



UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
PRESS NOTE
COMBINED DEFENCE SERVICES EXAMINATION (I), 2026

Dated: the 2nd April, 2026

Union Public Service Commission will be conducting the **Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026 on 12th April, 2026 (Sunday)** all over India. The Commission has uploaded the e-Admit Cards of the admitted candidates on its website (<https://upsconline.nic.in>). The candidates are advised to download their e-Admit Card and take a printout. The e-Admit Card must be preserved till the declaration of the final result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026. No paper Admit card will be issued for this Examination. "Important Instructions to the candidates" appended with the e-Admit Card must be read carefully by the candidates.

2. The candidates will have to produce the printout of their e-Admit Card at the allotted Venue for appearing at the Examination. **A candidate, who does not produce his/her e-Admit Card for checking at the allotted venue, shall not be allowed to take the Examination.** The candidates are also required to carry the Photo ID card, whose number is mentioned in the e-Admit Card, for appearing at each session of the Examination.

3. A candidate, whose photograph on his/her e-Admit Card is not clear will have to bring a photo identity card along with three (03) passport size photographs, one for each session, to be affixed on the undertaking provided at the examination venue, for appearing in the Examination.

4. In case of any discrepancy in the e-Admit Card, the same may be communicated to the Commission immediately by e-mail (at email ID examinationxvii@gmail.com) for taking decision in the matter.

5. It must be noted that the Sessions will commence from **09:00 AM to 11:00 AM** (English Paper), **12:30 PM to 02:30 PM** (General Knowledge Paper) and **04:00 PM to 06:00 PM** (Elementary Mathematics Paper). **The entry of the Candidates into the examination venue shall be closed 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the Examination in each Session. No candidates shall be allowed entry into the Examination Venue after closure of entry.**

6. Candidates are advised to enter the Examination Venue well in time for face authentication/identity verification and frisking.

7. Candidates may please ensure that all the details such as Name, Photograph and the QR Code on their e-Admit Card, are correct. In case of any discrepancy(ies) they may contact UPSC in this regard.

8. **Candidates are not allowed to enter the examination premises with any bag, baggage, luggage, valuables/costly items, mobile phones, smart/digital watches, other IT gadgets, books, etc. Candidates are advised not to bring banned items as Venue Supervisor will not make any arrangement for keeping these items at the Venue. In case, a candidate brings any such banned items, he/she will make his/her own arrangement for keeping the same outside the Venue and the Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.**

9. **Candidates will be allowed to take with them only the print of e-Admit Card, pen, pencil, identity proof, copies of self-photographs (whichever applicable) and any other items as specified in the Instructions of e-Admit Card to the Venue. No other items shall be allowed to be taken inside the Venue.**

10. Possession (even in switch off mode)/ use of Mobile Phones and other Electronics/Communication devices or any other incriminating material (notes on e-Admit Cards, papers, erasers etc.) or violation of any Instruction shall entail disciplinary action which may include cancellation of candidature of candidate, filing of FIR/police complaint against the candidate, prohibition from appearing in subsequent Session(s)/day(s) of the Examination. In addition, the Commission may take any other appropriate action as per provisions contained in the Examination Rules.

11. Candidates are also advised to bring **Black Ball Point Pen** as the candidates shall be required to fill the OMR Answer Sheets and Attendance List with **Black Ball Point Pen only.**

12. Use of normal or simple wrist watches by candidates is allowed inside the Examination Rooms/Halls. However, use of watches fitted with any special accessory that might be used as communication device or smart watches is strictly prohibited and candidates are not allowed to take such watches into the Examination Rooms/Halls.

13. If any candidate has changed his/her name then he/she will have to produce Government issued Photo ID, having Changed name at the exam centre (in each session) of CDS Examination (I), 2026, failing which he/she may not be allowed to enter Examination premises.

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New Delhi-110069, Dated the 02nd April, 2026.