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COURSE FEATURES	FEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test series starting from 25th Sept. 2022• 8 Tests: 4 Sectional tests & 4 Full length tests• Total 19 tests: 15 short tests of 100 marks• 4 full length papers• 12 short tests before prelims• 7 tests after prelims• Copy correction strictly by faculty Nikhil Sir only• One to one interaction with faculty in person• 3D strategy: Demand, Dimension & Diagrams• Access to current affairs related to IR• Toppers' Answer script will be shared• Only limited number of students taken• Past result: Netra Meti (AIR 326), Akshat Aayush (AIR 106), Garima (AIR 220), Mehar Panwar (AIR 592)	<p>Rs. 15000/-</p> <p>Early Bird Offer: 10% discount till 7th Sept. 2022</p> <p>Old Subscriber Discount : 10%</p>

About Faculty

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- Co-ordinated with Ballari District administration with respect to study of utilization of DMF in mining affected regions
- Interned with Sakhi Trust in Hospet on Gender workshop
- Has written article on India's No First use policy Published in Lokniti & Organizer
- Currently Researching on Impact of India's Neighborhood First policy as part of his Dissertation
- Has written 4 Mains, 2IFS Mains, given 2 UPSC Interviews
- Has been guiding students with respect UPSC preparation from past 4 years, his area of expertise are PSIR optional, Polity, IR, and Modern India.

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Tests	Date	Syllabus
Test 1	25th Sept. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke (Short Test – 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: Western Political thought by Prem Arora & Brij Grover</p>
Test 2	9 th Oct. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Western Political Thought: John S. Mill, Marx, Gramsci, and Hannah Arendt. (ST – 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: Western Political thought by Prem Arora & Brij Grover</p>
Test 3	23 rd Oct. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism. , ➤ Theories of state: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, post-colonial and Feminist.(ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional reading: OP Gauba-Western Political thought, Political Ideologies by Andrew Heywood</p>
Test 4	6 th Nov. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concept of power: hegemony, ideology and legitimacy ➤ Democracy: Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative, participatory and deliberative.(ST – 100 marks) <p>Optional reading: OP Gauba-Western Political thought</p>
Test 5	20 th Nov. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Equality: Social, political and economic; relationship between equality and freedom; ➤ Affirmative action. Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's Theory of justice and its communitarian critiques. ➤ Rights: Meaning and theories; Different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.(ST – 100 marks) <p>Optional reading: OP Gauba-Western Political thought</p>
Test 6	4 th Dec. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Indian Political Thought: Dharamshastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri Aurobindo, M. K. Gandhi, B. R. Ambedkar, M. N. Roy. (ST- 100 marks)

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		<p>Optional Reading: Indian Political thought by Prem Arora & Brij Grover</p>
Test 7	18 th Dec. 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Indian Nationalism: Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle: Constitutionalism to mass Satyagraha, Non-cooperation, Civil Disobedience; Militant and Revolutionary Movements, Peasant and Workers Movements. ➤ Indian National Movement; Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical Humanist and Dalit. ➤ Making of Indian Constitution: Legacies of the British rule; different social and political perspectives ➤ Salient Features of the Indian Constitution: The Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties, Directive Principles; Parliamentary System and Amendment Procedures; Judicial Review and Basic Structure doctrine (ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: Bipan Chandra: India's struggle for Independence, Indian Government and Politics - B L Fadia</p>
Test 8	2 nd Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics: Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; Political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method. ➤ State in Comparative Perspective: Characteristics and changing nature of the State in capitalist and socialist economies, and advanced industrial and developing societies. ➤ Politics of Representation and Participation: Political parties, pressure groups and social movements in advanced industrial and developing societies. ➤ Globalization : Responses from developed and developing societies (ST – 100 Marks) <p>Optional Reading: Comparative Politics by J.C. Johari (Author)</p>
Test 9	15 th Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approaches to the Study of International Relations: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist and Systems theory. ➤ Key Concepts in International Relations: National interest, security and power; Balance of power and deterrence; Transnational actors and collective security; ➤ World capitalist economy and globalization.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice terrorism, nuclear proliferation. (ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: Andrew Heywood Global Politics.</p>
Test 10	29 th Jan. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Changing International Political Order: Rise of super powers; Strategic and ideological Bipolarity, arms race and cold war; nuclear threat. ➤ Non-aligned Movement: Aims and achievements. Collapse of the Soviet Union; Unipolarity and American hegemony; Relevance of non-alignment in the contemporary world. ➤ Evolution of the International Economic System: From Bretton woods to WTO; Socialist economies and the CMEA (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance); Third World demand for new international economic order; ➤ Globalization of the world economy. United Nations: Envisaged role and actual record; Specialized UN agencies— aims and functioning; need for UN reforms. ➤ Regionalization of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, AARC, NAFTA (ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: Andrew Heywood Global Politics.</p>
Test 11	12 th Feb. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Principal Organs of the Union Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court. ➤ Principal Organs of the State Government: Envisaged role and actual working of the Executive, Legislature and High Courts. ➤ Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj and Municipal Government; Significance of 73rd and 74th Amendments; Grassroots movements. ➤ Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of center-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes.(ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: The Oxford Companion to Politics in India by Pratap Bhanu Mehta , Current Affairs</p>
Test 12	26 th Feb. 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statutory Institutions/Commissions: Election Commission, Comptroller and Auditor

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ General, Finance Commission, Union Public Service Commission, ➤ National Commission for Scheduled Castes, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, National Commission for Women; National Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Minorities, National Backward Classes Commission. ➤ Social Movement: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements. (ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: The Oxford Companion to Politics in India by Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Current Affairs</p>
Test 13	11 th June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning and Economic development: Nehruvian and Gandhian perspectives; Role of planning and public sector; ➤ Green Revolution, land reforms and agrarian relations; liberalization and economic reforms. ➤ Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics. ➤ Party System: National and regional political parties, ideological and social bases of parties; Patterns of coalition politics; Pressure groups, trends in electoral behaviour; ➤ Changing socio-economic profile of Legislators. (ST- 100 marks) <p>Optional Reading: The Oxford Companion to Politics in India by Pratap Bhanu Mehta , Current Affairs</p>
Test 14	25 th June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India and the World .Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; the institutions of policy-making; Continuity and change. ➤ India's Contribution to the Non-Alignment Movement Different phases; Current role. ➤ India and South Asia: Regional Co-operation: SAARC-past performance and future prospects. South Asia as a Free Trade Area. ➤ India's "Look East" policy. Impediments to regional co-operation: River water disputes; illegal cross border migration; Ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; Border disputes.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; Leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations. <p>Optional Reading: The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy -Edited by David M. Malone, C. Raja Mohan, and Srinath Raghavan, Current Affairs</p>
Test 15	16 th July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ India and the Global Centers of Power: USA, EU, Japan, China and Russia. ➤ India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; Demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council. ➤ India and the Nuclear Question: Changing perceptions and policy. ➤ Recent developments in Indian Foreign Policy: India's position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia, growing relations with US and Israel; ➤ Vision of a new world order. <p>Optional Reading: The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy -Edited by David M. Malone, C. Raja Mohan, and Srinath Raghavan, Current Affairs</p>
Test 16	30 th July 2023	PSIR Paper 1 (Full Length)
Test 17	13 th Aug. 2023	PSIR Paper 2 (Full Length)
Test 18	3 rd Sept. 2023	PSIR Paper 1 (Full Length)
Test 19	3 rd Sept. 2023	PSIR Paper 2 (Full Length)