

it pays to study with specialists ...



Every seed has a tree hidden ... provided it gets proper system to evolve



DR. A.R. KHAN

DR. A.R. Khan, popularly known amongst the Civil Services aspirants as Khan Sir, is an accomplished educationist, academician, scholar, thinker and motivator. An avid reader and a prolific writer, DR. Khan has

published scores of Articles and Research Papers in reputed National and International Journals. He has also authored several Books on varied topics which have earned wide recognition. His career as an educationist spans over three decades during which he has also taught in India's premier Institutions such as the University of Delhi and Delhi School of Economics.

The insights that DR. Khan gained while writing his Doctoral Thesis in the field of Interdisciplinary Studies, he has now perfected as an art. The most explicit exposition of this art is reflected in the unprecedented success of the Khan Study Group (KSG), founded by him in 2008 of which he is also the Director. DR. Khan's unique ability to simultaneously command multiple academic disciplines has been instrumental in imparting result oriented teaching of General Studies to the UPSC Civil Services candidates. Consequently, his students have got high ranks in the Civil Services examination and hundreds of IAS, IFS, IPS and other Bureaucrats proudly trace their success to KSG and their Mentor DR. A.R. Khan.

During his long career in teaching General Studies, DR. Khan has also attempted to train his basic philosophy of 'transactional study' to scores of other teachers who have now become integral part of KSG and serve as his torch bearers. More recently, DR. Khan has made effective use of technology to further expedite students' learning process and take education to the remotest parts of India. Consequently, he has now become as popular amongst the Civil Services aspirants online as he has been in his classrooms. His ever increasing followers on YouTube and Quora are testimonial to his untiring passion of making the teaching process more interactive. This also provides DR. Khan a sense of satisfaction of doing his bit to motivate and empower more people in the society by enabling them to dream big and become Civil Servants, the most coveted career choice in India.

ABOUT KSG THE CAMPUS

KSG has nine centres in seven different cities. Two are situated in **Delhi** - one in the heart of **Delhi** North Campus, Hudson Lane and the other in Central Delhi, Rajender Nagar. Both the centres are well connected with Metro Network. The third centre is located in Lal Kothi, Jaipur city, Rajasthan. In Madhya Pradesh, there are two centres - one in M.P. Nagar Zone II, Bhopal and the other near Bhawar Kuan square Indore city. The sixth centre is located near Gandhi Maidan at Exhibition Road. Patna. Bihar. The Seventh centre is located at 5th block Koramangala, Bengaluru. KSG has opened its Eighth centre at Sirom Toli Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand & The Nine one is an off campus centre which is recently opend in Imphal West.

The classrooms are spacious with limited number of students for better interaction and attention. Regular assignments are given to the students to improve their understanding on different topics and subject matter.

THE PASSION

Candidates

KSG is passionate about your mission to become an IAS. Our mission is to demystify the IAS examination and help candidates acquire confidence and competence to emerge

successful. We ensure that our guidance process makes the learning experience more comfortable and enjoyable. Our process is the culmination of the best minds coming together to produce enormous success stories. We make sure that your IAS preparation journey reaches the true destination.



OUR STRATEGY



Our faith and holistic learning approach make us stand apart from the other institutes. We turn dreams into reality with our systematic methodologies:

- The meticulously designed academic sessions along with the study material highlight all areas of the syllabus.
- Interactive learning with continuous monitoring improves candidates' confidence in subjects.
- Daily tests help in realising one's own areas of weakness and strength.
- Unique Performance Charting points out the weak spots of candidates on regular basis.
 - Timely and holistic coverage of the syllabus is given high importance.



LEARNING BECOMES EASIER, IF THE APPROACH IS SIMPLE

Our faculty approaches each student in a special manner as no two candidates are alike. We pay special attention, do continuous monitoring and share relevant information to overcome candidate's weaknesses and make them confident to face the examination.

DR. Khan's personal guidance and supervision is organised at different intervals, which helps design a road map to a successful career.

THE COURSE OBJECTIVE OF KSG

We take initiative to make students inquisitive and promote camaraderie under all circumstances. At KSG, we not only share information but we also share experience. Our course is well designed and updated with the changing patterns of the examination.

THE COURSE APPROACH

We improve and revise our courses on regular basis to make them more relevant for the candidates. Study materials as well as consolidated information are provided to the students. We not only give the information but ensure that the students master them as well. This is ensured through 'Writing Skill Development' which is an integral part of the study at KSG.

Admission

The KSG has limited seats and the admission is offered on first come first serve basis. To ensure admission students are advised to register in advance.

