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# CIVIL SERVICES DAY

## Civil services as a fulfilling career

The civil services as a career is not only fulfilling with significant social impact, but also does not require academic brilliance to crack, even if aspirants are from underprivileged backgrounds

April 21 is celebrated every year as 'Civil Services Day' to commemorate the day when the first Home Minister of independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the first batch of IAS probationers in 1947 at Met-calle House, Delhi.

### Career like no other

The civil services in India are manned by the finest and the most deserving candidates who are chosen by a time-tested and meticulous examination process. In a country as varied as India, the candidates selected to the ranks of IAS, IFS, IPS and many other services carry the greatest responsibility with them - to strengthen the unity of the country and to develop India in all ways possible. The civil services provides a great career opportunity to the youth, as work ranges from shaping policies, reaching out to the masses and working for the upliftment of society. There are, in fact, very few career options that can provide the same level of job satisfaction. Perhaps this explains why the process of selecting IAS officers is very demanding, because being an IAS officer is a very demanding job! Thankfully, clearing the UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) is not an impossible task; but it does come with its own set of sacrifices, do's and don'ts, challenges and risks. If you are looking toward a career in the civil services make sure you understand what is there to gain (or lose) before you begin pursuing this path.

First, clearing the CSE requires utmost dedication and commitment. It is important to know that certain sacrifices have to be made to make time for preparation, like cutting down on entertainment, skipping festivals, etc. Moreover,



the support of family and friends, relatives and teachers, is very important to have.

Second, for this exam, knowledge and perseverance go hand-in-hand. The more you persevere the more knowledge you gain, and more knowledge you gain the better you get at

persevering for this exam. Always remember that the CSE is a marathon and not a sprint.

Third, preparing for the CSE can itself be a very rewarding experience. It teaches and trains us in a lot many things. Yet, it is advisable that aspirants have a backup career op-

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tion for peace of mind and confidence.

#### Three UPSC myths

First of all, let us break the myth that one has to be exceptionally brilliant to clear the exam. The reality is that 'brilliance' is an acquired ability. It can be acquired by consistent effort and hard work - you will have to take up classes, attempt a lot of mock test papers, learn from the strategy of toppers, follow any good cur-

rent affairs magazine or website, etc. Any aspirant, as such, may acquire the level of brilliance required to clear this selection process.

Second, it is a myth that only aspirants from urban areas and with exceptional academic backgrounds clear the CSE. The reality is that the CSE is held in such a way that most of our predisposed notions of, for example, rural and urban backgrounds or of technical and hu-

manities education, are broken. And every year, we see lots of aspirants making it to the final list who have indeed come from very difficult backgrounds and unsupportive environments. Third, there is no need to read a hundred-odd books to clear the CSE. On the contrary, multiple sources should be at best avoided. It is better to go for a single credible source (like only one book for Indian polity) and read-revise it multiple times than going for three to four books on the topic and reading them only once.

*Drishti IAS looks forward to your doubts and queries, if any, regarding the UPSC CSE. You may reach us via our social media handles or via our website drishtiias.com/eng*

## Story of an indomitable spirit

K Lalith speaks about his journey towards realising his dream



K Lalith

Speech which reads out whatever comes on the computer screen.

I am unable to write my own tests and it has always been a tough task to find a competent scribe for my exams. At times it used to be a daunting task to convince somebody to become my writer because of the lack of awareness in the society to help the differently-abled.

I would like to say that nothing is impossible for any individual because each one of us has their own set of abilities and skills waiting to be discovered. All we need is clarity of purpose and quality of guidance, coupled with a supportive family, positive peer group, and sufficient exposure. I am thankful to GS SCORE institute for assisting in my preparation for civil services. I got support beyond than course material, i.e., motivation.

I dared to do the seemingly impossible because both of my parents treated me from my childhood truly as a special child of god. As I dared and moved forward with courage, conviction and confidence, good omens started flowing and it seemed that the whole cosmos was conspiring in my favour.

My message to all the civil servant aspirants is that keep trying with a positive mindset rather than complaining about what life has not given you; always count your blessings and have an indomitable spirit to explore and claim the beauty of life. I express gratitude to everything and everybody who helped me to keep my hope and confidence alive.

### INTERVIEW | Mr Rahul Swaroop & Mr Ajit Tiwari, Pabulum IAS

Pabulum IAS is one the best institutes in Delhi, providing quality coaching for Civil Services Examination. In a short span of time since its establishment by Mr Rahul Swaroop & Mr Ajit Tiwari, the institute has to its credit top ranking officials. Pabulum IAS is dedicated to providing opportunities even to aspirants from weaker socio-economic backgrounds

#### What is your core philosophy?

Pabulum IAS stands true to its motto "Meaningful education within Means". One should be able to aspire for Civil Services irrespective of one's economic means, educational background or social background - that is the core philosophy of Pabulum IAS.

#### What is your success story?

Being an institute with a few years of standing, it is worth mentioning that some of candidates who joined our courses, particularly Interview Guidance Programme, have achieved ranks as high as AIR 5 (2018).

#### What does it require to qualify this exam?

One should start preparing early under RIGHT GUIDANCE with a WILL AND ABILITY TO IMPROVE, backed by consistent effort.

Answer writing practice is a very important requirement. A good expression for writing an answer does not require very high sounding adjectives and words, it just requires plain and simple arrangement of points, logically presented, concisely put and validly argued, addressing



Mr. Rahul Swaroop



Mr. Ajit Tiwari

the soul of the question.

