

# **Annual Report 2021 - 2022**



# Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre

**Government of West Bengal** 

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#### **MESSAGE**

The Government of West Bengal under the guidance and motivation of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee initiated a historical step by way of establishing Civil Services Study Centre at the NSATI campus, Salt Lake in the year 2014. The youth of West Bengal who were aspiring to compete at Civil Services Examination on the National Level, conducted by UPSC had been facing absence of proper guidance and mentoring.

This Study Centre thus provides a much awaited window for the first time in our State to offer guidance and support to willing candidates from all over the State including those coming from remote and rural areas. However, to strengthen the activities and expand its reach under the inspiration of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, this Centre was rechristened Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) in the year 2021 and renewed its effort to offer best possible guidance at par with other National Level coaching centres. To ensure quality and academic guidance at par with such Centres, SNTCSSC entered into MOU with Khan Study Group of Delhi and Shankar IAS of Chennai to handle a significant part of the curriculum. This ensured larger participation of competent aspirants joining SNTCSSC.

It also gives me great pleasure to state that with the blessings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and involvement of the Department of Education, Government of West Bengal, this programme of guidance and training has now been taken to all the districts of the State to enable aspirants living in far away and rural areas to prepare for the UPSC Examination. As a consequence, twenty-six Satyendranath Tagore District Civil Services Study Centres spread in 22 districts were launched involving a total of 1300 candidates, each centre having enrolled 50 candidates. This arrangement has been laid out according to "HUB AND SPOKE" model, wherein SNTCSSC being the Hub, is overseeing the entire programme and coordinating with the districts. The enthusiasm observed in the districts and the response from willing candidates have been very encouraging.

I am glad that SNTCSSC is publishing its Annual Report. I strongly believe that the next Annual Report will have a longer list of successful aspirants, occupying higher ranks in this national level competitive examination.

(Dr. H.K. Dwivedi)

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CHAIRMAN Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre Government of West Bengal.



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#### From the Chairman's Desk

Under the guidance and inspiration of Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Civil Services Study Centre came into existence in the year 2014 within the framework of Centre for Excellence in Public Management (CEPM). The Civil Services Study Centre evolved out of a need for generating awareness amongst youths of the state towards Civil Services and also for providing platform of guidance and mentoring the aspirants to this end.

Though the journey started in the year 2014 this centre was rechristened Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) in the year 2021, the name owing its origin to the first Civil Servant of India Sri Satyendranath Tagore who was from this state.

Ever since SNTCSSC came into existence in its new form with the support from the Government of West Bengal, this centre has been striving to touch newer milestones to achieve objectives as set out by the Governing Body and the Government.

It was observed that there is a pressing need to generate awareness amongst the youths of the state not only from the perspective of Civil Services but also towards the modalities to be adopted in making preparation for the same. The lack of knowledge and facilities required to achieve success in UPSC has been strikingly inadequate especially in the rural areas and amongst the underprivileged. Keeping this in mind, SNTCSSC has also been conducting awareness programmes in different forms in the districts and also amongst educational institutions and it was seen that there have been huge and overflowing response and enthusiasm amongst the students, not only to get more information but also in their desire to participate for a career in Civil Services. Thus having felt that need at the highest level, with the guidance and instruction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Government further set up twenty-six Civil Services District Study Centres in 22 districts in the year 2022 beyond Kolkata so that facilities and infrastructure support can

be made available throughout the state including the districts and rural areas. This initiative will go a long way in generating awareness and also extending support to the youths of all sections in a much more fruitful way. The coordination with the District Study Centres is being done by SNTCSSC from Kolkata which is acting as the HUB.

Another important achievement which was possible with the support of the Government is that premier coaching institutes operating at the national level with excellent infrastructure and performance have been involved by way of a MOU, and with this initiative the students here are able to get class room coaching by best of faculty without moving out to far away cities including Delhi. Thus remaining at the comfort of their homes they are having access to academic inputs along with other supports including a well-equipped library, hostel facilities to the extent possible and regular mentoring by experienced and devoted faculty within the campus.

I am quite confident that with the new initiatives as per guidelines of the Government, the youth of the state now have a very competent platform for interaction and guidance. This will make a lot of differences in the coming years in terms of performance of the youths from this state.

In essence, this centre as established by this Government by way of setting up SNTCSSC and extending various facilities including providing exposure to national level coaching is unprecedented in the history of West Bengal. The faculty members and others associated with this activity are making their best efforts to provide all support and impart seamless inputs in every possible manner.

Since, for about last two years there was an abnormal condition prevailing due to Covid-19 this Annual Report is being brought out combining two years and of course as the First annual Report of SNTCSSC.