I Accomodation

The KSG has tie-up with several nearby hostels. Boys and Girls may choose as per their suitability.

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THE CODE

POWER OF CLASSROOM COURSES



The Khan Study Group (KSG) has devised a significant strategy to clear the Civil Services examination, that too with excellent rankings. Our innovative teaching techniques and relevant study materials create a reliable Road Map to candidates' goals. At Khan Study Group, we fulfil dreams and expectations while nourishing the ingredients of hardwork, determination, confidence and appropriate direction.

Since the marks obtained in the Mains Examination largely determines the rank of a candidate in the Civil Services Examination, KSG provides special emphasis on Writing Skills. In this regard, we train the students to be equipped with 'Power Writing' skills.

CURRENT ISSUES WRITING PRACTICE (CIWP)

3 TIMES IN 5 YEARS

While reading modules, relevant information sharing procedures, personal guidance, judicious organisation of time and continuous monitoring of students are the keys to orient candidates towards the right direction, our strategy of enabling students to fetch high marks in examination is realised through our Current Issues Writing Practice (CIWP).

POD, MBTP & CBP

We have developed many innovative techniques and learning methodologies such as Proof of Delivery (POD), Module Based Teaching Programmes (MBTP) and Concept Building Practices (CBP) to help candidates accomplish their dream career. These unique techniques are meant to improve candidates' basic knowledge on General Studies.

Our POD, MBTP and CBP are appreciated widely as effective tools to crack General Studies and Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) papers as these papers necessitate the candidates to understand the prerequisites of different topics in a short span of time.



The revision of the syllabus of the UPSC Civil Services examination, introduced in 2013, drastically shifted the focus in favour of the General Studies. In the new scheme, the scope of GS has been expanded. The four papers of General Studies constitute 1000 marks – that is more than 50 per cent! Effectively, these changes have made the General Studies key to securing top ranks in the Civil Services examination.KSG has always specialised in General Studies.

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KSG COURSES

| • Advance Foundation Course (2 Years Programme) Foundation and Basics of GS, Cognitive Development, Writing Skills Development and Personality Development. Foundation Course: General Studies, CSAT, Essay and Interview Plus Free Pre-Preparation Plan (For those who register early) | | |
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| • Foundation Course (9 Months Programme) General Studies, CSAT, Essay, Test Series: PT & Mains Integrated and Interview Plus Free Pre-Preparation Plan (For those who register early) | | |
| • Weekend Course General Studies, CSAT, Essay, Test Series: PT & Mains Integrated and Interview Plus Free Pre-Preparation Plan (For those who register early) | | |
| • KOL- KSG Online Learning Quality of Physical Classes with Convenience of Online • KOL - Advance Foundation Course • KOL - Foundation Course | | |
| • KSG on Campus General Studies With College Studies, Equity-based Learning, Teaching- Knowledge Dissemination: Subjective sessions | | |
| Distance Learning & Mentoring Programme (DLMP) General Studies PSIR Sociology | | |
| • NEEV Post Session Tests, Crisp and Effective Notes • CARe More than one year of current affairs coverage, Emphasis on building Conceptual clarity. • AWSDP : Answer Writing Skill Development Program | | |
| Destinaire P.T. Destinaire Mains Destinaire Integrated | | |
| • Essay Module • Viva Guidance | | |
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KEY TO ADVANCING YOUR CAREER

THE MOTIVATION

During college and school days students gravitate away from their ultimate career investment as they often don't study those things for which they are basically going to be tested. They may study Engineering, Philosophy, History or Economics, while most of the competitive examinations focus on General Studies. There is no specialised course in Schools or Colleges on General Studies. So, KSG with its vast experience in General Studies and highly specialised team of experts mentored by DR. A.R. Khan has formulated a course



plan that is named **KSG ADVANCE**. The basic objective of this course is to train students to appear in competitive examinations early and therefore it works towards advancing their career. Primarily meant for the students planning to appear in the Civil Services examination conducted by the UPSC, the course may also be opted by students who have been simultaneously preparing for other graduation level competitive examinations. In all these competitive examinations General Studies constitute a substantial portion of the syllabus.

The objective of **KSG ADVANCE COURSE** is to help students simultaneously prepare for competitive examinations during the time of their graduation which gives them an edge over other students who start preparing for General Studies after their graduation.

KSG ADVANCE: AN INTRODUCTION

KSG Advance is specially designed for those students who are pursuing their undergraduate courses or currently are in their earlier levels. Formulated on the line of the General Studies course of the KSG, the KSG Advance is based on the 'Incremental Learning' model. This course would enable the students in utilising their time productively so that learning becomes fun.





