

PROFILE

S.SIVARAJAVEL

Two Decades of Sociology Excellence

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A National Legacy in Civil Services Education

Mr. S. SIVARAJAVEL is a towering figure in India's Civil Services ecosystem, widely regarded as one of the most influential mentors in UPSC Sociology. With over two decades of academic leadership, he has mentored 10,000+ aspirants, playing a direct role in the success of 480+ UPSC selections and 1,500+ TNPSC appointments.

What sets him apart is not only his teaching excellence, but his rare first-hand understanding of the UPSC process-having appeared for the UPSC Personality Test three times. This experience enables him to guide aspirants with an unmatched, end-to-end perspective-seamlessly integrating sociological theory, answer writing strategy, and interview preparedness.

The “Sivarajavel Method” Redefining Sociology Preparation for UPSC

Mr. Sivarajavel's pedagogy marks a decisive departure from rote learning. His approach is deeply analytical, strategically structured, and aligned with the interdisciplinary and dynamic nature of modern UPSC question papers.

Key Pillars of His Teaching Framework

Comprehensive Integrated Sociology Masterclasses

- 200+ hours of in-depth Master Classes
- A Scientific **4-layered academic framework** covering the entire Sociology syllabus
- Paper I and Paper II (Indian Society) taught as a **single, integrated discipline**

Dictated Model Answers for Mains Excellence

- Carefully dictated, exam-ready answers to help fresher's overcome articulation barriers
- Enables precise reproduction of complex sociological concept with academic rigor

Scientifically Curated Study Materials

- Authoritative two-volume Sociology notes
- Model answer booklets sourced from All-India toppers

Mentored by S.Sivarajavel

The Legendary “Hit List”

- An annual predictive question framework
- Maintained an extraordinary 95%+ question prediction accuracy for 15 consecutive years

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“The Social Fact”

“The Social Fact” – Sociology Current Affairs Magazine

A monthly, syllabus-mapped publication that transforms current affairs into sociological value addition for Mains answers bridging theory with contemporary realities. This is a zero cost initiative for the welfare of the aspirants community.

100-Day Sociology

Answer Writing Challenge

100-Day Sociology Answer Writing Challenge

A discipline-driven program completing the entire syllabus through daily answer writing, with personal evaluation and feedback directly from Mr. S.Sivarajavel.

Sociology Reboot Programme

Sociology Reboot Programme

Designed for repeaters and veterans, this program employs scorecard diagnostics, high-level keyword enrichment, and inter-paper linkages to elevate answers to topper standards.

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Sociology Test Series**Sociology Test Series**

Gateway to Score 300+ in UPSC Sociology!

Master answer writing with our elite 336-Question Program in two phases:

Phase I (Beginners): Complete syllabus coverage through 108 targeted questions.

Phase II (Veterans): Seamless Paper I & II integration via 228 advanced questions.

“Around the Globe”**Sociology Series****“Around the Globe” Sociology Series**

Sociology Current Affairs initiative open for all the students to enrich classical sociological theories—Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and beyond—with contemporary global case studies and to enhance analytical depth and relevance.

Sociology – Target Group

This program is designed for aspirants who are enrolled in test series elsewhere but seek focused value addition to enhance answer quality and scores. Proven score-improvement strategies are imparted through personalized mentoring sessions conducted after detailed test evaluation, enabling aspirants to bridge gaps and perform at a higher level in Mains.

