

Interview Transcripts 2019, [20.04.20 03:31]

Hello, my CSE 2019 interview transcript -

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DAF - B Tech CSE, Hobby - Watching movies, YouTube videos

Board RN Choubey

17/03/2020 Forenoon session, last to go (approx 12:55 pm-1:25pm)

Chairman

Very cordial. Encourages in between. Welcomes you like - "We are friendly people, hope to have a good interaction. Tell the area which you don't know we won't ask from it during the interview."

Tell us your academic qualifications

What is judicial activism ?

Good or bad ? (Mentioned judicial overreach in answer)

What is judicial overreach ? Specific example

Proposal by a nagpur based think tank to tax only transactions and remove direct and indirect taxes.  
Your view as tax officer ?

What other functions of tax other than revenue ?

M1:

Msme role in economy ?

Why they are crying in the country ?

Discussion around these issues.

What is national security ?

Is cyber security part of it ?

Measures taken for cyber security ?

Are you aware about any major cyber attack ?

M2:

Why banks facing problems ?

Why delays ? ( in project clearance etc)

(Unsatisfied with answer)

What movie you liked and why ?

Why Faridabad didn't grow industrially as compared to NOIDA ? (Daf)

{Asked permission to compare Faridabad and Gurgaon as knew it better.}

M3 :

What is formal and informal economy ?

What laws followed in formal economy ?

Do you know about epfo act ? Esic act ? (Said no, question followed from previous answer)

M4 : lady member (cordial)

What is RBI stand on cryptocurrency ?

What is SC stand ?

Your stand as revenue officer?

What is your service preference ?

Now make a case as the Chief secy to Delhi CM to regulate media.

Now change the position and argue against it ?

Chairman at last - anything you want us to ask you ?

-Told that there are many things to ask but nothing specific in my mind.

Chairman - We had a good discussion with you and enjoyed. Your interview is over.

(Compliments by saying you have "bitten the bullet" sometimes.)

The above dialogues are his standard way of communication and don't give any idea how good the interview was 😊.

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Board..Sujata mehta

Optional socio

First to go..6 march

Chair..

Introduce yourself.

Women safety.

How district officials handling it

Wht shud b done.

Why sexual harassment of lady police officials.

M1

Why our medal tally in sports is low how to increase it.

What problems young students face in daily life

Issues with elderly in India.

M2

Precision farming

Horticulture density.

Why we organize horticulture festivals.etc.

M3

Focus meditation

How you do it..

Right based approach

Joint family and nuclear family related ques.shud we go back to joint family setup.

M4

Corona virus..is China spreading it through goods and services

Sedition and freedom of speech whr to draw line.

Chair..

Do you want to say anything else.

Thank you your interview is over.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 16:17]

B.E. in Electrical Engineering

Board: M Sathiyavathi Ma'am

Home State: Haryana

Work ex: Amazon Operations

Hobbies: travelling, watching movies/documentaries (scifi, world war related)

Other: NSS volunteer

Optional: PSIR

The interview revolved almost entirely on DAF. Probably just 1 Current Affairs question.

IFS 1st preference but the board did not see this and therefore many questions were opinion based pertaining to administration ☹

Chairperson: Read my DAF

1. Tell me about your work in Amazon

2. When is GST charged when orders placed? (didn't know this, told what i knew. Other members were also not sure here perhaps. They said we shall check our bills next time)

A few other ques based on Work ex.

3. Why sex ratio so low in Haryana?

4. But these factors are present all over India, why so adverse in haryana only?

5. In your own opinion, do you feel today only sons take care of their parents? (Ma'am framed the question in different manner)

5. PCPNDT act full form?

6. Provisions of the act?

7. What if the doctor has an arrangement with the patient and tells them sex of the child? How does the Act ensure this does not happen?

( did not know this)

8. How will you as an administrator improve the women's situation in your state?

M1

1. Why sports so developed in Haryana?

2. Can sports be helpful in improving women empowerment in Haryana? ( in reference to Ma'am's last question)

3. Where did you last travel?

4. How does tourism help in improving the income of locals?

M2

Again, there were some questions on my Work ex.

1. How does Amazon negatively impact small retailers?
2. How does it benefit them?
3. How as an administrator will you balance the both?
4. As an electrical engg, how will you design the transmission line?
5. What motor is used for locomotives?
6. Have you seen Battlestar Galactica? This caught me off guard. I said no sir (based on hobby)

M3.

1. I have heard about ncc. What is this nss? We did not have this in our time. (Ma'am interrupted and said no we also had it and that she was a member too. Sir said that 'hum to aap se bhi purane hai')
2. What are the activities that NSS does?
3. What happened in Dunkirk?
4. What did England have that Germany didn't?

I made a few guesses here but they were wrong :/ Then sir said it's ok. This was followed by some discussion on Winston Churchill.

Sir said that he was a 'madman'.

M4 said it was because of wine. At this point i just wanted to laugh out loud along with the members. But only smiled.

5. Haryana has rising drug problem, how as an administrator will you check this in your district?
6. What is US- Taliban deal? It's impact on India?

M4

Sir was standing during most of the interview. He again asked questions on Work Ex.

1. How as an Administrator can you partner with Amazon to empower women in your district?
2. How will you resolve the issues the women SHGs might face while selling on Amazon?

Maam said ok interview over. I then made a blunder by smiling and leaving. Forgot to thank the Board :(

During my entire interview I was looking for a chance to mention IFS as first preference so that interview could shift more to IR but to no avail.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 17:11]

Date : 18 march 2020 Afternoon

Board : Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir

B.SC(HONS) Mathematics

Delhi University

Uttar Pradesh

Optional : Geograpy

Hobies : Chess and listening Ghazals.

I wished all panelists.

Chairman: come and sit

Q : coal mining recent change?

Q: look east and act east policy?

Q: strategic disinvestment and related current issues?

Memberswise Question not in same order.

Q : why civil services?

Q: sustainable development?

Q: child labour issues?

Q: what will you do if u find children are employed somewhere?

Q: If u r incharge of an area and in 32 hours flood will come in your area what will you do?

Q: what is the age of boys and girls for marriage in India?

Q: age of senior citizens male and female?

Q : why senior citizens need government support?

Q: Issue of India - china border?

Q: why China claim Arunachal pradesh?

Q: line between Pakistan and Afghanistan called?



Q: Issue of pak and afghan border?

Q: Change of prices in commodities in last 3 years?

Q: Current oil prices ?

Q: Is there a economic slowdown and if yes then why?

NOTE: 1. Not even a single question asked on hobbies just current and random questions.

2. Board was very cordial and smiling.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 11:22]

Anjali Birla

Date - 20th March , noon session

Optional - pol science , graduated in it only.

Hobby- spirituality , freestyle dancing

worked for LGBTQIA employment in college

Kota , Rajasthan

[ wrote the details from form here because every mock I took they said it's going to be entirely from daf because I've written some catchy stuff but apparently there were 0 questions from it .

So the exam remains random at this stage too ]

Sujata Mehta mam's board

Ch - 1. introduce yourself

2. So you haven't worked or interned ? ( this is my first attempt and I did it right after college and I mentioned ngo thing yet ! )

3. Some random soldier case study and social media not the BSF one . Ethical issues in it .

( said on the lines of social media privacy etc . )

4. So should there be counselling regarding usage of social media , who should do it - govt , civil society or pvt companies

( all should , children given mobiles not knowing its repercussions and how they're data is being used ; govt make laws , civil society - must be responsible , pvt companies - cooperate and comply )

5. Gene editing by Chinese scientist . Ethical issues in it .

( !!! Said all the points vision magazine wrote )

6. So should doctors make a voluntary agreement amongst themselves ?

( use it for research like genome mapping , genome of coronavirus being studied but yeah voluntary - I gave her bait so that questions come back to recent current affairs but to no avail )

M1 - really old , incomplete and repetitive questions

1. Did USSR fall because of Gorbachev policies

Said that was the tipping point but there were underlying factors like corruption etc .

2. So it didn't fall cause of Gorbachev ?

I just said that !! But smiled and said more regarding party dictatorship , people were not happy and la la .

3. Tell the political systems of following countries - Russia , Belarus , Ukraine , kazakhstan

At that moment , I could've not told their capitals also . Told Russia's system said sorry for others and just to sound cool said Serbia's system ( not asked shouldn't have said but I knew so said it )

4. What is euro zone crisis

Explained

5. What is Greece crisis

Subset of eurozone , repetitive

M2 - don't know why thought economics is my optional even when he seemed to be reading my daf all along.

1. Why not science

Said I like arts and la la

2. What are the types of market . Tell me in economic terms as you had economics .

I said open closed market - wrong

3. No like oligarchy, perfect market

Said now can recall but had eco in 12th so can't remember clearly

4. South China Sea issue

Answered well

5. Strategic angle

Answered

6. Geographical angle

Answered

7. Difference between territorial sea and EEZ

Answered

8. Contiguous zone

I knew but it skipped my mind , said sorry

9. will a Pakistani ship coming in Indian waters ( territorial ) need permission?

Said yes

10. What is contiguous zone

I gave surprised look like I just said that I don't know ofc with a smile ..

M3 - half questions , repetitive , tried to put me in a difficult spot

1. So you have pol science as optional , what were the constitutional changes made for introducing gst ?

said gst council and taxation structure

2. What changes ? With article

Said sorry to recall !

3. what items outside gst ?

Answered

4. Difference in taxation between alcohol and petrol

Said don't know ( really did they again forget I don't have economics !!! )

5. j&k reorganisation act

answered

6. No of districts in Ladakh

don't know

7. Simultaneous elections , constitutional changes to be brought for it , but they way he asked it was a very very ill framed question .

