

More GK in UPSC prelims this year

Indore: Questions on current affairs dominated the Prelims examination paper of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) held on Sunday. 14,353 candidates appeared for the exam conducted at 30 centers across the district.

"It was a balanced paper. Around 70% of the General Knowledge section was based on current affairs as opposed to papers of preceding years when there was a proportional number of regular questions based on history, polity and geography," Pradeep Shrivastava, a UPSC coaching expert, told TOI.

Shrivastava also added that, in the current general knowledge, questions were evenly picked from environment, history, economy and biology. "The candidates who have consistently and comprehensively read the newspapers and GK magazines are sure to crack the exam rather than those who rely on the gut feeling while attempting the paper."

One of the candidates, Nidhi Jain, is content with her performance as she religiously followed the current affairs of the last six months. "There were several questions on the new policies introduced by the government, including those in the budget, and I was able to attempt most of them." Jain used the 65:25 ratio approach as she attempted 90 questions out of 100. Out of the 90, she is confident about 65 and a little skeptical about the rest. "Even if most of them are wrong, I'll be able to clear the pre paper."

However, Jain also clarified that the fundamental general knowledge she read for Paper 1 (GK) helped her immensely in Paper 2.

As candidates thronged the 30 centres across the district on Sunday, they also had to undergo extremely strict frisking.