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Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) has been endeavouring towards its goal with continuous support, blessings and guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee.

The SNTCSSC has created a comprehensive and holistic learning environment for the young aspirants of Civil Services Examination, by offering need based solutions for learning and preparation for Civil Services. While the composite course offers a broad-based approach for knowledge and learning, the Crash Courses, Optional Classes and Mock Interview sessions are fulfilling the customised needs for the aspirants concerned.

The District Centres have been additionally focused upon and adequate measures have been undertaken to strengthen the functioning of these Centres. We are gradually proceeding towards a state-wide ecosystem to aid the aspirants of Civil Services Examination.

A number of Awareness Creation Programmes have been organised at different Schools and Colleges of West Bengal to sensitize students about SNTCSSC and inspire them to opt for Civil Services as a career option. We have got significant response in these interactive awareness programmes and the enthusiasm noticed in the students has been a perennial source of our inspiration.

The Institute boasts of 7 successful candidates this year and all of them have acknowledged the role of SNTCSSC in their achievement. We are happy for them and at the same time, aspire that the number reaches farther heights. I sincerely thank the SNTCSSC team for their excellent achievement and I am sure it will continue to be a source of inspiration for hopeful civil service aspirants from West Bengal in future also.

(B.P. Gopalika)

From the Desk of Chairman



Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) has been functioning in its present form since 2021 and this will be our **Second Annual Report** reflecting the various activities and achievements throughout the year **2023**. The foundation of the centre was laid by our Hon'ble Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and with the inspiration of the Hon'ble Chief Minister this centre is providing necessary guidance and support to the aspiring youths of West Bengal for achieving success in the **All India Services through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.

The Government of West Bengal for the first time in its history has laid out such an authentic platform in the state. This centre is earnestly striving to meet the expectations of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, aided by the unwavering support of the West Bengal Government, and through a myriad of activities and initiatives.

It is also a matter of satisfaction for us to have initiated **District Civil Services Centre** in all the 22 districts beyond Kolkata and the first comprehensive course has been completed. This initiative of expansion of guidance and mentoring for Civil Services in the districts was initiated by our Hon'ble Chief Minister on 02-09-2022 and is now entering its second year. Notably, a substantial number of aspirants from the districts actively participated in the selection process. It is gratifying to observe the heightened enthusiasm and interest generated across the state, extending even to the district and rural areas.

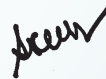
SNTCSSC operates from the NSATI campus in Kolkata, benefitting from comprehensive support that enables it to navigate logistical challenges for organising diverse programmes. The collaborative efforts between the headquarters and districts are poised to empower the young aspirants

of the state, enhancing their ability to competently participate in All India Examinations. It is anticipated that, with time, the state will yield significantly improved results.

We continue our partnerships with nationally recognized coaching institutes, securing top-notch faculty for General Studies and other courses in diverse formats. There has been a noteworthy improvement in the number of aspirants qualifying at different stages such as Prelims, Mains and final interviews over the past few years. Additionally, I am also happy to mention that SNTCSSC, in conjunction with the Higher Education Department of the Government of West Bengal, district administration, and local academicians, has been organizing numerous workshops and seminars. These events aim to offer counselling on pursuing Civil Services as a career, and the overall response has been overwhelmingly positive.

I wish development of a more positive eco-system in the state, involving aspirants, parents, teachers, faculty, and peer groups of potential candidates. This would ensure sufficient number of well-prepared aspirants taking the examination, leading to enhanced participation from West Bengal at the national level in terms of Civil Services.

This Annual Report will provide an overview of the Centre's activities and progress, made possible through the wholehearted support of the Government of West Bengal and all relevant stakeholders.



Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.)

Course Director's Report



SNTCSSC Rising: Cultivating Civil Service Aspirants in West Bengal

In the competitive world of UPSC CSE preparation, West Bengal's Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) has carved a niche for itself. Recognizing the need to ignite passion for civil service careers among Bengal's youth, SNTCSSC, in collaboration with the state's Higher Education Department, has been actively organizing awareness programmes across the state for the past year.

The "Hub and Spoke Model" envisioned by the Government of West Bengal drives SNTCSSC's operations. The centre acts as the hub, supporting and guiding the network of district study centres, which act as the spokes. This model has already yielded success, with four students from district centres clearing the 2023 UPSC Prelims.

