Annexure III

Combined Civil Services Examination – I (Group – I Services) Syllabus for Preliminary Examination General Studies (Degree Standard) Topics for Objective Type

SUBJECT CODE: 003

UNIT-I: GENERAL SCIENCE

- (i) Scientific Knowledge and Scientific temper Power of Reasoning Rote Learning Vs Conceptual Learning - Science as a tool to understand the past, present and future.
- (ii) Nature of Universe General Scientific Laws Mechanics Properties of Matter, Force, Motion and Energy - Everyday application of the basic principles of Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, Light, Sound, Heat, Nuclear Physics, Laser, Electronics and Communications.
- (iii) Elements and Compounds, Acids, Bases, Salts, Petroleum Products, Fertilizers, Pesticides.
- (iv) Main concepts of Life Science, Classification of Living Organisms, Evolution, Genetics, Physiology, Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, Human diseases.
- (v) Environment and Ecology.

UNIT-II: CURRENT EVENTS

- (i) History Latest diary of events National symbols Profile of States Eminent personalities and places in news Sports Books and authors.
- Polity Political parties and political system in India Public awareness and General administration - Welfare oriented Government schemes and their utility, Problems in Public Delivery Systems.
- (iii) Geography Geographical landmarks.
- (iv) Economics Current socio economic issues.
- (v) Science Latest inventions in Science and Technology.
- (vi) Prominent Personalities in various spheres- Arts, Science, Literature and Philosophy.

UNIT- III: GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA

- Location Physical features Monsoon, Rainfall, Weather and Climate Water Resources - Rivers in India - Soil, Minerals and Natural resources – Forest and Wildlife - Agricultural pattern.
- (ii) Transport Communication.
- (iii) Social Geography Population density and distribution Racial, Linguistic Groups and Major Tribes.
- (iv) Natural calamity Disaster Management Environmental pollution: Reasons and preventive measures Climate change Green energy.

UNIT-IV: HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA

- (i) Indus valley civilization Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas Age of Vijayanagaram and Bahmani Kingdoms -South Indian history.
- (ii) Change and Continuity in the Socio Cultural History of India.
- (iii) Characteristics of Indian culture, Unity in diversity Race, language, custom.
- (iv) India as a Secular State, Social Harmony.

UNIT-V: INDIAN POLITY

- (i) Constitution of India Preamble to the Constitution Salient features of the Constitution Union, State and Union Territory.
- (ii) Citizenship, Fundamental rights, Fundamental duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.
- (iii) Union Executive, Union legislature State Executive, State Legislature Local Governments, Panchayat Raj.
- (iv) Spirit of Federalism: Centre State Relationships.
- (v) Election Judiciary in India Rule of law.
- (vi) Corruption in public life Anti-corruption measures Lokpal and LokAyukta Right to Information Empowerment of women Consumer protection forums, Human rights charter.

UNIT-VI: INDIAN ECONOMY

- (i) Nature of Indian economy Five year plan models an assessment Planning Commission and Niti Ayog.
- Sources of revenue Reserve Bank of India Fiscal Policy and Monetary Policy Finance Commission – Resource sharing between Union and State Governments - Goods and Services Tax.
- (iii) Structure of Indian Economy and Employment Generation, Land reforms and Agriculture -Application of Science and Technology in Agriculture - Industrial growth - Rural Welfare Oriented Programmes – Social problems – Population, Education, Health, Employment, Poverty.

UNIT-VII: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

- (i) National Renaissance Early uprising against British rule Indian National Congress -Emergence of leaders – B.R.Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Bharathiar, V.O.Chidambaranar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Kamarajar, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Thanthai Periyar, Rajaji, Subash Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore and others.
- (ii) Different modes of Agitation: Growth of Satyagraha and Militant Movements.
- (iii) Communalism and partition.

