



**SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR
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Chromepet, Chennai- 600 044**

Academic Year: 2024-25.

Club: Quiz club

PROGRAMME TYPE	Awareness programme
Year	First year
PROGRAMME TITLE	Conquering competitive exams
VENUE	Mini Auditorium
DATE	17/02/2025
NO. OF RESOURCE PERSONS	1
NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	161

RESOURCE PERSON PROFILE

The resource person for the event is S. Rajasekaran, who holds a B.Tech and MBA. He is:

- Project Head at Veranda IAS (an institute specializing in UPSC exam coaching)
- A UPSC exam trainer and author, with expertise in guiding aspirants through their preparation journey.-

Department members as follows:

Vice President: Mrs Sridevi

Staff Co ordinator: Dr Siji Jose

Student Co ordinators: S. Keerthana, Vijeta baskaran

REPORT

The event is a workshop titled "Conquering Competitive Exams – A Strategic Approach", organized by the Quiz Club and Ability to Access Cell of Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women (Autonomous), Chennai on February 17, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Mini Auditorium of the college.

This event is ideal for students aiming to appear for competitive exams, as it will equip them with useful strategies and insights from an experienced mentor in the field.

Summary:

The workshop aimed at providing students with a structured and strategic approach to preparing for competitive exams, especially **Civil Services (UPSC/TNPSC)**. The session covered essential aspects of competitive exam preparation, including **types of exams, eligibility criteria, exam structure, syllabus breakdown, and recommended study materials**.

The PowerPoint presentation focused on the following key areas:

1. **Career Opportunities in Civil Services**
 - Importance and prestige of government services.
 - Overview of UPSC & TNPSC exams.
2. **Types of Government Examinations**
 - UPSC Exams (IAS, IPS, IFS, etc.).
 - Other Central & State-level exams.
3. **Civil Services Examination Breakdown**
 - Preliminary Exam: General Studies & CSAT.
 - Mains Exam: Written test & Interview process.
 - List of optional subjects and scoring pattern.
4. **Eligibility Criteria**
 - Educational qualifications.
 - Age limits for different categories.
 - Fee structure and exemptions.
5. **Suggested Study Materials & Resources**
 - NCERT books for core subjects.
 - Recommended magazines and yearbooks.
 - Importance of mentorship and coaching support.

STRENGTHS OF THE PROGRAM

- **Comprehensive Exam Coverage**

Detailed discussion on UPSC, TNPSC, and other government exams, including syllabus, structure, and eligibility.

- **Strategic Preparation Tips**

Emphasized time management, study resources (NCERT, magazines), and subject-wise planning.

- **Motivational and Career-Oriented**

Inspired students to consider Civil Services as a career and highlighted the prestige of public service.

- **Interactive & Engaging Session**

Provided real-life success stories, Q&A opportunities, and practical exam strategies.

- **Well-Organized Event**

Efficient coordination by the Quiz Club & Ability to Access Cell, ensuring smooth execution.

- **Encouragement for Future Aspirants**

Helped students gain confidence and clarity in their competitive exam journey.

CHALLENGES

The challenge that we faced is that Problems with **microphone** disrupted the session and also Some students might have different levels of understanding about competitive exams, making it challenging to cater to everyone's needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Test audio-visual equipment, microphones, and presentation slides beforehand to avoid disruptions. Share handouts, PDF notes, or recommended book lists so students can continue learning after the session.

PROGRAM OUTCOME

The workshop "Conquering Competitive Exams – A Strategic Approach" provided students with valuable insights into UPSC, TNPSC, and other government exams. Led by S. Rajasekaran (Project Head, Veranda IAS), it covered exam patterns, study strategies, and resource recommendations, boosting students' confidence and motivation. The session also emphasized effective time management and structured preparation, helping participants set clear career goals. Additionally, it created networking and mentorship opportunities, ensuring continued guidance. Overall, the event enhanced students' readiness and aspirations for competitive exams.

Please describe the type of event that falls under any of the following categories.

S.No.	Name of the Event	Yes/No
1.	TechFest	
2.	AcademicFest	
3.	Forum/ClubActivities	Yes
4.	Language/CommunicationSkill	
5.	Sports	
6.	SustainableDevelopmentGoals(SDG)	
7.	IKS(IndianKnowledge System)	
8.	NEP(NationalEducationPolicy)	
9.	LifeSkill	
10.	CapacityBuilding	
11.	Skill-Based	
12.	Value Added	
13.	SoftSkill	
14.	Outreach	
15.	Curriculum-Based	
16.	Voluntary/Charity	
17.	AwarenessinTrends/Technology	