

MAINS 2027

General Studies Advance Program (GSAP)

A MAINS FOUNDATION

Classroom Program · GS Paper I, II & III · Limited Seats

4

MONTHS

72

CLASSES

269

HOURS

22

TESTS

PROGRAM STARTS

10th September 2026

Thursday | 4:00 PM

CLASS SCHEDULE

Mon · Wed · Thu · Sat

4:00 PM – 7:45 PM | Offline & Online

“Build the content. Learn the craft. Own the answer booklet.”

The complete static foundation for GS Papers I, II and III – built for Mains 2027.

72 LIVE CLASSES

Complete static GS I, II and III – every class anchored to a previous year question, 2013–2026.

22 EVALUATED TESTS

18 sectional half-length tests and 4 full-length GS simulators – included in the fee, every copy marked.

1:1 MENTORSHIP

A named mentor for the full four months, reading your copies and resetting your plan.

Bundle for 360° Mains coverage

Current Affairs (CA+), GS Paper IV (Ethics+) and the Essay Guidance Program are subscribed separately – and are available at a reduced bundled price alongside GSAP.

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A RECORD BUILT AT THE MAINS TABLE

ForumIAS Academy students have consistently converted at the stage that decides the rank – the Mains examination. This is the track record that GSAP is built on.

Top Rankers, CSE 2025

Ishan Bhatnagar – AIR 4	Zinnia Aurora – AIR 6	AR Rajah Mohaideen – AIR 7
Pakshal Secretry – AIR 8	Astha Jain – AIR 9	Ujjwal Priyank – AIR 10
Yashaswi Raj Vardhan – AIR 11	Surabhi Yadav – AIR 14	Monika Srivastava – AIR 16
Chitwan Jain – AIR 17	Sruthii R – AIR 18	Nisar Dishant Amrutlal – AIR 19
Geetika Arora – AIR 22	Jeenu Sri Jaswanth Chandra – AIR 23	Bhavika Chopra – AIR 25
Prachi Honey – AIR 28	Nabiya Parvez – AIR 29	Aryan Yadav – AIR 31

Rank 1 – Six Years Running (CSE & IFoS)

Civil Services Examination	Indian Forest Service
Shakti Dubey (2024) · Aditya Srivastava (2023)	Kanika Anabh (2024) · Kolluru Venkata Srikanth (2022)
Ishita Kishore (2022) · Shruti Sharma (2021)	Shruti (2021) · Rishi Kumar (2019)
Anudeep Durishetty (2017)	M Naveen Reddy (2018) · Vaibhav Srivastava (2017)

Highest General Studies Scores – Our Students

Student	Rank & Year	GS Marks
Pratham Kaushik	AIR 5, 2017	501
Shruti Sharma	AIR 1, 2021	494
Saumya Mishra	AIR 18, 2024	475
Garima Lohia	AIR 2, 2022	470
Rohin Kumar	AIR 39, 2025	459
Donuru Ananya Reddy	AIR 3, 2023	464
Mudita Bansal	AIR 44, 2025 (1st attempt)	454
Sanjita Mohapatra	AIR 9, 2019	451

“Thank you for being a crucial part of my journey. I extend my eternal gratitude for setting the foundation of my preparation.”
– **Bharat Dutt Tiwari, AIR 98, CSE 2024 · GSAP Student**

Kanishak Aggarwal **AIR 72, CSE 2025**; Aakriti Singla **AIR 122, CSE 2025**; Garima Singh **AIR 240, CSE 2025**; Liza Garga **AIR 303, CSE 2025**; Shreya Jha **AIR 357, CSE 2025** have been students of ForumIAS GSAP.

Our FRC students Abhishek Sharma **AIR 38, CSE 2024**; Bhavika Chopra **AIR 25, CSE 2025**; Mohit Aggarwal **AIR 1, IES 2025** and **AIR 281, CSE 2025**; Suhasini Mittal **AIR 413, CSE 2025** have also been GSAP students.

WHY GSAP? THE MAINS GAP

Most aspirants clear prelims year after year but fail at Mains repeatedly; often with the same set of notes, same set of strategy and same set of mistakes. While Prelims is the first and the basic filter; Mains is the real filter.

Where aspirants actually fall out

Applicants
~10,00,000

Clear Prelims
~14,000

Clear Mains
~2,800

Final Selection
~1,000

THE REAL FILTER IS MAINS

Where the marks actually are

2,025

TOTAL MARKS THAT DECIDE YOUR RANK

1000

500

250

275

GS Papers I-IV
(GSAP territory)

Optional
Paper I + II

Interview
Essay

GS I, II & III alone = 750 marks.
Prelims marks count for zero. Your rank is
written inside the Mains answer booklet.

