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BOOKLIST AND READING REFERENCES

APPROACH

- 1. Limit the sources- Focus should be on covering the syllabus rather than covering books (1 Source per Topic)**
 - 2. CSE(UPSC) journey is a test match cricket- it is not about studying 15/16 hours for a week or month but about 8 hours for 2/3 years- with consistency one can beat anyone**
 - 3. Revision is the key- the more the better**
 - 4. Refer PYQ and Syllabus- I have referred Previous Year Questions from 2013-2019 for GS, ESSAY as well as Optional**
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APPROACH CONTINUED...

5. Best Sources for filling gaps- Test Series model answers, Topper's mock test copies, Google topics in syllabus
6. Make Comprehensive and short notes for Mains for last minute revision
7. Value Addition- data, facts, case studies, committees, Judgements- different sources can be utilized
8. Lastly, Everyone can have his/her own strategy/booklist- Have Confidence in your strategy



GS 1

1. History:

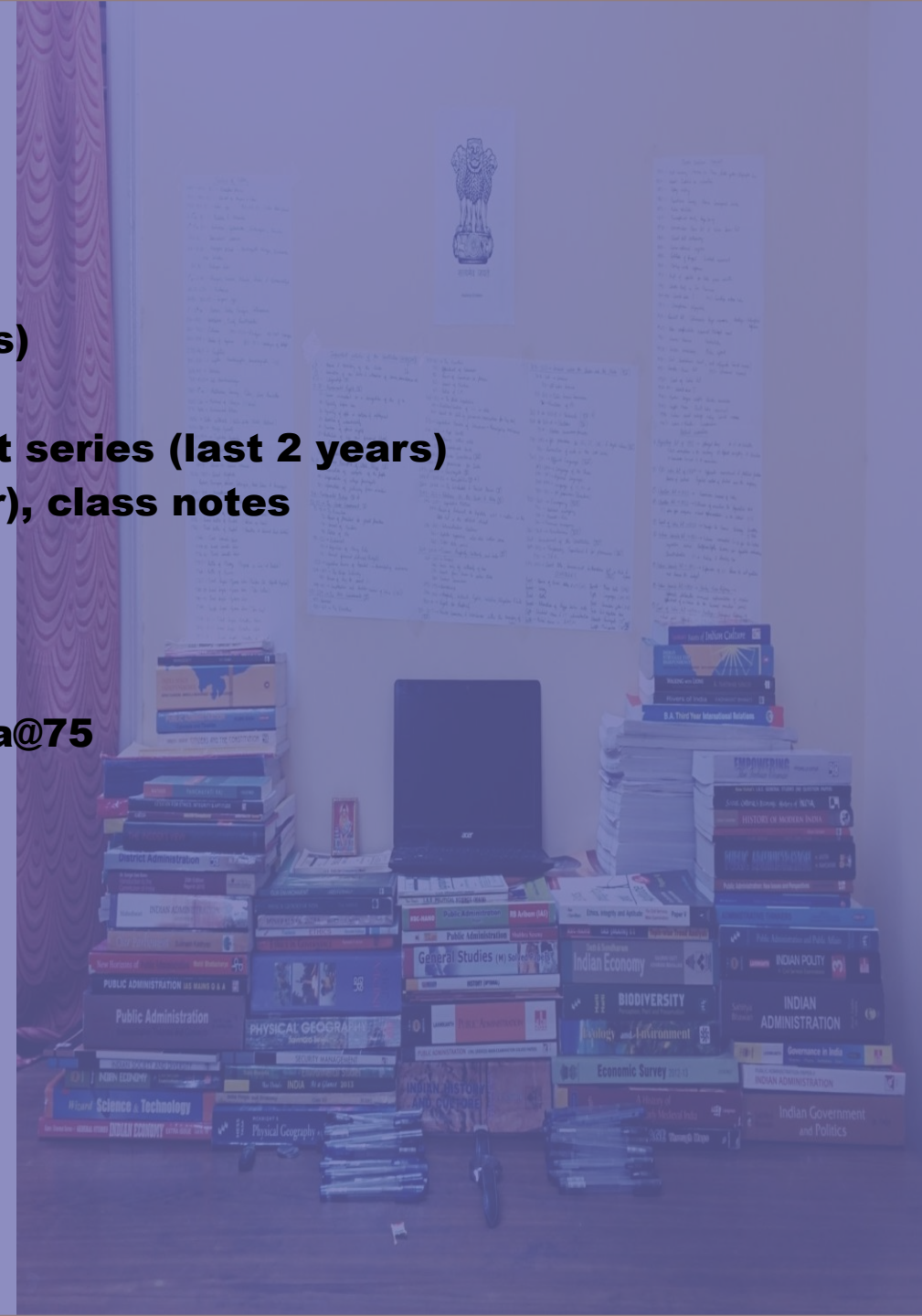
- **Art and Culture: class notes + Test series (last 2 years)**
- **Modern India: Spectrum + Test series (last 2 years)**
- **World History: Short notes (Shreyans Kumat Sir)+ Test series (last 2 years)**
- **Post Independencse: Short notes (Shreyans Kumat Sir), class notes**
- **Use of diagrams in History**

