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POLITY IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR PRELIMS 2023

» Official secrets act (100 years)
» Swarajya party (100 years)
» Anti defection law
» Powers of governor
» Delimitation in Kashmir
» EWS
» Doctrine of adverse possession (Vidya Devi case)
» 9th schedule (Karnataka reservation)
» Dy speaker (post vacant since 2 years)
» Doctrine of essential religious practices (hijab issue)
» Obc subcategorisation (Rohini commission)
» Private members bill (UCC)
» Art 142, pardoning power of Pres (Perarivalan issue)
» FCRA act (suspension of Sonia Gandhi ngo)
» AAP (National party status)
» MP/MLa disqualification
» Judiciary appointments (collegium vs NJAC)
» ED/CBI (powers and structure)
» Star campaigners
» Election symbols (reservation and allotment order 1968) (shiv Sena issue)
» Appoint of CEC - EC
» 6th schedule (ladakh demand)
» Inner line permit
» Remote voting machine, proxy voting, postal ballot
IMPORTANT TOPICS IN AGRICULTURE FOR UPSC CSE PRELIMS 2023

» Fertilizers
- Macro, micro
- NBS scheme
- Urea pricing
- Nano urea
- One nation one fertilizer
- PM Kisan Samriddhi kendra (Min of Che & fertilizer)
- PM PRANAM
- Bio fertilizer
- Fertigation
- Green manure

» Crops
- Kharif Crops
- Rabi Crops
- Condition for growth (temp, rainfall, soil)
- Distribution
- Oil seeds
- Pulses
- Fodder crops

» Farming
- Types of farming and their characteristic features
- Cropping patterns

» Technologies in Farming
- Sys for rice intensification (SRI)
- Sus Sugarcane Initiative
- Hydrogel Agri System
- Mycorrhizal technology
- Zero tillage
- Organic farming
- ZBNF
- Precision Agriculture
- Vertical farming
» **IMP SCHEMES**
- PM KISAN
- Agri Infra Fund (AIF)
- PMFME
- PMKSY
- PMFBY
- MISS
- SAMARTH( by Min of Power)
- PM Kisan Sampada
- OMSS
- PSF( Price Stabilisation Fund)

» **Seed**
- Seed treaty( Recent 9th session- host-India)
- Types of seeds
- Indian seeds Act 1966
- seed replacement rate
- Seed village concept

» **Agri. Security and Food Security**
- MSP - meaning, calculation, crops covered
- CACP - Factors considered to calculate MSP
- FCI - Shanta Kumar committee
- FRP
- Essential Commodities Act, 1955

» **Agriculture Finance**
- NABARD
- Kisan Credit Card
- Kisan Vikas Patra

» **Irrigation**
- Sprinkler
- Drip
- Traditional
- Scheme- PMKSY

» **Agri Marketing**
- APMC - All basics
- E - Nam
- Negotiable Warehouse Receipts

» **Statutory bodies and miscellaneous points**
  - FSSAI
  - Agmark
  - GIAHS
  - APEDA
  - MPEDA
  - Tea & Coffee board
  - NPOP
  - Agriculture Census
  - Basics related to millets
  - Gene modification in rice, Rice fortification
  - GM Mustard - DMH11
  - Conservation Agriculture

» **Diseases**
  - Sandalwood spike disease
  - Lumpy skin disease
  - Pesticides in news
  - Crop diseases n pest - locust attack, fall armyworm, fusarium wilt, yellow leaf disease, brown rust, blast, kole Roga etc
ART AND CULTURE - PROBABLE TOPICS FOR 2023