UNIT- VIII: HISTORY, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SOCIO - POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN TAMIL NADU

- (i) History of Tamil Society, related Archaeological discoveries, Tamil Literature from Sangam age till contemporary times.
- (ii) Thirukkural : (a) Significance as a Secular literature
 - (b) Relevance to Everyday Life
 - (c) Impact of Thirukkural on Humanity
 - (d) Thirukkural and Universal Values Equality, Humanism, etc
 - (e) Relevance to Socio Politico Economic affairs
 - (f) Philosophical content in Thirukkural
- (iii) Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle Early agitations against British Rule Role of women in freedom struggle.
- (iv) Evolution of 19th and 20th Century Socio-Political movements in Tamil Nadu Justice Party, Growth of Rationalism - Self Respect Movement, Dravidian Movement and Principles underlying both these movements, Contributions of Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna.

UNIT – IX: DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION IN TAMIL NADU

- (i) Human Development Indicators in Tamil Nadu and a comparative assessment across the Country – Impact of Social Reform movements in the Socio - Economic Development of Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) Political parties and Welfare schemes for various sections of people Rationale behind Reservation Policy and access to Social Resources - Economic trends in Tamil Nadu – Role and impact of social welfare schemes in the Socio - Economic Development of Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) Social Justice and Social Harmony as the Cornerstones of Socio Economic development.
- (iv) Education and Health systems in Tamil Nadu.
- (v) Geography of Tamil Nadu and its impact on Economic growth.
- (vi) Achievements of Tamil Nadu in various fields.
- (vii) E-governance in Tamil Nadu.

UNIT-X: APTITUDE AND MENTAL ABILITY

- (i) Simplification Percentage Highest Common Factor (HCF) Lowest Common Multiple (LCM).
- (ii) Ratio and Proportion.
- (iii) Simple interest Compound interest Area Volume Time and Work.
- (iv) Logical Reasoning Puzzles Dice Visual Reasoning Alpha numeric Reasoning Number Series.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION – I (Group – I Services) (Main Written Examination) Descriptive Type (Degree Standard)

Paper – I

கட்டாயத் தமிழ் மொழித் தகுதித் தேர்வு (SSLC Standard)

PAPER – II General Studies (Degree Standard)

- UNIT-I : Modern History of India and Indian culture
- UNIT-II : Social issues in India and Tamil Nadu
- UNIT-III : Ethics and Integrity

PAPER – III General Studies (Degree Standard)

- UNIT-I : Indian Polity and emerging political trends across the world affecting India
- UNIT-II : Role and impact of Science and Technology in the development of India
- UNIT-III : Tamil Society Its Culture and Heritage

PAPER – IV General Studies (Degree Standard)

- UNIT-I : General Geography and Geography of India with special reference to Tamil Nadu
- UNIT-II : Environment, Bio Diversity and Disaster Management
- UNIT-III : Indian Economy Current economic trends and impact of global economy on India

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION – I (Group – I Services) (Main Written Examination) Descriptive Type (Degree Standard) (Paper-I)

கட்டாயத் தமிழ் மொழித் தகுதித் தேர்விற்கான பாடத் திட்டம்

(விரிந்துரைக்கும் வகை வினாவிற்கான தலைப்புகள்)

(பத்தாம் வகுப்புத் தரம்)

<u>தேர்வுத் திட்டம்</u>

1. <u>மொழி பெயர்த்தல்</u>

- (i) தமிழிலிருந்து ஆங்கிலத்துக்கு மொழி பெயர்த்தல்
- (ii) ஆங்கிலத்திலிருந்து தமிழுக்கு மொழி பெயர்த்தல்
- 2. சுருக்கி வரைதல்
- 3. பொருள் உணர்திறன்
- சுருக்கக் குறிப்பிலிருந்து விரிவாக்கம் செய்தல்
- திருக்குறள் தொடர்பான கட்டுரை வரைதல்
 - அ) மதச் சார்பற்ற தனித்தன்மையுள்ள இலக்கியம்
 - ஆ) அன்றாட வாழ்வியலோடு தொடர்புத் தன்மை
 - இ) மானுடத்தின் மீதான திருக்குறளின் தாக்கம்
 - ஈ) திருக்குறளும் மாறாத விழுமியங்களும்–சமத்துவம், மனிதநேயம் முதலானவை
 - உ) சமூக அரசியல் பொருளாதார நிகழ்வுகளில் திருக்குறளின் பொருத்தப்பாடு
 - ஊ) திருக்குறளில் தத்துவக் கோட்பாடுகள்
- 6. கடிதம் வரைதல் (அலுவல் சார்ந்தது)
- 7. தமிழ் மொழி அறிவு

