

## From the Desk Of Director General, YASHADA ...

Dr. Ambedkar Competitive Examination centre (ACEC) at YASHADA stands out distinctively among the various other coaching centres as it is dedicated to the candidates preparing for the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC. This is a unique initiative of the Government of Maharashtra and YASHADA for the helping to the candidates of Maharashtra especially those who belongs to weaker sections (SC, ST, Minority, VJNT, SBC, OBC) along with candidates from general class. The ACEC aims at not only improving the representation of Maharashtra in the Indian Civil Services but also bridging the disparities between the proportions of backward class candidates and other candidates entering in the civil services. The ACEC is also unique because it is housed in YASHADA - the apex administrative training and research institute of the Government of Maharashtra. The faculty of YASHADA consists of many senior officers from the Indian Civil Services. Similarly, several officers from the all-India services routinely visit and interact with YASHADA through training programmes, research projects, brainstorming workshops, etc. YASHADA's atmosphere is therefore full of inspiration for the candidates aspiring for the Indian Civil Services. Further, YASHADA houses an entire arena of institutions and centres specializing in various spheres of development administration and governance. The State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), State Institute of Urban Development (SIUD), Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Research and Documentation (R and D) Centre, Centre for Disaster Management (CDM), Centre for Information Technology (CIT), centre for Equity and Social Justice – are all under the umbrella of YASHADA, and are working in coordination to promote better governance in the State. The ACEC at YASHADA draws a rich and diverse faculty support as per need from all these institutions and centres which represent virtually all fields of academics and civic administration. The ACEC has this unique advantage over most other coaching centres. ACEC purposefully make efforts to bring faculty for coaching to the admitted aspirants who fulfill the needs UPSC -civil Services examination, who are really experienced & have expertise in the field of guidance for civil services aspirants. During coaching tenure, efforts are being made for improving English Language skill, answer Writing

Skills to bring incremental quality edge to the answers for CS-Main Examination. Special attention is being paid on regular practice of answer writing by aspirants. As far as the CS-Interview preparation is concerned, mock interviews consisting of senior bureaucrats & experts from other fields are being conducted who stimulates same actual UPSC-CS-interview environment. It has been proved very helpful to the previous aspirants not only related centre but qualified aspirants from all over Maharashtra.

Needless to mention about the wonderful ambience, excellent infrastructure and well-equipped free of cost facilities of YASHADA such as the residence in YASHADA campus, Library, Study Room (24x7), subject wise coaching, regular test series, IT Laboratory, Internet, Gymnasium, along with stipend, which facilitate an all-round development of the candidates enrolled at the ACEC and living on the campus of YASHADA during their coaching tenure.

I offer my very best wishes to the ACEC and all the aspirants enrolled therein.

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