

Important Topics for UPSC Prelims 2026

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Important Topics for UPSC: Crucial subjects and themes for the UPSC examination pertain to the subjects and areas of significance within the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC. The curriculum encompasses an extensive array of subjects, and being aware of those that are pivotal can substantially influence a candidate's prospects of success. Here, the **important topics for UPSC Prelims 2026** are categorised paperwise and subjectwise, which would provide ease to the aspirants while going through them. Along with the Static topics, a list of the most important current affairs topics is also provided to interrelate them.

Important Topics for UPSC Prelims

Though there are several important topics for **UPSC Prelims** and Mains that overlap, but here is the list of topics which are more significant from the UPSC Prelims perspective. The important topics for UPSC Prelims are given below:

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2	Konark Wheel	17	Swadesh Darshan Scheme
3	Edakkal Caves	18	MeerKAT Telescope
4	Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas	19	International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA)
5	Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)	20	Global Sovereign Debt Roundtable (GSDR)
6	India's New Parliament Building	21	BHIM 3.0
7	Waqf Bill Amendment	22	Dabba Trading
8	Vibe Coding	23	World Happiness Report 2025
9	Advocates (Amendment) Bill 2025	24	Geographical Indication Tag
10	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	25	Sansad Bhashini
11	D-Voter	26	National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)
12	Thirunelly Temple	27	Digital Public Infrastructure and India Stack
13	Pushkaralu Festival	28	MISHTI Scheme
14	Grok 3	29	Sarna Code
15	Section 44(3) of Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023	30	Solar Flares and Aditya L1 mission
31	SpaDeX Mission	41	Ocelot Chip
32	Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme	42	PUNCH Mission-Solar Maximum
33	Road Crash Death In India	43	Peacekeeping Operation
34	Birefringence	44	Pratibimb Module
35	Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative	45	Plastic Ice (The Fourth Form of Water)
36	India- Mauritius Bilateral Ties	46	Model Women-Friendly Gram Panchayats Initiative (MWFGP)

37	Innovative Finance Facility for Climate in Asia and The Pacific (IF-CAP)	47	Vizhinjam Port
38	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	48	IRCTC & IRFC get Navratna Status
39	Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary	49	Bills of Lading Bill, 2024
40	Sanctions Committee of UNSC	50	Quality of Public Expenditure (QPE) index

Places on Map in News

1	Cuba	11	Orkney Islands	21	Gabon
2	Gaza Strip	12	Vilnius	22	Morocco
3	Uzbekistan	13	Kakhovka Dam	23	Kostyantynivka
4	Sittwe Port	14	Batagaika Crater	24	Armenia
5	Coco Islands	15	Cam Ranh Bay	25	9-Dash line
6	Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant	16	Strait of Hormuz	26	Timor Leste
7	Gulf of Oman	17	Crimean Bridge	27	Nagorno-Karabakh

8	Yanomami	18	Democratic Republic of Congo	28	AlexandriaPort
9	Chetumal Bay	19	Ubinas Volcano	29	Libya
10	Fuego Volcano	20	Peru	30	Hemis Monestry

Top Current Affairs Topics for UPSC Prelims 2026

The Current affairs occupy a very significant place in both UPSC Prelims as well as Mains. Following is the list of most important current affairs topics relevant to the UPSC Prelims 2025 examination:

History and Culture:

- [Guru Tegh Bahadur](#)
- [Gopal Krishna Gokhale](#)
- Rani Durgavati

Social Issues:

- [Practice of Polygamy In India](#)
- [Manual Scavenging in India](#)
- [Child Trafficking In India](#)
- Freedom of Religion
- Same-Sex Marriage

International Relations:

- First Global Buddhist Summit
- Centre Looking To Design [Human Development Index](#) for PVTGs
- Assam-Arunachal Border Dispute
- Indus Water Treaty
- [SCO Summit](#)
- [G20 Summit](#)
- [NATO Summit](#)
- [BIMSTEC](#) Foreign Ministers' meet
- [Quad Summit](#)
- Official Visit of [Prime Minister](#) of Nepal to India
- Sudan Crisis
- Mizoram, Assam New Active Sectors For Infiltration: BSF

- WTO
- UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF)

Economics and Trade:

- Foreign Trade Policy
- Falling Long-Term Growth Prospects
- Falling Bond Yields
- Changes In GST
- Volatility In Edible Oil Prices
- PLI Scheme

Science and Technology:

- Chandrayaan - 3
- Blue Hole
- CoWIN Data Breach
- Electronic Interlocking System in Railways
- Electromagnetic Ion Cyclotron (EMIC) Waves
- LIGO-India Project
- Human Genome Project
- Seed Bank At Asola Bhatti Sanctuary
- Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START)
- Foucault Pendulum
- Dark Patterns

Governance and Policy:

- Mission Vatsalya Scheme
- National Medical Commission
- Model Prisons Act
- National Medical Devices Policy
- Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- Changes In GST
- Foreign Exchange Management Act
- Universal Basic Income (UBI)
- India Rethinking Its Anaemia Policy
- The PoSH Act
- Violence in Manipur
- Article 370

Finance and Trade:

- Changes In GST
- Volatility In Edible Oil Prices

- Falling Bond Yields
- Foreign Exchange Management Act
- India's Gold Reserves

Important Topics for UPSC Mains 2026

The **IAS syllabus** is extensive and might overwhelm many candidates. Developing a lucid comprehension of the important topics for UPSC aids them in refining their preparation approach and prevents wastage of effort on less pivotal areas.

