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SMART Current Affairs Program 2026

Embark on an empowering journey to the top ranks of the UPSC Civil Services exam with our SMART Current Affairs Program. **Current affairs form an integral part of the UPSC syllabus**, With more than **60% of the questions related** to current events appearing in both the Preliminary and Main Examinations directly or indirectly. Therefore, staying updated about current events is essential to score well in these exams.

S.M.A.R.T. Current Affairs Program by Vajiram & Ravi is a comprehensive program that aims to provide aspirants with a **S**trategic, **M**ulti-dimensional, **A**ssessment-based, **R**esourceful, and **T**argeted approach to their Current Affairs preparation.

One Expert is Never Enough for UPSC Current Affairs!
That's why we're giving you three.



Dr. Jayant Parikshit
(IIM Lucknow, DSE)

Macro analysis and
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and public service



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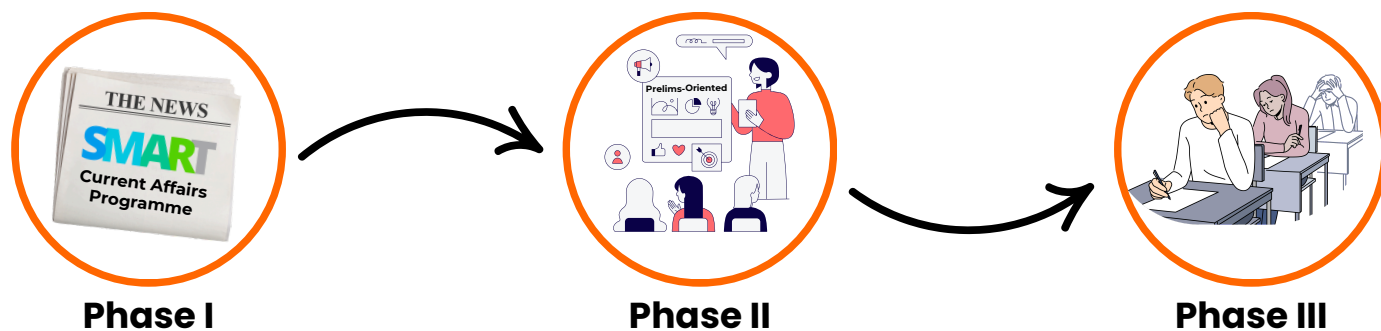
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50+ Selections

Phases of the SMART Current Affairs Program



Phase I Integrated Current Affairs for both Prelims and Mains (July to January)

- Covers the current affairs topics that are relevant for both the UPSC Prelims and Mains Exam throughout the year.
- Focuses on integrating both the factual and analytical aspects of current issues and their correlation with the UPSC static syllabus.
- Live in-class strategies to tackle MCQs strategically and develop unique answer-writing skills.

Phase II Targeted Prelims-Oriented Current Affairs (February to April)

- Covers the current affairs – important for the UPSC Prelims Examination,
- Focuses on the conceptual and factual aspects of current issues as per PYQ trend analysis.
- Live-in class strategies to solve tricky Prelims questions MCQs strategically.
- Regular MCQ-based practice questions and tests to assess the aspirants' preparation.

Phase III Targeted Mains-Oriented Current Affairs (June to August)

- Cover the current affairs that are important for the UPSC Mains Exam.
- Focuses on the analytical aspects of the issues and their interlinkages with the UPSC static syllabus.
- Learn the art of integrating current affairs in the Mains answers in the form of examples, case studies and explanations.
- Regular live in-class Mains answer writing practice along with an analysis of PYQs and possible Mains Questions.

Features of the SMART Current Affairs Program

SMART Current Affairs Program has been meticulously curated to redefine UPSC CSE preparation for aspirants. Thoughtfully created, it has the following distinguishing features:

CLASSES

RESOURCES

PRELIMS AND MAINS READY



Classes

- **Comprehensive Coverage:** The program provides a one-stop solution by carefully selecting crucial current affairs topics from reliable sources like The Hindu, Indian Express, Economic Times, PIB, etc.
- **Interlinkages with static concepts:** Lectures would help students in establishing the interlinkages between current affairs and underlying conceptual understanding.
- **Understanding the Examiner's Mindset:** to gauge the kind of questions that might be framed from current issues.
- **Economic Survey, Budget, Schemes and Indices:** Classes will cover all updated and newly introduced National and International Schemes, Indices, Reports, Conventions, Economic Survey, Budget and other miscellaneous topics.

Resources

- **Handouts:** To support streamlined learning and revision, it provides **extensive yet concise handouts** that double as **quick revision notes**, facilitating effective recall during the exam. Hence reducing the need for additional study materials.
- **Value Addition:** The Mains handouts provide **comprehensive dimensions, arguments, data points, examples, and case studies**—ready to use in your answers—eliminating the hassle of multiple resources and giving your preparation a sharp, competitive edge.

Prelims and Mains ready

- **Prelims problem solving skills based on PYQs:** Gain a deeper understanding of the **exam's nature and the examiner's mindset** through strategic problem-solving skills. This equips the students to anticipate and effectively tackle potential questions.
- **Answer Writing Skills:** Master the art of writing high-quality answers by seamlessly **integrating current affairs into your arguments** to add depth and relevance. **Elevate your Mains score** by bridging the gap between static knowledge and dynamic events, creating impactful and well-rounded responses.

