

UPSC Prelims 2026

100 Ways UPSC Ask!

This is not a bulky notes book.
This is your **Prelims Weapon** for 2026.

100

Most Important

High Priority Topics

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100 Ways UPSC Ask!

Scientifically Curated from 16 Years of UPSC Prelims Questions

This book is not based on assumptions

It is built on evidence

After a detailed analysis of UPSC Prelims Previous Year Questions (2010–2025), we have identified the most recurring, conceptually rich, and high-return micro-themes across

Agriculture

Economy

Environment

Geography

History

International Relation

Polity

Science & Tech

Miscellaneous

Why This Book is Different

Most aspirants study everything.

Smart aspirants study what UPSC repeatedly asks.

This compilation focuses on Core conceptual clarity :

PYQ-based micro-theme mapping

Pattern recognition

Revision efficiency

High return-on-investment (ROI) preparation

3-Phase Study Plan for These 100 Topics

Phase 1: Concept Building (First 60 Days)

- ✓ Complete 3–4 topics per day
- ✓ Read standard source
- ✓ Make 1-page summary
- ✓ Solve PYQs related to that topic
- ✓ Identify traps

Phase 2: MCQ Intensive (Next 45 Days)

- ✓ Topic-wise mock tests
- ✓ Previous 25 years PYQs (at least twice)
Identify :
- ✓ Frequently repeated traps
- ✓ Statement twisting patterns
- ✓ Extreme words (only, always, none)

Phase 3: Revision Loop (Last 45 Days)

Follow 7–7–7 Rule :

- ✓ Revise all 100 topics in 7 days
- ✓ Repeat after 7 days
- ✓ Repeat again after 7 days

What NOT to Do

Don't make bulky notes

Don't start new random sources

Don't ignore PYQs

Don't overemphasize current affairs

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Agriculture

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Agricultural Technology & Innovation	Soil Formation, Water Efficiency in Crop Cultivation, Advanced Fertilization Techniques, Advances in Sugarcane Cultivation Techniques, Chemical Fertilizers Pricing and Production, Soil Properties and Management, Water Conservation Practices
2	Agricultural Credit & Financial Systems	Kisan Credit & Short-term Loans, Financial Inclusion, Crop Insurance, Sugarcane Pricing, Agricultural Innovation
3	Agricultural Policies & Support Mechanisms	MSP Policies & Announcements, Procurement & Pricing Systems, Tribal Agricultural Practices, Food Security & Infrastructure, Public Investment & Support Systems
4	Energy & Bio-Economy Land & Technological Reforms	Biofuels & Renewable Energy, Agro-Industrial Infrastructure, Biofuels and Alternative Uses, Renewable Energy Digital Land Records, Seed Replacement & Village Programs, Farmer Cooperatives & Collective Farming
5	Sustainable Agriculture & Climate Practices	Nitrogen Fixation, Sustainable Rice Cultivation, Climate-Smart Agriculture, Zero Tillage Benefits, Biochar Use in Farming, Organic & Sustainable Practices, Soil Health & Management

Economy

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Inflation & Monetary-Fiscal Policies	Inflation and Monetary Policy, Fiscal Policy and Inflation, Demand-Pull Factors, Inflation Indicators, Inflation Indices, Economic Factors Affecting Food Prices, Economic Growth and Inflation, Deflation and Inflation Concepts
2	Trade &	Investment, Capital Markets, Stock Market Metrics, Debt Markets, US

	International Economics	Debt Default & Treasury Bonds, Financial Stability & External Sector, Liquidity Issues
3	External Accounts & Balance of Payments	Balance of Payments, Current Account Deficits Management, Current Account Components, Capital Account Components, Components of Foreign Exchange, India's Trade Deficit and Current Account, Import Cover
4	Monetary Policy & Inflation Management	Inflation and Price Stability, Effect of Monetary Policy on Currency and Devaluation, Inflation, Effect of Inflation, Role of Institutions in Controlling Inflation, Bank Rate, Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), Monetary Tools
5	Money & Capital Markets	Money Market, Capital Markets, Trading Platforms, Finance, Financial Instruments, International Finance, Money Supply & Interest Rate, Central Bank Operations
6	Banking Regulation & Monetary Oversight	Role & Powers of RBI, RBI Regulations on Foreign Banks, RBI's MCLR System, Statutory Reserve Requirements, RBI Oversight & Regulations, Role of RBI in Inflation Control, Monetary Policy, Banking Reforms, Banking System in India
7	Digital Banking & Payment Systems	Digital Payments, Payment Systems, Digital Rupee (CBDC), Central Bank Digital Currencies, BHIM App & Authentication, ATM Networks & Payment Systems, Payment Banks, Core Banking Solutions, Digital Transactions
8	Government Securities & Monetary Instruments	Inflation-Indexed Bonds, Government Securities Trading, Exchange Rate Management
9	Economic Growth & Development Models	Growth & Development Models, Growth, Economic Growth, Inclusive Growth & Social Equity, Service Exports & Tourism, Industrial Strategy & Infrastructure Development, Growth Rate Dynamics

