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**App to help students in UPSC competitive examinations**

While cracking competitive examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has always been tough, students, especially those from financially weaker sections of society, are burdened with the added problem of purchasing highly priced books that help them prepare for these exams.

Two veterinary doctors have decided to come to the rescue of such aspirants. Basavaraj Sajjan of the district and his colleague Madhukar Dhama, of Bidar district, have designed an application for android phone users that helps them access subject-related material.

The app, called 'IASBytes', is available free of charge on Google Play Store.

"For a while now, we have been working on creating an app to help students preparing for competitive exams conducted either by the USPC o the KPSC. We know that the books required to prepare for the exams are expensive and students also have to subscribe to various magazines for better preparation. Often, many students, find it difficult to afford this. To help such students, we have decided to develop this app. Since almost everyone has a smart phone nowadays, we thought it was the best platform to share knowledge," said Dr. Sajjan.

Explaining the features of the app, he said that it has links to various magazines, books, question papers from the last five years and video tutorials related to the preparation for the exam. Dr. Sajjan claimed that already, over 10,000 users have downloaded the app and the number is increasing everyday. "We hope that the App will, at least to some extent, help save the money of the aspirants," Dr. Sajjan said.