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A DECADE OF DISTINCTION : TAMIL NADU STATE TOPPERS MENTORED by SIVARAJAVEL



MENTORING ALL INDIA **SOCIOLOGY TOPPERS FOR** **15 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**



Mr. Abhijit Asokan
279/500 | 2025



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268/500 | 2024



Saurabh Sharma
306/500 | 2023



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298/500 | 2022



Ms. Angeline Renita R
257/500 | 2021



Ms. E.G. Shunmuga Valli, IRS
303/500 | 2020



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275/500 | 2019



Mr. S. Sai Murali, IFS
321/500 | 2018



Ms. A. Priyanaka Bothra, IRS
289/500 | 2017



Mr. Ankit Asokan, IPS
303/500 | 2016



Ms. Sharanaya Ari, IAS
256/500 | 2015



Mr. Atul Kulkarni, IPS
286/500 | 2014



Mr. Selvanagarathinam S, IPS
240/500 | 2013



Mr. R Baskaran, IPS
197/500 | 2012



Mr. T. Ramkumar, IFS
198/500 | 2011

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POOJA MALINI



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528

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AIR
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SREEVASTAV



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KAJAL SINGH



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KATYAYANI SINGH



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AIR
680

Mr. SIDDHARTH KRISHNA



AIR
697

Mr. NAGA RAJA NAIK BANOUTHU



AIR
766

Ms. HARSHITA MEHANOT



AIR
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MANI KARAN SONI



PRAVEEN DIANAMPELLY



BANOTHU BHARATH KUMAR



SANJAY

VOICE OF SUCCESS

ABHIJIT ASOKAN

AIR-234 | CSE 2025

SOCIOLOGY SCORE **279** MARKS



Following the success of my brother, Mr. Ankit Ashokan, IPS who secured 303 marks in Sociology under the guidance of Sivarajavel Sir, I chose Smart Leaders IAS Academy for my Sociology optional preparation.

Despite choosing the online mode, Sivarajavel Sir was always available and accessible during doubt-clearing and live sessions, making the distance feel irrelevant.

I also wrote Sir's year-long Test series (METIS) which was instrumental in my success. It covers the entire syllabus through nearly 380 PYQs, ensuring complete conceptual clarity. The discussion notes provided after each test became my primary revision tool, allowing me to consolidate the vast syllabus efficiently before the mains.



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NITISHA THAKWANI
AIR-133 | CSE 2024



I would sincerely like to thank Sivarajavel sir for his continuous support throughout UPSC journey.

His test series had question that directly came in the final examinations that helped me better answer the questions .

Sivarajavel sir gave ready made introduction and conclusion along with model answer which helped me recollect the answer under pressure situations.

He was not just a mentor but a friend whom i could conatct any time i faced any problem.He used to constantly motivate me that its in my potential that i can crack the examination.

Thank you sir not just for sociology but for motivating me during low times.



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Mr.SAURABH SHARMA
AIR-23 | CSE 2023



Sociology test series by Sivarajavel sir proved to be immensely helpful in my Mains preparation.

Sivarajavel sir used to provide model answers during test dicussion with ready made introduction and conclusion ,which often gets repeated in (UPSC CSE Mains) exam.

He was a constant pillar of support. I would like to thank him for my success.



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Mr.B. KARTHIK , IPS

AIR-488 | CSE 2022



I OWE SO MUCH OF MY SUCCESS TO SIVARAJAVEL SIR

because he was my tutor as well as my mentor.His strategy yielded so much marks in sociology.

This time i got 298 marks in Sociology.

Beacause of his classes ,Test batch discussion and rewriting of the discussed answers i was able to score so much marks in Sociology.

I was called for interview three times and sociology was the reason for being called for the interview all the three times.If you are a fresher and struggling with answer writing sivarajavel sir's dictated answer are a bulk of source ,you can just like that write mains..



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AN IRIS SUCCESS STORY

Ms.S.S.SHOBIKA , IAS

AIR-275 | CSE 2019



My optional was Sociology and Sivarajavel sir was my mentor . I scored around 275 in my optional, which was quite a high score in that year where marks were low for optionals.

“For the optional, I didn't even read books; I only read sir's class notes.

Sir is a good mentor and I have been mentored by him. There are a lot more toppers who had been mentored by him earlier.

So it's a right place. my big thanks to sir...



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Ms.M.THAMARAI PRIYA, IRS
AIR-424 | CSE 2020



Sivarajavel sir's personal inputs has helped me to secure good marks in sociology...