I hope this publication will provide an overall idea about this Centre, its activities and the efforts being made to provide a highly subsidized authentic and accessible platform for aspiring youths to take guidance and counselling in a fruitful manner.

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Surajit Kar Purkayastha

#### Jitin Yadav, IAS



Member Secretary, Centre for Excellence in Public Management & Course Director, Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre

### **Course Director's Report**

Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre, erstwhile CSSC, is moving forward making efforts to provide the best guidance and coaching for UPSC Civil Services Examination to the aspirants from West Bengal. Now, the institute has expanded its horizon from Kolkata to all the districts of the state with the opening of 26 new SNT District CSSCs.

Civil Services Examination requires training in hard skills as well as soft skills. Our aspirants get hard skills training in the form of classroom coaching, at the same time soft skills guidance from selected IAS/IPS officers of the state who teach them about consistency, perseverance, sustained motivation and stress management. This exposure will help them not only in clearing UPSC Civil Services Examination but also in facing other challenges in life.

We, at SNTCSSC, are working to develop a Student Management System(SMS) to manage day to day work of the institute when it comes to interaction with aspirants who are enrolled in various courses. SMS will also keep record of all our current and past aspirants to monitor them on regular basis. This will make the study centre more robust.

Success rate in terms of clearing Prelims examination has been rising every year. Thirty-seven aspirants of SNTCSSC wrote UPSC Civil Services (Mains) Examination 2021 and fifty-four aspirants have written this year (result awaited). This not only motivates fellow aspirants who are preparing with them in the classrooms but others also who are outside the centre.

We know that, at the heart of success is a strong team with shared goals. We set goals as a team and the individual drive and passion of each member is what propels us to move forward. SNTCSSC team is working whole heartedly to ensure that the Institute crosses new boundaries every year.

This is the first Annual Report since the inception of the Institute. The readers will get a bird's eye view about the centre and about the support and guidance being extended by the Govt. of West Bengal.

We hope that this publication of ours will each the right quarters and serve the purpose it intends to.

Jitin Yadav

# **Introducing Our Institution**

Civil Services Study Centre (CSSC), from Netaji operating Subhas Administrative **Training** Institute Campus, (NSATI) Salt Lake. Kolkata, came into existence on January 25, 2014. It is the outcome of the vision and farsightedness of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Her noble idea created this Institution – the first of its kind in West Bengal - to extend its reach to instil confidence in every aspirant all across the state, to be a part of a



Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal at the Inauguration of Civil Services Study Centre

highly competitive examination like UPSC Civil Services Examination. The Institute's relentless support further embraces the rural areas of Bengal so as to inspire students from all strata of society, with nominal expenses.

The centre was rechristened Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) by our Hon'ble Chief Minister in the year 2021 and is poised to take further strides to cater to civil service aspirants of our state.

The faculty & staff of SNTCSSC, with the unstinted support of the Government, are committed to bring in more and more awareness and participation in UPSC from Bengal and also striving with dedicated effort to reap better results in the days to come.



# Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) – An Overview



Satyendranath Tagore

# The Backdrop

Since the inception of ICS and thereafter, Bengal has been producing a large number of civil servants who have served several parts of India. However, in the last two decades, Bengal witnessed lesser participation in Civil Services in the national level, which could be attributed to multifarious factors. This necessitated the need to encourage and inspire the youth to take up All-India Civil Services as a career option and thus, actively participate in the governance of state. Consequently, in order to create an ecosystem through which more awareness and confidence could be instilled in the minds of youths which, in the long run, would enthuse them to participate in nation-building, Mamata Banerjee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, inaugurated Civil Services Study Centre on January 25, 2014 to provide training, at almost no cost, to the young boys and girls of the state who choose to take the UPSC conducted Civil Services Examination. Thus, she added a new dimension to the idea of extending appropriate facilities for such a cause. It was a unique response to a felt necessity.

# **The Journey Begins**

CSSC transcended the early teething phase with undivided dedication in handling the hardships. CSSC was rechristened Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre in May 2021, after the name of the legendary personality, Satyendranath Tagore, who became the first Indian Civil Service Officer in 1863. SNTCSSC kept on progressing and moving towards its mission as per the vision of our Hon'ble Chief Minister.

#### Onset of COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020 & 2021

The constraints and limitations during the COVID-19 pandemic created a challenge in its goal to cater to the needs of the students. Since physical classes were not viable during this period, SNTCSSC arranged for an online prelims crash course for the students to enthuse them to carry on with their preparation for UPSC CSE Prelims examination which stood postponed due to the pandemic. In this context, it deserves mention that thirty-seven students, associated with SNTCSSC, cleared the Prelims examination in 2021.