<u>பாடத்திட்டம்</u>

- 1. தற்கால நிகழ்வுகள்
- 2. சமுதாயப் பிரச்சனைகள்
- 3. சுற்றுச்சூழல் தொடர்பான தலைப்புகள்
- இந்தியப் பொருளாதரம் தொடர்பான தலைப்புகள்
- அறிவியலும் தொழில் நுட்பமும்
- 6. கலையும் பண்பாடும்
- 7. பகுத்தறிவு இயக்கங்கள் திராவிட இயக்கம், சுயமரியாதை இயக்கம்.
- இக்காலத் தமிழ்மொழி கணினித்தமிழ், வழக்குமன்றத்தமிழ், அலுவலக மொழியாகத் தமிழ், புதிய வகைமைகள்.

- 9. தமிழ்நாட்டின் சமூகப் பொருளாதார முன்னேற்றம் மற்றும் தமிழக அரசின் நலத்திட்டங்கள் (பெண்கள் விவசாயிகள்...), சமூக நலத்திட்டங்களை நடைமுறைப் படுத்துதலில் சமூக சீர்திருத்த இயக்கங்களின் பங்கு – இட ஒதுக்கீடும் அதன் பயன்களும் – தமிழ்நாட்டின் சமூகப் பொருளாதார வளர்ச்சியில் சமூக நீதி மற்றும் சமூக ஒற்றுமையின் பங்கு.
- 10. சொந்த வாக்கியத்தில் அமைத்து எழுதுக, பொருள் வேறுபாடு அறிதல், பிரித்தெழுதுக, எதிர்ச்சொல், எதிர்மறை வாக்கியம் , பிழைநீக்கி எழுதுக.
- 11. திருக்குறளிலிருந்து கீழ்க்காணும் தலைப்புகள் தொடர்பாக கட்டுரை எழுதுதல்
 - அ) மதச் சார்பற்ற தனித் தன்மையுள்ள இலக்கியம்
 - ஆ) அன்றாட வாழ்வியலோடு தொடர்புத் தன்மை
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 - ஊ) திருக்குறளில் தத்துவக் கோட்பாடுகள்

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PAPER – II General Studies (Degree Standard)

UNIT-I: MODERN HISTORY OF INDIA AND INDIAN CULTURE

Advent of Europeans – Colonialism and Imperialism – Establishment, Expansion and Consolidation of British Rule – Early uprising against British Rule – South Indian Rebellion 1799 – 1801 A.D. – Vellore Rebellion 1806 A.D. – Sepoy mutiny of 1857 A.D. – Indian National Movements – Moderation, Extremism and Terrorism Movements of Indian Patriotism – Significant Indian National Leaders – Rabindranath Tagore, Maulana Abulkalam Azad, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, B.R.Ambedkar and Vallabhai Patel – Constitutional Developments in India from 1773 to 1950 – Second World War and Final Phase of Independence Struggle – Partition of India – Role of Tamil Nadu in Freedom Struggle – Subramanya Siva – Subramania Bharathiyar, V.O.Chidambaranar, C.Rajagopalachariyar, Thanthai Periyar, Kamarajar and others.

Impact of British Rule on Socio-Economic Affairs – National Renaissance Movement – Socio-Religious Reform Movements – Social Reform and Educational Reform Acts.

India since Independence – Salient features of Indian Culture – Unity in Diversity – Race – Language – Religion, Customs and Rituals – India, a Secular State – Organizations for Fine Arts, Dance, Drama and Music.

Emergence of "Social Justice" Ideology in Tamil Nadu – Origin, Growth, Decay and achievements of Justice Party – Socio-Political Movements and its achievements after Justice Party.

Cultural Panorama – National Symbols – Eminent Personalities in Cultural Field – Latest Historical Research Developments in Tamil Nadu – Latest diary of events: National and International Sports & Games - Books & Authors - Awards & Honours – Latest terminology - Appointments - who is who?