Where Preparation Actually Breaks – And What GSAP Does About It

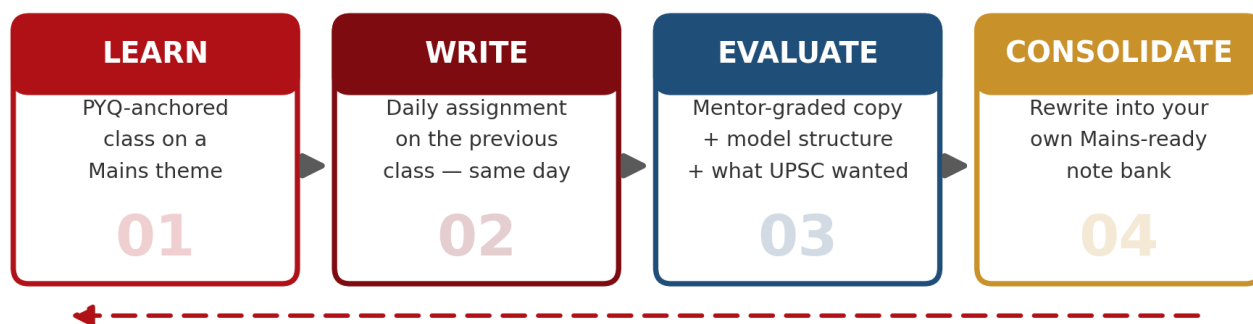
The Problem	The GSAP Response
1. Fragmented preparation	Reading is driven by whatever a test series happens to ask that week. GSAP replaces this with one 72-class syllabus map that fixes both the core locus and the outer boundary of every Mains theme – so you know exactly how deep to go, and when to stop.
2. Stale, inherited notes	Notes written two or three attempts ago no longer match how UPSC frames questions. GSAP builds notes from scratch in 2026–27 language, with structured consolidation checkpoints so the notes are finished before Mains, not during it.
3. Gaping holes in value-added topics	The themes that separate a 90 marks from a 120 marks have no single book source. GSAP devotes dedicated class time to exactly these interdisciplinary and emerging areas.
4. The knowledge plateau	By the third attempt, re-reading the same material yields nothing new. Every GSAP class is anchored to a previous year question and then extended – adding a fresh analytical layer over content you already know.
5. Borrowed strategy	Copying a topper whose profile, optional and writing speed are nothing like yours. Your GSAP mentor reads your copies and builds a plan around your gaps, not somebody else's.

WHAT 'A MAINS FOUNDATION' MEANS

GSAP is not a GS Foundation course. It is not a crash course either. It is the bridge between the two – the stage where basic reading is converted into examination-grade content and a repeatable answer-writing method.

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Basic Reading NCERTs & standard books	GSAP Mains Foundation – you are here	CA+ · Ethics+ · EGP Breadth & remaining papers	MGP & Simulation Exam-condition practice

HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS



REPEAT × 72 CLASSES — the loop is the programme

Content that is only heard is forgotten. Content that is heard, written, corrected and rewritten becomes a marks-scoring instrument. That four-step loop — repeated sixty-eight times over four months — is the programme.

GSAP IS FOR YOU IF

- You have completed at least one round of basic reading across all GS subjects
- You are targeting Mains 2027 and want your static content finished well before Prelims
- You have written Mains before and know your answers lack depth, not effort
- You have notes, but they are scattered, dated or unusable in the last month
- You want a mentor who reads what you actually write

GSAP IS NOT FOR YOU IF

- You are a fresher who has not yet completed basic reading of all GS subjects
- You are looking for a substitute for a GS Foundation course — GSAP is not one
- You want factual coverage and current affairs — GSAP teaches static depth; CA+ covers currents
- You want a recorded lecture library to consume at your own pace

STRUCTURE & DELIVERABLES

01

Content Building Classes · 72 classes, 269 hours

Complete static coverage of GS Papers I, II and III. Every class opens from a previous year question (2013–2026), establishes what UPSC actually asked, and then expands outward to the full boundary of the theme as our faculty assess it for 2027. You are prepared for both the familiar frames and the emerging ones.

02

Daily Assignments · 71 assignments

A written assignment is issued before every class, drawn from the previous session. Answer writing therefore begins on day two and never stops. This is what converts a class you attended into content you can retrieve under a 3-hour clock.

03

Integrated Test Series · 16 sectional + 4 full-length — included

Eighteen half-length sectional tests aligned to the class calendar, beginning in Week 2, plus four full-length GS simulators. Tests are held on Sundays. Every copy is evaluated with a marked-up script, a model structure and a written note on what the question was really asking. No separate purchase, no separate fee.

