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**Only Competition IAS/PCS** (Mukherjee Nagar & Rajendra Nagar, Delhi) is one of the **top Delhi-based institutes** for **Assam Public Service Commission Combined Competitive Examination (APSC CCE)** preparation. It offers specialized **hybrid (offline + online)** batches with dedicated **Assam GK & Current Affairs modules**, daily Assam + National current affairs coverage, intensive answer writing with state-specific examples, full test series (Prelims + Mains), and personalized mentorship by Northeast PCS toppers and experienced faculty.

Thousands of aspirants from Assam and across India trust **Only Competition IAS/PCS** for its structured approach, affordable fees, and proven results in APSC CCE.

### APSC CCE – Complete Overview

**APSC CCE** refers to the **Assam Public Service Commission Combined Competitive Examination**, a highly prestigious state-level competitive exam conducted by APSC (official website:

<https://apsc.nic.in/>) for recruiting candidates to **Group A & B** administrative and police posts in the Government of Assam.

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It is popularly known as **Assam PCS**. Successful candidates join top services such as:

- Assam Civil Service (ACS)
- Assam Police Service (APS)
- Assam Finance Service
- Assam Education Service and other allied services.

This exam has **very heavy emphasis on Assam-specific content** (30–35% questions in Prelims GS Paper I are compulsorily from Assam + a full dedicated **General Subject Paper on Assam** worth 250 marks in Mains).

## Key Features of APSC CCE

- **Conducting Body:** Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).
- **Purpose:** To select meritorious officers for Assam state civil services.
- **Heavy Assam Focus:** 30–35% compulsory Assam-related questions in Prelims GS-I + full Paper on Assam in Mains.



- **Eligibility** (general category):
  - Age: 21–38 years (relaxations for reserved categories).
  - Education: Bachelor's degree from a recognized university.
  - Domicile: Preference/reservation for Assam residents in certain categories.

## Latest Exam Pattern (APSC CCE 2025–2026 Cycle)

### **Prelims (Qualifying – Objective MCQs):**

- **Paper I:** General Studies – 200 marks, 2 hours (100 questions), **1/4 negative marking**. (30–35% questions compulsorily related to Assam)
- **Paper II:** CSAT (Aptitude) – 200 marks, 2 hours (80 questions), **qualifying** (minimum 33% required).

### **Mains (Merit-based – Descriptive):**

- Paper 1: Essay – 250 marks, 3 hours
- Paper 2: General Studies I – 250 marks, 3 hours



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- Paper 3: General Studies II – 250 marks, 3 hours
- Paper 4: General Studies III – 250 marks, 3 hours
- Paper 5: General Studies IV (Ethics) – 250 marks, 3 hours
- Paper 6: General Subject Paper on Assam – 250 marks, 3 hours

**Total Written Marks: 1500**

**Interview / Personality Test: 200 marks** (as per latest rules)

**Grand Total Merit Marks: 1700** (Mains 1500 + Interview 200)

**Note:** Unlike UPSC CSE (which has 2025 total marks with optional subjects), APSC CCE has **no optional subjects** and includes a dedicated Assam paper.

## **APSC CCE – Detailed Syllabus (Latest as per Official Pattern)**

The syllabus is based on the latest APSC CCE notifications and official documents available on <https://apsc.nic.in/>. It remains largely stable, with **30–35% compulsory Assam-related questions** in Prelims GS Paper I and a full dedicated paper on Assam in Mains.

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## Prelims Syllabus

**Paper I: General Studies (200 marks | 2 hours | 100 MCQs | 1/4 negative marking) 30–35% questions are compulsorily related to Assam.**

- 1. Current events** of national and international importance (with Assam perspective – state schemes, floods, tea industry, Assam Accord, border issues, etc.).
- 2. History of India and Indian National Movement + Assam History:**
  - Ancient & Medieval Assam (Ahom kingdom, Koch kingdom, etc.).
  - British annexation, freedom struggle in Assam, Assam Accord 1985, post-independence developments.
- 3. Indian and World Geography – Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World + Assam Geography:**
  - Brahmaputra & Barak river systems, hills & plains, climate, floods & erosion, biodiversity, seismic zone, tea & oil resources, national parks (Kaziranga, Manas).