UNIT-II: SOCIAL ISSUES IN INDIA AND TAMIL NADU

Population Explosion – Fertility, Mortality – Population Control Programmes – Migration - Poverty – Illiteracy – Dropouts – Right to Education – Women Education – Skill Based Education and Programmes – E-Learning.

Child labour and Child Abuse: Child Education – Child School Dropouts – Child Abuse – Laws to protect Child Abuse – Child Protection and Welfare Schemes.

Sanitation: Rural and Urban Sanitation – Role of Panchayat Raj and Urban Development Agencies in Sanitation Schemes and Programmes.

Women Empowerment: Social Justice to Women – Schemes and Programmes - Domestic Violence – Dowry Menace – Sexual Assault – Laws and Awareness Programmes – Prevention of Violence against Women – Role of Government and NGOs in Women Empowerment – Schemes and Programmes.

Social Changes: Urbanization – Policy, Planning and Programmes in India and Tamil Nadu - Comparative study on Social and Economic indicators – Impact of Violence on Society – Religious Violence – Terrorism and Communal Violence – Causes – Steps to Control and Awareness – Problems of Minorities – Human Rights Issues - Regional Disparities in India – Causes and Remedies.

Social Development: Approaches – Models – Policies and Programmes – Linkage between Education and Social Development - Community Development Programmes –Self Employment and Entrepreneurship Development – Role of NGOs in Social Development - Education - Health and Human Development – Health Care Problems in India – Children, Adolescents, Women and Aged - Health Policy in India – Schemes – Health Care Programmes in India.

Vulnerable Sections of the population: Problems – Laws and Punishments – Various Welfare Programmes to Vulnerable Sections by State, Central Government and NGOs.

Current Affairs

UNIT-III: ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Ethics and Human Interface: Definition and scope of Ethics – Ethics of Indian Schools of Philosophy -Ethics of Thirukkural; Kinds of Ethics: Intuitionism – Existentialism – Duties and Responsibility – Moral Judgements – Moral Absolutism – Moral Obligation.

Attitude: Its Influence and relation with thought and behaviour – Moral and Political attitudes;

Ethics in Public Administration: Philosophical basis of governance and Probity in Governance – Codes of Ethics and Conduct: Primary responsibilities of public service professionals – Transparency of Information sharing and service delivery – Professional and Non-Professional interaction – Potentially beneficial interaction – Maintenance of confidentiality of records – Disclosure of Information – Boundaries of competence – Consultation on Ethical obligation – Ethics and Non-discrimination – Citizen's Charters - Challenges of corruption - Ethics of Public polity Determination.

COMBINED CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION – I (Group – I Services) Main Written Examination – Descriptive Type

Code: 426

PAPER – III General Studies (Degree Standard)

UNIT-I: INDIAN POLITY AND EMERGING POLITICAL TRENDS ACROSS THE WORLD AFFECTING INDIA

Constitution of India

Historical Background - Making of the Indian Constitution - Preamble - Salient features of Indian Constitution - Parts, Articles and Schedules - Amendments - Citizenship.

Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties – Directive Principles of State Policy.

Structure, Power and Functions of Governments

Union Government:

Legislature: Parliament - Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha

Executive: President, Vice-President - Prime Minister & Council of Ministers – Constitutional Authorities **Judiciary:** Supreme Court - Judicial Review - Judicial activism - Latest Verdicts.

State Government:

Legislature: State Legislative Assembly - State Legislative Council.

Executive: Governor - Chief Minister - Council of Ministers.

Judiciary: High Court - District Courts - Subordinate Courts - Tribunals.

Local Government:

Rural & Urban Local Governments -Historical background - 73rd & 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts.

Union Territories:

Evolution - Administration.

Federalism

Indian Federal System – Differentiating from other forms of federalism.

Union - State Relations: Legislative, Administrative and Financial Relations.

Indian Administration

Civil Services in India: Historical background - Classification of Civil Services - Central & State Services - Recruitment & Training.

