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2026

# UMBRELLA IAS ACADEMY

## OUR UPSC 2024 MENTORSHIP SELECTIONS



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## UPSC TOPPERS TESTIMONIALS

### 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**

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### 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':

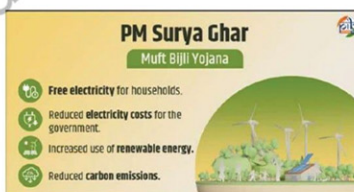
- It targets installation of one crore solar rooftop panels in the residential sector.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy aims to impart training on installation, operation, maintenance and repairs of solar rooftop systems at grassroot levels.
- It aims to create more than three lakhs skilled 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                          | Tiger reserves, Wetlands and Biosphere reserves    | Internet                                          |
| Day 27                          | Map Central Asia, Middle east, Map South East Asia |                                                   |
| Day 28                          | Minerals                                           |                                                   |
| Day 29                          | India Map(Latitude/Longitude/Rivers)               |                                                   |
| Day 30                          | Andaman and Nicobar                                |                                                   |
| Sectional Test 6 : January 25th |                                                    |                                                   |
| Day 31                          | Environmental Acts/ Policies                       | Shankar IAS<br>Material<br>and Current<br>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:<br>Spectrum                       |
| Sectional Test 14 : March 22nd |                                                   |                                                 |
| Day 71                         | Peasant revolts                                   | A Brief History<br>of Modern India:<br>Spectrum |
| Day 72                         | Significant personalities                         |                                                 |
| Day 73                         | Important events- 1900 to 1950                    |                                                 |
| Day 74                         | Agreements, Pacts, Missions, Plans                |                                                 |
| Day 75                         | Revolutionary Terrorism and Communist<br>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 )