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The Problem Statement

Why does it *sometimes* take years to clear the Civil Services Examination?

A Conventional Foundation is designed to *almost* prevent you from clearing prelims in the *first* attempt.

Let us look at the statistics*.

Shakti Dubey got Rank 1 in her fifth attempt in CSE 2024. Aditya got Rank 1 in his third attempt in CSE 2023. Ishita Kishore topped the Civil Services Examination 2022, in her third attempt. Shruti Sharma in her third attempt secured AIR 1 in CSE 2021.

What is *common* between them?

One, they all have secured Rank 1 in Civil Services Examination. And two, they failed to clear Prelims in their initial attempt(s).

It is *not* their fault.

Conventional Foundation Programs are *designed* such that you are more likely to face a roadblock in Prelims itself in your *first* attempt – if you do them properly. And if you do *not* do them properly – you are *stuck* in the exam cycle for even more years.

The classes go on *forever* and begin with *everything* – mains answer writing, prelims question solving all at once – overwhelming the students – so much so that he succumbs.

Not only you lose a year. But what is *far* worse is that your preparation nowhere reflects the time you have invested in the preparation. Despite initial setbacks, the rank holders above made progress in their initial attempts that helped them secure Rank 1 in Civil Services Examination.

*Candidates named above have been students of ForumIAS Academy enrolled in one or more paid courses. Shakti Dubey was part of MGP(X) and IGP. Aditya was a student of MGP & IGP. Ishita Kishore was part of MGP in both attempts + SFG for prelims. Shruti Sharma was an MGP student for both attempts. They all have secured IAS Rank 1.

A Conventional Foundation only *teaches* and sends you home.
We *prepare* you for the *exam*.

What is the problem we are trying to solve?

Every *third* student selected in Civil Services Examination is a ForumIAS Academy student – and here is the *secret*.

We don't just *teach* them. We *coach* them.

Because we believe that clearing a *competitive* examination – that too the *mother* of all examinations - isn't just about delivering one-way lessons and *passive* learning. It is only when the student *applies* what he has learned - that one gets *results*.

That's training. And that *won't* happen *just by* sitting in a class and taking notes alone.

It will happen through *hundreds* of hours of test taking, writing *hundreds* of mains answers, *solving* thousands of MCQs, regular mentor *interactions* – over and above the classes you take. At ForumIAS, we hold *intervention* sessions when things go *wrong*. You also can be assured of a strong peer group – selected through a screening process – that constantly challenges you to raise the bar for you and bring the *best* out of you.

We have *solved* this problem *quietly* for hundreds of students before announcing it to the world. We are *trying* to solve the problem of *wasted* attempts because of *poor* program design – through a time tested, proven methods that have *worked* and *delivered* results for *hundreds* of successful candidates.

If you are looking for a *result oriented* coaching, the Civil Services RankForge Program (CSRP) by ForumIAS at Tapasya Center for Learning is the right program for you.

RankForge by ForumIAS – the future of Civil Services Preparation

Four phases for an all round, real preparation. Every phase prepares you for the next phase. So that you continuously build skills needed to crack the exam. In one go.

The program is conducted in 4 Phases.

PHASE 1: Strategic Rapid Foundation for Prelims is a 12-13-week program for building a robust foundation for subjects that are foundational to both prelims and mains - with an integrated approach – consisting of (a) classes (b) study targets (c) learning outcome tests that train you to not only build your knowledge base but also develop the MCQ aptitude needed to ace prelims over a period of time. Through Phase 1, the goal of the academy is to train and hone your fundamentals so that you are (a) thorough with 4 big four - Polity, Economy, History & Geography (b) ready to face the national level competition at SFG next year with an all India ranking and (c) ready to absorb the more advanced concepts of Mains in Phase 2 with answer writing (d) ace the prelims 2027 because you have mastered what has always been at the core of cracking competitive examinations.