Pabulum IAS in fact provides a lot of emphasis on answer writing practice through its PABULUM ANSWER WRITING PROGRAMME (PAWP).

#### Can undergraduates prepare for this exam?

Yes, of course. For the last few years it has been observed that many aspirants start preparation during their college years itself and become successful as they complete their graduation.

#### Do you have courses for college students?

Yes, we have been running three-year and two-year programmes for undergraduates through Regular and Weekend

tured into online IAS Preparation. The institute provides recorded video lectures for both Preliminary Exam and Mains Exams. The recorded videos of various topics of General Studies, are real time coverage from offline classes, the lectures are as comprehensive in coverage as if one were attending in the real time situation.

**Fee has become a major issue for a large number of aspirants from weaker financial background who do not dare to prepare, do you have programmes for such aspirants?**

Yes, this is what Pabulum IAS is known for. Our fee structure is highly supportive with only Rs. 75,000 for the GS Course with options of instalments and full fee refund within one week of admission.

**In the last decade, the pattern of the CSE has gone through a lot of change. Can you please highlight significant changes?**

If one analyses the syllabus and the pattern of the questions, one can very well appreciate that most of the topics deal with the issues and challenges being faced by the individual, society, nation and the

world. So while writing an answer to a question in the exam the candidate actually tries to provide a solution to those issues.

In fact the question pattern has so become that one is bound to be analytical and real in his or her approach. So while answering a question the more realistic and progressive you are, higher are chances of scoring more.

**What is the message that you would like to give to the CSE aspirants and CS fraternity on the "Civil Services Day" being celebrated today?**

All the aspirants for the Civil Services should remember that they are seeking an opportunity to serve the society and the nation in their best capacity. Clearing the exam is only the beginning of a social revolution.

Those who are fortunate enough to get in the Services should ever be mindful of the gravity of the role they are going to play in improving the life of disadvantaged, deprived and the destitutes. Hence their uprightness, objectivity, integrity and honesty in these services can bridge the huge gap between the have-nots and have-lots.

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**INTERVIEW | Dr A R Khan, Khan Study Group**

*KSG, the Khan Study Group, is the best IAS coaching institute for General Studies and CSAT in India. They offer General Studies and CSAT coaching under the expertise of Dr Khan in Delhi, Bengaluru, Jaipur, Bhopal, Indore and Patna. Their mission is to demystify the IAS examination and help candidates acquire confidence and competence to emerge successful. They ensure that their guidance process makes the learning experience more comfortable and enjoyable. Their process is the culmination of the best minds to produce enormous success stories. At KSG, they make sure that your IAS preparation journey reaches its true destination.*

**OUT OF** the total candidates selected in UPSC Civil Service Examination 2018, every second selected candidate is from KSG (total selection more than 400). Moreover, all students in the top ten are from KSG. This highlights the expertise of KSG in General Studies.

Dr AR Khan 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.



**Whom do you give the credit of this unprecedented success?**

We have been very careful in identifying our niche and have resisted the temptation to diversify. Consequently, for over a decade we have solely focussed on General Studies. This undivided focus has resulted in attracting more and more sincere students to KSG. I give the credit of our success to these students, along with the dedicated team of KSG.

**What is the structure of Civil Services Examination?**

Civil Services Examination is conducted in three parts: Preliminary exam-

ination, Mains examination and the Interview/Personality test. The Preliminary examination is objective in nature. Those qualifying in this examination are selected for writing the Mains Examination. The marks obtained in the Mains Examination along with that in the Interview are utilised for the determination of the final rank. For detailed information on the structure of this examination one should visit the UPSC website.

**Why should one join KSG?**

Being a decade-old institution we have achieved a rare feat of enabling

students to secure top rankings in past years. Our razor-sharp focus has been to enhance students' capacity and build desired capabilities. We have an experienced faculty who are experts in their respective fields and assist students to transform ordinary things into an extraordinary opportunity.

**How are you keeping up with the demands of the examination?**

Keeping in mind the latest trend in Civil Services Examination and the crucial role played by the current affairs/issues, we have designed a unique Pro-

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gramme of Current Issues Writing Practice (CIWP). This is in tandem with our innovative teaching techniques that helps students to master the art of writing powerful answers.

**Is it possible for college-going students or working professionals to prepare and succeed?**

Yes, we do offer a weekend course suitable for those who cannot attend daily classes. But there are others who, for certain reasons, cannot come even on weekends. For them we offer Distance Learning Programmes which primarily

caters to the need of working professionals, who are unable to join regular classes due to heavy workload.

**What all courses/programmes do you offer?**

We offer Courses such as KSG Foundation Course which runs for nine months. Other Courses include Weekend Course, PT-cum-Mains Test Series, Distance Learning Programmes, etc. We are also introducing a two-year course from this academic session called KSG Advance Foundation Course, which will initially be offered at our Bhopal and Indore centres. Please visit [www.ksgindia.com](http://www.ksgindia.com) for more details on the full list

of our courses.

**What is the unique strategy of KSG?**

Apart from the classroom materials and books prepared by a team of experts, optimum for the requirement of the Civil Services Examination, we also conduct daily tests that help students mature better.

**What message would you like to give to future IAS aspirants?**

Believe in yourself and be very clear about what you wish to achieve. Clarity of idea instils conviction, and coupled with action, this will take you to your desired goal.



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