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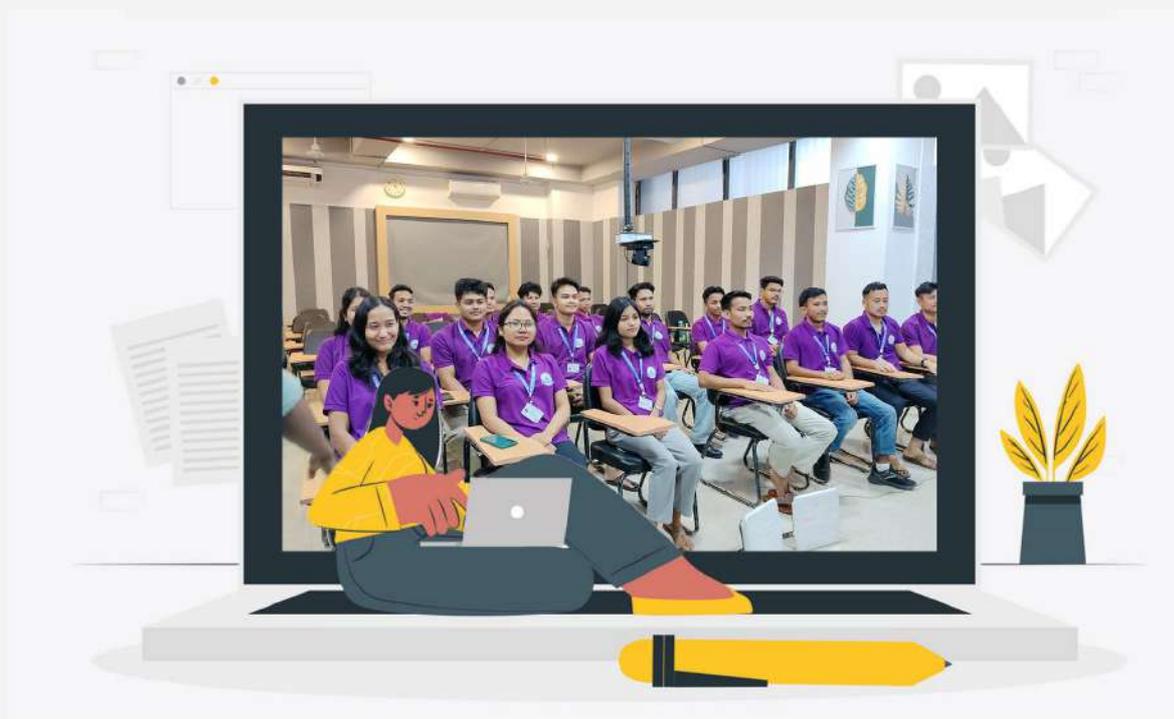
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PROFILE

Experience interactive, real-world learning from Takshashila School of Civil Services through lessons from leading faculties and subject experts.

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ABOUT TAKSHASHILA

Takshashila School of Civil Services is a premier institution for the preparation of UPSC-CSE. It is a unique initiative started in 2022 to provide a platform to the youth of Assam and the North East to prepare for UPSC with the help and guidance of talented mentors and faculty of various subjects from all over India. In addition to the UPSC division, a dedicated APSC division was also introduced in 2024 at the demand of the students.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED FACULTY

Faculty members with 5 to 20 years of experience from Delhi and various other states coach and guide the aspirants.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- State-of-the-art infrastructure.
- Technology-enabled smart classrooms.

This will facilitate better learning and improve outcomes.

ACCESSIBILITY

The institute is located at a very prime location, which is well connected for easy accessibility, in close proximity to the Assam Secretariat.

UP-TO-DATE STUDY MATERIAL

We have a dedicated content development team that provides relevant and up-to-date study materials.

ADVANCED LIBRARY

Takshashila aims to bring out the latent talent of students by providing them with a strong platform for preparation for the civil services examination

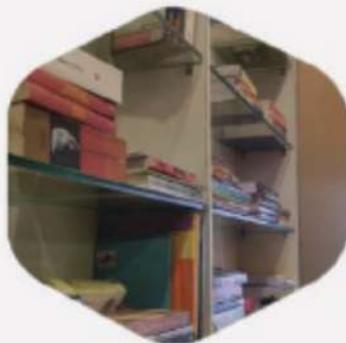
WHY TAKSHASHILA ?

