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StepUp

MENTORSHIP

PROGRAMME FOR UPSC 2027

BATCH 21

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Programme Heads

Ms. Richa Sharma & Mr. Shashank Gupta

Smart Current Affairs Classes by Dr. Jayant Parikshit, Mr. Srivatsan, Mr. Abhinav Srivastav

Fee: Rs. 65,000/- (incl. GST)

Name: Yukta Rai
Mentor: Gaurav Mittal Sir

Step-UP mentorship has been really helpful in my UPSC preparation, especially in improving my answer writing with my mentor's guidance. I have been able to practice answer writing regularly, and the discussions of my tests with my mentor help me understand where I am going wrong and how I can improve. I can also reach out whenever I have a doubt, and I receive the required guidance whenever needed.

The regular follow-ups have helped me stay accountable and follow my timetable more consistently. They have also helped me become more disciplined and ensure that I am prepearing according to the demands of the syllabus instead of studying randomly.

Overall, the personalized guidance & regular support from my mentor have made my preparation much more structured. I am genuinely grateful for the consistent guidance and support that have helped me make steady progress in my preparation.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Vajiram & Ravi team & specifically to the team behind the STEP UP Mentorship Program for their invaluable guidance and support throughout the preparation. Preparing for UPSC was feeling overwhelming but the structured approach which was provided in STEPUP made a difference in my journey. Having direct access to my mentor Purnima maam provided me a best platform to resolve doubts & gain clarity in the subject.
The schedules, targets and regular tests enabled me to complete the syllabus systematically. Found feedback on my answers sharpened my presentation skills.
I sincerely appreciate the dedication, patience & encouragement shown by my mentor & entire team.

Thankyou
Warm regards,
Ullas S Gonda

The Step up Mentorship Programme has helped me to identify my mistakes and boost my preparation with regular prelims and mains test discussion providing insights to the flaws which have remained in my preparation. Smart current Affairs class really helps in consolidation and effective revision of current affairs.
Experience with my mentor has been really good and continuous interactions helped me to recognise grey areas of my preparation and boost confidence. Overall experience is positive and enriching providing clear direction and structured approach to my preparation helping me to recognise my strengths and weakness and stay committed!

Priyanka Verma

My Experience with Vajiram & Ravi

I enrolled in Vajiram & Ravi's "Step UP Mentorship Programme" under the guidance of Richa Ma'am and my mentor, Gaurav Mittal Sir. This programme helped me qualify Prelims-2026 and understand the actual demand of CSE Mains questions and how to structure answers effectively.

Even after prelims, Vajiram's Free Mains Camp has been extremely helpful for value addition through maps, flowcharts, data, examples etc. and understanding Core and Non-Core demands of questions.

Grateful to Vajiram & Ravi, Richa Ma'am and Gaurav Mittal Sir for their Constant guidance and support.

Thank You, Vajiram & Ravi!
Ramlakhan Meena

I Joined the mentorship programme in July 2026. There have been key changes in my preparation since then.
The 1-1 sessions with Ms. Purnima have contributed in micro level feedback → sessions of individual test copies, identifying answer writing errors and keeping up with set targets. It has provided me with a guiding figure at each stage of my UPSC preparation, prioritisation directions effort & ensuring timely completion of the syllabus.

Ultimately, it has made me more consistent and confident to be Exam ready.

Riya Gupta

I recently joined the Step Up Mentorship Program of Vajiram and Ravi. My overall experience with the institution and my Mentors is good till now. Mentors help me in maintaining discipline in my preparation via accountability Calls, Meetings, and Test Discussions. They also provide the required material for revision, etc via workbooks, Smashers, etc. They also ensure timely evaluation of the tests.

Thanks You
Rishank Sharma

Being a part of Vajiram and Ravi Stepup mentorship Programme has truly transformed my UPSC preparation. Before joining, I struggled with consistency but program forced me to follow a disciplined daily schedule and write my prelims and mains tests on time. The current affairs module is easily the best part, giving me a massive edge in tracking issues and directly helping me increase my scores to my previous attempt.