SNTCSSC has dedicated faculty of its own who are relentlessly serving for the academic welfare of the students. They take classes on Optional subjects, meet and mentor the students regularly along with other administrative work. In addition, SNTCSSC engages a host of guest faculty from renowned institutions to provide specialized training and full-fledged & comprehensive inputs to its students.

# **Summary of Activities of SNTCSSC**

- A ten months' Composite Course of Prelims, Mains and Mock Tests is conducted offline on the campus. The selection process for this programme is based on an admission test conducted by SNTCSSC team. SNTCSSC is conducting the composite course in collaboration with two premier institutes, namely Khan Study Group (KSG) and Shankar IAS Academy (SIA). Mock tests, both MCQ and essay type, are given, evaluated and doubt-clearing sessions are organized on a regular basis.
- Alongside, Optional Classes are conducted by subject matter experts and senior professors from premier universities of India, IAS/All-India Services officers who are well experienced in training the aspirants for UPSC CSE. The introductory sessions are taken before the Prelims exams and are continued in detail after the UPSC CSE Prelims gets over.
- A **Prelims Crash Course** of 8-12 weeks duration is conducted for those students who appear in the ongoing year's Prelims Test. Simultaneously, Mock Tests are also arranged for this course. Although the Mock Tests are integrated within the Prelims Crash Course, aspirants may take up the mock tests separately even if they are not a part of the Prelims Crash Course.

### • Special Training Sessions For Personality Test & Mock Interviews

- ➤ The Centre provides Special Training for Interview and arranges for mock interviews simulating the composition and ambience of the UPSC
- ➤ Interview training begins immediately after the Mains examination is over and lasts for about 10 weeks.
- Mock Interviews are conducted after the aspirants receive call letters from Dholpur House. Senior bureaucrats and distinguished academicians constitute the Boards and the interviewees are exposed to four to five such Boards each with different panelists.

#### Other Facilities

- SNTCSSC provides free hostel accommodation to deserving boys and girls on selective basis.
- ➤ The Centre has a well-equipped library with books, periodicals and materials prepared specifically for Civil Services Examination's purposes. Facilities are open to students from morning till late hours of the night.

#### • Extending Support to the Districts:

With 26 Civil Services district coaching study centres, SNTCSSC has now extended its facilities to the districts of the state to enable aspirants living far away in rural areas to prepare for this exam. The SNTCSSC oversees the whole work and the system works according to "Hub and Spoke" model.

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# Support from Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI)

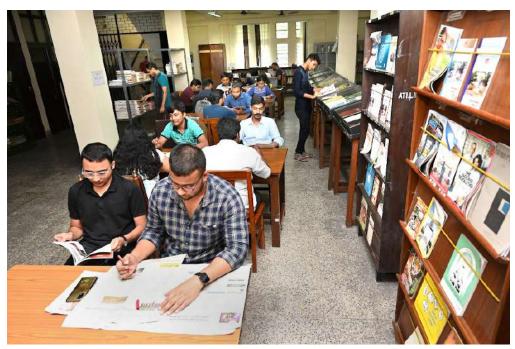
SNTCSSC is situated within the campus of Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI) in Salt Lake, Kolkata. NSATI renders full support with regard to infrastructure and hostel facilities for the aspirants and the visiting faculty. The beautiful, lush-green campus of NSATI provides added impetus to the students of SNTCSSC in their pursuit to make it to the final list of UPSC Civil Services Examination and get back here as trainee officers.



**Ongoing Lecture (Section A)** 



Ongoing Lecture (Section B)



Library



Hostel



# Centre for Excellence in Public Management (CEPM) and SNTCSSC

- The CEPM came into being in August 2009 "to provide technical and wider capacity building support to administrative reforms".
- CEPM was formed by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department (Training Cell), Government of West Bengal under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.

#### **Formation of CSSC:**

In the meeting of the Board of Governors held in December, 2013, a new objective was added by the CEPM, which was 'To provide good quality coaching at a reasonable fee and help students intending to appear in the Civil Services Examination'.

To further elaborate, the goal of CEPM was to create awareness and academic interest among students in general and students belonging to weaker section in particular about Civil Services Examination and also to focus on the students belonging to SC, ST, Backward Classes and Minority Communities for creating awareness among them to appear in Civil Services Examination.

Subsequently, the CSSC was inaugurated in January, 2014 by Mamata Banerjee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and further rechristened Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre in May, 2021.