Talked about constructive vote

8. Position of rupee wrt dollar

Told

9. Why this not good for India

Answered

10. Why some section bag for increasing the value of rupee

Answered

11. Which country does it for it's good

China

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M4 -

1. Very ill framed questions , he was so confused . Sanctions can US put

Said it can but India doesn't recognise

2. Nono , I'm saying can India put ?

I said ya but it won't have that much effect cause dollar is the exchange medium internationally so it's clout is way more and hence it's sanctions impactful

3. Green tribunals in the way of development

Asked NGT ?

4. said yes

Said sustainable development and la la

5. But delays

Said expedite the process , bring more transparency.

Ch - do you want to tell us an area we missed from daf

My mind was like you missed the whole Daf !

But I smiled and said no

Okay you may go

Now I did a very very weird thing . I thanked and looked at my chair for 3 seconds to see whether it's on the right place or not . Idk if they'll find it weird or not but I find it very weird now 😊

Overall board was cordial ofc they're not going to shoot you so writing cordial makes lil sense . Mam was nodding throughout and seemed interested in my answers but probably she does that for every candidate .

My experience says don't study for interview , chill in the quarantine days . exam remains random and marking arbitrary !

Have a good day !

Name:

Board: Smita Nagaraj Ma'am.

Date: 11th March, 2020. Afternoon Slot.

Duration of the interview: 25 minutes (approx.). Third to go.

Graduation: Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi-2018.

Hobbies: Following Cricket and Teaching

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Bihar (Kishanganj district)

\*No questions asked on hobbies and optional.

Chairman Ma'am:

1. Are you working?

2. So you come from an IIT. IITs have become elite institutions and are also associated with brand value. This has led to neglect of other higher educational institutions. Your view? (In the answer, one of the points I mentioned was about NPTEL initiative of IITs which is benefitting other college students as well. Member 4 will pick up NPTEL related questions later)

3. You came to IIT because of its brand value? Isn't it?

4. You could have gone for research had research been branded like the IITs. So don't you think branding plays an important role in your decision making?

4. People join Civil Services because of brand value. Your opinion?

(I tried to highlight the good work of Civil Servants and how they inspired me. Also I said Civil Services is a 'lucrative' career option. Member 4 will pick this up later)

5. Tell me one civil servant who inspired you?

Member 1:

1. (\*Very technical question on current affairs and I said I don't know.)

2. Difference between toughness and resilience? (Civil Engineering question. Chairman Ma'am will pick this up at the end)

3. When toughness approaches resilience? ( He asked me something related to elastic properties of material. I couldn't understand the question clearly. I replied that I don't know).

4. Why are we promoting Electric Vehicles (EVs) in India?

5. Challenges in EV adoption? (First point I said was the import dependence of EV batteries on China)

6. Suppose we somehow get EV batteries at low cost. What other challenges are there?

7. Do you know something about the storage capacity of an EV battery. Isn't it important for EV adoption?

8. How long does an EV battery last?

9. Is your district an aspirational district? (I said no. But the adjoining districts- Purnia and Araria are aspirational districts)

10. What is Aspirational District Programme?

M2: (Bihar related questions)

1,2,3. (\*Three questions on recent developments in Bihar. I said, "I don't know" on the trot.)

4. What are the main issues in Bihar?

5. The problems that you mentioned are there since decades. Still the situation has not changed. So the Civil Services have failed?

6. There are many Civil Servants produced by Bihar. But most of them don't want to be in Bihar. Will you work in Bihar?

( I said this is my first choice)

7. You would be working because of local contacts in Bihar. Isn't it?

8. Problem of illegal gun manufacturing in Bihar. Isn't it prevalent?

9. Which act the State Government brought to tackle illegal gun manufacturing?

M3 ( This member was always in disagreement mode):

1. Problems created by digital giants ( like Facebook) in India?

2. What are cyber crimes?

3. Is the government doing enough to prevent them?

4. Hacking done by one country on other countries. How should India respond?

5. International efforts on Cybersecurity?

(I said Budapest Convention. This time he agreed with me. Probably because this was his last question)

M4:

1. Why is data called the new oil?

2. How data is oil for an automobile?

3. What should India do to harness the benefits of the data revolution?

4. Why should we promote online education?

5. Do you think that online courses as in NPTEL can replace the conventional courses taught in colleges?

6. Problems with NPTEL courses?

7. Why is Civil Services lucrative to you? (One of the point I mentioned in the answer was public interaction)

8. However there will hardly be any public interaction in Indian Defence Estate Service. Then how would you justify your answer?

Chairman Ma'am:

1. Which quality would you prefer: toughness or resilience?

(I said both)

2. No, No. Choose one of the two? (I said toughness)

3. She said she would have chosen resilience.

( I said that for me toughness is important as it allows me to absorb the negative energy associated with failure. Ma'am if someone chooses resilience I am fine with it)

4. Okay you are fine with it. Thank you. Your interview is over.

At last M1 told the answer to question no. 3 asked by him. I thanked him for the answer.

Thanked the other members and left.

\*Overall the Board was cordial.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [26.03.20 12:14]

Board: Sujata Mehta

20 March, afternoon

4th to go

Education - BTech, MTech Materials Science and engineering, IIT-K

Work ex - mostly research based



Hobbies- photography, tabla, guitar

Optional- Maths

Chairperson:

Introduce yourself with education and work experience.

Why do you want to join civil services?

Did you have any dissatisfactions with your Materials Science courses that you are coming here?

Advantages of the internet in science education.

How much of your research was dependent on the internet? How did you decide which information to trust?

Are you aware of internet based journalism? Advantages?

But now anyone can put out incorrect information and that becomes viral, what can be done about that?

Member 1:

How would you evaluate the performance of the election commission since independence?

Opinion on the EVM controversy?

Why are there comparatively fewer foreign tourists in India?

Why do the USA and UK have strong relations?

Member 2:

What are smart materials?

Can materials science be used to make things invisible?

Advantages of nanotechnology?

Can you talk about "surface-volume ratio" in nanomaterials?

What are smart materials?

Are their responses to stimuli reversible?

Member 3:

What kind of photography do you do?

Which lenses do you use for that?

What depth of field would you prefer for portrait photography?

Is sea piracy increasing or decreasing? Where does it occur? What has been done about it?

Which stream lies at the end of Radcliffe Line?

Have you heard of McMohan Line? Which country has a problem with it?

Tell me about a major chinese infrastructure initiative. What changes should China bring to it?

What must be done to revive the Indian economy?

What is the relevance of Materials science in society?

Member 4:

Tell me about the NPA crisis. Who is to blame?

How is the IBC performing?

Chartered accounts are being regulated by chartered accountants. Should there be changes? Why?

Why does plastic have such a negative image now, even though when it was invented it was hailed as revolutionary? What has changed since then?

What are the alternatives to plastic? Since plastic is considered obsolete today, will these alternatives suffer the same fate a few years from now?

By switching to alternatives such as cellulose based materials, bamboo etc, won't we be harming our green cover? Won't the manufacturing of these alternatives be environmentally unsustainable?

Chairperson:

Is there anything you would like to talk about? You have 1 minute.

Overall experience - cordial board, very systematic, disproportionate amount of questions from my educational background

Interview Transcripts 2019, [28.03.20 11:07]

## Interview Transcript

Name: Saifullah

Background : B.Com , Law

Home State : UP

Interview Date : 26/02/2020

Afternoon Session

DAF related info: Workshop on IPR, Teaching, Counselling, Bollywood Dance, Housekeeping etc.

Board Chairman: Bharat Bhushan Vyas

Chairman: Have you completed law or doing it?

C: I want you to be precise in your answer. To the point. People these days and starts telling everything. Lets start it.

C: Why you have decided to do law after B.Com?

C: Coming to the law, What are the legal issues going on in ecommerce?

C: Any International Convention related to Data localisation?

C: But Conventions are not binding in International law?

C: If I am ordering some food from food delivery app and it is not delivered on time, What redress I have?

C: Why data localisation is opposed?

C: What is the difference between Extradition and deportation?

C: What are the principles of Extradition?

C: With how many countries India has extradition treaty?

C: Why this is in news?

C: Tell me about the provisioning and writing off from the accounts?

C: Say one line about all these three personalities:

- Lala Lajpat Rai
- Deen Dayal Upadhya
- Manohar Lohiya

Thank you

M1: You are from Venkateswara College( South Campus) and Doing law from North Campus? What is the difference between the two?

M1: 3 advantages of South Campus over North Campus?

M1: But North Campus is considered more integrated?

M1: What happend last year on this day?(In context of Balakot Strike)

M1: Hadn't India acted disproportionately?

M1: Isn't this the act of war?

M1: Where is Balakot?

M1: So we are attacking on our own territory?

M2: You must have been counselled by someone on Civil Services?

M2: Why do you want to join Civil Services?

Thank you

M2: How you counsel people?

M2: Give me the demonstration?

M2: To whom you teach?

M2: What are things that you like about New Education Policy and things that you dislike?

M2: Elaborate on funding of education?

M2: Have you heard about Happiness Curriculum ?

M2: How it is different from Moral Science and Physical activity?

M2: What is mindfulness? How it is different from Meditation?

Thank you

M3: Talking about the list( Schedule VII), Environment comes under which list?

M3: Isn't Union government encroaching on State list?

M3: Why we need uniformity in laws?

M3: What are the classification of these services for which you are appearing?

M3: Roles and responsibilities of Centre and States on AIS(All India Services)?

M3: Should we have sunset clause in CrpC, CPC and Evidence Act?

M4: What is housekeeping?

M4: How do you do it?

( M1 interrupted)

M1: Are you married?

M1: Will you do it for wife?

( Everybody starts laughing)

M4: Gender stereotyping of work?,

M4: What is the workshop on IPR about?

