



FAQs for Prayagraj Branch (English Medium)

Q. Will Drishti start classes in English medium in Delhi, or this is only for Prayagraj?

Answer: Yes, Drishti will start English medium batches in Delhi very shortly.

Q. Are the faculty of English medium batches same as that of Hindi medium in Prayagraj?

Answer: The faculty in English medium batches will be different from the Hindi team. However, there are chances that in some subjects such as Current Affairs, faculty will be the same as in Hindi. This will happen only if the faculty is equally comfortable in both languages.

Q. Will the faculty of Prayagraj also teach at Delhi or will the faculty be different?

Answer: Normally, there will be separate teams of teachers for Delhi and Prayagraj centers because they have sufficient classes at each centre and it is not practical for them to do justice with both centres. However, for some subjects, teachers may be the same, such as for Current Affairs.

For Hindi literature (optional subject), classes will be through video lectures of Vikas sir, as is done in Delhi.

It is necessary to clarify here that all the teachers become part of Team Drishti by passing through our stringent selection process. Following the same process, we have selected excellent teachers who are going to teach in Prayagraj in English medium.

Q. When the faculty here is different from Delhi branch, how Drishti is different from other institutes in Prayagraj?

Answer: Any coaching institute reaches the top when it has skilled and excellent management along with the best teachers. In the absence of efficient management, no organization or institution can provide quality services. In the last 20 years, Drishti has proved to be the best in both of these areas.

We have selected the best teachers for different segments in English medium who are in tune with the dynamic pattern of exam and the focus in Drishti IAS is student-centric instead of being teacher-centric as seen in few other institutes.

Also, our batch duration is little more than other institutes as Drishti believes in covering the full syllabus of UPSC without cutting any corners.

Finally, over the years, Drishti has proved its managerial skills where every decision is taken keeping the welfare of students at the core.

Please note that although our team of teachers is different from Delhi, the quality is not even 0.1% less than Delhi.

Q. Who will be the faculty members for English medium in Prayagraj?

Answer: Team Drishti has undertaken a rigorous selection process to select the best faculties for all the subjects who will be teaching in Prayagraj. The name of faculty members will be announced by Dr. Vikas Divyakirti sir himself in the Open Seminar to be held on 24th November 2019 in Prayagraj.

Q. What is the reason for higher fees in English medium in comparison to Hindi medium? Are some extra facilities provided to English medium students which are not available to the Hindi medium students?

Answer: The fee is decided after analysing various factors such as cost of building maintenance, management expenses and other overheads. The number of admissions in batch also affects the expenses-revenue ratio of an organisation. In Hindi medium batches, generally, the number of students is higher in comparison to English medium batches. The higher number of admissions in Hindi medium classes provides us with an opportunity to pass the benefit to the students in the form of reduced fees. Considering these factors, the fee in Hindi medium batches is comparatively less.

There is no such extra facilities for English medium candidates.

Q. I cannot decide whether to choose English or Hindi as a medium for UPSC CSE preparation because my mother tongue is Hindi and I have done my studies till 12th (intermediate) in Hindi medium, but I did my higher education (graduation) in English medium.

Answer: Generally, we suggest that one should opt for that language for civil services preparation in which she/he feels most comfortable expressing her/himself through writings. In

the case of equal comfort in Hindi and English language, we would suggest opting for English because of the higher success rate in civil services examination in the past few years.

Q. Does English medium at Drishti in Prayagraj mean 100% use of English language in classes or would it be primarily in English with some use of Hindi?

Answer: In English medium batches, the primary communication will be in English, but there is no hard and fast rule to use only English. Sometimes, teachers can use Hindi also for the convenience and better understanding of students. In the selection of teachers for Prayagraj branch, we have kept this factor in consideration that the faculty is comfortable in Hindi too.

After operationalization of Delhi Branch for English Medium

Q. Why is there a difference in the fees between Delhi and Prayagraj? Why is the fee higher in Delhi than in Prayagraj? Is there a difference in quality in Prayagraj?

