

# THE DRISHTI FORTNIGHTLY

UPSC NEWSLETTER FROM DRISHTI IAS - ENGLISH



## A Letter From Our Editor

Hello friends! Since there is no better way to announce a good news than to just announce it, here it is – *Drishti IAS will now conduct complete classroom programmes in the English medium.*

It is a good thing because now we will have everything under one roof – books, magazines, web-content, test series, video classes, interview guidance, postal courses, and of course, these new classroom programmes.

The first batches in English will begin at the Prayagraj (Allahabad) branch but batches will soon start in Delhi (Karol Bagh & Dr. Mukherjee Nagar) too. Hope you'll join us there!

Now let us discuss the UPSC year 2020 a bit. Next year the date for Prelims is set for May 31st. You should therefore begin preparing immediately – do not wait!

For Prelims, remember that you need a vast coverage of topics and not necessarily a very deep understanding of the same. That said, the basic topics will nevertheless have to be understood in depth, there is no escaping this.

As such, now is perhaps the perfect time for you go through various exam strategies and make yourself that neat little routine that you always wanted to make! Best of luck!

### Drishti Current Affairs Today:

**DCAT - THE ONLY MAGAZINE THAT CATERS TO ALL THREE STAGES OF CSE. [CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE.](#)**

### Daily Current Affairs & Editorials:

**WE UPDATE CA & EDITORIALS ON ALL WEEKDAYS. YOU MAY READ, TAKE NOTES OR PRINT A PDF OF THESE ARTICLES.**

### Fortnightly CA Consolidation:

**BRINGS TO YOU CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR A MONTH IN TWO PARTS - [CLICK ON THIS LINK TO DOWNLOAD THESE PDFS.](#)**

## READING THE HINDU FOR UPSC PREPARATION

**read daily revise weekly**

For UPSC CSE, the Hindu newspaper is perhaps the most important source of authentic reading material. That said, it is also pointless spending the entire day reading just the newspaper because there is so much else to read. Therefore the best thing to do here is to cover the topics in the Hindu within a limited time-frame and this can be done by simply understanding how to read this newspaper everyday.

### FIXED TIME

Ideally, 60 minutes should be enough to go through the Hindu. But this time-limit is not writ in stone. Sometimes there could be editorials or opinions that may take time understanding. Plus, the initial days of note-making is obviously going to take time, so anything between 1 to 2 hours daily is worth the money.

### HEADLINES

Headlines are called 'headlines' for a reason. These 'lines' will inform you of what is going on in the nation in the briefest manner possible. You should pay attention to these because you can keep on developing your understanding only if you can contextualise the daily headlines with your existing knowledge base. This is especially true for social issues and humanities optionals.

### STATES

On first look, States' news may not seem important. But sometimes there will be topics here that may be important for Prelims or even for GS or Optionals (esp. as examples). The ability to identify what to keep and what to skip from the States' page can come only after a detailed analysis of previous years question papers.

### NATION

'Nation' covers news related to the entire country and is perhaps the most important page of the Hindu. From Supreme Court verdicts to Central Govt. Schemes, it carries only the most carefully chosen national news. Notes should be made from here and these notes should be updated as and when new information becomes available.

### EDITORIAL

On this page, always focus on the two articles on the left-hand side of the page. These are the ones written by the Hindu editorial board and as such carries a very neutral tone (even when criticising). The other 2-3 articles on the page should also be read, as these will often introduce you to new terms and ideas, but try not to shape your opinions based on these extra articles alone.

### OPINIONS

As the name suggests, these are 'personal viewpoints' of certain people. Read them - with a pinch of salt - to get a glimpse of the entire picture. Focus here should be on not wasting time. Also as a rule, avoid political or sports commentary on this page.

## WORLD, BUSINESS & SPORTS

Try maintaining a diary of events from the World page and build it up by doing a reading of World History and International Relations. Economic terms, theories, graphs, etc. that are discussed in the Business page are going to be important. Here, the news itself may not be important so, you may have to read up from other sources things like the aforementioned terms and theories. Lastly, Sports, Travel & Life Stories, Movie commentaries, etc. should be read only in order to relax or to cover very important events like National Games/Awards, or the Olympics, etc.



# 1

## UPSC Civil Services Exam

Indian Civil Services which includes the top services i.e. the IAS, IPS and IFS, is the dream career for millions of aspirants from across the country. More details about this exam here!

# 2

## Preliminary Examination Syllabus

Get the syllabus – understand it, memorise it! This should be pasted to your wall until you clear the exam...

# 3

## Prelims Strategies

Without a strategy, chances of your getting lost along the way increases significantly. Devise a strategy for yourself but go through what toppers have to say first!

# 4

## Syllabus for Mains Exam

Go through the syllabus, especially if you are a beginner and make sure that you understand what each topic demands you to know.

# 5

## Monthly CA Consolidation (Revised)

Download revised current affairs – important topics have been hyperlinked for easy surfing.

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## Important Institutions

Cover these institutions – what they are and why they are important. New institutions have been uploaded.

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## 60 Steps To Prelims

We are working on this programme and will soon update you with more details. In this link you'll find more information regarding the program.

“WHAT COUNTS CAN'T ALWAYS BE COUNTED; WHAT CAN BE COUNTED DOESN'T ALWAYS COUNT.”

*Albert Einstein*

Exactly! For UPSC, it may be that what you have prepared may not always be asked; conversely what had been asked may not always get prepared.

To many, this may seem like bad luck, injustice, or even failure. Luckily this is not the case. What is even better is that this can be avoided all together. Let us see how.

First, do not compartmentalise your preparation. If you have been doing so – stop. What you learn is what you know, what you know cannot be segregated into neat compartments. When you prepare a topic, prepare it from the top, do a PESTLE analysis, look up all the related terminology, etc. Do not stop until all aspects are covered.

Second – learning, knowing and understanding are always multi-disciplinary things. All you have to know is how to reply (answer) in context of the question. For example, if you know Article 21 (and its surrounding issues) from Indian Polity, you can use it across the GS papers, Optionals, and even in the Essay. You certainly do not have to 'prepare' Article 21 separately for the Essay!

So, keep in mind that all you have to do is keep preparing sincerely, for when the time comes, everything will fall into place on its own. All that counts is your commitment to the exam and obviously, to yourself.

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