

Static GK Notes for SSC CGL

Comprehensive study material for General Knowledge section

History

Ancient India

Indus Valley Civilization (3300-1300 BCE): Harappa, Mohenjo-Daro, Lothal
Vedic Period (1500-500 BCE): Rigveda, Samaveda, Yajurveda, Atharvaveda
Mahajanapadas : 16 great kingdoms including Magadha, Kosala, Vatsa, Avanti
Mauryan Empire (322-185 BCE): Chandragupta Maurya, Ashoka
Gupta Empire (320-550 CE): Golden Age of India

Medieval India

Delhi Sultanate (1206-1526): Slave Dynasty, Khilji, Tughlaq, Sayyid, Lodi
Mughal Empire (1526-1857): Babur, Humayun, Akbar, Jahangir, Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb
Vijayanagara Empire (1336-1646): Krishnadevaraya
Maratha Empire (1674-1818): Shivaji, Sambhaji, Rajaram

Modern India

First War of Independence : 1857
Indian National Congress : Founded in 1885
Partition of Bengal : 1905
Jallianwala Bagh Massacre : April 13, 1919
Non-Cooperation Movement : 1920-1922
Dandi March : March 12, 1930
Quit India Movement : August 8, 1942
Indian Independence : August 15, 1947

Geography

Physical Geography

Himalayas : Young fold mountains, highest peak - Mount Everest (8,848 m)
Indo-Gangetic Plain : Fertile alluvial plain
Peninsular Plateau : Deccan Plateau, Central Highlands, Eastern Ghats, Western Ghats
Coastal Plains : Eastern Coastal Plain, Western Coastal Plain

Islands : Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep Islands

Rivers of India

River	Origin	Mouth	Length (km)
Ganga	Gangotri Glacier	Bay of Bengal	2,525
Yamuna	Yamunotri Glacier	Ganga	1,376
Brahmaputra	Chemayungdung Glacier	Bay of Bengal	2,900
Godavari	Trimbakeshwar, Maharashtra	Bay of Bengal	1,465
Krishna	Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra	Bay of Bengal	1,400

Important National Parks

Kaziranga National Park (Assam) - Famous for one-horned rhinoceros

Sunderbans National Park (West Bengal) - Royal Bengal Tiger

Gir National Park (Gujarat) - Asiatic lions

Jim Corbett National Park (Uttarakhand) - First national park of India

Ranthambore National Park (Rajasthan) - Tigers

Polity

Indian Constitution

Adopted on : November 26, 1949

Implemented on : January 26, 1950

Father of Indian Constitution : Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Total Articles : 448

Total Parts : 25

Total Schedules : 12

Total Amendments : 105 (as of 2023)

Fundamental Rights

Right to Equality (Articles 14-18)

Right to Freedom (Articles 19-22)

Right against Exploitation (Articles 23-24)

Right to Freedom of Religion (Articles 25-28)

Cultural and Educational Rights (Articles 29-30)

Right to Constitutional Remedies (Article 32)

Important Articles

Article	Provision
Article 14	Equality before law
Article 19	Protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech, etc.
Article 21	Protection of life and personal liberty
Article 32	Right to Constitutional Remedies
Article 44	Uniform Civil Code
Article 370	Special status to Jammu & Kashmir (revoked in 2019)

Economics

Five Year Plans

First Five Year Plan (1951-56) - Focus on agriculture

Second Five Year Plan (1956-61) - Focus on industrialization

Third Five Year Plan (1961-66) - Self-reliant and self-generating economy

Fourth Five Year Plan (1969-74) - Growth with stability

Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-79) - Poverty eradication

Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) - Faster, more inclusive and sustainable growth

Important Economic Terms

GDP : Gross Domestic Product

GNP : Gross National Product

Inflation : Rise in general price level

Fiscal Deficit : Difference between government's total revenue and total expenditure

Current Account Deficit : When a country's total imports exceed total exports

Repo Rate : Rate at which RBI lends money to commercial banks

Reverse Repo Rate : Rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks

Important Economic Institutions

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) - Central Bank of India

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) - Regulator for securities market

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) - Apex development bank for agriculture and rural development

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) - Principal financial institution for promotion, financing and development of MSMEs

Science

Physics

Newton's Laws of Motion : Three fundamental laws of classical mechanics

Laws of Thermodynamics : Four laws describing energy and temperature

Electromagnetic Spectrum : Range of all types of EM radiation

Nuclear Fission & Fusion : Processes that release nuclear energy

Chemistry

Periodic Table : Tabular arrangement of chemical elements

Chemical Bonds : Ionic, Covalent, Metallic

Acids & Bases : pH scale (0-14)

Organic Chemistry : Study of carbon compounds

Biology

Cell Theory : All living organisms are composed of cells

DNA & RNA : Genetic material

Photosynthesis : Process by which plants make food

Human Body Systems : Digestive, Respiratory, Circulatory, Nervous, etc.

Indian Scientists

Scientist	Field	Notable Work
C.V. Raman	Physics	Raman Effect (Nobel Prize 1930)
Homi J. Bhabha	Nuclear Physics	Father of Indian Nuclear Program
Jagadish Chandra Bose	Physics, Biology	Crescograph, Microwave Optics

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam	Aerospace	Missile Man of India
Venkatraman Ramakrishnan	Structural Biology	Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2009)

Awards & Honors

Civilian Awards

Bharat Ratna : Highest civilian award

Padma Vibhushan : Second highest civilian award

Padma Bhushan : Third highest civilian award

Padma Shri : Fourth highest civilian award

Gallantry Awards

Param Vir Chakra : Highest military decoration

Maha Vir Chakra : Second highest military decoration

Vir Chakra : Third highest military decoration

Literary Awards

Jnanpith Award : Highest literary honor in India

Sahitya Akademi Award : Second highest literary honor

Booker Prize : Prestigious literary award

Sports

International Sports Events

Olympic Games : First modern Olympics in 1896

Commonwealth Games : First held in 1930

Asian Games : First held in 1951

FIFA World Cup : First held in 1930

Cricket World Cup : First held in 1975

Indian Sports

National Game : Hockey

First Olympic Gold : 1928 Amsterdam Olympics (Hockey)

First Individual Olympic Gold : Abhinav Bindra (2008 Beijing, Shooting)

First Cricket World Cup : 1983 (Captain - Kapil Dev)

First Asian Games : 1951 New Delhi

Sports Terminology

Sport	Terms
Cricket	Bouncer, Googly, Yorker, Duck, Century
Football	Offside, Corner, Free Kick, Penalty, Hat-trick
Tennis	Ace, Deuce, Love, Break Point, Grand Slam
Badminton	Smash, Drop, Clear, Let, Deuce

Important Dates

National Days

Date	Day
January 26	Republic Day
August 15	Independence Day
October 2	Gandhi Jayanti
January 30	Martyrs' Day
November 14	Children's Day

International Days

Date	Day
January 10	World Hindi Day
April 22	Earth Day

June 5	World Environment Day
October 24	United Nations Day
December 10	Human Rights Day

Abbreviations

International Organizations

Abbreviation	Full Form
UNO	United Nations Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
WTO	World Trade Organization

Indian Organizations

Abbreviation	Full Form
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organization
DRDO	Defence Research and Development Organization
CBI	Central Bureau of Investigation
NITI Aayog	National Institution for Transforming India
UIDAI	Unique Identification Authority of India

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