10	Macroeconomic Indicators & Fiscal Policy	Fiscal Health Indicators, Public Finances, Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC), Causes of Inflation, Measurement of National Income, Types of Unemployment
11	Budgetary Framework & Fiscal Management	Capital vs Revenue Receipts, Capital vs Revenue Expenditure, Components of Budget, Presenting in Parliament, Fiscal Indicators, Budget Deficits, Reducing the Deficit, Government Budgeting, Role of Union Government
12	Debt, Deficit & Fiscal Responsibility	Debt Management, FRBM, Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management Act, Fiscal Deficit & Governance Reforms
13	Financial Inclusion & Microfinance	Financial Inclusion, Self-Help Groups & Microfinance, Business Correspondents, Cooperative Banking, Role of Cooperative Banks in Rural Credit, Financial Institutions for Rural Areas
14	Banking Reforms & Risk Management	Risk Management in Banking, Risk Assessment, Inter-Creditor Agreement, Selection of Bank Chairmen, Financial Regulations, Financial Reforms
15	Taxation & Revenue Policies	Income Tax Act 1961, Indirect Taxation (Pre-GST Era), Indirect Taxes & VAT System, Taxation & Fiscal Issues, Tax Structure & Revenue Trends, Taxation – Financial Markets

Environment

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Carbon Markets & Cooperation - Terms Related to Carbon	Mechanisms under Paris Agreement enabling global carbon trade and cooperative reduction of emissions. Economic valuation of climate damage per ton of CO ₂ and associated terminologies like carbon pricing and offsets.

2	Gases Related to Climate Change – Methane Gases Related to Climate Change – Their Sources	Classification of greenhouse gases and their contribution to radiative forcing. Anthropogenic and natural sources of key greenhouse gases like CO ₂ , CH ₄ , and N ₂ O. Transition to renewable and clean energy sources reducing carbon intensity.
3	IPCC Report Paris Agreement COP 30 & NDCs	Findings of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports shaping climate policies Global framework for emission reduction, climate finance, and transparency mechanisms.
4	Global Warming & Global Environmental Governance	Causes, effects, and mitigation strategies for rising global Temperatures. Institutional mechanisms and policy frameworks under UN and global treaties for climate regulation.
5	Climate Change and Atmospheric Science	Foundational understanding of causes, impacts, and policy Responses. Atmospheric processes influencing global and regional climate systems.
6	Pollution Remediation - Emissions - Cement Industry & Climate Change -	Advanced biotechnological and chemical methods for soil, water, and air purification. Weather modification technology and its role in rainfall induction and pollution mitigation.
7	Pollutant and Their Sources	Identification of pollutant origins — industrial, vehicular, agricultural, and natural. Definition and classification of pollutants and their environmental impacts. Misuse of chemicals and pesticides leading to environmental degradation.
8	Waste Management Technique	Emerging waste processing and recycling methods (composting, pyrolysis, incineration). Extended producer responsibility and innovations in circular waste management.
9	Monitoring Air Quality & Pollution (AQI, NAAQ etc.)	Air quality indices, monitoring systems, and national regulatory frameworks. Sources, effects, and mitigation of air pollutants in urban-industrial contexts.
10	Act to Mitigate Pollution Waste Management –Rules	Legislative frameworks like Air Act, Water Act, and Environment Protection Act. Circular economy and industrial ecology promoting resource recovery. Solid, plastic, e-waste management regulations and institutional mechanisms under national policy