PHASE 2: Once the fundamental level foundation is built, you are now ready for Phase 2. Phase 2 consists of GS Mains Advanced Classes, where we follow an issue-based / Q&A based preparation approach for one's Mains preparation (depending on the nature of subject). Phase 2 is a 13-week program exclusively for dedicated Mains preparation which includes (a) content building classes (b) answer writing practice (c) regular AWFG & MGP tests to hone your answer writing skills... ctd..

Note that in the ForumIAS universe – basics simply does not mean having read NCERT - it means going beyond them - and more importantly mastering them - which invariably means developing the ability to answer questions from them.

... Phase 3 & Phase 4

Phase 3 and Phase 4 are designed such that you bring your focus back to prelims and crack the exam in one go.

...Having completed Phase 2, the more advanced topics of Mains are now easy to grasp. While you practiced solving MCQs in Phase 1 (which you will resume and master in Phase 3 & 4), in this phase the sole focus will be on writing subjective answers for the Mains. We will take you from beginner to advance level of answer writing.

PHASE 3: Once you are trained under Phase 1 & Phase 2, Phase 3 of the training / coaching begins. In this phase, you get back to Prelims and cover the residual classes of 1) Environment & Ecology (2) Science & Tech. This, along with extensive self-study with (a) daily tests and (b) daily study targets and (c) CSAT classes and tests. You write limited syllabus daily tests and attend CSAT classes for a good 10-11 weeks, revising all you've done in Phase 1. Since you have covered most parts of prelims in Phase 1, in this phase you are allowed to finish parts of mains that you need to strgehthen – including both GS and Optionals. This phase is expected to commence in the mid of December and expected suration if 8-10 weeks.

PHASE 4: In phase 4 of your coaching, you will be *applying* all you have studied and *trained* for the past 8-9 months to solve (a) Full Length Simulator Tests (b) *revise* the static and (c) *cover* Current Affairs through Current Affairs Classes for the next 10 weeks – culminating with the final assault – the Prelims 2027. In this phase we *resume* focus back on the prelims – and prelims alone, and give *dedicated* 3 months *only* for Prelims. We will require to give up everything – no GS mains, no Optionals - *only* Prelims. This is because with a decade's experience in guiding Civil Services aspirants we have learnt that some students have not cleared prelims for several years because they were too busy preparing for mains. Remeber – prelims is the passport to the Mains, and there is no point of having a good mains preparation, if you don't write it in the *first* place because of prelims obstacle.

Choosing the right Academy for your Civil Services preparation.

Understanding the fundamental difference between *lightweight* online edtech courses and a robust offline coaching is the key to making a good decision that has a *direct* impact on your career.

A lot of aspirants and parents wonder as to *why* one should choose a residential academy or even offline academy – which costs *lakhs* of rupees over much cheaper online options.

There are several factors behind this which one must understand - so as to make an *informed* choice.

First, mass online learning platforms or EdTechs are not coaching / training institutes. Take the Civil Services EdTech for an example. Civil Services Courses provided by edtech platforms cater to anywhere between 5,000-20,000 students in a *single* class/ course, where courses are *sold* for as low as Rs. 99 to Rs. 19,999.

In such courses, the quality of teaching is adjusted to cater to the *lowest* aptitude candidate, with a *massive* focus on entertaining the students instead of course & syllabus completion.

Since there is *no* screening, and courses are *attractively* priced to attract *masses*, candidates taking classes for Civil Services range from students studying in Class 10th, 12th to first year's students and graduates and postgraduates – all in the *same* class/batch – consuming the same content. Naturally, they are optimized for subscriptions and outreach - and meeting investor goals, but not for selections - or learning outcomes of students.

Further, *cracking* competitive examinations requires specialisation with respect to that competitive examination. But several edTech players have marketing and product heads - who try to build verticals without having specialisation in that examination or knowing the nitty gritty of the examination. Thus the career and future of aspirants goes for a toss.

...edTech vs Offline and niche coachings

More than 2148+ edTechs have shut down in 5 years, permanently jeopardising the career of the students who chose to join them - often leaving the student stuck midway.

