

## INFORMATION BROCHURE

### NAME OF THE COURSE

WBCS 2025 General Studies Foundation Course (as per New Pattern)

### COURSE CODE

2025B1

### DURATION

50 Weeks

### START DATE

30th December 2024

### COURSE FEE

Rs. 21,240/- (to be paid in 10 Installments)

### INSTALLMENT SCHEDULE

Installment	Time	Purpose	Amount
1	at the time of Admission	Admission Fee + Module 1 Fee)	6372
2	2nd Week of Month 1	Module 2 Fee	1652
3	2nd Week of Month 2	Module 3 Fee	1652
4	2nd Week of Month 3	Module 4 Fee	1652
5	2nd Week of Month 4	Module 5 Fee	1652
6	2nd Week of Month 5	Module 6 Fee	1652
7	2nd Week of Month 6	Module 7 Fee	1652
8	2nd Week of Month 7	Module 8 Fee	1652
9	2nd Week of Month 8	Module 9 Fee	1652
10	2nd Week of Month 9	Module 10 Fee	1652

### SYLLABUS COVERED

Preliminary Examination

### General Studies Paper-I: 200 Marks

1. English Composition
2. General Science
3. Current Events of National and International Importance
4. History of India
5. Geography of India with special reference to West Bengal
6. Indian Polity and Economy
7. Indian National Movement
8. General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-Diversity, and Climate Change-that do not require subject specialization

### General Studies Paper-II: 200 Marks

1. Comprehension
2. Interpersonal skills, including communication skills
3. Logical reasoning and analytical ability
4. Decision-making and problem-solving
5. General mental ability
6. Basic numeracy (numbers and their relations, orders of magnitude, etc.), Data interpretation (charts, graphs, tables, data sufficiency, etc.) -- Class X level

### STUDY MATERIAL

There will be 10 Study Materials (Modules) in Hard Copy to be sent each month through India Post / Courier. No PDFs are provided, except for Current Affairs.

### HELPLINE

7980696292 (Only to contact through WhatsApp)

### COURSE LINK

## FEATURES OF THE COURSE

**1. Goal-Based Time Schedule:** This is the most important feature of our course. In the WBCS Exam, many students fail not due to a lack of ability but due to a lack of regularity. Self-study is key to success, but without a time-bound goal, students often become frustrated and fail to achieve the necessary knowledge base to pass the exam. Therefore, a self-imposed 'Goal-Based Time Schedule' is crucial. Unlike a rigid daily routine, which many find difficult to follow, this flexible schedule allows students to allocate their available time effectively.

Most teachers and institutes focus on study materials, classes, and tests, but frequently changing schedules leave students confused. At CHESTA, we provide a fixed goal-based monthly schedule divided into five weeks. This enables students to see clear weekly and monthly goals. Once published, the schedule never changes. A sample monthly schedule can be viewed from the link below:

<https://chesta.notion.site/2024-Batch-5-948b09e79cfb428daab0c361a7c0a8e4?pvs=4>

The schedule is flexible, allowing you to make up for a day of reduced study due to unavoidable circumstances without feeling guilty for not adhering to the daily routine suggested by toppers.

**2. Weekly Mock Tests:** This is the second most important feature of our course. In WBCS preparation, understanding the material is more important than merely studying it. Spending long hours with books is ineffective if you cannot score well

in exams. While self-study often involves solving MCQs from practice sets, it fails to replicate a real exam environment with fellow competitors.

At CHESTA, we conduct mock tests every week. There are 4 weekly mocks (70 marks each) in four weeks. On the 5th week, there is a Mega Monthly Mock of 200 marks. Tests are active from Friday to Sunday, and you can log into the CHESTA App and attempt the tests anytime during this period. Attempting these tests is mandatory and cannot be skipped. All tests have a time limit and include analysis, with ranks displayed to help you understand your comparative performance among other students in the batch.

