

Way Ahead for FRC Students appearing for the Mains Examination, 2026

Dear Students,

As the Mains Examination gets over, all FRC students who have appeared for the Mains examination 2026, will have two choices.

1. Exit the campus as the course has gotten over and complete exit formalities by August 31st.
2. Continue in the campus as a part of FRC #15 Cohort

ForumIAS Mentor Recommendation

It is recommended that students who were a part of MFG and appeared for Mains 2026 follow a three pronged strategy

1. Be adequately prepared for the Personality Test (PT) whose result is expected in about 3 months time. Note that every year hundreds of students miss out on final selection because they were not at all expecting / prepared for the PT and they for some reason got their interview call in the first week. Note that the Commission has been known to be unpredictable and has even commenced the PT within a week of the results - leaving candidates unprepared. We advise you to do the below for the PT
 - a. Read at least ONE newspaper, and ideally upto 2 Newspapers (for those targeting a top score)
 - b. Work on your communication and presentation skills (requires time)
 - c. Take some current classes so that you do not become a *tabula rasa* when your Interview comes because you have not studied after Mains (usually happens with most people in first interview)
2. Take a second iteration for the Mains - both GS and Optional and work on your weak areas. We shall be continuing with FRC #15 for the same and advise students to continue with the same. We recommend that you write a journal entry about your Mains exam identifying your immediate feeling after the exam.
3. Take up work in neighbourhood areas - either a job or an internship with a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) where you can contribute meaningfully as well as get relevant experience and talking points for the PT. We are working with NGOs in and around Naugaon for the same and interested students who stay back are strongly advised to participate in it. This is strongly advised for students who have 2+ more years of gap.

FRC #15 - Mains Preparation & Strengthening

Candidates who plan to stay back at Tapasya, must be enrolled in FRC #15 to continue in the campus. Candidates who plan to write IFoS however may continue in the campus without being part of any FRC Cohort subject to availability of seats and case to case basis approval.

FRC #15 is closely aligned with what we want to achieve for anyone who has written the Mains examination. It shall contain

1. 3 days / week - 1 Hour tests
2. Mains PYQ brainstorming sessions

3. 2-3 classes of Current Affairs (GS 2&3) / week by Dipin Sir (same as that in Delhi Center)
4. Optional Support via Optional Expert Faculties through separate programs
5. MGP Tests - Weekly / Every Module completion - Up to 12 Tests.
6. GSAP Classes Modules.

The schedule is going to be much lighter compared to the MFG / SFG - Residential Batches given that it is expected that students now have the wisdom of good utilisation of time available with them.

Fee Structure

The fee structure for FRC #15 is graded in 3 groups

Group 1 - **Rs. 49,000** / Group 2 - **Rs. 54,000** / Group 3 - **Rs. 59,000**

Please note that this includes the cost for

1. MGP - 12 Tests + CA Classes for Mains + AWFG + PYQ Brainstorming + GSAP Classes Modules (Rs. 14000+15000+7000+50,000 = Rs. 86,000)

Fee Structure for Students who have been part of MFG Residential (either at FRC - GGN / MFG in 2025 KB Center - (because there was no FRC for Mains 2025) or MFG - 2026 at Tapasya

(This factors in the point that students may have done GSAP modules already and this may be repetition, so the fee does not reflect the fee of GSAP classes.). However it is recommended that those of you who have not been able to finish Mains modules because of paucity of time, utilise this time to finish off the modules.

#	Enrolled for	Fee Structure
1	MFG at FRC (GGN/ Tapasya) or MFG 2025 (KB) and appeared for Mains in 2024/2025/2026	Rs. 31,000
2	MFG at FRC (GGN/ Tapasya) or MFG 2025 (KB) But NOT appeared for Mains in 2024/2025/2026	Rs. 35,000
3	Existing FRC Students who have never been part of MFG but only taken Prelims FRC Courses	Rs. 39,000

Nirvanavan Foundation & Tapasya

1. Tapasya is working with Nirvanavan Foundation to spread education in the community. It is recommended that students who have written the Mains apply for working with the foundation and render community services (such as teaching school students in nearby areas) for the next 3-6 months committing few hours every week.
2. This will provide interview appearing students both - talking points in interview and actual ground level experience for the work rendered.
3. A certificate from the foundation may be provided for students who complete the community service for at least 6 weeks - few hours every week.
4. No remuneration will be paid by the foundation for the community service.

About Nirvanavan Foundation

A grass-roots non-profit organisation in Alwar, Rajasthan, providing education and welfare support to marginalised and nomadic tribal communities. Founded in 1999 by Nirvana Bodhisattva, it works with vulnerable groups such as the Nat, Kanjar, Banjara, and Sapera communities.

- Education: Runs 12 Community Based Learning centres educating 550+ children, with girls forming the majority.
- Sujata Rasoi: Provides free bed-to-bed meals for admitted patients at Government General Hospital, Alwar.
- Art Mela for World Peace: Annual event bringing vulnerable children together with mainstream artists and musicians.
- Environmental Work: Promotes rainwater harvesting and tree plantation drives.