He helped me to change my strategy and to include current affairs in sociology.



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Mr.K.RAJIV, IIS
AIR-724 | CSE 2020



Sivarajavel sir's right guidance and timely motivation enabled me to achieve this feat. I personally dedicate my success to him.



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Mr.A.RAGHUL, IPS
AIR-672 | CSE 2020



The amount of change he has brought in me is huge. I cannot thank him enough for the effort he has put into me. Apart from the examination aspect, the conversations you have with Sivarajavel sir are the most vital aspect. Whatever comes out of his mouth is a sociological answer. I seriously don't think anyone can give a better picture of integrating sociological theories with current affairs.



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Ms. SHANMUGA VALLI, IRS
AIR-108 | CSE 2020



Main reason for me clearing the Civil Service Exam is Sociology Optional. Thank you very much for Sivarajavel sir for guiding me to success.



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Ms. SINDHUKAVI MR, IRS
AIR-724 | CSE 2020



I changed my optional from Geography to Sociology. It was Sivarajavel sir's guidance that helped me to gain confidence in Sociology optional.



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Ms.ANGELINE RENITA , IAS

AIR-338 | CSE 2021



I studied sociology in smart Leader IAS, sir helped me to secure more marks in sociology optional...

Sivarajavel Sir gave a standard intro and conclusion in sociology which helped me to complete the paper



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Ms.SUSHMITHA RAMANATHAN, IPS
AIR-528 | CSE 2022



Test batch at Smart Leaders IAS helped me to improve my scores, which helped me to clear this attempt.



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Mr. SAI MURALI, IFS

AIR-425 | CSE 2019



320+ in sociology is definitely achievable with right kind of strategy and proper guidance like Sivarajavel Sir.

Sir has been a complete mentor to me throughout my journey. Succeeded with changing his optional from Public administration to Sociology.



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Mr. ANKIT ASOKAN, IPS

AIR-448 | CSE 2018



I never thought I could cross the 300 mark barrier in sociology but with Sivarajavel sir class, guidance, test series, discussion of answers and rewriting of answers I was able to score more than 300+.



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Ms. BHAVANI SRI, IAS

AIR-417 | CSE 2016



Sivarajavel sir is doing great work in sociology and other subject in CSE.

He helped me to shape my ideas in the subject of sociology.



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Ms. SHARANYA ARI, IAS

AIR-07 | CSE 2016



Sivarajavel sir was able to refine my answer writing in General Studies as well as Sociology .

The kind of knowledge and poise that Sivarajavel sir has in delivering any kind of subject shows his passion for teaching.



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AIR-381 | CSE 2016

Ms. SRUTI V.K, IRS

AIR-381 | CSE 2016



Sivarajavel sir has been a great help and immense support in my preparation.

The mains mark is high because of Sociology and Sivarajavel sir guidance.

I owe my sociology preparation entirely to sir.



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Dr. R. VAITHINATHAN, IAS

AIR-037 | CSE 2016



He was more than sir, he was my mentor for the preparation. You can clear any kind of doubts in subject to SIVARAJAVEL sir.

Sir's sociology test discussion helps us to revise the syllabus the 2nd time.



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SOME OF OUR TOPPERS WITH SIVARAJAVEL



Ms. Ishwarya Ramanathan IAS



Mr. M. Sivaguru Prabhakaran IAS



Dr. R. Vaithinathan IAS



Ms. Sharanya Ari IAS



Ms. Dharmala Sree IAS



Ms. S. S. Shobika IAS



Mr. M. Prathap IAS



Ms. Angeline Renita IAS



Mr. Arun IAS



Mr. S. Selvanagarathinam IPS



Mr. Dr. K. Karthikeyan IPS



Mr. A. Raghul IPS



Ms. Sushmitha Ramanathan IPS



Ms. M. Thamarai Priya IRS



Ms. Sathyanandhi.G
Deputy Collector

Decades of Dominance : Excellence by the Numbers

