

Current Affairs sources:-

- **Newspaper:** The Hindu (full) + The Indian Express (Opinion page and Explained Page) + Selective editorials from Livemint, Times of India and Economic Times
- **Yojana:** (Summary available at IAS Baba as well as Insights website)
- **PRS Legislative** (For Bills and Acts, Standing Committee Reports as well as Monthly/Annual Policy Review)
- **PIB:** (Gist available at IAS Baba)
- **IDSA:** (For security and International relations issues)
- **Rajya Sabha TV** Programs with special emphasis on **“India’s World” & “The Big Picture”**: (Summaries available at IAS Baba/Insights Website)
- **All India Radio:** (Summary by IASbaba)
- **Vision IAS and IASbaba Monthly Magazine:** (Just to check that no issues are missed)
- **Forum IAS 9PM Daily Brief:** (Analysis of daily issues in Newspaper)
- **Civildaily:** (Short summaries of Current Affairs on daily basis at their website and App)

Prelims Booklist:-

Ancient and Medieval Indian History	NCERT 12 th Class
Freedom struggle and Modern India	A brief history of Modern India by Spectrum Publications
Culture	GK Today Compilation, CCRT website/ its compilation, NCERT 11 th class(or its summary available) or else Nitin Singhania Notes
Indian Geography	NCERT + Mrunal Videos
Physical Geography	NCERT + Mrunal Videos
World Geography	NCERT+ G C Leong+ Mrunal Videos and Articles
Polity(static+ current)	Indian Polity by Laxmikanth
Economy(static+ current)	NCERT+ Mrunal articles+ Economic Survey. Book:- either Ramesh Singh/ March of Indian Economy/ Sriram IAS coaching notes. Choose at your own discretion.
Science (static+ current)	NCERT
Environment (static+ current)	NCERT+ Shankar IAS+ NIOS
CSAT Aptitude source and Previous Year question Papers for Paper 1 & 2	Arihant Book/TMH Book for CSAT(If your base is weak search individual topic wise books for Maths, Logical Reasoning and English and practice from them) and Previous years Question Papers from Disha Publication. Do solve Previous Years UPSC question Papers at least from 2009 till date for GS Paper 1 and for GS Paper 2 from 2011 till date before you write Prelims examination.

Mains Booklist:-**Compulsory Paper:-**

If it's a Regional Paper you have chosen, sorry, we can't help. Try to read a Regional Paper based on the language you have chosen. Try to write in that preferred language and try building your competence over time over that Preferred Language. Try solving previous years question Papers of UPSC for the Language you have chosen. Spot mistakes and work on them. Similarly if it's Hindi, try going through **Unique Publisher's Book on Hindi**. Try solving Previous Years Question Papers too for Hindi. The same publishers publish a book for English Compulsory Paper as well which goes like **Unique Publisher's book for English Language Compulsory Paper**. Try getting it and solving it. Read Hindi newspaper and try having a good vocabulary in it. Basically, what we are trying to say is try having a look and good enough practice so that you **don't fail** in these papers otherwise your Essay, Optional and GS papers will not be checked.

Essay:-

No special book is required for it. Your GS static as well as current affairs knowledge is required. Over a period of time, before Prelims and also between Prelims-Mains, try writing Essays and review it from anyone whether it's a fellow aspirant or a professor or a Test series Institute. Enrolling for Essay in a Test series is also a very good idea. It can also help you rectify your mistakes and maybe enhance your score leading to a good rank.

General Studies Paper 1

Culture	GK Today Compilation, CCRT website/ its compilation, NCERT 11 th class(or its summary available) or else Nitin Singhania Notes+ current affairs
Modern Indian History	A brief history of Modern India by Spectrum Publications
Post-Independence History	Vision IAS notes+ Bipan Chandra's India since Independence

World History	If you have read a book already, keep reading that book and make notes from it. Otherwise, reading Vision IAS notes is enough. NCERTS can also be read.
World geo physical, resource distribution	NCERT+ GC Leong+ Mrunal
Indian Geography	NCERTS+ Mrunal videos and articles
earthquake tsunami etc. + impact on flora-fauna	NCERTS+ Mrunal videos and articles
Indian Society & allied topics like communalism, secularism, regionalism etc	Insights on India has articles on these topics. Go through those and supplement with Current Affairs.