KEY FEATURES OF KSG ADVANCE

TEXT BOOKS MODULE

The students of KSG Advance Foundation Course would also be taught NCERT and other school text books in a more comprehensive way attuned to the requirements of the UPSC or other competitive examinations. This will also include imparting them training on effective ways of revision and testing their knowledge gained through these readings.

CURRENT COGNITION

KSG Advance Foundation Course would include a module on current event cognition that is needed to be developed through the newspaper reading. In this regard, those skills and training would be provided that help in effective reading of newspapers geared towards extracting relevant information needed for competitive examinations. Skills pertaining to preparation of notes on current affairs and related issues would also be provided to the students.

PERIODIC PROGRESS

KSG Advance Foundation Course would also include preparing, maintaining, monitoring and evaluating regular Progress Chart of students so that they would actually see for themselves as to how they are progressing towards achieving their goal.

READING HABIT

In this course, KSG will be taking the students through essential readings by familiarising them with an exhaustive list of books which will help them develop their personalities. These would be taught to the students through easy means such as by providing them and explaining to them certain pages and excerpts of certain books such as *The Story of My Experiments With Truth*, the Autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi; *India after Gandhi* & Makers of Modern India by Ramachandra Guha; *Wings of Fire*, an Autobiography of A.P.I. Abdul Kalam; 21 Lessons for the 21st Century by

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

This course would also have a module of providing those skills which are very essential for clearing any competitive examination. Such skills would include Spoken Skills, Writing Skills and Aptitude Traits. The students would get specialised help in areas such as the CSAT that figures as the Second Paper of General Studies in Civil Services Preliminary examination. In this regard, special focus would be provided on developing their basic skills of numerical ability and logical reasoning.

INTERACTION WITH SERVING OFFICERS

KSG has got a good reservoir of its alumni who are now officers in different services such as IAS, IPS, IFS and IRS. A key feature of this course includes a plan to introduce



our students to these serving officers who would share their experience of preparation for competitive examinations. This would be a regular feature of our course so that our students feel continuously motivated. Such interactions would also help students to see in time where they are moving, towards what kind of jobs they are working, and why they are working for those jobs.



Yuval Noah Harari, Rethinking Good Governance by Vinod Rai, Good Economics for Hard Times by Abhijit Banerjee , The India Way by S. Jaishankar.

What we are essentially is what we read! Therefore, we shall help students to inculcate a habit of qualitative reading and also teach them how to use this habit to build their personalities. This kind of activity would expose them to a wide range of readings so that they have got some idea of what is known as the 'Discovery of India' and all related things that they might have heard so far only cursorily.

KSG ADVANCE FOUNDATION COURSE (KAFC) THE COURSE STRUCTURE

KSG Advance Foundation Course (KAFC) will productively engage young students for two hours, five days in a week, initially for the first year of course . In the subsequent nine months, the duration of classes would be increased to three hours and classes would be conducted daily. The course is smartly designed to go for a long period of time so that we are able to give all what is needed for their future career. Also, the classes would be conducted at a convenient time so as not to hamper the timings of their undergraduate classes to the extent possible. And towards this end KSG has designed this course that would go for approx. 21 months.



Catch Them Young!

Earlier, UPSC Civil Services examination required candidates to choose two Optional Subjects apart from General Studies, both of them being of graduation level. This normally worked as a compulsory restriction for students to wait for at least a couple of years after completing their graduation so that they could have graduation level of expertise in their second Optional Subject apart from the one they had been doing as undergraduate level. However, in recent years UPSC has introduced two broad changes. One was the introduction of Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) and the other was removal of one Optional Subject. At KSG, CSAT will be incorporated as part of the training in this course and the students will be taught through a gradual process to develop their aptitude. Developing aptitude being a long and gradual process, starting early would ensure that they hone this skill easily and successfully. The current syllabus also increased the importance of General Studies Papers in Mains examination. Effectively, the whole new syllabus is now geared towards enabling young aspirants to clear the IAS examination early.

A BOON FOR THE CONCERNED PARENTS

The minimum age for appearing in the UPSC examination is 21 years which students normally attain by the time they are in final year of their graduation. If students enter into the job at an early age they get a fantastic chance to prosper in their career and then go to the highest possible level. So, for entering earlier it is important that they begin earlier. Those enrolled in Simple Graduaation, Engineering or MBBS courses, which take three to five years to complete, can appear in the Civil Services examination in the final year of their course. In fact, the restructuring of the syllabus of UPSC has been instrumental in ensuring that young candidates may opt for this examination and start their career early in their life. KSG Advance Foundation Course is designed in such a manner that students can advance their career as Civil Servants by a few years.