- Exclusively UPSC division, only of its kind in the North-East region
- Experienced faculty from Delhi and other states of India
- **Well-equipped** and **Technology-Enabled** Classrooms
- Well-equipped library, Periodic mentoring sessions by civil servants
- Special workshops on writing skills, soft skills and personality development
- Blended mode of learning with online support
- Periodic tests to track growth and development of self-discipline, self-evaluation & constructive comparison
- Emphasis on developing alternative perspectives to realise and analyse facts and factors on events and issues
- An interdisciplinary approach to enable students to gain the ability for critical thinking ,

OUR GALLERY



Waiting Room



Information Center



**Visiting By Renowned
Personalities**



**Highly Equipped
Interactive Classroom**



Reception



Conference Hall



**One-to-One
Counselling**



Cafeteria

FACTS ABOUT UPSC

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The Civil Services Examination (CSE) is a competitive examination conducted nationwide by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for recruitment to various Central services and All India Services. The examination is conducted in three phases: Preliminary Examination which comprises of two objective-type papers, General Studies Paper I and General Studies Paper II (CSAT) and Mains Examination comprising nine papers of subjective type questions. In this pattern, two papers are qualifying, and only the marks of the remaining seven are counted. This is followed by a Personality Test (Interview), which is the 3rd and final phase of the examination

RANK LIST

The Rank List is prepared based on the total marks obtained in the seven written papers of the Mains Examination and the marks of the personality test, i.e., 1750 marks from seven papers + 275 marks of the Personality Test = 2025 Total Marks.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Age limits and attempts

“The aspirants must be graduated in any discipline recognized by UGC

Category	Age Limit	Number of Attempts
General	21-32 Years	06 Attempts
EWS	21-32 Years (No Relaxation)	06 Attempts (10% Reservation)
OBC	21-35 Years (3 Years Relaxation)	09 Attempts
SC/ST	21-37 Years (5 Years Relaxation)	Unlimited Attempts (till the age limit)

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

UPSC Civil Service Examination is divided into three stages: Preliminary Examination, Mains Examination and a Personality Test (Interview).

Stage 1 – Preliminary Examination

- The Examination comprises two compulsory papers of 200 marks each.
- The question papers will be MCQ based of two hours' duration.
- The General Studies Paper-II will be a qualifying paper with qualifying marks fixed at 33%.
- The question papers will be set in both Hindi and English.

Exam Syllabus

Papers	Marks / Duration	Syllabus
Paper - I	200 Marks 2 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current events of national and international importance. • History of India and Indian National Movement. • Indian and World Geography - Physical, Social, Economic Geography of India and the World. • Indian Polity and Governance - Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc. • Economic and Social Development - Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, Social Sector Initiatives, etc. • General issues on Environmental ecology, Bio-diversity and Climate Change (that do not require subject specialisation). • General Science.

Exam Syllabus

Papers	Marks / Duration	Syllabus
Paper - II	200 Marks 2 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehension.• Interpersonal skills, including communication skills.• Logical reasoning and analytical ability.• Decision making and problem solving.• General mental ability.• Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.) (Class X level), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc. - Class X level).



“ Preliminary Examination

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

Stage 2 – Mains Examination

- Mains Examination is a subjective comprises 9 papers.
- Each paper is of 250 marks except language papers (Papers 8 & 9), which are of 300 marks each.
- The marks of language papers (Papers 8 & 9) are not counted in the final score.
- There are a total of 48 optional subjects available for the UPSC Civil Services Mains Examination. Candidates can choose one subject from this list, which includes 25 core subjects and 23 literature subjects in various languages.

