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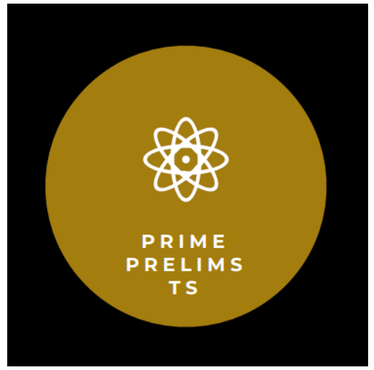
FOUNDATION 2020/ UAP 2020/ PRIME PRELIMS TS

PRIME TS is our oldest & most popular initiative. It started in 2015 when a key founding team member, Dr. Vipin Garg (IAS, Rank 20) came up with the idea of TIKDAMS (तिकड़म) to educate students in the art of smart guesstimates.

Over the years, we strengthened our PRIME Prelims TS offering with UPSC evidence based question making & deeper level subject tagging so that the student gets 3X value for the time spent with these 3600 questions.



KEY FEATURES

A TIME BOUND TEST SERIES WITH EQUAL FOCUS ON LEARNING & ASSESSMENTS

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The 36 tests test your Basics, Advanced & UPSC+ levels. Subject X Sub-subject level tagging to help you identify your weak areas. 110% practical.

EVIDENCE BASED QUES.

The 3600 questions you face in our mocks have their relevance established in UPSC's trend analysis. We focus on themes that are important as per UPSC so that we maximise your chances of questions overlap with the UPSC Prelims 2020.

ADVANCED LECTURES

60+ hours of advanced curated videos on static subjects: polity, history, geography economy, E&B to help you revise & plug all the loopholes.

SAMANVAYA

Our 1<>1 mentoring calls * mails.

We analyse your test attempts and help you figure your blind spots across subjects & current affairs themes.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

A community of aspirants & mentors curated basis UPSC attempts, Optionals, Prelims acumen, so that you always challenge & help each other.

TIKDAMS (तिकड़म)

Master the art of intelligent guessing. Get 20+ extra in UPSC Prelims once you master **the art of tikdams**. Perfected by. Dr. Vipin Garg, IAS. For you!

6 REASONS WHY CD's PRIME TS IS THE BEST COMPANION FOR YOUR PRELIMS PREP

1 **Evidence based question making:** The 3600 questions you face in our mocks have their relevance established in UPSC's trend analysis. We focus on themes that are important as per UPSC so that we maximise your chances of questions overlap with the actual UPSC Prelims.

2 **Standardising & Tagging those evidence backed questions:** Even for the most serious student, judging the quality of any TS is a difficult proposition. To ensure that we hold the end of our bargain, we have introduced 3 layers of tagging:

- **Difficulty Level Tags:** Level 1, 2, 3
- **Subject/ sub-subject Tags:** To ensure that your revision is focussed, we tag questions at deeper layers so that you discover your subject specific blindspots and rectify them
- **Question Type Tags:** Helps you understand the mix of questions and equip yourself in multifaceted question forming. Eg: Consolidation Questions, Comparative Questions, Interactive Questions*

3 **Tikdams for mastering the art of intelligent guesstimates:** Think of तिकड़म as a more refined version of the oft quoted word Jugaad. UPSC is an intelligent test taker. It not only wants to test your comprehension (of syllabus) but also your ability to perform under pressure (& lack of information). How would you solve a "factual" question which gives an illusion of the necessity of "rote-learning"? By ensuring that your core fundamentals are strong and then using the Art of Tikdams to go for the best approximation among the answer choices! We are the only test series which trains you on that!*

*Details in appendix

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4 **SAMANVAYA - 1<>1 Mentoring for Goal Setting:** What good is a test series if all it does is give you a set of 100 questions and backs them up with explanations?

As good as the xerox version of the same.

The reason why most of us find it hard to make a cut at UPSC Prelims (inspite of abundance of pirated versions of high quality test series) is the lack of governance of your mock test attempts.

> **Short Answer:** Lack of a goal based mentoring to ensure that you tie up your loose ends in a time bound manner before going to the next mock
>
> **Long Answer:** The misconception that reverse engineering (learning theory from solutions) & recursive learning (solving the wrong questions again & again till you get them right) alone are enough for a rewarding mock practice is LETHAL. What you need is a way to correct your fundamental learning errors. You need to analyse what went wrong in the learning process (which can potentially wreck 5 similar questions in future). You need someone to motivate you and take you back to the basics to correct the identified gaps. Right that very moment. Not after the whole subject is done. Not after the prelims is lost!

