UPPSC CIVIL SERVICES EXAMINATION

UP PCS PRELIMS MASTER STRATEGY BLUEPRINT

3-Month Definitive Preparation Plan: September 4 to December 6 (94 Days)

94 Days	150 MCQs	95+ Net Qs	4 Cycles	CSAT 33%
TIMELINE	GS PAPER 1 (200 M)	TARGET SCORE	REVISIONS	QUALIFIER PAPER

1. EXAM STRUCTURE & TARGET SCORE BENCHMARKS

UP PCS Prelims consists of two objective papers conducted on the same day. Merit for Mains qualification is determined strictly by **GS Paper I**, while **GS Paper II (CSAT)** is qualifying in nature.

Paper	Total Qs	Total Marks	Negative Marking	Evaluation Nature	Safe Score Target
GS Paper I (General Studies)	150 MCQs	200 Marks (1.33 M / Q)	**1/3rd (0.44 M)** per wrong MCQ	**Decides Cutoff for Mains** (Rank determining)	**95 – 100 Net Correct Qs** (126.6 – 133.3 Marks)
GS Paper II (CSAT)	100 MCQs	200 Marks (2.0 M / Q)	**1/3rd (0.66 M)** per wrong MCQ	**Qualifying Only** (Must score ≥ 33%)	**45 – 50 Net Correct Qs** (90+ Marks safety buffer)

The 150-MCQ Attempt Arithmetic for GS Paper I:

- **Optimal Attempt Range: 125 – 138 Questions**. Attempting under 115 drastically lowers selection chances due to factual misses; attempting >142 without high certainty invites heavy negative penalty deductions.
- **Accuracy Model:** 132 Attempted → 108 Correct, 24 Incorrect → 108 – (24 ÷ 3) = **100.0 Net Correct Qs (≈ 133.3 Marks)** → Clear safe margin above cutoff.

2. SUBJECT-WISE QUESTION WEIGHTAGE & PREFERRED SOURCES (2025 PATTERN)

Based on the latest **UP PCS Prelims 2025 Subject-Wise Question Distribution (150 MCQs Total)**, subject weightage reveals the core scoring segments. The **Ghatna Chakra Purvavlokan (पूर्वावलोकन)** series remains the foundational textbook.

Subject	2025 Qs	Priority	Primary Source (Must-Read)	Secondary Reference
History (इतिहास)	**25 Qs** (Ancient: 6, Med: 10, Mod: 9)	CRITICAL	**Ghatna Chakra History Purvavlokan** (Ancient, Med, Modern)	Spectrum Modern History + Lucent GK
Indian Polity (राजव्यवस्था)	**22 Qs**	CRITICAL	**Ghatna Chakra Polity Purvavlokan**	M. Laxmikanth (Articles, Panchayats, Cases)
Current Affairs (करेंट अफेयर्स)	**22 Qs**	CRITICAL	**Eye-Drishti (Ghatna Chakra)** + YouTube Videos	Speedy Current Affairs
General Science (विज्ञान)	**21 Qs**	CRITICAL	**Ghatna Chakra Science** (Biology focus)	Lucent General Science (Vitamins/Diseases)
Geography (भूगोल)	**18 Qs**	CRITICAL	**Ghatna Chakra Geography Purvavlokan** (India + World)	School Atlas + Lucent Geography
Miscellaneous (विविध)	**17 Qs**	HIGH YIELD	**Ghatna Chakra Miscellaneous** + Lucent GK Tables	Static GK, National & Global Superlatives
Economy (अर्थव्यवस्था)	**10 Qs**	MEDIUM	**Ghatna Chakra Arthvyavastha** + Latest Budget/Survey	Mineral & Agriculture Production data
Environment (पर्यावरण)	**9 Qs**	MEDIUM	**Ghatna Chakra Environment Purvavlokan**	Ministry Reports (Tiger/Elephant Reserves)