Answer: The primary reason for the higher fee in Delhi is that the operational cost in Delhi is significantly more than that of Prayagraj. For example- the higher cost of building maintenance and management expenses of the institute in Delhi. That is why, even in Hindi medium batches, the difference of fee exists.

We provide high-quality classroom programs in Delhi, and we assure the students of the same in Prayagraj. We do not compromise on the quality of teaching in any of our centers.

Q. There are many coaching institutes in Prayagraj, whose fee is less than Drishti IAS and which have faculty that have been teaching there for a long time, who are very well known there. Why should we take admission in Drishti then?

Answer: Like in Prayagraj, there are many coaching institutes in Delhi too, some of which were established even before Drishti IAS. However, since its inception, Drishti IAS is performing better than almost every other coaching institute in Delhi. The chief reason for our popularity among aspirants is that we do not compromise on our quality of education for any reason.

We would also like to clarify here that as a general principle, our course duration is relatively more and require more resources and therefore increases the overall expenditure. This translates into classroom programs of better quality but with a slightly higher fee structure. Please be assured that we are going to fulfill everything that we have promised to deliver to you at the time of your admission.

Q. Will there be any compromise in facilities due to reduced fees?

Answer: Fees in the Prayagraj centre have been decided in direct proportion to our costs/expenditures there. It is a little bit lower than Delhi (because Delhi is the costlier of the two cities) but be assured that the level of teaching and management at both Delhi and Prayagraj centres will remain the same.

Q. Is there a provision for admission in Delhi centre for students of certain States (like Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh) without payment of fees based on government sponsorship schemes. Does Drishti also have this facility from the Government of Uttar Pradesh as well?

Answer: No. At present, this facility is available only to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. If the Uttar Pradesh government starts such a scheme and wants to add us to it, we will start this facility.

Q. Will Vikas sir come to teach Hindi literature or any subject of GS?

Answer: Vikas sir's video class runs for Hindi literature at Delhi centre, while Vikas sir's live class is done once a year for essays and 4-5 video batches are played. All these classes of Vikas sir will run as video classes at Prayagraj centre.

Yes, Vikas sir will be present in Prayagraj in the video class of Hindi literature, like Delhi centre, to solve the doubts of the students. Vikas sir will be present two-three times in every batch to resolve doubts in Hindi literature.

Moreover, since the entire management and policy-making of Drishti is finalised by Vikas sir, it is obvious that he will continue to visit Prayagraj regularly to discharge these responsibilities.

Q. Will there be any facility like Delhi for daily doubts clearing in the batch of Hindi literature? Also, will Vikas sir come to Prayagraj in a certain time interval for doubt clearing classes or not?

Answer: Yes. Like Delhi Centre, a subject expert will be present for Hindi literature class on daily basis to solve the doubts of the students. Also, Vikas sir will be present two-three times in each batch to address the doubts of the students.

Q. Vikas sir's essay live class which happens once a year, will sir come here to teach or will we have to do only video class here?

Answer: Vikas sir's live class runs once a year for essays at Delhi centre, while after that 4-5 video batches are played in a year. Only video class essay will run at Prayagraj centre.

Q. Will we get essay tests as they are in Delhi, or is the provision only for the students of Delhi?

Answer: The facility of essay tests will be available to students at Prayagraj Centre in the same way as provided at Delhi Centre.

Also, here, the tests of the essay will be conducted on the format of IAS as well as PCS exam so that students can take the test according to their interest and need. It is possible that shortly, we will adopt the same model of Prayagraj in Delhi also.

Q. Will Drishti conduct state PCS classes also in this branch? If yes, whether the same teacher will take classes who are teaching UPSC?

Answer: Yes, State PCS classes will also be conducted at Prayagraj centre, and subject matter experts will be available for them. Some of them will be those who take UPSC classes, while others will be different. Teachers who have a better approach to PCS will be given preference to teach those segments.

