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DR. C. Vinothini

AIR 64

I am Dr C. Vinothini. I have secured AIR 64. I would like to express my gratitude towards Vikas sir and Bright sir. I have joined their prelims, mains classes, and also Anthropology optional class. They have been very helpful in the direct exam. And beyond that, they were my personal mentors. Vikas sir was available to guide me whenever I had even a small doubt, which helped me to have continuous feedback and improve myself.



Eshani Anand

AIR 106

I wanted to thank Vikas sir and Bright sir immensely. I have got into the rank list this year and will await service allotment. It was only because of their relentless mentorship and guidance that I was able to come this far in the exam. They always brought out the best in me and I wanted to thank them earnestly for their critical support and patience.

Dommeti Vinay

AIR 274

I am deeply grateful to Umbrella IAS Academy for playing a pivotal role in my UPSC journey. The structured guidance and high-quality test series made a tremendous difference in my prelims preparation. I particularly appreciate the focus on live answer writing sessions in the Mains Mentorship Program and the personalized guidance given to me by the faculty in the DAF preparation during my Interview preparation.



Bhargav Potupureddi

AIR 455

Dear vikas sir and bright sir, I sincerely thank you for your guidance during my UPSC CSE preparation. I attended your prelims elimination technique classes and prelims test series. The classes changed the perspective with which I viewed the questions. The questions in the test series were based on current Upsc pattern. Your sincerity and dedication is helping many candidates like me. I encourage aspirants to make use of your work through

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Naga Raja Naik

AIR 697

Thank you sir for helping me in preparing for UPSC CSE, which helped me gaining AIR 697. Your Current Affairs programme, Answer writing mentorship and Interview guidance helped me immensely in getting this position. Thanks once again sir.



Gokamalla Anjaneyulu

AIR 934

Regarding my preparation, for my prelims I was associated with Umbrella IAS Academy, in their Prelims and CSAT Mentorship Program. For mains I joined their Mains Mentorship Program, those brainstorming sessions helped me a lot, ensuring that I make it to the merit list. I thank bright sir and vikas sir for their continued support and guidance.

Molightson

AIR 870

I want to take this moment to share my humble gratitude to Vikas Sir and Bright Sir in my success, securing AIR 870 in CSE 2023. From Prelims to Mains to Personality Test your valuable guidance has been immensely helpful .. Credit entirely goes to both of you sir.



M Bhargav

AIR 554

Dear Vikas Sir and Bright Sir, I am writing this testimonial with immense gratitude and a heart filled with joy to express my sincerest thanks to both of you and the entire team at Umbrella Academy. It is through your guidance and support that I have achieved a decent rank of 554 in my recent cse 2022 exam.

UPSC PRELIMS GS PAPER 2025

38 QUESTIONS ASKED FROM MENTORSHIP PROGRAM,

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAM AND ELIMINATION TECHNIQUES PROGRAM

PROOF OF SOME UPSC 2025 QUESTIONS ASKED FROM OUR CLASS NOTES

70. Consider the following statements about 'PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana':

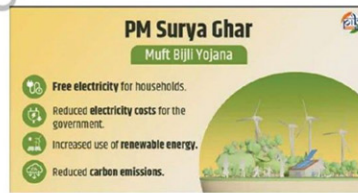
- It targets installation of one crore solar rooftop panels in the residential sector.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy aims to impart training on installation, operation, maintenance and repairs of solar rooftop systems at grassroot levels.
- It aims to create more than three lakhs skilled manpower through fresh skilling, and upskilling, under scheme component of capacity building.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- I and II only
- I and III only
- II and III only
- I, II and III

PM - Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

- It aims to install rooftop solar plants in one crore households
- It is expected to enable approximately 30 gigawatts of residential rooftop solar capacity and contribute to an overall rooftop solar capacity addition of 40-45 gigawatts by 2027.
- Households will have access to collateral-free, low-interest loans at around 7% interest for the installation of residential rooftop solar (RTS) systems up to 3 kW.
- Initiative of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy



Consider the following statements :

Statement I :

In India, State Governments have no power for making rules for grant of concessions in respect of extraction of minor minerals even though such minerals are located in their territories.

