



CIVILS फोड़ो
An Institute for Civil Services

PSIR OPTIONAL (2026- 2027)

NOVEMBER BATCH



**CLASSES, PYQ Analysis &
One to One Mentorship**

FACULTY

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(UPSC CSE Interview
2021 & 22, MA in
International
Relations – USA)**



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Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Selecting the right optional subject for the UPSC CSE Mains is a crucial decision that can greatly impact your final success. It's a strategic choice that should align with your academic background, interests, aptitude, availability of study material, and the subject's overlap with General Studies papers. Below is a comprehensive evaluation of the subjects you mentioned – for English Medium aspirants – to help you make an informed and confident decision.

Optional Subject

The **Secret Strength** Behind UPSC Mains

The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the optional creates the gap. Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.

Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your interest or academic background makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.

500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes 500 out of 1750 marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can transform your final rank.

Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a well-defined syllabus and less competition, offer a chance to score much higher than GS papers – if approached smartly.

Overlap = Smart Preparation

Choosing an optional aligned with your interest or academic background makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.

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Exploring the Merits of PSIR

High Success Rate

One of the most popular optionals with 20+ toppers in the top 50 over the last 5 years.



Scoring Potential



Consistently delivers good results — average scores around 270, with many aspirants scoring 310–320.

Extensive GS & Essay Overlap

Concepts are highly useful in the Essay, GS Paper 2, and also enrich GS Paper 1, 3, and 4 answers.



Beginner-Friendly



Requires no academic background and can be completed in 5–6 months of focused study — ideal for any serious aspirant.

Predictable and Straightforward

Exam questions are generally direct and less tricky, making preparation more streamlined.



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Civils Phodo Offerings

► LIVE Classes

The essence of this Program is the Live classes. Civils Phodo through our expert faculty (Deepak Prakash) will be conducting Live classes every week from Monday to Friday.

► LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions

LIVE Doubts Clearing Sessions where students can directly ask questions and clarify their doubts with instructors or subject experts. These sessions are a vital part of our Program .

► Recorded Classes

Recorded Class after every Live class will be Provided . Learn at your own pace – ideal for working professionals or students with busy schedules .

► Hand Written Notes

After the classes, we will be providing the lecture / board PPTs and handwritten notes of that class along with PDF.

► Previous Year Questions

Actual questions that appeared in the Optional Exam in previous years will be Provided This will help in Identifying weak Areas.

► Current Affairs Classes

Understanding current affairs adds context to your knowledge. All Current Events related to Optionals will be added in the course .

► One to One Mentorship

During your entire journey, our mentors will track your progress and guide you through your academic journey. Your Mentor will act like a friend, philosopher and guide so that you can have a personalized help during the preparation journey.

Optional Package Comparison

Features	Online	Offline
400+ hours of live lectures spread over 6 months	✓	✓
Live Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Recorded Lectures & Hand written Notes or Crux	✓	✓
Comprehensive Coverage of Every Topic with PYQ Discussion	✓	✓
Current affairs to keep the aspirants updated	✓	✓
One to one Mentorship 24*7	✓	✓
Weekly Doubt Clearing Sessions with Faculty	✓	✓
Validity	18 Months	18 Months



Lecture Plan of (IGP)

Units/Topic

Topics/Concepts Covered

PSIR Macro & Micro Topics

Macro Topics + Indicative Number of Lectures	Micro Topics
IGP Total Number of Lectures: 3	Political strategies of India's Freedom Struggle; Perspective on Indian National Movement
Making of the Indian Constitution Total Number of Lectures: 1	Legacies of the British Rule; Different Social and Political Perspectives
Salient features of the Indian Constitution Total Number of Lectures: 7	The Preamble, Fundamental Rights, DPSP, Judicial Review, Basic Structure
Caste, Religion & Ethnicity in Indian Politics Total Number of Lectures: 2	
Planning and Economic Development Total Number of Lectures: 2	Nehruvian and Gandhian Perspective, Green Revolution, Role of planning and public sector, Green revolution, Land reforms
Social Movement Total Number of Lectures: 2	Civil liberties and Human Rights Movement; Women's Movements, Environmentalist Movements

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Party System Total Number of Lectures: 3	National & Regional Political Parties, Patterns of Coalition politics, Pressure Groups etc.
Grassroot Democracy Total Number of Lectures: 1	PRI, 73rd and 74th C.A.A etc.
Federalism Total Number of Lectures: 3	Constitutional Provisions, Changing nature of Centre State Relations, Inter-State Disputes
Principle organs of the Union Government & State government Total Number of Lectures: 5	Working of Executive, Legislature and Supreme Court
Statutory Institutions / Commissions Total Number of Lectures: 2	CAG, ECI, UPSC, NCSC, NHRC etc.
Total Number of Lectures: 31	



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Lecture Plan of Political Theory

Units/Topic

Topics/Concepts Covered

PSIR Macro & Micro Topics

Macro Topics + Indicative Number of Lectures	Micro Topics
Western Political Thought Total Number of Lectures: 26	Plato (4), Aristotle (4), Machiavelli (2), Hobbes (3), Locke (2), John S. Mill (2), Marx (5), Gramsci
Political Ideologies Total Number of Lectures: 11	Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism and Feminism
Theories of state Total Number of Lectures: 3	Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, post-colonial and Feminist.
Concept of power Total Number of Lectures: 2	Hegemony, Ideology and Legitimacy.
Democracy Total Number of Lectures: 3	Classical and contemporary theories; different models of democracy—representative,
Rights Total Number of Lectures: 1	Meaning and theories; different kinds of rights; Concept of Human Rights.
Justice Total Number of Lectures: 2	Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawls's theory of justice and its
Equality Total Number of Lectures: 1	Social, Political and Economic; relationship between equality and freedom; Affirmative
Political Theory Total Number of Lectures: 3	Meaning and approaches
Indian Political Thought Total Number of Lectures: 5	Dharmashastra, Arthashastra and Buddhist Traditions; Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Sri
Total Number of Lectures: 57	



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Lecture Plan of Comparative Politics and IR

Units/Topic

Topics/Concepts Covered

PSIR Macro & Micro Topics

Macro Topics + Indicative Number of Lectures	Micro Topics
Comparative Politics Total Number of Lectures: 4	Nature & Major approaches
Politics of Representation & Participation Total Number of Lectures: 2	Political Parties, Pressure Groups & Social movements
Globalization Total Number of Lectures: 2	Responses from Developed and developing societies
Theories of IR Total Number of Lectures: 8	Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist & Systems Theories
Key concepts in IR Total Number of Lectures: 4	National Interest, Balance of Power etc.
Changing International Political Order Total Number of Lectures: 8	Cold War, Arms Race, Nuclear Threat
India and the World Part & Rest of the Comparative politics part Total Number of Lectures: 25	
Total Number of Lectures: 53	

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Our Faculty



Deepak Prakash

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- Senior Faculty of PSIR with more than 3+ years in guiding UPSC aspirants.
- During his Preparation, Appeared Twice in interview (2021 & 2022).
- Mentored hundreds of students successfully in their UPSC Preparation (Odisha Civil services scheme)
- Distinguished alumni of University of Delhi, JNU & University of Indianapolis, Indiana, USA
- Lifetime Member Of The American National Political Science Honors Society

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Our Prices

Price: ₹28,570

₹19,999

Online

Price: ₹50,000

₹35000

Offline



Orientation Session



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**9th November
2025**

**Class Start From :
18 November 2025**