M4: Have you heard about National Litigation Policy?

M4: Give me three reasons for large no of pendency in Judiciary?

M4: What are the different components of ADR?

M4: What are the differences among the three mechanism( Arbitration, Conciliation and Mediation)?

M4: If you would be appointed as Director, Legal Authority, How would you address the pendency of cases?

Chairman: Thank you Saifullah, All the best.

PS: The board was very cordial. They were smiling throughout. It was a good experience.

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Ahamed Ashik

19th March Afternoon

Sathyavathi mam's board

Civil Engineering, NIT Calicut

Optional:- Malayalam Literature

State: Kerala

3rd to go

Mam read out my DAF to everybody.

M-1

1. What is the meaning of your name?
2. Palakkad is known as Granary of Kerala. Is it still so? (Place of Birth)
3. Tell me something about Attappady?
4. What are the issues of tribal people of Attappady?
5. Is there a kind of monkey seen in Attappady? (another member clarified to her that it was in Silent valley National Park)
6. Ok, tell me something about Silent valley?
7. Is there still tourism happening there?

M-2

1. Being a civil engineer, why civil services?
2. Your mother is working in government service. What does she do?
3. If you are posted as the DM comprising Attappady region what would you do to improve the conditions of tribal population?

M-3

1. Why do you think football is gaining popularity in only certain pockets of the country? (hobby)
2. How can you improve the condition of sports other than cricket in India?

M4

1. How can sports improve the productivity of people in a country?
2. How do you think sporting activities can improve the state of economy at large?
3. Kerala is a state with huge expatriate population which is also there in middle east and west asian countries. Tell me what are the issues currently in Syria and Iraq?
4. What is ISIS?
5. Why many youth from Kerala are joining ISIS despite the state boasting high literacy rate?
6. Why is terrorism gaining more attraction among the people in recent times?

M5

1. What is your opinion about the disinvestment of public sector enterprises? Do you think it is good?
2. Which all are the major companies being disinvested and why?
3. As a civil engineer, have you studied about the construction of ports?
4. Can you name some football competitions being held in India?
5. Any football competition for school students?

Ok. Thank you. Your interview is over.

Board was quite cordial and the chair was really encouraging. Questions mostly from DAF, especially hobbies. Around 25-30 mins.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [23.03.20 19:33]

Board - Bhosle Sir

Date - 20/03/2020

Afternoon Session - 1st to go

Optional - Mathematics

State - Assam

Hobbies - Writing, Cricket, Jogging

Education - B.Tech from IIT Guwahati

Work Experience - 1 year in MNC

Duration - 30-35 mins

Chairman.

Tell me about your graduation subject

Lachit Barphukan - who was he?

Saraighat Battle - which year?

What was your role in your previous company?

Work of Future - how would it be?

What do you mean by De-Globalisation? Is it a good concept?

Tell me the name of the sport which is played by both males and females together in Olympics. What can be the reason for this?

M1.

Theoretical Mathematics and its real life application

NSS - why students don't take it voluntarily? What should we do?

3 best things about IIT Guwahati

2 problems of IIT Guwahati

What is special about IoT? Is it a new concept?

M2.

Flood situation in Assam - reason and solution

Crime related platform - how to make it easier for police personnel who are not tech savvy

CAA - what's the issue in Assam? Why people are protesting there?

M3.

BTC accord and status of development works



Do you remember any wall between two countries in history?

What was the length of the Berlin Wall?

Any new wall in news? What is its length?

Famous Mathematicians from today's India

Who awards Fields Medal?

M4.

Tell me about village life - any specific observation?

Equal pay for equal work in Cricket - is it the right time to go for it?

USA immigration from which countries? Which state of USA most affected by immigration? [Hint given]

Issue between USA and Venezuela

What is the name of Venezuela's leader?

Similarities between poetry and coding

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3. Is the government doing enough to prevent them?

4. Hacking done by one country on other countries. How should India respond?

5. International efforts on Cybersecurity?

(I said Budapest Convention. This time he agreed with me. Probably because this was his last question)

M4:

1. Why is data called the new oil?

2. How data is oil for an automobile?

3. What should India do to harness the benefits of the data revolution?

4. Why should we promote online education?

5. Do you think that online courses as in NPTEL can replace the conventional courses taught in colleges?

6. Problems with NPTEL courses?

7. Why is Civil Services lucrative to you? (One of the point I mentioned in the answer was public interaction)

8. However there will hardly be any public interaction in Indian Defence Estate Service. Then how would you justify your answer?

Chairman Ma'am:

1. Which quality would you prefer: toughness or resilience?

(I said both)

2. No, No. Choose one of the two? (I said toughness)

3. She said she would have chosen resilience.

( I said that for me toughness is important as it a

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llows me to absorb the negative energy associated with failure. Ma'am if someone chooses resilience I am fine with it)

4. Okay you are fine with it. Thank you. Your interview is over.

At last M1 told the answer to question no. 3 asked by him. I thanked him for the answer.

Thanked the other members and left.

\*Overall the Board was cordial.

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Anjali Birla

Date - 20th March , noon session

Optional - pol science , graduated in it only.

Hobby- spirituality , freestyle dancing

worked for LGBTQIA employment in college

Kota , Rajasthan

[ wrote the details from form here because every mock I took they said it's going to be entirely from daf because I've written some catchy stuff but apparently there were 0 questions from it .

So the exam remains random at this stage too ]

Sujata Mehta mam's board

Ch - 1. introduce yourself

2. So you haven't worked or interned ? ( this is my first attempt and I did it right after college and I mentioned ngo thing yet ! )

3. Some random soldier case study and social media not the BSF one . Ethical issues in it .

( said on the lines of social media privacy etc . )

4. So should there be counselling regarding usage of social media , who should do it - govt , civil society or pvt companies

( all should , children given mobiles not knowing its repercussions and how they're data is being used ; govt make laws , civil society - must be responsible , pvt companies - cooperate and comply )

5. Gene editing by Chinese scientist . Ethical issues in it .

( !!! Said all the points vision magazine wrote )

6. So should doctors make a voluntary agreement amongst themselves ?

( use it for research like genome mapping , genome of coronavirus being studied but yeah voluntary - I gave her bait so that questions come back to recent current affairs but to no avail )

M1 - really old , incomplete and repetitive questions

1. Did USSR fall because of Gorbachev policies

Said that was the tipping point but there were underlying factors like corruption etc .

2. So it didn't fall cause of Gorbachev ?

I just said that !! But smiled and said more regarding party dictatorship , people were not happy and la la .

3. Tell the political systems of following countries - Russia , Belarus , Ukraine , kazakhstan

At that moment , I could've not told their capitals also . Told Russia's system said sorry for others and just to sound cool said Serbia's system ( not asked shouldn't have said but I knew so said it )

4. What is euro zone crisis

Explained

5. What is Greece crisis

Subset of eurozone , repetitive

M2 - don't know why thought economics is my optional even when he seemed to be reading my daf all along.

1. Why not science

Said I like arts and la la

2. What are the types of market . Tell me in economic terms as you had economics .

I said open closed market - wrong

3. No like oligarchy, perfect market

Said now can recall but had eco in 12th so can't remember clearly

4. South China Sea issue

Answered well

5. Strategic angle

Answered

6. Geographical angle

Answered

7. Difference between territorial sea and EEZ

Answered

8. Contiguous zone

I knew but it skipped my mind , said sorry

9. will a Pakistani ship coming in Indian waters ( territorial ) need permission?

Said yes

10. What is contiguous zone

I gave surprised look like I just said that I don't know ofc with a smile ..

M3 - half questions , repetitive , tried to put me in a difficult spot

1. So you have pol science as optional , what were the constitutional changes made for introducing gst ?

said gst council and taxation structure

2. What changes ? With article

Said sorry to recall !

3. what items outside gst ?

Answered

4. Difference in taxation between alcohol and petrol

Said don't know ( really did they again forget I don't have economics !!! )

5. j&k reorganisation act

answered

6. No of districts in Ladakh

don't know

7. Simultaneous elections , constitutional changes to be brought for it , but they way he asked it was a very very ill framed question .

Talked about constructive vote

8. Position of rupee wrt dollar

Told

9. Why this not good for India

Answered

10. Why some section bag for increasing the value of rupee

Answered

11. Which country does it for it's good

China

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M4 -

1. Very ill framed questions , he was so confused . Sanctions can US put

Said it can but India doesn't recognise

2. Nono , I'm saying can India put ?

I said ya but it won't have that much effect cause dollar is the exchange medium internationally so it's clout is way more and hence it's sanctions impactful

3. Green tribunals in the way of development

Asked NGT ?

4. said yes

Said sustainable development and la la

5. But delays

Said expedite the process , bring more transparency.

Ch - do you want to tell us an area we missed from daf

My mind was like you missed the whole Daf !

But I smiled and said no

Okay you may go

Now I did a very very weird thing . I thanked and looked at my chair for 3 seconds to see whether it's on the right place or not . Idk if they'll find it weird or not but I find it very weird now 😊

Overall board was cordial ofc they're not going to shoot you so writing cordial makes lil sense . Mam was nodding throughout and seemed interested in my answers but probably she does that for every candidate .

My experience says don't study for interview , chill in the quarantine days . exam remains random and marking arbitrary !

Have a good day !



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B.E. in Electrical Engineering

Board: M Sathiyavathi Ma'am

Home State: Haryana

Work ex: Amazon Operations

Hobbies: travelling, watching movies/documentaries (scifi, world war related)

Other: NSS volunteer

Optional: PSIR

The interview revolved almost entirely on DAF. Probably just 1 Current Affairs question.

