



VBCS2025

With Approach to the

—NEW—PATTERN







Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on your decision to pursue West Bengal Civil Services as your career. The civil services by quality of its knowledge, experience and understanding of public affairs play an instrumental role in policy making and have great responsibility to implement these policies for the welfare of society and enhancement of nation. The civil service, in fact, forms the backbone of the whole administrative set-up in our democratic country. It is not another lucrative job but an opportunity to serve our great nation by bringing out the best in you.

The examination is one of the most prestigious examinations which draws the attention of thousands of students every year and getting through the examination is coveted and most cherished dream of many. Every year lakhs of candidates appear in the WBCS examination, however, only a few hundreds make it to the final list. The reason behind this is that the exam, through its various stages and rigorous screening process tests the suitability of the candidate for the top-ranking positions in Indian bureaucracy. Unlike any other exam, this examination's syllabus is vast, so candidates are supposed to enhance their knowledge and develop administrative traits. The syllabus for preliminary exam contains subjects from almost all the fields. Parallel to this, leadership qualities, decision-making abilities, rational and logical thinking, balance of judgment and moral integrity are some of the many traits that the candidates must possess to ace the examination.

These traits and qualities cannot be acquired overnight and a candidate must inculcate them through a rigorous training process. After years of research, analysis and relentless efforts the Institute has developed a holistic, all-encompassing course structure and teaching methodology that synchronizes with the demands of the current pattern of WBCS examination. I would like to accentuate that as Civil Servants you will have the opportunity to change millions of lives everyday. India is a great country with vast resources and unmatchable diversity. However, lopsided development has pushed the poverty stricken, downtrodden and marginalized sections of the society to the edge thereby widening the gap between the developed and the underdeveloped world.

I would like to reiterate that the core values of Determination, Honesty, Authenticity, Integrity, Devotion, Humanism, Holistic Learning, Social Ethics, and concern for society & environment are all closely interwoven into the fiber of our academic programs. I urge you to realize your potential by making the best use of the transformative education imparted by our premier Institute and join the Civil Services with utmost sincerity, integrity and conviction to serve the people of India and bridge the gulf between the two unequal worlds.

With the aim to transform each one of you into able administrators, I welcome you to the Institute, where your commitment will be integrated with our years of experience to guide you in realizing your aspirations.

Wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

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Dr. Susijit Sahoo Chairman & Managing Director











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APTI PLUS Academy for Civil Services is Eastern India's premier Coaching Institution with a venerable legacy and nationwide acclaim for highest academic standards, distinguished faculty, illustrious alumni, and modern infrastructure.

Established in 2006, with the vision to be the centre of excellence and mission of mentoring, nurturing and producing maximum number of civil servants from Eastern India, APTI PLUS Academy, within a decade, has emerged as one of the leading coaching Institutes in India. Its long-term commitment to nation building and unflinching adherence to the highest standards and best practices in terms of quality of education and mentors is reflected by the phenomenal results it has been producing year after year, in Indian Administrative Services (IAS), Odisha Administrative Service & West Bengal Civil Services (WBCS).

The Institute has received numerous accolades which include the prestigious award of "Best Coaching Institute" by Worldwide Achievers at World Education Summit, New Delhi 2017, "Best Civil & State Service Coaching in WB & Odisha, 2018", "Global Excellence Education Award, Prime Time, 2019". Honoured as "Best IAS Coaching Academy" by "TIMES OF INDIA" 2022, "Most Inspirational Personalities" of Odisha Awards 2023.

We all are aware of the fact that Public Service Commission revises the WBCS Examination pattern frequently. Keeping this in view, the Institute restructures its courses and modifies its pedagogy accordingly, thereby, providing the most comprehensive and relevant guidance to the aspirants. The Academy has drawn in the most imminent faculty members from across India, which is why, quality teaching, individual attention and an all-inclusive education has become the hallmark of the Institute.

APTI PLUS started its beautiful journey with the firm belief that "Everyone has the power to change the world" & today it has set a new benchmark by producing the highest number of IAS, IPS, IFS IRS & WBCS officers from Eastern India. Yet, the Academy strives to reach newer and bigger milestones by creating more leaders for tomorrow and there by partake in the process of nation-building.







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ABOUT WBCS EXAMINATION

West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) W.B.C.S.(Exe), is a competitive examination conducted by Public Service Commission, West Bengal, every year for recruitment to various Civil Services like- Deputy Magistrate, Deputy Collector and Block Development Officers (B.D.O.) of the Government of West Bengal. WBCS (Exe) officers may also be nominated at a later stage of their career to become All India Services (IAS) officers. Unequivocally, the examination is a gateway to the most prestigious services in the state.

