

Preparation tips for IPS exam

- Preliminary exam is a qualifying stage. This exam has two papers in which one is optional (means you can choose a subject of your own choice) and other is of General Studies which is a compulsory exam and you have to give importance to both.
- To get a good command over General Science, it is must that you prepare at least eight subjects of high importance properly. These subjects include Mental Ability, Economy, [Political Science](#), Science, Current Affairs, [Geography](#), [History](#) and General Knowledge.
- The best way to begin your [exams preparation](#) in above mentioned subjects is to start with NCERT books of 6th to 12th standard.
- To keep updated with 'current affairs' you will require reading newspapers from at least one year back from the time of appearing for exam. Make notes of all the important events, incidents in the country as well as around the world.
- Other than books, you also need to prepare from a good atlas for 'Geography'.
- For 'General Knowledge', you must read 'Competition Success Review' and collect facts. Also, you can solve question papers of previous years' preliminaries.
- For 'General Studies' read political and business magazines as much as you can but within limit.
- For 'optional subject paper', the most important thing is that you choose a subject about which you are very much confident. The best way to do is this is to go through the syllabus of that subject and look if you have covered all those topics mentioned in your degree course.
- Do prepare for both 'Preliminary' and 'Main' exam very well, as you will not have much time to prepare for 'Main' exam after clearing prelims successfully.
- To prepare for optional subject, get the civil service exam syllabus. Cover all the topics and attempting all the related question papers simultaneously.
You must keep in mind that the IPS is a highly reputed service in India and one has to go through rigorous tests before making it final. Success is possible with proper planning for the [exam preparation](#) and executing that planning in the most effective manner.