Dynamic Assessment & Feedback

Phase

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Pre-cum-Mains Phase

- **Live MCQ Quiz:** Engage in regular, formative assessments through in-class live MCQ Quiz.
- **Live Answer writing:** Engage in regular answer writing practice in each class to learn the art of writing high quality arguments and examples directly from the Faculties of the program.

Phase

2

Prelims Phase

- **Live MCQ Quiz:** Engage in regular, formative assessments through in-class live MCQ Quiz.
- **Fortnightly test:** To help the students with regular revision and assessment of their progress.
- **Full-length tests:** Comprehensive full-length tests for ultimate exam readiness.

Phase

3

Mains Phase

- **Live Answer writing:** Engage in regular answer writing practice in each class to learn the art of writing high quality arguments and examples directly from the Faculties of the program.
- **Full-length tests:** Comprehensive full-length tests for ultimate exam readiness.

Holistic Preparation: Our program combines the structured rigor of learning with the flexibility of an adaptive environment, ensuring comprehensive preparation and equipping you to face the challenges of the exam with confidence.

Why choose SMART Current Affairs Program?

As a renowned coaching institute for UPSC CSE, Vajiram & Ravi recognizes that despite a solid understanding of the static syllabus, certain aspirants encounter challenges in effectively incorporating and correlating current affairs. Their struggle lies in seamlessly applying this knowledge during both the Prelims and Main Examination stages, hindering their ability to answer questions and discern how a current issue might be framed as a question.



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Key Challenges faced by aspirants in current affairs preparation are

- **Identifying important current affairs** for UPSC CSE Prelims and Main Examination.
- Avoiding the **deluge of current affairs material** and focusing on quality over quantity.
- **Understanding the UPSC current affairs question pattern** and the difference between news and issues. (News talks about an incident while Issues focus on ideas)
- **Analyzing and establishing connections** between the forward and backward linkages of a current affairs topic.
- **Covering and connecting** current affairs with the static syllabus.
- **Adopting an active and engaging approach** rather than a passive and superficial one

How will our SMART Current Affairs Program help you?

We understand that students face difficulties in recalling or remembering current affairs/news that they regularly watch on YouTube channels and other such sources. The SMART Current Affairs Program by Vajiram & Ravi offers the solution to this problem. The program follows a multi-dimensional approach towards current affairs, which means that it covers all aspects of current affairs, including political, economic, and social events. This comprehensive approach ensures that you receive multi-level guidance that covers all aspects of your preparation, including time management and exam strategy.

1 Structured Approach

Divided into separate phases, our Current affairs program provides a structured and organised approach to cover the diverse range of Current Affairs for Prelims, Mains and Interview stages of examination.

2 Focused Coverage

The program focuses on the specific requirements of the UPSC exam, covering current affairs topics related to politics, economics, science, technology, environment, international relations, and more.

3 Time Efficiency

Scouring multiple newspapers, magazines, and online sources for current affairs information can be time-consuming. Our dedicated Current Affairs program streamlines this process, saves time and ensures comprehensive coverage of current affairs under one single program.

4 Integration with Syllabus

The program adopts an integrated approach, correlating current affairs with the static portions of the UPSC syllabus. This helps aspirants understand the interconnections between current events and broader subjects.

5 Improve MCQ solving skills

The regular MCQ tests within class hours will help aspirants assess their retention and knowledge of current affairs.

6 Improve Main Answer Writing Skills

Our Current Affairs program has been designed to impart the skill of seamlessly incorporating current affairs into the static syllabus when writing your answers in the UPSC Main Examination for GS Paper-I, II, III, and IV.

7 Boosts Essay and Interview Preparation

Being well-versed in current affairs is essential for essay writing and interview rounds. Our program aims to help aspirants develop the depth of knowledge needed to tackle these stages effectively.

8 Confidence and Clarity

Regularly attending our current affairs classes will boost confidence in one's knowledge of current events and provide clarity on complex issues. This confidence is advantageous for all stages of the UPSC CSE Examination.

9 Suitable for all Aspirants

Tailored for both fresher and senior aspirants, our program is uniquely structured. It not only enhances understanding for freshers but also equips seniors with the skills to integrate current affairs seamlessly into problem-solving during exams. Therefore, ensures a comprehensive approach for all, addressing the specific needs of each aspirant.

Course Details

Phase I

- Course Start date and time: 12 August 2025, 5:30PM
- Classes will be conducted 2-3 times a week – both Online and Offline Mode available
- Class duration will be 2.5hrs
- Crisp Handouts for Quick revision
- Live MCQ, Answer writing and PYQ sessions – For interactive learning, every class features MCQs, Answer writing to reinforce concepts and encourage active participation.

Phase II

- Course Start date and time: will be announced later (Tentative Jan 2026)
- Classes will be conducted 3 times a week – both Online and Offline Mode available
- Class duration will be 2.5hrs
- Class Handouts and Factsheets for Quick revision
- Live MCQ and PYQ sessions – For interactive learning, every class features MCQs to reinforce concepts and encourage active participation.
- Includes fortnightly tests to track progress and 2 comprehensive full-length tests for exam readiness.

Phase III

- Classes will be conducted ~3 times a week
- Class/video duration will be 2.5hrs
- Class Handouts and Value Addition material for high scoring.
- Includes regular Live in-class Answer Writing sessions to track progress for exam readiness.
- 4 comprehensive Full-length tests will be provided (in Phase III)



Fee: Rs 28,000/- (Inclusive of GST) – 10% Early Bird Discount
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