
- Ops like Sard hawa, Dustlik, Ex khaan,

Modern History

- Arrival of Gandhi- his 3 main disobedience
- Question on Tilak, Savarkar, Lajpat Rai
- Cripps mission
- Special focus on Netaji Bose and INA
- Poona pact
- Tribal uprisings
- Left leaders and trials

Ancient and Medieval History, Art and Culture

- Buddhism and Jainism (explore wiki to know it's literatures and you can through some online sources)
- Greco-Roman Buddhist sculpture vs Mathura vs Sarnath vs south
- Republic Day tableau (state theatres and dances)
- ODOP products given to G20 delegates (GI tags)
- Shri Ram Mandir Ayodhya Architechture, Vesara, Cholas Temples
- Administration under Cholas
- Administration under Mughals and Sultanate- Military and Revenue
- Push back of Mongols
- Chronology of important battles
- Mauryan architecture (from
- NCERT) Ashoka emblem and pillar
- IVC - sculpture
- Gupta and Kushana Coins- Numismatics
- Bhakti Saints-from Kashmir, Gujarat and Maharashtra
- Sufism-chronology, khanqah, Sama etc.
- Carnatic wars
- Anglo Maratha wars

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Defence/Science and Technology /schemes

- Chatgpt, OpenAi, Machine learning vs neural networks, Bard-Google
- Call before you Dig- Telecom
- PM gati shakti
- Reusable space vehicles
- RAMjet and Scramjet
- DRDO- latest missile tests
- UAV- kamikaze and other drones in news ,Drone policy- manufacturing
- Poshan and Indradhanush
- Kala-azar and malaria, diabetes types, sickle-cell
- Vitamin deficiencies
- NFT- tokenization, Ethereum
- Havana syndrome
- Oscar 1, Aditya L1 mission
- Abel prize
- Dark Energy vs Dark Matter

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