Statement II :

In India, the Central Government has the power to notify minor minerals under the relevant law.

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements?

Can States tax mining activities?

- Entry 50 of the State List under the seventh Schedule of the Constitution gives States the exclusive authority to make laws regarding "taxes on mineral rights", but this power is limited by any laws Parliament may pass concerning mineral development.
- On the other hand, Entry 54 of the Union List gives the Centre the power to regulate "mines and mineral development," especially when Parliament decides it is necessary in public interest.

79. Consider the following pairs :

Country	Resource-rich in
I. Botswana	Diamond
II. Chile	Lithium
III. Indonesia	Nickel

In how many of the above rows is the given information correctly matched?

- Only one
- Only two
- All the three
- None

Question : 38 (0.50)

With respect to critical minerals, consider the following statements:

- Indonesia is the largest producer of Nickel in the world.
- Chile is the largest producer of graphite in the world.
- The Democratic Republic of Congo is the largest producer of lithium in the world.

How many of the above statements is/are correct?

- Only one statement is correct
- Only two statements are correct
- All three statements are correct
- None of the statements are correct

Answer : A

Solution :

Australia is the world's largest producer and exporter of lithium.
Democratic Republic of Congo is the largest producer and exporter of cobalt in the world.
Indonesia is the largest producer of nickel.
Philippines is the largest exporter of nickel.
Chile is the world's largest producer and exporter of copper.
South Africa is the world's largest producer and exporter of Manganese
China is the world's largest producer and exporter of Graphite

Which of the following are the leading producers of Diamonds in the world?

- Russia, Botswana, Canada
- South Africa, Congo, Ghana
- South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe
- Angola, Botswana, Congo

Answer : A

Solution :

Leading producers: Russia, Botswana, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

Synthetic diamonds: The US is the largest producer of synthetic industrial diamonds.

News : The second-largest diamond ever found - a rough 2,492-carat stone - has been unearthed in Botswana at a mine owned by Canadian firm Lucara Diamond.

It is the biggest find since the 3,106-carat Cullinan diamond, found in South Africa in 1905 and cut into nine separate stones, many of which are in the British Crown Jewels.

The diamond was found at Karowe mine, about 500km (300 miles) north of Botswana's capital, Gaborone.

Botswana's government said it was the largest diamond ever discovered in the southern African state.

Diamonds in India:

Major locations:

Panna belt: Madhya Pradesh

Wajrakarur Kimberlite pipe: Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh

Krishna River basin gravels: Andhra Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh is the leading producer of diamonds in India

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47. Consider the following statements :

- I. It is expected that Majorana 1 chip will enable quantum computing.
- II. Majorana 1 chip has been introduced by Amazon Web Services (AWS).
- III. Deep learning is a subset of machine learning.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) I and II only
- (b) II and III only
- (c) I and III only
- (d) I, II and III

Majorana 1

- News: Microsoft has announced the arrival of Majorana 1, a new quantum chip that produces more reliable and scalable qubits than its predecessors. Qubits are the building blocks of quantum computers.
- Majorana 1 is an eight-qubit chip, which may seem modest when compared to quantum chips developed by rivals such as Google's Willow (106-qubit chip) and IBM's R2 Heron (156-qubit chip).
- However, the company said that Majorana 1's underlying Topological Core architecture allows for the quantum chip to be potentially scaled to a million qubits.
- Microsoft researchers have taken a unique approach by focusing on developing topological qubits, which are said to be more stable than traditional qubits and require less error correction from the start.
- Microsoft's purported breakthrough revolves around engineering a new type of quasiparticle known as Majorana.

Which organization has enacted the Nature Restoration Law (NRL) to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss?

- (a) The European Union
- (b) The World Bank
- (c) The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
- (d) The Food and Agriculture Organization

Nature Restoration Law

- It is the first continent-wide, comprehensive law of its kind.
- Member states must establish and implement measures to restore at least 20 per cent of its land and sea areas by 2030, under the legislation.
- A host of ecosystems are covered by the NRL, ranging from terrestrial, coastal and freshwater to forest, agricultural and urban.
- All ecosystems in need of restoration must be restored by member states by 2050.