This is where our **evidence backed question tagging** kicks in. And **SAMANVAYA** adds the much needed layer of mentor intervention to help you with personalised mini-goals to fortify the defences in a time bound manner.

6 REASONS WHY CD's PRIME TS IS THE BEST COMPANION FOR YOUR PRELIMS PREP

5 **CD's Monthly Magazines:** We walk the extra mile with Monthly Magazine Combo (12 months of all good content at CD) . These magazines are a brand in themselves and have been a preference of Toppers for years. The monthly package contains curated information from these 6 areas :

1. News + PIB (without oped)
2. Op-eds
3. SC Judgements
4. Govt. Schemes in News
5. Intl Org + Domestic Org
6. Prelims Daily Compilations

6 **Advanced Lecture Series:** PRIME TS, being our legacy product gets the best of us. While we leave no stones unturned to build your assessment profile, we also provide you with this crucial & independent module as a part of the package.

ALS is yet another nifty way of revisiting the tricky, factual and sometimes technical aspects of the static syllabus. 60+ hours of videos - most helpful when you advance to the L2 & L3 tests and very rewarding for senior UPSC students.

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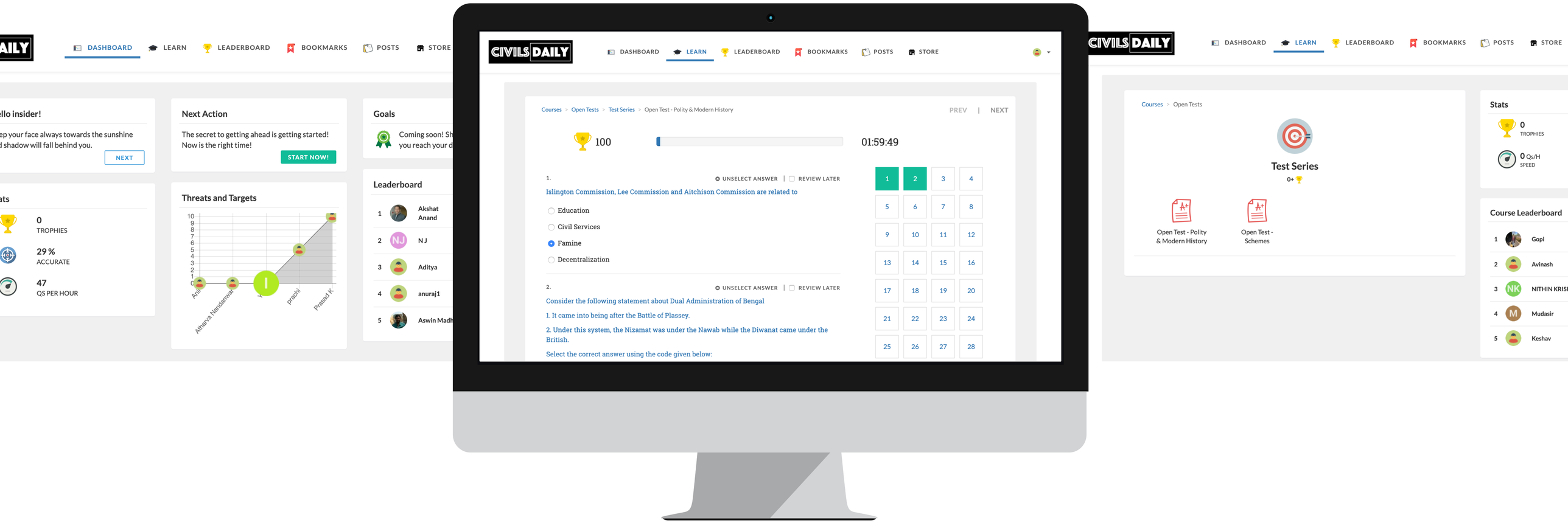

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When you are inspired by some great purpose, some extraordinary project, all your thoughts break their bonds; your mind transcends limitations; your conscious expands in every direction; and you find yourself in a great, new and wonderful world.