**3. Study Materials (Hard Copy):** This is the third most important feature of our course. In an era of information overload, aspiring civil servants face a daunting challenge. Multiple books on the same subject, new releases by authors every month, and thousands of PDF study materials on phones, each claiming to be the best, can be overwhelming.

Considering the recent high cut-offs in the WBCS Exam, the strategy of "Read One Book Many Times" is outdated. You need to continually add information to your knowledge base and prepare notes by carefully analyzing Previous Year Questions (PYQs). Unfortunately, most PYQ books provide only question answers without any analysis. Many institutes randomly copy from popular books without understanding the question trends.

At CHESTA, we provide compact study materials that are carefully curated. While our notes are not original, we never claim them to be. We compile information from various sources, including textbooks,

reference books, research materials, government websites, public reports, and civil services magazines, after thorough analysis of PYQs. Each chapter includes PYQs with answers and explanations where needed.

Click on the link below to see the complete Module 1.

<https://fliphtml5.com/ercjv/qvfj/>

We do not provide PDFs because we prioritize your eye health. Prolonged reading from digital screens is not advisable. Instead, we encourage you to obtain the hard copy and read it for a better and healthier reading experience.

**4. Balanced Curriculum:** Many institutes do not provide a balanced curriculum, often starting some subjects from the beginning while giving less priority to others. This approach, we believe, is improper. All subjects must be studied parallelly to ensure a comprehensive learning. At CHESTA, we teach all subjects from the very beginning to the very end at the same pace, ensuring equal emphasis and a well-rounded learning experience.

**5. In-depth preparation from the beginning:** As WBCS 2025 will be the first examination conducted under the new pattern, the exact difficulty level of the Preliminary Exam remains uncertain. There is a possibility that the level of difficulty may be elevated to align with the previous Mains standard. To address this, it is essential to adopt an in-depth preparation strategy from the very beginning. Such a thorough approach will not only strengthen your foundation for tackling the Preliminary Exam but will also enhance your ability to write high-quality descriptive answers for the Mains stage. This methodical preparation ensures

that you are well-equipped to excel in both stages of the examination, thereby significantly increasing your chances of success..

**6. Experienced Mentor:** The course is curated by Kaushik Goswami, an ex-civil servant and the founder of CHESTA. With 15 years of experience in this field—7 years as an aspirant and 8 years as a mentor—he brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise. He has successfully cleared several competitive exams, including:

- \* RRB Goods Guard 2009 (Rank 6, Eastern Railway)
- \* PSC Miscellaneous Exam 2009 (Rank 7, Consumer Welfare Officer)
- \* SSC CGL 2011 (Auditor in CAG)
- \* UPSC Civil Service Preliminary 2014
- \* WBCS 2014 (Group C: Revenue Officer)
- \* WBCS 2015 (Group C: Joint BDO)
- \* WBCS 2016 (Group A: WB Co-operative Service)

After serving the nation for 10 years (5 years in Central Government and 5 years in State Government), he decided to dedicate himself full-time to mentoring aspirants. He teaches polity and conducts live sessions. He is also available via WhatsApp to provide any assistance related to the course.

You can learn more about CHESTA and Kaushik Goswami from the following link:  
<https://www.chesta.org/about-us>

**7. Experienced Teachers:** We adhere to the policy of 'One Teacher One Subject,' ensuring specialized and focused instruction. We have some of the best teachers in the competitive arena of West Bengal.

You can access sample classes from the following link:

<https://www.chesta.org/resources>

**8. Only Institute Dedicated to WBCS Exam:**

We are entirely dedicated to this single exam. While other institutes offer a range of courses from TET to WBCS and Police SI to Food SI, we focus all our resources exclusively on the WBCS exam.

**9. Affordable Fee Structure:** Our course fee is designed to be neither cheap nor excessively costly, making it accessible for aspirants who can fund their studies through freelancing, such as tutoring. We believe in students investing their own money, rather than relying on their parents, as it instills a greater sense of value and commitment.

