**Pre-Examination Coaching for UPSC Civil Services Examination - 2013 (IAS)**

The **Dr BR Ambedkar Centre for Excellence** **(ACE)** intends to promote intellectual excellence among SC/ ST Boys and Girls in the State of West Bengal. As yet another major initiative in this direction, ACE has decided to offer **Pre-Examination Coaching for meritorious SC/ST aspirants intending to appear in the Civil Services Examination 2013 conducted by the UPSC.  Such Pre Examination Coaching will be Residential in nature and provided through reputed IAS Study Centers in Delhi**. West Bengal Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Development & Finance Corporation (WBSCSTDFC) has been entrusted with execution of the Project on a turnkey basis by the Backward Classes Welfare Department of the Government of West Bengal.   Eligibility Criteria Students belonging to SC/ ST community and permanent residents of West Bengal may apply to avail the opportunity if they fulfill the following criteria & standard:-

1. Must have valid Caste/ Tribe Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
2. **Age m**ust be at between 21 and 30 years as on 01/08/2013 (Born between 01/08/1983 & 01/08/1992)

**Educational Qualification:**

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| **Serial** | **Level** | **Cut-off Mark (Aggregate)** |
| **SC** | **ST** |
| 1 | Madhyamik or Equivalent | 80% | 70% |
| 2 (a) | HS or Equivalent (Science/ Commerce Stream) | 75% | 65% |
| 2 (b) | HS or Equivalent (Arts/ Other Stream) | 65% | 55% |
| 3 (a) | Honours Graduate (Science/ Commerce) | 65% | 55% |
| 3(b) | Honours Graduate (Arts) | 60% | 50% |
| 3 (c) | Technical Graduate | 75% | 65% |

* + Should be agreeable to undergo intensive residential coaching for 8 months in Delhi
	+ Annual Family income must not exceed Rs. 4.50 lakh.

  B.How to Apply Apply online through the URL **–** [**http://www.wbsed.gov.in/wbscstdfc**](http://www.wbsed.gov.in/wbscstdfc) **-** application in any other form would not be accepted. After submission of on-line application an acknowledgement would be generated online. Such online acknowledgement would be construed as sufficient proof of successful submission. **Applicants will be able to download filled-in application form in printable \*.pdf format. For any clarification applicants may contact help line at 033 65501888.**   C.No. of candidates to be finally selected (a) Scheduled Caste (SC) candidates – 35
(b) Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates – 15
The number is tentative and subject to availability of suitable candidates. The authority reserves the right to vary the Caste/ Tribe wise quota, depending upon the actual availability of suitable candidates.   D.Selection Process a) Eligible candidates would be called for a **Written Test** to be conducted in Kolkata
b) Venue, Date, Time etc. of Written Test would be intimated through **Telephone/ Post**
c) Written Test would be administered by Independent External Agency
d) Successful candidates will have to appear in an **Interview**
e) Final selection will be made on the basis of results of **Written Test, Interview and annual family income. Candidates belonging to families of lower income group shall be given preference.**   E.Fees for Coaching The State Government shall bear the entire cost of Training for the finally selected candidates. The total cost of the Training would be about Rs. 2,25,000/- per Trainee including cost of Boarding and Lodging.The candidates have to contribute a nominal amount of Rs. 1000/- per month for 8-12 months depending upon the duration of coaching, the amount being a commitment for excellence on part of the student. However, no contribution is required for the candidates belonging to families having annual income up to Rs. 40,000/- (Rural Areas)/ Rs.55,000/- (Urban Areas).   F. Study Centre

**M/S Vajiram & Ravi, a reputed study centre located in Delhi** has been selected for conducting the pre-examination training.

Progress: Registration of candidates through on-line application is in progress.