The centre's success rate is steadily rising, with 68 students appearing for the 2023 Mains exam and around 16 awaiting Personality Test results. These achievements not only inspire fellow aspirants within the centre but also send a powerful message to potential candidates across the state.

SNTCSSC prides itself on its exceptional faculty, comprising experienced university professors and seasoned bureaucrats, both young and retired. This diverse team fosters a collaborative environment where students feel supported and empowered. This dedicated team also fosters a close-knit "SNTCSSC family" where students' trust is met with personalized guidance and support. Their achievements, showcased in this Annual Report, are a testament to the centre's dedication.

Clearing UPSC CSE unlocks doors to a fulfilling career, but achieving it requires a dedicated, strategic, and results-oriented approach. SNTCSSC's faculty and staff embody this commitment, working tirelessly to empower students with the necessary skills and knowledge.

This second Annual Report offers a comprehensive overview of the centre's journey and the unwavering support it receives from the West Bengal government. We believe this publication will reach the right audience and serve its intended purpose of inspiring and guiding future generations of UPSC aspirants.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jitin Yadav".

Shri Jitin Yadav IAS

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GENESIS



Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal at the Inauguration of Civil Services Study Centre

The Centre for Excellence in Public Management (CEPM) came into being in August 2009 “to provide technical and wider capacity building support to administrative reforms”. CEPM was formed by the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department (Training Cell), Government of West Bengal under the West Bengal Societies Registration Act, 1961.

In a meeting of the Board of Governors held in December, 2013, a new objective was added by the CEPM, which was to provide good quality coaching at a reasonable fee and help students intending to appear in the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducted Civil Services Examination (CSE).

The objective was also to create awareness about considering civil services as a career option among young men and women of the state. The Government wishes to place special emphasis on the under privileged

section of our society - the scheduled caste and tribe, members of the other backward classes including the deprived members of minority communities.

With this end in view, Civil Services Study Centre was inaugurated in January, 2014 by Mamata Banerjee, the Honorable Chief Minister of West Bengal. CSSC functions within the ambit of CEPM.

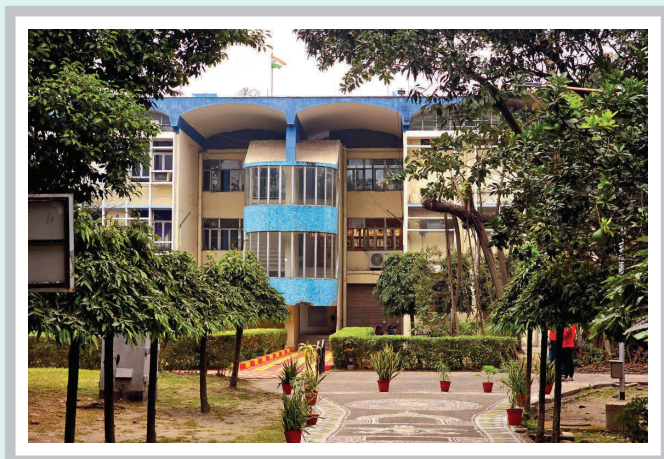
In May 2021, the dynamic Chief Minister of the state decided to give a boost to the Civil Services Study Centre. She rechristened it, associating the first Indian civil servant Satyendra Nath Tagore, who in 1863 busted the monopoly of the white young men from Britain. CSSC became Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre - SNTCSSC. The campus in Salt Lake on which it was located till then called Administrative Training Institute, was renamed Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute.

As CSSC entered its new phase, rechristened as Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre, Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS(Retd.) former Director General of Police of the state took over as the Chairman.

Administrative Framework of Centre for Excellence In Public Management

Members of the Governing Body (2023)

Name and Designation
Dr. H.K. Dwivedi IAS Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Chairman, CEPM
Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS Director General, NSATI and Member, CEPM, Addl. Chief Secretary
Shri B.P. Gopalika, IAS Addl. Chief Secretary, P&AR Deptt, and Vice Chairman, CEPM
Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.) Chairman, SNTCSSC and Member, CEPM
Shri Manoj Pant, IAS Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Deptt., and Member, CEPM
Shri Manish Jain, IAS Principal Secretary, Higher Education Deptt., and Member, CEPM
Md. Ghulam Ali Ansari, IAS Secretary, Minority Affairs and Madrasah Education Deptt., and Member, CEPM
Shri Sanjay Bansal, IAS Secretary, BCW Deptt., and Member, CEPM
Shri Jitin Yadav, IAS Member Secretary, CEPM
Shri Sudip Sinha, WBA & AS, Financial Advisor, P&AR Deptt., and Member, CEPM