Q. Will the study material available in class be the same as Delhi or will here be given a separate matter?

Answer: Yes, the students at the Prayagraj centre will be given the same study material that is given at the Delhi centre. Apart from this, special notes will be given related to Uttar Pradesh PCS.

Q. Like Delhi, will the students here get magazine and books of this institute every month?

Answer: Yes, at Prayagraj centre also students will be given all the study material which is given at Delhi centre, such as a printed matter of different topics, monthly magazine (Drishti Current Affairs Today) and various books of Drishti Publications.

Q. Is there any different test series from Delhi branch test series or will we get the same test paper?

Answer: The class tests and test series held at Prayagraj centre will have the same test papers that are available at Delhi centre.

Special test series for Uttar Pradesh PCS will be started in Prayagraj. It will be organised in the same manner in Delhi also.

Q. There is an organised team in Delhi for the doubt clearing session of test series; will this facility be available to the students here as well?

Answer: Yes, like Delhi Centre, Prayagraj will also have a dedicated team of subject experts to solve the doubts related to the test series. Sometimes, we will also provide you the videos of Test Series discussions shot at Delhi.

Q. Your Delhi branch has a system like the academic support team to help the students; will this arrangement be available here too?

Answer: A team of various subject experts is working at Delhi Centre to solve various problems related to the preparation of students. This team has been appointed because the teachers do not have enough time to interact with the students of the class separately after class, due to the excess of classes. At present, there will be less engagement of teachers in Prayagraj centre. Therefore, students can meet teachers directly to solve various problems in preparation.

In future, a special academic support team will certainly be appointed in Prayagraj, if such a need is felt.

Q. Like Delhi, will the current affairs classes of Nishant Srivastava sir be conducted here or only video classes will be shown?

Answer: Separate classes of current affairs are conducted for Preliminary and Mains examination at Delhi centre. Nishant Shrivastava sir's Current Affairs class is held every Sunday, from July to March for the main examination, while for Preliminary Examination generally 30-35 classes of Nishant Shrivastava sir are held in April.

There will be a slight difference in the plan of these classes for the Prayagraj Centre. Here the class of current affairs for the Mains examination will be held on every Saturday, for which Nishant sir himself will come to Prayagraj every week. This will not be possible in Preliminary Examination classes as those classes take place for 30 consecutive days. Those classes will be organised in video format in Prayagraj. It is worth noting that even at Delhi Centre; about 80% of the students attend these classes in video format only.

Q. Will, the students who have done the class in Delhi be allowed to repeat the class in Prayagraj?

Answer: Usually, students are not allowed to repeat batches in general studies because generally, we are not left with any vacant seats in any batch. The same system is going to remain in Prayagraj too. However, if a student has paid his/her full fees for a batch in Delhi (and has completed the course) and wants to repeat the same batch (afresh) in Prayagraj, then he/she will be given the freedom to do the program by paying 50% of the fees of the Prayagraj Centre.

This facility is accompanied by a condition. The condition is that we will be able to provide this facility only if we have available free seats in a batch i.e. such admission will not be given by rejecting new students.

Q. If a student in Delhi has taken admission but now wants to transfer his admission to Prayagraj branch, will he/she get this facility? Similarly, will the facility to transfer admission from Prayagraj to Delhi be available?

Answer: Normally, this facility will not be available. This facility will be provided only in rare cases, but with certain conditions. The conditions are given below:

1. The student has deposited her/his full fees (at Delhi Branch).
2. She/he has such a sound reason that it has become necessary for him to change her/his place. Adequate documentation will be required in favour of a solid cause.
3. The centre where the student wants to transfer has free seats available in the specified batch.
4. In case of transfer from Delhi to Prayagraj centre, no amount of fees will be refunded. Additionally, 10% of the related batch fees in Prayagraj will be charged as a transfer fee.
5. In case of transfer from Prayagraj to Delhi, it will be necessary to pay the difference of fees of both places as the fees in Delhi is higher than Prayagraj. In addition, 10% of the fees of the respective batch in Delhi will be charged as a transfer fee.

