



## **Booklist for UPSC CSE**

### **Note :**

- This is a sample booklist for UPSC CSE.
- Your selection of books may vary depending on your preference. However below are the books widely recommended by toppers.

### **Ancient History and Medieval History:**

#### **Old NCERT**

- Ancient India – R S Sharma
- Medieval India – Satish Chandra

#### **New NCERT**

- Our pasts – I
- Our pasts – II
- Themes – I
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#### **New TamilNadu History Textbook - Class XI**

### **Art & Culture:**

- New TN History textbook
- 6th-12th new NCERT history textbooks (this will not include 12th Fine arts textbook on painting)
- Introduction to Indian art (NCERT class 11th)
- Living Craft Traditions of India (NCERT class 12th)
- Indian Culture by Nitin Singhania
- CCRT – to supplement above sources

### **Modern India History:**

- Our past III (Both part 1 & part 2 --NCERT class VIII)

- Themes in Indian History – III (NCERT Class XII)
- A brief History of Modern India – Spectrum Publication
- India's struggle for independence – Bipin Chandra

## **Geography:**

### **World Geography:**

- Our Environment - Class VII
- The Earth Our Habitat - Class VI
- Fundamentals of Physical Geography (NCERT Class XI)
- Fundamentals of Human Geography (NCERT Class XII)
- Goh Cheng Leong - Certificate Physical and Human Geography

### **Indian Geography:**

- Resource and Development - Class VIII
- Contemporary India - II - Class X
- India Physical Environment (NCERT Class XI)
- India - People and Economy (NCERT Class XII)

### **Current affairs: Down to Earth Magazine**

## **Polity:**

- Democratic Politics – IX
- Democratic Politics, II. Class X
- Indian Constitution at Work (NCERT Class XI)
- LAXMIKANTH – Indian Polity
- Insights Secure Synopsis

## **Economy:**

- Economics - NCERT Class IX
- Understanding Economic Development (NCERT Class 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Indian Economic Development (NCERT Class XI)
- Introductory Macroeconomics (NCERT Class XII)
- RAMESH SINGH –Indian Economy

## **Ecology & Environment:**

- 12th Biology NCERT- Chapter No 13,14,15,16
- 11th Chemistry NCERT - Chapter No 14
- Geography NCERTs - Natural Vegetation and Wildlife Chapters from Std 8-11
- ICSE Environment Education Std 10(Especially for Mains)

### **Science and technology Class VI to Class X**

- Class XI – Chemistry: Unit 14
- Class XI – Biology: Units 4 & 5
- Class XII – Chemistry: Unit 16
- Class XII – Biology: Units 8, 9 & 10 ce & Technology
- Current affairs: The Hindu S&T Section

### **Post-Independence India:**

- Politics in India since Independence, NCERT Class 12th
- India since independence - Bipin Chandra

### **World History:**

- Themes in World History: NCERT Class XI
- History of the World by Arjun Dev
- Mastering Modern World History – Norman Lowe

### **Indian Society:**

- NCERT Class XI – Sociology: Understanding Society
- NCERT Class XII – Indian Society
- NCERT Class XII – Social Change and Development in India
- Insights Secure Synopsis

### **Governance:**

- Any Basic standard material or Handouts (**you can refer Insights secure synopsis also**)
- 2nd ARC reports (selective)
- Three Year Action Agenda, 2017- 18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog
- Strategy for New India @ 75 – NITI Aayog

### **Social justice:**

- Any Basic standard material or Handouts (**you can refer Insights secure synopsis also**)
- **Yojana**
- Kurukshetra
- Three Year Action Agenda, 2017-18 to 2019-20 – NITI Aayog
- Strategy for New India @ 75 – NITI Aayog

### **International Relations:**

- Class 12th Political Science- Contemporary World Politics
- Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy by Rajiv Sikri
- Ministry of External Affairs website (**Selective Reading**)
- Insights Secure Synopsis
- Observer Research Foundation (ORF) (**Selective Reading**)

### **Ethics:**

- Any standard book like (A Practical Approach to Ethics Integrity and Aptitude By D.K Balaji Or Lexicon for Ethics, Integrity & Aptitude)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ARC Reports (**Selective Reading**)
- Newspaper for contemporary examples

### **Agriculture:**

- Any Basic standard material or Handouts (**you can refer Insights Secure Synopsis also**)
- **Yojana & Kurukshetra (Selective Reading)**
- **Down to Earth (Selective Reading)**

### **Disaster and disaster management:**

- Any Basic standard material or Handouts (**you can refer Insights Secure Synopsis also**)
- NDMA guidelines (**Selective Reading**)

### **Internal security:**

- **Any Basic standard material or Handouts (you can refer Insights Secure Synopsis also)**
- **Challenges to Internal Security of India by Ashok Kumar IPS**
- **IDSA Website (Selective Reading)**
- **Ministry of Home Affairs Website (Selective Reading)**

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