The mentorship support is immensely helpful as my mentor is always available to help me whenever I get stuck. Having someone to guide me through how those and answer my queries anytime took a huge burden off my shoulders. A special mention goes to Ayush Sir whose constant availability and timely guidance kept me on track throughout.

Ritik Pratap Singh
Admission No: 29300377

- The Stepup Mentorship program has proved highly beneficial for me. Now I can keep a track of my preparation and also put a check on my progress with the help of my Mentor.
- Since, I joined this program in December 2025, my mentor at that time was Tanfiz Sir and now my mentor is Ankur Raja Sir, for me both are like Guru Dronacharya and directing me in right direction.
- I personally feel that I have missed so much about the way of preparation and about the smart approach of preparation by not joining the Step up program earlier.
- Now I feel more confident as I know that the mentor Sir is like Captain of my Ship and will reach the land of Success very soon in the guidance and direction of mentor Sir.

Student Name:- Rahul Kumar
Mentor Name:- Ankur Raja Sir.

The step up 2027 mentorship program has been extremely helpful for my UPSC preparation. I have been able to structure my answers, add value to them and receive valuable feedback through regular tests. My mentor, Gaurav Mittal sir has been constantly available and extremely resourceful at all times. I have also been able to follow a structured schedule and goal-wise plan. I am grateful for the guidance I have received.

Sincerely,
Shaina
[Shaina Bedi]

To whomsoever it may concern,
I'm Mirudhula.L, a student of Vajiram under Step Up Mentorship Program (Ad no: 29300664) mentored by Mr. Gaurav Mittal Sir.
Throughout my learning experience Gaurav sir has been knowledgeable, patient, supportive and dedicated. Sir's explainations has really helped me think critically. Sir has always been friendly, approachable and showed willingness to help me with my doubts during preparation.

I am truly grateful for their guidance and valuable contribution. It has positively impacted my growth and development.

Mirudhula.L (Ad No: 29300664)
Mirudhula.L

My experience with Step up mentorship has been really helpful so far. My mentor (Gaurav Mittal sir) has guided me with proper syllabus alignment and a structured approach to preparation. Regular follow-ups and tracking have helped me stay consistent and accountable. The additional study materials and timely doubt-solving have also made my preparation more focused and effective. Overall, the mentorship has given me better clarity and direction in my UPSC preparation.

Ankit Sinha

dear Stepup Team

Though my association with Purnima Ma'am has been a shorter one, but the learnings gonna stay longer.

Her calm, composed & forward looking behaviour helped me maintain optimism during my mains journey.

Step up mentorship as a whole provided me microthemes, structured tests and value addition notes that enhanced my prep.

Before joining this program, I was struggling with indecisiveness regarding study schedule, and answer writing. The micro-target timelines given by my experienced mentor kept me from over analyzing the topics. And, instead of getting generic remarks weeks later, the timely detailed critiques on my answers showed me exactly where I was lacking. Getting regular feedback and doing constant course correction improved my answer writing skills and timely completion of study targets.

Dheeraj Meena
Jaipur

Hello Everyone,

Myself Sayma Pathan. I have enrolled in Vajiram & Ravi Stepup mentorship programme. It has guided my preparation in a systematic and focused manner. It has helped me to work on my weak areas and polish my notes making and answer writing practice. Special thanks to Amit Agarwalla Sir, my mentor for always guiding & motivating to strive for best. And the Smart current Affair sessions has been a great help to me to cover important topics in a structured manner. Lastly I am really glad that I joined the programme

Thanks & Regard.

My Experience with Vajiram & Ravi

I joined the Vajiram & Ravi StepUp Mentorship Program under the guidance of Ankur Sharma Sir, and my experience has been excellent so far. The mentorship has provided me with much-needed structure, clarity and consistency in my UPSC preparation. Sir's approach is very practical and focused on understanding the requirements of the examination rather than simply completing the syllabus.
His guidance has made my preparation more organised and Exam oriented, hence I would definitely recommend this program to all the aspirants, who are looking for consistent support throughout their UPSC journey

Pranjal Soni.