11	Environmental Issues Environmental Conservation	Key global and national environmental problems and policy responses. Strategies for biodiversity protection and sustainable resource management. Protection, restoration, and ecological functions of wetland ecosystems.
12	Biodiversity: Concepts, Classification & Distribution Ecology: Processes, Interactions & Adaptations	Taxonomic hierarchy and evolutionary basis of modern plant classification systems (APG IV, Bentham & Hooker). IUCN categories, threats, and conservation status of critically endangered flora and fauna. Ecological role of fungi in nutrient cycling, decomposition, and biotechnological applications. Adaptations, ecological importance, and regional distribution patterns of deciduous vegetation.
13	India's Effort For Conservation	Creation, management, and role of community reserves under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 Ground Water Management - Project Tiger initiatives, management practices, and ecological importance of tiger reserves. Conservation and legal protection of medicinal and rare plant species listed under Schedule VI. Management, ecological significance, and protection strategies for national parks and conservation areas.
14	Animal Behaviour & Ecology – Communication in Species - Strategies and policies for protection of species, habitats, and biodiversity	Mechanisms of intra- and inter-species communication and their evolutionary relevance. Indian Squirrels Endangered Species Big Cats Ecology Insect diversity, ecological functions (pollination, decomposition), and conservation importance. Nocturnal Animals, Identification and mitigation of anthropogenic and natural threats to biodiversity.
15	Global Conservation Efforts	Legislative Initiatives in Carbon Neutrality, Management of Invasive Species, Tracking NDCs and commitments, Urban Forestation Techniques, Role of UNFCCC, IPCC, UNEP, and other bodies in climate governance and policy. Green Climate Fund

Geography

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Climatology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greenhouse gases – trapping mechanism and radiative forcing 2. Global warming potential – comparative climatic impact 3. Temperature variation – latitudinal and altitudinal effects 4. Atmosphere – composition, pressure and dynamics 5. Heat transfer – solar radiation, terrestrial radiation, latent and sensible heat 6. Troposphere – lapse rate and weather relevance 7. Humidity – condensation and weather role 8. Climate classification – regional characteristics 9. Atmospheric circulation – influence on winds, cyclones and currents 10. Earth energy balance – greenhouse and radiative processes 11. Clouds – formation and precipitation influence 12. Jet streams – high altitude wind systems and weather patterns 13. Outgoing longwave radiation – nighttime cooling 14. Monsoon system – ENSO and Indian Ocean Dipole interaction 15. Pressure belts – global wind patterns and cyclogenesis 16. Equatorial climate – temperature rainfall and humidity pattern 17. Tropical cyclones – formation and oceanic intensification factors 18. Indian monsoon – onset and seasonal variability 19. Climatic geomorphic processes – climate–landform relationship 20. Local weather phenomena – storms and precipitation events 21. Earth motions – axial tilt and revolution causing seasons 22. Water resources – surface and groundwater climatic role 23. Atmosphere – structure and functioning

		<p>24. Monsoon rainfall – regional variability and impacts</p> <p>25. Climate–biome interaction – vegetation distribution</p>
2	Physical geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plate tectonics – continental drift and geological evidence 2. Mountain ranges – formation types and characteristics 3. Weathering – physical chemical and biological processes 4. Volcanism – lava and pyroclastic geomorphic impact 5. Earth movements – effect on seasons climate and daylight 6. Minerals and resources – global and regional distribution 7. Earthquakes – causes propagation and measurement 8. Apparent solar motion – solstices and equinoxes effects 9. Earth rotation and revolution – shadow patterns and observations 10. Rock cycle – tectonics and geomorphic evolution 11. Geomorphic processes – erosion and landform development 12. Landform classification – mountains plateaus plains and rivers 13. Geomorphology – terrain evolution processes 14. Arid geomorphology – dunes and desertification 15. Hydrology – rivers groundwater and watershed management 16. Soils – classification properties and distribution 17. Indian geology – rock formations and significance 18. Major physiographic features – mountains plateaus plains and coasts
3	Oceanography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ocean currents – types patterns and global impact 2. El Niño – climate anomaly and ocean atmosphere interaction 3. La Niña – climatic influence and ocean atmosphere interaction
4	Mountains and hills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mountain ranges – structure classification and major ranges 2. Glaciers – types distribution and key locations

