

# MAINS GUIDANCE PROGRAM

# MGP 2026

Under the guidance of Ayush Sinha, Founder, ForumIAS

**Pioneer of One to One Mentorship**

## Starts: 10 June 2026

## Cohort - 36

**MGP** 17 Tests: 12 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests

**MGP+** 21 Tests: 12 Full Length Tests + 4 Essay Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests

I enrolled myself in the Forum Mains Guidance Program+ for GS and Essay Test series. The answer writing practice and written feedback from ForumIAS helped me improve my answers and get a high score in my General Studies papers.

Shruti Sharma  
IAS Rank – 1, CSE 2021

Mains Guidance Program (MGP) helped me in simulating Mains and the feedback was helpful too. Thank you for so much efficiency in paper checking and the elaborate feedback. Mentorship session by Ayush Sir was very helpful.

Ishita Kishore  
IAS Rank - 1, CSE 2022

I joined MGP in my CSE 2022 attempt and got benefitted from the detailed evaluation and timely query resolution of ForumIAS. Thanks to ForumIAS.

Aditya Srivastava  
IAS Rank - 1, CSE 2023

# 65%



of IAS toppers\*

under *rank 10* and *20* in **CSE 2025**

*final* list have been students of

**Mains Guidance Program (MGP)**

by **ForumIAS Academy.**

*Including Rank 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,17,19*

\*2 out of top 25 ranks in CSE 2025 have been students of Forum Residential Coaching including AIR 6 & 25.

# How did we build an academy which has sent 2 out of every 3 students selected in Civil Services Examination since 2016 – including Rank 1(5 times), 2,3,4(3 times), 5(3 times), 6(3 times), 7(3 times), 8(3 times), 9(2 times), 10 (2 times) with near zero Quora reviews, a dull social media presence, and a disinterested marketing plan?

*It's simple*

**We focused on our students. And cut the *noise*.**

And they gave us Top ranks!

At ForumIAS, our USP lies in being thought leaders in Civil services Preparation. We are young & dynamic and identify what works and what does not. We attract the best and the most sincere aspirants and turn them into officers without diluting our course quality to attract the masses.

## **Toppers chose ForumIAS**

ForumIAS Mains Guidance Program has been the choice of the sincere aspirant – right from first attempters [1] - to students with who are seeking continuous improvement [2] - to those seeking a rank and career improvement [3]. With more than 60 students selected in CSE 2024 in Top 100, being students of Mains Guidance program 2024, we have built an impeccable program that enables you to succeed like no other.

This year MGP is ever better, covering almost all relevant concepts of UPSC Previous Year Questions (framed differently), handholding you from the very beginning till the end of the program.

The new MGP program is tailored in a way such that right from absolute beginners with zero answer writing experience and skills to the students who have secured ranks, but are looking for a score improvement can benefit from it.

**MGP Students from ForumIAS have secured ranks 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,14,16,17,19 in Top 20 in CSE 2025. 65% of CSE 2025 rankers\* have been students of MGP by ForumIAS**

Every year since we started **MGP**.

- [1] Donuru Ananya Reddy ( IAS Rank 3 ), Komal Punia (IAS Rank 6), Aayushi Bansal ( IAS Rank 7), Pratyush Pandey ( IAS Rank 21 ), Saurabh Sharma ( IAS Rank 23 ), Chandrajyoti ( IAS Rank 25 )
- [2] Aditya Srivastava ( IAS Rank 1 ), Ishita Kishore ( IAS Rank 1 ), Shruti Sharma ( IAS Rank 1 ), Ruhani ( IAS Rank 5 ), Varun Reddy ( IAS Rank 7 )
- [3] Anudeep Durishetty ( IAS Rank 1 ), Waseem ( IAS Rank 7 )

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“Dear Forum, I am very grateful to Ayush sir and team for being instrumental in my preparation. I took SFG and MGP tests. MGP tests boosted my rank and GS scores. Also thankful for Ayush sir’s YouTube strategy videos. Thank you!”