04

Dedicated 1:1 Mentorship

A named mentor is assigned to you for the full duration of the programme – not a group, not a broadcast channel. Your mentor reviews your copies, tracks your sectional performance, flags recurring structural errors and resets your weekly plan when it slips.

05

The GSAP Note Architecture

Class handouts, a theme-wise note template, and scheduled consolidation checkpoints where your notes are reviewed for usability – not length. The objective is a single, finished, revisable note bank you can read in the ten days before Mains 2027.

06

The Value-Addition Vault

Committee and commission recommendations, government reports and data, Supreme Court holdings, case studies, diagram and flowchart templates, and introduction/conclusion frames. These are the inputs that make an answer look informed rather than opinionated.

07

Beyond the Classroom

Topper copy decode sessions, speed-and-structure clinics for the 150/250-word formats, a Mains micro-syllabus tracker, and scheduled doubt clinics through the programme.

GSAP classes do not cover factual or current-affairs information.

The programme is not recommended for freshers or candidates who have not completed basic reading of all GS subjects. GSAP is not an alternative to GS Foundation classes.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Programme	General Studies Advance Program (GSAP) – A Mains Foundation
Target Examination	Civil Services (Main) Examination 2027
Coverage	Complete static syllabus – GS Paper I, GS Paper II and GS Paper III
Programme Starts	Thursday, 10th September 2026 at 4:00 PM
Programme Ends	Mid-January 2027 (week of 14th January)
Duration	4 months (18 weeks)
Class Days	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
Class Timings	4:00 PM – 7:45 PM
Duration per Class	3.5 – 4 hours
Total Classes	72 classes
Total Programme Hours	269 hours

Assignments	72 daily assignments
Tests Included	18 sectional half-length tests + 4 full-length GS simulators (all evaluated), held on Sundays from Week 2
Reserved Days	Tuesday and Friday are kept free of GSAP classes for CA+ and Ethics+
Mode	Classroom (Delhi) and Live Online
Programme Validity	Until CS (Main) Examination 2027

YOUR WEEK IN GSAP

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
GSAP Class + Assignment	Reserved for CA+ / Ethics+	GSAP Class + Assignment	GSAP Class + Assignment	Reserved for CA+ / Ethics+	GSAP Class + Assignment	MGP Test Day + Mentor Review

GSAP runs Mon, Wed, Thu & Sat · Tuesday and Friday are held open for CA+ and Ethics+ · Sunday is test day

TENTATIVE SUBJECT-WISE HOUR DISTRIBUTION

Economy & Agriculture	51 hrs	World History	12 hrs
Polity & Governance	47 hrs	Science & Technology	12 hrs
Social Issues & Social Justice	33 hrs	Modern History	9 hrs
Internal Security	24 hrs	Post-Independence Consolidation	9 hrs
Geography	21 hrs	Art & Culture	6 hrs
Environment & Ecology	21 hrs	Disaster Management	6 hrs
Human & Economic Geography	18 hrs		

Hour allocation is indicative and may be adjusted by faculty in response to the evolving demands of the 2027 examination.

THE FOUR-MONTH ROADMAP

MONTH 1 Weeks 1-4	MONTH 2 Weeks 5-9	MONTH 3 Weeks 10-14	MONTH 4 Weeks 15-18
- Orientation & Diagnostics - Polity & Governance - Modern History - Geography - Sectional Tests begin Week 2	- Polity & Governance (contd) - Economy & Agriculture (I) - Post-Independence India - Art & Culture - Sectional Tests 4-8	- Economy & Agriculture (II) - Environment & Ecology - Social Issues & Social Justice - Human & Econ. Geography - Sectional Tests 9-13	- Internal Security - Science & Technology - World History - Disaster Management - Sectionals 14-18 + 4 FLTs

RUNNING THROUGHOUT: 72 Daily Assignments · 1:1 Mentor Reviews · Notes-Building Checkpoints · PYQ Mapping 2013-2026

Why finish static content before Prelims 2027?

Because the ten weeks between Prelims and Mains are the worst possible time to be learning a subject for the first time. Candidates who convert use that window for revision, current affairs integration and full-length practice – not for first reading. GSAP closes on your static syllabus in January 2027, leaving that window free for exactly the work that raises marks.

HOW GSAP COMPARES

Mains programmes in the market vary widely in what they actually deliver. The comparison below is against the typical Mains advance or mentorship programme currently on offer.