Group wise Service list:

Group A:

West Bengal Civil Services (Executive) WBCS (Exe) West Bengal Revenue Service (WBRS)[a] West Bengal Co-operative Service (WBCoS) West Bengal Labour Service (WBLS)

West Bengal Food and Supplies Service (WBF&FS)

West Bengal Police Service (WBPS)

Group C:

West Bengal Correctional Home Services (CSWB) Joint Block Development Officer (Jt. BDO) Deputy Assistant Director of Consumers and Fair Business Practices West Bengal Junior Social Welfare Service (WBJSWS) Assistant Canal Revenue Officer (Irrigation) (ACRO-Irrigation) West Bengal Sub-ordinate Land Revenue Services, Grade-I (SLRO) Assistant Commercial Tax Officer (ACTO)

Chief Controller of Correctional Service (CCCS)

Group D:

Inspector of Co-operative Societies (ICoS) Panchayat Development Officer (PDO) Rehabilitation Officer (RO)

THE EXAM PATTERN

Preliminary Examination

The Preliminary Examination is a screening test to shortlist candidates for further selection process. Question asked in this examination are objective in nature. Preliminary Examination is likely to be conducted in December 2025 (As per the recent Trend)

Mains Examination

Only the aspirants who qualify the Preliminary Examination would be eligible to apply for the Mains Examination. This particular examination is both objective and subjective in nature. Mains Examination is likely to be conducted September 2026(As per the recent Trend)

Personality Test

The candidates who qualify the Mains Examinations are interviewed by a Panel consisting of Members who are usually Expert from different fields chosen by the PSC. The unbiased Panel assesses whether the Candidate has the personality traits essential for various Civil Services. Questions based on matters of general interest are asked in the interview. The Panel selects Candidates who possess the basic personality traits a civil servant is expected to have.



Educational Qualification

A degree from a recognized

Ability to read, write and speak in Bengali (not required for those candidates whose mother tongue is Nepali)

Age Criteria

Gr. A - Min: 21 yrs. Max: 36 yrs. Gr. B - Min: 20 yrs. Max: 36 yrs. Gr. C - Min: 21 yrs. Max: 36 yrs. Gr. D - Min: 21 yrs. Max: 39 yrs.

Age Relaxation SC/ST: 5 Years (Only from WB)

OBC: 3 Years PwD: Upto 45 Years

- 1) Criteria for the West Bengal Police Service only (i.e. Group"B" Service) - Age not below 20 years but not more than 36 years on the 1st January of the year of exam.
- 2) The candidate must have good health and character and suitability in all respects for appointment to Government service.
- 3) Please do keep in mind that the S.C./S.T./O.B.C. candidates of other States shall be treated as general candidates















DETAILED PATTERN OF EXAM

Preliminary Exam

1. The Preliminary Examination will consist of two papers: viz. "General Studies Paper- I" and "General Studies Paper- II". The Papers will be objective type consisting of 200 multiple choice questions. The papers will carry 200 marks each and each will be of 2 hours duration. The General Studies Paper will be a qualifying paper with minimum qualifying marks fixed at 33 %. It is mandatory for the candidates to appear in both the papers for the purpose of evaluation. A candidate will be disqualified in case he/she does not appear in both the papers. The standard of papers will be of the level of knowledge as expected of a Graduate of any faculty of a recognized University.

General Studies Paper-I will include Questions covering the following fields of knowledge:

General Studies Paper-II will include Questions covering the following fields of knowledge:

English Composition	Comprehension
General Science	Interpersonal Skills including communication skills
Current Events of National and International importance	Logical reasoning and analytical ability
History of India	Decision making and problem solving
Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal	General Mental ability
Indian Polity and Economy	Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, order of
Indian National Movement	magnitude, etc), Data Interpretation (charts, graphs,
General Mental Ability	tables, data sufficiency etc) -Class X Level.

2. The Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as a screening test only for the purpose of selection of candidates for the Main Examination. The Marks obtained in this Preliminary Examination by the candidates will not be counted for merit list rather will be qualifying in nature, only those candidates who will be declared qualified at the Preliminary Examination in a year shall be eligible for appearing at the West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) etc. (Main) Examination of that year.

Mains Exam

- 1. The Main Examination shall consist of a Written Examination and Personality Test.
- 2. The Written Examination shall consist of Ten Papers of conventional type out of which two papers viz, Bengali/Nepali as paper 'A' and English Paper 'B' carrying 300 marks each shall be of qualifying in nature.
- 3. Marks obtained in all the compulsory papers (Paper-I to Paper VIII) and marks obtained in the Personality Test shall be counted for final merit List.
- 4. Each compulsory and Optional Paper shall carry 250 marks and shall be of 3 hours duration.
- 5. Candidates opting for Group 'C' and Group 'D' Services and Posts need not to appear at the Paper VII and Paper VIII.

