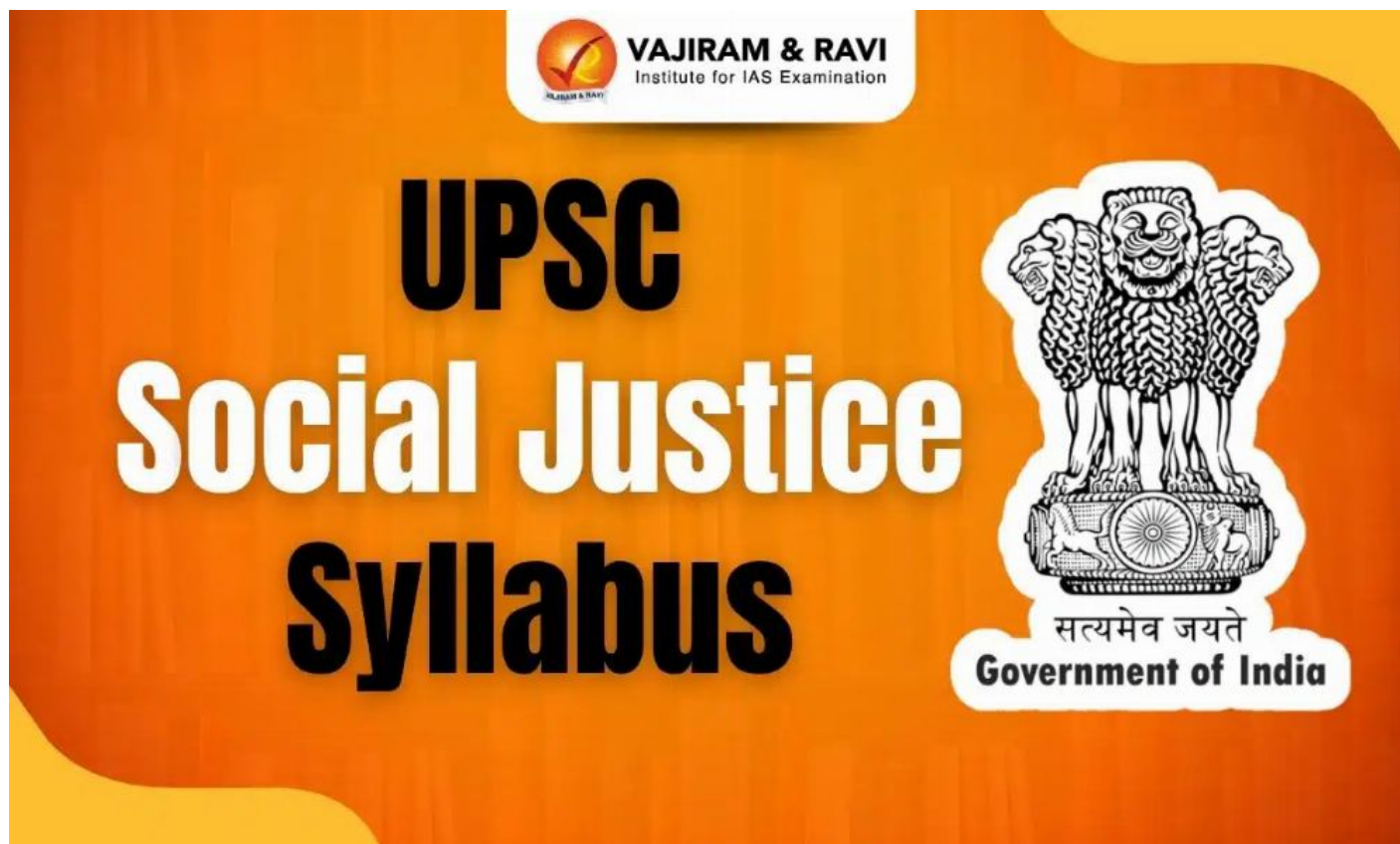


UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026, Prelims & Mains Syllabus

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The UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 in the UPSC CSE Exam 2026 is important, particularly in General Studies Paper II (GS II). The policymaking reflects the constitutional vision of equality, equity, and empowerment, which is included in the Social Justice subject. For aspirants, understanding the UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 is crucial to answering analytical Mains questions and linking policy developments with constitutional ideals. As per Vajiram and Ravi's strategy, this topic should be covered both from the static and current affairs angles for all rounded preparation.

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Topic Wise

Each of the topics covers multiple schemes, acts, policy interventions, and institutional roles that need to be studied with examples, statistics, and case studies under the UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026. As mentioned under GS Paper II of the official UPSC Syllabus 2026, the major components of Social Justice include:

- Welfare schemes for vulnerable sections of the population

- Issues relating to development and management of social sector/services in the fields of health, education, and human resources
- Mechanisms, laws, institutions, and bodies constituted for the protection and betterment of vulnerable sections
- Issues related to poverty, hunger, and inclusive growth

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Prelims

Though not a dedicated section in Prelims, it appears indirectly through questions on government schemes, rights-based legislation, and welfare programs. Prelims preparation should include facts, years of launch, ministry names, and budget allocations for major schemes. Focus areas include:

- Flagship schemes like PMAY, MGNREGA, Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana
- Constitutional provisions related to social welfare (Articles 14-17, 39, 46)
- National commissions and statutory bodies (NCBC, NCW, NCPCR)
- Reports from NITI Aayog, Ministry of Social Justice, and NGOs

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Mains

In GS Paper II, Social Justice-related questions evaluate a candidate's analytical and problem-solving skills. Use government data (NSSO, Census, SDG Index) and examples from newspapers to support your answers. Important themes include:

- Social empowerment of SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities, women, and the elderly
- Challenges in the implementation of welfare schemes
- Role of civil society and NGOs in inclusive development
- Issues of malnutrition, education inequality, and healthcare access
- Human development indicators and UNDP rankings
- Legal and institutional frameworks like RTE, NFSA, Juvenile Justice Act, and Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Preparation Strategy

1. Understand the subtopics clearly and map them with current schemes and issues.
2. Make short notes for each category: health, education, nutrition, vulnerable sections, etc.
3. Follow PIB, Yojana, Kurukshetra, and The Hindu regularly to update real-life examples.
4. Incorporate ARC, NITI Aayog reports, and Supreme Court judgments in your answers.
5. Solve previous year Mains questions to identify trends and refine answer writing skills.
6. Use flowcharts and diagrams while answering complex questions in the exam.

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Books

UPSC Social Justice Syllabus 2026 Books help build both static understanding and dynamic application needed for GS II and Essay. Vajiram and Ravi recommends the following for Social Justice:

- Indian Polity by M. Laxmikanth - for constitutional background
- Social Problems in India by Ram Ahuja - for deeper insights
- Yojana and Kurukshetra Magazines - for schemes and real-world examples
- Second ARC Reports (8th and 13th) - for reforms in social welfare delivery
- Economic Survey & India Year Book - for latest data and analysis

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