SNTCSSC functions within the ambit of CEPM, whose Governing Body is as follows:

	Governing Body of CEPM		
1	Dr. H.K.Dwivedi, IAS,		
	Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Chairman, CEPM		
2	Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd.)		
	Director General, NSATI and Member, CEPM		
3	Shri B.P. Gopalika, IAS		
	Addl. Chief Secretary, P&AR Deptt, and Vice Chairman, CEPM		
4	Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.)		
	Chairman, SNTCSSC and Member, CEPM		
5	Shri Manoj Pant, IAS		
	Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Deptt., Government of West Bengal and Member, CEPM		
6	Shri Manish Jain, IAS		
	Pr. Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., and Member CEPM		
7	Md. Ghulam Ali Ansari, IAS		
	Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Deptt., and Member, CEPM		
8	Shri Sanjay Bansal, IAS		
	Secretary, BCW Deptt., and Member, CEPM		
9	Shri Jitin Yadav, IAS		
	Member Secretary, CEPM		
10	Shri Sudip Sinha, WBA & AS		
	FA, P&AR Deptt., Government of West Bengal and Member, CEPM		



# **TEAM SNTCSSC**

Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre is ready to serve as a beacon for UPSC aspirants, provide guidance and mentorship to the leaders of tomorrow.



Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.), Chairman



Shri Jitin Yadav, IAS Member Secretary, CEPM & Course Director



Prof Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri Academic Consultant



Shri Sunil Naskar Financial Advisor



**Dr Kaushik Ghosh** Coordinator



**Smt Ankita Roy** Faculty, Political Science



**Dr Damayanti Sen** Faculty, Economics



**Shri Subhankar Basak** Software Support Personnel



# SNTCSSC - GUEST FACULTY FOR GS AND OPTIONALS

#### **Anthropology**

Basu, Nayanee, M.Phil (JNU), PhD (JNU)

Mondal, Gopal, M.Sc. (CU), PhD (CU)

#### Bengali

Banerjee, Aditi, PhD (Presidency University)

Mondal, Sandip Kumar, MA (CU), PhD (CU)

#### **Economics**

Chakraborty, Gorky, M.Sc, Ph.D. (Dibrugarh University)

Ghosh, Sahana, MA (JNU), M.Phil (DSE)

Sen, Damayanti, M.S.Q.E (ISI), PhD (RBU)

### Geography

Chakraborty, Aritra, MA (JNU), PhD (CU)

Hirani, Aditya Vikram, IAS

Patel, Priyank, M.Sc, PhD (Presidency University)

# History

Chakraborty, Somdatta, M.Phil (JNU), PhD (JNU)

Chakravarti, Ranabir, MA (CU), PhD (CU)

Das, Supratim, MA (CU), PhD (CU)

Ghosh, Suchandra, MA (CU), PhD (CU)

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# **SNTCSSC's ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2021**

In May 2021 Civil Services Study Centre (CSSC) was remodelled and renamed as Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC).

The year 2021 witnessed a rejuvenation in terms of efforts and improvement of various parameters of Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre.

Owing to the sudden onset of Covid 19 Pandemic, SNTCSSC took resort to online mode of classes.

### **Online Prelims Crash Course 2021 Batch**

SNTCSSC organized a Prelims Crash Course for the candidates appearing for UPSC CSE 2021, since the UPSC CSE stood postponed owing to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

The inaugural session for the course was held on 10th July, 2021.

The 8 weeks long course covered the UPSC Prelims Syllabus and also included a series of prelims mock test comprising 12 tests of which 8 were on General Studies and 4 were on CSAT.

A little more than 1500 students, who were appearing for UPSC CSE 2021 in October 2021, had enrolled for the course. The course was conducted entirely in online mode due to the pandemic induced restrictions on physical sessions.

# MoU with Presidency Alumni Association

SNTCSSC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Presidency Alumni Association (PAA) (86/1, College Street, Kolkata 700073) on 10.8.2021. PAA comprises scholars, academicians and civil servants who will deliver subject-based special lectures, arrange mock interviews and assist in other associated scholarly tasks required by the students of SNTCSSC.

# Collaboration with reputed National level Institutes (First Time Initiative)

There is a general perception that UPSC CSE can be cracked only if one takes coaching from Delhi. To simulate the "Delhi Ambience" in the preparation for the Civil Services Examination, SNTCSSC with the support and guidance of Government of West Bengal further took an initiative to outsource some important components of preparations including the teachings of Prelims and General Studies of Mains examination to two reputed institutions, which helped boost the confidence level of the students further.

SNTCSSC entered into a collaboration with two all-India reputed institutes viz **Khan Study Group** and **Shankar IAS Academy** and outsourced the General Studies of both Prelims & Mains and a significant portion of training to these two institutes. They also conduct test series of both General Studies papers (Prelims and Mains) and Optional Papers. Thus, SNTCSSC is working hand in hand with these two institutes to cater to the academic requirements of the aspirants.