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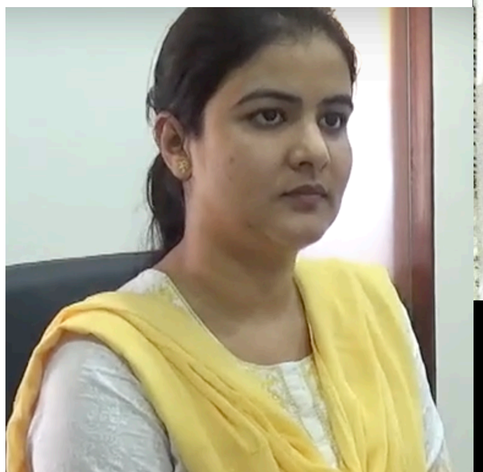
TOPPER'S TESTIMONIALS

NAMITA SHARMA
AIR 145, CSE 2018

It's a great validation for us when our innovations around news & editorial analysis are backed by our students in more ways than one. Civilsdaily has always been a preferred choice of working professionals when it comes to preparing for UPSC in a smart and time-bound manner. Students like Namita are a treat to have onboard.



Dear Civilsdaily,

I sincerely want to thank Civilsdaily (Website + App) for providing good quality content useful for civil services preparation, specially for those aspirants who don't get a chance to buy hard copy material.
Newspaper is very analytically covered by civilsdaily App which gives clarity about current issues, helpful for working professionals to cover in comprehensive manner.

Sincerely thanks!
Namita Sharma
AIR - 145.
UPSC CSE - 2018.

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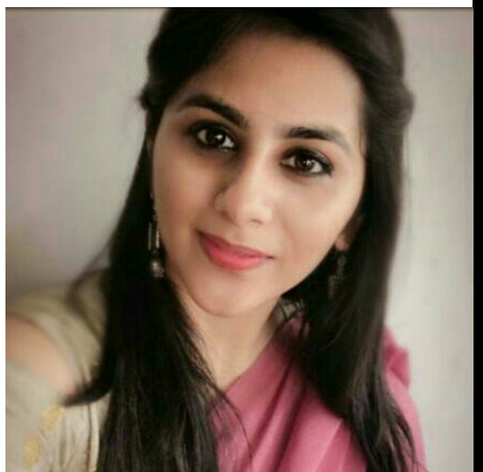
KAMYAA MISRA
AIR 172, CSE 2018

Kamyaa is a Pol. Sc. graduate from LSR. She is amongst the few who cracked the CSE in their first attempt in their early 20s. She attributes her AIR 172 to her happy-go-lucky attitude and timely intervention by experienced mentors.



I am writing this down because I can't think of any other way to thank Civils Daily with its entire team for being an integral part of my UPSC journey.

I followed the Current Affairs on the Civils Daily app which helped me survive Prelims. Mains too seemed like a cakewalk thanks to Sajal Sir's Strategy. The Mains Test Series was also very effective as there was a great consonance between them and the actual Mains GS questions.

A big thank you for helping me attain my dream.

Kamyaa Misra

(AIR 172)
CSE 2018

I am really happy to write this message thanking team @ Civilsdaily. I had started using CD in December 2015 when they had just started. My preparation has been highly dependent on their resources ranging from daily current affairs to interview material. Civilsdaily is highly innovative platform providing prelims titbits, points to focus from news which makes it easier to consume news. They have been supportive during journey, providing great feedback in mains test series as well as personality test. which helped me improve myself. The most important highlight is that they listen. I have been in touch with them and provided suggestions. I am thankful to VP Singh Sir, Rakesh Sir and whole team for all the efforts they put in.

Kunal
06/04/2019
Kunal Aggarwal
Rank-211, CSE 2018

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KUNAL AGGARWAL
AIR 211, CSE 2018

Personifying a 'never-say-die attitude', Kunal is a charismatic young man whose passion for civil services is equated by his calm composure and humility. After his B.Tech (Computer Sc. and Engineering) from IIT, Hyderabad; Kunal had been working in a reputed MNC for 3 yrs until his decision to take on the UPSC.

We get emails thanking us all around the year. But Kunal happens to be very special. He is one of our first few students (among Anudeep AIR 1, Jitendra AIR 392, etc) who joined us when we were starting out to change the way students learn and prepare for exam.

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ABHILASH BARANWAL
AIR 44, CSE 2017

A full-time working candidate posted in the comparatively backward state of Assam, Abhilash Baranwal (AIR 44, CSE 2017) has got into the hallowed clique of the 'Top 50' in his 4th attempt.

A story of perseverance and determination Abhilash found CD, especially the Newscards and Tikdams, a potent weapon in this fight against time.