2. Society

- **Class notes, PYQs, Mains 365, Strategy for New India@75**

3. Geography

- **Class notes- was based upon 11th and 12th NCERTs**
- **PYQs**
- **Resource distribution: LA Excellence ready reckoner**
- **Practiced maps through YouTube videos**



GS 2

1. POLITY:

- **Class notes + Selected topics from Laxmikant**
- **LA Excellence ready reckoner**
- **RSTV discussions (last 1 year)**

2. GOVERNANCE

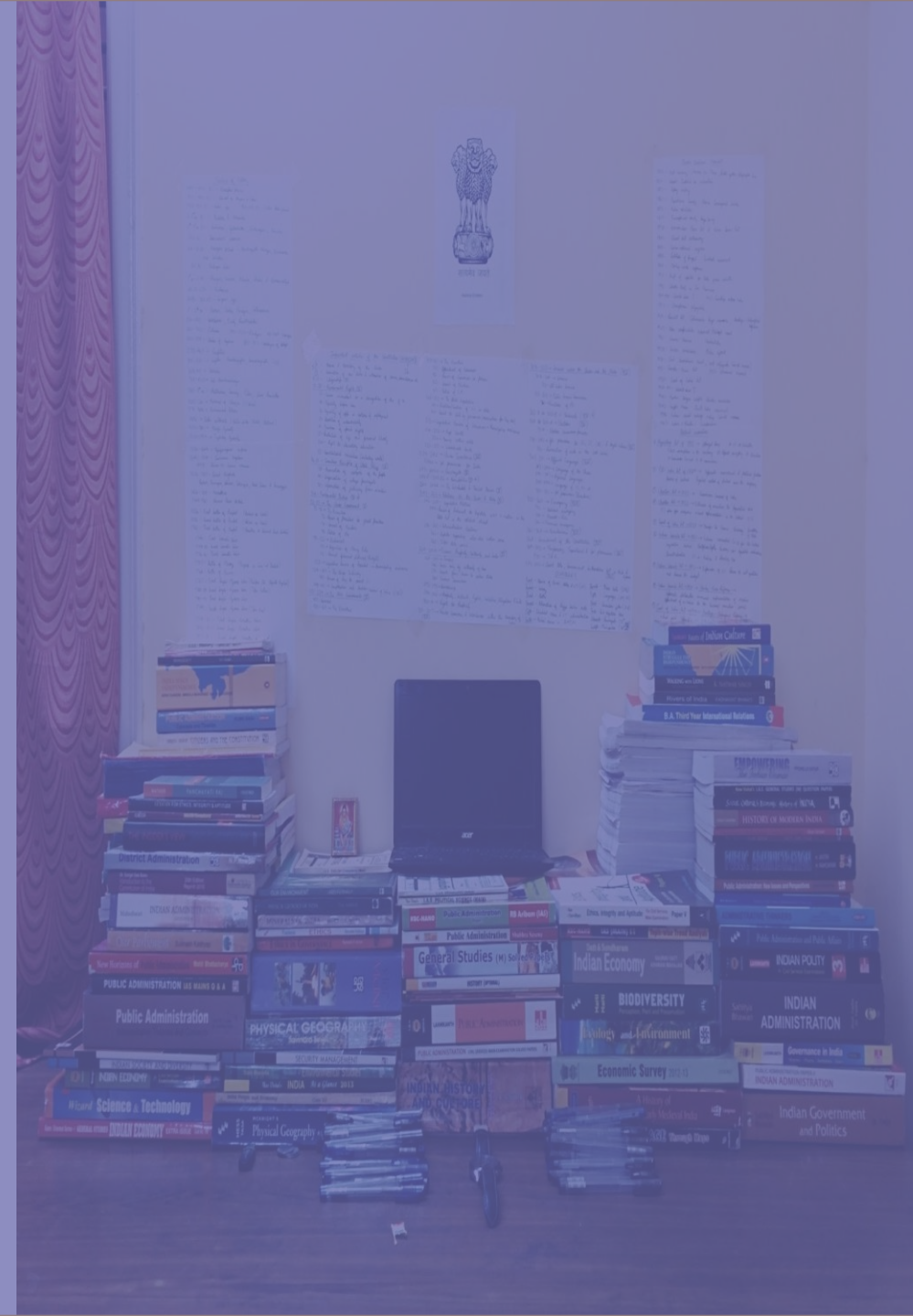
- **Class notes, Mains 365 (Selective)**
- **Strategy for New India@75, Yojna**