KAFC helps students in optimally utilising their time in judicious manner during their college days and put them in a better position to prepare for their career after passing out from college. Consequently, they are placed in a very advantageous position like some of KSG students who had done our courses while they were still in the college and they have got fantastic ranks in the Civil Services examination. A little guidance from the concerned parents would help their children realise that starting their preparation early could have the effect of substantially advancing their career.

KSG FOUNDATION COURSE

The KSG Foundation Course is a consolidated one preparing students for the General Studies for both Preliminary and Mains of the UPSC Civil Services examination. For the Preliminary examination, the course covers General Studies (Paper I) as well as the CSAT (Paper II). For the Mains examination, we cover all papers of General Studies (Papers I, II, III and IV) as well as the Essay Part. Once you clear the Preliminary and Mains examinations, then preparation for the Interview/Personality Test is provided through Mock tests at our Delhi Centre. KSG Foundation Course is imparted through Classroom Teaching Method. Classes are conducted three hours daily for seven days a week including on Sundays and runs for 9 months in a year. Key Features of this Course include: Pre-Preparation Plan, Vertical Plan, Answer Writing Practice, Current Issues Writing Practice (CIWP), Proof of Delivery (POD), Flashback Series, My Notes, Current Connect and Performance Charting.

PRE-PREPARATION PLAN

As soon as you register for the KSG Foundation Course, we provide you a Pre-Preparation Plan to begin preparation with the help of study materials provided by us. This Plan would help you understand the Syllabus and the demand of the UPSC examination and familiarise you with the types of questions that are asked in this examination. The course material of the Pre-Preparation Plan includes guidance on Model Answers Writing, Current Affairs Analysis, Weekly Objective Tests and Subjective Tests for each module. This plan is



intended towards building a solid foundation for the students before they start their actual preparation.

THE VERTICAL PLAN

When you enter in the class for the first day, we will provide you a Vertical Plan through which you get to know what all tests you have to take each day in terms of Objective Tests or Subjective Tests and their submissions. The Objective Test is conducted on the UPSC pattern with negative markings and Subjective Tests such as Power Writing submissions are oriented towards the Mains examination. The Vertical Plan is geared towards ensuring an effective Retrieval Method and essentially proves that we are planned and organised in minutest details. Such meticulous planning also helps students to know what all they are going to study or what part of the UPSC Syllabus they are going to cover and when they are going to do that.

ANSWER WRITING PRACTICE

We focus a great deal on Answer Writing Practice through KSG's Power Writing submissions that are divided into two parts: Focus Writing and Purpose Writing. In the Focus Writing, selected themes are provided to the students on which they bring their own write-ups but keep separate in their diary the title of their write-ups. These write-ups are provided to the evaluators, who give these write-ups suitable titles according to their respective contents. Similarly, in Purpose Writing, four options are provided such as Discuss, Evaluate, Comment or Highlight and the students have to accordingly write their answers. In the evaluation of Purpose Writing, the evaluator would tell the students whether they have suddenly changed the track in their approach.

KSG FOUNDATION COURSE

PROOF OF DELIVERY (POD)

The Proof of Delivery (POD) is directed towards testing all topics according to the UPSC Syllabus such as History, Polity, Economy and International Relations etc., which are divided into different modules. When the faculty has finished one module, then we test that module. This is called Proof of Delivery. In a sense the students decide through the method of POD whether they have the ability to use the information in an expected format or not.

PERFORMANCE CHARTING

We prepare a graph of the 30 objective type tests that are conducted for the students of the KSG Foundation Course to show their individual strength. This chart provides percentage of marks through which students can compare their individual performance with that of the topper of that test and also performance at all India level. Through this charting students can also assess in which topics they are weak and they can accordingly improve their performances to make themselves strong in a holistic manner. We also focus on Daily Progress Charting.

CURRENT ISSUES WRITING PRACTICE (CIWP)

Within the first few weeks, we start taking the test of Current Issues Writing Practice (CIWP) for three topics, which are covered in the previous weeks. The Research assignments are provided by Dr. Khan and on the basis of these assignments subjective tests are conducted at the respective centres fortnightly.

MY NOTES

We also provide My Notes each fortnight from the newspapers. In My Notes, we also provide material from some news magazines.

THE CURRENT CONNECT

We also provide the students our in-house Monthly Magazine named the "*Current Connect*" which covers the current affairs of the whole month. In this magazine we cover around 100 topics of Current Affairs each month. It is unique in a way that the topics are covered holistically.