IFS 1st preference but the board did not see this and therefore many questions were opinion based pertaining to administration ☹

Chaiperson: Read my DAF

1. Tell me about your work in Amazon

2. When is GST charged when orders placed? (didn't know this, told what i knew. Other members were also not sure here perhaps. They said we shall check our bills next time)

A few other ques based on Work ex.

3. Why sex ratio so low in Haryana?

4. But these factors are present all over India, why so adverse in haryana only?

5. In your own opinion, do you feel today only sons take care of their parents? (Ma'am framed the question in different manner)

5. PCPNDT act full form?

6. Provisions of the act?

7. What if the doctor has an arrangement with the patient and tells them sex of the child? How does the Act ensure this does not happen?

( did not know this)

8. How will you as an administrator improve the women's situation in your state?

M1

1. Why sports so developed in Haryana?
2. Can sports be helpful in improving women empowerment in Haryana? ( in reference to Ma'am's last question)
3. Where did you last travel?
4. How does tourism help in improving the income of locals?

M2

Again, there were some questions on my Work ex.

1. How does Amazon negatively impact small retailers?
2. How does it benefit them?
3. How as an administrator will you balance the both?
4. As an electrical engg, how will you design the transmission line?
5. What motor is used for locomotives?
6. Have you seen Battlestar Galactica? This caught me off guard. I said no sir (based on hobby)

M3.

1. I have heard about ncc. What is this nss? We did not have this in our time. (Ma'am interrupted and said no we also had it and that she was a member too. Sir said that 'hum to aap se bhi purane hai')
2. What are the activities that NSS does?
3. What happened in Dunkirk?
4. What did England have that Germany didn't?

I made a few guesses here but they were wrong :/ Then sir said it's ok. This was followed by some discussion on Winston Churchill.

Sir said that he was a 'madman'.

M4 said it was because of wine. At this point i just wanted to laugh out loud along with the members. But only smiled.

5. Haryana has rising drug problem, how as an administrator will you check this in your district?
6. What is US- Taliban deal? It's impact on India?

M4

Sir was standing during most of the interview. He again asked questions on Work Ex.

1. How as an Administrator can you partner with Amazon to empower women in your district?
2. How will you resolve the issues the women SHGs might face while selling on Amazon?

Maam said ok interview over. I then made a blunder by smiling and leaving. Forgot to thank the Board :(

During my entire interview I was looking for a chance to mention IFS as first preference so that interview could shift more to IR but to no avail.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 23:38]

Jagdish Prasad Khoker

Civil engg - IIT Bombay

Optional - Anthropology

1st interview

Chairperson - T C A Anant Sir

Chairperson - read DAF

1. So graduated in 2016 , what were doing since then? No jobs?
2. You made a short film on rape. Titled as rape : different mindsets of Society. So what type of mindsets you observed - list them??
3. You are from dausa. In what areas dausa need improvement? ( I tried to ans but sir intervened and rephrased the question ) - Dausa is developed as adjoining regions such as haryana or Western UP??

M1-

1. You made a boat - tell something unique about it? - concrete canoe
2. Did it float? How?
3. What materials used in this?
4. Chairperson sir - what did you used for reinforcement?

5. Can concrete be exploited for commercial purpose as boat construction material?
6. About trade policy - 2/3 questions. Status? - talked about agriculture trade , why poor situation in Agri trade? One more question was there unable to recall
7. You studied civil engg and anthropology , can we say evolution happened in construction tech such as materials? I talked about material - moved from stone to concrete, fly ash - as filler nd provide more strength
8. Civil engg - in eastern coast , so many old temples are there - huge in structure but still surviving while modern building/infra deteriorating fast why this? Have you visited any of these temples? Visited any old stone temple? Told one in Mysore, they are huge why standing still today??

M2-

1. Lawn Tennis - tell us name of most successful Indian players - one each from male nd female tennis?? - told Leander paes nd Sania mirza
2. Recently famous tennis player retired from international tennis -name? - Maria sharapova
3. What are your service preference you filled in DAF ? IAS- IPS- IRS (IT)- IRS (C&E)- IFS
4. As a SP , how will you tackle rioting? Told about info gathering, local community leaders, strict action section 144, if situation required call military
5. Chairperson intervened and asked that can civil administration call military/army? Told yes as executive megistrate has power to call army? He seems dissatisfied nd asked again what police can do more before army call? Told about reserve forces of district administration.
6. Govt is keep changing or reducing income tax rates every year ? Why don't we abolish it? Told that govt need revenue for spending , income tax forms big chunk of it.
7. Then why govt is keep reducing it ? - told rationalizing rates to obtain optimum rate.

M3-

1. Why don't we abolish income tax and replace it with indirect taxes???
2. Economy slowdown situation? Why? Told global nd domestic factors in general
3. Tell us domestic factors ?? - told decline in demand , investment, export nd savings
4. Why do we need investment when thousands of cars are not sold? - told automobile Sector is in crisis but need investment in other sectors
5. Such as ?? - agriculture , infrastructure, food processing nd value addition etc
6. 1-2 more questions

M4-

1. 2-3 questions -

2. Civil engg - have you heard or seen howrah bridge? Yes

3. What type of it? I told steel truss

4. Have you been there? No ... Have you seen photos / videos of it? Yes

5. Chairperson intervened - is it cantilever or suspension Bridge? - answered - suspension bridge

6. Are you sure ? Yes sir ( correct ans- Howrah bridge is suspension cantilever bridge)

Chairperson - okay , you can go now

Interview Transcripts 2019, [31.03.20 15:45]

Board:Sh. Bhim Sain Bassi Sir

Background:M.Pharmacy

Optional:PSIR

Hobbies:Travelling,Singing,Playing Harmonium

5 th to go

duration: around 30 min

Chairman:

\*You have done M. Pharmacy..What attracted you to join civil services?

\*There is issue of less salary in pharma sector as compared to other fields...What are the reasons?

\*What is difference between USFDA and our GMP?

\*How you can contribute as a civil servants and as a Police officer considering Pharma as a background ?

M1:

\*You are the student of Political Science, What is politics of foreign companies (especially USA) in the generic pharma sector ?

\*How India is responding to it?

\*Can you give some examples?

M2:

\*Why India lacking in research in pharma sector

\*Why students are preferring to go abroad to study,to research...enlist some reasons as A.B.C...

\*What are the areas where our top research institutions and government is lacking ?

M3:

\*India is inclining towards USA ,will this impact India-Russia relations?

\*Are we neglecting Russia?

\*USA recently objected purchase of Russian defence equipment by India,can you name it?

M4:

Again discussion on M.Pharma and then Civil service for 1 min ..then questions as:

\*You might have faced uncertainty or dilemma in decision making while choosing ur career at that time..How you solved that dilemma.

\*In general life as a civil servant how will you deal with such situations ?

\*Will you follow any systemic approach and How?

Chairman:

\*Why do you want to come into civil services?. Enlist the reasons as A....B...C....

\*What will you do or what will be your priority areas of work as civil servant?

Thank you.Thank you... your interview is over.

(Overall panel was good....No question from hobbies, most of the questions were opinion based & related to Pharma issues)

Interview Transcripts 2019, [01.04.20 16:50]

Dhiraj kumar meher

Interview date 28th Feb

Optional-sociology

Qualification-Mechanical Engineering

State-Odisha

Chairman- Air marshal A S Bhonsle sir

Chairman

Q1-Are you aware of today's significance? What is Raman effect? When did he discover it? When did he get Nobel prize? What is so significance about Raman effect that he got the prize in just two years?

Q2-Tell me about the 5 basic problems of Kalahandi(odisha)

Q3-He added some other problems and asked...Are you able to see some progress in your area

M1-Kept talking for a while.Then asked" with the development of the country, the aspirations of people also increasing. If you are made collector of a district, how would you fulfil those aspiration"

Q2- Don't you think that India is not fulfilling the aspirations of its overseas citizens

M2

Q1- Did sanskritisation help in mordenisation?

Q2-suggest me some police reforms

Q3-are you aware of sc judgement regarding police reform

Q4-certain section of the society have a different opinion about our national song. Don't you think that it is disrespect to the nation?

M3

Q1-So you have been to Bhubaneswar. Both Chandigarh and bbsr are planned cities. have you ever been to Chandigarh? What is a planned city?

I don't remember another question asked by this member

M4

Q1-If you are made collector of a district, how will you use technology for the development of that district?

Q2- How can technology be menace to the society?

Chairman-What is your plan for today? Asked me to visit National war memorial. I said i had been to there once. He,then, asked what i observed there..Then, what is your plan for today?

All the best.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [02.04.20 00:45]

Chairperson: Bassi sir

18th Feb 2020, Morning session

Akash

Bsc in Chemistry honors

Chemistry optional



C1

Meditation and usefulness

Old Indian defense in chess

M1

Tourism in Rajasthan

Labour and employment scenario in India

Defense procurement and Make in India

Unskilled workforce present case

M2( lady member )

Water conservation in Rajasthan

Constitution writs and 8th schedule

NGO issue and working

Bodo accord

MNREGA and daily wages in Rajasthan

M3

Cold war through proxy

Chess and Cold War

NATO and Warsaw pact

Mutual Assured Destruction

M4

Pollutant compounds in our environment

Use of titration in chemistry

Some instrument name ( never heard of it )

M3 gave a compliment on my Shirt colour

Interview Transcripts 2019, [04.04.20 12:06]

BS Bassi Sir board on 20-03-2020

Nikas:

Personal profile— IIT Delhi Civil Engineering Graduate, Yoga hobby, Commerce and accountancy optional, CFA Level 3 passed, 4 year work ex as Data Scientist, Currently in IPS

Disclaimer: This may or may not related to you. This was not knowledge test. It was truly a personality test.