To,
Vajiram Stepup Mentorship Programme.

I would like to share my experience journey through UPSC preparation this year which became much more structured & focused because of my mentor M. Jyothirmai Ma'am. Her constant guidance, regular mentoring, honest feedback and encouragement throughout the year. She helped me to increase my preparation strategy made me accountable and motivated during the difficult phase.

I am genuinely thankful to have such a supportive mentor throughout my journey.

Thankyou.
Deepika Pandey

The StepUp Mentorship 2026 programme was a great help in my UPSC CSE preparation. The regular tests and the course material provided were all of great help in the journey. One of the most important things that my mentor, Ms. Jyothirmai, helped me with was overcoming my fear of answering 'bouncer' Mains questions. She meticulously evaluated all my test papers and gave extremely useful feedback. All of this helped me build the much-needed confidence to face the UPSC CSE. I am grateful to the entire StepUp Mentorship team for their continued support.

Vaishal Mistry

My Experience with the StepUp Mentorship Program

I am really thankful to the StepUp Mentorship Program for helping me in my preparation.

Before joining this program, I was sometimes confused about how to prepare and what things I should focus on.
The mentorship sessions helped me understand my preparation in a better way. I got proper guidance, motivation and a clear direction. Whenever I had doubts or faced difficulties, the guidance from the mentors helped me move forward with more confidence.

One of the things I liked the most is that the mentors are supportive and encourage us to keep improving. This program has helped me become more disciplined and confident in my preparation.

I am grateful to all the mentors and the StepUp team for their continuous support and guidance. I will definitely carry the lessons and motivation I received from this program throughout my preparation.

Thank you, StepUp Mentorship Program!

Name: Hitesh

Know Your Mentor!

Shashank Gupta

Faculty and Programme Head,
StepUp Mentorship Programme

Richa Sharma

Faculty and Programme Head,
StepUp Mentorship Programme

Shakti Dubey

AIR 1-CSE 2024

Mentor
2024-2025 Batch

Tejasva

AIR 308- CSE 2024

Mentor
2024-2025 Batch

Rajat Patre

AIR 305 - CSE 2024

Mentor
2024-2027 Batch

Tushar Giri

AIR 395 - CSE 2025

Mentor
2025-2026 Batch

Ritika Pandey

AIR 185 - CSE 2025

Mentor
2025-2027 Batch

StepUp Mentorship 2027 isn't another program

it's 4-layered preparation ecosystem built for serious UPSC aspirants.

- You won't navigate this journey alone or depend on motivational fatigue.
- You'll operate inside a system — one built on structure, accountability, and iteration.
- Because an eternal truth: individuals can fail; systems don't.

You'll work under a personal mentor who tracks your progress, corrects your mistakes, and builds a plan around your strengths, weaknesses, and learning pace. Alongside them, an IAS/IPS/IRS topper serves as your super mentor—reviewing your preparation, correcting your direction, and teaching you how toppers think, write, and execute.

This isn't about "finishing the syllabus."

It's about mastering what UPSC actually rewards — structured thinking, sharp note-making, disciplined revision, analytical depth, and answer writing that looks like it belongs in a DAF, not a notebook.

By the time you face Prelims, Mains, and the Interview, you won't be one more candidate attempting the exam — you'll be someone prepared to dominate it.

Why must you join this StepUp Mentorship Programme 2027?

- Personalised 1-to-1 Mentorship to receive individual guidance tailored to your preparation and performance.
- Daily Tracking and Weekly Report Card to maintain accountability and keep your preparation consistently on track.
- Weekly Test to check the Improvement with regular assessment to measure progress and identify areas that need attention.
- Industry's Best Renowned Mentor (Expert Guidance from Interview-Experienced Mentors) to gain practical guidance and insights from experienced mentors.
- One-Pager Notes for Fast Revision to simplify revision and make important information easier to recall.
- Become Mains-Ready by December with a structured approach focused on building Mains readiness within the defined preparation timeline.
- Mentorship from UPSC Toppers to learn from successful candidates and understand practical strategies from their UPSC journey.
- GS, Essay, CSAT & Current Affairs — One Integrated Ecosystem bringing these essential components of UPSC preparation together within a single mentorship programme.

