



**GEOGRAPHY**

**OPTIONAL**

**— SMART —**  
**COURSE**

**▶ REC Recorded Classes**



# Why Optional Matter in UPSC CSE

Choosing the right optional subject in UPSC CSE Mains can significantly influence your chances of success. It's a highly strategic decision and should be based on multiple factors such as your background, interest, aptitude, availability of resources, and overlap with GS papers. Below is a detailed evaluation of each of the subjects you mentioned — both English and Hindi medium options — to help you make an informed choice:

## Optional Subject

### The Hidden Power in UPSC Mains



#### 500 Marks at Stake

Optional contributes **500 out of 1750** marks in the Mains exam. A high score here can **transform your final rank**.

#### The Real Differentiator

While GS papers level the field, the **optional creates the gap**. Many toppers owe their ranks to an outstanding optional score.



#### Scoring with Strategy

Optional subjects, with a **well-defined syllabus** and **less competition**, offer a chance to score **much higher than GS papers** — if approached smartly.

#### Subject Familiarity Pays Off

Choosing an optional aligned with your **interest or academic background** makes preparation smoother and answers stronger.



#### Overlap = Smart Preparation

Subjects like Geography, PSIR, and Sociology offer content that overlaps with **GS, Essay, and Interview**, giving you **multiple benefits from single preparation**.

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# Exploring the Merits of Geography

## Scientific, Logical & Easy to Grasp

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Geography is concept-based, supported by maps and diagrams, making it highly **visual, logical, and easy to understand.**



## Extensive Overlap with GS Syllabus

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Major portions of General Studies paper **1, 2 and 3** are covered in **Geography Optional. 1/3rd of Questions** in Prelims are asked from Geography

## High Scoring with the Right Strategy

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With a structured approach, aspirants can comfortably score **300+ marks**, making it a reliable and rewarding optional.



## Edge in Prelims

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Geography optional students often have the advantage of easily answering **30+ questions in Prelims**, especially in Environment and Geography sections.

## Rich Availability of Study Material

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From **NCERTs to advanced standard books**, resources are **plentiful and well-structured** for comprehensive preparation.



## Consistent Success Rate

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Geography continues to be one of the **most preferred and successful optionals**, with a high number of selections year after year.

# Recorded Lectures

Topic no	Topic
1.	Human Geography
2.	Indian Geography
3.	Indian Geography
4.	Geomorphology & Climatology
5.	Oceanography
6.	Biogeography
7.	Environment Geography

# Our Faculty



**Bhuvan Apoorva Jha**

**Geography**

An engineer by qualification and a **Communication & Policy Specialist** by profession, Bhuvan Apoorva Jha has served as the **Lead English Commentator for the Government of India for over 8 years.**

With rich experience in **public communication and analysis**, he has been mentoring aspirants for **UPSC, CAT**, and other competitive exams.

His core areas of expertise include:

- **Geography**
- **International Relations**
- **Personality Development & Interview Guidance**

He is especially known for helping aspirants refine their **attitude, aptitude, and approach**—key elements for success in the **UPSC personality test.**

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