5	Indian water bodies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Himalayan rivers – origin structure and course 2. Rivers and waterfalls – association and key locations 3. Wetlands and lakes – distribution and ecological importance 4. Indus river system – tributaries and basin characteristics 5. Groundwater – distribution recharge and management 6. Rivers and places – important geographical points 7. Indian river systems – major tributaries mapping
6	World water bodies	Seas and bordering countries- Geographical and political significance
7	Forest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oxygen cycle – biogeochemical circulation in ecosystems 2. Tropical wet evergreen forests – distribution climate and biodiversity 3. Vegetation – dominant species distribution 4. Biodiversity – species richness and ecological value 5. Forest conservation – protected areas and strategies 6. Forest types – ecological characteristics
8	Minerals and resources	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electric vehicles – battery technology and energy storage 2. Rare earth elements – extraction applications and strategic importance 3. Energy sector – production distribution and infrastructure in India 4. Mineral resources – major minerals distribution 5. Sustainability – renewable energy adoption and environmental impact 6. Minerals – classification of major and minor minerals 7. Coal sector – governance and management issues 8. Mineral utilization – distribution and economic significance 9. Mineral mapping – physical and economic geography of India
9	Human geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types of capital – concept and classification 2. Physical capital – importance in the economy 3. Human capital – importance in the economy

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Financial capital – importance in the economy 5. Demographic change – economic implications 6. Population growth – impact on economy 7. Migration – economic effects 8. Structural transitions – sectoral shift in economy 9. Economic activities – primary sector linkages 10. Economic activities – secondary sector linkages 11. Economic activities – tertiary sector linkages 12. Growth and development – role of human capital
10	industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Railways – modernization technology safety and logistics 2. Manufacturing sector – reforms diversification and investment promotion
11	Agriculture and soil conservation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable agriculture – agro ecological practices soil health and productivity 2. Water conservation – watershed and irrigation management
12	Society and tribal issues	Social Justice, Welfare schemes, inclusion, and empowerment of tribes
13	Misc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. World regions – boundaries climatic and political divisions 2. Geographical extremes – extreme points of locations 3. Earth motions – tilt rotation and navigation relevance
14	Dried up lakes	Location, causes, identificaton
15	Latitude-longitute	Location of cities and countries co relative to each other , different time zones

History

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Indus valley civilisation	Ancient India, Ancient Civilizations, Identification of Harappan sites
2	Vedic age and mahajanpadas	Cultural differences: Rigvedic vs. Indus, Oral traditions and historical preservation, Religious practices of Early Vedic Aryans
3	Mauryans	Ashoka's rock edicts, Ashoka's Dhamma and Religious Tolerance, Ashoka's Inscriptions, Deciphering Ashokan Inscriptions
4	Buddhism and Jainism	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buddha – titles and epithets 2. Buddhist literature – canonical texts and traditions 3. Buddhist centres – major learning locations 4. Stupas – concept and architectural significance 5. Buddhist sects – classification and differences 6. Mahayana Buddhism – features and doctrine 7. Buddha images – iconographic forms 8. Buddhist art – stylistic characteristics 9. Buddha associated places – important sites 10. Buddhist heritage sites – locations in India 11. Buddhist architecture – structural components 12. Buddhism – core philosophical components 13. Jainism – philosophy and tenets 14. Jain texts – canonical literature 15. Jain sects – classification and distinctions
5	Art and culture from ancient India	Identification of sites, Site identification, Archaeological Sites
6	Mughals	Revenue and Trade, Land Revenue System, Persian Translations during Mughal Period, Contributions of Mian Tansen to Indian Music, Mughal Art and Portraiture, Architecture of Mughal and Nawabi Periods, Babur's Influence on India, Religious Syncretism during Akbar's Reign