3. SOCIAL JUSTICE

- **Class notes**

4. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- **Mains 365**
- **Test series (last 2 years), practiced maps**



GS 3

1. ECONOMICS and Agriculture:

- **Class notes**
- **Strategy for New India@75**
- **RSTV Discussions (last 1 year)**
- **Budget Speech and Economic Survey summary**
- **Mains 365 (Selective)**

2. ENVIRONMENT:

- **Class notes, Current Affairs, Year End Review by MoEFCC (Pib)**

3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

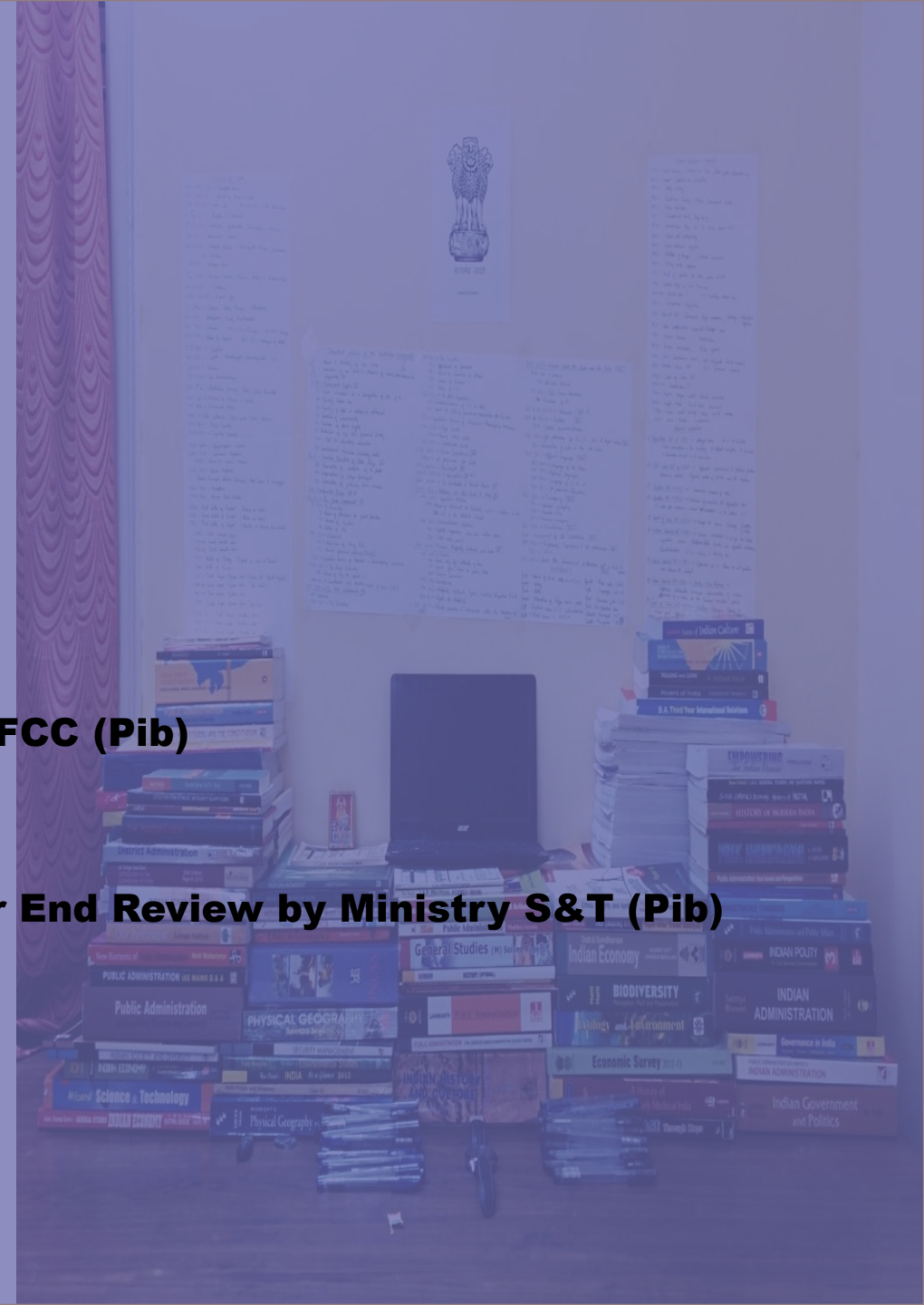
- **Class notes, Mains365, Test series (last 2 years), Year End Review by Ministry S&T (Pib)**

4. SECURITY

- **class notes, Test series (last 2 years)**

5. DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- **Vision Mains 365**
- **Test series (last 2 years), practiced maps**