Thirdly, the EdTech sector provides courses funded not by the fees paid by the students but by *investors*. The dream is to *attract* masses by price – not by *quality* – choke competition for few years, wipe out other players and then *monopolize* coaching for a certain exam. Since coaching requires extensive effort and personal commitment - the team / coach / faculty have to make as much effort as the student if not more every year – investor led edtech players fail to *sustain* the effort and fail.

Offline Coachings in general and FRC in particular invest a much higher amount in a student's success, by providing the right infrastructure, learning environment, smart classrooms, air conditioned reading rooms, strong classroom delivery, academic support, rigorous testing, mentorship and handholding, a robust assignment system, periodic evaluation of the candidate and suggestions for improvement which is far more personalized than an online foundation that sells at Rs.999 to Rs. 19999 with tens of thousands of students - 10th class, 12th class, 2nd year and graduates taking the same course.

This is because an offline academy is under pressure to deliver results. They do not enjoy the safety net of an investor

This explains the higher investments an offline coaching shall make - and an even higher investment a residential academy – will make for the success of its students. This also explains the higher costs of an offline program – and the much better learning outcomes of the candidate.

About FRC - ForumIAS Residential Coaching

ForumIAS Residential Coaching (FRC) is an initiative by Delhi based ForumIAS Academy for Civil Services Preparation. The Academy provides an integrated campus for classes, reading room, food and accommodation in a gated community.

The campus is located about 110 kms from Delhi Airport – about a drive of 90 minutes, in a zone away from Delhi's poor AQI . Students have all facilities within walking distance - thus saving on time in commutation in Delhi. The campus is designed to provide ample walking space, with the aim to allow for 10,000 steps a day for physical movement – which is crucial for both physical and mental well - being.

Hot and fresh meals are provided in the campus in a common mess - so that students come out of their rooms, take a breath of fresh air and are not locked in their rooms - as it often happens in serious civil services preparation.

FRC Programs are intensive, merit-based residential program designed by ForumIAS for UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) aspirants, focusing on rigorous, disciplined preparation to enable the candidate to clear the exam in one attempt.

ForumIAS helped me a lot in my preparation - with very timely guidance in mains answer writing and disciplined test taking at 7AM. Especially Ayush Sir's guidance before the examination was very helpful.
Ishita Kishore, IAS RANK 1, CSE 2022 | Uttar Pradesh

Why prepare at a residential academy?

And not in your comfortzone

Because a calms sea does not make a good sailor.

Civil Services preparation requires *hard* work - a lot of it. When a student comes to FRC, the first realisation which he has is in *two* weeks is that he has been *living* under a rock - almost a frog in the well - and was not aware of the *hard* work that was needed in the *first* place.

And these students are the ones who have a 9+ CGPA in school, been academically bright – even studied in top colleges – and yet, when it comes to Civil Services – they have remained clueless for large part of their preparation journey as to why they could not even clear the prelims. (see case studies)

Given the subjective nature of social science, you are likley to feel that you are *on track* sitting at home --because - lets face it - (a) its *only* English and all of it is easy to understand and (b) they have insulated themselves from peer group and competition – so the first few years attempts are wasted at home thinking - *I can do it on my own*.

A residential academy exposes you not only to a rigorous academic calendar that can propel you to success in the same year - it also has the added advantage of a competitive peer group - that is equally important for your success. Because you will always be the *average* of the five people you most interact with.

Additionally, since an integrated campus offers all facilities - accomodation, food, library, classes - within walking distance, you save on the time and energy cost of commutation which eat into your preparation time.

Last but not the least, a residential academy solves 99% of your problems - food, accomodation hunting, library, commutation , so that you can focus on the 1% – and the only one that *matters* – that is clearing the exam

Who should apply for FRC RankForge

- Freshers from top colleges or with top academic records at school are encouraged to apply for the program
- Candidates who are done with experimenting with UPSC and have done all the hits and trials without results and are looking for a final assault at Civils are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates who have at least two attempts left, but have failed to clear Prelims in all previous attempts are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates who are physically fit and mentally prepared to make the sacrifices that is needed to achieve almost anything worth having, may apply.