### **Online Admission Test for SNTCSSC Batch 2022**

SNTCSSC Batch 2022 happened to be the first batch since the collaboration of SNTCSSC with two premier institutes of IAS preparation of national repute, viz., Khan Study Group (KSG) and Shankar IAS Academy (SIA). To make the best of this important initiative, SNTCSSC opted for an online admission test to choose the right candidates, factoring in the constraints imposed by COVID-19.

A total of 3370 candidates had applied. Out of these, 2820 candidates had appeared in the Admission Test. Applying the Government reservation rules, a merit list was prepared for the first 500 students. The lists were of two parts - List A of 200 candidates and List B of 300 candidates.

All 200 candidates from List A candidates and 50 candidates from List B were invited to appear in an individual counselling sessions held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

The List A candidates were given opportunity to take admission. While some candidates from List A did not appear in the counselling sessions, some candidates from List A did not take admission also after appearing in the counselling session.

Thereafter, the waitlisted candidates of List B were given opportunity to take admission.

The admitted candidates were divided into 2 sections of 100 students each.

As per MoU signed, training of Section A students was conducted by Shankar IAS Academy (SIA), Chennai, and training of Section B students was conducted by Khan Study Group (KSG), New Delhi.

# **Inauguration of 2022 Batch**

The SNTCSSC Batch 2022 was formally inaugurated in a programme held at Vidyut Bhawan, Salt Lake by **Dr. H.K. Dwivedi,** IAS, the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Saturday.

The following dignitaries graced the occasion:

- Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS (Retd.), Director General, Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI), and Member, CEPM, Government of West Bengal
- Shri S.K.Thade, IAS (Retd.), OSD in the rank of ACS, BCW Deptt., Government of West Bengal
- Shri Soumen Mitra, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Government of West Bengal
- Shri Santanu Basu, IAS, Chairman & Managing Director, WBSEDCL, Government of West Bengal
- Shri Manish Jain, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department and Member, CEPM, Government of West Bengal
- Shri Supratim Sarkar, IPS, Commissioner, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate, Government of West Bengal
- Md. Ghulam Ali Ansari, IAS, Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Deptt., and Member, CEPM, Government of West Bengal

A group of freshly joined IAS and IPS officers of West Bengal cadre attended the inaugural session and interacted with the newly admitted students.

The classes started from 28th November 2021, Sunday.

### **Hostel Accommodation**

Following the admission procedure of SNTCSSC 2022 Batch, students were requesting for hostel accommodation at Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI) campus.

With the guidance of Government of West Bengal and the active support of NSATI, SNTCSSC took this initiative of providing hostel facilities to help the meritorious students concentrate on their preparation without wasting time to travel from far away locations.

A committee was formed who held a Hostel Screening test based on certain parameters, following which the suitable candidates were selected who could avail the hostel facilities. The lodging facilities in the hostel stand free

Aspirants who had cleared the UPSC CSE Prelims Exam were eligible for direct admission to SNTCSSC classes and hostel accommodation.

# Interview Training and Mock Interview Sessions, 2020

Owing to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic during this time, the UPSC had deferred the dates of personality test. Consequently the mock interviews for the SNTCSSC batch 2020 were conducted in 2021.

Initial preparatory sessions were conducted by Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri followed by Mock Interview Sessions.

# Mock Interview Sessions for UPSC CSE 2020 Personality Test

Mock Interview Sessions were held for the students who were appearing for UPSC CSE Personality Test in 2021.

Burhan Zaman, Debraj Sarkar, Mayuri Mukherjee and Sushobhan Biswas appeared in the Mock Interview Sessions, organized by SNTCSSC simulating UPSC pattern and ambience.

# 1st Mock Interview Board: 28th July, 2021

Shri Debasish Sen	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson
Smt. Indira Mukherjee	IPS
Prof. Probir Roy	Physicist, B.Sc (Cal et Cantab) Ph.D. (Stanford), Dean, TIFR (Retired)
Prof. Suparna Gooptu	M.A. (C.U.), D.Phil (Oxon), Professor of History (C.U.)
Dr. Saikat Sinha Roy	M.Sc (C.U.), M.Phil (JNU), Ph.D. (JNU), Professor of Economics (JU)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Mock Interview Board: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021

Shri Basudev Banerjee	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson		
Smt. Damayanti Sen	IPS		
Prof. Atri Mukhopadhyay	M.Sc. (C.U.), Ph.D. (C.U.), Professor of		
	Physics, SINP		
Prof. Achin Chakraborty	M.Sc. (C.U.), Ph.D. (University of		
	California, Riverside), Director, IDSK		
Prof. Anindya Jyoti Majumdar			
	Professor of International Relations, J.U.		

