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Learn How To Read The Newspaper for CLAT Current Affairs

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One of the most difficult tasks in the course of CLAT preparation for aspirants, as claimed by many, is studying for the CLAT Current Affairs section. Many students have difficulty locating references for topics on current affairs while reading newspapers. This is primarily because reading newspapers requires skill and routine, while studying current affairs from other sources is a shortcut. However, such a mode of learning results in unnecessary and partial knowledge on current events.

How to Prepare for CLAT Current Affairs?

Mentioned below are some points that can help curate the portions of a paper to read while preparing for the exam:

First, it is critical to know what you should read and what you may ignore before referencing any newspaper. It is essential to understand what news is relevant from CLAT perspective. Thus, you should first read past years' CLAT exam papers and analyse the GK questions that are asked. This this will help you get a better understanding of current events.

Thereafter, it is important to choose any one newspaper for preparation rather than reading several newspapers each day, which would waste much time. If you are a novice who has never read a newspaper from an exam perspective, you should begin with The Times of India or The Economist. Both of these are simpler to read and assimilate. Once you've established a reading habit, you should progress to dailies like The Hindu or The Indian Express. These are harder to read but feature more pertinent data concerning competitive exams. Developing a habit of reading newspapers while preparing is essential, much more so for CLAT aspirants. It is important to allocate time in your regular study schedule for newspaper reading. It is usually preferable to read a newspaper first thing in the morning. Every day, you should devote at least 30 minutes to reading the paper.

After reading, ensure that you also make notes of all relevant information. When you recreate titles and key information about current events in your native tongue or by writing, your brain retains them more effectively. Additionally, you should keep track of the research you've done on each subject. It is critical to study current events. An ingenious approach to create and maintain notes is to categorise them into sections such as national, international, honours, sports etc.

To ensure that you do not overlook any significant current affairs when reading a newspaper, you should also subscribe to a current affairs magazine, news update by websites, or any other publication relevant to the CLAT curriculum. But remember to avoid going overboard. A single magazine is sufficient to complement your current affairs preparation. It is vital to review current events after each week or month using quizzes or mock exams and your notes. This will strengthen your preparation and sharpen your recollection.

Why is it necessary for a CLAT student to read a newspaper?

Many would claim that they prepare their current affairs only from publications or PDFs provided by coaching institutions. Preparing current events in this manner will establish a habit of rote learning and erode your memory skills.

There are other benefits of regular newspaper reading, as well. As a law student, you will be required to read a substantial amount of course material. Daily paper reading establishes a reading habit and increases your reading speed, understanding abilities, and seated attention strength – all of which equip you for upcoming challenges. Additionally, reading newspapers helps you develop your vocabulary, which is critical for law students. A strong vocabulary is always advantageous as a law student or as a lawyer. Reading opinions and interview helps you gain a better understanding of current events. It also helps you develop critical thinking and form your perceptions on current national, international, and legal problems.

No amount of videos, PDFs, or study material can educate you for current affairs in the same way that reading newspapers can. There is no shortcut to this. But you may read more ingeniously and prepare more quickly by using your instincts and skills. Therefore, reading the newspaper while preparing for CLAT Current Affairs is a critical habit to develop.

Conclusion

To summarise, rather than perusing the whole newspaper from front to back, it is recommended that an aspirant focus on learning to recognise which news pieces are beneficial. Occasionally, you may not find an article fascinating, but it may be important from an exam point of view. Managing a newspaper is an art form in and of itself.

Begin by reading all the items that strike you as significant throughout the newspaper. Especially focus on the editorials and opinion pieces. This will assist you in acquiring General Knowledge information, which is critical since editorials address critical issues affecting the nation and the globe. Editorials also assist you in improving your reading comprehension and vocabulary, which is beneficial for CLAT's English portion.

Apart from that, if you want to build your vocabulary, you should keep a notebook in which you can record new terms you come across and review them regularly. To read newspapers efficiently, you must practise just like any other topic. And, without a doubt, there will come a moment when you will fall in love with the process of reading the newspaper.

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