Subject	2025 Qs	Priority	Primary Source (Must-Read)	Secondary Reference
UP Special (GK + Schemes)	**6 Qs** (UP GK: 5, Schemes: 1)	MEDIUM	**Ghatna Chakra UP Tathyasar** / Drishti UP Special	UP Budget + UP Schemes + ODOP
Census, Urbanization, Forest	**6 – 8 Qs** (Included in Misc/Geo)	HIGH YIELD	**India & UP Census 2011 Tables** + ISFR Forest Report	Ghatna Chakra Misc Section

Key Insights from 2025 Subject Distribution (150 MCQs Total):

- **Top 5 Dominant Blocks (108 out of 150 Qs = 72% Weightage):** History (25 Qs), Polity (22 Qs), Current Affairs (22 Qs), General Science (21 Qs), and Geography (18 Qs) together form the absolute core foundation.
- **The High-Scoring Decider:** Miscellaneous (17 Qs) covering Census, institutions, and static data combined with Environment (9 Qs) and Economy (10 Qs) easily pushes scores well past the 100 net correct mark.

3. HOW TO MASTER GHATNA CHAKRA PURVAVLOKAN

Treat Ghatna Chakra as a conceptual textbook rather than an MCQ quiz book. Follow the **"3-Step Extraction Method"**:

Step 1: Read the Topic Summary First

Every chapter begins with 1–3 pages of condensed theoretical notes. Read this thoroughly before attempting questions to absorb key terms, dates, and definitions.

Step 2: Solve & Read Explanations

Cover answer options with a paper sheet, attempt mentally, then uncover. **Always read the explanation box below**—40% of future new questions are drawn directly from it.

Step 3: The 3-Symbol Filtering System (Crucial for Rapid Revisions):

- **[•] Easy / Memory**: Answered correctly with high certainty → *Skip in 2nd and 3rd revision.*
- **[▲] Hesitant / 50-50**: Solved with hesitation or elimination → *Revisit during Revision 2.*
- **[★] Hard / Tricky / New Fact**: Answered wrong or contains new factual data → *Review in EVERY cycle and copy into Personal Fact Diary.*

4. THE 4-CYCLE REVISION FRAMEWORK (SPACED REPETITION)

Without multiple revision cycles, factual retention decays rapidly in 90 days. Follow this strict cycle framework:

Revision Cycle	Time Window	Duration	Core Scope & Deliverables
Cycle 1: Deep Foundation	Sep 4 – Oct 10	37 Days	Complete coverage of all static subjects + Chapter-wise Ghatna Chakra + Tagging questions with [▲] and [★].
Cycle 2: Consolidation	Oct 11 – Nov 10	31 Days	Revising all marked [▲] and [★] questions + Lucent GS tables + Sectional Tests + UP Special GK + CSAT Daily.
Cycle 3: High-Yield Sprint	Nov 11 – Nov 28	18 Days	Only Star-marked [★] questions + Eye-Drishti Annual 1st & 2nd read + Full-length Mocks (GS + CSAT).
Cycle 4: Final 8-Day Lock-in	Nov 29 – Dec 6	8 Days	Personal Fact Diary + Eye-Drishti 3rd read + Census 2011 + ISFR + Budget & Schemes tables + Mental relaxation.

5. HOW TO COVER CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR UPPSC

Current Affairs accounts for **22 direct questions** in UP PCS. UPPSC focuses heavily on **specific facts, dates, venues, ranks, sports tournaments, appointments, and state awards**.

The 3-Pillar Current Affairs Arsenal:

- **Monthly Video Reviews (Sep 2025 – Oct 2026):** Watch monthly current affairs summary YouTube videos to build foundational continuity and note down key points.
- **The Annual Eye-Drishti (दृष्टि घटना चक्र):** Released 20–25 days before prelims. Read this cover-to-cover **at least 3 times**. It accounts for 80%+ of direct current affairs questions in UP PCS.
- **UP State Specific Affairs:** State schemes (ODOP, Kanya Sumangala, Expressway projects, UP Budget allocations, district GI tags).

6. COMPREHENSIVE CSAT STRATEGY (PAPER II – QUALIFYING 33%)

Do not ignore CSAT. You need **33 Net Correct Questions (66 Marks)** to qualify. Target **45–50 Net Correct Qs (90+ Marks)** for total safety.