FLASHBACK SERIES (CCW, EDITORIALS AND SNAPSHOT)

We also keep our students updated on a regular manner on Current Affairs. As a Flashback Series, we provide the students those news which are old but still relevant and on which it is probable that questions may be asked in the forthcoming UPSC examination. Such news materials are provided to the students on a regular basis. Here, any current issue is explained with respect to their backdrops so that students are able to appreciate their present state. In the **Current Cognitive Web (CCW)**, we cover those topics on which UPSC, rather than asking questions directly, may base questions surrounding those topics or related to those topics. We provide such material after their raw filter. We also provide **Editorials** from those newspapers that students often don't read. Flashback series also includes Snapshot under which we give articles from some of the magazines like Yojana, Kurukshetra & etc.

KSG ON CAMPUS



THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAM IS THE FUSION OF 'GENERAL STUDIES WITH COLLEGE STUDIES'.



General Studies is necessary for students as it gives diverse skill that every individual should master regardless of their chosen course of study as it is transferable across academic disciplines.

To nurture the skill and strength of college students properly, the aspirants need to get the right guidance at the



right time. In pursuit of all these, KSG has consciously structured the GSCS program which provides students with basic General Studies at College Level.

For smart aspirants, college is the best place to start for competitive preparation and General Studies (GS) ensures students to achieve knowledge that are more relevant to the competitive examinations.



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KOC - GENERAL STUDIES WITH COLLEGE STUDIES



To make building loftier, foundation needs to be laid deeper and so KSG India has introduced this to have a strong foundation building program for college students who wish to be future officers.

The program which will be in online

mode initially and later in blended mode will be of approximately 200 hrs which will ignite the mind and stimulate ideas with information focusing on General

Studies and all that is required to make one's competitive services dream cometrue.

The highly experienced teachers of KSG will introduce the aspirants to basic terminologies and concepts along with study materials of NCERT and other institutions which will strengthen their preparation.



With this program the aspirants can make head start towards the zenith of their dreams.

"Let KSG be your first and final destination to achieve your dreams"

KSG ONLINE LEARNING (KOL)

Quality Of Physical Classes With Convenience Of Online

With KOL, KSG Provides the same quality of physical classes through online mode. The Programme is especially designed and is suitable for those aspirants who could not travel to join our centre batches due to their job, college or some other constraints. KOL brings all the Mentoring & Monitoring support as provided in physical classes

Special Features of KOL:

- 🖝 Live Classes Exclusively for Online Students
- 📽 Recorded & Replay Classes
- 📽 Class Notes 🛛 🗣 Daily Tests
- Periodic mentor session to guide you throughout the process
- Dedicated Academic & Administrative POC (point of contact)for each student



ANSWER WRITING SKILL DEVELOPMENT

We at KSG under the guidance of Dr. Khan and expert team almost importance to answer writing as it helps in boosting confidence to the candidates handle the pressure in the actual examination.

Answer Writing is an art which takes time to develop and is a process, which can be developed through practice. It is commonly said that perfection comes with practice, but it is perfect practice under expert guidance through which perfection comes. With its unique methodology and strategy, **AWSDP** helps in achieving this perfection in practice

DISTANCE LEARNING & MENTORING PROGRAMME (DL & MP)

Distance Learning & Mentoring Programme is aimed at providing quality classroom material at your doorstep. Under the programme we provide class notes, regular tests for both prelims and mains examination and active mentoring.

KSG'S distance learning materials are based on the principles of learning theories to create desirable conditions that will facilitate effective self learning, i.e. knowing the objective, follow the content step by step, involving the students actively in learning. The distance learning (DL) text is designed and written in a modular-format to help home-based students to learn themselves effectively.

The Strength of our Distance Learning & Mentoring Programme are:

- 1. Instructional Adequacy (design, content, remediation, language, scope etc.)
- 2. Program Adequacy (simulation model design, procedures, efficiency etc.)
- 3. Curriculum Adequacy (design, procedures etc.)

OPTIONAL COURSE

KSG also provides following optional subjects as a separate course:

• GEOGRAPHY



All TOP 10 Successful Candidates of UPSC-CSE-18 are from KSG

PROUD TO HAVE INDIA'S HIGHEST SCORERS IN INTERVIEW

ANY PANEL CAN IDENTIFY YOUR WEAKNESS... BUT IT IS YOUR STRENGTH THAT MATTERS IN INTERVIEW...

- Confirm your controversial answer with DR. Khan
- You are already an achiever. You need to capitalise on your strength.
- We help you identify YOUR STRENGTH....