4. **Indian Polity and Governance** – Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues + **Assam administration and local governance**.
5. **Economic and Social Development** – Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives + **Assam Economy** (tea, petroleum, natural gas, agriculture, handloom, sericulture, tourism, unemployment, infrastructure challenges).
6. **General issues on Environmental Ecology, Biodiversity and Climate Change** + **Assam-specific issues** (Kaziranga & Manas, flood & river erosion, biodiversity hotspots, climate vulnerability of Brahmaputra valley).
7. **General Science** and recent developments in Science & Technology (with Assam applications – disaster warning systems, agriculture tech, flood management, etc.).

**Paper II: CSAT (Aptitude Test) (200 marks | 2 hours | 80 MCQs | Qualifying – Minimum 33% required)**

- Comprehension (English passages, sometimes bilingual with Assam context).
- Interpersonal skills including communication skills.



- Logical reasoning and analytical ability (syllogism, blood relations, coding-decoding, puzzles).
- Decision-making and problem-solving.
- General mental ability.
- Basic numeracy (Class X level) – numbers, HCF/LCM, percentages, ratio, profit & loss, time & distance, averages, etc.
- Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency).
- English language comprehension skills (Class X level).

## **Mains Syllabus (All Papers Descriptive – 3 hours each, 250 marks each)**

**Paper 1: Essay (250 marks)** Candidates write **two essays** (one from each section). Topics cover current national/international issues, philosophical themes, social/economic/political problems (Assam angle is highly expected).

## **Paper 2: General Studies I (250 marks)**

- Indian Heritage and Culture, History of India and World, Geography of India and World, Society.



- **Assam-specific:** Assam History, Culture, Geography, and Society (Ahom rule, Sankardev & Vaishnavism, Bihu, Sattriya dance, tribes, art & literature).

## **Paper 3: General Studies II (250 marks)**

- Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice, International Relations.
- Focus on federal structure, Panchayati Raj in Assam, welfare schemes, and Assam's administrative issues.

## **Paper 4: General Studies III (250 marks)**

- Technology, Economic Development, Biodiversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management.
- **Strong Assam context:** Floods & erosion management, tea & petroleum economy, infrastructure, internal security (insurgency history), border management with Bangladesh/China, disaster management (annual floods).

## **Paper 5: General Studies IV – Ethics (250 marks)**

- Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude (theory + case studies).



- Public/Civil Service values, emotional intelligence, probity in governance.
- Case studies often relate to administrative dilemmas in Assam context.

**Paper 6: General Subject Paper on Assam (250 marks) This is the most important paper for ranking. Detailed coverage of:**

- **History of Assam:** From ancient times to present (Ahom dynasty, British period, freedom movement, Assam Accord).
- **Culture & Heritage:** Tribes (Bodo, Mising, Karbi, Dimasa, etc.), festivals (Bihu, Ambubachi, etc.), Sankardev & Neo-Vaishnavism, Sattriya dance, literature, handicrafts.
- **Geography & Resources:** Rivers, hills, climate, floods, erosion, biodiversity (Kaziranga, Manas), tea & oil resources, national parks.
- **Polity & Administration:** Assam's governance structure, Panchayati Raj, local bodies.
- **Economy of Assam:** Tea industry, petroleum, agriculture, handloom, sericulture, tourism, challenges (unemployment, migration, floods impact).



- **Current Affairs of Assam:** State schemes, budget, social issues, environment & disaster management, border trade, etc.
- Art, Literature, Social Issues, Environment & Disaster Management specific to Assam.

