

UPSC Civil Services Exam – Complete Booklist (Prelims + Mains)

■ Prelims Booklist

History

- NCERT History Books (Class 6–12)
- *Ancient India* – R.S. Sharma
- *Medieval India* – Satish Chandra
- *Modern India* – Spectrum by Rajiv Ahir
- *India's Struggle for Independence* – Bipan Chandra

Polity

- *Indian Polity* – M. Laxmikanth
- *Introduction to the Constitution of India* – D.D. Basu

Geography

- NCERT Geography Books (Class 6–12)
- *Certificate Physical & Human Geography* – G.C. Leong
- Atlas (Oxford / Orient Blackswan)

Economy

- NCERT Economics Books (Class 9–12)
- *Indian Economy* – Ramesh Singh
- *Economic Survey* (latest edition)
- *Union Budget*

Environment & Ecology

- *Environment* – Shankar IAS Academy
- NCERT Biology (Class 12, Ecology Chapters)
- Current Affairs from The Hindu / PIB

Science & Tech

- NCERT Science Books (Class 6–10)
- Current Affairs (ISRO, DRDO, Biotechnology, Space, AI)

CSAT (Prelims Paper II)

- *Quantitative Aptitude* – R.S. Aggarwal
- *Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning* – R.S. Aggarwal
- UPSC CSAT Previous Year Papers

■ Mains Booklist

GS Paper I (History, Geography, Society)

- NCERTs (6–12) – History & Geography
- *Indian Art & Culture* – Nitin Singhania
- *Modern India* – Spectrum
- *World History* – Norman Lowe

GS Paper II (Polity, Governance, IR)

- *Indian Polity* – M. Laxmikanth
- *Governance in India* – Laxmikanth
- *Introduction to the Constitution of India* – D.D. Basu
- Current Affairs (The Hindu, Indian Express)

GS Paper III (Economy, Environment, Science & Tech, Internal Security)

- *Indian Economy* – Ramesh Singh
- *Economic Survey & Union Budget*
- *Environment* – Shankar IAS Academy
- Current Affairs on Science & Tech, Internal Security

GS Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity, Aptitude)

- *Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude* – Niraj Kumar
- *Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude* – Subba Rao
- UPSC Case Studies

Essay Paper

- *Essays for Civil Services* – Pulkit Khare
- Editorials from The Hindu / Indian Express
- Previous Year UPSC Essays

Optional Subject (Choose One)

- Public Administration – Mohit Bhattacharya, Laxmikanth (Public Administration)
 - Geography – Savindra Singh, Majid Husain
 - History – Bipan Chandra, Satish Chandra, Norman Lowe
 - Sociology – Haralambos, Ritzer, Nitin Sangwan
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Current Affairs Sources

- *The Hindu / Indian Express* (Daily)
 - *Press Information Bureau (PIB)*
 - *Yojana & Kurukshetra* Magazines
 - *Rajya Sabha* TV Debates
 - Government Reports (ARC, NITI Aayog)
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Tips for Using This UPSC Booklist

- Stick to **one book per subject** – avoid too many sources.
- Revise at least **3–4 times** before the exam.
- Make **short notes** for last-minute revision.
- Solve **Previous Year UPSC Papers**.
- Keep preparation aligned with the **official UPSC syllabus**.