

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

Date: the 03rd September, 2026

Union Public Service Commission will be conducting the Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2026 on 13th September, 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 Cards and take a printout. e-Admit Card must be preserved till the declaration of the final results of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 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 along the Photo ID card, whose number is mentioned in the e-Admit Card, for appearing at each session of the Examination.

3. The candidates appearing in the Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2026, are advised to bring three (03) 'recent' passport sized photographs, one for each session. In case of failure / discrepancy(ies) / error(s) in face authentication or failure to produce original ID proof mentioned in e-Admit Card or any other unforeseen circumstance(s), the candidates may be required to fill the undertaking provided by the venue supervisor at respective Examination venue and affix his/her photograph on the same.

4. In case of any discrepancy in the e-Admit Card, the same may be communicated to the Commission immediately by email (at email ID e16section-upsc@gov.in) for taking decision in the matter.

5. Candidates are advised to enter the Examination Venue well in time (preferably One hour and fifteen minutes before the commencement of the session) for Face Authentication/Identity Verification and Frisking.

6. It may also be noted that entry into the Examination Venue shall be closed **30 minutes** before the scheduled commencement of the Examination i.e. 08:30 AM for the 1st Session (English Paper), 12:00 PM for 2nd Session (General Knowledge Paper), and 03:30 PM for 3rd Session (Elementary Mathematics Paper). No candidate shall be allowed the entry into the Examination Venue after closure of the entry. Candidates should also note that they shall not be allowed to appear at any other Examination Venue except the Examination Venue mentioned in the e-Admit Card.

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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 valuables/costly items, mobile phones, smart/digital watches, AI enabled glasses/devices, other IT gadgets, books, bags etc. Candidates are advised not to bring banned items as **Venue Supervisors 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 arrangements for keeping the same outside the Venue and the Commission will not be responsible for any loss in this regard.** Further, the candidates will be allowed to take with them only e-Admit Card, pen, pencil, identity proof, copies of self-photographs (whichever applicable) and any other items as specified in the Instructions of the e-Admit Card to the Venue. No other items shall be allowed to be taken inside the Venue.

9. 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 of CDS (II), 2026.

10. 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.**

11. 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.

12. Those candidates, who have changed their names after matriculation by adopting due process of law, must carry along e-Admit Card, Government issued Photo Identity Card and/or original Gazette Notification of the changed name for the each session of the Examination.

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New Delhi-110069, Date the 03rd September, 2026