Date 06-06-2018

Team Civilsdaily,

It is indeed a matter of great pleasure for me to pen few lines on contribution of Civilsdaily (CD) in my CSE preparation journey. I have seen this initiative growing since its beginning into one of the most reliable online source for preparation and particularly the current affairs. Whichever day I missed reading The Hindu, CD was the website I visited. Many times if I wanted to read additionally about any topic, I checked CD because it has beautifully linked all the news on a topic. I haven't taken any tests but I liked the tikdams as well and refeared many of my friends. I wish CD all the best in future.

Abhilash Baranwal
AIR-44 (CSE 2017)

EVIDENCE BASED QUESTION MAKING

[PRIME TS QUES] Consider the following statements:

1. The north-south extent of India is greater than its east-west extent
2. Area Wise, Rajasthan is the largest state and Sikkim the smallest

Select the correct statements using the code below:

a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) Neither 1 nor 2

[UPSC 2016] Which of the following pairs of States of India indicates the easternmost and westernmost State?

a) Assam and Rajasthan
b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan
c) Assam and Gujarat
d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat

[PRIME TS QUES] Consider the Which one of the following islands are separated from each other by the 'Duncan Passage?

a) Little Andaman and Great Andamans
b) Nicobar and Sumatra
c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
d) Sumatra and Java

[UPSC 2014] Which one of the following pairs of islands are separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Channel'?

a) Andaman and Nicobar
b) Nicobar and Sumatra
c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
d) Sumatra and Java

WE PICK SIMILAR THEMES AND INNOVATE QUESTIONS OVER THEM. THIS TAKES CARE OF ESTABLISHING RELEVANCE WITH THE CHANGING PATTERNS OF UPSC AND STAYING AHEAD OF THE CURVE.

TAGGING ACROSS QUESTION TYPE

Wherever applicable, we will try to stick to the format decided below. It standardises questions to a decent extent.

1 **Consolidation Questions:**

These questions consolidate information on a key theme that is spread across different topics to help you see concepts holistically and also aid retention.

Eg. Consider this question. You would not have studied all the 'Majorities' together but under separate topics. This question will help you understand the concept in entirety.

Consider the following questions on the types of Majority

1. Special Majority of not less than 2/3 of the Members present and voting is required in the passage of a resolution under Art. 249 and Art. 312 ONLY.
2. Impeachment of the President requires Not less than 2/3 of the Members present and voting along with Majority of the Total Strength of the House.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a)1

b)2

c)Both

d)None

Statement 1 is correct despite having 'ONLY' in it. To read more, click on this link: **Indian Polity: Types of Majority**

TAGGING ACROSS QUESTION TYPE

2 Comparative Questions

Comparative questions help you understand the relative differences between related topics. Consider the question below. Instead of asking a question on HC or SC separately, we have clubbed it together.

Consider the following statements with respect to the appointment of judges of High Court & Supreme Court
1. The minimum qualifications prescribed in the Constitution is same for judges of HC & SC.
2. While SC judges are appointed by the President, HC judges are appointed by the SC.

Which of the following is/are incorrect?
a) 1 only
b) 2 only
c) Both 1 and 2
d) None

EXPLANATION: 3 qualifications are common to both judges of HC and SC

1. Citizen of India
2. Judge of HC for 5 years
3. Advocate in HC for 10 years

In case of judges of SC, there is an additional qualification – If he/she is a distinguished Jurist in the opinion of the President. Judges of HC are also appointed by the President. The controversy around appointments has been in news very frequently.

To read more on this topic, please go through this link: **Judicial Appointments conundrum**

TAGGING ACROSS QUESTION TYPE

3 Interactive Questions

These questions will ask you to go through a concept/related concepts and reply back with comments. This will help you re-visit the entire concept rather than simply answer one specific aspect of the topic.

Consider the following question:
The conversion of Ammonia (NH3) to nitrite (NO2-) and then to nitrates (NO3-) is called:

a) Nitrification
b) Ammonification
c) Assimilation
d) Denitrification

EXPLANATION: Nitrification is the answer. In this process, the ammonia is converted into nitrate by the presence of bacteria in the soil. Ammonia is oxidized to form nitrites by bacteria such as Nitrosomonas species. Nitrates are converted into nitrates by Nitrobacter. This conversion is very important as ammonia gas is toxic for plants.

Make a note of all the processes involved in the Nitrogen Cycle – nitrogen fixation, assimilation, ammonification, nitrification, and denitrification process. Leave their definitions/organisms involved in the comments. This explanation urges user to go back and revisit the basics.

3 VARIANTS TO PICK FROM

HINT: PRIME GETS IT ALL!

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