..And who should not

- At FRC, we want a zero compromise preparation. Candidates who do not have the physical fitness to sit for 10 hours on a regular basis and upto 12 hours on text days / exam proximity days may not apply for the program
- Candidates who have multiple priorities, which prevents them from fully committing to one single goal of civil services preparation may not apply for the program.
- Candidates who are still not sure about Civil Services as a career and are merely exploring coachings or exploring how preparation is done.
- Candidates who are at a hit and trial phase of their preparation where they plan to write the exam first, then prepare after the first attempt.

I am grateful to ForumIAS Academy for helping me get IAS Rank 1 and fulfill my dreams at a time when I had given up hope about getting into administrative services. Especially grateful to Ayush Sir for his guidance on Mains answer writing.

ANUDEEP D, IAS RANK 1, CSE 2017 | Hyderabad

FEE STRUCTURE

At ForumIAS Academy, you do not need to pay your entire one-year fee at one go. Pay phase wise, as per the calendar and as you proceed and see value in your preparation and our effort.

NOTE: Fee payable will be for every phase separately. Fee applicable will be based on performance of the candidate in different phases and tests conducted at the end of each phase. ForumIAS decision shall be final with respect to group allocation. Note that being allocated to different groups has not bearing the academic facilities provided to the student. The grouping is purely to reward top performing and competitive candidates.

PHASE #	Includes	Comments	Academic Fee Structure
Phase 1 [12-13 weeks] Expected Timeline [June-Sept'26]	#1 Strategic Foundational Classes. #2 Daily / 3days-a-week 7AM Tests #3 Self Study Targets [330+ hours of classes]	Subjects Covered will include foundational subjects that are common to both Prelims and Mains with special emphasis on the big four - Polity, Economy, Geography & History	SELECT 30 / Group 1: Rs. 34,900 NEXT 50 / Group 2: Rs 41,900 OTHER SELECTED CANDIDATES(OSC) / Group 3: Rs. 45,900
Phase 2 [12-13 weeks] Expected Timeline [Sept-Dec'26]	#1 GS Mains Classes #2 AWFG 3/5 days-a-week assignments #3 Weekly / Paper wise MGP Tests. [350+ hours of classes]	Subject covered will include GS 1, GS 2, GS 3 and GS 4. Low weightage subjects – Post Independence History and World History will be taught through self-paced online classes	SELECT 30 / Group 1: Rs. 44,000 NEXT 50 / Group 2: Rs. 49,000 OTHER SELECTED CANDIDATES(OSC) / Group 3: Rs. 54,000
Based on Phase 1 & Phase 2 performance, candidates will be graded into groups. Non-performing students with less than 80% test attendance may be required to leave the campus post Phase 2. Apart from this, students will have the option to drop out at this stage and continue with self-study at home / online / offline centers and follow center specific programs.			
Phase 3 [9-10 weeks] Expected Timeline [Dec'26-Feb'27]	#1 SFG Level 1 Daily Tests #2 CSAT Classes #3 Additional Prelims Focus Classes [200+ hours classes]	Residual Subjects classes will be taken apart from regular CSAT Classes and daily tests.	Group 1: Rs. 9,900 Group 2: Rs. 14,900 Group 3: Rs. 19,900 [Groups will be assigned based on test performance and test attendance]
Mandatory & paid registration for All India SFG Level 2 Entrance Test. Candidates must clear the entrance test to proceed to Phase 4.			
Phase 4 [11-12 weeks] Expected Timeline [March-May'27]	#1 SFG Level 2 Daily Tests #2 Current Affairs Classes #3 All India Simulators [90+ hours classes]	In this phase we do ForumIAS SFG Level 2, Full Length Simulators, PYQ Classes and Value Addition Classes, if any.	Rs. 5900 for all groups [inclusive of GST@18%]

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APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1 : Register for the RankForge Entrance Test by visiting <https://go.forumias.com/rankforge>

STEP 2 : Register by paying the registration fee of Rs. 800+ GST. Once payment is made, you will get a payment confirmation.

STEP 3 : In 3 working days, you will receive FRC Entrance Test QCA Booklet - Question-cum-Answer Booklet . It will have questions and space for answers printed on them.

