## Dr Ambedkar Centre of Excellence, Shivaji College, Delhi University

## **Functioning of DACE**

### **Subjects Covered**

**Indian Polity:** Constitution, political institutions, administrative machinery, rights and responsibilities of citizens.

**Indian Economy:** Economic development, planning, sectors, fiscal and monetary policies, inclusive growth strategies

**Modern Indian History:** Events, movements, and Personalities from colonial period to Independence **Geography:** Physical, social, and economic aspects of the country, landforms, climate, population, resources, regional development

**CSAT** (Mathematics, Reasoning, General English): Comprehensive training for problem-solving, logical reasoning, and language proficiency

**Environmental Studies:** Topics related to environmental conservation, ecological balance, climate change, and policies

**Current Affairs:** Dedicated focus on national and international events, government policies, social issues, important debates

## **Subjects Currently Being Taught**

## **General Studies**

Paper I	Essay
Paper II	General Studies I – Indian Heritage & Culture, History & Geography of the World & Society
Paper III	General Studies II – Governance, Constitution, Welfare Initiatives, Social Justice & International Relations
Paper IV	General Studies III – Technology, Economic Development, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Security & Disaster Management
Paper V	General Studies IV – Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude

## **Optional Papers**

#### A. Political Science and International Relations

#### Paper 1

**Section A:** Political Theory and Indian Politics

**Section B:** Indian Government and Politics

### Paper 2

Section A: Comparative Political Analysis and International Politics

Section B: India and the World

## A. Sociology

Paper 1: Fundamentals of Sociology

Paper 2: Indian Society: Structure and Change

**Compulsory Paper** 

**General Hindi** 

**General English** 

## **Students Record**

- Enrolled students: 100
- Regular students: 47
- Withdrawals: 10
- Vacant seat admissions: 4
- Irregular students: 48
- Number of Students Appeared in UPSC Prelims held on 28.05.2023 53

**Note:** Despite repeated attempts to contact irregular students, many have commitments like work or education, which affect their attendance. We request the authorities to, Consider exploring mechanisms to admit dedicated students or provide stipends to support their preparation.

## Infrastructure

Two Modern Classrooms with a projector have been allocated.



## Infrastructure

- Students and Faculties teaching at DACE Centre have full access to the central library of the college, which is regularly updated with books and magazines relevant to UPSC Exam preparation, students often sit in the library after class hours to study.
- All Other Campus Amenities like Clean Drinking Water with RO fitted System, Clean washrooms and girls' common room etc are made available to students enrolled under the DACE Scheme.

## **Mock Tests**



- •Conducted 39 Full-Length Mock Tests
- •Simulated Exam Environment
- •Followed Prelims Pattern
- •Consisted of 100 questions
- •Marking scheme: +2 for correct answers, -0.66 for incorrect answers



- •25 tests focused on specific subjects
- •14 tests covered the entire syllabus
- •30 Mini Mocks conducted
- •Question ranges: from 25 to 50
- •Purpose: Identify Weak areas in preparation

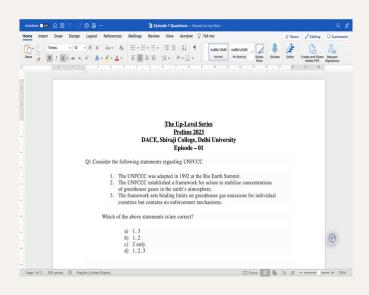
# **Course Material and Value-Added Notes**

- Provided 21 sets of course material (Hindi + English)
- Each set consisted of 11 booklets
- Covered subjects necessary for Prelims and Mains preparation
- Faculty members supplemented material with curated notes
- Notes incorporated updates from current events and developments



## **Up-level Series**

- •Conducted from January 1, 2023
- •Question practice series focusing on most expected questions for Prelims 2023
- •Covered questions from all domains, including static and current portions of the syllabus
- •Goal: Assist students in preparing for upcoming prelims and concentrate on high-priority areas

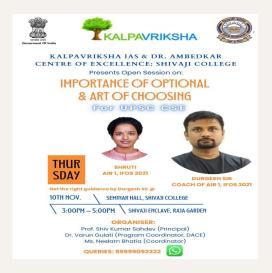




## **Strategy Sessions**

To address one of the biggest challenges in UPSC preparation—knowing what to do and how to do it—the centre organized several strategy sessions. Experts were invited to guide students and help them understand the intricacies of the preparation journey. These sessions aimed to provide valuable insights and refine students' approaches towards their UPSC preparation.