	GSAP 2027 – A Mains Foundation	Typical Mains Programme
Teaching format	72 live sessions – classroom and live online	Largely pre-recorded lecture libraries
Static coverage	Complete GS I, II and III – 269 hours	40–80 hours of selective ‘value addition’, often GS II and III only
Anchoring	Every class opens from PYQs 2013–2026, then expands	Topic-wise lectures; PYQs handled as a separate module
Answer writing	71 daily assignments – one after every single class	20–30 group live answer-writing sessions
Tests	16 sectional + 4 full-length, evaluated, included in the fee	Frequently a separate purchase or a separate test series
Mentorship	Named 1:1 mentor for the full four months	Group mentorship or cohort channels
Notes	Structured note architecture with consolidation checkpoints	PDF handouts; note-making left to the student
Eligibility	Open to anyone who has completed basic reading	Several competing programmes require a prior Mains attempt
Validity	Until CS (Main) 2027	Commonly 90 days to 6 months
Timing	Static finished before Prelims 2027	Mostly post-Prelims crash windows of 8–10 weeks

The three things almost nobody else gives you

1. Static content finished a full year ahead of the examination, not eight weeks after Prelims.
2. A daily written assignment after every class – not a weekly group session.
3. A named mentor who reads your copies.

GSAP + ETHICS+ + CA+ + EGP: THE COMPLETE GS SOLUTION

GSAP covers the entire static dimension of GS Papers I, II and III. Three companion programmes complete the picture. They are sold separately – and are available at a reduced bundled price when taken with GSAP. The GSAP calendar is planned so that its classes do not clash with Ethics+, CA+ or EGP.

Programme	What it adds	Standalone Fee
Ethics+	GS Paper IV in full – conceptual foundation, terminology, thinkers, case-study method and a graded case-study practice track.	₹ 13,000
CA+ for Pre Cum Mains 2027	Mains-oriented current affairs built on completeness, content differentiation and consolidation – the breadth layer over GSAP's static depth.	₹ 30,000
EGP	Essay Guidance Program – structure, philosophical and keyword-based essays, brainstorming method, plus evaluated essay tests.	₹ 14,160

What Each Programme Is Worth on the Mains Marksheet

GS Papers I – III 750 GSAP	GS Paper IV 250 Ethics+	Essay Paper 250 EGP	Across all four GS papers — CA+
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Why the add-ons are priced to be taken together

GSAP gives you static depth – 750 marks of the Mains paper thoroughly prepared, and 500 marks left untouched. Ethics+ closes GS Paper IV, EGP closes the Essay, and CA+ supplies the current dimension that examiners now expect inside every GS answer. Bought separately, GSAP and the three add-ons cost ₹ 54,999. Taken together, they cost ₹ 47,999.

FEES & CONCESSIONS

Every variant below includes the complete core programme:

72
CLASSES

72
ASSIGNMENTS

22
EVALUATED TESTS

1:1
MENTORSHIP

Programme Variant	Online Only	Offline (Delhi)	You Save
GSAP 2027 (Core – GS I, II, III)	₹ 35,999	₹ 39,999	—
GSAP + Ethics+	₹ 43,999	₹ 47,999	₹ 5,000
GSAP + CA+ for Mains 2027	₹ 55,999	₹ 59,999	₹ 10,000
GSAP + Ethics+ + CA+	₹ 62,999	₹ 66,999	₹ 16,000
GSAP 360° – GSAP + Ethics+ + CA+ + EGP	₹ 71,999	₹ 74,999	₹ 22,160

All fees are inclusive of applicable taxes. All variants include the 72 classes, 72 daily assignments, 18 sectional tests, 4 full-length simulators and 1:1 mentorship.

Concessions

- 30% concession for ForumIAS GSFP / CGP students / Ex- GSAP Students
- 15% concession for existing MGP and CA students
- 10% concession for all other ForumIAS Academy students
- Early bird offer – flat ₹ 3,000/- concession on course fee, limited to the first 50 seats

No other concession will be granted on any other grounds. Concessions are not cumulative; the higher single concession will apply. Students seeking hybrid mode will be charged an additional ₹ 5,000 over and above the offline fee.

Which Variant Is Right for You?

Where you are right now	Take
Your static content is the weak link. Current affairs and Ethics are already running through other sources you trust.	GSAP 2027 (Core)
You have written Mains before and GS Paper IV has never crossed the 100 mark, despite the content being finite.	GSAP + Ethics+
Your GS scores sit in the 90s across all three papers – the content is there, but the answers read dated and generic.	GSAP + CA+
This is your first serious Mains attempt, or you want one calendar, one mentor and no gaps across all four papers plus Essay.	GSAP 360°

Not sure? Call +91-93117 40400 and ask for a GSAP counsellor – bring your last Mains marksheet, or a sample answer if you have not written Mains yet.