STEP 4: Candidates must print the QCA and attempt the questions in their own handwriting. Once completed, they may scan it and send it back to us by email.

STEP 5: Once we receive your application booklet, we shall inform you about your selection within 5 working days or before.

Candidates encouraged to apply

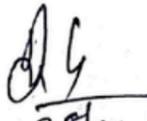
- Each state has two seats reserved at FRC for all India, diverse crowd.
- Candidates from the North east and far South are encouraged to apply.
- Women candidates are encouraged to apply (40% seats reserved for women)
- Candidates who are nearing their attempts exhaustion and are unable to figure out the answer *why me* - are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates who have done SFG as day scholars / online mode and are unable to break the prelims failure loop are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates who have done their foundation from any coaching, but feel now they need to consolidate and refine their preparation - and probably get a rank

CASE STUDY #1 | “अभिषेक को मैंने IAS नहीं बनाया, फोरम ने इसे IAS बनाया। आपने इसको पहचाना और तराशा। “ - Mr. Ashok Sharma, Teacher at Navodaya School, F/O Abhishek Sharma, IAS Rank 38, Morena (MP)

Thank you FRC for transforming the life of my loving son Abhishek Sharma who secured UPSC AIR 38. in the year 2024, Actually forum is the place which guided him right from day one to the final result. I express my sincere gratitude and thanks on behalf of my entire family.

Thank you forum.

Sincerely your


28/04/2025
Ashok Sharma

When a Navodaya school teacher from Morena(MP), Mr Ashok Kumar Sharma's son came back home from Delhi, after 2 failed attempts at Civil Services Prelims, he did not know what to do. Abhishek Sharma had lost faith in Civil services preparation and coaching as a whole. He had done edTech courses and offline coaching in Delhi and what not - but he could not even clear the prelims. Mr Ashok Sharma - being a teacher himself encouraged Abhishek to apply for ForumIAS Residential Coaching for his prelims and Mains and leave the comfort of home . Abhishek - who had never cleared Civil Services prelims before, not only cleared Civil Services Prelims (87.98), but also the Indian Forest Service Cut off (100.35). He secured Rank 38 in the same year.

Abhishek Sharma [redacted]@gmail.com> Wed, Oct 18, 2023, 2:23 PM
to ravi ▾

Hello sir,

I am interested in the FRC Programme and meet the eligibility criteria but I have some queries regarding the specifics of the programme. Is there a way to connect with anyone who has answered/resolved?

My contact number is [redacted] in case you want to reach me.

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Regards,

Abhishek Sharma

Abhishek Sharma, now IAS officer



Abhishek Sharma as a student in January 2024



CASE STUDY 2 | Zinnia Aurora, Haryana / Delhi Girl, IPS

Zinnia Aurora <zinniaaurora7@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 27, 2023, 11:52 AM



to ravi ▾

Hi,

I wanted to know if SFG Residential's results have been declared? I'm unable to find them on the website or otherwise.

Best regards,
Zinnia

As a student on
July 2, 2024

As an IPS officer in
May 2025

When Zinnia Aurora - an otherwise bright student from St. Stephens – could not clear Prelims multiple times, she came to know about ForumIAS through her friends. She followed ForumIAS Academy for SFG and FRC. She wrote her first Mains and appeared for her first interview in the same year and secured Rank 156 - and a place in the **Indian Police Service**.

Both of Zinnia's parents are Civil Servants. She is based out of Delhi itself and left the comfort of her home before she moved to FRC for her preparation in June 2024



The best thing about FRC was those overall environment and the studies and group discussions did we at 2AM - and regular sessions ensured we worked with complete focus - looking only at our goal - like a horse with blinders on - always looking ahead.

