



The best magazines for IAS exam preparation are:

- (a)Yojana
- (b)Kurukshetra
- (c)Economic and Political Weekly
- (d)Down to Earth

Book List

Subject	UPSC Books
History	India's Struggle for Independence - Bipan Chandra Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhanian NCERT XI (Ancient & Medieval) NCERT XII (Modern Indian History)
Geography	Certificate Physical Geography - G C Leong NCERT VI - X (Old Syllabus) NCERT XI, XII (New Syllabus) World Atlas (Orient Black Swan)
Indian Polity	Indian Polity - M Laxmikanth NCERT IX-XII
Economics	Indian Economy by Nitin Singhanian Economic Development & Policies in India - Jain & Ohri NCERT XI
International Relations	NCERT XII (Contemporary World Politics) Current Affairs
CSAT	Tata McGraw Hill CSAT Manual Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning - R S Aggarwal
History, Indian Heritage & Culture [GS Paper 1]	Indian Art and Culture by Nitin Singhanian India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra India after Independence by Bipan Chandra History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra Ancient India by R.S Sharma
Geography	Geography of India by Majid Husain

[GS Paper 1]	World Geography by Majid Husain World Atlas (Orient Black Swan) Certificate Physical and Human Geography - G C Leong Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Class 11
Polity & International Relations [GS Paper 2]	Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth Introduction to the Constitution of India by DD Basu International Relations: Pushpesh Pant
Economy [GS Paper 3]	Indian Economy - Nitin Singhania Environment and Disaster Management - Tata McGraw Hill Challenges to Internal Security of India - Ashok Kumar
Ethics [GS Paper 4]	Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude for Civil Services Main Examination by Subba Rao and P.N. Roy Chaudary
Solved Papers	IAS General Studies Prelims Solved Papers - Vishal Publications

Study Material for UPSC

Apart from the books mentioned above, the essential UPSC Study Material includes:

- (a) 2nd ARC Report (To read more on ARC Reports, check the linked article.)
- (b) Economic Survey (Latest)
- (c) Budget (Latest)
- (d) Finance Commission Report (Latest)
- (e) Annual reports by central ministries
- (f) Current Affairs
 - (1) The Hindu Newspaper
 - (2) Yojana Magazine
 - (3) Press Information Bureau Releases
- (g) Niti Aayog Action Agenda

Read only the Best UPSC Books

The UPSC syllabus is vast and it takes at least one year to comprehensively cover it. Therefore, you cannot waste precious time by reading books that are below standard or worse, contain incorrect and unauthenticated information. In this case,

you would have to unlearn what you had previously read and this can prove difficult.

Learning from the recommended sources would mean you can directly make notes out of it, if necessary.

There are many books that give information tailor-made for the IAS exam. For instance, Laxmikanth for Polity is a book that you must read if you are taking the UPSC exam. Many questions have been asked that seem to come directly from this book.

In addition, many books including the one discussed above, contain information in a 'notes' format. So, they are readymade for IAS preparation. You don't have to waste time trying to make notes.

There are many books that are excellently written and contain a whole lot of valuable information. But you have to decide whether they are valuable for the UPSC exam or not. They might make a good read for academics and research scholars. But not necessarily for the UPSC exam. So, you need UPSC books that will help in your preparation and fetch you marks in the IAS exam.