Initiative of?

Who among the following was the founder of the 'Self-Respect Movement'?

- (a) 'Periyar' E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker
- (b) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- (c) Bhaskarrao Jadhav
- (d) Dinkarrao Javalkar

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PERIYAR

- ❑ Periyar E.V. Ramasamy (1879–1973) was the founder of the Self-Respect Movement.
- ❑ He held official positions of Erode that included the Chairmanship of Municipal Council (1918–1919).
- ❑ President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee, he proposed a resolution regarding the rights of "Untouchables" to temple entry.
- ❑ After the local leaders were arrested Periyar led the Vaikom Satyagraha movement and was imprisoned. The people hailed him as Vaikom Virar (Hero of Vaikom).
- ❑ He was disturbed by the caste-based discrimination in the dining hall at the Cheranmadevi Gurukulam (school). It was run by V.V. Subramaniam (a Congress leader) with the financial support of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee.
- ❑ He quarrelled with Gandhi over the question of separate dining and left the congress.

In the 1940s, Periyar launched Dravidar Kazhagam, which espoused an independent Dravida Nadu comprising Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, and Kannada speakers.

UPSC PRELIMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 2026

WHY STATIC CURRENT AFFAIRS IS IMPORTANT?

The pattern of UPSC Prelims Question paper has undergone a rapid transitional change. In the recent years, we have witnessed a change in the pattern in which UPSC is asking static questions. Gone are the days when you could by heart the conventional books and clear the UPSC paper. The prelims paper is now focussed more on the current affairs part of the static portion. Example : "Critical Minerals question (asked in UPSC 2025)."

The Umbrella Academy's Prelims Mentorship Program aims to address this exact dilemma for students. We ensure that each of the static class also covers the current affairs related to the said topic.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

- Learn the topics through examiner mindset (How a question is asked from a given topic).
- The GS Test series consists of 32 tests (16 Sectional Tests, 10 PYQ Practice Tests, 5 Full length tests and 500 most important questions) based on examiner's mindset.
- The Sectional test will consist of 50 questions of which 20 questions will be from 'Areas to Focus', 15 questions will be based on Elimination Techniques and 15 questions will be from UPSC sources.
- The test will be conducted on Umbrella Academy online platform.

UPSC PRELIMS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2026

PROGRAM STARTS: 30th NOVEMBER 2025

32 Tests : 16 Sectional Tests + 10 PYQ Practice Tests + 5 Full Length Tests + 500 Most Important Questions

Sectional Test : 50 Questions

- 20 - Areas of Focus
- 15 - Elimination Techniques
- 15 - UPSC Sources Eg.- UGC NET

