

Current Affairs Notes

Comprehensive Monthly Updates for SSC CGL Examination

Last Updated: December 2023



Current Affairs Focus: November - December 2023

National Affairs

Nov-Dec 2023

New Government Schemes

PM Vishwakarma Scheme (Launched: Sept 2023)

Comprehensive support for traditional artisans and craftspeople across India. Provides end-to-end support including skill training, toolkit incentive, credit support, and market linkage.

National Green Hydrogen Mission (Approved: Jan 2023)

Aims to make India a global hub for production, usage and export of Green Hydrogen and its derivatives. Target: 5 MMT annual production by 2030.

PM PRANAM Scheme (2023)

Promotion of Alternative Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana to reduce chemical fertilizer usage.

Recent Policy Changes

Policy	Date	Key Features
Digital Personal Data Protection Act	August 2023	Regulates processing of digital personal data in India
New Education Policy Implementation	Ongoing 2023	5+3+3+4 curricular structure, multilingualism
Electric Vehicle Policy 2.0	October 2023	Faster adoption of electric vehicles with new incentives

Economic Indicators

- GDP Growth Q2 2023-24 : 7.6% (Surpassed expectations)
- Inflation Rate (Nov 2023) : 5.55% (Within RBI's tolerance band)
- Forex Reserves : Over \$600 billion (As of Dec 2023)
- GST Collection (Nov 2023) : ₹1.68 lakh crore (Second highest ever)

Exam Focus: New scheme names, their objectives, recent policy changes, and economic data updates.

International Affairs Nov-Dec 2023

Recent Global Summits

Summit/Meeting	Date	Location	Key Outcomes
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G20 Summit	Sept 2023	New Delhi, India	India's presidency, Africa Union inclusion, Green Development Pact
COP28	Nov-Dec 2023	Dubai, UAE	Global Stocktake, Loss and Damage fund operationalization
ASEAN-India Summit	Sept 2023	Jakarta, Indonesia	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, connectivity projects

India's Foreign Relations

- **India-US Relations** : Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)
- **India-Russia** : Strengthening energy cooperation, Rupee-Ruble trade
- **India-Australia** : Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) implementation
- **India-UAE** : Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) showing positive results

International Organizations Updates

- **UN Security Council** : India served as President in December 2022
- **World Bank** : New vision to create a world free of poverty on a livable planet
- **IMF** : SDR allocation and quota reforms discussions

Awards & Honors 2023

National Awards 2023

Bharat Ratna 2023

No new awardees announced in 2023. Last awarded to: Nanaji Deshmukh, Bhupen Hazarika, Pranab Mukherjee (2019)

Padma Awards 2023

Total 91 Padma Awards: 7 Padma Vibhushan, 16 Padma Bhushan, 68 Padma Shri

Notable Awardees : Raveena Tandon (Arts), S L Bhyrappa (Literature), Dilip Mahalanabis (Medicine - Posthumous)

Gallantry Awards 2023

Kirti Chakra: 2, Shaurya Chakra: 10 (Announced on Republic Day 2023)

International Awards to Indians

Award	Recipient	Field
Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023	Dr. Ravi Kannan R	Healthcare
UN Champions of the Earth	Madhavi Colton (Indian-origin)	Environmental Conservation
International Booker Prize 2023	Geetanjali Shree (Tomb of Sand)	Literature

Sports Awards 2023

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna 2023** : No award given this year
- **Arjuna Award 2023** : 26 sportspersons including Mohammed Shami (Cricket), Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis)
- **Dronacharya Award 2023** : 5 coaches including Lalit Kumar (Wrestling)

Science & Technology 2023

ISRO Missions 2023

Historic Achievement: India became first country to successfully land on Moon's South Pole

Mission	Date	Achievement
Chandrayaan-3	July-August 2023	Successful soft landing on Moon's south pole, Pragyan rover deployment
Aditya-L1	September 2023	India's first solar mission, placed in Lagrange Point 1
Gaganyaan Test Vehicle	October 2023	Successful test flight for India's human spaceflight program

Defense Technology

- **INS Vikrant** : India's first indigenous aircraft commission in 2022, operational in 2023
- **Agni Prime** : New generation nuclear capable ballistic missile successfully tested
- **Project 75I** : Contract for construction of 6 conventional submarines

Medical Breakthroughs

- **India's first CAR-T cell therapy** : Developed by IIT Bombay and Tata Memorial Centre
- **Cervavac** : India's first indigenous HPV vaccine for cervical cancer

- **MUST Biochip** : Developed by DRDO for detection of pathogens

Sports 2023

Major International Events 2023

Event	Date	Indian Performance
Asian Games 2023	Sept-Oct 2023	107 medals (28 Gold, 38 Silver, 41 Bronze) - Best ever performance
Cricket World Cup 2023	Oct-Nov 2023	Runners-up (Lost to Australia in finals)
Badminton World Championships	August 2023	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty won gold (First Indian pair)

India's Notable Achievements

- **Neeraj Chopra** : Gold at World Athletics Championships (First Indian)
- **Parul Chaudhary** : Gold in women's 5000m at Asian Games
- **Indian Men's Hockey Team** : Gold at Asian Games (Qualified for Paris Olympics)
- **Indian Compound Archery Team** : Multiple gold medals at World Championships

Records & Milestones

- **Virat Kohli** : 50 ODI centuries (Surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record)
- **PV Sindhu** : Completed career super 300 title with Arctic Open win
- **Indian Shooting Team** : Won 22 medals at Asian Games (Best ever)

Important Days & Events 2023-24

Recent Important Days

Day	Date	Theme 2023
Constitution Day	November 26	75th year of Constitution adoption
National Education Day	November 11	Role of Education in Sustainable Development
World Environment Day	June 5	Solutions to Plastic Pollution
International Yoga Day	June 21	Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

Upcoming Important Days

- **Republic Day** : January 26, 2024
- **National Science Day** : February 28, 2024 (Theme: Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat)
- **International Women's Day** : March 8, 2024

Preparation Strategy: Focus on themes of important days, recent summit outcomes, new government schemes, and major sports achievements. Regular reading of monthly current affairs magazines is essential.

Current Affairs Revision Strategy:

- Focus on last 6-12 months for SSC CGL
- Make monthly timelines of important events
- Connect related events (e.g., G20 outcomes with economic policies)
- Practice questions on recent appointments, awards, and sports events

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Remember to regularly update this material with recent developments from newspapers and current affairs magazines