CSAT Section	Weightage	Difficulty Nature	High-Yield Focus Areas & Target Score
General Hindi (सामान्य हिंदी)	15 – 20 Qs	High Scoring / Predictable	Tatsam-Tadbhav, Sandhi, Samas, Muhavare, Paryayvachi, Vilom, Vakya Shuddhi. *(Aditya / Lucent Hindi)*. **Target: 14–16 Net Correct.**
General English	10 – 15 Qs	Moderate	Comprehension passage, Direct/Indirect speech, Active/Passive, Prepositions, Spotting errors. **Target: 8–10 Net Correct.**
Reasoning & Mental Ability	25 – 30 Qs	High Accuracy	Coding-Decoding, Blood Relations, Syllogisms, Direction Sense, Series, Venn Diagrams. **Target: 20–22 Net Correct.**
Basic Math (10th Standard)	15 – 20 Qs	Formula-based	Percentage, Ratio, Average, Time & Work, Simple Interest, Basic Geometry, Mean/Median/Mode. **Target: 8–10 Net Correct.**
Interpersonal Skills & Communication	15 – 20 Qs	Theoretical / Subjective	Solve last 10 years UPPSC CSAT PYQs. Questions and theoretical models repeat directly. **Target: 8–10 Net Correct.**

The 50-Question CSAT Safety Formula: Mastering just **General Hindi (15 Qs) + Reasoning (25 Qs) + Basic Math (10 Qs)** yields 50 attempted questions with 85%+ accuracy (≈ 42 net correct = 84 marks), clearing the qualifying cutoff without anxiety.

7. TEST SERIES EXECUTION & THE "REVERSE LEARNING" PROTOCOL

The 3-Pass Exam Attempt Technique

- **Pass 1 (0 – 45 mins):** Solve 100% sure-shot factual questions (50–65 Qs).
- **Pass 2 (45 – 90 mins):** Solve questions with 2 options eliminated (50-50 odds).
- **Pass 3 (90 – 115 mins):** Re-check OMR bubbling and attempt 1-eliminated options to hit **125–138 total attempts**.

The "Error Log" (Mistake Notebook)

- Classify every wrong mock MCQ:
  1. *Silly / Reading error* (missed "NOT").
  2. *Factual Amnesia* (forgot date/article).
  3. *Total Unknown* (unstudied area).
- Record Category 2 & 3 facts in a 100-page notebook and revise every Sunday.

8. THE 94-DAY DAY-BY-DAY MASTER ROADMAP (SEP 4 – DEC 6)

Structured across 3 progressive phases balancing static theory, Ghatna Chakra extraction, CSAT practice, and mock tests:

Dates / Week	Core Static Focus (4-5 hrs/day)	Ghatna Chakra & Practice (2.5 hrs/day)	Current Affairs & CSAT (2 hrs/day)	Weekly Milestone
PHASE 1: FOUNDATION & CORE STATIC DOMINANCE (Sep 4 – Oct 10 | 37 Days)				