Paper		Marks
Paper -A The Paper will include English to Bengali/Ne	Bengali/Nepali le questions covering the following topics: Letter writing, Drafting of Report, Precis Writing, Comprehension, Translation from epali, Short Essay.	300
Comprehension of a	English equestions covering the following topics: a given passage. Precis Writing, Usage and Vocabulary, Short Essay, Letter Writing/Drafting of Report, Translation from Nepali/Santali to English.	300

Note: These Papers will be of Madhyamik Pariksha or equivalent examination standard and will be of qualifying nature only. Marks obtained in Paper-I to Paper- VIII of only such candidates will be taken into consideration who obtains 30 % marks or more in each of the Paper -A and Paper- B. The Marks obtained in these papers shall not be considered for Merit List













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Papers to be counted for merit:		Marks
Paper -I	English Essay and Composition	250
Paper -II Comprising - a) Cultural	Tradition of Culture of Bengal Aspects of Bengal, b) Art Forms including Folk Art & Music of Bengal, c) Literature of Bengal, d) Architectural Heritage of Bengal	250
Paper -III	General Studies- I	250
Paper -IV	General Studies- II	250
Paper -V	General Studies- III	250
Paper -VI	General Studies- IV	250
Paper -VII	Optional Subject Paper-I	250
Paper -VIII	Optional Subject Paper-II	250

Note: The question paper will be of conventional type | Each Paper will be of three hours' duration | Answers in all papers whether compulsory or optional, may be written either in English or in Bengali.

LIST OF OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

For candidates applying for Group A or Group B Post, there will be two papers of any of the following optional subjects:

Bengali, Hindi, Sanskrit, English, Pali, Arabic, Persian, French, Urdu, Santali, Comparative Literature, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science, Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Commerce and Accountancy, Computer Science, Economics, Electrical Engineering, Geography, Geology, History, Law, Mathematics, Management, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Science, Physiology, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Statistics, Zoology.

For Botany and Political Science answers may also be written in Nepali.

Personality Test

Interview or Personality Tests for WBCS Examination is conducted for a total of 200 marks (Gr. A & B), 150 marks (Gr. C), 100 marks (Gr. D). Questions based on matters of General Interest will be asked in Interview.

Personality test assesses candidates' personal qualities such as alertness of mind, leadership traits, power of clear and logical exposition, intellectual and moral integrity, and candidate's range of interests.

WHAT WE OFFER







Concise Study Faculty from Delhi & Materials for General Studies & Optional Subject



Handouts & Weekly Class Tests provided by **Faculty Members**



40+ Simulated Tests for Prelims & Mains Exam



Daily Answer Writing Practice with Feedback



Monthly Magazine & **Tests for Current** Affairs



Free Assistance for Interview / Personality Test













CLASSROOM BASED COURSES

1 Year WBCS Prelims Cum Mains Integrated Course

This Program has been curated for aspirants who are willing to dedicate one solid year to Civil Services preparation (including working professionals) and hit the bull's eye on their very first attempt.

Course Parameters:

Course Duration	12 Months ~ 900+ hrs. (Weekdays - English Medium, Weekend - Bengali / English Medium		
Class Mode	Offline/Online/Hybrid		
Class Timings	Weekdays: Monday to Friday [Morning & Evening Batch] Weekend: Sat-Sunday		

Inclusion	Stage type
Daily Class Tests & Answer Writing, Monthly Sectional Tests & Monthly Current Affairs.	Basic
Prelims & Mains Test Series, Essay Classes & Mains Enrichment Classes	Advanced

General Course Characteristics:

1	900+ hrs. of Classes by Experts of Delhi & West Bengal	
2	Flexible Class timings [Weekdays & Weekend]	
3	Lecture Notes & Handouts	
4	Monthly Current Affairs Magazine – The WBCS Gazette	
5	Focus on Descriptive Pattern of WBCS Main Exam	
6	Daily MCQ Tests with explanations	
7	Weekly Class Tests [OMR based]	
8	Daily Answer Writing Practice with Feedback	
9	Classes and Tests Access till Mains 2025	
10	Additional 2 years support	

Optional Subject

Course Focus & Objective:

APTI PLUS Academy's Optional Foundation Courses'- meticulously designed to ensure content differentiation, score enhancement and completeness of coverage.

