

**Current Affairs Program 2026** 

for Prelims and Mains



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A Catalyst
to
Top Ranks!

**Date of Commencement** 

17<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Mode: Offline / Online











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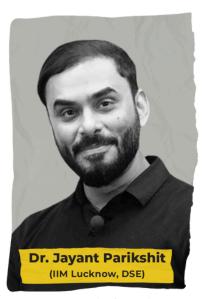
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## **SMART Current Affairs Program 2026**

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**imple yet Strategic, **M**ulti-dimensional, **A**dvanced and Adaptive, **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.



Macro analysis and economic perspectives



Insights from governance and public service



Analytical and data-driven approach

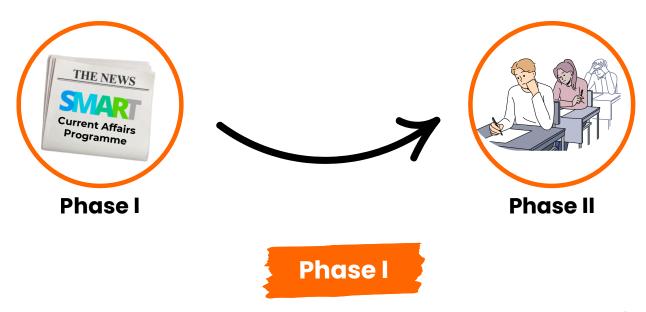
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Programme 2024

50+ Selections

## **Phases of the SMART Current Affairs Programme**

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## Targeted Prelims-Oriented Current Affairs (January to April)

- Coverage of current affairs important for the Prelims Examination.
- PYQ based focus on the conceptual and factual aspects of current issues.
- SMART Question Solving Skills: Live in-class strategies to tackle tricky MCQs.
- **Regular tests** to assess the aspirants' preparation.



# Targeted Mains-Oriented Current Affairs (June to August – depending on Mains exam schedule)

- Coverage of current affairs important for the mains Examination.
- **Integration** of the factual and analytical aspects of current issues with the UPSC static syllabus.
- **Learn and use** current affairs in the Mains answers in the form of examples, case studies and explanations.
- **PYQ Analysis** and Live in-class Mains answer writing practice of 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

- Comprehensive Coverage of multiple reliable sources like The Hindu, Indian Express, Economic Times, PIB, etc. (including Economic Survey, Budget, Schemes and Indices)
- Interlinkages of Current Affairs with static concepts.
- **Understanding the Examiner's Mindset** to gauge the kind of questions that might appear in exam.

# Resources

- **Handouts** to support learning, revision and active recall during the exam. No additional study material required.
- Value Addition through comprehensive diagrams, dimensions, data points, examples, and case studies—ready to use in your answers.

## **Prelims and Mains ready**

- Prelims problem solving skills based on PYQs to understand the examiner's mindset.
- Mains Answer-Writing and Answer-Generation Skills to seamlessly integrate current affairs into your arguments and elevate your Mains score.

## **Dynamic Assessment & Feedback**

# Prelims Phase (Phase I)

- 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.

# 2 Mains Phase (Phase II)

- **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.

## **Course Details**

## **Phase I**

- Course Start date: 17th Jan 2026
- Classes will be conducted 3 times a week.
- Mode: both Online and Offline
- Class duration will be 2.5-3 hours
- 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 II

- Course Start time: will be announced later (Tentative June 2026)
- Classes will be conducted ~3 times a week
- Class/video duration will be 2.5-3 hours
- 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)

**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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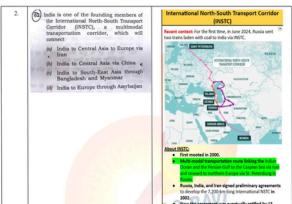
## **Prelims Reflections**

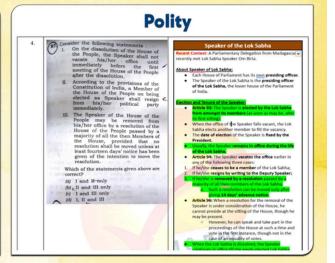
## **38 Direct Questions**



Reflected from SMART Current Affairs Classes - in Prelims 2025

## **International Relations**



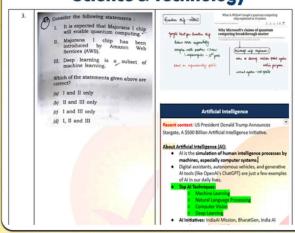


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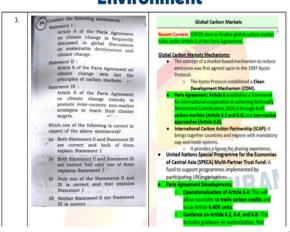




## Science & Technology



## **Environment**





## **Mains Reflections**

## 22 Direct Questions



## Reflected from Vajiram and Ravi SMART Current Affairs in Mains 2025

GS3 - Q9. Terrorism is a global scourge. How has it manifested in India? Elaborate with contemporary examples. What are the counter measures

adopted by the State? Explain.

# Counter Terrorism & Operation Sindoor

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GS3 - Q10. The Government of India recently stated that Left Wing Extremism (LWE) will be eliminated by 2026. What do you understand by LWE and how are the people affected by it? What measures have been taken by the government to eliminate LWE?

## LWE - Achievements and Assessment

## 22 Direct Questions



## Reflected from Vajiram and Ravi SMART Current Affairs in Mains 2025

GS2 - Q2. Comment on the need of administrative tribunals as compared to the court system. Assess the impact of the recent tribunal reforms through rationalization of tribunals made in 2021.

practice are said to have been elevated from the Bar.

### Lok Adalat

- NALSA, along with other Legal Services Institutions, conducts Lok Adolats. Forum where discutes/cases pending in the court of law
- or at the pre-litigation stage are settled/compromised
- Art 323A: Civil Service disputes a. e.g. Central Administrative Tribunal 2. Art – 323B: Other Tribunals
  - e.g. Income Tax Tribunal, NCLT, SEBI Tribunal, NCLAT, IRDA, etc.
- Violates the Theory of Separation of Powers. They violate the Principle of Natural Justice as they
- may decide the matter ex parte.

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GS2 - Q14 - Examine the evolving pattern of Centre-State financial relations in the context of planned development in India. How far have the recent reforms impacted the fiscal federalism in India?

### Fiscal Federalism

- U/A 268: Duties levied by the Union but collected & appropriated by States, e.g. Stamp duties 4 duties of excise on modicinal 4 toilet propagations mentioned in the
- repealed by 101° CAA 2016.

  U/A 264: Taxes levied 4 collected by Union but assigned to the States, e.g. Taxes on soles or purchase of Goods in course of inter-state trade or commerce. Terminal Taxes on Goods or Plassengers carried by 803.
- Terminal Taxes on Goods or Passengers carried by Rol, Rood, Fire or Shap, and collection of goods and services U/A 264R+ Levy and collection of goods and services tax in course of inter-State trade or commerce (IGST) such tax shall be apportioned between the Union and the States on the recommendations of the Goods and Services Tax Council.

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- Union can make grants for any public purposes, even if it

- Supreme Court Nine Judge Constitution Bench of Dr. DY Chandrachud, C.I., held that royalty paid by mining operators to the Central government is not a tax and that States have the power to levy cesses on mining and
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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.

## 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.



Fee: Rs 18,000/-



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How Our SMART Mains Current Affairs Programme

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