Campus of SNTCSSC

Our Mission

Nobody would question that the restructuring of SNTCSSC and infusion of vigour by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the state was a welcome response to a felt necessity. The necessity stemmed from the unusual dearth of young men and women of this state in the number of bureaucrats, holding all-India and central services. The number was so low that the UPSC and the Department of Personnel and Training of Government of India were forced to choose outside the state candidates to fill in the mandatory home state slots.

The picture of today is a wake-up call because it happens to be a sharp contrast to what it used to be in the past. The prominence of undivided Bengal in the Indian Civil Service continued to flow into the post-independent Indian Administrative Service unabated. As late as in the 70s of the past century, a good number of the annual recruitment by the UPSC were from West Bengal.

It is common knowledge that Departments in New Delhi function based on the vital roles played by senior bureaucrats in shaping and implementing Government policies. We need to ensure that West Bengal is able to have its proper share of the national pie in the administration of the country.

Our mission, therefore, is to create awareness among the bright youth of West Bengal to consider Civil Services as a career option and assist them to prepare for the examination. Our endeavour should reach the youth living in every nook and corner of the state. The elite, middle class, and the lowest stratum of the socio-economic hierarchy, irrespective of their gender, clan, caste and religion, should come within the purview of our umbrella. We have been tardy, therefore we need to work hard and walk faster to reach our goal.

Our Programmes

In order to translate its mission into a reality, SNTCSSC executes quite a few programmes throughout the year. Each programme carries a name based on its nature, purpose and duration.

● Composite Course for Preliminary, Mains and Mock Tests

SNTCSSC has been conducting a Composite Course each year in collaboration with two premier institutes-namely Khan Study Group (KSG) and Shankar IAS Academy (SIA). The course duration is ten months and intensive coaching is provided to cover Prelims syllabus and General Studies portion of Mains syllabus. Mock Tests- both MCQ and Essay type are offered and papers evaluated. Doubt clearing sessions are organised on a regular basis. Classes for quite a few popular Optional subjects with large number of students are taught. Teachers are drawn from the premier universities and colleges of the state and SNTCSSC Faculty. Instructors also include IAS, IPS and other Central service officers currently posted in the city. For subjects considered unusual for UPSC Examination and therefore attracting very few students, a mentorship system is created for the aspirant. Writing practice and doubt clearing sessions are the cardinal features of that system. Essays are taken care of by SNTCSSC's senior faculty.

For admission to the composite course, candidates are selected through an admission test conducted by SNTCSSC.



Classroom of Section A



Classroom of Section B

○ Prelims Crash Course

Prelims crash course is designed to benefit a much larger number of aspirants most of whom are not enlisted with SNTCSSC for the Composite Course but have chosen to appear at the on-going year's Prelims Test. The duration of the course varies from 8 to 12 weeks and is held immediately prior to the date of the prelims date of that year set by the UPSC.

Mock Tests are conducted for the students enrolled for the crash course.

○ Interview Training and Mock Interview

The Centre provides special training for Interviews and arranges for mock interviews simulating the composition and ambience of the UPSC.

Interview training begins immediately after the Mains examination is over and lasts for about 10 weeks.

Mock Interviews are conducted after the aspirants receive call letters from Dholpur House. Senior bureaucrats and distinguished academicians constitute the Boards, and the interviewees are exposed to four to five such Boards, each with different panelists.

Programme - based Activities

● Interview Training & Mock Interview Sessions for 2022 Batch

Initial preparatory sessions beginning November 23, 2022 were conducted by Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri followed by Mock Interview Sessions.

Md Burhan Zaman, Priyanka Mondal, Sourab Das, Ishan Sinha, Paramita Malakar, Shubham Bhattacharya, Shubhabroto Mukherjee, Debraj Sarkar, Akanksha Jha, Anubhab Roy, Chaitanya Khemani, Ayan Kumar Mahato, Rishabh Singh, Harsh Kumar Garg, Sahars Kumar appeared in the Mock Interview Sessions.