1. Architecture and sculpture:
   o Architecture:
     - IVC town planning; Emphasize on Rakhigarhi since it was in news
     - Stupas and its characteristics; important stupas in India; cave architecture at Barabar and Nagarjuni hills
     - **Cave architecture**: Ajanta caves, Bhaja caves, Nasik caves, Ellora caves and Elephanta caves
     - **Temple architecture**:
       - Nagara style features with emphasis on temples from Odisha sub-style of Nagara and Khajuraho sub-style. **Ex:** Jagan-nath temple (Puri), Sun temple (Konark), Kandariya Mahadeva Temple (MP), Chausath Yogini Temple (MP)
       - Dravidian architecture and its features with emphasis on temple like Shore temple (Mahabalipuram), Kailashnath Temple (Kanchipuram), Great living chola temples (Brihadeshwara temple (Tanjore), Brihadeshwara temple (Gangaikonda-Cholapuram) and Airavateswara temple (Darasuram))
       - Vesara style and its features with emphasis on Hoysala style temples in Halebidu, Belur and Somnathpura
       - Vijayanagara style with emphasis on temples in Hampi
       - Focus on temples which were in news recently: Martanda temple, Sun Temple (Modhera), Mahakaleshwar temple (MP), Somanatha Temple (Gujarat)
     - **Indo-Islamic architecture**
       - Its general characteristics.
       - Delhi sultanate style with emphasis on buildings like Qutub Minar, tomb of Balban, tomb of Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq.
       - Provincial architecture in Indo-Islamic style like Jaunpur, Gujarat style, Deccan style (Emphasize on Qutub Shahi architecture and Bijapur style)
       - Mughal architecture- focus on architectural contributions made during Akbar and Shah Jahan
       - Focus on Purana Qila monument since it was in news recently
Sculpture:
- Stone, terracotta, and metal sculptures during Indus Valley Civilization (IVC)
- IVC seals with special emphasis on Pashupati seal
- Didargunj Yakshi and rock-cut elephant at Dhauli
- Gandhara school of art, Mathura school of art, Amaravati school of art and Saranath school of art
- Important sculptural depictions at Ellora and Elephanta caves
- Great relief at Mahabalipuram
- Chola era bronze idols with special emphasis on Nayanar saints’ idols and Nataraja image
- Stone sculptures in Hoysala and Vijayanagara temples

2. Dance and Music
   o Dance
     - Difference between Classical and Folk Dance
     - General characteristics of Classical dance with special emphasis on Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathak, Mohiniattam, Sattriya
     - Folk dance in news like- Kuravan Kurathi, Kumaoni folk dance etc.
   o Music
     - Difference between Classical and folk music
     - Differences between Hindustani and Carnatic music
     - Focus on different Hindustani musical compositions like- Dhrupad, Thumri, Ghazal, Tappa, Qawwali
     - Folk music in recent news

3. Paintings:
   o Rock-cut paintings with special emphasis on paintings of Mesolithic period.
   o Focus on the site of Bhimbetka since it was in news recently
   o Mural paintings with special emphasis on the ones in Ajanta, Chola temples and Vijayanagara temples
   o Miniature paintings:
     - Pala school of painting
     - Western Indian school of painting
     - Mughal school of painting with special emphasis on paintings during the times of Akbar, Jehangir, and Shah Jahan.
Company paintings with emphasis on Raja Ravi Verma paintings
- Bengal school of art
- Bazaar school of paintings
- Focus on folk paintings in news recently like- Kalamkari paintings, Madhubani paintings, Paitkar paintings etc.

4. Religion and philosophy
   - Buddhism
     - Time-period it originated
     - Famous teachings of Buddha
     - Places he visited and the languages used
     - Philosophies associated with Buddhism
     - Various councils after the death of Buddha
     - Famous schools of Buddhism with emphasis on Vajrayana Buddhism for this prelim exam
     - Focus on Bodhgaya temple
   - Jainism
     - Time-period it originated
     - Famous teachings of Tirthankaras like- Rishabhadeva, Parsvanatha and Mahavira
     - Various councils associated with Jainism
     - Places visited by Mahavira and the language used by him for preaching
     - Famous schools in Jainism and their important characteristics
     - Focus on Dilwara temples since it was in news recently
     - Differences and similarities between Jainism and Buddhism
   - Astika schools of philosophy like- Samkhya, Yoga, Vaisheshika, Mimamsa, Vedanta and Nyaya
   - Bhakti-Sufi movement
     - Alvars and Nayanars and their books
     - Vedantic scholars: Shankaracharya, Ramanujacharya and Madhvacharya (their important teachings, philosophies, and books)
     - Focus on Bhakthi saints like- Vallabhacharya, Ramananda, Kabir, Ravidas, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Meerabai, Basavanna, Akkamahadevi, Sant Tukaram
## 5. Language and Literature

