

Top Priority Topics For UPSC Prelims 2024

Science & Tech

1. Black hole & Quasar
2. Asteroid exploration & their significance
3. Lagrange point & their significance
4. Space lasers
5. Plasma waves
6. Kinetic kill technology
7. Space Missions
8. Missiles in news
9. Sound Fixing and Ranging Channel
10. Super computers
11. Quantum Key Distribution
12. Types of cookies
13. eSIM & IMEI
14. Vaccines
15. Diseases in news
16. Fusion energy
17. Nano fertilizers
18. Proof of work Vs Proof of stake
19. Drone rules
20. Stem cells therapy
21. Gene editing technology
22. GM crops
23. DNA Fingerprinting
24. IVF Techniques
25. WIFI & 5G technology

Economy

1. Tax to GDP ratio, Tax Buoyancy and Laffer curve (More Direct tax Collections)
2. GDP Calculation (Data discrepancy highlighted by few economists)
3. FPIs (SEBI asking for granular details of FPIs holdings)
4. Income Inequality, Gini coefficient Lorenz curve (SBI and Other International Reports)
5. Evergreening of loans (RBI limits banks to invest in AIFs)
6. Surety Bonds, Social Bonds and Green Bonds
7. US debt ceiling
8. Rupee Settlement System & RBI's SOPs to Banks
9. Global Bond Index (India's Inclusion)
10. Sovereign Credit Ratings (Low Rating of India despite no default)
11. Most Favoured Nation Principle
12. FOREX and gold reserves
13. Debt Financing (Investors are preferring debt financing than equity because of uncertainty)
14. Angel Tax
15. 2000 withdrawal and Incremental CRR
16. WTO (13th MC, ruled against India in IT hardware Import duties case)
17. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (repeatedly in News)
18. Digital Lending (Time and again in News and Default loss First Guarantee)
19. IMF (Quota Review)
20. UPI-CBDC
21. Willful Defaulters (RBI Guideline)
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22. IPR regime
23. Foreign Trade Policy and Export Schemes
24. Market Coupling and New Electricity rules
25. Important Reports

Environment

1. Ramsar Sites
2. Methane
3. Plastic Pollution
4. Animal Behaviour
5. Mission LiFE
6. Thermal Power Plants
7. GRAP
8. Cloud Seeding
9. Cheetah
10. Nitrogen Pollution
11. Fungi
12. Invasive Alien Species
13. Sovereign Green Bonds
14. Millets
15. Debt for Climate Swaps
16. Light Pollution
17. COP 28
18. Carbon Markets
19. Biofuels
20. Deemed forests/FCR
21. All India Tiger Estimation 2022
22. Tiger Reserves
23. WPA Amendment Act
24. Elephants
25. Solar Energy

Geography

1. **Earth - Structure and Composition**
2. **Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Rocks**
3. **Distribution of Oceans and Continents**
4. **Composition and Structure of Atmosphere**
5. **Climatology: Temperature, Atmospheric Pressure, Atmospheric Circulation**
6. **Cyclones**
7. **Water in the Atmosphere**
8. **World Climate Classification**
9. **Oceanography: Ocean Currents, Tides, Waves**
10. **Indian Geography: Physical Feature**
11. **Indian Geography - Drainage**
12. **Indian Geography: Natural Vegetation,**
13. **Indian Geography - Soil**
14. **Indian Monsoon**
15. **Indian Agriculture**
16. **El Nino and La Nina Phenomena**
17. **Mineral Resources of India - Coal, Iron Ore, Bauxite ,Manganese , Copper ,Lead ,Zinc ,Gold ,Nickel Uranium ,Thorium**
18. **Energy Resources - Coal ,Petroleum , Natural Gas ,Hydropower ,Nuclear Energy ,Wind Energy Solar Energy , Biomass Energy**
19. **Transport & Communication- Ports , Railways, Waterways , Highways ,Airways**
20. **Terms in News**
21. **Concepts in News**
22. **Places in News**
23. **Tribes in News**
24. **Map - Straits, Water Bodies, Mountain Ranges, Passes, Deserts**
25. **Landforms and their Evolution**

Polity

1. Preamble +FR+DPSP (Evergreen)
2. Role of Governor (Constitutional understanding)
3. Anti Defection law and intricate details (including historical background)
4. Religious freedom (Fundamental Rights) and related case laws (Context - Places of worship Act)
5. Delimitation Commission
6. Citizenship, Foreigners Act 1946, Assam Accord , Section 6A of Citizenship Amendment Act
7. Cooperatives (Govt schemes, Multi State Cooperative Societies Amendment Act 2023)
8. Bail /FIR/Parole/Furlough
9. Entire Parliament + Committees + privileges +Suspension of MP/MLA(best cost-benefit ratio)
10. Basic Structure and what is/is not included
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16. Political parties Funding/Income tax Act sections/RPA
17. UAPA
18. 6th schedule and historical background
19. All govt schemes from social Sector -health, nutrition, education, social security. (No fixed time frame)
20. Consumer Rights and consumer laws
21. Judiciary (Supreme Court -constitutional articles-additional judges/Foreign lawyers allowed to practice)
22. Special status for States Article 371
23. Emergency Provisions
24. Centre State Relations (especially financial)
25. Caste Census/Census/Sub categorisation/affirmative action

International Relations

1. **South China Sea**
2. **Korea Peninsula**
3. **Far east region of Russia**
4. **Arctic council**
5. **Conflict in Africa (Sahel region) Sudan, Niger Burkina Faso**
6. **Global Gateway (EV) counter to BRI**
7. **BRI**
8. **PGII Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment**
9. **India middle East Europe Economic corridor**
10. **SCO**
11. **G.21 G7, QUAD, AUKUS**
12. **INSTC**
13. **FATF**
14. **ICC vs ICJ**
15. **UNESCO & UN**
16. **Crisis in Yemen**
17. **Red Sea Crisis**
18. **Israel-Hamas Conflict (locational geography of Important places)**
19. **UNHCR**
20. **UNRWA**
21. **Nagorno-Karabakh**
22. **China Taiwan**
23. **UNCLOS**
24. **Israel Lebanon border dispute**
25. **Crisis in Haiti**

History

History - Ancient + Culture

1. Ashokan Edicts - in news because New Parliament building has different design of Sarnath Pillor Lion Inscription.
2. Kushana Time Period - Charaka was the court physician of Kanishka - in news because new oath for medical students.
3. Gupta Age culture - Golden age of Indian History - In news because of overall sentiment of reliance on Indian culture.

History - Medieval History + Culture

1. Vijayanagara Empire - Most Important every year - Especially their culture.
2. Ahom Dynasty - Lachit Borkhupan - Very much in news since last 3 years - Now a new statue also inaugurated by PM recently.
3. Allaudin Khilji - Khilji Dynasty - First ruler of Indian History who tried to control the food inflation.

Basically development of Agriculture policy under Khiljis - Mughlas (Akbar) is an important topic for this year prelims due to recurrent Farmer revolts.

History - Modern History

1. 100 Years of Swarajya Party - Founded in 1924
2. Revolutionaries of India specially VD Savarkar - Because of National sentiment and a movie also coming up
3. Economic Impact of British Rule - Specially Agriculture policies
4. Gandhi ji
5. Meetings after 1940s

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