The students faced four Mock Interview Boards on the following dates. Each board consisted of five panelists. Academicians, ex-VCs, senior and retired IAS and IPS and All India Services officers constituted the boards.

1st Mock Interview: 07th January, 2023

2nd Mock Interview: 14th January, 2023

3rd Mock Interview: 27th January, 2023

4th Mock Interview: 02nd February, 2023





Interview Training & Mock Interview Sessions for the batch 2022

🕒 Mains Guidance Programme 2023

Both KSG and SIA extended their full support to provide coaching to about 70 (Seventy) Prelims qualified candidates in their preparation for GS and test series.

SNTCSCC with its own team under the guidance of Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri organised special sessions starting from 1st July 2023. Classes on a limited number of Optional subjects, answer writing, and essay practicing sessions began on November 7, 2023.

🕒 Interview Training Sessions for 2023 Batch

Initial preparatory sessions have been conducted by Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri since 7th October 2023. It would be followed by Mock Interview Sessions, simulating the UPSC pattern and ambiance. The Mock Interviews are conducted for only those who have cleared UPSC CSE 2023 Mains.

🕒 Regular SNTCSCC 2024 Batch (Composite Course)

The admission test procedure was revised this year for selection of candidates. Admission Test for SNTCSCC Batch 2024 was conducted on May 7, 2023 (Sunday) from 12 noon to 2pm. The question paper comprised three sections –
Section A: Multiple Choice Questions – 70 marks

Section B: Short answer type questions – 80 marks

Section C: Essay – 50 marks

This was followed by a Personality Test which carried 25 marks.

One list of 200 selected candidates and another of 100 waitlisted candidates were prepared based on the final scores of written and personality tests applying the Government Reservation rules.

Results of the Admission Test were published on website (<https://www.csscwb.in>) on 22.06.2023.

● Inaugural Session of 2024 Batch

The SNTCSSC Batch 2024 was formally inaugurated in a programme held at Confederation of Indian Industries – Suresh Neotia Centre of Excellence for Leadership (CII-SNCEL), Salt Lake on Saturday July 22, 2023.

It was indeed a star-studded occasion with about a dozen of distinguished bureaucrats and academicians adorning the dais.

In his address, Dr. H.K Dwivedi, Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal acknowledged SNTCSSC's contributions in training UPSC aspirants from the state. He also commended the institute's efforts to spread awareness about the civil services across the state and assured complete support to it by the government.

Classes commenced on Sunday, July 23, 2023.

● Online Prelims Crash Course and Prelims Mock Test Series for 2024 Batch

SNTCSSC has organised a Prelims Crash Course for the candidates appearing at UPSC CSE 2024.

The inaugural session for the course was held on 7th December 2023. Classes will continue till February 2024. The 12 weeks long course will cover the UPSC Prelims Syllabus and include sets of Prelims Mock tests. The students were enrolled as per first come first served basis. The response has been good. About 500 students have already joined the course.



Inaugural Session of 2024 Batch

Our Facilities

The Hostel



Staying in a hostel on the same campus where classes are held and the library also being located within, is an ideal situation which all serious students everywhere cherish to be in. SNTCSSC is aware of it and is striving to create that ambience.

In the meantime, however, with the guidance of the Government of West Bengal and the support of Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute, SNTCSSC has succeeded in providing hostel accommodation to a limited number of aspirants.

The Library



The library of Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre is on the second floor of the same building where the Main library of Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute is located. The library room covers an area of approximately 3000 square feet.

It has a hall and 8 cubicles to cater to the exclusive use of advanced students. The hall has quite a number of reading tables with chairs on either sides for readers.

At the moment the library has about one thousand seven hundred books. As expected, the number increases almost every month.

Besides, the library subscribes eight journals - some renowned ones like Economic and Political Weekly, Frontline, Down To Earth and others which are essential for UPSC examination like Competition Success Review, Civil Services Chronicle, Pratiyogita Darpan, Kurukshetra, Yojana etc.

It subscribes four daily newspapers including The Hindus, The Economic Times, The Times of India and Indian Express. It has sixteen wall Maps, An Atlas and a Globe.

Study Materials for UPSC examination preparation published by Shankar IAS, Khan Study Group, Vision IAS, Brain Tree, Vaid ICS, Krushna Bhokare, Evolution, Vajiram & Ravi, and Geographia IAS Institute are available for use of students.