Zinnia Aurora, IPS, CSE 2024 | St. Stephens | Haryana

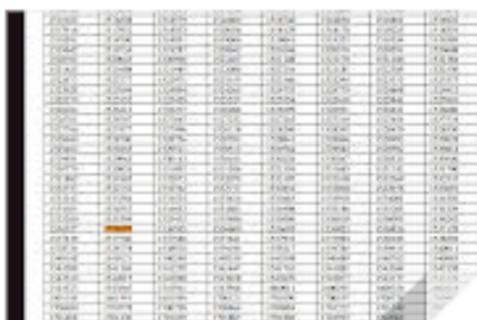
CASE STUDY 3 | Devika S, Patna

Women's College, IRPFS

Devika Suraksha [redacted]@gmail.com> Mon, Jul 1, 2024, 7:27 PM
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Nothing to say ...only gratitude.
Qualified Prelims for the first time...five attempts and seven years.
Regards
Devika.

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When Devika spent 6 years and 4 attempts without success in Civil Services Prelims – she lost all hope. She had done everything - moved to Delhi to take coaching, gone back and studied at home in Patna doing self study and following online gurus to what not. At last she came to ForumIAS Residential Coaching (FRC) . An alumni of Patna Women's college, she had always been bright in school and Civil Services was the only exam she had ever failed. At FRC, she not only cleared the prelims - after 7 years - but also made it to the UPSC final list in the same year fulfilling the dreams of her family

As a student on July 2, 2024



As an officer a year later



At Tapasya / FRC, we train you for success. In life.

Mohit cleared the Indian Economic Service as with Rank 1

← S Std Mohit Agg

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the ForuMIAS Team for being an indispensable part of my journey to securing AIR 1 in the UPSC Indian Economic Service Examination 2025.

Being part of FRC 4 and 5 was truly transformative. The invaluable guidance of Ayush Sir, Shantanu Sir and Chandan Sir not only sharpened my concepts but also helped me unlock my fullest potential. Aayesha ma'am helped in ensuring peaceful environment at TAPASYA. The environment at TAPASYA was nothing short of phenomenal—immersive, motivating, and intellectually stimulating. It provided me with the discipline, clarity, and confidence required to excel in this challenging examination.

This success would not have been possible without ForuMIAS' unwavering support, and I will always remain grateful for the role it played in my preparation. Thank you Ayush sir.

– Mohit Aggarwal (Tehsildar & Executive Magistrate)
AIR 1, Indian Economic Service (IES)

