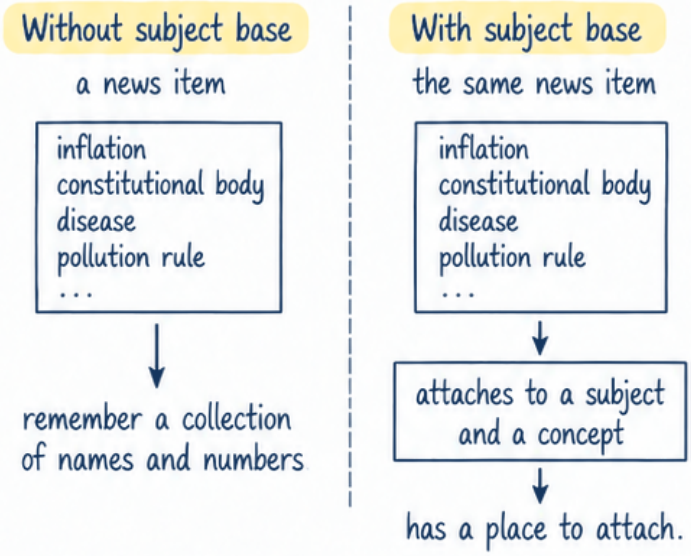
Why does subject knowledge change Current Affairs?

You do not need the same Current Affairs plan at every stage of preparation. A complete beginner can first establish a couple of subjects. A learner who already understands those subjects can begin structured Current Affairs earlier. If the notification appears and Screening is close, Current Affairs needs a regular place immediately.

1. Why subject knowledge helps

A news item about inflation, a constitutional body, a disease or a pollution rule contains terms from the underlying subject. Without that base, the learner must remember a collection of names and numbers. With the base, the development has a place to attach.

This is why BLOOM recommends completing at least some subject foundation before building a large Current Affairs system. It is a recommendation, not an exam rule. Do not postpone indefinitely if you already have the base or the exam is near.



2. Group 2 has two different current lanes

Screening Current Affairs

Current Affairs has a separate 30-mark component under the 2023 syllabus.

All 30 questions in the 2024 paper were linked to identifiable events in BLOOM's audit.

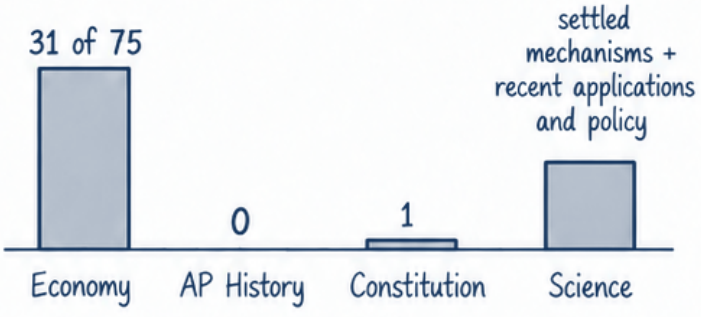
Among the 21 events that could be dated, 20 occurred within six months of the exam and the median gap was two months.



That is useful evidence from one paper, not a guaranteed six-month cutoff. Begin with the period named or implied by the next official notice, and retain older major developments where the subject requires them.

Current material inside Mains

Current material was not spread equally across the four Mains subjects in 2025. BLOOM classified 31 of 75 Economy questions as requiring dated material. AP History had none, Constitution had one, and Science combined settled mechanisms with recent applications and policy.



Give the update burden where the paper showed it: heavy in Economy, selective in Science and Constitution, and very limited in AP History unless the new syllabus or papers change that.

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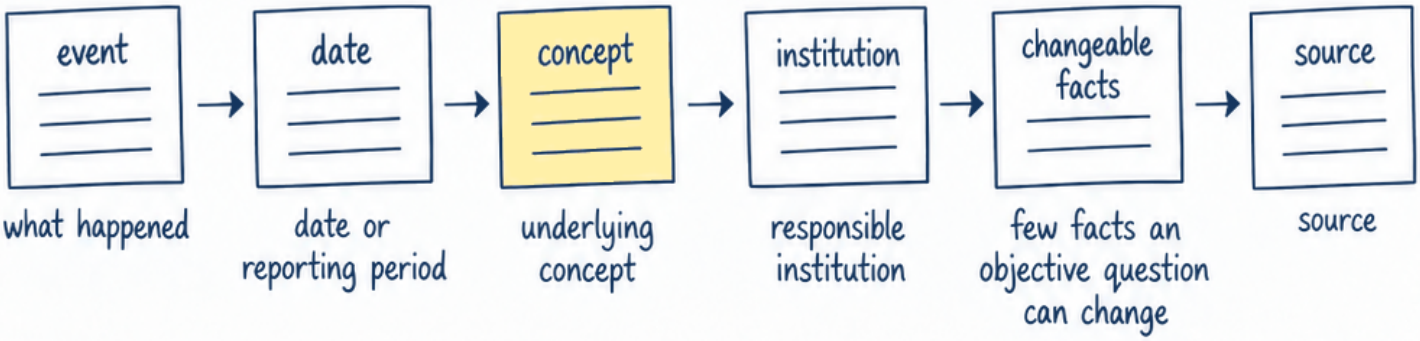
How should one current item be recorded?

