



## General Studies Prelim 2011: Current Affairs

### PART I: BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Name of Book	Author/Editor	Comment
<b>"A Rainbow in the Night – Nelson Mandela and the Tumultuous Birth of South Africa"</b>	Dominique Lapierre	<i>Padma awardee French writer of famous book "Freedom at Midnight"</i>
<b>"The congress and The making of Indian Nation"</b>	edited by Pranab Mukherjee (FM)	
<b>"Convenient Action: Gujarat's Response to Climate Change"</b>	Narendra Modi (Gujarat's Chief minister)	<i>Second politician to write a book on climate change.</i>
<b>"An Inconvenient Truth"</b>	Al Gore (former U.S. Vice-President)	
<b>"GLOBAL CRISIS RECESSION AND UNEVEN RECOVERY"</b>	Y.V. Reddy	
<b>"ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES — Unconstitutional and Tamperable"</b>	Subramanian Swamy (Janata Party president )	
<b>"SHREE RAMAYANA MAHANVESHANAM"</b>	M. Veerappa Moily;	<i>Union Minister of Law and Justice Veerappa Moily got the prestigious <b>Moortidevi Award</b> for this book</i>

<b>“TIMELESS INSPIRATOR — Reliving Gandhi”</b>	Raghunath Mashelkar	<i>How relevant is Mahatma Gandhi in the 21st century? As many as 46 eminent Indians from various fields were asked this question by Raghunath Mashelkar, the internationally acclaimed scientist, former CSIR director, and their responses are presented in this book.</i>
<b>“The Sunset Club”</b>	Khushwant Singh	
<b>“India – China Boundary Problems, 1846 to 1947”</b>	A.G. Noorani, an eminent lawyer, historian and political commentator	
<b>“Wolf Hall”</b>	Hilarey Mantel	<i>She won the 2009 Man Booker Prize for her novel Wolf Hall</i>
<b>“In the line of Fire”</b>	Parvez Musharraf	
<b>“My Life With the Taliban”</b>	Taliban's former ambassador to Islamabad, Abdul Salam Zaeef.	<i>The book provides a description of the movement from the inside, which differs on many points from the western view.</i>
<b>“THE WTO AND INDIA - Issues and Negotiating Strategies”</b>	Edited by Alokesh Barua and Robert M. Stern	
<b>“THE BRIDGE — The Life and Rise of Barack Obama”</b>	David Remnick,	
<b>“Such a Long Journey”</b>	Rohinton Mistry	<i>The book "Such a Long Journey" was withdrawn by the Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University from II B.A. syllabus after the Shiv Sena's student wing alleged that the book contained <b>derogatory remarks about Maharashtrians.</b></i>
<b>Destination Moon — India's quest for the Moon, Mars and Beyond</b>	Pallava Bagla (correspondent for SCIENCE magazine)	
<b>“The Immortals”</b>	Amit Chaudhuri	<i>was among the six books shortlisted for a new major \$50,000 literary prize - the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.</i>
<b>“Home Boy”</b>	H. M. Naqvi, Karachi-based novelist	<i>Winner of the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.</i>

<b>"India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy"</b>	Ramachandra Guha,	<i>historian</i>
<b>"Makers of modern India"</b>	Ramachandra Guha,	<i>historian</i>
<b>"Lal Bahadur Shastri Past Forward"</b>	Sunil Shastri	<i>This book rewinds four decades of Indian history when Shastriji was an active participant in the national affairs and brings it forward to 25 years after his demise. It also captures the essence of a wholesome relationship between father, mother and their son.</i>
<b>"Black Brown and the Blue"</b>	well-known artist Shuvaprasanna	
<b>"Witness the Night"</b>	Kishwar Desai, the U.K.-based Indian writer and broadcaster	<i>novel Witness the Night, about female infanticide has just been awarded Britain's prestigious Costa prize (previously known as the Whitbread award) for a first book.</i>
<b>"THE WORLD BANK IN INDIA — Undermining Sovereignty, Distorting Development"</b>	Edited by Michele Kelley, Deepika D'Souza	<i>The material for this book emerged from a two-year preparation that culminated in the holding of the first national "Independent People's Tribunal on the Impact of the World Bank Group in India," held in 2007 in New Delhi. Over 150 persons presented testimonies and these were discussed or elaborated further at the Tribunal. A 12-member jury went into those testimonies and framed as many as 29 'charges' (listed in the concluding chapter of this volume).</i>

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