

## **GS – 2 Syllabus**

“The questions are likely to test the candidate’s basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze, and take a view on conflicting socio- economic goals, objectives and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.”

Go through the topics and sub-topics by reading them many times. The syllabus should be memorized.

### **Syllabus of GS-2**

**Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations.**

Refer: NCERT Class XI, NCERT Class XII, NCERT Class X

#### **TOPIC-1**

**Indian Constitution– historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.**

Refer D.D. Basu’s “Introduction To The Constitution Of India” First 5 chapters

#### **TOPIC-2**

Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.

Refer Report of the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission,

For the concept part read – Laxmikant’s Indian Polity.

Relate these concepts to current event topics and write small articles.

Sample question: In the light of recent controversy regarding the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), what are the challenges before the Election Commission of India to ensure the trustworthiness of elections in India?

### **TOPIC-3**

**Separation of powers between various organs, dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.**

Read about conflict between the Judiciary and the Executive etc.

Laxmikant will help in understanding concepts.

### **TOPIC-4**

**Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries**

Try to know some basics about the New Constitutions/reforms being framed/brought out in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Pakistan.

### **TOPIC-5**

Parliament and State Legislatures – structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.

Refer : Subhash Kashyp's Our Parliament.

## **TOPIC-6**

**Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary; Ministries and Departments of the Government; Pressure Groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.**

Read Laxmikant

## **TOPIC-7**

**Salient features of the Representation of People's Act.**

eg, office of profit bill, anti-defection bill, electoral reforms bill, Recent supreme court ruling disqualifying MPs and MLAs with criminal background, electoral reforms etc.

## **TOPIC-8**

**Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies.**

## **Topic 9**

**Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies**

Refer : laxmikant

Read about appointment to bodies like ECI , CBI, CVC, CAG, SC, Governors, Lokayukta, Lokpal

## **TOPIC-10**

**Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders**

“Development Industry” = industry developed around NGOs, UN bodies, Charities etc and their role in the development process.

## **Topic 11**

**Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.**

Refer: Economic Survey and PIB

## **Topic 12**

**Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.**

Focus on the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child welfare, Ministry of Social Justice, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Tribal affairs.

## **TOPICS 12**

**Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.**

**Issues relating to poverty and hunger.**

### **TOPIC-13**

**Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures**

### **TOPIC-14**

**Role of civil services in a democracy**

Refer 2nd ARC report

### **Topic 15**

**India and its neighborhood- relations.**

Refer MEA Website

### **TOPIC – 16**

**Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests**

### **Topic 17**

**Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora**

### **Topic 18**

**Important International institutions, agencies and fora- their structure, mandate.**

