

## **FAQs for News Today - Daily Current Affairs Initiative**

### **What is News Today?**

It is our Daily Current Affairs bulletin where we cover news in 2 pages.

### **What is the objective of News Today?**

News Today has been started keeping in mind the need to simplify our newspaper reading. It does not mean to replace newspaper reading rather it aims to complement your daily newspaper reading exercise.

It will help aspirants in -

- developing an eye for identifying the kind of news that should be read in the newspapers.
- understanding the different technical terms, complex phenomenon appearing in news.

The language and length of articles in this bulletin has been designed in such a manner that the aspirant can finish reading the bulletin in 10-20 mins.

### **What are the sources?**

The Hindu, Indian Express and PIB are primary sources of news.

We also gather information about the articles from various other sources such as: News on AIR, the Mint, Economic Times etc.

### **What sort of information will be provided?**

It is important to understand that the objective here is not to increase the information overload at the very first level. The focus would be on providing primary level of information so that the aspirant can at least get an idea of the different things that are going on.

### **What will be the design of the News Today?**

Broadly two types of approaches will be followed: -

- **Primary News of the Day:** - Here we will cover main news items of the day in less than 180 words.
- **Also in News** - These are basically one-liners appearing in news. Here, though the news might not be that important, the terms however, are important. These can also be used by the aspirant in different forms - in case studies, examples in answers, etc. Further, covering such terms becomes important given the kind of questions UPSC is asking in Prelims. Word limit here will 80 words.

### **In what way is News Today related to Monthly Current Affairs?**

- We aim to develop an integrated and holistic approach for Current Affairs.
- By News Today, we aim to make the candidate aware of different events.
- By Monthly Current Affairs, we aim to cover different dimensions related to the topics. This can help a candidate understand different contexts in which a topic can be covered.
- By PT/Mains 365 documents, we aim to provide a consolidated material keeping in mind the needs of the respective exam. That might mean cutting down certain type of information and sometimes adding certain information.

### **Won't News Today add to the already growing sources for aspirants?**

For answering this question, it is important to understand how we would like aspirants to read News Today. It is meant to be read daily alongside your daily newspaper reading. As stated earlier, the document has been designed in such a manner that it can be read by an aspirant in a short time. If approached in this manner, it will not add to the burden of the aspirants. It is not meant to be read as a compilation that one reads at the end of the month.

### **Won't there be repetition of topics and content in different documents?**

- The topics will receive different sort of treatment in our different documents. Important to note however, is the context in which information will be given.
- In News Today, only introductory information will be provided so that the aspirant understands the news (not the whole topic).
- In Monthly Current Affairs, by covering dimensions we aim to prepare the aspirant for different types of questions UPSC can ask from a topic.
- In PT/Mains 365, consolidation will provide aspirant a topic wise comprehensive and holistic coverage.