### Preparation Tips from Only Competition IAS/PCS

- **Prelims Strategy:** Give extra weight to Assam GK (30–35% compulsory). Solve previous years' papers thoroughly.
- **Mains Strategy:** In every GS answer, integrate relevant **Assam examples/data**. Paper 6 on Assam can make or break your rank.
- **Daily Routine:** 1.5 hrs Assam Current Affairs + Assam GK + 2–3 hrs static GS + answer writing.
- **Best Approach:** Use Assam Year Book + **Only Competition IAS/PCS Assam Special Modules** + The Assam Tribune daily.
- For the **most accurate official PDFs**, download directly from <https://apsc.nic.in/> (CCE section – Syllabus links for Prelims GS-I, GS-II, and Mains papers).



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## APSC CCE – Comprehensive Preparation Tips & 12-Month Strategy

### Phase 1: Foundation Building (Months 1–3)

- Complete all NCERTs (Class 6–12) for GS subjects (History, Geography, Polity, Economy, Science & Environment).
- Read Assam Year Book and basic Assam History & Geography thoroughly.
- Start daily newspaper reading: The Hindu / Indian Express + The Assam Tribune.

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- Make basic notes and understand the complete APSC syllabus (especially the heavy Assam focus in Prelims & Paper 6 in Mains).
- Identify your strong and weak areas in GS and begin building foundation in Assam-specific topics.

## Phase 2: Core Coverage (Months 4–7)

- Finish all standard reference books for GS + Assam-specific books (Assam Year Book, Comprehensive History of Assam, etc.).
- Cover **Paper 6 (General Subject on Assam)** in detail.
- Daily: Current affairs notes (National + Assam) + 2–3 Mains answers (always include Assam examples).
- Solve **50 Prelims MCQs** every day + regular CSAT practice.
- Make separate notebooks: Assam History Timeline, Assam Geography & Rivers, Assam Schemes, Assam Current Affairs.



## Phase 3: Intensive Practice (Months 8–10)

- Attempt **35+ full Prelims mocks + 12+ full Mains tests** (with special focus on Paper 6 – Assam).
- Solve **previous 10 years APSC question papers** (Prelims & Mains) thoroughly.
- Multiple full revisions with heavy emphasis on Assam-related topics.
- Improve answer writing speed and quality — focus on incorporating Assam data, examples, and schemes in every GS answer.

## Phase 4: Final Revision + Interview (Months 11–12 + Post-Mains)

- Quick revision of short notes, one-page Assam fact sheets, and last **2 years current affairs** (especially Assam).
- Special practice for **Essay, Ethics, and Paper 6 on Assam**.
- Solve at least **12+ mock interviews** focusing on Assam-specific issues (floods, tea crisis, Assam Accord, border issues, unemployment, etc.).
- Prepare DAF (Detailed Application Form) with strong Assam angle.



## Daily Timetable (8–10 hours study)

- **7–8 AM:** Newspaper + Assam Current Affairs (The Hindu + The Assam Tribune) — 1.5 hrs
- **9 AM–1 PM:** Static GS / Assam GK (including Paper 6 topics) — 4 hrs
- **2–4 PM:** Answer writing / Prelims MCQs — 2 hrs
- **5–7 PM:** Revision + CSAT practice — 2 hrs
- **8–9 PM:** Ethics / Essay / Assam Paper practice — 1 hr

## Answer Writing Technique (Mains)

- Use **Introduction → Body (multi-dimensional with data, Assam examples & diagrams) → Balanced Conclusion with way forward** format.
- In every GS answer, **always add relevant Assam examples** (e.g., “Like the annual Brahmaputra floods in Assam...” or “Similar to Kaziranga National Park conservation model...”).
- Practice **3–4 answers daily** from Day 1. Focus on clarity, structure, and Assam linkage.



## Revision Strategy

- Make **concise one-page notes** + mind maps for every topic, especially Assam facts (tribes, festivals, rivers, national parks, schemes, economy data).
- Revise the **full syllabus 4–5 times**.
- Use active recall and spaced repetition. Give maximum revision time to Assam-specific content.