Political Parties: National and Regional - Pressure groups - Public opinion - Mass Media - Social Media - Non - Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

<u>Administrative Reforms</u>: Central Vigilance Commission - Anti-Corruption Measures –Lokadalat – Lokayukta – Lokpal – Ombudsman in India - RTI Act - Citizen's Grievances and Administrative Reform Commission - Administrative Tribunals.

Profile of Indian States

Demography - State Language - Developmental Programmes - e-governance.

India and World:

India's foreign policy - India's relationship with world countries - Defence and National Security – Nuclear Policy – Terrorism - Human Rights and Environmental issues - International Organisations – Pacts & Summits.

Current Affairs

UNIT-II: ROLE AND IMPACT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA

Science and Technology – Role, Achievements and Developments - Their applications and Impacts.

Elements and Compounds, Acids, Bases and Salts – Oxidation and reduction. Carbon, Nitrogen and their compounds – Chemistry of Ores and Metals – Fertilizers, Pesticides, Insecticides – Polymer and Plastics - Corrosion – Chemistry in everyday life - Energy – Renewable and Non-Renewable – Self sufficiency – Oils and Minerals exploration.

Space Research - Nano Science and Technology – Application of Nano-materials.

Advancements in the fields of Information Technology - Robotics and Automation - Artificial Intelligence – Mobile Communication. Computer system Architecture, Operating System, Computer Networks, Cryptography and Network security, Relational Database Management System, Software Engineering, Image Processing, Machine Learning.

Cropping pattern in India – Organic farming – Agriculture Biotechnology – Commercially available Genetically Modified Crops – Eco, Social impact of Genetically Modified Crops – Intellectual Property Rights, Bio Safety.

Floriculture, Olericulture, Pomology & Medicinal Plants, Conventional & Modern Propagation Technique, Glass House – Hydroponics – Bonsai – Garden features & operations – methods to preserve fruits and vegetables.

Genetic Engineering & its importance in Agriculture - Integrated farming – Vermiculture.

Main concepts of Life Science – the cell – the basic unit of life – classification of living organism – Nutrition and Dietetics – Respiration – blood and blood circulation – Endocrine system – Excretion of metabolic wastes - reproductive system - animals and human-bio communication -Pheromones and allelochemicals Genetics science diseases of heredity Health and hygiene Human communicable and non-communicable diseases - preventions and remedies - Alcoholism and drug abuse - Genetic engineering - organ transplantation - Stem Cell Technology - Forensic science - Sewage treatment.

Government policy – Organisations in Science and Technology – Role and Functions – Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) – Ocean Research and Development – Medical Tourism - Achievements of Indians in the fields of Science and Technology - Latest inventions in Science & Technology.

UNIT-III: TAMIL SOCIETY- ITS CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Candidates may answer the questions in this unit <u>EITHER</u> in Tamil <u>OR</u> in English.

- 1) Origin and Development of Tamilian Palmleaf Manuscript Document –Archaeological Excavation in Tamil Nadu Adhichanallur, Arikkamedu, Keeladi, Konthakai, Manalur, Sivakalai etc.
- 2) Arts, Science and Culture: Literature, Music, Drama and other arts Science Culture (Internal and External)
- 3) Tamil Society and the condition of Business Sangam Age Medieval age Modern Age
- 4) Growth of Rationalist Origin and Development of Dravidian Movements in Tamil Nadu Their contribution in Socio and Economic development.

- 5) Socio and Cultural life of the modern Tamilian: Caste, Religion, Women, Polity, Education, Economics, Commerce and Relationship with other countries Tamil Diaspora.
- 6) Development of modern Tamils: Print Edition Translation Film Industries Computer and Media.

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PAPER – IV General Studies (Degree Standard)

UNIT-I: GENERAL GEOGRAPHY AND GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TAMIL NADU

Earth and Universe: Solar System – Atmosphere, Lithosphere, Hydrosphere and Biosphere.

