

# Important Topics for UPSC

The UPSC Prelim exam is the first stage of the [civil services exam](#), which tests the candidate's knowledge and aptitude in various areas. The exam has two papers - General Studies (Paper I) and Civil Service Aptitude Test (CSAT) (Paper II). Here's a detailed list of Important topics for [UPSC Prelims](#) in each of these papers:

## Current Affairs

The [current affairs topics for UPSC](#) must be covered effectively by the candidates to be able to answer the related questions. The candidates must refer to the recommended books and magazines for covering this section efficiently.

- National and International Events
- [Government Schemes](#), policies, and Programs
- Economic and Social Issues
- Scientific and Technological Advancements.

## Indian History and Culture

The Indian History and Culture is an eminent part of the syllabus. Hence, it becomes important for the candidates to complete the syllabus effectively for Indian History and Culture.

Important Topics for Indian History and Culture	
<a href="#">Revolt of 1857</a>	<a href="#">Partition of Bengal</a>
<a href="#">Home Rule Movement</a>	<a href="#">Socio-religious Reforms</a>
<a href="#">Government of India Act, 1919</a>	<a href="#">Charter Act</a>
<a href="#">Land Revenue System</a>	<a href="#">Vijayanagar Empire</a>
<a href="#">First Round Conference, 1930</a>	<a href="#">Non-Cooperation Movement</a>
<a href="#">Khilafat Movement</a>	<a href="#">Rowlatt Act</a>
<a href="#">Civil Disobedience Movement</a>	<a href="#">Gandhi-Irwin Pact</a>
<a href="#">Second Round Conference</a>	<a href="#">Nehru Report</a>
<a href="#">Quit India Movement</a>	<a href="#">Mountbatten Plan</a>
<a href="#">Indian Independence Act 1947</a>	<a href="#">Government of India Act, 1935</a>

## Indian Polity and Governance

Check here the essential topics of the Indian Polity and Governance that will help the candidates in curating an effective strategy for the exam. The important topics can be covered priorly as questions are often asked about these topics.

- [Directive Principles of State Policy](#)
- Parliament
- [Governor](#)
- [Preamble](#)
- [Prime Minister](#)
- [Fundamental Rights](#)
- [President](#)
- [Fundamental Duties](#)
- Structure of the Constitution
- [Vice-President](#)
- Parliamentary System
- [Supreme Court](#)
- [Chief Minister](#)
- [High Court](#)
- [Panchayati Raj](#)
- [Attorney General of India](#)
- [Constitutional Bodies](#) and Non-constitutional bodies
- [Anti-defection Law](#)
- Municipalities

## Indian Economy

Indian Economy is an integral part of the IAS syllabus. The Current Affairs and Economy section is linked. There are static and dynamic sections of Indian Economy, it is also an important part of the [UPSC Mains](#).

Important Topics for UPSC Prelims - Indian Economy	
<a href="#">Reserve Bank of India</a>	Monetary Policy
<a href="#">Fiscal Deficit</a>	<a href="#">Fiscal Policy</a>
<a href="#">Goods and Services Tax</a>	<a href="#">Minimum Support Price</a>
Public Distribution System	<a href="#">White Revolution</a>
Pink Revolution	<a href="#">Green revolution</a>
Five year plans	<a href="#">NITI Aayog</a>
Growth and development	Foreign Institutional Investors
<a href="#">Foreign Direct Investment</a>	<a href="#">MSME</a>
<a href="#">Finance Commission</a>	Money Market and Capital Market

## General Science

The General Science syllabus is vast, the candidates need to adapt an apt and accurate strategy to cover the important topics efficiently. Check here the list of the essential topics for the exam.

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- [Indian Space Research Organisation](#)
- Gravitational Waves,
- NASA
- Space technology
- Defence technology
- Nanotechnology
- Malware
- Blockchain technology
- Nuclear technology
- Cellular networks
- Cloud computing
- Digital signature
- Gases causing air and water pollution, etc.

## Geography

The candidates can check the important sections of the [Geography syllabus for UPSC](#), it comprises numerous topics intersecting with the Environment syllabus as well. This is also an [optional subject for UPSC](#), the aspirants having in-depth knowledge of the topics of Geography can opt for it as the optional subject in the exam.

Important Geography Topic for UPSC	
Indian States and Cities	Coastal Plains and Islands
Important Rivers in India	Location, Longitude, Latitude, Time zone
Himalayas	Peninsular Plateau
Hydropower Projects	<a href="#">Cyclones</a>
<a href="#">Monsoon in India</a>	Indian Desert
Neighboring Countries	Important Cities
Minerals and industries	Animal husbandry
Transportation	Irrigation System
Atmosphere	Conventional and non-conventional sources of energy

Human geography	Power and energy sector
Wind system	<a href="#">Landforms</a>
Temperature	Volcanoes
Oceanography	<a href="#">River System</a>

## Environment and Ecology

For preparing the Environment and Ecology effectively the candidates can refer to the recommended books and keep a track of the current affairs. The questions from this section can be asked in the UPSC Mains essay writing section as well. You can formulate an effective [strategy for preparing Environment, Ecology for UPSC Prelims](#).