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 1	Basic Concepts of Agriculture	Annual Report and PIB
Day 2	Agriculture and MSP	
Day 3	Agriculture annual reports	
Day 4	Edible oil, Pulses , Rice , Cotton, Sugar cane	
Day 5	Acts and Amendments (Economics related)	
Sectional Test 1 : December 7th		
Day 6	Fundamental Rights	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 7	DPSPs	
Day 8	Preamble and Making of the constitution	
Day 9	Fundmental Duties and salient features of the constitution	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 10	Schedules of the constitution	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Sectional Test 2 : December 14th		
Day 11	Parliament chapter	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 12	Parliament chapter	
Day 13	Parliament chapter	
Day 14	Basics of Representation of People Act	
Day 15	Emergency Powers	
Sectional Test 3 : December 21st		
Christmas and New Year Holidays: December 22nd to January 4th		
Day 16	Supreme Court and High court and other courts, NALSA, Gram Nyayalaya, Administrative Tribunal, Constitutional Amendments	Indian Polity by M.Lakshmikant
Day 17	Panchayati raj and Urban local governments	
Day 18	Federalism, Schedule areas and Tribal Areas	
Day 19	Governor & State legislature	
Day 20	Constitutional Bodies & Non-constitutional Bodies	
Sectional Test 4 : January 11th		
Day 21	Tiger reserves, Wetlands and Biosphere reserves	Internet
Day 22	Map Central Asia, Middle east, Map South East Asia	
Day 23	Minerals	
Day 24	India Map(Latitude/Longitude/Rivers)	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 25	Andaman and Nicobar	Internet
Sectional Test 5 : January 18th		
Day 26	Latest Technologies, Gravitation, Neutrinos and other space related news	Internet and Current Affairs
Day 27	Advancement in Genetics	
Day 28	India Joining any International Organisation/ Convention/ Protocol	
Day 29	Summits attended by India or Hosted by India	
Day 30	International Organisations(UN,WTO, IMF etc)	
Sectional Test 6 : January 25th		
Day 31	Environmental Acts/ Policies	Shankar IAS Material and Current Affairs
Day 32	UNEP, UNCCD, UNFCCC website etc	
Day 33	International conventions	
Day 34	Threat to Environment	
Day 35	Clean Energy	
Sectional Test 7 : February 1st		
Day 36	Focus on Rivers	NCERT
Day 37	Land Forms, Climate, Water (Oceans)	
Day 38	12 Class Fundamentals of Physical Geography	
Day 39	10 Class Geography NCERT	
Day 40	8th, 9th Geography NCERT	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Sectional Test 8 : February 8th		
Day 41	Buddhism	Nitin Singhania, NCERT
Day 42	Jainism	
Day 43	Buddhism/Jainism	Nitin Singhania, NCERT
Day 44	Indus valley civilisation	
Day 45	Ashoka(Mauryan)/Gupta	
Sectional Test 9 : February 15th		
Day 46	Ajanta and Ellora/Rock-cut/ Temple Architecture	Nitin Singhania, NCERT
Day 47	Martial arts/Festivals/GI TAG PRODUCTS especially Handicrafts, Saree , Embroidery	
Day 48	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 49	Dance, Music, Theatre, Painting	
Day 50	Tangible and Intangible Heritage UNESCO	
Sectional Test 10 : February 22nd		
Day 51	Bhakti Movement	NCERT and Tamil Nadu 11th class Text book
Day 52	Vijayanagara Empire	
Day 53	Mughal Period	
Day 54	Foreign travellers who visited India	
Day 55	Medieval Period	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Sectional Test 11 : March 1st		
Day 56	Animals (All Animals mentioned in Previous Year/ state animals)	Shankar IAS Material, 12th class NCERT ECOLOGY, Reports
Day 57	Himalayas, Western Ghats	
Day 58	Indian Forest Report- Area, Percentage Area, Percentage Mangroves and Coral Reefs and other reports	
Day 59	Pollutants/Pollution/Global Warming	
Day 60	Adaptation/Mitigation	
Sectional Test 12 : March 8th		
Day 61	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	12th Macroeconomics
Day 62	Basic Concepts 12th Macro economics	
Day 63	Poverty basic concepts	Internet
Day 64	RBI abbreviations/ Website/FAQs	RBI Website
Day 65	FYPs and LPG reforms	Indian Economic Development- Class 11
Sectional Test 13 : March 15th		
Day 66	Charter Acts and Government of India Acts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 67	Political & Social Movements/ Organisations	
Day 68	Labour Organisations/ Labour Movement	
Day 69	British Administration, Committees & Tribal Revolts	

Days	Areas to Focus	Reference Books
Day 70	Congress Presidents, Viceroys in India	Modern India: Spectrum
Sectional Test 14 : March 22nd		
Day 71	Peasant revolts	A Brief History of Modern India: Spectrum
Day 72	Significant personalities	
Day 73	Important events- 1900 to 1950	
Day 74	Agreements, Pacts, Missions, Plans	
Day 75	Revolutionary Terrorism and Communist Movement	
Sectional Test 15 : March 29th		
ECONOMIC SURVEY & BUDGET CLASS		

Sectional Test 16 : April 5th

Test 17 (Full Length) : April 12th

Test 18 (Full Length) : April 19th

Test 19 (Full Length) : April 26th

Test 20 (Full Length) : May 3rd

Test 21 (Full Length) : May 6th

Test 22 (500 Most Important Questions)