Additionally, we do not require a one-time payment. Instead, students pay monthly, allowing them to continue only if they are satisfied with the course. This approach serves as a self-assessment of our services, motivating us to deliver our best to retain students throughout the course. Unlike many institutes that collect the full fee upfront and often fail to meet their promises, we ensure transparency and accountability.

Furthermore, while other institutes offering similar fee structures typically do not provide hard copies of study materials due to printing and distribution costs, we do. We believe in delivering comprehensive support, which includes physical study materials, despite the associated expenses.

**10. Individual Attention:** Many institutes enroll thousands of students per batch due to low course fees, making it impractical to provide individual attention. At CHESTA, we limit the number of students per batch to 100. We meticulously record each student's attendance and progress. Show cause notices are issued in case of poor performance in tests, ensuring that every

student receives the attention and support they need to succeed.

**11. Batch System:** In many institutes, a single batch runs throughout the year with admissions open continuously. Due to low course fees, students join the course at any time, leading to inconsistencies in learning. For example, a student who joins six months after the start date, based on a friend's recommendation, may receive all previous classes and notes but lacks guidance on how to catch up on six months of missed content.

At CHESTA, we strictly adhere to a batch system. Admissions are open only for a specific batch, and once the batch starts, no new students are allowed to join, even if they offer to pay extra. This ensures a structured and cohesive learning experience for all students.

**12. Recorded Concept Classes:** All classes for all subjects will be in recorded form. You might be wondering, "No live classes? How can I clear my doubts?" Let's first understand the advantages of recorded classes.

**Advantages of Recorded Classes:**

- \* **Consistent Schedule:** Since all classes are pre-recorded, the schedule remains fixed, which is crucial for maintaining consistency in your study routine.
- \* **Uninterrupted Teaching:** Recorded classes eliminate the risk of technical issues, health problems, or personal commitments from the teacher's end. The teacher can deliver the content smoothly without interruptions, often resulting in shorter and more efficient sessions compared to live classes on the same topic.
- \* **Flexibility for Students:** Many students prefer recorded classes because they can watch them at their convenience, especially those who have job commitments during



the day. This ensures that everyone has an equal opportunity to learn and excel, regardless of their schedule.

- \* **High Technical Standards:** Our recorded classes are produced in a dedicated recording studio, ensuring high technical quality. This standard is difficult to achieve with live classes, which are often conducted from the teacher's home setup, especially during late-night sessions. To address doubts, we have implemented the following system:

**13. Dedicated Chat Group for Doubt Clearance:** We have a dedicated WhatsApp group for each batch to facilitate day-to-day doubt clearance. When you watch a live class on a new topic, it's rare to encounter doubts immediately. Doubts typically arise during self-study after the class. In traditional settings, you would have to wait until the next live session to get answers.

At CHESTA, you can instantly raise your doubts in the chat group. This platform fosters a cooperative and competitive environment. Initially, we encourage discussions among students to resolve doubts. If the doubt remains unresolved, the mentor will step in to provide clarity.

By combining recorded classes with an active support system for doubt clearance, CHESTA ensures a comprehensive and flexible learning experience for all students.

**14. Live Sessions by the Mentor:** Kaushik Sir conducts live sessions as needed. These sessions focus on discussing strategy-related issues, celebrating student achievements, performance analysis, and discussions on various topics. Students are encouraged to freely discuss anything with him during these sessions.

**1. Concessions Policy:** Due to various considerations, we have ceased to entertain any concession requests from the previous session onward. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- **Lengthy Process for WBCS:** The WBCS examination process, from application to joining, is lengthy. Individuals who are not financially stable are advised to seek alternative employment that provides a sustainable income.
- **Affordable Course Fees:** Our course fees are significantly lower compared to those of established coaching institutes. Furthermore, we have decided not to require the full payment at the beginning of the course. We believe this measure adequately supports individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds in opting for our course.
- **Abuse of Concession Requests:** In the past, we have granted concessions based on random requests, only to later discover that some recipients were already enrolled in premium institutes with fees exceeding one lakh rupees. Such incidents have eroded our trust in the concession request process.
- **Government Support for Disadvantaged Groups:** The government offers various free coaching programs for disadvantaged groups. As a private entity, we contribute significantly in taxes to support these initiatives. Thus, we do not feel morally obligated to provide such concessions.

