UPPCS 2025 Prelims Result Quashed, Fresh Mains After Revised List

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Why in the news

The Allahabad High Court has quashed the UPPCS 2025 preliminary examination result declared by the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission on 1 December 2025. It has directed the Commission to redraw the preliminary merit list and then conduct the mains examination afresh on the basis of that revised result.

Justice Manish Kumar Nigam delivered the judgment on 27 November 2026 in Sanjay Kumar and others v State of U.P. and another. The dispute concerned the treatment of higher-scoring reserved-category candidates when preparing the unreserved list.

What the court ordered

- **Result quashed:** The preliminary result declared on 1 December 2025 has been set aside.
- **Revised merit list:** UPPSC must redraw the preliminary merit list of candidates qualifying for the next stage under Advertisement A-1/E-1/2025.
- **Fresh mains:** The Commission must conduct the mains examination afresh on the basis of that revised preliminary result and then proceed with selection.
- **Condition 19 quashed:** The court also struck down condition 19 of the advertisement. It recorded that the condition rested on the 9 January 2020 office memorandum, which had already been quashed in the related APO case.

These directions appear in paragraphs 188–191 of the judgment.

Does this mean a new prelims paper

The judgment does not direct a fresh preliminary question paper. It directs a revised preliminary result and merit list, followed by fresh mains. Saying only that 'the examination will be held again' leaves out this important distinction.

The judgment does not give a calendar date for the revised result or the fresh mains examination.

According to paragraph 187, mains had already taken place and only the roll numbers of successful candidates had been declared. An interim order dated 28 September 2026 had restrained declaration of the interview result, and no final select list had been prepared.

What was the open-category dispute

The **unreserved or open category** is not a list confined to candidates who have not claimed reservation. Reserved-category candidates who qualify on merit under the applicable rules can also be considered in it.

The court found that the Commission's method confined more meritorious reserved-category candidates to their own categories. This affected the opportunity of candidates below them within those categories to reach the next stage. It rejected treating the unreserved category as exclusively available to people who had not claimed reservation.

The judgment should not be presented as abolishing reservation or changing reservation percentages. It concerns the placement of candidates by merit across stages of selection. Individual questions involving concessions or eligibility still require the applicable recruitment rules and the full judgment.

What candidates should understand

The order affects the old preliminary result and the selection process built on it. It does not automatically declare an individual candidate successful, eligible for mains or entitled to appointment. The revised list will determine the new qualifying position.

Candidates should follow the official UPPSC website for a revised result, mains programme and related instructions. The judgment itself is not a notification of a new examination date.

The next step

The Commission's official communication on the revised merit list and subsequent examination process will be important. This article does not confirm an appeal, a stay or a new examination schedule. Any such development needs a separate official record.

Frequently asked questions

Has the entire UPPCS 2025 recruitment been permanently cancelled?

The judgment directs selection to continue, but on the basis of a revised preliminary merit list followed by fresh mains. It does not order the recruitment to be permanently abandoned.

Will everyone who took the previous mains automatically take the fresh mains?

The order links the next stage to the revised preliminary result. An individual's eligibility will depend on the revised list and the Commission's official instructions.

Has the court announced new cutoff marks?

The operative directions do not provide a new cutoff table. They require UPPSC to redraw the preliminary merit list.

Official source

Allahabad High Court: Sanjay Kumar and others, Writ-A 14971/2026, 27 November 2026, particularly paragraphs 188–191.

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UP APO 2025: the related judgment