Dates / Week	Core Static Focus (4-5 hrs/day)	Ghatna Chakra & Practice (2.5 hrs/day)	Current Affairs & CSAT (2 hrs/day)	Weekly Milestone
Week 1 (Sep 4 – Sep 10)	**Indian Polity (Part 1):** Preamble, Fundamental Rights, DPSP, Fundamental Duties, President, Governor, Parliament.	Polity Purvavlokan: Constitutional Framework, Articles 1 to 123.	Current Affairs: Sep & Oct 2025 YouTube video summaries + CSAT Hindi basics.	Sectional Test 1: Indian Polity (Core).
Week 2 (Sep 11 – Sep 17)	**Indian Polity (Part 2):** Judiciary (SC/HC), Panchayati Raj (73rd/74th), Constitutional Bodies, Key Amendments.	Polity Purvavlokan: Panchayats, Judiciary, Articles & Schedules completion.	Current Affairs: Nov 2025 YouTube video summary + CSAT Hindi: Tatsam-Tadbhav.	Sectional Test 2: Full Polity + CSAT Hindi.
Week 3 (Sep 18 – Sep 24)	**Modern Indian History (Part 1):** Advent of Europeans, 1857 Revolt, Socio-Religious Reforms, Early Congress, Bengal Partition.	History Purvavlokan: Modern History chapters 1 to 20.	Current Affairs: Dec 2025 YouTube video summary + CSAT Hindi: Vilom & Paryayvachi.	Sectional Test 3: Modern History (1757–1915).
Week 4 (Sep 25 – Oct 01)	**Modern History (Part 2) + Ancient:** Gandhian Phase (NCM, CDM, QIM), Governor-Generals; Indus Valley, Vedic, Buddhism, Mauryan/Gupta.	History Purvavlokan: Gandhian Movement + Ancient History chapters.	Current Affairs: Jan 2026 YouTube video summary + CSAT: Syllogism & Blood Relations.	Sectional Test 4: Modern & Ancient History.
Week 5 (Oct 02 – Oct 08)	**Medieval History + Geography (India 1):** Delhi Sultanate, Mughals, Marathas, Bhakti/Sufi; India's Physiography, Rivers & Drainage.	History Purvavlokan (Medieval finish) + Geography Purvavlokan (Rivers/Hills).	Current Affairs: Feb 2026 YouTube video summary + CSAT: Coding-Decoding & Direction.	Sectional Test 5: Geography of India (Physical).
Week 6 (Oct 09 – Oct 15)	**Geography (India 2 & World):** Climate, Soils, Agriculture, Minerals; World Geomorphology, Ocean Currents, Straits, Canals, Mountain Passes.	Geography Purvavlokan: World Geography & Minerals/Crops mapping.	Current Affairs: Mar 2026 YouTube video summary + CSAT: Number System & Percentages.	Sectional Test 6: Complete Geography.
PHASE 2: CONSOLIDATION, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE, UP SPECIAL & 2ND REVISION (Oct 16 – Nov 15 | 31 Days)				
Week 7 (Oct 16 – Oct 22)	**Environment & Ecology:** Ecosystems, Biodiversity, Ramsar Sites, National Parks/Sanctuaries, Climate Treaties (COP), Project Tiger.	Environment Purvavlokan (Full volume cover-to-cover).	Current Affairs: Apr 2026 YouTube video summary + CSAT: Time & Work, Ratios.	Sectional Test 7: Environment & Ecology.
Week 8 (Oct 23 – Oct 29)	**General Science (Biology High-Yield):** Human Anatomy, Diseases, Nutrition/Vitamins, Genetics, Hormones, Plant Physiology.	Science Purvavlokan: Biology section (solve all questions).	Current Affairs: May 2026 YouTube video summary + CSAT: Reading Comprehension.	Sectional Test 8: General Biology & Health.
Week 9 (Oct 30 – Nov 05)	**Physics & Chemistry + Economy:** Optics, Sound, Nuclear; Acids/Bases, Polymers; Union & UP Budget, Govt Schemes, Inflation.	Science Purvavlokan (Physics/Chem) + Economy Purvavlokan (Schemes).	Current Affairs: Jun & Jul 2026 YouTube video summaries + CSAT: Communication Models.	Sectional Test 9: General Science & Economy.
Week 10 (Nov 06 – Nov 12)	**UP Special & Misc Data:** UP History, Culture, Geography, Districts, ODOP, UP Census 2011, India Census 2011, ISFR Forest Report, Minerals.	UP Tathyasar / Ghatna Chakra UP Special + Census tables.	Current Affairs: Aug & Sep 2026 YouTube video summaries + CSAT PYQ 2023/24.	Sectional Test 10: UP Special & Misc.
PHASE 3: THE FINAL SPRINT – EYE-DRISHTI, FULL MOCKS & 3RD/4TH REVISION (Nov 13 – Dec 06 | 24 Days)				
Week 11 (Nov 13 – Nov 19)	**Revision Cycle 2 Finish + Eye-Drishti 1st Read:** Rapid review of all marked questions in History, Polity, Geography. Start Eye-Drishti Annual.	Re-solving Star-marked ([★]) questions from all 8 Ghatna Chakra volumes.	Eye-Drishti (National, International, Economy, Awards) + CSAT Mock 1.	**Full Length Mock Test 1 (GS Paper 1)** + Analysis.