## **Mock Tests & Analysis**

- Join **Only Competition IAS/PCS APSC-specific test series** (Prelims + Mains with Assam focus).
- Analyse every mock in detail and fix weak areas within 48 hours.

## Interview Preparation

- Prepare Detailed Application Form (DAF) deeply with strong Assam background.
- Read **The Assam Tribune** editorials daily + Yojana/Kurukshetra (selective).
- Practice answers on: Why APSC? Current Assam issues (floods, erosion, tea industry, unemployment, Assam Accord, border security), hobbies, and ethical dilemmas.



- Focus on being confident, state-proud, and factual.

## Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Ignoring or under-preparing Assam-specific content (especially Paper 6 and 30–35% in Prelims).
- Not using Assam examples in GS answers.
- Treating APSC like UPSC (no optional, different pattern, heavy state focus).
- Skipping CSAT practice (33% qualifying is mandatory).
- Poor time management and insufficient answer writing practice.

## Tips for Top Rank in APSC CCE

- Dedicate **35–40% of your total study time** to Assam-specific topics — this is the real game-changer.
- In every answer (GS or Essay), try to link with Assam's context, data, or schemes.
- Consistency + smart Assam-focused revision beats long study hours.



- Join **Only Competition IAS/PCS (Delhi)** for expert Assam modules, daily current affairs with Assam angle, answer evaluation, and proven mentorship by Northeast toppers.

## APSC CCE – Complete Booklist & Strategy Table

Subject / Paper	Sub-Topic / Focus Area	Primary Sources / Books	Author / Publisher	Why Recommended / Level	Additional / Supplementary Sources
<b>Prelims Paper I: General Studies</b>	Indian History + Assam History	1. NCERT History (Class 6–12) 2. Spectrum Modern India 3. A Comprehensive History of Assam	NCERT Rajiv Ahir (Spectrum) S.L. Baruah	Foundation + Assam History & Freedom Struggle	Edward Gait's A History of Assam + Priyam Goswami books



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	Indian & World Geography + Assam Geography	1. NCERT Geography (Class 6–12) 2. Certificate Physical & Human Geography	NCERT G.C. Leong	Physical, Social, Economic + Assam rivers, floods, biodiversity	Oxford Student Atlas + Assam Year Book + Majid Husain (selective)
	Indian Polity & Governance + Assam Administration	Indian Polity (latest edition)	M. Laxmikanth	Constitution basics + Assam governance	NCERT Polity (9–12) + Assam Year Book
	Economy & Social Development + Assam Economy	1. Indian Economy 2. NCERT Class 11–12 Economics 3.	Ramesh Singh / Nitin Singhania	Basics + Assam tea, oil, agriculture, unemployment	Economic Survey of Assam + Budget highlights

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		Assam Economic Survey	NCERT Assam Govt		
	Environment, Ecology, Biodiversity & Climate Change	Environment (latest edition)	Shankar IAS	Ecology, Climate Change + Assam floods & biodiversity	NCERT Biology (Class 12 selective) + Kaziranga / Manas reports
	Science & Technology + General Science	NCERT Science (Class 6–10) + Current Affairs magazines	NCERT	Basics + Recent developments	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS (Delhi)</b> Science & Tech CA + Vision IAS PT 365

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	<b>Assam GK (Very High Weightage – 30-35%)</b>	Assam Year Book + Assam General Knowledge	Sailen Baishya / Chinmoy Bordoloi	Tribes, Culture, Schemes, Current Affairs of Assam	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Assam GK Module</b> + The Assam Tribune daily + Assampedia
	<b>Current Affairs (National + Assam)</b>	1. The Hindu / Indian Express (daily) 2. The Assam Tribune 3. <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Monthly CA</b>	–	Daily reading mandatory + Assam angle	PIB summaries + Yojana/Kurukshetra + <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Daily CA &amp; Assam Editorials</b>