By chairman

1. Why commerce and accountancy optional?
2. What was your role as consultant.
3. Speak 3 minutes on tax.
4. Speak 3 minutes on goodness.

By members

1. You are not satisfied with engineering, data analytics consultant, IPS but with commerce. Explain
2. How as IPS and civil engineer help in traffic control.
3. What are problems of traffic management and devise strategy for traffic management In India .
4. You are in position of secretary give a plan to chief minister on issues and solution of indira gandhi canal related issues.
5. As a consultant give us consultation on social sector with use of data. Speak for 3 minutes. What kind of new system you will design.
6. Define moral dilemma of phone tapping. What will you do if situation arise. What are laws on it?

By chairman

1. How would you use past health data for predictive analytics.
2. What is meaning of your name and why such name?
3. Exercise which result in sweating are good. Counter this.
4. Will you also go for high studies if need arise.

Overall Board was cordial and Chairmen was very professional. Each member asked not more than 2 Questions but expected long reply by giving time limits.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [04.04.20 15:53]

Background:

Mechanical engg. NIT Allahabad

From Gorakhpur,UP

Work ex- Tata Motors

Hobby interest- reading(biography),movies,newspaper

Sujata Mehta Ma'am board

17 March

C.P.

1)Is it your pic?

2)Introduce yourself(edu. etc)

3)Japanese Encephalitis in Gkp,recurring or new? Why there?What's being done to improve?Has there been any drastic change in cleanliness?

4)What's your role in TML?(in detail)

5)After demonitization waht were issues in TML dealers?How you handled?

M1

1)Explain your patent filed. Questions on the project.

2) What stages in power sector are problematic? Why? What are supply voltages in power transmission? What situation of power sector in India? What are AT&C losses? How's it being tackled?

3) What are various types of IPR? What about GI? Give eg of GI products.

M2

1) Why USSR disintegration linked with communism failure? Why it so? What were reasons for disintegration?

2) What is the importance of Siachen Glacier? What its current status? Some related questions.

M3

1) What is India's position in patent filing? Why its low?

2) Renewable target of 175GW, what are various forms? What is the achievement till now?

3) How are countries after USSR disintegration performing?

4) Some question on some USSR policy which I couldn't understand?

M4

1) What's scope of EVs in India? How's the market preparing for it? Is it focussed on urban areas only and not rural? Can they be charged using generators?

2) What's situation in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB)? There was some news about a year ago about GB, do you remember it? Why it caused uproar in India? How many provinces in Pak?

How India reasserted its position on GB recently? Referring to raising Baloch issue in PM 15 Aug address, what do you think about it?

C.P. again

1) Do you someone from North east? Someone from Armed forces?

2) Do you want us to ask from any area which we have left?

P.S.- Interview went very smoothly. I was first in the board. About 25 min.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [06.04.20 08:35]

Name- Ravi kumar sihag

optional- Hindi literature

work profile- IRTS

board- R N CHAUBEY SIR.

HOBBIES- learning different languages and dialect and kitchen gardening.

Educational background- BA in Political Science and English literature

chairman--

1. Tell me briefly about your educational background and work profile?
2. Tell me your views on the privatization of Railway?
3. Can the private players decide the fares and charges? Is it is it beneficial for government or not?
4. should we fully privatize the railway?

M1---

1. You have an interesting background, you are a student of English literature and optional is Hindi literature? So tell me about Hindi literature what is the difference and what are the similarities between aadikal and bhaktikal?
2. Comparison of English and Hindi literature?
3. What is the impact of classical Greek poets on Hindi literature?
4. In which areas Israel can be helpful for India? In which area we can cooperate?
5. What is contract farming and do you think this we are going into the zamindari system?
6. Now a days media is not obeying its duty very well. Do you think government should regulate media?

M2--{lady member}

1. What is Bio toilet and how it it works?
2. Is there any problem in bio toilet?
3. From where we get the anaerobic bacteria for bio bio toilets?

4. What should be done for the proper hygiene and safety in the coaches?

more questions unable to recall....

M3--

1. Have you travelled in metro? Tell me about the Delhi Metro model?

2. Is Delhi Metro in profit ?

3. In the context of privatisation of Railway, is there any model in which we can separately Run the subsidiary companies of Railway? Will it work?

4. What is MSP

5. Why does the government announces MSP?

M4---

1. What is make in India and what are the four pillars of it?

2. Is it successful?

3. What is startup mission and is it successful?

4. Like defence sector Railways also very big Sector one of the biggest employer in the world. As a railway officer aur like in railway what should be done to motivate its employees?

chairman-

Ravi you have done well and as an option we are giving one chance. If you want us to ask anything that has not been asked then you can tell us from your DAF.( I told them about my hobbies of learning different languages and kitchen gardening )

Chairman- it is very good hobby that you have interest in languages. So how many languages do you know?

( i told them)

thn he asked- that will be great if you posted in Nagaland and any other state of India or in northeast.

( i said that it will be a great opportunity for me sir)

then he told me that ur interview is over and thanked me.... i thanked all of them and said have a nice day sir.

it was a great experience.... board was very cordial..

Interview Transcripts 2019, [28.03.20 23:14]

Name:

Board: Smita Nagaraj Ma'am.

Date: 11th March, 2020. Afternoon Slot.

Duration of the interview: 25 minutes (approx.). Third to go.

Graduation: Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi-2018.

Hobbies: Following Cricket and Teaching

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Bihar (Kishanganj district)

\*No questions asked on hobbies and optional.

Chairman Ma'am:

1. Are you working?

2. So you come from an IIT. IITs have become elite institutions and are also associated with brand value. This has led to neglect of other higher educational institutions. Your view? (In the answer, one of the points I mentioned was about NPTEL initiative of IITs which is benefitting other college students as well. Member 4 will pick up NPTEL related questions later)

3. You came to IIT because of its brand value? Isn't it?

4. You could have gone for research had research been branded like the IITs. So don't you think branding plays an important role in your decision making?

4. People join Civil Services because of brand value. Your opinion?

(I tried to highlight the good work of Civil Servants and how they inspired me. Also I said Civil Services is a 'lucrative' career option. Member 4 will pick this up later)

5. Tell me one civil servant who inspired you?

Member 1:

1. (\*Very technical question on current affairs and I said I don't know.)

2. Difference between toughness and resilience? (Civil Engineering question. Chairman Ma'am will pick this up at the end)

3. When toughness approaches resilience? ( He asked me something related to elastic properties of material. I couldn't understand the question clearly. I replied that I don't know).

4. Why are we promoting Electric Vehicles (EVs) in India?

5. Challenges in EV adoption? (First point I said was the import dependence of EV batteries on China)
6. Suppose we somehow get EV batteries at low cost. What other challenges are there?
7. Do you know something about the storage capacity of an EV battery. Isn't it important for EV adoption?
8. How long does an EV battery last?
9. Is your district an aspirational district? (I said no. But the adjoining districts- Purnia and Araria are aspirational districts)
10. What is Aspirational District Programme?

M2: (Bihar related questions)

- 1,2,3. (\*Three questions on recent developments in Bihar. I said, "I don't know" on the trot.)
4. What are the main issues in Bihar?
5. The problems that you mentioned are there since decades. Still the situation has not changed. So the Civil Services have failed?
6. There are many Civil Servants produced by Bihar. But most of them don't want to be in Bihar. Will you work in Bihar?  
( I said this is my first choice)
7. You would be working because of local contacts in Bihar. Isn't it?
8. Problem of illegal gun manufacturing in Bihar. Isn't it prevalent?
9. Which act the State Government brought to tackle illegal gun manufacturing?

M3 ( This member was always in disagreement mode):

1. Problems created by digital giants ( like Facebook) in India?
2. What are cyber crimes?
3. Is the government doing enough to prevent them?
4. Hacking done by one country on other countries. How should India respond?
5. International efforts on Cybersecurity?



(I said Budapest Convention. This time he agreed with me. Probably because this was his last question)

M4:

1. Why is data called the new oil?
2. How data is oil for an automobile?
3. What should India do to harness the benefits of the data revolution?
4. Why should we promote online education?
5. Do you think that online courses as in NPTEL can replace the conventional courses taught in colleges?
6. Problems with NPTEL courses?
7. Why is Civil Services lucrative to you? (One of the point I mentioned in the answer was public interaction)
8. However there will hardly be any public interaction in Indian Defence Estate Service. Then how would you justify your answer?

Chairman Ma'am:

1. Which quality would you prefer: toughness or resilience?

(I said both)

2. No, No. Choose one of the two? (I said toughness)

3. She said she would have chosen resilience.

( I said that for me toughness is important as it a

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llows me to absorb the negative energy associated with failure. Ma'am if someone chooses resilience I am fine with it)

4. Okay you are fine with it. Thank you. Your interview is over.

At last M1 told the answer to question no. 3 asked by him. I thanked him for the answer.

Thanked the other members and left.

\*Overall the Board was cordial.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 11:22]

Anjali Birla

Date - 20th March , noon session

Optional - pol science , graduated in it only.

Hobby- spirituality , freestyle dancing

worked for LGBTQIA employment in college

Kota , Rajasthan

[ wrote the details from form here because every mock I took they said it's going to be entirely from daf because I've written some catchy stuff but apparently there were 0 questions from it .