- A. R. Rajah Mohaideen, Rank - 7, CSE 2025

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# Take the Handholding Steps.

With MGP 2026, rest assured that you will be provided with handholding features that ease your academic journey as well as easy access to mentors and deliverables from the institution.

For academic journey the tests plan has been curated so that you do a) read the basic books, b) write the self-assessment test and c) finally write the evaluated MGP tests.

The syllabus has been planned in a way that at the beginning you are reading the syllabus which is foundational and common for both Prelims and Mains examination.

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**“Forum IAS has been an integral part of my test series journey. The MGP 2023 and MGP 2025 have been a game changer in completing my paper on time with good structure. I am grateful towards the entire team and mentors for their support and guidance. Forum IAS has been the backbone which provided me the confidence and support throughout my UPSC journey.”**

**Ujjwal Priyank**  
**IAS Rank - 10, CSE 2025**

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## **Our Notable Topper** (UPSC CSE 2025)

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**“I am thankful to ForumIAS Academy for their support and guidance in my throughout my preparation journey”**

**Bhavika Chopra**  
**IAS Rank - 25, CSE 2025**

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# High Quality Questions & Answers that make you think and open your mind. Period.

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“I was part of MGP, SFG (Level 1, 2) and AWFG

MGP helped me attain one of the highest scores in GS (450 marks). I also followed Ayush Sinha sir’s strategy videos. Grateful to the entire Forum IAS team.”

Monika Srivastava  
IAS Rank - 16, CSE 2025

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Mains Guidance Program is no *ordinary* test series. They are also not a *bunch* of questions pooled together and dumped on the students.

One of the key differences between the Civil Services Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission vis-à-vis other State Services Examinations and University Examinations is that the Civil Services Mains Examination is a *thinking* paper.

This means that you cannot simply mug up notes and vomit them in the paper.

Questions often require deeper understanding, conceptual awareness and a thinking and open mind that can *quickly* collate *opinions* and facts to answer questions asked on the go.

With the increasing difficulty level of the Civil Services Examination, MGP makes you *think* - opens your minds to new ideas and dimensions – and prepares you for the real exam like no other.

Which is why the largest number of selected students\* and interview appeared candidates choose the Mains Guidance Program over and over again.

\*for rank improvement and mentorship guidance

## Our Notable Topper (UPSC CSE 2025)

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The Mains Guidance Program (MGP) offered by ForumIAS was extremely helpful in sharpening my answer writing for the Civil Services Examination. I was enrolled in it for both my Mains attempts - 2024 and 2025.....

Deepanshu Jindal  
IAS Rank - 38, CSE 2025

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**Start as a  
beginner.**

**End up like a pro  
with the year-  
long MGP.**

**Compete with  
India's best.**

**In fact, *become*  
India's best.**

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**“For the journey may be long, but it is full of experiences, knowledge and it assures a change of life & self. Many thanks to Forum IAS for building a community, delivering exceptional content, tests and making the preparation aligned to what UPSC demands from us.**

**Simulator and MGP offer a chance to examine ourselves before the exam tests us.**

**Wish everyone all the best!!”**

**Dishant A. Nisar  
IAS Rank - 19, CSE 2025**

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Do you know that IAS Toppers of both CSE 2021 and CSE 2022 Shruti and Ishita were first part of MGP Year Long program?

And IAS Rank 7 A. R. Rajah Mohaideen was a diligent student of Mains Guidance Program 2024 and 2025.

A lot of students think that they must join MGP after the prelims.

Some students are also misguided into thinking that they must complete the syllabus first then write answers.

Given the nature of humanities, the syllabus completion day never comes, while the exam does.

We don't blame them. A lot of noise on the Internet and for attention—in an age of attention economy—separates the serious and sincere, well-aware student from the masses.

MGP is a self-paced, flexible, self-study plan with answer writing for the sake of accountability at regular intervals, with mentorship support that has worked for thousands of students since we launched the program in 2016.

The Year Long MGP makes sure that you take the slow, but small steps to writing answers, before being thrown into the competition.