Features of the Programme

A complete mentorship ecosystem combining structure, accountability, and expert guidance for UPSC 2027.

1. Four-Layered Mentorship System

A structured support framework to guide you at every stage of preparation:

Layer 1 – One-to-One Personal Mentor

Your mentor designs your plan, reviews progress, and helps you fix weaknesses with consistent feedback.

Layer 2 – Continuous Monitoring

Senior mentors track your performance, discipline, and growth to ensure consistent execution.

Layer 3 – Subject & Paper-Specific Support

Faculty support for Essay, and Current Affairs and expert support for prelims and Mains to strengthen content and conceptual clarity.

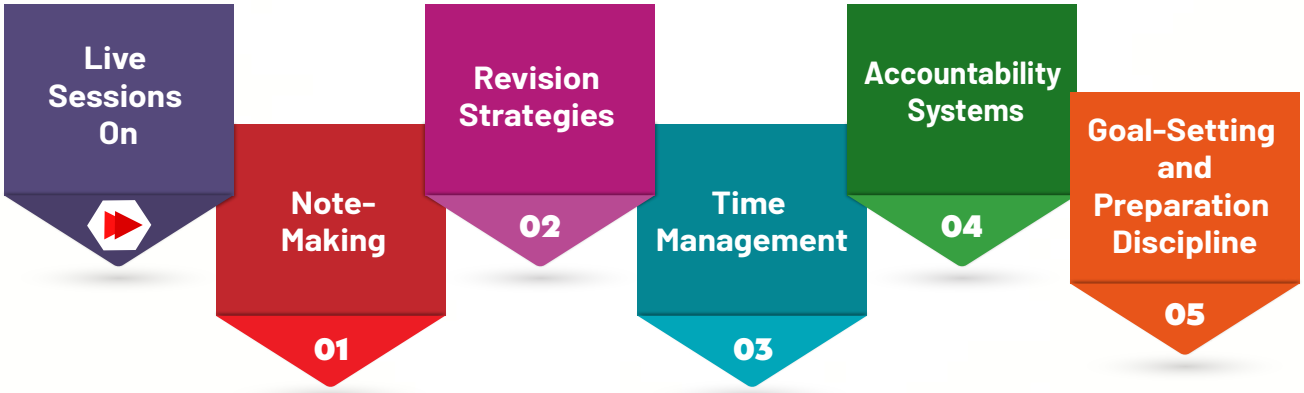
Layer 4 – Topper Strategy Mentorship

IAS/IPS toppers provide periodic guidance, course correction, and insights based on real exam strategy.

2. Personalised Study Plans

A structured weekly, monthly, and quarterly roadmap based on your learning pace, strengths, weaknesses, and goals with your Mentor.

3. Group Mentoring Sessions



High-Yield video Sessions:

01 Topic-wise high-yield video sessions

02 Micro-topic coverage for depth and clarity.

03 Thematic workbooks for both Prelims and Mains to build concise and structured notes.

04 PYQ Analysis and Brainstorming sessions.

SMART Current Affairs Module 2027

Under S.M.A.R.T. Current Affairs aims to provide aspirants with a Simple yet Strategic, Multi-dimensional, Advanced and Adaptive, Resourceful, and Targeted approach to their Current Affairs preparation.

A complete current affairs ecosystem including:

- 3 weekly classes
- Daily quizzes
- A monthly compilation magazine
- Coverage from The Hindu, Indian Express, ET, PIB, Yojana, Kurukshetra

Essay Workshop

Supported By Practice Tests And Structured Feedback.

Prelims CAMP 2027
Teach-cum-Test Model

- A rigorous Prelims-oriented structure including-60 Intensive Tests to be conducted in two phases.
- Phase I will contain a total of 50 Half Length Tests (36 GS and 8 CSAT and 6 Current Affairs).
- Phase II will begin after the end of Phase-I. It will contain 5 GS Revision Tests and 5 Full Length Tests (3 GS and 2 CSAT)

Weekly testing ensures consistent improvement and course correction:

Prelims & Mains Test Series

- 30 Prelims Sectional Tests
- 30 Mains Sectional Tests
- 12 full-length Mains tests after Prelims for everyone.