Qualifying Papers	Subject	Marks
Paper-A	One of the Indian languages to be selected by the candidate from the Languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution	300
Paper-B	English	300
Papers to be Counted for Merit		
Paper-I	Essay	250
Paper-II	General Studies-I (Indian Heritage and Culture, History and Geography of the World and Society)	250
Paper-III	General Studies-II (Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice and International Relations)	250
Paper-IV	General Studies-III (Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security and Disaster Management)	250

PATTERN OF EXAMINATION

Qualifying Papers	Subject	Marks
Paper-V	General Studies-IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude)	250
Paper-VI	Optional Subject – Paper 1	250
Paper-VII	Optional Subject	250
Sub Total (Written Test)	– Paper 2	1750
Personality Test (interview)		275
Grand Total		2025

Important Points:

- The papers on Indian languages and English (Paper A and Paper B) will be of a qualifying nature, and the marks obtained in these papers will not be counted for merit ranking.
- The papers on Indian languages and English (Paper A and Paper B) will be of Matriculation or equivalent standard.
- The papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subject of only such candidates will be taken cognisance who attain 25% marks in 'Indian Language' and 25% in 'English' as minimum qualifying standards in these qualifying papers.
- Marks obtained by the candidates for Papers I-VII only will be counted for merit ranking.

- The question papers for the main examination will be of conventional (essay) type, and each paper will be of 3 hours duration.
- Candidates will have the option to answer all the question papers, except the Qualifying Language Papers, Paper-A and Paper-B, in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India or in English.
- The question papers (other than the literature of language papers) will be set in Hindi and English only.
- Compensatory time of twenty minutes per hour shall be permitted for the Blind candidates and the candidates with locomotor disability and cerebral palsy, where the dominant (writing) extremity is affected to the extent of slowing the performance of the function (minimum of 40% impairment) in both the Civil Services (Preliminary) as well as in the Civil Services (Main) Examination.



The candidates who have successfully accomplished the stage 1 and stage 2 examinations will be interviewed by a board appointed by the UPSC. Candidates will be asked questions on general interest and general awareness. The objective of the interview is to evaluate the personal suitability of the candidate to be a civil servant by a group of competent and unbiased observers. The interview aims to evaluate not only their intellectual capabilities but also their social traits and etiquette. Mental aptitude, like clear and logical thinking, mental alertness, balance of judgement, variety and depth of interest, responsibility towards social cohesion, intellectual and moral integrity, leadership traits, etc, is judged in the process of the Personality Test.

APSC Combined Competitive Examination (CCE)

About the Examination:

The APSC CCE of Assam is a state-level competitive examination conducted by the constitutional body Assam Public Service Commission (APSC).

To get selected into the services, candidates must appear in the CCE conducted by the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) and should pass a three-phase selection process. The three phases are the

- Civil Services Preliminary Exam (Prelims)
- Civil Services Main Exam (Mains)
- The Personality Test (Interview)

APSC CCE Syllabus: General Studies Paper-I

It comprises 100 questions from the following topics, carrying 200 marks to be solved in 2 hours.

Topics	Details
Current Affairs	Current events of National & International importance
History of India & Indian National Movement	Covers ancient, medieval, and modern Indian history, with emphasis on the freedom struggle.
Indian & World Geography	Physical, Social, and Economic Geography of India and the World.
Indian Polity & Governance	Constitution, Political System, Panchayati Raj, Public Policy, Rights Issues, etc.
Economic & Social Development	Topics such as Sustainable Development, Poverty, Inclusion, Demographics, and Social Sector Initiatives.
General issues on Environmental ecology, Biodiversity & climate change	Focus on concepts not requiring subject specialisation.

APSC CCE Syllabus: General Studies Paper-II

It comprises 80 questions from the following topics, carrying a maximum of 200 marks to be solved in 2 hours.

Category	Topics Covered
General Mathematical Concepts	General Mental Ability, Basic Numeracy, Simplification, Number System, Square Roots, Ratio & Proportion, LCM & HCF, Averages, Surds & Indices.
Data Handling & Analysis	Set Theory, Data Interpretation (Graphs, Tables, Charts), Data Sufficiency, Data Comparison, and Calculation.
Logical Reasoning	Series Completion, Analogies, Blood Relations, Direction Sense, Coding-Decoding, Decision Making, Statement & Assumptions.
Analytical Reasoning	Arrangements (Linear & Circular), Puzzles, Syllogisms, Statement & Conclusion, Inference-Making.
Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning	Word Problems, Series & Patterns, Visual Reasoning, Venn Diagrams, Non-Verbal Series, Logical Operations, Cubes, Dice, and Mathematical Operations.
English Comprehension	Grammar, Synonyms/Antonyms, Vocabulary, Idioms & Phrases, Error Spotting, Reading Comprehension, Passage Analysis.
Interpersonal Skills	Verbal & Non-Verbal Communication, Active Listening, Empathy, Relationship Management, Clarity in Expression