There is no substitute for answer writing.

### **Our Notable Topper** (UPSC CSE 2025)

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Rohin kumar, secured AIR 39 in UPSC CSE 2025, I've cleared the examination in my 5th attempt. Being a student of forum IAS MGP 2025, and ATS geography 2025 have improved my mains score by 86 marks and scored 459 in GS papers and 286 in Geography optional, the value addition in forum IAS test papers have made a remarkable difference in my preparation. It filtered exactly the things needed to get a top score.

Rohin Kumar  
IAS Rank - 39, CSE 2025

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# Now cover all relevant questions from Previous Year Questions ( PYQs ) in MGP 2026 with brilliantly written solutions.

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“I was part of SFG, current affairs and MGP at Forum IAS. Discipline instilled through SFG during prelims is very helpful. Current affairs courses helped in holistic mains topic coverage.

I was also part of interview guidance program at Forum. I thank Ayush sir for his valuable insights during one-to-one sessions in interview. I thank the entire Forum IAS team for all the support and guidance.”

**Prachi Honey**  
IAS Rank - 28, CSE 2025

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With MGP 2026, rest assured that you will not only cover all well-curated, important / non-outdated\* concepts from Previous Year Questions – you will also find solutions to some of those questions.

Over the course of almost 2 to 2.5 months, we will make sure your minds are seeded with previous years questions, so that you not only move in the right direction – you also develop the much-needed confidence in solving previous year questions.

And you will also not waste time solving PYQs that are no longer relevant (due to change in dynamic issues, and some issues becoming dead) – nor waste time researching their solutions.

But that’s not all, with MGP 2026, you will be exposed to the most cutting edge and relevant dynamic questions, that make you think, that open your minds, and train you to face the actual Civil Services Mains paper.

\*A large number of PYQs lose relevance over a period of time given the dynamic nature of current happenings and emergence of new factors. Due to lack of experience, a lot of students waste time solving questions that have lost relevance.

## Our Notable Topper (UPSC CSE 2025)

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Thank you ForumIAS and Ayush Sir for the support throughout my Journey.

The FRC- 4 and 5 programme is really phenomend. I also like to say that ‘FRC Programme’ will produce Rank - 1 in upcoming years.

Mohit has been a student of ForumIAS Residential Coaching FRC 4 and FRC 5 at Tapasya Alwar. He has secured Rank 281 in Civil Services Exam 2025 and also secured Rank 1 in Indian Economic Services 2025. Thank You so much ! Ayush Sir

**Mohit Aggarwal**  
IAS Rank - 281, CSE 2025

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# Impeccable Mentors that our students vouch for.

The best mentor you can get is an elder sibling who is in service.

The second-best mentors are at ForumIAS.

At the **core** of Mains Guidance Program is Mentorship. At ForumIAS, you have access to the best team of mentors who have the relevant experience of guiding the Crème de la crème of Civil Services aspirants.

They have the experience of handholding students who are complete beginners – who are beginning their Civil Services preparation with very little experience to students who have come after 3-4 failed attempts.

Our mentorship has enabled them to realise their true potential by securing their name in the final list.

ForumIAS boasts of the best tribe of mentors who have mentored – and continue to mentor – hundreds – if not thousands of selected candidates.

In fact, if you have heard of the term mentorship in Civil Services preparation – remember it all began with the MGP Mentorship program.

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**“I would like to thank Forum IAS for being an important part of my journey. I was part of MGP, AWFG & Prelims Test Series. The tests improved my answer writing and model answers provided value addition.”**

**Aryan Yadav**  
**IAS Rank - 31, CSE 2025**

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**“I was part of Forum IAS MGP programme. I wrote almost all the tests and they helped me complete the paper on time with good value addition to my notes.”**

**Mayank Purohit**  
**IAS Rank - 33, CSE 2025**

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## **Our Notable Topper** (UPSC CSE 2025)

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I would like to thank ForumIAS for bring a constant in my journey. I have been a part of Tapasya Campus, which I would say was the best part of my preparation journey. I met many wonderful people there - Kanishk Sir (Mentor ji), Mohit A., Smita, Sachin, Harshita - to name a few. Tapasya campus made me do the real “ tapasya which really transformed the way of my preparation.