So the exam remains random at this stage too ]

Sujata Mehta mam's board

Ch - 1. introduce yourself

2. So you haven't worked or interned ? ( this is my first attempt and I did it right after college and I mentioned ngo thing yet ! )

3. Some random soldier case study and social media not the BSF one . Ethical issues in it .

( said on the lines of social media privacy etc . )

4. So should there be counselling regarding usage of social media , who should do it - govt , civil society or pvt companies

( all should , children given mobiles not knowing its repercussions and how they're data is being used ; govt make laws , civil society - must be responsible , pvt companies - cooperate and comply )

5. Gene editing by Chinese scientist . Ethical issues in it .

( !!! Said all the points vision magazine wrote )

6. So should doctors make a voluntary agreement amongst themselves ?

( use it for research like genome mapping , genome of coronavirus being studied but yeah voluntary - I gave her bait so that questions come back to recent current affairs but to no avail )

M1 - really old , incomplete and repetitive questions

1. Did USSR fall because of Gorbachev policies

Said that was the tipping point but there were underlying factors like corruption etc .

2. So it didn't fall cause of Gorbachev ?

I just said that !! But smiled and said more regarding party dictatorship , people were not happy and la la .

3. Tell the political systems of following countries - Russia , Belarus , Ukraine , kazakhstan

At that moment , I could've not told their capitals also . Told Russia's system said sorry for others and just to sound cool said Serbia's system ( not asked shouldn't have said but I knew so said it )

4. What is euro zone crisis

Explained

5. What is Greece crisis

Subset of eurozone , repetitive

M2 - don't know why thought economics is my optional even when he seemed to be reading my daf all along.

1. Why not science

Said I like arts and la la

2. What are the types of market . Tell me in economic terms as you had economics .

I said open closed market - wrong

3. No like oligarchy, perfect market

Said now can recall but had eco in 12th so can't remember clearly

4. South China Sea issue

Answered well

5. Strategic angle

Answered

6. Geographical angle

Answered

7. Difference between territorial sea and EEZ

Answered

8. Contiguous zone

I knew but it skipped my mind , said sorry

9. will a Pakistani ship coming in Indian waters ( territorial ) need permission?

Said yes

10. What is contiguous zone

I gave surprised look like I just said that I don't know ofc with a smile ..

M3 - half questions , repetitive , tried to put me in a difficult spot

1. So you have pol science as optional , what were the constitutional changes made for introducing gst ?

said gst council and taxation structure

2. What changes ? With article

Said sorry to recall !

3. what items outside gst ?

Answered

4. Difference in taxation between alcohol and petrol

Said don't know ( really did they again forget I don't have economics !!! )

5. j&k reorganisation act

answered

6. No of districts in Ladakh

don't know

7. Simultaneous elections , constitutional changes to be brought for it , but they way he asked it was a very very ill framed question .

Talked about constructive vote

8. Position of rupee wrt dollar

Told

9. Why this not good for India

Answered

10. Why some section bag for increasing the value of rupee

Answered

11. Which country does it for it's good

China

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 11:22]

M4 -

1. Very ill framed questions , he was so confused . Sanctions can US put

Said it can but India doesn't recognise

2. Nono , I'm saying can India put ?

I said ya but it won't have that much effect cause dollar is the exchange medium internationally so it's clout is way more and hence it's sanctions impactful

3. Green tribunals in the way of development

Asked NGT ?

4. said yes

Said sustainable development and la la

5. But delays

Said expedite the process , bring more transparency.

Ch - do you want to tell us an area we missed from daf

My mind was like you missed the whole Daf !

But I smiled and said no

Okay you may go

Now I did a very very weird thing . I thanked and looked at my chair for 3 seconds to see whether it's on the right place or not . Idk if they'll find it weird or not but I find it very weird now 😊

Overall board was cordial ofc they're not going to shoot you so writing cordial makes lil sense . Mam was nodding throughout and seemed interested in my answers but probably she does that for every candidate .

My experience says don't study for interview , chill in the quarantine days . exam remains random and marking arbitrary !

Have a good day !

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 16:17]

B.E. in Electrical Engineering

Board: M Sathiyavathi Ma'am

Home State: Haryana

Work ex: Amazon Operations

Hobbies: travelling, watching movies/documentaries (scifi, world war related)

Other: NSS volunteer

Optional: PSIR

The interview revolved almost entirely on DAF. Probably just 1 Current Affairs question.

IFS 1st preference but the board did not see this and therefore many questions were opinion based pertaining to administration ☹️

Chaiperson: Read my DAF

1. Tell me about your work in Amazon

2. When is GST charged when orders placed? (didn't know this, told what i knew. Other members were also not sure here perhaps. They said we shall check our bills next time)

A few other ques based on Work ex.

3. Why sex ratio so low in Haryana?

4. But these factors are present all over India, why so adverse in haryana only?

5. In your own opinion, do you feel today only sons take care of their parents? (Ma'am framed the question in different manner)

5. PCPNDT act full form?

6. Provisions of the act?

7. What if the doctor has an arrangement with the patient and tells them sex of the child? How does the Act ensure this does not happen?

( did not know this)

8. How will you as an administrator improve the women's situation in your state?

M1

1. Why sports so developed in Haryana?

2. Can sports be helpful in improving women empowerment in Haryana? ( in reference to Ma'am's last question)

3. Where did you last travel?

4. How does tourism help in improving the income of locals?

M2

Again, there were some questions on my Work ex.

1. How does Amazon negatively impact small retailers?

2. How does it benefit them?

3. How as an administrator will you balance the both?

4. As an electrical engg, how will you design the transmission line?

5. What motor is used for locomotives?

6. Have you seen Battlestar Galactica? This caught me off guard. I said no sir (based on hobby)

M3.

1. I have heard about ncc. What is this nss? We did not have this in our time. (Ma'am interrupted and said no we also had it and that she was a member too. Sir said that 'hum to aap se bhi purane hai')

2. What are the activities that NSS does?

3. What happened in Dunkirk?

4. What did England have that Germany didn't?

I made a few guesses here but they were wrong :/ Then sir said it's ok. This was followed by some discussion on Winston Churchill.

Sir said that he was a 'madman'.

M4 said it was because of wine. At this point i just wanted to laugh out loud along with the members. But only smiled.

5. Haryana has rising drug problem, how as an administrator will you check this in your district?

6. What is US- Taliban deal? It's impact on India?

M4

Sir was standing during most of the interview. He again asked questions on Work Ex.

1. How as an Administrator can you partner with Amazon to empower women in your district?

2. How will you resolve the issues the women SHGs might face while selling on Amazon?

Maam said ok interview over. I then made a blunder by smiling and leaving. Forgot to thank the Board :(

During my entire interview I was looking for a chance to mention IFS as first preference so that interview could shift more to IR but to no avail.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [30.03.20 23:38]

Jagdish Prasad Khoker

Civil engg - IIT Bombay

Optional - Anthropology

1st interview

Chairperson - T C A Anant Sir

Chairperson - read DAF

1. So graduated in 2016 , what were doing since then? No jobs?



2. You made a short film on rape. Titled as rape : different mindsets of Society. So what type of mindsets you observed - list them??

3. You are from dausa. In what areas dausa need improvement? ( I tried to ans but sir intervned and rephrased the question ) - Dausa is developed as adjoining regions such as haryana or Western UP??

M1-

1. You made a boat - tell something unique about it? - concrete canoe

2. Did it float? How?

3. What materials used in this?

4. Chairperson sir - what did you used for reinforcement?

5. Can concrete be exploited for commercial purpose as boat construction material?

6. About trade policy - 2/3 questions. Status? - talked about agriculture trade , why poor situation in Agri tarde? One more question was there unable to recall

7. You studied civil engg and anthropology , can we say evolution happened in construction tech such as materials? I talked about material - moved from stone to concrete, fly ash - as filler nd provide more strength

8. Civil engg - in eastern coast , so many old temples are there - huge in structure but still surviving while modern building/infra deteriorating fast why this? Have you visited any of these temples? Visited any old stone temple? Told one in Mysore, they are huge why standing still today??

M2-

1. Lawn Tennis - tell us name of most successful Indian players - one each from male nd female tennis?? - told Leander paes nd Sania mirza

2. Recently famous tennis player retired from international tennis -name? - Maria sharapova

3. What are your service preference you filled in DAF ? IAS- IPS- IRS (IT)- IRS (C&E)- IFS

4. As a SP , how will you tackle rioting? Told about info gathering, local community leaders, strict action section 144, if situation required call military

5. Chairperson intervned and asked that can civil administration call military/army? Told yes as executive megistrate has power to call army? He seems dissatisfied nd asked again what police can do more before army call? Told about reserve forces of district administration.

6. Govt is keep changing or reducing income tax rates every year ? Why don't we abolish it? Told that govt need revenue for spending , income tax forms big chunk of it.

7. Then why govt is keep reducing it ? - told rationalizing rates to obtain optimum rate.

M3-

1. Why don't we abolish income tax and replace it with indirect taxes???
2. Economy slowdown situation? Why? Told global nd domestic factors in general
3. Tell us domestic factors ?? - told decline in demand , investment, export nd savings
4. Why do we need investment when thousands of cars are not sold? - told automobile Sector is in crisis but need investment in other sectors
5. Such as ?? - agriculture , infrastructure, food processing nd value addition etc
6. 1-2 more questions

M4-

1. 2-3 questions -
2. Civil engg - have you heard or seen howrah bridge? Yes
3. What type of it? I told steel truss
4. Have you been there? No ... Have you seen photos / videos of it? Yes
5. Chairperson intervened - is it cantilever or suspension Bridge? - answered - suspension bridge
6. Are you sure ? Yes sir ( correct ans- Howrah bridge is suspension cantilever bridge)

Chairperson - okay , you can go now

Interview Transcripts 2019, [31.03.20 15:45]

Board:Sh. Bhim Sain Bassi Sir

Background:M.Pharmacy

Optional:PSIR

Hobbies:Travelling,Singing,Playing Harmonium

5<sup>th</sup> to go

duration: around 30 min

Chairman:

\*You have done M. Pharmacy..What attracted you to join civil services?