Candidates must achieve a minimum qualifying mark in Paper II, while the score from Paper I is utilized for merit ranking. Effective preparation for the Prelims requires a strong focus on current events, static subjects, and practice for CSAT-related problems

APSC CCE Main Examination Syllabus

The Main examination assesses a candidate's in-depth knowledge and analytical skills. It consists of six descriptive papers: one essay paper, Five General Studies papers, including Ethics paper and Assam specific paper.

The total marks for the Main examination are 1500, and the preparation requires a strategic approach to integrate dynamic and static content.

Papers	Marks	Time	Details
Essay Paper	250	3 hrs	Tests essay-writing skills
GS Paper I	250	3 hrs	Indian Heritage and Culture, History, and Geography of India and the World and Society
GS Paper II	250	3 hrs	Governance, Constitution, Polity, Social Justice (with emphasis on Assam), and International Relations
GS Paper III	250	3 hrs	Technology, Economic Development, Bio-diversity, Environment, Security, and Disaster Management (With emphasis on Assam)
GS Paper IV	250	3 hrs	Ethics, Integrity, and Aptitude
GS Paper V	250	3 hrs	Dedicated to Assam's history, culture, geography, and socio-economic issues.

Grand Total – 1500 Marks

Personality Test

Stage	Details
Interview	Conducted after qualifying for the Written Examination
Purpose	Assesses personality, communication skills, and suitability for administrative roles
Total Marks	180
Focus Areas	Decision-making abilities, clarity of thought, and awareness of national and regional issues

Total Marks = 1680

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility criteria for the Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) Combined Competitive Examination (CCE) 2025 in terms of educational qualification and age limit is given below.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION :

- The candidate must be an Indian Citizen.
- One must have pursued a Bachelor's degree from a University Grant Commission recognized institution in any stream.
- Should not be less than 21 years and not more than 38 years.

Age relaxation: The upper age limit is relaxable as shown in table given below.

Age Relaxation & Upper Age Limits (State Level / Assam)

Category	Age Relaxation	Upper Age Limit
General	N/A	38 Years
SC/STP/STH	5 Years	Up to 43 years
OBC/MOBC	3 Years	Up to 41 years
PwBD (Persons with Benchmark Disability)	10 years (irrespective of category)	As per Govt. Notification No. ABP 144/95/121 dated Dispur, the 28th October 2015
Ex-Serviceman (OBC/MOBC)	15 years over the general age limit	Up to 53 years
Ex-Serviceman (ST/SC)	17 years over the general age limit	Up to 55 years

PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY TAKSHASHILA SCHOOL OF CIVIL SERVICES



ONE YEAR CLASSROOM COURSE

- 10 months duration + Test series + Interview guidance.
- Periodic test (prelims and mains pattern).
- Workshops on answer writing skills, personality development and spoken English.
- Daily Practice Paper (DPP) and study materials to be provided.
- **Technology-enabled smart classrooms.**



ONE YEAR WEEKEND BATCH - (SATURDAY & SUNDAY)

- 10 months duration + Test series + Interview guidance.
- Periodic test (prelims and mains pattern).
- Workshops on answer writing skills, personality development and spoken English.
- Daily Practice Paper (DPP) and study materials to be provided.
- **Technology-enabled smart classrooms.**



TWO/THREE-YEAR FOUNDATION BATCH

- Course duration: 2 / 3 years.
- Periodic test (prelims and mains pattern).
- Workshops on answer writing skills, personality development and spoken English.
- Daily Practice Paper (DPP) and study materials to be provided.
- **Technology-enabled smart classrooms.**

BOTH ONLINE & OFFLINE MODES AVAILABLE

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OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (FOR UPSC)

- Public Administration.
- Sociology.
- Political Science & International Relations.
- Assamese language and literature