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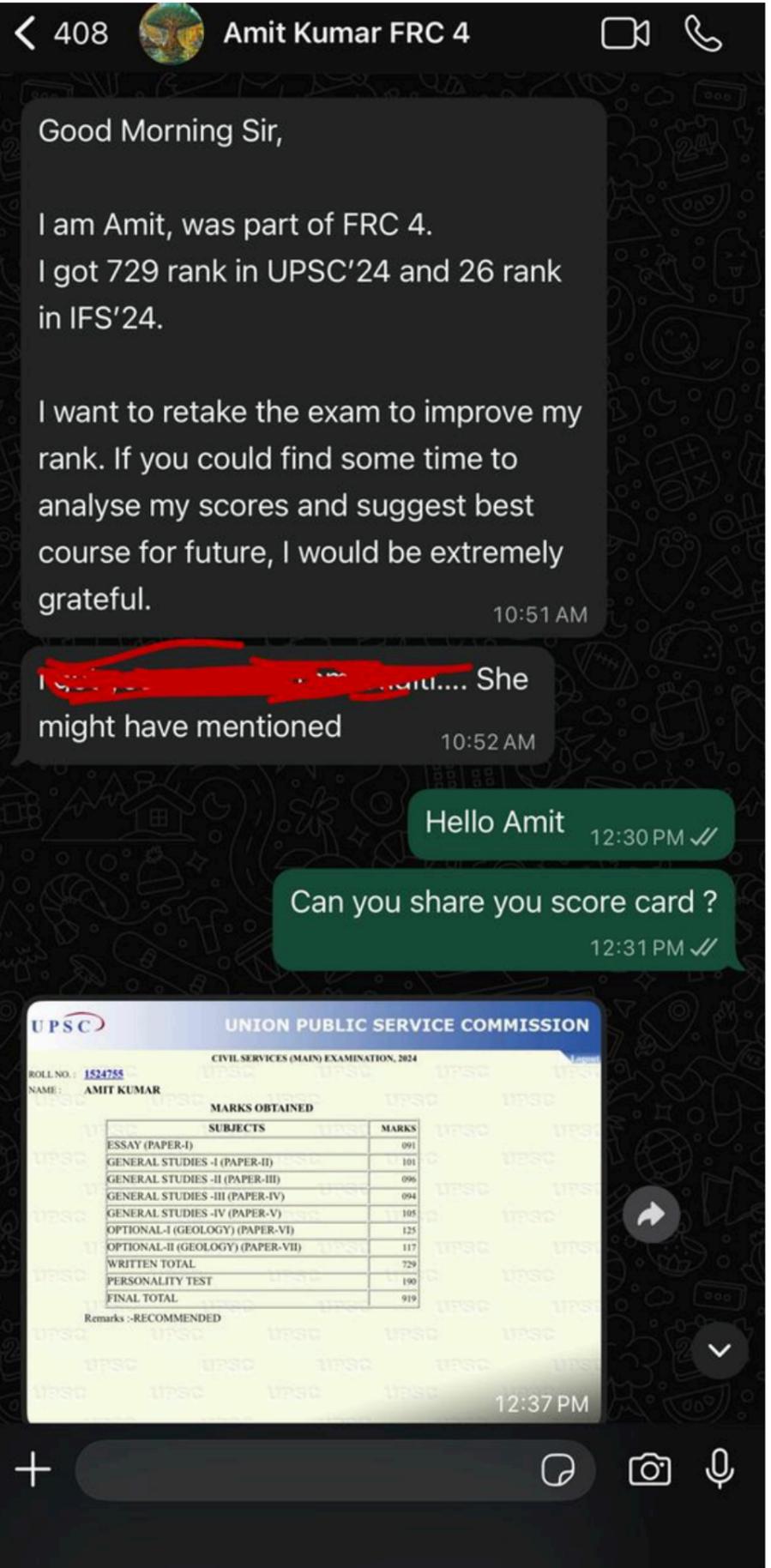
Haha, thank you. That AIR 1 has a different sound altogether

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Sir 🙏

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Message



Amit cleared his 1st prelims with SFG and FRC - clearing both CSE and IFoS

!All that a student needs

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Our Goal

We have done *two* things we are very proud of.

First, helped our students get Rank 1 several times in past 14 years.

Second, we have helped peopel clear the Civil Services exam - making it to the final list in their 5th and 6th attempt after they failed to clear prelims in 5 years.

And we have done so by making them do a lot of *tapasya*.

At Tapasya / FRC, we have one simple goal.

To get the next Rank 1 from FRC.

If you know someone who shares a common goal with us, you may write to us at contact@forumias.com

Our philosophy

We started our journey of guiding aspirants in 2012, when we founded ForumIAS.com.

We are completely boot-strapped, self-funded, and are NOT owned by a Chinese company. We try to do good work, help people and create a sustainable business where our students find value in things we do.

We take great efforts in building a community for Civil Services preparation on our free platform forumias.com. We continue to believe in peer learning.

And we put even greater efforts in making the Academy a serious, academically oriented, rigorous training organization that gives value to its students, not just free stuff.

We are sometimes strict with our students, make them wake up at 7AM, so that they develop the discipline to clear this exam.

We don't (and won't) do everything for *free*. Here is why

Q.47) If a commodity is provided free to the public by the Government, then

(a) the opportunity cost is zero.

(b) the opportunity cost is ignored.

(c) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the tax-paying public.

(d) the opportunity cost is transferred from the consumers of the product to the Government.

Source : Civil Services Preliminary Examination, 2018 | Correct Answer as per the Official UPSC key : [C]

We spend everything that we earn on delivering services to our students, keeping a small margin.

We have been there since ~~8-9-10-11-12-13~~ 14 years now, and we have delivered *results*.

We will always focus on doing things that *help* people *succeed*.

And we'll bank on your word of mouth support for our *growth*.

We are an academic institute *first*, a technology company *second*, a knowledge and social media company *third*, and we'll *never* be an advertising company.