1. Record an item under its subject

For each selected development, write:

- what happened;
- the date or reporting period;
- the underlying concept;
- the responsible institution or level of government;
- the few facts an objective question can change;
- the source.

Place the item under Economy, Constitution, Science, Environment, Society, Geography or another relevant subject. Keep a separate short list only for events that do not fit a subject.

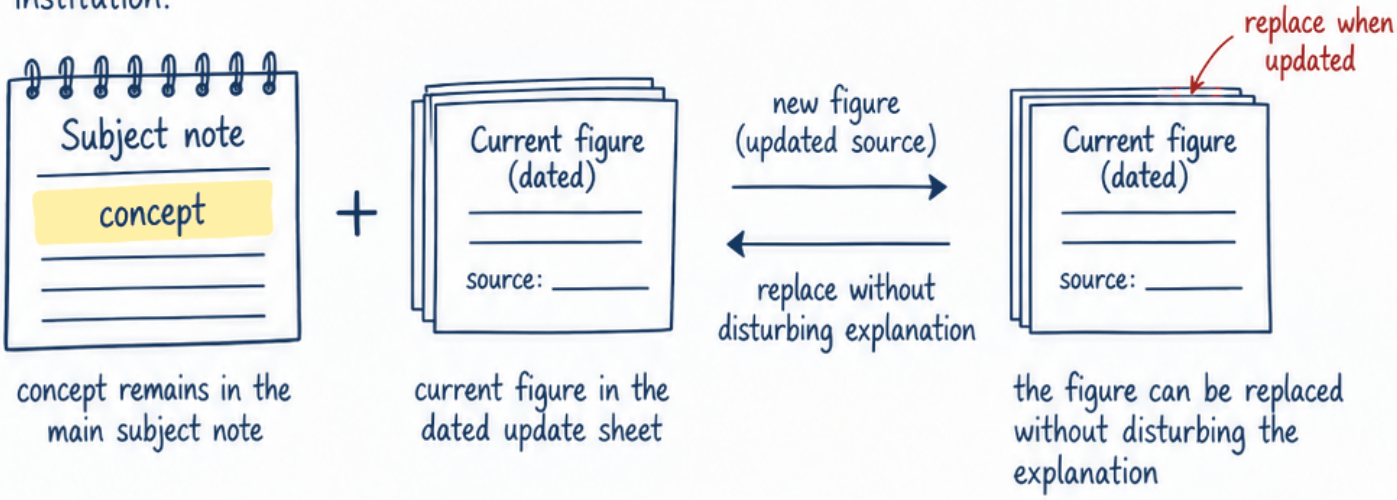


2. Use official sources for changing figures

Budget figures, survey numbers, scheme rules, rankings and institutional changes need a named source and date.

For AP Economy, use current AP official documents.

For Union figures, use the relevant Union Budget, Economic Survey, ministry or statutory institution.



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Which Current Affairs starting route fits?

Choose your starting route

1. Starting from zero before notification

Establish two Mains subjects and keep Mental Ability active.
Add structured Current Affairs once those subjects have begun to make sense.



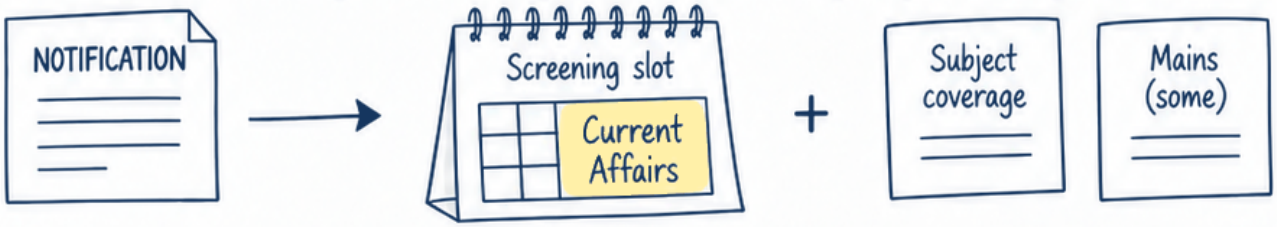
2. Already prepared in the subjects

Begin Current Affairs now and file it by subject.



3. Notification issued, Screening still has time

Give Current Affairs a regular Screening slot while continuing subject coverage and some Mains.



4. Screening close

Revise the chosen current period, practise questions and stop expanding the source list.



5. After Screening

Move the current effort toward Mains Economy, relevant Science developments and any important constitutional change.



Do not measure the work by hours spent reading news. Measure it by whether you can explain the event, place it under a subject and answer a question about it later.

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