**2. Module Payment Policy:** The fee for the second module will be collected during the second week of Module 1. The third week is allocated for printing, and the fourth week for dispatching. This schedule ensures that study materials are shipped well before the start of classes for the next module.

Delayed payment of the module fee will result in late dispatch. If the module fee is not received within 21 days of the due date, access to the course will be restricted.

**3. Postal Payment Policy:** Once the module is shipped, a postal payment link will be created. Students will have a window of 2 days to pay the postal fee. It should not be construed that the postal fee is due after receiving the shipment. Regardless of the delivery status, students must pay the fee within the specified due dates.

**4. Discontinuation Policy:** If a student discontinues the course, their access to all batch resources will be completely restricted, including previous class videos and PDFs. It is advised that students save all necessary materials beforehand.

**5. Submission of Admission Form:** After admission, students must submit a KYC form online to complete the onboarding process. A hard copy admission form will be sent with the first study material. Students need to fill it out and return it with two documents (a copy of the Madhyamik Certificate and Masked Aadhar). Failure to submit the admission form will result in the suspension of further study materials.

**6. Test Attendance Policy:** Tests are mandatory and cannot be skipped. If a student needs to miss a test due to special circumstances, they must notify us through the student portal. Failure to provide notification for four consecutive tests will result in expulsion from the course.

**7. Usage Policy:** The modules, mock test questions, and class videos are strictly for personal use and cannot be shared. If any such incident is reported, the student will be expelled from the course after a fair hearing.

**8. Disclosure Requirement:** Students associated with other competitive exam

institutes as faculty or staff must inform us at the time of admission. If a student joins another institute during the course, they must notify us before accepting the position.

**9. Code of Conduct:** All students are expected to show due respect to teachers, staff members, and classmates. Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

**1. Can I pay the fees in Cash?**

Unfortunately, we do not accept cash payments. All fees must be paid online.

**2. Can I pay the fees Online directly through UPI or account transfer?**

Unfortunately, direct payments through UPI or account transfers are not accepted. All payments must be made through our dedicated payment gateway.

**3. Do I need to pay the Shipping Charges for Study Materials?**

Yes, you will need to pay the shipping charges for study materials. We will send the materials via courier and inform you of the exact charges afterward. The shipping cost will vary based on the parcel's weight and the distance from Kolkata.

**4. I paid Rs. 59 as the shipping charge for Module 1. For Module 2, despite not changing my address or the courier partner, why is the shipping charge Rs. 89?**

The shipping cost varies based on three factors: the parcel's weight, the distance from the source, and changes in the courier partner. Generally, the parcel weight is around 500 grams, sometimes slightly less or more by 20 grams. However, if the weight exceeds the 500 grams threshold, the courier charge doubles for the same distance and courier service. This explains why the shipping charge for Module

2 was Rs. 89 compared to Rs. 59 for Module 1, despite no changes in address or courier company..

**5. Can I collect the study material by hand?**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to collect study materials in person. Due to the daily process of packing and handing over various study materials for different courses to our courier partners, managing individual preferences is challenging. Therefore, we must rely on our established distribution system to ensure efficient and accurate delivery.

**6. Do you have any Classroom coaching?**

At this time, we do not offer classroom coaching. Our services are exclusively online.

**7. I have paid for the course. What should I do now?**

After completing the payment, please allow at least 24 hours for us to verify your payment and complete all onboarding formalities. There is no need to worry, as we have your contact details and will reach out to you. Assistance will be provided at each step of the process. Just make sure to check your email inbox after 24 hours.