7	Vijaynagara	Role of Women in Vijayanagara Empire, Taxation System in Vijayanagar, Establishment of Vijayanagar, Temple Architecture of Vijayanagara Kingdom, Infrastructure and Engineering
8	Advent of europeans	Colonialism & Trade, Trade & Empire, Colonial Expansion, European Influence on Indian Territory
9	Establishment of British Rule	Revenue systems and administrative reforms, Evolution of British administrative structure, British Administration, Land Revenue Systems, Governor General (3), Governor General
10	Period of :1885-1916	Swadeshi Movement, Swadeshi Movement's impact, Swadeshi Movement's methods, Reversal of Partition of Bengal, Split in Congress, Division of Indian National Congress, Leadership in the Indian National Congress
11	Period of: 1917-1932	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non Cooperation Movement – strategy and programme 2. Gandhi Irwin Pact – provisions and significance 3. Civil Disobedience Movement – forms of protest 4. Purna Swaraj declaration – Lahore session resolutions 5. Government of India Act 1919 – dyarchy and governance features 6. Constitutional reforms – introduction under colonial rule 7. Rowlatt Act – repressive legislation impact 8. Simon Commission – purpose and reactions 9. Women rights – position under colonial reforms 10. Peasant participation – role in national movement 11. Labour laws – colonial economic impact 12. Political organizations – reorganization trends 13. Princely states – political reforms and integration tendencies
12	Period of: 1933-1939	Government of India Act, 1935, Governance structure under the Government of India Act, 1935, Congress Ministries
13	Period of: 1940-1950	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quit India Movement – initiation and programme 2. Quit India aftermath – consequences and developments 3. Freedom struggle – chronology of major events

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. National movement – contributions of key personalities 5. Cripps Mission – proposals and response 6. Cabinet Mission – plan and governance framework 7. Constituent Assembly – composition and leadership 8. Constitutional developments – transition to independence
14	Tribal movements	Economic Causes of Peasant Movements, Tribal Movements, Post-Revolt Measures, Tebhanga Movement, Colonial Impact

Art and Culture

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Indian Art, Architecture & Heritage	Temples of India, Circular Temple Architecture, Temple Architecture, Sun Temples, Ancient Indian Sculptures, Indian Architecture, Gupta Period Art & Architecture, Caves and Monuments – River Associations with Sites, Jyotirlingas and Historical Records
2	Cultural Traditions, Festivals & Practices	Regional Festivals and Traditions, Festivals, Cultural Traditions, Bhakti and Sufi Movements, Bhakti & Sufi Movements – Saints and Philosophies, Tribal Communities – Livelihood and Culture, Environmental Festivals – Ecological Conservation
3	UNESCO Heritage & National Recognition	UNESCO World Heritage List, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, National Awards, National Symbols, National Motto

International Relations

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1	International Organisations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BRICS expansion – new members and Global South representation 2. India global trade policy – WTO FTA and supply chain participation 3. IMF lending facilities – quota reform and assistance mechanisms 4. Regional organizations – SAARC SCO ASEAN engagement 5. Nuclear governance – NPT CTBT and India disarmament approach 6. India Africa relations – South South cooperation and trade partnership 7. BRICS declaration – global governance reform agenda 8. Global economic trends – rise of emerging powers
2	Places in news	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ageing population – labour and welfare challenges in Europe and East Asia 2. Governance crises – debt distress in developing economies 3. Energy geopolitics – strategic maritime routes and supply chains 4. Global hotspots – geopolitical mapping and mismatches 5. Regional conflicts – Ukraine Syria and Yemen implications 6. Territorial disputes – border and maritime tensions 7. Refugee displacement – conflict and climate migration patterns 8. Humanitarian response – UNHCR and WFP relief mechanisms
3	Countries and water bodies	<p>Red Sea — Navigational features, ecological importance, and global shipping relevance amid geopolitical tensions. Major Rivers — Hydrological features, transboundary water sharing, and impact on agriculture and livelihoods globally, Countries & Water Bodies — Interaction between country borders and adjacent water bodies shaping trade and security</p>
4	United Nations	United Nations operations, United Nations General Assembly roles,

		Maritime law under UNCLOS
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Polity