## **Guest Lectures By Experts**

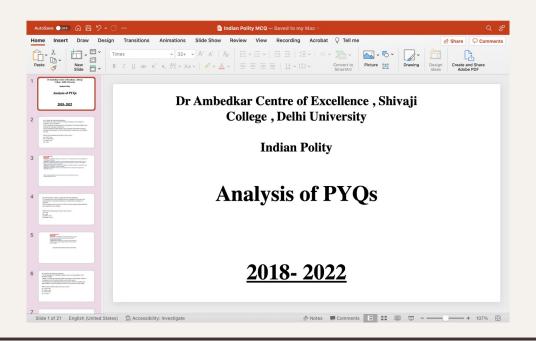
- Seminars organized to invite domain experts
- Aimed to provide in-depth knowledge and guidance on specific subjects or topics within UPSC syllabus
- Leveraged expertise of invited experts for valuable insights and clarification of doubts
- Facilitated better understanding of complex concepts
- Ensured comprehensive coverage of all areas in UPSC examination





### **Previous Years' Question Paper Analysis Sessions**

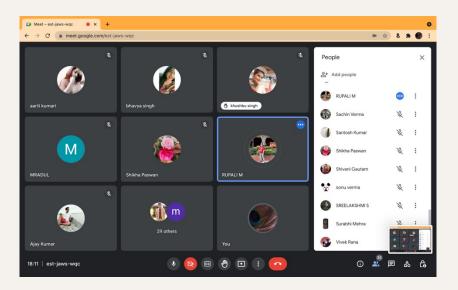
PYQs hold a very important place in UPSC Examination as they are important to analyze the trend and important areas, keeping this in mind, PYQ Analysis sessions were conducted for the students, where last 5-years question papers were discussed, along with a roadmap for future.



#### **Marathon Sessions**

In the week leading up to Prelims, intensive marathon sessions (Online) of 5 hours each were conducted to provide students with a comprehensive revision. These sessions encompassed a thorough review of the entire syllabus and included discussions on expected topics and strategies for the D-Day. The aim was to ensure that students had a holistic understanding of the subjects and were well-prepared to tackle the UPSC Prelims examination.





## **Counselling / Mentoring**

A mentorship program has been established to provide UPSC aspirants with regular counselling and guidance. Assigned mentors assist students in navigating challenges in both exam preparation and personal life. This personalized support helps students overcome obstacles and develop effective strategies for success.

## **Success Stories**

#### Aditya Rana.

AFCAT 2 – 2022 Written Cleared

SSC-CGL 2022 Tier 1 Cleared

SSC CAPF Sub Inspector Tier 1 Cleared

ICG Assistant Commandant Written Cleared

#### Monu Sankhla

Cleared CDS – 2023 Written

## **Abhay Kumar**

Cleared UGC-NET JRF 2022 SSC CGL 2022 Tier 1

#### **Anmol Prabhakar**

Cleared Stage 1 of Sub-Inspector Delhi Police Central Armed Police Forces Examination 2022

#### Siddharth S

Cleared Tier 1 Head Constable (Ministerial) in Delhi Police Examination ,2022

Cleared Tier 1 Sub-Inspector in Delhi Police and Central Armed Police Forces Examination

## **Success Stories**

## **Yogesh Kumar**

Cleared Stage 1 of Sub-Inspector Delhi Police Central Armed Police Forces Examination 2022

## **Ashish Bharti**

Cleared Stage 1 of Sub-Inspector Delhi Police Central Armed Police Forces Examination 2022

# Nitin Raj Cleared SSC-CGL 2022 Prelims

## Lessons Learnt/Way Forward/Improvement Areas

## **Enrolments of Dedicated UPSC Aspirants and Financial Support**

In our counselling sessions of irregular students, the major reason that came out was either they are working or pursuing some other degrees

To optimize the effectiveness of the UPSC preparation program, we propose enrolling only dedicated students who are committed to UPSC preparation. Additionally, providing financial support, such as a stipend, will alleviate the financial burden and enable students to focus on their studies. These measures will enhance the program's outcomes and attract motivated individuals to pursue UPSC success.

## Lessons Learnt/Way Forward/Improvement Areas

## **Budget Provisions Should be Increased**

Due to the high costs associated with teaching staff salaries, guest faculty fees, course material expenses, and test series costs. This increase in funding will ensure the provision of quality resources and support needed for an effective UPSC preparation program.

### **Common Entrance Test**

Selection of Students through Common Entrance Test: Ensuring Sincerity and Standardization

To ensure sincerity and maintain a standardized procedure, we propose selecting students for UPSC preparation through a common entrance test. This approach will help identify dedicated candidates and establish a fair and consistent selection process.

## **Starting the Coaching Cycle on Time**

Optimal Duration for UPSC Preparation: Ensuring Sufficient Time for Sound Preparations Recognizing the rigorous nature of UPSC preparation, we recommend extending the program duration to a full year. Starting the program in October provided students with only about seven months of preparation before Prelims 2023. By ensuring a cycle of 12 months, students will have ample time to develop a comprehensive and well-rounded preparation strategy, leading to more sound and effective preparations.

#### **Release of Funds on Time**

Timely Release of Funds: Ensuring Smooth Functioning of the Center

We would like to bring to the attention of the authorities the significant challenges caused by the delay in releasing funds, which hampers the smooth functioning of the center. Therefore, we earnestly request the authorities to allocate funds prior to the commencement of the scheme and on regular intervals thereafter. Timely release of funds will facilitate the timely payment of staff salaries, procurement of course materials, and other necessary arrangements, ensuring the uninterrupted operation of the center.