Dates / Week	Core Static Focus (4-5 hrs/day)	Ghatna Chakra & Practice (2.5 hrs/day)	Current Affairs & CSAT (2 hrs/day)	Weekly Milestone
Week 12 (Nov 20 – Nov 26)	**Revision Cycle 3 + Eye-Drishti 2nd Read:** Rapid review of Science, Environment, UP Special, Census. Read Eye-Drishti with highlighters.	Error Log Notebook review + High-yield formulas and dates.	Eye-Drishti (Sports, Sci-Tech, UP Affairs) + CSAT Mock 2.	**Full Length Mock Tests 2 & 3** (Timed 9:30–11:30 AM).
Week 13 (Nov 27 – Dec 03)	**Final Full Mock Drills & Eye-Drishti 3rd Read:** Simulating real exam conditions (GS 1 morning, CSAT afternoon). Finalizing attempt pace.	Review only the 100-page personal mistake diary and marked facts.	Eye-Drishti rapid skim + CSAT Mock 3 (time management).	**Full Length Mock Tests 4 & 5** (Combined GS + CSAT).
Final 3 Days (Dec 04 – Dec 06)	**Mental Peak & Static Lock-in:** Revision of Census 2011, ISFR, Protected Areas, Articles, Amendments, Key Dates. Sleep 8 hours.	No new mocks or books. Only personal notes and short tables.	Quick flip through Eye-Drishti highlights + Admit Card & Kit.	**Ready for Prelims Day!** Peak Confidence & Calm Execution.

9. DAILY 8-TO-9 HOUR TIME-BLOCKING ROUTINE

Time Slot	Duration	Activity	Output Goal
06:30 AM – 08:30 AM	2 Hours	**Current Affairs & State Affairs**	Watch monthly YouTube video summaries / read Eye-Drishti. Make flashcards.
09:30 AM – 12:30 PM	3 Hours	**Core Static Subject (Deep Study)**	Read primary theory (History / Polity / Geography / Science / Environment).
02:00 PM – 04:30 PM	2.5 Hours	**Ghatna Chakra Extraction & MCQs**	Solve 80–120 chapter questions. Read explanations and mark tricky ones.
05:00 PM – 06:15 PM	1.25 Hours	**CSAT Daily Practice (Hindi / Reasoning / Math)**	Solve 25–30 CSAT PYQs or study Hindi grammar rules systematically.
06:15 PM – 07:30 PM	1.25 Hours	**Sectional Mock / Error Log Review**	Solve 50 sectional MCQs or update the Mistake Notebook.
08:30 PM – 09:30 PM	1 Hour	**Day's Rapid Recap (Daily Revision)**	Skim through everything studied during the day before sleeping.

10. TOP 10 GOLDEN RULES FOR UP PCS PRELIMS SUCCESS

1. **Never skip Ghatna Chakra explanations:** 40% of future question variations are directly embedded in past question explanations.
2. **Prioritize Modern History & Biology:** In History, Modern contributes 60%+ questions. In Science, Biology contributes 60%+ questions.
3. **Map every geographical question:** Never read a mountain pass, river tributary, or mineral belt in isolation—always locate it on the atlas.
4. **Do not treat CSAT lightly:** Dedicate regular daily slots to General Hindi and Reasoning to avoid afternoon session panic.
5. **Consolidate sources strictly:** One source read 5 times is exponentially better than 5 different books read once.
6. **Master UP Census 2011 & ISFR:** 5 to 7 questions every year come from straightforward demographic and forest statistics.
7. **Elimination Technique is a skill:** Practice identifying extreme words, matching pairs (List I & II), and Assertion-Reasoning questions during mocks.
8. **Eye-Drishti is non-negotiable:** When the annual Eye-Drishti booklet arrives, dedicate 3 days to read it with maximum focus.
9. **Simulate real exam timings:** Practice full mocks in the exact 09:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 02:30 PM – 04:30 PM slots to calibrate alertness.
10. **Maintain emotional equanimity:** Prelims is a test of speed, accuracy, and nerve. Stay consistent and trust the 94-day process.