S.No	Topic	Micro Theme (PYQ Based 2010-2025)
1	Fundamental Rights	Intersection of fundamental rights and reservation policies; balancing equality and affirmative action Article 14–18 framework; reasonable classification and affirmative action Scope and constitutional safeguards under Articles 23–24 Right to a healthy environment as part of Article 21
2	DPSP	Nature, aims, and relevance of DPSPs in modern governance Coverage of economic, social, and Gandhian ideals under Articles 36–51 Vision of welfare state and socio-economic justice
3	Fundamental Duties	Legal status, scope, and judicial interpretation of Fundamental Duties
4	President	Ordinance-making Power (Art. 123), Scope, limitations, and judicial scrutiny of legislative powers of the Executive, Pardoning Power (Art. 72), Constitutional basis, scope, and judicial interpretation of clemency powers, Centre–State Relation & President’s Role, President as a constitutional link in cooperative federalism, Provisions, Powers and responsibilities of the President under Part V, Constitutional Provisions, Powers, functions, and constitutional position of the President
5	Governor	Relations with Scheduled Areas, Governor’s special responsibilities under Fifth Schedule, Governor’s Powers, Executive, legislative, and discretionary powers under Part VI
6	Judiciary	Writs and its Functions, Constitutional remedies under Articles 32 & 226 ensuring judicial activism, Writs and its Functions, Role of writs in protecting fundamental rights and ensuring accountability, Ninth Schedule & Judicial Review, Scope and evolution of judicial review post-Kesavananda Bharati, Jurisdiction of Supreme Court, Original, appellate, and advisory functions, Doctrine safeguarding constitutional supremacy and federal balance

7	Elections	Delimitation, Process, purpose, and constitutional provisions governing redrawing of constituencies, Lok Sabha Elections & Constituencies, Electoral structure, representation ratio, and delimitation challenges, Composition & Role of Election Commission, Powers, autonomy, and role in regulating political parties
8	Amendment	Amendment Procedure (Art. 368), Process, scope, and limitations on Parliament's power to amend the Constitution
9	Bills	Money Bills & Rajya Sabha's Role, Legislative distinction between Money and Financial Bills; Rajya Sabha's limited powers, Role of Rajya Sabha, Revisory powers and checks on Lok Sabha dominance, Money Bill- Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Institutional interrelation among legislative houses
10	Conceptual / Philosophical Understanding of Constitution and It's Provisions	Democracy & Governance, Democratic values in participatory governance and citizen-centric policies, Parliamentary System & Governance, Effectiveness of parliamentary democracy in governance mechanisms, Liberty, Philosophical basis and constitutional guarantees of individual liberty, Law and Liberty, Interrelation between law, liberty, and social order, Parliamentary System & Governance, Cabinet accountability and collective responsibility
11	Preamble	Part and Legal Effect, Judicial interpretation of preamble's legal status and amending power, Keywords in Preamble, Significance of terms like Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic,
12	Misc.	Anti-Defection Law, Provisions of Tenth Schedule ensuring party discipline and stability, Constitutional Status of India, Nature of Indian Constitution – quasi-federal with unitary bias, Centre–State Relations, Distribution of legislative, administrative, and financial powers, Minority Rights, Safeguards for minorities under Articles 29–30
13	Various bodies and posts	Finance Commission & Fiscal Federalism, Vertical and horizontal devolution principles and recent recommendations, Fifteenth Finance Commission Criteria, Basis for tax devolution and grants to states, Constitutional Bodies, Evolution, roles, and coordination among constitutional offices, Finance Commission & Fiscal Federalism, Resource devolution and intergovernmental fiscal relations

14	Local self governance	Panchayati Raj, Constitutional framework and evolution of decentralized governance, Fifth Schedule, Constitutional safeguards and governance in scheduled areas
15	Parliament	Anti-Defection (10th Schedule), Role of Tenth Schedule in ensuring political stability and accountability, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Constitutional authority, impartiality, and role in legislative procedures, Parliamentary Committees, Role in legislative scrutiny and policy oversight, Union Budget Procedure, Parliamentary control over financial matters
16	Union and state legislature	Money Bill in Parliament, Constitutional interpretation of Money Bills and role of Rajya Sabha, Lapsing of Bills, Rules governing legislative continuity across sessions and dissolutions, Sessions of Parliament, Summoning, adjournment, and dissolution procedures, Money Bill, Certification controversy and implications on bicameralism, Parliamentary Control, Oversight mechanisms like questions, motions, and committees,
17	Election Commission	Election Process, Election of representatives and legislative accountability, Joint Sitting of Parliament, Mechanism to resolve legislative deadlocks under Article 108

Science and Technology

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1	Space science and technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Navigation satellite systems – comparison of GPS GLONASS BeiDou NavIC 2. Remote sensing – resource mapping applications 3. Satellite communication – GNSS and communication technologies 4. Launch vehicles – PSLV GSLV and next generation systems 5. Satellites – structure function and classification 6. Remote sensing – environmental monitoring