General Studies I

Indian Heritage and Culture; and History and Geography of the World and Society:

1	Literature - Vedic, Buddhist, Jain, Sangam, Mughal, etc.	14	Vijayanagar Empire
2	Art and Architecture - IVC, Mauryan, Gupta, Dravidian, Mughal, etc.	15	Socio-religious Reforms
3	Geography - physical features, natural resources, phenomena like volcanism, etc.	16	Mountbatten Plan
4	Indian Society - features, issues, etc.	17	Indian Independence Act, 1947
5	Rowlatt Act	18	Land Revenue System
6	Civil Disobedience Movement	19	Home Rule Movement
7	Modern India - Personalities, Events, etc.	20	Revolt of 1857
8	Indian Freedom Struggle - several stages, leaders, etc.	21	Partition of Bengal
9	Gandhi-Irwin Pact	22	Charter Acts - 1813, 1833, etc
10	Second Round Conference	23	Government of India Act, 1919
11	World History - revolutions, World Wars, Cold War, etc.	24	First Round Conference, 1930
12	Government of India Act, 1935	25	Khilafat Movement

13	Quit India Movement	26	Non-Cooperation Movement
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General Studies II

Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations:

1	Constitution of India — historical underpinnings, evolution, etc	11	Government Policies
2	Constitution of other countries like USA, UK, Japan, etc.	12	NGOs, SHGs, etc
3	Separation of Powers - Organs of Government	13	Welfare schemes for vulnerable groups
4	Union and States - federalism, etc	14	Health, Education, and Human Resources
5	Parliament and State legislatures - functions, powers, etc	15	Poverty and Hunger issues
6	Judiciary - their structure, roles, etc	16	Governance, transparency, e-governance
7	Pressure Groups - RSS, AIKS, etc	17	Civil services
8	Voting laws, RPA 1950, '51 etc	18	Bilateral, regional, and global partnerships
9	Constitutional Bodies - UPSC, ECI, etc	19	Indian Diaspora
10	Statutory and Quasi-judicial bodies - NHRC, etc	20	Global Institutions - UN, WTO, etc

General Studies III

Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management:

1	Indian Economy - planning, resource mobilization, employment, etc	16	IT, Computers and Space Technology
2	Growth and Development	17	Robotics, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology
3	Inclusive Growth	18	Intellectual Property Rights
4	Government budgeting	19	Environment - conservation, pollution, degradation, etc
5	Major crops and cropping patterns	20	Environmental Impact Assessment
6	Irrigation types - Drip, Sprinkler, etc	21	Disaster Management
7	Farm subsidies - PMKISAN, etc	22	Internal Security
8	Food Security and MSP	23	Extremism and Role of External Actors
9	Animal Rearing	24	Communication Networks
10	Food Processing Industry	25	Cyber Security
11	Land Reforms	26	Money-Laundering
12	Liberalization and Industrial Policy	27	Border Area Security
13	Infrastructure - Road, Energy, etc	28	Organized Crime
14	Investment Models - BOT, HAM, etc	29	Terrorism
15	Science and Technology - developments	30	Security forces, agencies, etc. - BSF, NIA, CBI, etc

General Studies IV

Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude:

1	Ethics and Human Interface	16	Conscience
2	Essence, Determinants, and Consequences of Ethics in Human Actions	17	Accountability
3	Dimensions of Ethics in Private and Public Relationships	18	Ethical Governance
4	Human Values from Leaders' Lives, Role of Family, Society, and Education	19	Ethical Issues in International Relations
5	Attitude	20	Corporate Governance

6	Influence of Attitude on thought, behaviour, moral, political, and social aspects	21	Probity in Governance
7	Aptitude and Foundational Values	22	Transparency
8	Values for Civil Service	23	Right to Information
9	Integrity, Impartiality, Objectivity, Dedication, Empathy	24	Codes of Ethics
10	Emotional Intelligence	25	Codes of Conduct
11	Moral Thinkers from India and worldwide	26	Work Culture
12	Ethics in Public Administration	27	Quality Service
13	Public/Civil Service Values	28	Public Funds' Utilization
14	Ethical Concerns and Dilemmas	29	Corruption Challenges
15	Ethical Guidance from Laws, Rules, etc	30	Case Studies on the above issues

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