Q. If a student takes admission in Prayagraj branch, can she/he go to Delhi and take some classes there?

Answer: Yes, students will be given this facility with certain conditions. Those conditions are as follows:

1. If a student has paid the entire fee for a program (e.g. General Studies, CSAT, General English, Essay or an optional subject) at Prayagraj centre and has taken classes (or has left due to his own reasons), and now he wants to do classes at Delhi centre, then he will have to take admission in the same program at Delhi centre and pay 50% of the total course fees there.
2. If a student has taken general studies classes in Prayagraj and now wants to do any other program (like CSAT, Optional Subject, General English or Essay) in Delhi, then he will be considered as a student of Drishti (Delhi), and there will be prescribed exemption in fees. He has to pay the same fees as students of Drishti (Delhi).

3 If a student has taken classes with full payment of fees for any other program (e.g. CSAT, Optional Subject, General English or Essay) and not general studies in Prayagraj and now wants to do general studies classes in Delhi, then he will be given a special discount of 10% in fees.

Q. In addition to the foundation batch of GS at Prayagraj centre, will any crash course or special classes be conducted for Preliminary and Mains examination?

Answer:

1. About 30 special classes of current affairs are conducted for Preliminary examination once a year at Delhi centre. About 20% of the students of Delhi centre attend these classes in the classroom while the remaining 80% of students take them as video classes. These classes will be available as video classes at Prayagraj Centre and will run parallel to Delhi.

2. A short and free 'Quality Improvement Program' (QIP) is organised once a year for the IAS Main Examination in which special preparation is made for the candidates going for the main examination. This programme is classroom based and is also made available through our "Android App". We will make this program available through the "Android App" free of cost to students taking the Mains exam while staying in Prayagraj.

3. From now onwards we have a plan to conduct a 'crash course' or 'Quality Improvement Program' (QIP) once a year for the Uttar Pradesh PCS main exam. This program will be held in Prayagraj itself. This video will be made available to the students of Delhi as a video class or through our "Android App".

4. Apart from these, no crash courses or special classes are conducted at present. If any new plan is made in future, then it will be done for both Delhi and Prayagraj branches.

Q. If a student stays in Prayagraj but is able to pay the fees of Delhi and stay there, then where should he take admission - Delhi or Prayagraj?

Answer: It depends on the interest of the student whether he wants to study in Prayagraj or in Delhi. In our opinion, both options are almost equal as far as classroom program is concerned.

As far as the quality of teaching is concerned, it is our endeavour to keep the standard of branches in Delhi and Prayagraj at par. The purpose of our coming to Prayagraj is to save the students from the trouble of going to Delhi.

The students of Delhi have a special advantage at the level of the competitive environment. Since, in Delhi, aspirants of several states prepare together, a good competitive environment is found there. We hope that in addition to Uttar Pradesh, many students from Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya

Pradesh and Chhattisgarh will also come to Prayagraj branch and gradually a study climate like Delhi will also be created in Prayagraj.

The biggest problem in Delhi is that it is quite expensive to stay. If a student wants to stay there in a simple way, then also he has to spend about 15-16 thousand rupees per month. Whereas about half of its amount is sufficient to stay in Prayagraj. If we calculate this difference for a period of 12-15 months, then by staying in Prayagraj, the student can save around one lakh rupees easily. Also, some students also feel the problem of adjustment in Delhi.

There is another alternative. If any student wants, then s/he can first stay in Prayagraj and complete her/his preparation here and, later on, s/he can go to Delhi to give her/his preparation a finishing touch. We will give a 50% discount in Delhi fees to such students. We will also try to ensure their classes are completed in a fast track manner.