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[Gud Evening sir, I'm Balchamy from a small village near madurai at Tamilnadu. I graduated in BE Mechanical engineering at Sethu Institute of technology at virudhunagar of holded 9.8 CGPA on 2024 passed out. My long term ambition to powertool of IAS. But my family financial situation I take job .one year waited foreign job no way suddenly my family forced to take steel fixer job in abu Dhabi through agent. so I came to abu Dhabi just passed one week through tourist visa only. i stay in camp later medical and employment visa process I will go to job .But I took strong ambition after saw you helping hand .pls provide only material and how to go through lessons, tricks and this ways after preparing in free time will get my future surely. so believe strongly about him .pls provide only how to start preparations and easy way ,tricks of prelims and mains.]

Balchamy, I would like to simplify your question, that you have a strong ambition to clear civil service exam, you need proper guidance and resources...?

We truly appreciate your ambition. If your ambition is a tree, then Ram IAS platform will provide the nourishment needed for your knowledge to grow. You will receive our continuous support throughout your civil services examination preparation journey.

Nowadays, there is a flood of information everywhere. We will help you filter it, focus on authentic sources, and channel your efforts effectively through our online platform.

I would like to address your question in four steps for your preparation –

1. In depth Study of UPSC syllabus and previous year question paper analysis, Collecting the sources through online and offline.
2. Consistency in studies and previous year question paper analysis, regular CSAT practice and chapter wise model question paper test as well as revision of a short notes
3. Try to watch toppers talks once a week to stay motivated and learn different strategies that can help you crack the civil services exam.

Few important YouTube educators who educated free of cost for civil service aspirants exp – onlyIAS UPSC, sleepy classes, StudyIQ, PW IAS etc

In the coming days, we will organize a webinar featuring one-on-one doubt-clearing sessions, lectures by expert speakers, and valuable tips and tricks for beginners to crack the civil services exam.

Please go through this syllabus of prelims and mains examination,

How to Read The Hindu news paper, NCERT BOOK'S list have given below -

NCERT BOOK list for UPSC PREPARATION

Social Science NCERT Books For UPSC (Sociology and Governance)

Indian Society: NCERT Class VI – Social Science: Social & Political Life I

Indian Society: NCERT Class VII – Social Science: Social & Political Life II

Indian Society: NCERT Class VIII – Social Science: Social & Political Life III

Indian Society: NCERT Class XI – Sociology: Understanding Society

Indian Society: NCERT Class XII – Indian Society

Indian Society: NCERT Class XII – Social Change and Development in India

When you are aspiring to become a civil servant, the very first thing to do is become aware about the social issues prevailing in our Indian Society. Download NCERT Sociology books from here.

History NCERT Books for UPSC

History is a vast subject in itself. In order to prepare History for UPSC Civil Services Exam, it is important to start with the basic books to build a strong foundation and a clear understanding about the subject. The NCERT Books are written in simple language, this simplicity aids in grasping complex subjects and concepts, even for those without a prior background in them.

History: NCERT Class VI – Our Past – I

History: NCERT Class VII – Our Past – II

History: NCERT Class VIII – Our Past III

History: NCERT Class IX – India and the Contemporary World – I

History: NCERT Class X – India and the Contemporary World – II

History: NCERT Class XI – Themes in World History

History: NCERT Class XII – Themes in Indian History – I

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History: NCERT Class XII – Themes in Indian History – II

History: NCERT Class XII – Themes in Indian History – III

Geography NCERT Books for UPSC

NCERT Geography books provide maps and information about climatic regions. This helps in answering a lot of the answers related to Geography in the UPSC Exam.

Geography: NCERT Class VI – The Earth Our Habitat

Geography: NCERT Class VII – Our Environment

Geography: NCERT Class VIII – Resource and Development

Geography: NCERT Class IX – Contemporary India – I

Geography: NCERT Class X – Contemporary India – II

Geography: NCERT Class XI – Fundamentals of Physical Geography

Geography: NCERT Class XI – India – Physical Environment

Geography: NCERT Class XII – Fundamentals of Human Geography

Geography: NCERT Class XII – India – People and Economy

Art and Culture NCERT Books for UPSC

Art & Culture: NCERT Class XI – An Introduction to Indian Art

Art & Culture: NCERT Class XII – Living Craft Traditions of India (Chapters 9 & 10)

Paper-II (General Studies)

Polity NCERT Books for UPSC

Polity: NCERT Class IX – Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – I

Polity: NCERT Class X – Political Science: Democratic Politics Part – II

Polity: NCERT Class XI – Political Science: Indian Constitution at Work

Polity: NCERT Class XI – Political Science: Political Theory

Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science I: Contemporary World Politics

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Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science II: Politics in India Since Independence

Polity: NCERT Class XI – Political Science: Political Theory

Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science I: Contemporary World Politics

Polity: NCERT Class XII – Political Science II: Politics in India Since Independence

Science and Technology NCERT Books for UPSC...

