

Topic Wise General Studies Preparation Guidelines

Civil Services Examination Paper-4 General Studies- 3

Technology, Economic Development, Bio-Diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management.

Note: Keep your eyes and ears open for issues in everyday news, relating to these topics.

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.

- Direct farm subsidies and issues related to it.
- Indirect farm subsidies and issues related to it.
- Minimum Support Price (MSP)
- Public Distribution System (PDS)- Objective, Functioning, Limitations and Revamping.
- Issues of Buffer Stock and Food Security
- Technology Missions
- Economics of Animal Rearing

Take a close look at the above topics and you will realize that this comprises of issues of ongoing national discussion and debates. This is going to be a very important section for your civil services preparation and you need to make sure that you can address issue related to each of the above topics.

Regular **newspaper reading** becomes very important in this regard.

The magazine **Down to Earth** is very crucial for this (and related) section of the syllabus.

To understand the entire domain of Subsidies per se, study the following document:

Government Subsidies: Policy Perspective

Website:

http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/9857/13/13_chapter%204.pdf

For other sub sections, study the following documents:

1- Agricultural Subsidies in India, Boon or Curse

Website:

<https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/0f66/056bf608ecc85a2ae445016cde0a6bbaa791.pdf>

2- Agricultural Subsidies in India: An Overview

Website:

http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/24887/8/08_chapter%202.pdf

3- Agricultural Subsidies: Resurgent Interest in a Perennial Debate.

Website:

<https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/bitstream/229968/2/09-Madhur%20Gautam%20-%20Keynote-01-n.pdf>

4- Multiple Problem with Minimum Support Price (MSP) System

Website:

<https://www.equitymaster.com/diary/detail.asp?date=07/11/2018&story=5&title=The-Multiple-Problems-with-the-Minimum-Support-Price-MSP-System>

5- Will Increasing Minimum Support Price (MSP) cure Indian Agriculture

Website:

<https://www.epw.in/engage/article/increase-minimum-support-price-cure-all-ills-indian-agriculture>

6- The Indian Agricultural Sector: Investments, Growth and Prospects

Website: <https://www.ibef.org/download/Agriculture-Sector-04jan.pdf>

7- Challenges in Achieving Food Security in India

Website: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3481742/>

This document gives you historical background to Food security and PDS in India

http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/bitstream/10603/214631/9/09_chapter%201.pdf

8- Food Security and Targeted Public Distribution System

Website: <http://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/31774/1/Unit-5.pdf>

9- Public Distribution System and Food Security

Website: <http://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/19685/1/Unit-21.pdf>

10- Food for Action: On Food Security in India

Website: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/food-for-action-on-food-security-in-india/article19452387.ece>

11- Available, Accessible but not Stable

Website: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/available-accessible-but-not-stable/article24081864.ece>

12- For nutrition Security: On Undernourishment

Website: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/for-nutrition-security/article24247788.ece>

13- Solving Food Challenges with More Research

Website: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/solving-food-challenges-with-more-research/article19752958.ece>

14-Policies for Food Security in India

Website: <http://shodhganga.inflibnet.ac.in/handle/10603/214631>

In terms of what needs to be done to improve upon in the farm sector, download the following presentation, from the link given below

15- Farm Revenue and Sustainability: An Indian Perspective. (just have a cursory look at the data, pay attention to the points of suggestions)

Website: <https://farmer.gov.in/iaof/Presentations.aspx>
(Refer other relevant presentations from the above link)

For Basics of Animal Husbandry, study the following

16- Website: <http://download.nos.org/srsec314newE/PDFEL33B.pdf>

Significant Articles

17- Livestock, a lifeline for small farmers.

Website: <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/livestock-a-lifeline-for-small-farmers/article21328347.ece1>

18- Livestock Rearing: Key to Poverty Reduction Strategies

Website: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/Livestock-rearing-mdash-key-to-poverty-reduction-strategies/article16550383.ece>

Regarding Technology Missions, you can find the necessary information on **Ministry of Agriculture Website**.

The following will cover a lot of varied sections from this topic.

1- Raising Agricultural Productivity and Making Farming Remunerative for Farmers.

Website: https://niti.gov.in/writereaddata/files/document_publication/RAP3.pdf

Utilize the above resources, and make comprehensive notes for this entire section of the syllabus. The factual details are merely to be paid attention to, for you being able to provide a sound analysis of any concerned issue.

The questions from this section will test your understanding of the **current agricultural scenario** in India. Nobody is interested to know how many facts you have memorized.

REMEMBER, WHILE MAKING NOTES, YOU ARE ALSO PRACTICING FRAMING YOUR OWN ANSWERS.

Again, make your own notes (**do not buy notes from market, somebody else's hard work will not reap benefits for you**). Once you have covered all of it and made your notes, just keep revising it, repeating it, as much as possible, up till your exam.

"Your notes are your hard work, stay loyal to them"

If you are reading anything beyond the ones stated above, you are either wasting your time or over studying.

We will be providing you a list of reference books that you need to pick up and read, once you finish the ones we are mentioning here.

Note: Reading means understanding while pronouncing, do not move further unless you have understood a line of text.

Note: While reading anything during your civil services preparation, the moment you come across a new word, of which you don't know the meaning, look it up in the dictionary, once you understand the meaning of that word, use that word in your sentences while making your notes. This way, you will simultaneously **improve your vocabulary** and your answers in your GS mains paper will be more mature in language.

That's all, this topic is done, do not waste your time digging for any more data.