NEEV- NCERT FOR EFFECTIVE AND EARLY VICTORY

- The triumphs of **NCERT** books are best appreciated when it brings success to the feet of UPSC aspirants. This simply offers hope in terms of forming an unshakeable foundation.
- Through NEEV (NCERT for Effective and Early Victory), students can improve their basic knowledge and raise the chance of becoming civil servants of India. "Aspirants studying in college are the ones more likely to benefit from this program if they start it early as NEEV follows the technique of slow learning due to which any student can prepare for IAS"
- Data and insights gathered from UPSC and other sources show that the books are unable to feed the mind with practical problems without the inclusion of analytical power of students. The NCERTs are deemed to be best from the point of view of increasing integrated and comprehensive knowledge of students. Remarkably, it facilitates the equitable distribution of education to uproot the slur of illiteracy, even at the cost of a huge loss, helping every section, even hitherto unreached populations, as much as this team could do. In this way, NCERTs have a significant role in creating the firm base of the nation.
- The initiative of the NEEV program aims at making students understand what to read, what to leave, and how to gather information not only from NCERTs but NIOS and other state boards. In this way, NEEV is an enriching learning skills program that helps strengthen the grip over basic concepts of all subjects.

What Aspirants can expect in KSG's NEEV program? NEEV Programme would be of 60 days

- **2-hour sessions as per the schedule-** The training session would be delivered for two hours.
- **Post Session Tests-** After training sessions, aspirants would be tested to check their understanding of concepts taught in the class.
- **Crisp and Effective Notes-** In this program, students would be given notes containing important topics of NCERTs books.
- **Faculty Support-** At every stage, faculty support would be available for teaching and navigating all the systems and processes.

CARe - CURRENT AFFAIRS REVISION PROGRAM

Current Affairs is an essential aspect of the General Studies Paper in the UPSC Civil Service Examination. Starting from the Prelims round to the interview, each stage demands an in-depth understanding of Current affairs and associated current issues.

Current Affairs needs to be treated as an extension of General Studies as it is more expedient to collect, arrange, memorize and retrieve the facts pertaining to the events of national and international importance if you have better command over various constituents of the General Studies. For instance, if you have a better understanding of the functioning of the Supreme Court then it would be easier for you to better appreciate the news appearing on the Supreme Court rulings or analysis on the Judicial Review.



Current affairs cover 40-50% part of the examination. Hence, working as a Spinal Cord in the UPSC CSE Preparation. However, the changing nature of UPSC in terms of uncertain current affairs questions every year in the Examination is worrying and making it tougher to fulfill your IAS Dream.

One cannot cover every news because there are thousands of events occurring regularly. Covering Current Affairs by taking classes from specialists thus becomes instrumental. It not only makes your preparation journey easier but clears the basic concepts associated with current issues unfolding around you.

Therefore, by keeping in mind the demand of UPSC, we at KSG, have worked towards providing you a qualitative program called CARe or Current Affairs Revision program to cover the current affairs relevant to the UPSC CSE.

Why take CARe (Current Affairs Revision) program with KSG India?

- Weekend sessions of 2 hours to cover current affairs.
 - Post-session Test to check your understanding of the topics taught and
- to boost your performance.
- Effective and quality notes.
- An interactive environment with a limited number of students.
- Faculty support at every level.
- More than one year of current affairs coverage.
- Emphasis on building Conceptual clarity.
- Develop links between current affairs and the static portion of the syllabus.

PRELIMS DESTINAIRE – YOUR SURE SHOT WAY TO PRELIMS!

- UPSC CSE Prelims, as you know, is becoming dicier and more unpredictable. Not only the freshers but also the candidates who are preparing for 2-3 years face the difficulty and helplessness of not clearing the most important stage of the exam. Whatsoever is your preparation or skills of answer writing, but if you don't clear Prelims; all goes in vain.
- UPSC Prelims requires a good understanding of diverse topics. Besides, it requires question-solving skills. It has been seen every year that there are candidates who score above 110 marks in GS Paper 1 and there are candidates who merely manage to get the cut-off marks or are sometimes not able to clear the Prelims paper. Most of the time, these categories of students have a similar level of knowledge but what makes the difference is the plan and skills required for what is called "intelligent guessing".
- This is exactly what is provided by KSG. KSG helps you to catch the nerves of UPSC Prelims which is the most crucial task to crack the Prelims Examination. To up your game, KSG has come to your rescue by providing a dedicated Prelims-oriented program that includes daily sessions with our best faculty followed by a test of 20 questions.
- The program will boost your preparation and confidence without getting overburdened. With this program, a student's revision is taken care of along with customized attention to the mistakes one is making. A dedicated team works hard to make the program resultoriented for the students.