It is open from 8 A.M. to 11 P.M., seven days a week and provides Reading Room Service, Borrowed Book Service, Print Out and Documents Delivery Services.

It plans to have Library Software (Koha), David Decimal Classification (DDC) schedule, for library book classification. Library already provides Wi-Fi service. Shri Sudeb Mondal, an MLIS degree holder is currently in-charge of the Library of SNTCSSC.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

From Siliguri to South 24 Parganas

It is obvious that young men and women of West Bengal do not seem to consider civil services as a popular career option though they do very well in other academic areas they pursue. With a view to break the mental barrier, SNTCSSC in collaboration with various governments departments and reputed universities and colleges of the state has been pursuing a policy of organizing awareness programmes on campuses of many academic institutions.

● Presidency University Campus

SNTCSSC, in collaboration with Presidency Alumni Association, organised an Orientation Seminar for UPSC CSE aspirants on 06.02.2023 at Presidency University. Dignitaries who graced the seminar were Shri Prasad Ranjan Ray, IAS (Retd.), Addl. Chief Secretary of West Bengal, and also an alumnus of Presidency College, Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.), Chairman, SNTCSSC, Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri, Academic Consultant, SNTCSSC, Prof. Arun Kumar Maiti, Dean of Students, Presidency University, Shri Kaushick Saha, IAS, Secretary, Presidency Alumni Association.



Presidency University Campus

● NIT, Durgapur Campus

SNTCSSC, in collaboration with National Institute of Technology (NIT), Durgapur, organised an Orientation Seminar on UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) at NIT, Durgapur on 28.02.2023. The seminar successfully motivated the young, meritorious and enthusiastic students of NIT Durgapur to take up civil services as a career option after graduating from the institute.

The seminar elaborated on the effective ways to succeed in this national level competition. Dignitaries included Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.), SNTCSSC, Chairman, Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal Chaudhuri (Academic Consultant, SNTCSSC), Shri Sudheer Kumar Neelakantam (IPS), Prof. Indrajit Basak, Director, NIT Durgapur, Prof. Soumya Sen Sharma, Registrar, NIT Durgapur.



NIT, Durgapur Campus

● St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

The Higher Education Department Govt. of West Bengal along with Satyendra Nath Civil Services Study Centre had organised an Awareness Programme for the UPSC CSE and the mode of preparation for the same on 10.06.2023. The students from different colleges had visited the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata to attend the same along with the students of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata.

The dignitaries present were: Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.), Chairman, SNTCSSC, Damayanti Sen, IPS, Dr. Saumitra Mohan, IAS, Murli Dhar Sharma, IPS, Dhaval Jain, IAS, Jitin Yadav, IAS, Bidisha Kalita, IPS, Yogesh Patil, IAS, and Ankita Agrawal, IAS



St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

● Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata

The Higher Education Department Govt. of West Bengal along with Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre had organised an Awareness Programme for the UPSC CSE and the mode of preparation for the same on the campus of Lady Brabourne College on 24.06.2023. Students from different colleges came to the Lady Brabourne College to attend the programme. There were, as expected, a large number of students of Lady Brabourne College also.

The dignitaries present on that day were: Surajit Kar Purkayasta, IPS (Retd.) – Chairman, SNTCSSC, Manish Jain IAS – Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Nandini Chakravorty IAS, Nandini Ghosh IAS, Jaydip Mukhopadhyay IAS, Ananya Singh IAS, Shailaja Das IPS, and Ankita Agarwal IAS



Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata

● Scottish Church College, Kolkata

The Higher Education Department Govt. of West Bengal along with Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre had organised an Awareness Programme for the UPSC CSE and the mode of preparation for the same on the campus of Scottish Church College on 10.06.2023. Students from different colleges came to Scottish Church College to attend the programme. Needless to say that the bulk of the students belonged to Scottish Church College, the venue of the programme.

The dignitaries present on that day were: Surajit Kar Purkayasta, IPS (Retd.) – Chairman, SNTCCSSC, Manish Jain IAS – Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Supratim Sarkar IPS, Gaurav Sharma IPS, Anurag Srivastava IAS, Mousumi Chattraj Chaudhuri IAS, Jaydip Mukhopadhyay IAS, Shaikh Ansar Ahamad IAS, Teja Deepak IAS, and Abhijit Ray IAS.



