

# SCHEDULE



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## About the Faculty – PSIR

| Faculty       | Credentials         | Core Areas of Strength   |
|---------------|---------------------|--|
| Mayank Sir    | CSE 2024 Interview  | Paper 1 Scorer (~150)  |
| Radhika Ma'am | Assistant Professor | PhD, NET-JRF, MA (PSIR), Published Writer ( <i>Diplomatist.com</i> ) |
| SS Raman Sir  | CSE 2024 Interview  | LLB, MA (Pol. Sci), Governance & Legal Background                    |

### PSIR Complete Timetable (Paper 1 & 2)

Class Duration: Max 2 hours/day , 4 DAYS A WEEK, ON ALTERNATE DAYS  
(M-W-F-S)-MONDAY-WED-FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Total duration Required: 3-4 months.

### PSIR Paper 1A: Political Theory and Indian Political Thought

| Order | Topic Code | Topic Name   | Faculty       |
|-------|------------|--|---------------|
| 1     | 1          | Political Theory: Meaning and Approaches   | Mayank Sir    |
| 2     | 8          | Political Ideologies: Liberalism, Socialism, Marxism, Fascism, Gandhism, and Feminism                | Radhika Ma'am |
| 3     | 10         | Western Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Mill, Marx, Gramsci, Arendt | Mayank Sir    |
| 4     | 2          | Theories of State: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial, Feminist                 | Mayank Sir    |
| 5     | 3          | Justice: Rawls and Communitarian Critiques   | Mayank Sir    |
| 6     | 4          | Equality: Social, Political, Economic; Relationship with Freedom; Affirmative Action                 | Mayank Sir    |
| 7     | 5          | Rights: Meaning, Theories, Human Rights  | Mayank Sir    |
| 8     | 6          | Democracy: Classical and Contemporary Theories; Models—Representative, Participatory, Deliberative   | Mayank Sir    |
| 9     | 7          | Concept of Power: Hegemony, Ideology, Legitimacy   | Mayank Sir    |

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| 10 | 9 | Indian Political Thought: Dharmashastra, Arthashastra, Buddhism, Gandhi, Ambedkar, Roy, etc. | Mayank Sir |
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**PSIR Paper 1B: Indian Government and Politics**

| Order | Topic Code | Topic Name  | Faculty       |
|-------|------------|---|---------------|
| 1     | 1          | Political Strategies of India's Freedom Struggle                                      | Mayank Sir    |
| 2     | 1(b)       | Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Dalit, etc.    | Mayank Sir    |
| 3     | 2          | Making of the Constitution: British Legacy, Social-Political Views                    | Mayank Sir    |
| 4     | 3          | Salient Features of Constitution: Preamble, FRs, DPSPs, Parliament, Basic Structure   | Mayank Sir    |
| 5     | 4          | Principal Organs: Union and State—Executive, Legislature, Judiciary                   | Mayank Sir    |
| 6     | 5          | Grassroots Democracy: Panchayati Raj, 73rd & 74th Amendments                          | Mayank Sir    |
| 7     | 7          | Federalism: Provisions, Centre-State Relations, Disputes, Aspirations                 | Mayank Sir    |
| 8     | 9          | Caste, Religion, and Ethnicity in Indian Politics                                     | Radhika Ma'am |
| 9     | 10         | Party System: National, Regional Parties, Coalitions, Pressure Groups                 | Radhika Ma'am |
| 10    | 11         | Social Movements: Women's, Civil Liberties, Environmental, etc.                       | Radhika Ma'am |
| 11    | 8          | Planning and Economic Development: Nehruvian, Gandhian Views, Reforms, Liberalisation | SS Raman Sir  |
| 12    | 6          | Statutory/Regulatory Institutions: CAG, EC, NHRC, UPSC, Finance Comm., etc.           | SS Raman Sir  |

**PSIR Paper 2A: Comparative Politics and International Relations**

| <b>Order</b> | <b>Topic Code</b> | <b>Topic Name</b>   | <b>Faculty</b> |
|--------------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| 1            | 1                 | Comparative Politics: Nature, Approaches; Political Economy, Sociology, Limitations                 | Radhika Ma'am  |
| 2            | 5                 | Approaches to IR: Idealist, Realist, Marxist, Functionalist, Systems Theory                         | Radhika Ma'am  |
| 3            | 6                 | Key Concepts: National Interest, Power, Balance of Power, Deterrence, Globalisation                 | Radhika Ma'am  |
| 4            | 7                 | International Political Order: Superpowers, NAM, Cold War, Unipolarity                              | Radhika Ma'am  |
| 5            | 2                 | State in Comparative Perspective: Capitalist, Socialist, Developing States                          | SS Raman Sir   |
| 6            | 3                 | Politics of Representation & Participation: Parties, Movements in Advanced and Developing Societies | SS Raman Sir   |
| 7            | 8                 | Evolution of International Economic System: Bretton Woods, WTO, NIEO                                | SS Raman Sir   |
| 8            | 11                | Global Concerns: Democracy, Environment, Terrorism, HR, Gender, Nuclear                             | SS Raman Sir   |
| 9            | 4                 | Globalisation: Developed vs Developing Countries' Responses   | Mayank Sir     |
| 10           | 9                 | United Nations: Role, Agencies, Reforms   | Mayank Sir     |
| 11           | 10                | Regionalisation of World Politics: EU, ASEAN, APEC, NAFTA, AARC                                     | Mayank Sir     |

**PSIR Paper 2B: India and the World**

| <b>Order</b> | <b>Topic Code</b> | <b>Topic Name</b>   | <b>Faculty</b> |
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| 1            | 1                 | Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants, Institutions, Continuity, Change | Mayank Sir     |
| 2            | 2                 | India and NAM: Phases, Relevance                                      | Radhika Ma'am  |

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| 3 | 3 | India and South Asia: SAARC, Free Trade, Look East, Disputes     | Radhika Ma'am |
| 4 | 5 | India and Global Centres: US, EU, China, Russia, Japan           | Radhika Ma'am |
| 5 | 8 | Recent Developments: Israel, Afghanistan, Iraq, New World Order  | Radhika Ma'am |
| 6 | 4 | India and Global South: Africa, Latin America, NIEO, WTO         | Mayank Sir    |
| 7 | 6 | India and UN System: Peacekeeping, UNSC Seat Demand              | Mayank Sir    |
| 8 | 7 | India and Nuclear Question: Policy, Security, Strategic Autonomy | Mayank Sir    |

**NOTE** : SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGES IN EVERY ASPECT. IN CAASE OF ANY EXIGENCY TECHNICAL  
OR  
OTHERWISE.