

Topper's talk with Aayush Goel (Rank 171)

4th July, 2023 at 1:00 PM

TOPPER'S TALK STARTED (01:40 PM)

- Talk Started with his brief introduction.
- He shared his background and journey in brief.

PRELIMS STRATEGY (01:43 PM)

- Shared his mark sheet. (Prelims)
- Emphasised the importance of CSAT.
- **Booklist:**
- **Polity:** Laxmikant and Class 11th NCERT.
- **Modern History:** Spectrum/Bipin Chandra.
- **Ancient/Medieval:** Tamilnadu State Board.
- **Art and culture:** Vision IAS booklet.
- **Geography:** Start with Class 9th and 10th NCERT and Class 11th and 12th NCERT, 2nd part of G.C Leong.
- **For Mapping:** Oxford Atlas.
- UPSC Syllabus and last 25 years PYQs.
- **Economics:** Start with NCERT for basics.
- Monthly Magazines.
- Emphasised the role of Current Affairs in economics.
- **Science & Tech:** NCERT of Classes 6 7 and 8 and Current affairs from monthly Magazines.
- **Environment:** PMF IAS and Current Affairs, Legal aspects (WPA, EPA, Wildlife board).
- International organisations. Indexes.
- Species/ National Parks.
- Fundamental Terminologies.
- Basic Science: NCERTs of Classes 6 7 and 8.

STRATEGY FOR PRELIMS (02:03 PM)

- Start with polity class 11 NCERT and then start Laxmikant.
- Start reading Book first and then use external resources.
- For the first few readings, highlight key points and do not resort to note-making.
- Keep PYQs always with you.
- **Time Management:**
- 8 hours of study.
- Divide it into 4 blocks.
- Make monthly, weekly and daily targets.
- Emphasised the importance of revision.
- Subject-wise revision.
- Role of test series.
- Test writing.
- Analysis.
- Working on Feedback.
- Role of Abhyass Mocks.
- Emphasised on writing more mock tests.
- Shared strategy on note making.

STRATEGY FOR CSAT (02:54 PM)

- Identify your strength.
- Lat 5 Years PYQs.
- Classify Them.
- And focus on important topics.
- Books: RS Sharma.
- Q & A Sessions.

STRATEGY FOR CURRENT AFFAIRS. (03:18 PM)

- **Sources:**
- The Hindu/Indian Express.
- Explained page of IE.
- THE HINDU's S & T page on Sunday.
- Monthly Magazine.(Vision Ias).
- PT 365.
- Prioritise Current Affairs: Eco> Science> environment.
- Daily compilation.

MAINS STRATEGY (03:26 PM)

- Emphasised on importance of writing skills.
- Connecting Skills.
- Mock Tests.
- Daily answer writing of PYQs.
- Start answer writing after 3-4 months into the preparation.
- Observe the topper's copies.
- Essay: Anudeep's Copies/ Satyam Gandhi's
- **Ethics:**
- Structure, Presentation, Content.
- Focus on all the terms mentioned in the syllabus.
- Explain in your own words and write examples.
- Remember quotations examples and laws.
- **Case studies:**
- Intro: Summarise the entire problem in 3 lines.
- Stakeholders.
- Body part: Course of Action.
- Always write stepwise.
- Conclusion/Way forward:
- Write the source always, whenever you quote any data.
- GS1 GS2 * GS3:
- Mains 365.
- Consolidation of notes.
- Answer writing.

MAINS ANSWER WRITING AND PAPER ATTEMPTING STRATEGY (03:55 PM)

- Focus on completing the whole paper.
- Focus on content and structure at the start.
- Try to write in Bullet format.
- Follow, the introduction, Body and conclusion format.
- Follow the topper's copies.
- Allocate 7 mins to 10 markers and 10.5 Mins to 15 markers.
- Try to attempt 90 to 95 marks in 1st hour.
- Try to do 5 questions from 10 markers and 3 questions from 15 markers in the first hour.
- Attempt mock tests for mains.
- Learn from feedback given on mains tests.
- Use test series to improve your notes.
- Appear for Abhyaas Mains.
- Use data for value addition.
- Sources of data: Economic survey
- For polity: Laxmikant.
- For IR: Mains 365.
- Focus on revision.
- Question Answer Session.

(TOPPER'S TALK CONCLUDES)