Scottish Church College, Kolkata

● Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission College

The Higher Education Department, Government of West Bengal along with Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSSC) organised an Awareness Programme for the UPSC CSE and the mode of preparation for the same on 24.06.2023. The students from different colleges had visited the Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission College to attend the same along with the students of Narendrapur RKM College. The dignitaries present on that day were: Surajit Kar Purkayasta IPS(Retd.) – Chairman, SNTCSSC, Manish Jain IAS – Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Supratim Sarkar IPS, Mousumi Chatteraj Chaudhuri IAS, Rachna Bhagat IAS, Siladitya Basu Ray IAS, Aishwarya Sagar IPS, Saurav Pandey IAS, Abhijit Ray IAS.



Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission College

● Ram Mohan Mission School, Kolkata

SNTCSSC and Macmillan Education conducted a Career Counselling Session at Ram Mohan Mission School, Kolkata on “Civil Services as a Career” Panelists are Mr. Saurav Pandey, IAS; Mr. Utkarsh Singh, IAS; Navneet Mittal, IAS.



Ram Mohan Mission School

● MP Birla School, Behala

SNTCSSC and Macmillan Education organised a similar Career Counselling Session for Students of MP Birla School, Behala.



MP Birla School, Behala

● Vivekananda Mission School, Kolkata

SNTCSSC and Macmillan Education organised an Awareness Programme for students of Vivekananda Mission School, Kolkata on 23rd June 2023. The session was conducted by Saurav Pandey, IAS and Ekam Singh, IAS. About 250 students took part in it.



Vivekananda Mission School

○ Awareness Programme in Siliguri

The Awareness Programme at Siliguri on 22.09.2023 stands out as very successful and unique, in terms of the number of students attending it and the number of dignitaries gracing the dais in the event.

The personalities included Shri Surajit Kar Purkayasta IPS(Retd.) – Chairman, SNTCSSC, Shri Manish Jain IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Arvind Kumar Mina IAS, Dr Preeti Goyal IAS, Shama Parveen IAS, District Magistrates of Coochbehar, Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri respectively. Besides, there were Shri Rajesh Kumar Yadav IPS, IGP North Bengal Region, Shri Praween Prakash, IPS, SP Darjeeling and K Umesh Ganpat, IPS, SP of Jalpaiguri, Shri Siladitya Basuray IAS, Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, and Shri Jitin Yadav IAS, Course Director, SNTCSSC were also present.

The programme was held on the campus of Jalpaiguri Government College and the Principal of the college felicitated all the dignitaries.

A total of 627 young men and women participated in the programme. They belonged to Universities, Engineering, Medical, Liberal Arts colleges located at Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong and Uttar Dinajpur.

The excitement the event resonated and the question-answer session that followed, indicated that the purpose of the endeavour had been fulfilled.





Awareness Programme in Siliguri

Our Students' Achievements

● Felicitation Programme of successful candidates

Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre (SNTCSC) is happy to announce that among the fifteen candidates from SNTCSC who had appeared for the UPSC CSE 2022 Personality Test, seven made it to the final list of UPSC CSE 2022. They are:

- ◆ Chaitanya Khemani (AIR 158) – Originally from Siliguri. Chaitanya pursued his B.Com from Hansraj College, Delhi. He has opted for WB cadre. He has been allotted IPS.
- ◆ Ishan Sinha (AIR 234) – He has completed his Masters in Chemistry from Central University of Rajasthan. Ishan also has been allotted Indian Police Service. His preferred state also is West Bengal.
- ◆ Rishabh Singh (AIR 294) – He has pursued B.Tech from IIT Dhanbad and currently resides in Kolkata. Rishabh has been assigned Indian Revenue Service.
- ◆ Dr. Akanksha Jha (AIR 371) – Akanksha, a resident of Dum Dum completed her degree in Medical Science from Murshidabad Medical College. Akansha has been assigned Indian Railway Management Service.
- ◆ Md. Burhan Zaman (AIR 768) – Burhan is a resident of Rajabazaar, Kolkata. He has done his B.Tech in Aerospace Engineering from Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology, Shibpur. He has been assigned Defence Accounts Service.
- ◆ Priyanka Mondal (AIR 802) – Priyanka hails from Pailan, West Bengal. She is a B.Sc Hons. graduate from Delhi University. She has been allotted Indian Revenue Service.
- ◆ Sourab Das (AIR 815) – Sourab is from Chandannagar, Hooghly. He passed out of NIT Durgapur. He has been allotted Indian Revenue Service.