I am very thankful to Ayush Sir for starting such an initiative. Suhasini has been a student of ForumIAS Residential Coaching FRC 4 and FRC 5 at Tapasya Alwar.

**Suhasini Mittal**  
**IAS Rank - 413, CSE 2025**

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## Deliverable of Mains Guidance Program:

<b>Mentorship</b>	Mentorship is readily available in both ONLINE as well as OFFLINE mode at ForumIAS. Once you write a paper, you can always reach out to a mentor to discuss your paper seeking suggestions on improving your answer writing. Online mentorship can be accessed by visiting <a href="https://mentorship.forumias.com/">https://mentorship.forumias.com/</a> . Offline mentorship is available at the institute.
<b>GS Tests</b>	The GS Test Question paper is curated with idea of taking a student from basics to advanced. Also, you will be able to grow from writing tests starting 1.5 hours to 3 hours eventually if you follow the plan. Sectional tests will have question of basic to moderate level. Full length tests will replicate the pattern and difficulty level of UPSC.
<b>GS Test Solution</b>	The solution to GS Tests is curated with a philosophy to <b>provide adequate content</b> for answering the question in hand. <b>Added content</b> is provided under Knowledge Base/Extra Information separate from the answer, as and when required.
<b>GS Test Discussion</b>	The video discussion of MGP tests ensures that student is exposed to <b>different ways of answer writing</b> which generally includes different means of presentation, addition of diagrams and flowcharts. The discussion also seeks to add more value to the content which is readily available with the student or the one he has received through solutions. <b>Discussion will be held in online mode only.</b>
<b>Good Copies</b>	<b>Peer to Peer Learning</b> is at the heart of ForumIAS's philosophy. The Academy shall be providing good copies of the tests – GS and Essay so that you can learn from your peers.
<b>Evaluation</b>	The parameters of evaluation at ForumIAS continuously evolves to adapt to the <b>changing demand of the examination</b> , in consultation with our students who have cracked the exam year after year. Evaluation of submitted copies will be provided with objective inputs aimed at helping you improve your answer writing. Students have the opportunity to <b>provide feedback on their evaluated copies in case unsatisfied and seek objective explanation</b> on why a copy is checked in a particular manner.

## HOW TO ENROLL?

Students can enroll in the program by paying the fees through the below mentioned means:

Visit website:

<https://academy.forumias.com>



- Net Banking • Debit Card • Credit Card • UPI
- By Visiting the Offline Center (Credit Card / Debit Card / Cheque / DD)
- By doing a NEFT / Cash Deposit in ICICI account.

Please note that you must retain the payment proof in case of Cash deposit / NEFT and send it to [admissions@forumias.academy](mailto:admissions@forumias.academy) within 48 hours of making the payment for your course to be activated. While sharing screenshot do share your ForumIAS roll no. along with course paid for.

For any query you can call us at +91 - 9311740400, 9311740404 or write to us at [admissions@forumias.academy](mailto:admissions@forumias.academy)

## IMPORTANT NOTE

Students who have taken admission in courses meant for Mains 2026 but are unsuccessful at Prelims 2026, can now migrate their course to any other course meant for Prelims/Mains 2027 by paying the balance fees if any applicable. They can also choose to continue in the course they have taken admission into. **There will be no provision of refund of fees. This is applicable only for courses purchased between Prelims Examination 2026 and declaration of its result.**

## FEE STRUCTURE

Course	Total Fees
<b>MGP 2026 Cohort - 36</b> 17 Tests: 12 Full Length Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests	₹ 14,000/-
<b>MGP+ 2026 Cohort - 36</b> 21 Tests: 12 Full Length Tests + 4 Essay Tests + 5 Open Simulator Tests	₹ 18,000/-

## Fee Structure for Old Students

Course	MGP	MGP+
<b>MGP and Current Affairs</b>	₹ 12,000/-	₹ 16,000/-
<b>GSAP / Eklavya</b>	₹ 7,000/-	₹ 9,000/-
<b>Other Courses</b>	₹ 13,000/-	₹ 17,000/-

- Students who have access to Coupons provided to interview 2025 appearing candidates can use them to avail concession.
- No two concession schemes can be clubbed together.