General Studies Paper 2

Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.	Laxmikanth Indian Polity
Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.	Laxmikanth Indian Polity+ Vision IAS notes
Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions	Laxmikanth Indian Polity+ Vision IAS notes
Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries	Vision IAS notes
Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these	Laxmikanth Indian Polity
Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government	Laxmikanth Indian Polity.
Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.	ROP Act, Vision IAS notes
Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies	Laxmikanth Indian Polity
Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.	Current affairs and issues.
Development processes and the development industry the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders	Vision IAS notes, 2 nd ARC reports.
Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections	Vision IAS notes, Current Affairs
Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources	Vision IAS notes+ Current Affairs
Issues relating to poverty and hunger	Vision IAS notes+ Current Affairs
Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.	2 nd ARC Report on e-Governance, Ethics, Vision IAS notes
Role of civil services in a democracy	Vision IAS notes
India and its neighborhood- relations	Current Affairs sources, Vision IAS notes and MEA Annual Report
Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India’s interests	Current Affairs sources, Vision IAS notes and MEA annual report
Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India’s interests, Indian diaspora.	Vision IAS notes, MEA Annual Report and Current Affairs sources.
Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate.	Vision IAS notes, MEA Annual report and Current Affairs sources.

General Studies Paper 3

Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment	NCERTS, Preferred Economics Book or SRIRAM notes, Mrunal articles and videos and current affairs. Economic Survey and Union Budget.
Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.	Vision IAS notes
Government Budgeting	Vision IAS notes, Mrunal articles and videos, Economic Survey and Union Budget
Major crops cropping patterns in various parts of the country, different types of irrigation and irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues and related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers	State of Indian Agriculture report, Vision IAS notes, Current Affairs sources and Mrunal Articles and videos.
Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.	Current Affairs sources, Vision IAS notes, Mrunal Articles and Videos.
Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain	Mrunal Videos and Articles, Vision IAS notes, current Affairs sources.

management.	
Land reforms in India	Mrunal Videos and Articles, Vision IAS notes
Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.	Vision IAS notes, NCERTS+Economy Book/SRIRAM notes and current affairs.
Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.	Vision IAS notes, Mrunal articles and videos, current affairs sources.
Investment models	Vision IAS notes, current affairs sources
Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.	NCERTS, Vision IAS notes, current affairs sources
Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and developing new technology	Current Affairs sources
Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology and issues relating to intellectual property rights.	Vision IAS notes and current affairs sources.
Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment	Shankar IAS notes and current affairs sources.
Disaster and disaster management.	2 nd ARC report on Disaster Management, Vision IAS notes, Current Affairs sources
Linkages between development and spread of extremism	Development Challenges in Extremism Affected Areas-report by erstwhile Planning Commission, InsightsonIndia articles, current affairs sources
Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.	Vision IAS notes, current affairs sources, InsightsonIndia articles
Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention	Vision IAS notes, InsightsonIndia articles, current affairs sources
Security challenges and their management in border areas; linkages of organized crime with terrorism	Vision IAS notes+ InsightsonIndia articles+ current affairs sources
Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate	Vision IAS notes and current affairs sources

General Studies Paper 4

Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics in private and public relationships	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes and Lexicon Book.
Human Values – lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of family, society and educational institutions in inculcating values.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service , integrity, impartiality and non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and compassion towards the weaker-sections.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and governance.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and world.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information, sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.	2 nd ARC report on Ethics in Governance and on Personnel Administration, Vision IAS notes, Lexicon Book.
Case Studies on above issues	Lexicon Book, Vision IAS notes, test series Questions, Previous year question Papers, InsightsonIndia case studies, Lukman IAS Case Studies