

PSIR Optional Coaching | PSIR Optional Course - KSG India- Syllabus

<u>PSIR as an optional</u>

Syllabus of PSIR overlaps with the syllabus of General Studies in Civil service examination.

• Prelims Examination

- Indian Polity: Constitution of India (Evolution, Main features, sources, etc.), Parliament, Judiciary, Union and State government, Union Territories, Local Self government (Rural and Urban), Constitutional and Non-Constitutional bodies.
- Governance: Government schemes, Administrative issues and initiatives.

• Mains Examination

- General Studies Paper-II: PSIR overlaps with the following topics of GS Paper II-
- <u>Constitution and Polity</u>
- Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.
- Functions and responsibilities of the Union and the States, issues and challenges pertaining to the federal structure, devolution of powers and finances up to local levels and challenges therein.
- Separation of powers between various organs dispute redressal mechanisms and institutions.
- Parliament and State Legislatures structure, functioning, conduct of business, powers & privileges and issues arising out of these.
- Structure, organization and functioning of the Executive and the Judiciary Ministries and Departments of the Government; pressure groups and formal/informal associations and their role in the Polity.
- Appointment to various Constitutional posts, powers, functions and responsibilities of various Constitutional Bodies. Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies
- <u>Governance and Social Justice</u>
 - Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

- Development processes and the development industry- the role of NGOs, SHGs, various groups and associations, donors, charities, institutional and other stakeholders
- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population by the Centre and States and the performance of these schemes; mechanisms, laws, institutions and Bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of these vulnerable sections.
- Issues relating to development and management of Social Sector/Services relating to Health, Education, Human Resources.
- Important aspects of governance, transparency and accountability, egovernance- applications, models, successes, limitations, and potential; citizens charters, transparency & accountability and institutional and other measures.
- Role of civil services in a democracy.
- General Studies Paper III: PSIR overlaps with the following topics of GS-III as:
 - o <u>Economic Development</u>
 - Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.
 - Inclusive growth and issues arising from it.
 - Government Budgeting.
 - Effects of liberalization on the economy, changes in industrial policy and their effects on industrial growth.
- Disaster and disaster management.
- General Studies Paper IV (Ethics, Integrity and Aptitude): PSIR overlaps with the following topics of GS-IV as
- Public/Civil service values and Ethics in PSIR:
- Status and problems; ethical concerns and dilemmas in government and private institutions; laws, rules, regulations and conscience as sources of ethical guidance; accountability and ethical governance; strengthening of ethical and moral values in governance; ethical issues in international relations and funding; corporate governance.
- <u>Probity in Governance:</u>
- Concept of public service; Philosophical basis of governance and probity; Information sharing and transparency in government, Right to Information, Codes of Ethics, Codes of Conduct, Citizen's Charters, Work culture, Quality of service delivery, Utilization of public funds, challenges of corruption.
- <u>Case Studies</u> on above issues.