

UPSC Prelims Exam Centres List 2026, City Wise Center List

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UPSC Prelims Exam Center List 2026 are spread across many cities all over India to conduct the UPSC Examination 2026. The UPSC IAS Exam Centres are strategically located across various cities in India to ensure smooth and efficient conduct of the examination. This wide distribution promotes accessibility for candidates from diverse regions, encouraging greater participation. The **UPSC Prelims Exam 2026**, being the first stage of the selection process, sees high participation. To manage this, exam centres are set up in both urban and semi-urban areas, reducing travel difficulties for aspirants. This guide provides a detailed list of UPSC Exam Centres for 2026, covering key states, cities, and regions to help candidates plan effectively.

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UPSC Prelims Exam Centers 2026 Overview

Students are required to select their preferred exam center during the application process. UPSC Prelims Exam Centers are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, which means students have a chance of securing their preferred location. The UPSC Prelims Exam 2026 is being conducted on 24th May 2026 and Mains exam will take place from August 21, 2026 and will go on for five days. Each year, the number and locations of UPSC Prelims Exam Centres 2026 are confirmed through UPSC Notification, so that it can be accessible all over India overcoming geographical barriers.

UPSC Prelims Exam Centers 2026 Overview	
Feature	Details
Exam Name	UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2026
Conducting Body	Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Total Exam Centers	83 Cities Across India
Choice of Centers	First-Apply-First Allot Basis (Based on availability at the time of registration)
Official Website	www.upsc.gov.in

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UPSC Prelims Exam Centers in India 2026

The UPSC ensures the availability of exam centres across various regions of India to provide equal opportunities to all applicants. For the 2026 cycle, UPSC will continue to conduct both the Prelims and Mains examinations in a wide network of cities, including major urban centres and key regional hubs. The list below outlines the cities where the UPSC Prelims 2026 will be held. It largely aligns with previous years, covering major cities to ensure accessibility for candidates nationwide.

UPSC Prelims Exam Centers in India 2026					
Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE	Sl. No.	CENTRE

1	AGARTALA	30	GURUGRAM	59	PATNA
2	AGRA	31	GWALIOR	60	SRI VIJAYA PURAM (PORTBLAIR)
3	AHMEDABAD	32	HYDERABAD	61	PRAYAGRAJ (ALLAHABAD)
4	AIZAWL	33	IMPHAL	62	PUDUCHERRY
5	AJMER	34	INDORE	63	PUNE
6	ALIGARH	35	ITANAGAR	64	RAIPUR
7	ALMORA (UTTARAKHAND)	36	JABALPUR	65	RAJKOT
8	ANANTHAPURU	37	JAIPUR	66	RANCHI
9	CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR (AURANGABAD, MAHARASHTRA)	38	JAMMU	67	SAMBALPUR
10	BAREILLY	39	JODHPUR	68	SHILLONG
11	BENGALURU	40	JORHAT	69	SHIMLA
12	BHOPAL	41	KANPUR	70	SILIGURI
13	BHUBANESWAR	42	KARGIL	71	SRINAGAR
14	BILASPUR (CHHATISGARH)	43	KOCHI	72	SRINAGAR (UTTARAKHAND)
15	CHANDIGARH	44	KOHIMA	73	SURAT
16	CHENNAI	45	KOLKATTA	74	THANE
17	COIMBATORE	46	KOZHIKODE (CALICUT)	75	THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
18	CUTTACK	47	LEH	76	TIRUCHIRAPALLI
19	DEHRADUN	48	LUCKNOW	77	TIRUPATI
20	DELHI	49	LUDHIANA	78	UDAIPUR
21	DHARAMSHALA (HIMACHAL PRADESH)	50	MADURAI	79	VARANASI
22	DHARWAR	51	MANDI (HIMACHAL PRADESH)	80	VELLORE
23	DISPUR	52	MEERUT	81	VIJAYAWADA
24	FARIDABAD	53	MUMBAI	82	VISHAKHAPATNAM
25	GANGTOK	54	MYSURU	83	HANUMAKONDA (WARANGAL URBAN)
26	GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR	55	NAGPUR		
27	GAYA	56	NASIK		

28	GHAZIABAD	57	NAVI MUMBAI		
29	GORAKHPUR	58	PANAJI (GOA)		

Also Check: [UPSC Prelims Test Series 2026](#)

How to Check UPSC Prelims Exam Centre 2026

To ensure a stress-free exam experience, students must know how to check their exact UPSC exam centre location. This can be easily done through the official UPSC portal.

Steps to check your exam centre:

- Log in to the UPSC portal using your registration ID and password.
- Navigate to the “Admit Card” section to view your centre details.
- Note the complete address and any specific instructions for your Prelims or Mains centre.
- Plan your travel in advance to avoid delays on exam day.

Additionally, refer to the centre lists provided for both Prelims and Mains. These are listed separately to help you identify your test locations for each stage of the examination. Reviewing both lists thoroughly will help you stay prepared and avoid last-minute confusion.

UPSC Prelims 2026 Exam Centre Selecting Factors

Key Factors to Consider While Choosing UPSC Exam Centres 2026 are

1. **Nearby Location:** Choose a centre close to your home to reduce travel time and stress. This helps with better time management on exam day.
2. **Easy Accessibility:** Opt for a centre well-connected by public or private transport. Check for available bus, train, or cab services in advance.
3. **Familiar Environment:** If choosing a centre outside your city, select a place you know well. Familiarity with the area can help reduce last-minute confusion.
4. **Seat Availability:** Popular centres like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru fill up fast. Apply early to secure your preferred location.
5. **Weather Comfort:** Consider the climate of the city, especially for the Mains exam, which spans several days. Pick a location where the weather won't hinder your performance.

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