\*There is issue of less salary in pharma sector as compared to other fields...What are the reasons?

\*What is difference between USFDA and our GMP?

\*How you can contribute as a civil servants and as a Police officer considering Pharma as a background ?

M1:

\*You are the student of Political Science, What is politics of foreign companies (especially USA) in the generic pharma sector ?

\*How India is responding to it?

\*Can you give some examples?

M2:

\*Why India lacking in research in pharma sector

\*Why students are preferring to go abroad to study,to research...enlist some reasons as A.B.C...

\*What are the areas where our top research institutions and government is lacking ?

M3:

\*India is inclining towards USA ,will this impact India-Russia relations?

\*Are we neglecting Russia?

\*USA recently objected purchase of Russian defence equipment by India,can you name it?

M4:

Again discussion on M.Pharma and then Civil service for 1 min ..then questions as:

\*You might have faced uncertainty or dilemma in decision making while choosing ur career at that time..How you solved that dilemma.

\*In general life as a civil servant how will you deal with such situations ?

\*Will you follow any systemic approach and How?

Chairman:

\*Why do you want to come into civil services?. Enlist the reasons as A....B...C....

\*What will you do or what will be your priority areas of work as civil servant?

Thank you.Thank you... your interview is over.

(Overall panel was good....No question from hobbies, most of the questions were opinion based & related to Pharma issues)

Interview Transcripts 2019, [01.04.20 16:50]

Dhiraj kumar meher

Interview date 28th Feb

Optional-sociology

Qualification-Mechanical Engineering

State-Odisha

Chairman- Air marshal A S Bhonsle sir

Chairman

Q1-Are you aware of today's significance? What is Raman effect? When did he discover it? When did he get Nobel prize? What is so significance about Raman effect that he got the prize in just two years?

Q2-Tell me about the 5 basic problems of Kalahandi(odisha)

Q3-He added some other problems and asked...Are you able to see some progress in your area

M1-Kept talking for a while.Then asked" with the development of the country, the aspirations of people also increasing. If you are made collector of a district, how would you fulfil those aspiration"

Q2- Don't you think that India is not fulfilling the aspirations of its overseas citizens

M2

Q1- Did sanskritisation help in mordenisation?

Q2-suggest me some police reforms

Q3-are you aware of sc judgement regarding police reform

Q4-certain section of the society have a different opinion about our national song. Don't you think that it is disrespect to the nation?

M3

Q1-So you have been to Bhubaneswar. Both Chandigarh and bbsr are planned cities. have you ever been to Chandigarh? What is a planned city?

I don't remember another question asked by this member

M4

Q1-If you are made collector of a district, how will you use technology for the development of that district?

Q2- How can technology be menace to the society?

Chairman-What is your plan for today? Asked me to visit National war memorial. I said i had been to there once. He,then, asked what i observed there..Then, what is your plan for today?

All the best.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [02.04.20 00:45]

Chairperson: Bassi sir

18th Feb 2020, Morning session

Akash

Bsc in Chemistry honors

Chemistry optional

C1

Meditation and usefulness

Old Indian defense in chess

M1

Tourism in Rajasthan

Labour and employment scenario in India

Defense procurement and Make in India

Unskilled workforce present case

M2( lady member )

Water conservation in Rajasthan

Constitution writs and 8th schedule

NGO issue and working

Bodo accord

MNREGA and daily wages in Rajasthan

M3

Cold war through proxy

Chess and Cold War

NATO and Warsaw pact

Mutual Assured Destruction

M4

Pollutant compounds in our environment

Use of titration in chemistry

Some instrument name ( never heard of it )

M3 gave a compliment on my Shirt colour

Interview Transcripts 2019, [04.04.20 12:06]

BS Bassi Sir board on 20-03-2020

Nikas:

Personal profile— IIT Delhi Civil Engineering Graduate, Yoga hobby, Commerce and accountancy optional, CFA Level 3 passed, 4 year work ex as Data Scientist, Currently in IPS

Disclaimer: This may or may not related to you. This was not knowledge test. It was truly a personality test.

By chairman

1. Why commerce and accountancy optional?
2. What was your role as consultant.

3. Speak 3 minutes on tax.
4. Speak 3 minutes on goodness.

By members

1. You are not satisfied with engineering, data analytics consultant, IPS but with commerce. Explain
2. How as IPS and civil engineer help in traffic control.
3. What are problems of traffic management and devise strategy for traffic management In India .
4. You are in position of secretary give a plan to chief minister on issues and solution of indira gandhi canal related issues.
5. As a consultant give us consultation on social sector with use of data. Speak for 3 minutes. What kind of new system you will design.
6. Define moral dilemma of phone tapping. What will you do if situation arise. What are laws on it?

By chairman

1. How would you use past health data for predictive analytics.
2. What is meaning of your name and why such name?
3. Exercise which result in sweating are good. Counter this.
4. Will you also go for high studies if need arise.

Overall Board was cordial and Chairmen was very professional. Each member asked not more than 2 Questions but expected long reply by giving time limits.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [04.04.20 15:53]

Background:

Mechanical engg. NIT Allahabad

From Gorakhpur,UP

Work ex- Tata Motors

Hobby interest- reading(biography),movies,newspaper

Sujata Mehta Ma'am board

17 March



C.P.

1) Is it your pic?

2) Introduce yourself (edu. etc)

3) Japanese Encephalitis in Gkp, recurring or new? Why there? What's being done to improve? Has there been any drastic change in cleanliness?

4) What's your role in TML? (in detail)

5) After demonitization what were issues in TML dealers? How you handled?

M1

1) Explain your patent filed. Questions on the project.

2) What stages in power sector are problematic? Why? What are supply voltages in power transmission? What situation of power sector in India? What are AT&C losses? How's it being tackled?

3) What are various types of IPR? What about GI? Give eg of GI products.

M2

1) Why USSR disintegration linked with communism failure? Why it so? What were reasons for disintegration?

2) What is the importance of Siachen Glacier? What its current status? Some related questions.

M3

1) What is India's position in patent filing? Why its low?

2) Renewable target of 175GW, what are various forms? What is the achievement till now?

3) How are countries after USSR disintegration performing?

4) Some question on some USSR policy which i couldn't understand?

M4

1) What's scope of EVs in India? How's the market preparing for it? Is it focussed on urban areas only and not rural? Can they be charged using generators?

2) What's situation in Gilgit-Baltistan(GB)? There was some news about a year ago about GB, do you remember it? Why it caused uproar in India? How many provinces in Pak?

How India reasserted its position on GB recently? Referring to raising Baloch issue in PM 15 aug address, what do you think about it?

C.P. again

1) Do you someone from North east? Someone from Armed forces?

2) Do you want us to ask from any area which we have left?

P.S.- Interview went very smoothly. I was first in the board. About 25 min.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [06.04.20 08:35]

Name- Ravi kumar sihag

optional- Hindi literature

work profile- IRTS

board- R N CHAUBEY SIR.

HOBBIES- learning different languages and dialect and kitchen gardening.

Educational background- BA in Political Science and English literature

chairman--

1. Tell me briefly about your educational background and work profile?

2. Tell me your views on the privatization of Railway?

3. Can the private players decide the fares and charges? Is it is it beneficial for government or not?

4. should we fully privatize the railway?

M1---

1. You have an interesting background, you are a student of English literature and optional is Hindi literature? So tell me about Hindi literature what is the difference and what are the similarities between aadikal and bhaktikal?

2. Comparison of English and Hindi literature?

3. What is the impact of classical Greek poets on Hindi literature?

4. In which areas Israel can be helpful for India? In which area we can cooperate?

5. What is contract farming and do you think this we are going into the zamindari system?

6. Now a days media is not obeying its duty very well. Do you think government should regulate media?

M2--{lady member}

1. What is Bio toilet and how it it works?

2. Is there any problem in bio toilet?

3. From where we get the anaerobic bacteria for bio bio toilets?

4. What should be done for the proper hygiene and safety in the coaches?

more questions unable to recall....

M3--

1. Have you travelled in metro? Tell me about the Delhi Metro model?

2. Is Delhi Metro in profit ?

3. In the context of privatisation of Railway, is there any model in which we can separately Run the subsidiary companies of Railway? Will it work?

4. What is MSP

5. Why does the government announces MSP?

M4---

1. What is make in India and what are the four pillars of it?

2. Is it successful?

3. What is startup mission and is it successful?

4. Like defence sector Railways also very big Sector one of the biggest employer in the world. As a railway officer aur like in railway what should be done to motivate its employees?

chairman-

Ravi you have done well and as an option we are giving one chance. If you want us to ask anything that has not been asked then you can tell us from your DAF.( I told them about my hobbies of learning different languages and kitchen gardening )

Chairman- it is very good hobby that you have interest in languages. So how many languages do you know?

( i told them)

thn he asked- that will be great if you posted in Nagaland and any other state of India or in northeast.  
( i said that it will be a great opportunity for me sir)

then he told me that ur interview is over and thanked me.... i thanked all of them and said have a nice day sir.

it was a great experience.... board was very cordial..

