



The Best Books and Resources for UPSC CSE Prelims 2018 - Chanakya IAS Academy

- **History:** Ancient History [NCERT](#) class 11 by RS Sharma
Note: Some of the NCERT books are available for free download from this Chanakya website link.
- Medieval History Medieval India [NCERT](#) Satish Chandra
- Modern History A Brief History of Modern India by Rajiv Ahir IPS by Spectrum Books Pvt. Ltd.
- India's Struggle for independence by Bipin Chandra [Selective Intensive study]
- **Art and Culture** 11th NCERT Fine Arts and Nitin Singhania
- Art and Culture Course prepared by Roman Saini on Unacademy
- **Indian Polity** 5th Edition Paperback by Laxmikanth [For Mains refer to D D Basu]
- 1000 PLUS QUES INDIAN POLITY (MHE) and Chanakya Prelims Study Material on Indian Polity & Governance
- **Geography** Class 6 to Class 12 NCERTs, GC Leong
- For Maps, Oxford Students Atlas – Focus on areas that are in news
- Geography courses on Unacademy Website
- Environment: For Concept Clarity: Class 12 Biology [NCERT](#) Last Four Chapters
- For Broad Coverage: Shankar IAS Environment
- Environment & Ecology: Biodiversity, Climate Change and Disaster Management (English, Paperback, Majid Husain)
- Chanakya Prelims Study Material on Ecology (20-30% questions in Prelims come from environment)
- **Economy:** 9th Std. to 12th Std. [NCERT](#)
- For beginners- Indian Economy by Sanjiv Verma
- Indian Economy : For Civil Services Examinations 5th Edition (English, Paperback, Ramesh Singh)
- Basic concepts on Arthapedia website
[Follow economy related topics in news]
- For economic survey – Download [Economic Survey](#) and get Chanakya [Prelims Study Material](#) for Economic & Social Development
- **Science:** NCERT from 6th to 10th STD
- General Science for Civil Services Preliminary Examination (Paper 1) : Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change 2nd Edition (English, Paperback, Tara Chand, Renu Kathpalia, Shabnam Johry, Tanushri Saxena)
- Chanakya Prelims Study Material on General Science
- **Current Affairs:**
Newspaper: The Hindu newspaper is sufficient for your reading, no need to go for Financial Times etc.
[Daily Editorial Analysis](#), Hindu Summary and Daily MCQ course or [Chanakya's Current affairs](#)
[PIB](#) government related updates
Monthly current affairs magazine - [Yojana](#)
- **NCERTs**
Read anything that is relevant
Std. 6th to Std- 10th Std – Read all books
Std. 11 to Std. 12th Relevant portions from [syllabus](#)
- **India Year Book:** India 2017 Paperback – 3 Jan 2017 [A very helpful book to understand the government schemes and plans, good for both Prelims and Mains]
- **CSAT**
- Verbal & Non-Verbal Reasoning– RS.Aggarwal – CSAT Paper 2: Reasoning
- Cracking the CSAT Paper-2 (CSAT Resource Books) Paperback – 2016
- Analytical Reasoning Paperback by M. K. Pandey (Author)

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