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Mock Interview Board: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

Mr. Sutirtha Bhattacharya	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson		
Syed Waquar Raza	IPS		
Prof. Prasanta Ray	M.A. (C.U.), Ph.D. (C.U.), Emeritus Professor,		
	Dept. of Sociology, Presidency University		
Prof. Tapati Guha Thakurta	M.A. (C.U.), D.Phil. (Oxon), Director, Centre		
	for Studies in Social Sciences (Retd.)		
Dr. Gorky Chakraborty	M.Sc (Dibrugarh University), Ph.D.		
	(Dibrugarh University), Economist (IDSK)		

In all the Mock Interviews the following were present as observers:

- 1. Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha IPS (Retd.), Chairman SNTCSSC
- 2. Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri M.A. (C.U.), Ph.D. (University of Birmingham), Academic Consultant, SNTCSSC

Among the 5 students who appeared in the Mock Interview Sessions, Mayuri Mukherjee made it to the final list of UPSC CSE 2020. She secured a rank of 159 in UPSC CSE 2020 and was allotted the Indian Revenue Service (IT).

#### Success of SNTCSSC students in UPSC CSE Prelims 2021

From amongst the students who had enrolled for Prelims Crash Course 2021, other students from previous batches of SNTCSSC and those associated with SNTCSSC and in constant touch with the team, **thirty-seven (37)** students qualified UPSC CSE Prelims 2021.



Dr H.K.Dwivedi, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, addressing the students at the Inauguration of SNTCSSC 2022 Batch



**Ongoing Mock Interview Session** 



Awareness Drive Programme at Krishnanagar, Nadia District in 2021

Similar awareness programmes were conducted by SNTCSSC in association with Current Affairs Review and district administration in other places like Burdwan, Kalyani, etc.





# SNTCSSC's ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2022

Overcoming the challenging period during the years 2020 and 2021, we entered 2022 with new hopes, better parameters, a rejuvenated set up and an overall spirited environment. Once the Covid 19 restrictions were relaxed, SNTCSSC embarked on a normal schedule. More focussed and streamlined activities started at a normal pace. UPSC also got back to its usual schedule in terms of the dates of the personality tests. Consequently SNTCSSC started its usual activities, starting with mock interview sessions.

# Interview Training & Mock Interview Sessions for the year 2022

Initial preparatory sessions were conducted by Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri followed by Mock Interview Sessions, simulating the UPSC pattern and ambience.

Mock Interview Sessions were held for the students who were appearing for UPSC CSE Personality Test in 2022.

Makwana Meet Kumar Sanjay Kumar, Vishal Jain, Tamali Saha, Mohammed Burhan Zaman, Shubham Shukla, Nitish Pareek appeared in the Mock Interview Sessions.

### 1st Mock Interview Board: 26th March, 2022

Mr Basudev Banerjee	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson		
Ms Antara Acharya	IAS		
Syed Waquar Raza	IPS		
Prof. Anindya Jyoti	M.A. (JNU), M.Phil (JNU), Ph.D. (JNU),		
Majumdar	Professor of International Relations, J.U.		
Dr.Saikat Sinha Roy	M.Sc (C.U.), M.Phil (JNU), Ph.D. (JNU),		
	Professor of Economics (JU)		

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Mock Interview Board: 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Dr Nandita Chatterjee	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson
Shri Sudhir Misra	IPS (Retd.)
Shri Dhaval Jain	IAS
Shri Pramit Pal Chaudhuri	IR Expert (Foreign Editor, The Hindustan Times, Delhi)
Prof. Achin Chakraborty	M.Sc. (C.U.), Ph.D. (University of California, Riverside), Director, IDSK

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Mock Interview Board: 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Shri Prasad Ranjan Roy	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson
Shri Dhrubajyoti De	IPS
Smt Priyanka Basu Ingty	IAS
Prof. Prasanta Ray	M.A. (C.U.), Ph.D. (C.U.), Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Presidency University
Dr. Gorky Chakraborty	M.Sc (Dibrugarh University), Ph.D. (Dibrugarh University), Economist (IDSK)

# 4<sup>th</sup> Mock Interview Board: 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Dr Kalyan Chakraborty	IAS (Retd.), Chairperson
Smt Roshni Sen	IAS
Smt. Susmita Bhattacharya	IRS
Shri Priyabrata Roy	IPS
Dr Maidul Islam	M.A. (C.U.), D.Phil. (Oxon), Political Scientist, CSSS