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| B | NEFT or cash deposit into the HDFC Bank account – write to admissions@forumias.academy for details. |
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For any query, call +91-93117 40900 or +91-93117 40400, or write to admissions@forumias.academy. Admission is subject to acceptance of the Terms & Conditions below.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All fees once paid are non-refundable. The course is non-transferable to another person.
- The programme is valid until the CS (Main) Examination 2027.
- Each ForumIAS programme is linked to a ForumIAS account with a fixed mobile number. Sharing of programmes is strictly prohibited. If candidates are found sharing programmes, ForumIAS shall be free to terminate access to that or all programmes without any refund, and may initiate legal proceedings against candidates found sharing or selling such content.
- ForumIAS reserves the right to close admissions as per capacity, and to amend the schedule in case of any exigencies that may arise.
- Hour allocations, the class calendar and the sequence of subjects are tentative and may be revised by faculty in the academic interest of the batch.
- A mentor might discontinue his/her employment with ForumIAS due to any reason. In that case ForumIAS will provide for equally qualified substitute mentor to you.
- Force Majeure: Flaviant Network Pvt Ltd ("FNPL") will deliver this programme on a best-effort and good-faith basis. In the event of a force majeure event – natural disaster, calamity, outbreak of a pandemic, accident, bodily harm or sickness to any person directly involved in delivery of the programme – FNPL reserves the right to modify, change or discontinue the programme and shall not be liable for any financial obligation arising out of it. All disputes are subject to the jurisdiction of the Delhi High Court.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. I have never written Mains. Can I join GSAP?

Yes – provided you have completed at least one round of basic reading across all GS subjects. GSAP is a Mains foundation, not a Mains crash course, and it assumes basic reading rather than prior Mains experience. Unlike several competing programmes, we do not require a previous Mains attempt.

Q. Is GSAP a replacement for a GS Foundation course?

No. GSAP assumes you already know the basics and works on depth, framing and answer construction. If you have not completed basic reading, please speak to our counsellors about GSFP instead.

Q. Does GSAP cover current affairs?

No. GSAP teaches static content. Current affairs for Mains 2027 is covered by the CA+ programme, available separately or at a bundled price with GSAP.

Q. Is GS Paper IV (Ethics) included?

No. Ethics is covered by Ethics+, available separately or bundled. The GSAP calendar is planned so that its classes do not clash with Ethics+ or CA+.

Q. Are the tests included in the fee?

Yes. 16 sectional half-length tests and 4 full-length GS simulators are part of every variant, and every copy is evaluated. Tests run on Sundays from Week 2. There is no additional test-series purchase.

Q. What if I miss a class?

Session recordings are made available to enrolled students for a limited window so that you can catch up without falling behind the assignment cycle.

Q. Can I switch from Online to Offline mid-programme?

Yes, subject to seat availability at the centre and payment of the fee differential.

Q. What is the difference between GSAP and MGP?

GSAP builds the content and teaches the method; MGP is a test series that stress-tests both. GSAP already includes 16 sectional and 4 full-length evaluated tests, which is sufficient practice alongside the classes. MGP remains available separately for candidates who want a fuller simulation track closer to the examination.

Q. How is this different from the fast-track GSAP batch (June)?

The fast-track batch compresses the framework into a much shorter post-Prelims window of roughly 42 sessions. This four-month classroom cohort runs before Prelims, covers 72 sessions and 269 hours, and spreads the assignment cycle out so that writing improves gradually rather than in a sprint.

Q. Do I receive study material, or am I expected to make my own notes?

Both. You receive class handouts and access to the Value-Addition Vault. But the notes you will actually revise in the last month are the ones you write, which is why note consolidation is a scheduled, reviewed part of the programme rather than an afterthought.

Q. Can I take GSAP alongside Optional coaching?

Yes. GSAP runs on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday in a single evening slot. Tuesday and Friday are deliberately kept clear for CA+ and Ethics+, and your mornings stay free throughout. Many students run their Optional in parallel; tell your mentor at the start so your weekly plan accounts for it.

Q. Offline or online – what actually differs?

The faculty, assignments, mentor, tests and evaluation are identical. Offline adds the classroom peer group and access to the centre; online removes the commute and gives you session recordings for a limited catch-up window. Offline also ensures discipline from your end. If you have self-discipline either mode work perfectly.

Q. What if mentor assigned to me is discontinued due to either termination / they leaving ForumIAS?

The mentors at ForumIAS are identical and equally qualified. In case your assigned mentor leaves due to any reason you will be provided with a substitute mentor.