### NOTE

An early bird concession of Rs. 2500\* is applicable till 24th May 2026. All the above concessions can be availed by sending an email on [admissions@forumias.academy](mailto:admissions@forumias.academy)

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Students enrolled in any course of ForumIAS must get a physical ID card for availing services in the offline mode. A nominal fee of Rs. 30 will be payable for the same.
- Your test copies will be evaluated within 12 working days of copy submission.
- Copies must be submitted within three weeks of the Test Release for timely evaluation. We recommend that you stick to the timetable and write tests on designated days. The commitment of 12 working days evaluation is valid only for copies submitted in this time period.
- This program is non-refundable and non-transferable. There is no difference between the online and offline mode – candidates can come and write the test at Test Centre or remotely and send us scanned copies.
- Each program of ForumIAS is linked to a ForumIAS Account with a fixed mobile number. No sharing of any programs is allowed. If candidates are found sharing programs, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate that or all program access to the candidate without any refund to the candidate.
- ForumIAS shall have full rights to close admissions as per its capacity. ForumIAS shall be free to amend its schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.
- All fees once paid are non-refundable in nature. The course is also non-transferable in nature to another person. By subscribing to the course, you agree to the terms and conditions mentioned above.
- The Course is valid till **September 2026**.

# (Essay Tests are only for MGP+ Students)

## Detailed Test Calendar for MGP / MGP+ 2026

#	Date   Day	Test Code	GS Paper
1.	10 June 2026 Wednesday	911441	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
2.	15 June 2026 Monday	912442	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
3.	19 June 2026 Friday	910401	<b>Essay Test #1 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
4.	21 June 2026 Sunday	913443	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
5.	27 June 2026 Saturday	914444	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
6.	01 July 2026 Wednesday	910402	<b>Essay Test #2 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
7.	03 July 2026 Friday	911445	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
8.	09 July 2026 Thursday	912446	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
9.	12 July 2026 Sunday	910403	<b>Essay Test #3 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
10.	15 July 2026 Wednesday	913447	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
11.	21 July 2026 Tuesday	914448	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies
12.	26 July 2026 Sunday	910404	<b>Essay Test #4 (Only for MGP+ Students) / FLT</b>
13.	29 July 2026 Wednesday	911449	<b>GS Paper 1 – Full Syllabus Test</b> World History, Post-Independence History, Indian Society and Social Issues, Modern History, Art & Culture and Geography
14.	29 July 2026 Wednesday	912450	<b>GS Paper 2 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Polity & Governance, Development Issues, Social justice, Administrative Reforms and International Relations
15.	31 July 2026 Friday	913451	<b>GS Paper 3 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Economy & Inclusive Growth, Agriculture & Allied Issues, Land Reforms, Science & Tech, Environment & Disaster Management and Security Issues
16.	31 July 2026 Friday	913452	<b>GS Paper 4 – Full Syllabus Test</b> Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude; Case studies

## ALL INDIA MAINS OPEN SIMULATOR TESTS

17.	Sunday, 9 August 2026	Essay Open Test   910405	Essay	Not to be evaluated
18.	Monday, 10 August 2026	GS Paper 1 – Open Test   911453	GS Paper 1 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
19.	Monday, 10 August 2026	GS Paper 2 – Open Test   912454	GS Paper 2 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
20.	Tuesday, 11 August 2026	GS Paper 3 – Open Test   913455	GS Paper 3 / FLT	Not to be evaluated
21.	Tuesday, 11 August 2026	GS Paper 4 – Open Test   914456	GS Paper 4 / FLT	Not to be evaluated