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<td>Inscriptions on seals</td>
<td>Their important characteristics.</td>
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| Vedic Period                  | 1. Early Vedic period: Sanskrit  
2. Later Vedic period: Prakrit and Pali | **Important Sanskrit works:**  
1. Vedas: Rig Veda, Sama Veda, Yajur Veda and Atharva Veda  
2. Brahmana  
3. Aranyakas  
4. Upanishads  
5. Epics: Ramayana and Mahabharata  
6. Vedangas: Nirukta, Siksha, chendus, Kalpa, Vyakarana and Jyotish  
7. Puranas and Upapuranas  
8. Dharmasastra  
9. Asthadyayi  
10. **Baudhyana:** forerunner to Pythagorean theorem. |
| Mauryan period                | Sanskrit          | • Arthashastra  
• Dipavamsam and Mahavam-sam |
<p>|                               | Foreign authors   | • Megasthenes’ Indica: |</p>
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| Post-Mauryan period | Sanskrit          | 1. **Bhasa**: playwright; authored: Swapnavasavadatta, Uru-bhanga, Karnabhara, Charudattam  
                      |                   | 2. **Charaka Samhita**: written by Charaka  
                      |                   | 3. **Sushrutha Samhita**: authored by Sushrutha.  
                      |                   | 4. **Ashvagosha**: Buddhacharitra |
| Gupta period        | Sanskrit          | 1. **Sudraka**: wrote Mrichchhakatkha, Vinavasavadatta, Bhana, Padmaprabhritaka  
                      |                   | 2. **Kalidasa**: Malavikagnimitra, Vikramoravasiyam and Abhijnana Shâkuntalam (Plays); Raghu Vamsa and Kumara Sambhavam (epics) Meghdoot and Ritu Samhara (smaller epics)  
                      |                   | 3. **Visakadatta**: Mudrarakshasa and Devichandraguptam  
                      |                   | 4. **Harisena**: Allahabad inscription.  
                      |                   | 5. **Bharavi**: Kiratarjuniya- an epic poem  
                      |                   | 6. **Dandin**: Dasakumarcharita and Kavyadarshana.  
                      |                   | 7. **Vatsayana**: Vyasa sutra and Kamasutra.  
                      |                   | 8. **Aryabhatta**: Aryabhatiya and Arya Siddhanta  
                      |                   | 9. **Varahamihira**: Pancha-Siddhantika and Brihat Samhita  
                      |                   | 10. **Harsha**: “Ratnavali,” “Priyadarshika,” and “Nagananda.”  
                      |                   | 11. **Mitikshara**: Legal text by Vijneshwara  
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<td>• <strong>Badauni</strong>: Razmnama</td>
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<td>• <strong>Hazi Ibrahim Sirhindi</strong>: translated Atharva Veda to Persian</td>
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<td>• <strong>Faizi</strong>: translated Bhaskaracharya’s Leelavati into Persian</td>
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<td>• <strong>Inayat Khan</strong>: Shahjahannama</td>
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<td>• <strong>Al Beruni</strong>: He translated several Sanskrit works, including Patanjali’s work on grammar, into Arabic. He translated the works of Euclid (a Greek mathematician) into Sanskrit.</td>
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| Urdu            |  |
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|                 | • **Khusrau**: Laila Majnu and Ayina-I-Sikandari dedicated to Alau-din-Khalji |  |
|                 | • Kitab-i-Nauras                                                          |  |
|                 | • **Other famous Urdu poets**: Iqbal, Ghalib, Munshi Prem Chand           |  |

| Hindi           |  |
|-----------------|  |
|                 | • **Prithviraj Raso**: Chand Bar-doi                                      |  |
|                 | • **Surdas**: Sursagar.                                                    |  |