To demonstrate its appreciation of the success of other aspirants from West Bengal, the State Government converted the Programme into a state programme and invited Dia Dutta (AIR 782) and Sarah Shankar (AIR 823).

Dr. H.K. Dwivedi, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal had graced the occasion as the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries.



Felicitation Programme of successful candidates (UPSC CSE 2022)

Team SNTCSSC



Shri Surajit Kar
Purkayastha, IPS (Retd.),
Chairman



Shri Jitin Yadav, IAS
Member Secretary,
CEPM & Course Director



Prof. Jyotirmoy Pal
Chaudhuri
Academic Consultant



Shri Sunil Naskar,
Financial Advisor



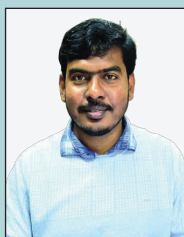
Dr Kaushik Ghosh
Coordinator



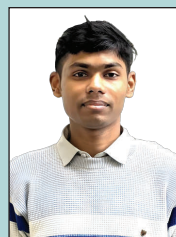
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District Centres

The idea of extending facilities to further afield was, perhaps, a logical corollary to the awareness programme. There was a need to test the waters and do something concrete to consolidate the gains stemming from it.

This happened on September 2, 2022, when our Hon'ble Chief Minister announced the decision of the state to establish District Civil Services Centres.

At the moment there are 26 centres covering 22 districts. South 24 Parganas, Nadia, Darjeeling and Birbhum have two centres each. All other districts have one each making a total of 1300 young men and women enrolled for taking the UPSC- conducted Civil Services Examination. Classes are offered online to enable working aspirants to be part of the unusually imaginative programme. There are arrangements for offline guidance and doubt-clearing sessions as well. These are conducted by district officials who themselves have successfully appeared at this examination earlier and local University/College faculty. Khan Study Group (KSG), New Delhi is in charge of the online classes. We are proud to state that the programme is bearing fruits and in the first year itself four students - Sayantan Bishnu (North Bengal University Centre), Ashish Iqbal (Bolpur Centre), Shiladitya Chatterjee (Kalyani University), and a girl Snigdha Pradhan (Darjeeling Government College), cleared the Prelims examination held in 2023. This, by all reckoning, is encouraging.

Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre began its journey in May 2021 and in the third year of its rejuvenated travail now has a total of 300 aspirants attending offline classes on its Salt Lake campus, about 500 students are attending the Prelims Crash Course and 1300 in the districts.

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The Promises We Must Keep

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”, Laozi.

It is a rather well-known quote from the Chinese philosopher of the 4th Century B.C., which conveys the message that even the longest and the most difficult ventures have a starting point, something which begins with a first step. The journey of West Bengal Government to fill in the void created by the absence of bureaucrats from this state in the All India and Central Services is going to be long and arduous. But the Honourable Chief Minister of the state has taken the first step.

The mission stands on a tripod - create awareness, take the message to every part of the state and provide academic guidance to those who are thinking of choosing civil service as a career option. Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre is the vehicle created to fulfil the mission.

Success is creeping in. Last year, five boys and four girls secured Group ‘A’ services from the state. With about eight hundred students attached directly with SNTCSSC and another thirteen hundred at the District IAS Coaching Centres, we can expect a larger number on the success list in the near future.

Civil service based on meritocracy is a Chinese concept developed in the 3rd century B.C. A Civil servant’s institutional tenure survived transitions of political leadership. The British brought this to India. ‘The Steel Frame’ as the British Colonial Government referred to the civil servants, was to ‘rule’ the country. In China, civil servants were taught Confucian ethics. Independent India would legitimately expect the civil servants to ‘serve’ the nation and the people rather than ‘rule’. We would ardently love to see young men and women passing out from SNTCSSC bubbling with Confucian ethics, indomitable vigour of Swami Vivekananda and idealism of Rabindra Nath Tagore to serve the people of our country.

Our commitment is to make this dream come true.

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