8,028 to take UPSC exams in Tirupati

As many as 8,028 candidates are set to take the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) paper-1 and paper-2 examinations at 15 centres in Tirupati on Sunday.

Addressing a press conference here, District Revenue Officer (DRO) Vijaychander said that elaborate arrangements were in place at the centres, including imposition of Section 144 and police bandobust.

The paper-1 examination is scheduled between 9.30 and 11.30 am and paper-2 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. The candidates should be present at the examination hall 20 minutes before the commencement of the schedule, with a strict 10-minute exemption norm for latecomers.

The candidates should compulsorily bring with them black ballpoint pen for filling the OMR sheets, which should not be subjected to folding. All electronic gadgets, including wrist watches, would not be allowed inside the rooms. "Separate invigilators have been arranged for 43 blind candidates in Tirupati centres. The candidates have to download their hall-tickets from the UPSC website," the official said.

The DRO said that the candidates taking the tests should compulsorily stay in the centres till the scheduled time.

"After completion of the two sessions, the OMR sheets would be taken in a special bus to Chennai airport, from where the consignment would reach New Delhi," the official said, adding as many as 11.36 lakh candidates are appearing for the UPSC exams in 2,658 centres in 72 cities all over India.