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<b>Prelims Paper II: CSAT</b>	Quantitative Aptitude, Reasoning, Comprehension	1. Quantitative Aptitude 2. Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning 3. Objective General English	R.S. Aggarwal (S. Chand) R.S. Aggarwal S.P. Bakshi	Standard practice + Class X level	Previous APSC papers + CSAT Manual by Tata McGraw Hill + Norman Lewis (Word Power Made Easy)
<b>Mains – Qualifying Papers</b>	English & Indian Language	High School English Grammar & Composition	Wren & Martin	Grammar, Precis, Comprehension	Previous year papers + daily practice
<b>Mains – Essay (250 marks)</b>	Essay Writing	Practice from current & Assam topics + <b>Only Competition</b>	–	Current, philosophical & Assam-related themes	Yojana / Kurukshetra + Toppers' copies + <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Essay Test Series</b>

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		<b>IAS/PCS Essay Module</b>			
<b>Mains GS Paper I</b>	History, Culture, Geography, Society	Same as Prelims + Indian Art and Culture + Assam-specific books	As above + Nitin Singhania	Indian Heritage + Assam Culture & Society	Nitin Singhania (Art & Culture) + Assam Year Book
<b>Mains GS Paper II</b>	Polity, Governance, Social Justice, IR	Indian Polity + Governance notes	M. Laxmikanth	Constitution, Social Justice + Assam administration	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS (Delhi) GS-2</b> Notes + Assam Year Book

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<b>Mains GS Paper III</b>	Economy, Science & Tech, Environment, Security, Disaster Mgmt	Indian Economy + Environment + Internal Security	Ramesh Singh / Nitin Singhania + Shankar IAS	Economic Development + Assam floods, security	ARC Reports + Economic Survey of Assam + <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS GS-3 Current Affairs</b>
<b>Mains GS Paper IV</b>	Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude (Theory + Case Studies)	G. Subba Rao / Lexicon	Ethics theory + Case studies	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS (Delhi) Ethics Module + Case Studies Practice</b>
<b>Mains Paper 6: Assam (250 marks)</b>	Assam History, Culture, Geography,	1. Comprehensive History of Assam 2. Assam Year Book 3.	S.L. Baruah + Sailen Baishya	Dedicated full paper on Assam	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Assam Special Module + The Assam Tribune + Assampedia</b>

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	Economy, Current Affairs	Assam GK & Culture books			
Interview / Personality Test	DAF-based + Assam Issues	Current Affairs last 1–2 years + <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS Interview Guidance</b>	Daily newspapers + govt portals	Mental calibre, attitude, Assam awareness	Mock interviews + <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS DAF &amp; Personality Development Sessions</b>
Overall Practice	Mock Tests & Previous Papers	1. Previous 10+ years APSC papers 2. <b>Only Competition IAS/PCS (Delhi) Test Series</b>	Official APSC + Coaching	Exam pattern mastery	<b>Only Competition IAS/PCS</b> Full-length Prelims, Mains & CSAT Test Series (with Assam focus)

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- **Daily Allocation:** 1 hr **Current Affairs** (The Hindu + **Only Competition IAS/PCS Monthly CA**) + 2–3 hrs static GS/Optional + 1–2 hrs answer writing + 45 min CSAT.
- **Current Affairs Strategy:** Rely on **Only Competition IAS/PCS Daily Editorial & Monthly Current Affairs** (highly exam-oriented) + The Hindu / Indian Express + PIB + Yojana/Kurukshetra. Cover last 18–24 months thoroughly.
- **Revision Strategy:** Make concise one-page notes + mind maps. Revise full syllabus 4–5 times.
- **Answer Writing:** Practice daily (3–4 answers) with multi-dimensional approach. Join **Only Competition IAS/PCS** daily answer evaluation program.
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