		7. Space missions – major spacecraft and exploratory objectives
2	Biotechnology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biopolymers – natural and synthetic applications in biotechnology and medicine 2. GMO regulation – import rules and biosafety protocols 3. Nucleic acids – DNA RNA structure replication and manipulation 4. Gene editing – CRISPR Cas9 mechanism and applications 5. Gene editing tools – TALEN and related modification techniques 6. Genome science – sequencing and mapping applications 7. Biotechnology regulation – acts authorities and safety measures 8. GM crops – biosafety issues and global perspective
3	IT, Communication and related technologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quantum computing – qubit stabilization and advanced chips 2. Artificial intelligence – global governance and ethical regulation 3. Drone technology – surveillance agriculture and logistics uses 4. Communication technology – evolution of wireless fiber and satellite networks 5. Emerging IT – recent computing innovations and trends 6. E governance – digital service delivery systems 7. NFC technology – contactless communication and payments 8. Wireless ICT – data transmission network expansion
4	Physics and related fields	Nuclear Power Generation, Mechanism, safety, and recent nuclear projects in India, Quantum Computing, Principles, qubits, and applications of quantum mechanics in computing
5	Biology and life sciences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Viruses – structure mutation and behavior 2. Human blood – composition functions and immunity role 3. Adaptive immunity – B cells and T cells function 4. Cell biology – plant and animal cell structure and function

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Antimicrobial resistance – multidrug resistance impact 6. Biofertilizers – soil enrichment and sustainable agriculture 7. Plant biology – growth tissues and functions 8. Microbes and disease – infection relationship 9. Plant physiology – photosynthesis transpiration and hormones
6	Chemistry and related sciences	Polymer Science, Advanced polymer materials and their applications, Biomass Gasification, Thermochemical conversion and sustainable energy
7	Defense and security	Military Aircraft, Evolution and inventory of Indian Air Force combat aircraft, Fighter Aircraft, Next-gen jets and indigenous production (Tejas, Rafale), Missile Systems, Indigenous missile programmes (Agni, BrahMos, Akash), Missile Defence, Ballistic missile defence and interception systems
8	Human health and diseases	Viral Infections, Outbreaks, transmission, and public health response, Biology of Diseases, Microbial causes and body defense mechanisms
9	Energy and related technologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coal gasification – conversion to syngas for cleaner energy 2. Sustainable aviation fuel – bioenergy transition in aviation 3. Hydrogen fuel cells – clean mobility applications 4. Hydrogen economy – industrial decarbonization role 5. Solar energy – irrigation desalination and water management uses 6. Biofuels – emission reduction and sustainability role 7. Biofuel technology – innovation challenges and policy constraints
10	Intellectual property rights	Patent Governance, Reforms in patent laws, innovation protection, and IP administration, Global Trade & IPR, Linkages between IPR and WTO trade agreements

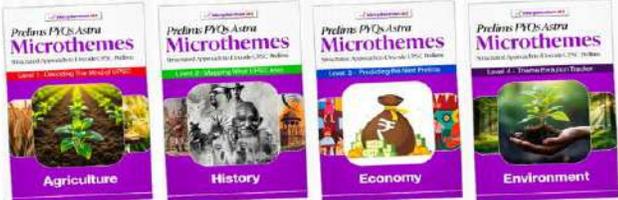
Government schemes , reports and indices

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1	Schemes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PM-Shram Yogi Mandhan – pension for unorganized workers 2. Corporate social responsibility – ethical business practices 3. Health welfare schemes – flagship public programmes 4. Urban sanitation – Swachh Bharat and smart city initiatives 5. Education governance – access quality and equity policies 6. Nutrition programmes – malnutrition and public health measures 7. Mining governance – regulation and welfare fund use 8. Agricultural policy – productivity and farmer welfare schemes 9. Food security schemes – agrarian welfare initiatives 10. Renewable energy finance – green infrastructure funding 11. Women empowerment – welfare and social justice schemes
2	Reports and indices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ease of Doing Business – comparative business environment metrics 2. Global Financial Stability Report – global macroeconomic risk trends 3. Global Economic Prospects – economic growth forecasts 4. Multidimensional Poverty Index – poverty and human development indicators

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