# Mock Interview Board for Indian Forest Service Candidates: 10<sup>th</sup>June, 2022

Dr Atanu Raha	IFS (Retd.), Chairperson	
Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee	M.A. (JU), Ph.D. (JU), Professor of Political Science, JU	
Shri Pradip Bauri	IFS	

In all the Mock Interviews the following were present as observers:

- 1. Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha IPS (Retd.), Chairman SNTCSSC
- 2. Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri M.A. (C.U.), Ph.D. (University of Birmingham), Academic Consultant, SNTCSSC

From the above six candidates, **Shubham Shukla** made it to the final list of UPSC CSE 2021 securing AIR 43 and was allotted Indian Administrative Service. **Tamali Saha** cleared IFoS with AIR 94, the only candidate from West Bengal. **Nitish Pareek** cleared Indian Information Services (IIS), 2021.

### **Online Prelims Crash Course 2022 Batch**

SNTCSSC organized a Prelims Crash Course for the candidates appearing for UPSC CSE 2022.

The inaugural session for the course was held on 26th February, 2022.

The classes continued till 12th May 2022

The 10 weeks long course covered the UPSC Prelims Syllabus and also included a set of two prelims mock tests.

The course was contemplated for a limited number of students (1000), to make the course more interactive and personalized. According to the capacity, all the students were enrolled as per first come first serve basis.

#### Success of SNTCSSC students in UPSC CSE Prelims 2022

Both the regular offline SNTCSSC 2022 batch and the online Prelims Crash Course batch continued with their preparation consistently along with attending the online test series.

They subsequently appeared in the UPSC CSE Prelims 2022 on 5.6.2022. It deserves mention that from among the 2022 batch students, and also those who had enrolled for Prelims Crash Course, along with other students from previous batches of SNTCSSC associated with SNTCSSC, **fifty-four (54)** students qualified UPSC CSE Prelims 2022.

# Regular SNTCSSC 2023 Batch

The admission test procedure was revised this year for selection of candidates.

Admission Test for SNTCSSC Batch 2023 was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 12 noon to 2pm. The question paper comprised three sections –

I. Section A: Multiple Choice Questions – 70 marks

II. Section B: Short answer type questions – 80 marks

III. Section C: Essay – 50 marks

2160 candidates applied for the test. 1093 candidates appeared in the Admission Test

After the evaluation of MCQs and short answers, the combined scores of Section A and Section B were computed and those 676 candidates who scored at least 40% in combined Section A and Section B marks, were screened, whose essays were later evaluated.

Based on the total score in Section A, B, C combined, a list of 393 candidates was prepared following Government Reservation Rules and these candidates were called for the Personality Test, conducted on 11.6.2022, 13.6.2022, 14.6.2022 and 15.6.2022.

The list of 200 selected candidates and 100 waitlisted candidates was prepared based on the final scores of written test and personality test applying the Government Reservation rules.

The Admission Tests results were published on website (www.csscwb.in) on 27.06.2022.

The admitted candidates were divided into 2 sections of 100 students each. As per MoU signed with Shankar IAS Academy (SIA), Chennai, and Khan Study Group (KSG), New Delhi, training of Section A students was conducted by SIA and section B by KSG. Upon further talks with the above mentioned two institutes, it was agreed to induct 30 more students over and above 100 students each into each section without any additional cost.

### **Inaugural Session of 2023 Batch**

The SNTCSSC Batch 2023 was formally inaugurated in a programme held at Confederation of Indian Industries – Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership (CII-SNCEL), Salt Lake on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2022, Tuesday. Two young IAS officers of 2016 batch, Shri Ansar Shaikh & Shri Kempahonnaiah, were invited as special guests at the inaugural session. They both made it to the final list of UPSC CSE from very challenging backgrounds. Shri Ansar Shaikh hails from a very humble background and Shri Kempahonnaiah is visually impaired. The arduous journey of their preparation, filled with impediments and their ultimate success overcoming those, touched the newly admitted students and inspired them to start their preparation with enthusiasm.

The classes commenced on 6th July, 2022, Wednesday.

# **SNTCSSC Mains Guidance Programme 2022**

Both KSG and SIA extended their full support to cater the fifty-four Prelims qualified candidates in their preparation for GS and test series.

SNTCSSC with its own team under the guidance of Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri organized special optional sessions and answer writing sessions for the aspirants.