India and Tamil Nadu: Location - Physical Divisions - Drainage - Weather and Climate: Monsoon, Rainfall - Natural Resources: Soil, Natural Vegetation, Wildlife – Irrigation and Multipurpose Projects - Mineral Resources - Energy Resources – Agriculture: Crops, Livestock, Fisheries, Agricultural Revolutions – Industries - Population: Growth, Distribution and Density – Migration - Races, Tribes, Linguistics and Religions – Trade –Geo Politics: Border Disputes.

Ocean and Sea: Bottom relief features of Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Geospatial Technology: Remote Sensing, Geographical Information System (GIS) and Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

Map: Locating features and Places.

Current Affairs

UNIT-II: ENVIRONMENT, BIODIVERSITY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Ecology: Structure and function of Ecosystem – Ecological succession – Ecosystem services -Biodiversity conservation - Biodiversity Types – Biodiversity Hot Spots in India – Biodiversity : Significance and Threats – In-situ and Ex-situ conservation measures – Roles of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) & Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) – Biodiversity Act.

Environmental Pollution and Management: Air, Water, Soil, Thermal and Noise pollution – Pollution Prevention and control strategies – Solid and Hazardous waste management – Environmental Standards and Environmental Monitoring - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): Steps in EIA process – Environmental Clearance – Environmental Auditing.

Sustainable Development: Global Environmental Issues and Management – Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Targets – Climate Change – Changes in monsoon pattern in Tamil Nadu, India and Global scenario - Environmental consequences of climate change and mitigation measures – Clean and Green Energy – Paris Agreement – Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Environmental Laws, Policies & Treaties in India and Global scenario - Natural calamities, Manmade Disasters - Disaster Management and National Disaster Management Authority – Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – Environmental Health and Sanitation.

Current Affairs.

UNIT-III: INDIAN ECONOMY - CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS AND IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMY ON INDIA

Features of Indian Economy – National Income – Capital formation - NEP (New Economic Policy) – NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India).

Agriculture – Role of Agriculture – Land Reforms – New Agricultural Strategy – Green Revolution – Contract Farming – Minimum Support Price - Price Policy, Public Distribution System (PDS), Subsidy, Food Security – Agricultural Marketing, Crop Insurance, Labour – Rural Credit & Indebtness – World Trade Organization & Agriculture.

Industry - Growth - Policy – Role of Public Sector and Disinvestment – Privatisation and Liberalization – Public Private Partnership (PPP) – SEZs (Special Economic Zones) – MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) – Make in India.

Infrastructure in India – Transport System – Power – Communication – Social Infrastructure – R&D (Research and Development).

Banking & Finance – Banking, Money & Finance – Central Bank – Commercial Bank – NBFIs (Non Banking Financial Institutions) – Stock Market – Financial Reforms – Financial Stability – Monetary Policy – RBI (Reserve Bank of India) & Autonomy.

Public Finance – Sources of Revenue – Tax & Non-Tax Revenue – Canons of Taxation – GST (Goods and Service Tax) – Public Expenditure – Fiscal Policy – Public Debt – Finance Commission – Fiscal Federalism.

Issues in Indian Economy – Poverty & Inequality – Poverty alleviation programmes – MGNREGA (Mahathma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) – New Welfare Programmes for Rural Poverty – Unemployment – Gender inequality.

Inflation - Inflation targeting – Deflation – Sustainable Economic Growth.

India's Foreign Trade – BOP (Balance of Payment), EX-IM Policy (Export-Import Policy), FOREX Market (Foreign Exchange Market), FDI (Foreign Direct Investment); Globalization – Global Economic Crisis - Impact on Indian economy.

International Institutions – IMF (International Monetary Fund) World Bank – BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) – SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation) – ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations).

Tamil Nadu Economy & Issues – Gross State Domestic Product – Trends in State's Economic Growth – Demographic Profile of Tamil Nadu – Agriculture – Contract Farming – Tamil Nadu State Policy on Promotion of Organic Farming – Industry & Entrepreneurship Development in Tamil Nadu – Infrastructure – Power, Transportation systems - Tourism – Health – Eco Tourism – Social Infrastructure – SHGs (Self Help Groups) & Rural Women Empowerment – Rural Poverty & Unemployment – Regional Economic Disparities – Local Government - Recent Government welfare programmes.

Current Affairs.