Mains Camp 2027 (For Prelims Qualifiers)

If you Qualify Prelims-2027, you will get Mains Camp which is uniquely designed, high-intensity Test-cum-Teach Mains Test Series aimed at helping aspirants achieve 450+ marks in General Studies (GS). This will combine structured preparation, expert guidance, and real-exam simulation to build confidence, clarity, and answer-writing proficiency.

Led by UPSC Rankers and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), this will ensure aspirants develop the skills and strategies necessary to excel under exam pressure.

CSAT Excellence Sessions

- 10+ dedicated CSAT sessions focused on strengthening aptitude fundamentals.
- Targeted practice for Quantitative Aptitude, Logical Reasoning, and Reading Comprehension.
- Concept-driven approach to improve accuracy, speed, and problem-solving ability.

Skill-Building Sessions

- Sessions on High-yield topics for best ROI on efforts.
- PYQ Analysis, Brainstorming sessions and Prelims Revision Classes
- 12+ recorded lectures on structure-based answer writing and note-making templates.

Application-Focused Workbooks

- Subject-wise Prelims and Mains workbooks designed to convert knowledge into exam performance — solving questions and writing structured answers.

ONE-PAGER Notes for Fast Revision

- A unique revision tool designed for Mains:
- Crisp, exam-focused one-page summaries for key themes and topics
- Built for multiple revisions
- Ideal for last-mile recall before Mains and the Interview

Exclusive Digital Access

- Access the Vajiram & Ravi Students Portal with:
- Additional digital resources
- StepUP Prelims Quick Revision material
- Test analytics and performance tracking

Step Up Mentorship Batch Plan 2027

Week	Subject 01	Prelims Test	Mains Test (No. of Tests)
1	Polity	Polity Test 01	Polity Subjective Test (3)
2	Polity	Polity Test 02	
3	Polity	Polity Test 03	
4	Polity	Polity Test 04	
5	Polity	Polity Test 05	
6	Geography	Geography Test 01	Geography Subjective Test (03)
7	Geography	Geography Test 02	
8	Geography	Geography Test 03	
9	Geography	Geography Test 04	
10	Economics	Economy Test 01	Economy Subjective Test (03)
11	Economics	Economy Test 02	
12	Economics	Economy Test 03	
13	Economics	Economy Test 04	
14	Economics	Economy Test 05	
15	Modern History	Modern History 01	Modern History Subjective History (03)
16	Modern History	Modern History 02	
17	Modern History	Modern History 03	
18	Modern History	Modern History 04	
19	Ancient + Art & Culture	Ancient History 01	Art & Culture Subjective Test (02)
20	Ancient + Art & Culture	Ancient History 02	
21	Environment	Environment 01	Environment Subjective Test (03)
22	Environment	Environment 02	
23	Environment	Environment 03	
24	Environment	Environment 04	
25	Medieval + Art & Culture	Medieval History 01	-
26	Medieval + Art & Culture	Medieval History 02	
27	Science & Technology	Science & Technology 01	Science & Technology Subjective Test (02)
28	Science & Technology	Science & Technology 02	
29	Ethics	-	Ethics Subjective Test (04)
30	Ethics	-	
31	Ethics	-	
32	Ethics	-	
33	Ethics	-	
34	Indian Society	-	Indian Society Subjective Test (01)
35	Indian Society	-	
36	Indian Society	-	
37	Social Justice	-	Social Justice Subjective Test (01)
38	Social Justice	-	
39	Social Justice	-	
40	Governance	-	Governance Subjective Test (02)
41	Governance	-	
42	Governance	-	
43	Disaster Management	-	Disaster Management Subjective Test (01)
44	Disaster Management	-	
45	International Relations	-	International Relations Subjective Test (01)
46	International Relations	-	
47	Internal Security	-	Internal Security Subjective Test 01
48	Internal Security	-	

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