Dignitaries at the Felicitation of Six Successful Candidates of West Bengal in UPSC CSE 2021



Six Successful Candidates at UPSC CSE 2021 along with the Dignitaries at the Felicitation Programme



**Inauguration of SNTCSSC 2023 batch** 



# **Expanding to the Districts:**

# **26** Civil Services District Coaching Study Centres

SNTCSSC, in its quest for better success in course of its journey, and relentless service to the youths of the state, acts as a source of authentic guidance towards appearing in UPSC CSE, established by the state. It was felt necessary to extend the facilities to the districts. With the blessings of the Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, it was implemented. Under the overall guidance of the Chief Secretary, efforts of Department of Higher cooperation Education and, from district administration, the training programme has now been taken to the districts of the state reaching the aspirants living in far-flung districts, backward and rural areas of the state to prepare for this exam.



It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister virtually on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 from Netaji Indoor Stadium. Twenty-six centres for IAS coaching were launched in all the districts of the state, each enrolling 50 candidates making a total of 1300 beneficiaries. Classes commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, launched by Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal in presence of other senior officers at the district level.

The district administration, with the help of the local educational institutes, organizes the local classes. Teaching is done by Khan Study Group (KSG). The SNTCSSC oversees the whole work and the system works according to "Hub and Spoke" model.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal inaugurating the 26 District Study Centres

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13	Murshidabad	Government College of Engineering & Textile Technology		
		Berh	ampore	
		Address: 4, C	antonment Road,	
		P.O Berhampore		
		Dist -Murshidabad, West Bengal, India Pin- 742101		
14	Nadia	Krishnagar Govt. College	E – Class Room of CIRM	
		Address: Krishnagar Govt.	Building, Administrative Block	
		College, PO – Krishnagar,	Address: Kalyani University	
		Dist. – Nadia	Campus, Kalyani, Nadia	
15	North 24	Barasat Gove	ernment College	
	Parganas	Address: 10, K.N.C Road, P.O - Barasat		
		Dist- North 24 Parganas		
		Kolkata - 700124		
16	Paschim	Kazi Nazrul University		
	Bardhaman	Address : Nazrul Road, Kalla Bypass		
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Sl No.	Name of the District	District Civil Service Study Centre (Name & Address)	
17	Paschim	Vidyasagar University	
	Medinipur	Preparatory Cell for Administrative Examinations	
		Address: Preparatory Cell for Administrative Examinations	
		Midnapore-721102	
18	Purba	University of Burdwan	
	Bardhaman	Address: PO- Rajbati, Dist- Purba Bardhaman	
19	Purba	Tamralipta Mahavidyalaya	
	Medinipur	(Affiliated to Vidyasagar University)	
		Address: Abasbari, Tamluk, Tamralipta Municipality, DistPurba	
		Medinipur, PIN-721636	
20	Purulia	Sidho- Kanho- Birsha University,	
		Address: Ranchi Road, Po: Sainik School,	
		Dist: Purulia, Pin : 723 104	
21	South 24	Baruipur College	
	Parganas	Address: Purandarpur Math,	Diamond Harbour Women's
		Baruipur, South 24-Parganas,	University
		West Bengal, 743610	Address: Sarisha
			Diamond Harbour
			South 24 Parganas
			PIN:743368
22	Uttar Dinajpur	Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya	
		Address: Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur.	

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# Way forward

The Annual Report has presented a synoptic view of the structure, functions and activities of SNTCSSC during the years 2021 and 2022. As we grow, we are constantly on the search to find new ways and means to retain and enhance our spirit, and maintain an enthusiastic environment wherein students feel empowered to prepare for UPSC CSE. It is important that we do not lose sight of our goals and the critical elements to achieve those goals. We are constantly strengthening our training programmes and creating new initiatives that, in the long run, will catalyze the distinctive service being provided by SNTCSSC.

We are relentlessly working towards the following goals:

- 1. To generate awareness among the youths about the prospects of civil services as a career option, right from the school level and to ensure larger participation from the youth of the state in this competitive examination.
- 2. To create a niche for preparation of UPSC CSE under the constant guidance of the two reputed institutes, SNTCSSC team, along with the amenities provided by SNTCSSC like hostel facilities, library, 24x7 study room with wifi facilities.
- 3. To act as an incentive for the students to receive this range of facilities at a subsidised rate within the friendly ambience of the home state.

The efforts of the centre is not just bounded within the confines of providing modern technology-empowered study environment, expert faculty and extensive reading materials. It maintains personal contact with the students, constantly interacting with them and taking their feedback on the sessions and programmes conducted by the centre. Thus, the centre constantly motivates the young aspirants to put the best of their efforts and work with determination and perseverance to reach their goal. The faculty and management give a patient hearing to the hurdles faced by the students in their endeavour towards the UPSC CSE and counsel them accordingly so that they can overcome their difficulties. The centre works with a vision to produce Civil Servants from this state who can serve as the makers of future India.