Science: NCERT Class VI

Science: NCERT Class VII

Science: NCERT Class VIII

Science: NCERT Class IX

Science: NCERT Class X

Science: NCERT Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14

Science NCERT Class XI - Biology: Units 4 & 5

Science NCERT Class XII - Chemistry Part I

Science NCERT Class XII - Chemistry Part II Unit 16

Science: NCERT Class XII - Biology: Units 8, 9 & 10

Economics NCERT Books for UPSC

Reading Economics NCERT books is crucial for UPSC preparation as they lay the groundwork for understanding economic principles, policies. These books provide insights into topics like macroeconomics, microeconomics, fiscal policies, and more. Download NCERT economic books from here.

Economy NCERT BOOKS for UPSC

Economy: NCERT Class IX – Economics

Economy: NCERT Class X – Understanding Economic Development

Economy: NCERT Class XI – Indian Economic Development

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Economy: NCERT Class XII – Introductory Microeconomics

Economy: NCERT Class XII – Introductory Macroeconomics

Environment NCERT Books for UPSC

Science: Class XII – Biology: last four Chapters (13 to 16)

Paper IV (Ethics)

NCERT Class 11 Psychology

NCERT Class 12 Psychology

Old NCERT History Books

Old NCERT books hold a timeless value in UPSC preparation, offering foundational knowledge on various subjects. Their comprehensive content and clear explanations aid aspirants in building a strong conceptual base. However, it is important to note that since these books carry very old information, certain parts of the books are not relevant in the current UPSC Syllabus.

Old NCERT Ancient India - RS Sharma

Old NCERT Medieval India - Satish Chandra

Modern India - Bipin Chandra

The Story of Civilization - Arjun Dev.

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UPSC PRELIMS SYLLABUS :

Paper I - General Studies Paper I

- Current events of national and international importance
- History of India and Indian National Movement
- Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic geography of India and the World.
- Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues
- Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change - that do not require subject specialisation
- General Science

Paper II - General Studies Paper II:

CSAT: Civil Services Aptitude Test

- Comprehension
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills;
- Logical reasoning and analytical ability
- Decision-making and problem solving
- General mental ability
- Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level),
- Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency etc. - Class X level)

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Main Exam Syllabus :

Qualifying Papers on Indian Languages and English

The aim of the paper is to test the candidate's ability to read and understand the concept and to express his ideas clearly and correctly in English and Indian language.

The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows:

(i) Comprehension of given passages.

(ii) Precise Writing.

(iii) Usage and Vocabulary.

(iv) Short Essays.

Indian Languages:-

(i) comprehension of given passages.

(ii) Precis Writing.

(iii) Usage and Vocabulary.

(iv) Short Essays.

(v) Translation from English to the Indian Language and vice-versa.

Note 1: The papers on Indian Languages and English will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard and will be of qualifying nature only. The marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for ranking.

Note 2: The candidates will have to answer the English and Indian Language papers in English and the respective Indian language (except where translation is involved).

Paper I - Essay

Candidates may be required to write essays on multiple topics. They will be expected to keep close to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in an orderly fashion and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

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General Studies I: Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and the Society

- Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.
- Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present – significant events, personalities, issues.
- The Freedom Struggle — its various stages and important contributors/contributions from Different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganisation within the country.
- History of the world will include events from the 18th century such as industrial revolution, World wars, redrawing of national boundaries, colonisation, decolonization, political Philosophies like communism, capitalism, socialism etc.— their forms and effect on the Society.
- Salient features of Indian Society, Diversity of India.
- Role of women and women’s organisation, population and associated issues, poverty and Developmental issues, urbanisation, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalisation on Indian society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism.
- Salient features of the world’s physical geography.
- Distribution of key natural resources across the world (including South Asia and the Indian Sub-continent); factors responsible for the location of primary, secondary, and tertiary sector Industries in various parts of the world (including India).
- Important Geophysical phenomena such as earthquakes, Tsunami, Volcanic activity, cyclones. Etc., geographical features and their location-changes in critical geographical features (including water-bodies and ice-caps) and in flora and fauna and the effects of such changes.