- [Climate Change](#)
- Biodiversity
- E-waste
- Greenhouse gasses
- Ozone depletion
- [Important National Parks](#)
- [Biosphere Reserves](#)
- Invasive species
- Wildlife Sanctuaries
- Coral bleaching
- Pollution
- Air Quality
- Flora and Fauna
- Red Data Book
- [IUCN](#)

## Mathematics

Mathematics is an essential segment of the prelims exam. Check here the list of the important topics that must be studied by the candidates to score well in the exam.

Important Maths Topics for UPSC Prelims
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Averages	Time and work
Ratio Proportion	Percentage
Number series	Venn Diagram
HCF and LCM	Probability
Time, Speed and Distance	Mixture and Alligation
Permutation and Combination	Geometry
Circular and Linear Arrangement	Profit and loss
Problems on age	Clocks and calendars
Syllogism	Direction
Coding decoding	Data Sufficiency
Linear Equations	Data Interpretation

## Art and Culture

[Art and Culture notes for UPSC](#) can be referred by the candidates to prepare efficiently for this exam. Get comprehensive knowledge of the important topics of art and culture.

- [Indian Paintings](#)
- [Indian Dance Forms](#)
- Important Festivals
- Indian Literature
- Indian Architecture and Sculpture
- Indian Music
- Indian Handicrafts

- Indian Theatre Forms
- Important Temples

## International Relations

The International Relations are an essential segment of the syllabus. The comprehensive knowledge of the topics will enable the candidates in preparing efficiently for the exam. India's relations with its neighbors:

- [India- US Relations](#)
- [India-Russia Relations](#)
- [India- China Relations](#)
- [India-Sri Lanka Relations](#)
- [ASEAN](#), and other international organizations, regional and global issues, etc.

## Top 10 Important Topics for UPSC Prelims

The UPSC Prelims is a crucial step for those aspiring to work in the civil services of India. The exam is designed to test the candidates' knowledge, comprehension, reasoning, and analytical ability. It consists of two papers: [General Studies Paper 1](#) and Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT). Both papers have their own unique set of important topics that are essential for cracking the exam. Candidates can check the top 10 important UPSC topics for the preliminary examination below.

- **[Indian Polity](#) and Governance:** This includes the [Constitution of India](#), the functioning of the government, and the different branches of the government.
- **Indian Economy:** This comprises basic concepts of economics, monetary and fiscal policies, banking systems, and current issues related to the economy.
- **History of India:** The main topics are ancient, medieval, and [modern Indian history](#), major events, and important personalities.
- **Geography:** This includes physical geography, Indian geography, world geography, and environment-related topics.
- **General Science:** The main sections of the General Science syllabus are physics, chemistry, biology, and technology-related topics.
- **Ecology and Biodiversity:** This includes environmental issues, conservation, and the impact of climate change.
- **Current Affairs:** The main topics are national and international events that have taken place in the recent past.
- **Quantitative Aptitude:** This includes numerical ability, basic arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and data interpretation.
- **Logical Reasoning:** This comprises verbal and non-verbal reasoning, critical thinking, decision-making, problem-solving, and analytical ability.
- **Reading Comprehension:** This includes reading and understanding passages, vocabulary, grammar, and basic comprehension skills.

## Tips for Mastering Important Topics in UPSC Prelims

The UPSC exam is one of the toughest exams in India and requires a lot of hard work and dedication to crack. To prepare well for the exam, it is important to master the important topics in the [UPSC syllabus](#). It is essential to understand the exam pattern, the syllabus, and the weightage of each topic. Consistent effort and dedication are required to excel in the exam.

- **Make a Study Plan:** Understand the [UPSC exam pattern](#) and syllabus first, and make a study plan. Divide the syllabus into small, manageable parts, and allocate sufficient time for each part.
- **Read NCERT Books:** [NCERT books](#) are the foundation of UPSC preparation. Read and understand the concepts given in NCERT books, especially for subjects like History, Geography, and Science.
- **Refer to Current Affairs:** Stay updated with [current affairs](#) by reading newspapers, magazines, and online news portals. Make a habit of taking notes on important current affairs topics and revise them regularly.
- **Use online resources:** The internet is a great source of information. Use online resources like government websites, blogs, and online journals to gather information about important topics.
- **Participate in Lectures and Seminars:** Engage in lectures and seminars led by subject matter experts. This opportunity will enhance your comprehension of the topic and provide a platform for addressing any uncertainties.
- **Take Notes:** Taking notes is an effective way to remember important points. You can use different colours and symbols to make your notes more organized and easy to understand.
- **Practice Past Exam Papers:** Practicing previous exam papers will grant you insights into the exam structure and the kinds of questions typically asked in the exam.
- **Practice, practice, practice:** Practice as many mock tests as possible. This will help you understand the time management aspect of the exam and also help you identify your weak areas. The [test series for UPSC](#) will enable the candidates in framing an effective strategy for the exam.