Available Optional Subjects:

PSIR, Sociology, Public Administration, Geography, History, Anthropology

What makes our Optional Coaching stand apart?

- Specially curated for aspirants with no background knowledge
- Time bound, complete and comprehensive coverage of both papers through innovative methodology
- One-to-one personalised attention
- Special focus on score maximization with Tests
- Crisp, exam-oriented, regularly updated study material

Course Parameters:

Course duration	3 months/ 100 Hrs.
Class mode	Online





DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

To ensure that aspirants from every nook and corner of the state can avail quality education, **APTI PLUS** Academy provides DLP Program.

900+ hrs. Recorded Classes for both Prelims & Mains with Study Materials & Test Series

Course Parameters:

Course duration

365 days

Class mode

Recorded

Language

English

- Recorded Video Lectures (by top Faculty Members)
- ✓ Updated Study Material @ your doorstep
- √ 12 Months magazine subscription
- √ 40 Comprehensive Tests for Prelims & Mains
- ✓ Daily Answer Writing Practice
- Monthly Doubt Clearing Sessions.*







Test Series

Appearing Test Series is of utmost importance in WBCS preparation. Mock Tests helps the aspirant to gauge her level of preparation and strategize her studies accordingly. **APTI PLUS** Academy provides both Online & Offline Test Series.



Test Series type	No. of tests	Mode	Inclusions
Prelims GS	20 Tests [12 Sectional Tests + 2 PYQ based Tests + 4 GS Full Length Tests + 2 GS-II Full Length Tests]	Online & Offline	Real Time Evaluation, Monthly Current Affairs Magazine.
Mains GS	20 Tests [8 Sectional Test [GS I-IV] + 8 Full Length Test [GS I-IV] + 2 Essay & Composition Test + 2 Tradition & Culture of Bengal]	Online & Offline	Detailed Feedback with Four 1:1 Sessions



INTERVIEW GUIDANCE PROGRAMME

Course Focus & Objective:

WBCS wants candidates who fill into the system of practical approach. In order to connect both, you need guidance from professionals who can train you well. And here is where APTI PLUS WBCS Mock Interview Guidance Program, comes into picture as we have the unparalleled ability to teach how to manage this sensitive area. APTI PLUS leaves no stone unturned to help the students counter the challenges put forward by WBCS.

Course overview:

APTI PLUS Academy conducts WBCS mock interviews in an ambience which is akin to the actual WBCS interview, where the highly experienced panel consisting of senior retired bureaucrats, personality experts

Both offline as well as Online Mode

What we offer

Panel

- Personalised Assessment and **Mentorship Sessions**
- Interview Material, Video recordings of mock interviews

Our WBCS Mock Interview 2023





























WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

Key Features	Description	
Classes with approach to the New Pattern by expert faculty members.	Bringing renowned Faculty Members/ Subject Experts from DELHI, who have vast experience in guiding Descriptive Pattern of the Civil Service Exams.	
One of the oldest civil services exam preparatory institution in Eastern India	Offering guidance for UPSC & WBCS since a decade in Kolkata. Candidates trust us for our services and past performance.	
Infrastructure	Equipped with Digital Classrooms, Live Streaming facilities for recorded sessions of class, Centralised Air- conditioned Classrooms.	
Own published materials	Having our own Content Research Team who ensures delivering plagiarism-free and updated content that actually the current exam pattern demands.	
Comprehensive Test Series	Assisting Candidates with 40+ High Quality Mock Tests with Feedback as per the New Pattern of the Exam.	















Our Eminent Faculty Members from Delhi & West Bengal









































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OUR RANKERS OF 2020 (GR. A & GR. B)











OUR RANKERS OF 2021 (GR. A, GR. B & GR. C)







GR. A







GR. B

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GR. B









FEE STRUCTURE

Course name	Duration	Fees
1 year WBCS Prelims Cum Mains Integrated Course	12 months	₹1,30,000.00
WBCS + UPSC CSE Integrated Course	12 months	₹1,41,600.00
Distance Learning Programme	12 months	₹59,000.00
WBCS Prelims Test Series 2025 [As per New Pattern]	Till Prelims 2025	Online ₹2,000.00 Offline ₹3,000.00
WBCS Mains Test Series 2025 [As per New Pattern]	Till Mains 2025	Online ₹10,000.00 Offline ₹10,000.00

Documents required at the time of Enrollment

- 1) Dully filled Enrollment Form
- 3) Highest Qualification Certificate (Photocopy)
- 2) Passport size Photo (2 pcs.), Stamp size photo (1 pcs)
- 4) Address Proof (Photocopy)













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