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| Telugu               |  |
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| • **Krishnadevaraya**: Amuktam-alyada, Madalasa charitam, Satyavadu Parinaya, Rasanjanjari and Jambavati Kalyana |  |
| Kannada | • **Pampa**, known as the father of Kannada wrote his great poetic works *Adi Purana* and *Vikramarjiva Vijaya* in the tenth century AD.

  • **Ponna and Ranna** were two other poets who lived during the reign of **Rashtrakuta Krishna III**. Ponna wrote an epic named *Shanti Purana* and Ranna wrote *Ajitanatha Purano*. Together Pampa, Ponna and Ranna earned the title *ratnatraya* (the three gems).

| Marathi literature | • **Saint Jnaneshwar** (Gyane-shwar) who lived in the thirteenth century. He wrote a long commentary on the *Bhagavad Gita*.

  • **Bal Gangadhar** started his Journal *Kesari* in Marathi.

| Sikh literature | • **Adi Granth**: Guru Arjan Dev

  • **Guru Granth Sahib**: Guru Gobind Singh

  • **Dasam Granth**: Guru Gobind Singh

  • **Janamsakhi**: stories of first guru

| 6. Miscellaneous | **Awards**: Padma awards procedures, Sahitya academy awards procedures

  **Institutions**: UNESCO, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Sangeet Natak academy, National Monuments Authority

  **Megalithic cultures**
- Traditional Indian textiles
- UNESCO’s World Heritage and Intangible Cultural list (focus on parameters to be nominated to this list, procedure to get listed, focus on recent additions)
- Numismatic art in India since Vedic times with emphasis on this art during Gupta, Delhi Sultanate and Mughal paintings
- Archaeological discoveries in **Bandhavgarh National Park**
- **Schemes:** PRASHAD scheme, **Swadesh darshan** scheme
- **Maritime heritage in India** during Imperial chola and Maratha times with focus also on Baliyatra.
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR PRELIMS 2023

» Extended fund facility (IMF /Srilanka)
» Paris Club
» Russia - Ukraine ( map marking)
» India - China ( border map)
» G20 Triokia (Indonesia-India - Brazil)
» Helsinki rules
» Operation Devi Shakti (Afghanistan) operatio Ganga (Ukraine), Operation Dost (Turkey)
» Abraham accords, 12U2 - Easter economic forum ( PM Modi attended
» INSTC
» Geneva Convention
» India - Australia agreement of Rare earth
» Friend shoring
» Supply chain resilient initiative
» SCO (Indian presidency, Iran new mem)
» Indo-Pacific economic framework (India - recently became a member)
» Smarkhand declaration
» NATO, CSTO
» EOSOC (India elected) -INTERPOL (90th assembly held in Delhi)
» Black sea grain deal
» Madrid protocol / ICC
» COP27/26 - loss and damage
» Global shield plan
» v20 group (India not a member)
» Voice of Global south Summit
ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR PRELIMS 2023

1. Harappa
2. Vedic
3. Mauryas
4. Guptas
5. Mughals
6. Delhi Sultanate
7. Jainism and Buddhism
8. Terms
GEOGRAPHY IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR PRELIMS 2023

1. Seasons
2. Cyclones and Jet streams
3. World Climatic Types
4. Ocean Currents
5. Wetlands
6. Corals
7. World Mapping (Both Static and Places in News)
8. Indian Rivers
9. Indian Minerals
10. Indian Physical Features
11. Monsoons
12. Indian Places in News