Let's have a look at what is provided at one of the flagship programs of KSG India.

- ENRICHMENT SESSIONS OF 222+ HOURS- As the name suggests, the sessions will enrich your preparation for the UPSC prelims exam, whatever be your level at the beginning of the program.
- DAILY TESTS OF 10 QUESTIONS AFTER THE SESSION- What makes a person perfect? The answer is simply Practice. In this program, after every session, a test is conducted to check what you have learned and also to do the prognosis of your mistakes.
- COMPLETE COVERAGE OF STATIC/CONVENTIONAL TOPICS- The static portion is covered holistically after research of more than 1000 hours done by our team. The coverage of conventional topics too is closely aligned to the UPSC syllabus and exam pattern.

"OTOP": The feature 'One Topic One Page' is unique to KSG. Wherever your question is attempted wrong you will get enriched material over the topic. The one page is highly informative and it will be more than enough to clear your concept.

• MENTOR SUPPORT -The faculty of KSG is well known for its constant untiring support and guidance provided to their students. The mentors at KSG are just like the GPS who chart out a personalized path for you. They are just a call away from their students. What more do you need than timely guidance from the people who are your well-wishers?

MAINS DESTINAIRE

- The Mains Examination is the stage that decides if your name appears in the final list and also dictates your rank. The Mains Test series has become an indispensable tool for the preparation of the Mains Examination.
- For clearing the Mains exam and that too with good rank, it is important that you understand the demand of UPSC and the nature of questions asked in the Exam.
- We, at KSG, have been analyzing the trend of UPSC Papers for quite a long time and have come up with a comprehensive and interactive mains test series where individual attention is given to each student. The questions are framed by our experts keeping in mind the alignment to UPSC papers. The answer sheets of students are evaluated with proper customized feedback. The success rate of KSG students is not hidden from the world, which can be seen from the fact that we have given the highest GS marks three times in the last 5 years

SALIENT FEATURES OF MAINS DESTINAIRE PROGRAM:

- CONSOLIDATION OF MATERIAL is life-saving for the candidates, given there is a little window between Prelims and Mains. The topics are intensely-researched and consolidated by our dedicated team helping students save time on researching these topics themselves.
- 150+ HOURS OF CLASSES that will cover sessions on every subject followed by a Test.
- CURRENT AFFAIRS OF ONE AND HALF YEAR, which is the hallmark of KSG; helps students not only to get clarity of the issues but also helps in the value-addition of answers.
- STATIC/CONVENTIONAL TOPICS are covered in the classes holistically to improve the conceptual clarity of students.
- ESSAY ENRICHMENT SESSION which would deal with all the themes of Essay writing along with Philosophical Essays, whose weightage has been continuously increasing.
- 15 MAINS TESTS will help the aspirants realize their strength and can improve their art of answer writing even further.
- ONE ON ONE GUIDANCE- The valuable insights from our experts at KSG helps students analyse their performance. The students can interact with dedicated mentors in person or via call, email etc.
- ETHICS PAPER- Students often have slight apprehensions about tackling the ethics paper. In this programme, this paper is given special attention.
- X- FACTORS Content enrichment tools in the form of diagrams, illustrations, schematic flow charts, etc. can improve the structure and presentation of the answers in Mains.

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- The UPSC Civil Service Examination is given by millions of students every year but only a few clear the exam, and for other students, the preparation becomes a nightmare after each failed attempt.
- The biggest mistake which an aspirant makes is to study for the Prelims and Mains exam separately. If you go through the syllabus, you will find that the topics are overlapping in nature. Hence, club Prelims and Mains together to ensure better performance in the examination hall. As the facts of prelims can enrich the quality of Mains answers, and Mains answer writing practice can enhance the understanding while attempting Prelims questions.
- To tackle this problem and to take the performance of aspirants up a notch, KSG has started a program called X-Factor Integrated Test Series of Prelims and Mains Examination.
- Integrated test series simplifies the learning process and enhances your chances of finding your name in the final list.
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- In Post-test discussion classes, concerned faculty will explain every question and the mistakes which you have done in the test. So, you will not repeat the same mistake in the examination hall.
- This program helps students to understand the real trend of the UPSC Civil Service Examination and to improve the answers of students according to the changing nature of the exam.
- Faculty support will remain throughout the preparation by continuous monitoring of students' performance and by providing feedback for the same, to channelize the preparation in a targeted manner.