Other optionals are also available on demand



EVENING BATCH (FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS/ WORKING PROFESSIONALS)

- 10 months duration + Test series + Interview guidance.
- Periodic test (prelims and mains pattern).
- Workshops on answer writing skills, personality development, and spoken English.
- Daily Practice Paper (DPP) and study materials to be provided.
- **Technology-enabled smart classrooms.**



CSAT EXCLUSIVE

- 6 months duration + Test Series
- Periodic Practice Test
- Guidance to enhance reasoning ability + English comprehension skill + Quantitative Aptitudes



TEST SERIES (ONLINE/OFFLINE)

- Topic-Wise Test
- Sectional Test
- Full Syllabus Test

ACADEMIC HEAD & ADVISOR



Shri Ghana Kanta Pegu,

ACS (Retd.) Former Member, APSC.

Academic Head & Advisor, Takshashila School of Civil Services

With over three decades of distinguished service in the Assam Civil Service, Shri Ghana Kanta Pegu brings unparalleled administrative experience, leadership and policy insight to the Takshashila School of Civil Services. His illustrious career, beginning in 1992, spans some of the most crucial administrative roles within the Government of Assam.

A postgraduate in English (M.A.),

Sri Pegu has served in key positions such as:

- Former APSC Board member
- Secretary, Finance Department
- Additional Secretary, Finance Department
- Joint Secretary, Finance Department
- Additional Deputy Commissioner (Lakhimpur & Dhemaji)
- Circle Officer, Border Magistrate, and Senior BDO across multiple districts

His deep understanding of governance, field administration, financial management, and public policy is strengthened by extensive training at premier institutions such as the Assam Administrative Staff College and BIPARD, Patna, covering E-Governance, Public Service Act, Design of Training, and Direct Trainer Skills.

Role at Takshashila

As Advisor & Guide, Shri Pegu provides:

Strategic mentorship to civil service aspirants

Guidance on administrative ethics, governance, and policy-making: Insights from field-level and Secretariat experience

Academic and structural inputs for programme development

His Presence, Our Strength

Shri Ghana Kanta Pegu's association embodies our commitment to nurturing aspirants with real-world administrative wisdom, disciplined mentorship, and the highest standards of public service values. His journey inspires students to cultivate integrity, clarity of purpose, and a deep understanding of governance qualities essential for the future leaders of the nation.

OUR TEAM



PRABHAKAR JHA

- Have more than 10 years of teaching experience as a General Studies faculty, both online and offline.
- Former mentor and faculty at renowned institutions, including Unacademy, Adda 24/7, Unified IAS Academy, UPSC Pathshala, Ray IAS Academy, and Madhubani IAS Academy.
- Expertise in teaching Polity and Governance, Indian Economy, and International Relations.
- Successfully appeared for the UPSC interview three times and in various State Services Exams.



SANJAY KUMAR

- Have more than 8 years of teaching and mentoring experience.
- Post-Graduate from the Delhi School of Economics
- Appeared for UPSC CSE MAINS 2017.
- Formerly associated with Vision IAS, Khan study group, IAS Gurukul and Borthakur IAS Academy, as content creator, mentor and teacher.
- Expertise in GS paper II, III and Sociology Optional.



VAIBHAV PATIL

- Have more than 7 years of teaching and mentoring experience (Geography & Environment)
- Formerly associated with many reputed institutes like Drishti IAS, Guidance Group, Shivvidya Prabhodhani Academy, Royal IAS Academy, etc.
- Mentored thousands of students to clear the Civil Services Exam.



NISHANT N KASHYAP

- Have more than 4 years of teaching experience as a General Studies Faculty, both online and offline.
- Formerly associated with reputed Civil Service Institutions.
- Worked in the Ministry of External Affairs
- Expertise in teaching History and International Relations.
- Successfully appeared for Civil Services interviews.
- Mentored thousands of students to clear the Civil Services Exam.



BHARGAB HAZARIKA

- Have more than 3 years of teaching and mentoring experience
- Expertise in teaching Geography, Environment, Assam-specific contents, and Internal Security.
- Formerly associated with many reputed institutions like Borthakur IAS Academy, Aarohan Civil Service Institute, Uncomplicated by career guide, etc.

Expert Interaction



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