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General Studies II: Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice, and International Relations

- Constitution of India —historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant Provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining To the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges Therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and Institutions.
- Comparison of the Indian constitutional scheme with that of other countries.
- Parliament and State legislatures—structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & Privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organisation and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary—Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and Their role in the Polity.
- Salient features of the Representation of People’s Act.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of Various Constitutional Bodies.
- Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies.
- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising Out of their design and implementation.
- Development processes and the development industry —the role of NGOs, SHGs, various Groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders.
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the Performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for The protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.

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- Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, e-governance Applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & Accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- India and its neighbourhood- relations.
- Bilateral, regional and global groupings and agreements involving India and/or affecting India's interests.
- Effect of policies and politics of developed and developing countries on India's interests, Indian diaspora.
- Important International institutions, agencies and for a- their structure, mandate.

General Studies III: Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilisation, of resources, growth, Development and employment.
- Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
- Government Budgeting.
- Major crops-cropping patterns in various parts of the country, – different types of irrigation And irrigation systems storage, transport and marketing of agricultural produce and issues And related constraints; e-technology in the aid of farmers.
- Issues related to direct and indirect farm subsidies and minimum support prices; Public Distribution System- objectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks And food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.

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- Food processing and related industries in India- scope and significance, location, upstream And downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalisation on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on Industrial growth.
- Infrastructure: Energy, Ports, Roads, Airports, Railways etc.
- Investment models.
- Science and Technology- developments and their applications and effects in everyday life.
- Achievements of Indians in science & technology; indigenization of technology and Developing new technology.
- Awareness in the fields of IT, Space, Computers, robotics, nano-technology, bio-technology And issues relating to intellectual property rights.
- Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.
- Disaster and disaster management.
- Linkages between development and spread of extremism.
- Role of external state and non-state actors in creating challenges to internal security.
- Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social Networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering And its prevention.
- Security challenges and their management in border areas – linkages of organized crime with Terrorism.
- Various Security forces and agencies and their mandate.

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General Studies IV: Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude

This paper will include questions to test the candidates' attitude and approach to issues relating to Integrity, probity in public life and his problem-solving approach to various issues and conflicts faced by him in dealing with society. Questions may utilise the case study approach to determine these Aspects. The following broad areas will be covered:

- Ethics and Human Interface: Essence, determinants and consequences of Ethics in human Actions; dimensions of ethics; ethics – in private and public relationships. Human Values – Lessons from the lives and teachings of great leaders, reformers and administrators; role of Family society and educational institutions in inculcating values.
- Attitude: content, structure, function; its influence and relation with thought and behaviour; Moral and political attitudes; social influence and persuasion.
- Aptitude and foundational values for Civil Service, integrity, impartiality and Non-partisanship, objectivity, dedication to public service, empathy, tolerance and Compassion towards the weaker sections.
- Emotional intelligence-concepts, and their utilities and application in administration and Governance.
- Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.
- Public/Civil service values and Ethics in Public administration: Status and problems; ethical Concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and Conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; Strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international Relations and funding; corporate governance.
- Probity in Governance: Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and Probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilisation of public funds, challenges of corruption, Case Studies on the above issues.

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How to read The Hindu for UPSC Civil Services exam preparation (IAS) ...?

Newspaper provides information about current Affairs which is indispensable for both **IAS Prelims** and **IAS Mains** papers.

The significance of reading newspaper for IAS Exam has increased tremendously. It's an important task to the Aspirants to pay attention to this aspect. While regular reading of newspaper is an indispensable part of **IAS exam preparations**, there is no need to read the entire newspaper as topic, verse and line. There are some **do's and don'ts of reading newspaper**, which if followed will give maximum benefit.

Those who perfect the **art of newspaper reading** are bound to manage time effectively and will obviously have brighter chances of doing better than others. There are few more things which you need to do as prerequisites before commencing with daily newspaper reading.

These are: -

- (a) **Keep a copy of the UPSC Mains Syllabus with you.**
- (b) Learn the keywords of UPSC syllabus.
- (c) Carry out thorough analysis of **previous year IAS question papers.**
- (d) Make a conscious effort to focus on the issue rather than the news.
- (e) Develop the habit of focussing on what and why rather than when and where.

Before we proceed ahead, let us also know about what all **you need to focus on in the newspaper**. You must divide news or issues in few categories like:

- International Relations,
- Environment & Biodiversity,
- Personalities and Awards,
- Government Policies and Schemes,
- International Organisations,
- Economic Policies,
- Science and Technology etc.

Focus of the reader should be broadly on these aspects. Here, it will be worthwhile to also talk about what not to focus upon! You can surely skip political news/political statements, state/city specific news (unless it has a larger national implication), the nitty-gritty of the share market, entertainment news, sports news (unless it is your hobby mentioned in the DAF).

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