GS 4

1. Googled each word and made notes (definitions and examples)
2. Topper's mock test copies for Case Studies
3. Prepared Examples- PM's Mann Ki Baat (2-3 months), newspapers
4. PYQs



ESSAY

1. Last 30 months YOJNA
2. Fundamentals of Essay and answer writing by Anudeep Sir
3. Prepared Anecdotes and Conclusions
4. Brainstormed PYQs
5. Self Research- Use of Internet to cover all broad topics



CURRENT AFFAIRS

- 1. The Hindu and Indian Express and TOI (only for interview)- apart from knowledge, it helps to develop analytical mindset**
- 2. Monthly/Yearly compilations (PT 365, MAINS 365)**
- 3. RSTV Discussions summary**
- 4. Year End Review by top Ministries (Pib)**
- 5. Use of Internet/Google**



HOW TO CONTACT ME?

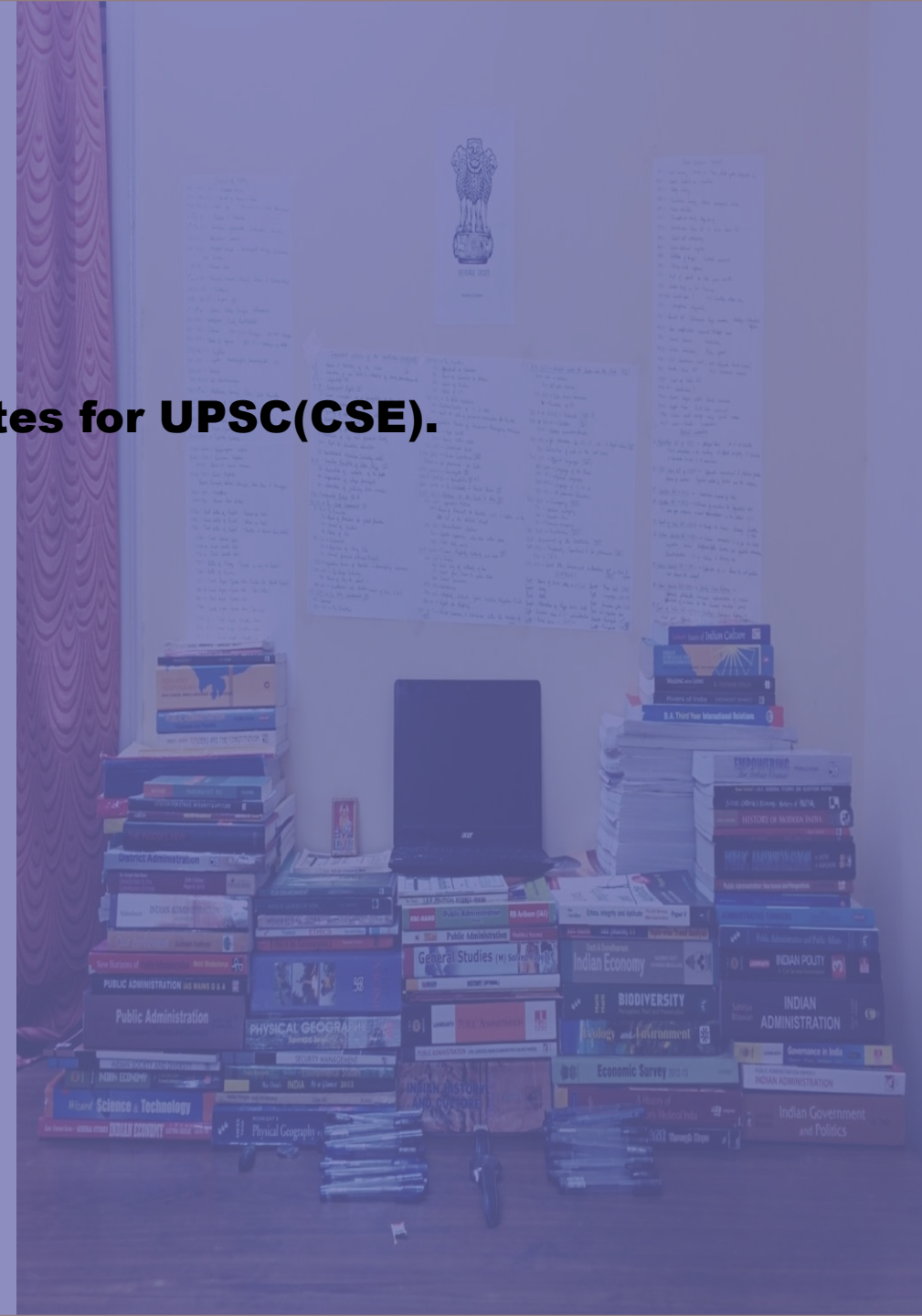
1. Telegram Channel-Shubham Kumar: Strategy and Notes for UPSC(CSE).

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