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION : SYLLABUS

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Paper II- (CSAT) (200

Interpersonal skills including

Logical reasoning and analytical

Decision making and problem solving

Basic numeracy (numbers and their

relations, orders of magnitude, etc.)

(Class X level), Data interpretation

(charts, graphs, tables, data

sufficiency etc. Class X level) .

Duration: Two hours

communication skills:

General mental ability

Comprehension

ability

Paper I (G.S.) (200 marks) **Duration: 2 hours**

- 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, etc.
- Economic and Social Development-Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc.
- General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change-that do not require subject specialization.
- General Science

MAIN EXAMINATION : SYLLABUS

| The Written examination will consist of the following papers: Qualifying Papers: Paper A 300 Marks (One of the Indian Language to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included | Paper -IV 250 Marks GENERAL STUDIES- III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio- diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management) |
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| The Canadate India Canguages Included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution). Paper - B 300 Marks English PAPERS TO BE COUNTED FOR MERIT Paper - I 250 Marks ESSAY Paper - I 250 Marks GENERAL STUDIES I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society) Paper - II 250 Marks GENERAL STUDIES II Marks (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International relations) | Paper-V 250 Marks GENERAL STUDIES IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude) Paper -VI 250 Marks OPTIONAL SUBJECT PAPER-1 Paper - VII 250 Marks OPTIONAL SUBJECT PAPER-2 Sub Total (Written test) 1750 Marks |

MAIN EXAMINATION : SYLLABUS

The main Examination is intended to assess the overall intellectual traits and depth of understanding of candidates rather than merely the range of their information and memory

The nature and standard of questions in the General Studies papers (Paper II to Paper V) will be such that a well-educated person will be able to answer them without any specialized study. The questions will be such as to test a candidate's general awareness of a variety of subjects, which will have relevance for a career in Civil Services. The questions are likely to test the candidate's basic understanding of all relevant issues, and ability to analyze. and take a view on conflicting socio-economic goals, objectives and demands. The candidates must give relevant, meaningful and succinct answers.

The scope of the syllabus for optional subject papers (Paper VI and Paper VII) for the examination is broadly of the honours degree level i.e. a level higher than the bachelors degree and lower than the masters' degree. In the case of Engineering, Medical Science and law, the level corresponds to the bachelors degree. Syllabi of the papers included in the scheme of Civil Services (Main) Examination are given as follows:

QUALIFYING PAPERS ON INDIAN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH

The aim of the paper is to test the candidates's ability to read and understand serious discursive prose, and to express his ideas clearly and correctly, in English and Indian Language concerned.

The pattern of questions would be broadly as follows:

- Precis Writing (i) Comprehension of given passages (ii)
 - Usage and Vocabulary Short Essay. (iv)

Indian Languages:

- Comprehension of given passages. Precis Writing (i) (ii)
 - Usage and Vocabulary. (iv) Short Essay
- (y) 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 Languages papers in English and the respective Indian language (except where translation is involved).

PAPER-I ESSAY

Candidates will be required to write an essay on a specific topic. The choice of subjects will be given. They will be expected to keep closely to the subject of the essay to arrange their ideas in orderly fashion, and to write concisely. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression. Deleted

PAPER-II

(General Studies-I) Indian Heritage and Culture. History and Geography of the World and 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 presentsignificant events, personalities, issues,
- The Freedom Struggle-its various stages and important contributors /contributions from different parts of the country.
- Post-independence consolidation and reorganization within the country.
- History of the world will include events from 18th century such as industrial revolution, world wars, redrawal of national boundaries, colonization, 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 organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.
- Effects of globalization on Indian society.
- Social empowerment, communalism, regionalism & secularism. .
- Salient features of worldi | 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, cyclone 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.

PAPER-III **General Studies-II**

Governance. Constitution. Polity. Social Justice and International Relations.

- Indian Constitution-historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure
- Europhysical 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, organization 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

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- 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.
- · Issues relating to poverty and hunger.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, egovernance-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 neighborhood- 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.

PAPER-IV

General Studies-III

Technology, Economic Development, Bio diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management.

- Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization 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 Systemobjectives, functioning, limitations, revamping; issues of buffer stocks and food security; Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing.
- Food processing and related industries in India-scope and significance, location, upstream and downstream requirements, supply chain management.
- · Land reforms in India.
- Effects of liberalization 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, nanotechnology, 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; moneylaundering 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

PAPER-V

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 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, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.
- · Case Studies on above issues.

PAPER-VI & PAPER VII

(Optional Subject Papers I & II)





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