**8. Can I purchase Study materials separately without purchasing the course?**

No, the study materials are currently only available as a complementary component of the course. We do not sell them separately at this time.

**9. Do you provide any other coaching except WBCS?**

No, currently we offer coaching only for WBCS. However, since this course focuses on General Studies, students can also prepare for other exams with this material. The most suitable exams include those conducted by WBPS, such as Clerkship, Miscellaneous Services, Food SI, and KPS, as well as RRB exams like NTPC.

**10. The batch start date is approaching, but I have not received any study materials yet.**

**Can you explain the delay?**

The hardcopy modules contain 200-250 pages, which incurs significant printing costs. We do not print individual modules based on estimated student numbers. Instead, after the final admission date, we place an order to print the exact number of required copies. There is a one-week interval between the batch start date and the commencement of classes. During this week, we will conduct three live sessions to familiarize you with our system and explain the methodology for tackling the extensive syllabus. This initial week is crucial for all the students.

**11. I have a transferable job. Will I be able to change my address to receive modules at any point during the course?**

Yes, we understand this concern. Before dispatching each module, we issue a notice allowing you to submit address change requests. We have an established procedure in place to smoothly handle these changes.

## COURSE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

**1. Will this course also cover the Descriptive Mains?**

No, this course is a foundation course, and will only cover WBCS 2025 Preliminary Exam. There will be separate General Studies Descriptive Course. The students of this batch will get that course at a discounted rate.

**2. How many batches will be there for WBCS 2025 General Studies Foundation Course?**

This will be the 1st batch for WBCS 2025 General Studies Foundation Course. Next batch may start in March-April 2025.

**3. What will be the duration of the course?**

The formal duration of the course will be 50 weeks. However, the course will continue until the completion of the WBCS 2025

Preliminary Exam. After a detailed discussion of the Prelims 2025 questions, the course will conclude.

**4. Can I pay the total course fee at the time of admission to receive all 10 modules at once?**

No. Modules are getting updated. Process is yet to be completed.

**5. I have difficulty in reading, writing, or speaking Bengali. Shall I opt for this course?**

Yes, you can opt for this course. The study materials are mostly in English. The classes will be conducted in Bengali, but the PPT slides and test questions will be in English. If this arrangement works for you, you are welcome to join the course.

**6. I don't want study materials or classes; I only want to participate in weekly tests. Is this possible?**

No. These are all part of a single Course. Customization not possible.

**7. After appearing in Weekly and Monthly Tests, can I get question papers for revision?**

Yes, the PDFs will be provided.

**8. What about optional papers?**

Optional papers are not part of this integrated course. Currently, we offer optional coaching for Sociology, Psychology, and Anthropology only. Detailed information is available on our website.

**9. What about Interview Preparation?**

We will conduct 10 basic classes on Personal Interview (PT) preparation. These classes will be helpful for anyone aiming to crack any

government job interview. Once a student successfully clears the WBCS Mains, we will provide additional study materials and guidance for interview preparation free of cost.

## RE-ADMISSION OF EX-STUDENTS

**1. Those who were students of WBCS 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 Course and have paid the admission fee and all module fees in full, but want to start preparing again.**

There are two schemes for them:

**I. Without Hard Copy Study Materials:**

- Re-admission fee of Rs. 590 will be charged.
- The Module fee will be Rs. 413.
- Student will be added to this batch and have access to all resources including routine, class videos, tests.
- He will not get any hard copy of modules.

**II. With Updated Hard Copy Study Materials:**

- Re-admission fee of Rs. 590 will be charged.
- The Module fee will be Rs. 826.
- Student will be added to this batch as a fresh candidate.

**2. Those who were students of WBCS 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Course and could not continue the course after a few months. Now, they want to start preparing again.**

- Re-admission fee of Rs. 590 will be charged.
- The Module fee will be Rs. 1652.
- Student will be added to this batch as a fresh candidate.