Interview Transcripts 2019, [06.04.20 14:34]

Santosh Kumar

Optional - Medical science

Playing cricket, NCC

R N choubey sir

Wished chairman sir and he asked me to relax and passed the baton to M1

M1

-enquired about ncc

-ever you consider joining army medical corps

-what is your understanding wrt national security

-whether India should join any military block

-who is our present army chief, navy chef, air Chief Marshall, CDS, cabinet secretary

M2

-explain panchayat raj system in india

-what exactly they are doing now

- what are the schemes implemented by them
- is MGNREGS successful
- what are the problems wrt present Indian agriculture
- why Indian agriculture not able to compete with developed world
- do you think mechanization would reduce production costs

M3

- work experience at policy bazaar
- achievements of Indian women cricketers
- do you think development contain naxalism

M4

- how can we improve asha worker performance
- how can we evaluate their performance
- what are the other ways
- suggest some reforms wrt medical education

CM sir

Your interview is over, you can go now

very cordial board, no questions from CM sir. Overall experience is like more of a discussion rather Q&A session and in line with the DAF

Ps: persona of Choubey sir is captivating.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [07.04.20 10:01]

19/03/2020

IRTS/MBBS/Maharashtra/Geography

Hobbies: Following International Relations, Psephology

Chairman: R.N. Choubey Sir

Chairman sir: Hello, Since you've been through interview before I don't need to explain to you the procedure in detail (He explained it in brief). Then asked, how will you respond if you don't know answer to any question?

- 1) Explain in brief your educational and work background
- 2) Is accounting system in Government of India based on cash accounting or accrual accounting?
- 3) What is the reason for farm distress in the state of Maharashtra
- 4) What could be solutions for improving the situation regarding same?
- 5) Also tell me how to increase productivity of farm sector, can technology play some role?

M1

- 1) Why did you leave health sector and now pursuing civil services?
- 2) What do you think about recent merger of all railway services into single one?
- 3) Are there any apprehensions within railway officers regarding it? Your view on those concerns?
- 4) Have you heard of 'judges appointing judges'? What is it?
- 5) What is the solution? What do you think?
- 6) What is 'ego'? Origin of word 'ego'? There is one theory related to 'ego', do you know it?
- 7) Why word 'ego' has gotten such negative connotation?

M2

- 1) What are electoral bonds? Who issues them? Who is eligible to buy?
- 2) Has it succeeded in bringing transparency in political funding? What are the concerns associated with electoral bonds?
- 3) Was any law modified to bring electoral bonds in practice?
- 4) What do you think of India-Sri Lanka relation? What are the issues?
- 5) Is new Sri Lankan regime tilted towards China?

M3

- 1) What is national security?
- 2) What is the status of nutritional security in India?
- 3) What is this 'war on terror' that we hear so often?
- 4) Which country is at the forefront globally in this war? Why?
- 5) Have US counterterrorism efforts benefited India?

M4

- 1) Why oil prices are going down?
- 2) What is the geopolitical angle in this Saudi Arabia-Russia tussle?
- 3) What is your analysis of the outcome of Delhi election?
- 4) How do you see the post election result happenings and government formation in Maharashtra.
- 5) What is the importance of primary health care? Are we doing enough as far as primary health care is concerned?

Chairman Sir:

Your interview is over.

I thanked everyone and came out :)

Interview Transcripts 2019, [07.04.20 17:51]

Interview Transcript

Board: M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

Educational Background: B.Tech Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Reading Novels, Playing and Following Football

First one to go in.

As I walked in, the Chairperson wished me a very pleasant Good Morning and asked me to take my seat.

The Chairman began reading my DAF aloud to all the other members

Ch: So you are from Mumbai?

Ch: Oh so you were just born there. Where were you brought up then? Which would you call 'your city'?

Ch: What is this SURA (Summer Undergraduate Research Award)?

Ch: What did you do in this project? (Had developed an apparatus to determine fineness of fly ash)

Ch: Did you get it patented? Why not?

Ch: Did you follow up on the project? (I replied in the negative). Motioned towards M1 (Lady member)

M1: So you read novels? Which is the most recent novel you have read? What is it about?

M1: Oh so what life lesson you liked the most? (Picking up on 'life lessons' from my answer explaining the contents of the novel)

M1: In the relatively short life you have had, what life lesson have you lived by?

M1: What socio-economic issue do you feel most strongly about?

M1: One field that you would like to work in and as DM of a district how will you go about working on it?

M2: So you are working in Gujarat? (Politely corrected him). So what is your cadre then?

M2: You must have been exposed to forest laws in the academy. Heard about Indian Forest Act (IFA) 1927?

M2: What is UDF (Undeclared forest)?

M2: Do you know about the recent Supreme Court guidelines to the Gujarat government for protection of the Great Indian Bustard?

M2: Do you know what is the Forest Conservation Act 1980?

M2: Do you think it's a hindrance to development or there is a need to keep the act into focus?

M2: So do you watch or play football or both?



M2: Any particular team you support?

M2: Tell me the name of the coach that Messi recently had a rift with? (I thought this was massively impressive that he knew about this story)

M2: Name of a famous Barcelona manager who is now Manchester City's manager?

M3: Read out my profile from my academics to Indian Forest Services to me appearing for the interview and then proceeded to ask what it is that I wanted to do in life?

M3: You could have served the nation even as a civil engineer. Why not take that route?

M3: So what might happen if the fly ash becomes coarse? (picking up from my SURA discussion earlier and I answered it impacts workability of concrete)

M3: Concrete or cement? Are you sure it's concrete?

M3: Explain workability.

M3: No what is one property that might be impacted the most by coarse fly ash? (I stuck to workability)

M3: You are a civil engineer, don't you know about strength and how it is affected by fineness? (I firmly but politely mentioned that there is no scientific evidence linking fineness and strength and went on to explain how strength of concrete is measured)

M3: So how do you enjoy yourself at the Academy in Dehradun?

M3: Don't you then curse your PT teacher?

M4: What are the qualities of a civil servant?

M4: Explain empathy?

M4: What about integrity? I sit not important?

M4: But you place it at the bottom of your priority list?

M4: Do you know about the Australian bushfires? What is the cause behind the same?

M4: Is it just the dry season or is there something more? (Wasn't really satisfied with any of the reasons I came up with)

M4: Give me some solutions for forest fires.

M4: What about in India, do we have forest fires?

M4: And Central India, do we not have fires there?

Ch: You mentioned education as the field you would like to work on, so have you heard about the Delhi education model? What is your opinion on it?

Ch: Do you think it is replicable across the nation?

Ch: Your interview is over. Thank you.

Interview Transcripts 2019, [10.04.20 17:51]

Rishu Priya, 30 F

ECE, 4+ YRS WORK EX at GM –TCI, 4th Attempt

RPF (CSE 2017)

19.03.20, Forenoon, 6th to go

12:30-12:55pm

Air Marshal Bhonsle sir Board

Hobbies: teaching under privileged children, writing short stories

Homestate: Jharkhand

RP: Entered and wished, CM read aloud my achievements, appreciated me for a “feel good” maybe.

CM: You know we are here to assess your personality through a conversation. We usually relax the candidates but you already are relaxed so we don't need. You have gone through it once so you know how this works, so lets start straightaway.

You are in RPF serving as a ..what is your designation??

RP: Sir it is Assistant Security Commissioner Probation.

You training might be very rigorous, be careful about stress fractures.

RP: Yes Sir we have 5 periods of outdoor and 5 periods indoor classes but our Ustaads(instructors) are very careful and they keep reminding us that injuries are the worst thing. But sir, I am liking it as it is helping me reduce the weight that I have put on during EOL.

But still be careful about stress fracture, you must be knowing it, usually it happens in the legs.

You went to Singapore in class11th?

RP: Yes Sir, I went there as the state winner from Jharkhand in an event called race for awareness and knowledge. From every state a student and teacher were selected.

You have also worked at GM for quite long ? You must have learnt a lot of things.

RP: Yes Sir I learnt a lot because none of my parents worked in a corporate sector and it was a great learning opportunity for me. I became very responsible and also my accountability increased as since the very first year I had to take my own decisions without asking my manager. I even learnt to take decisions in ambiguity when the requirements were not clear but still we had to move on. Also, Sir I learnt leadership skills if I may explain with an anecdote.

Hmm..

RP : Sir when I got a good rating I was sent to a Centre of Excellence team which means that is better than even the North American Counterparts and the team members had a belief that participating in a co curricular activity is a waste of time and is done by people doing less important work. I had problems in integrating in that team and I asked my manager if we can participate in a cubicle decoration event and he told me you can do it if you want but you have to do everything yourself. It was a tough time convincing everyone but finally we did and the bond that we built was amazing and we even got prize. It was very good opportunity for me to integrate with the team.

Was the integration/bonding because you won . would it have been the same had you lost

RP: Sir the bonding was the process of the event. We laughed, cracked jokes, came to know each other's strengths and weaknesses. Someone was good at cutting thermocol, someone was painting etc.

Rishu, it is often said that leaders have Tolerance to Ambiguity. What does it mean?

RP: Sir Ambiguity means something that is not clear and leaders have to take decisions even if things are not clear at the moment.

Interrupted... that is decision making in ambiguity, I am asking Tolerance to ambiguity.

RP: Sir, it means to tolerate the ambiguity and stay firm and keep working.

Ok I am done.

M1 BEGINS.

Rishu you teach underprivileged children. Who is underprivileged?

RP: Sir these are those students who not privileged to go to good schools or have supportive environment to study.....interrupted.

Good school or no school at all?

RP: Sir, the students whom I teach are from a Government school in Giridih district of Jharkhand. I teach them online through a NGO. Sir I try to show them the larger purpose of education for instance I show them places on the globe and tell them where they can reach if they can do homework regularly.

Recently Trump visited India. This is the first time a president has not come via Pakistan or didn't go to Pakistan. What do you think about this?

Sir India and USA have great relationship and we are a strategic partners and relationship in all the three sectors defence, economy, diaspora and this visit was

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to acknowledge this relationship by USA and amidst the present.....(He interrupted)

Is this SAE some company that conducts Supra SAE?

RP: Yes Sir , SAE conducts BAJA and Supra but I participated in BAJA and I got placed by GM from that event itself.

So you are an electronics engineer what was your role in the BAJA ?

RP: Sir both in BAJA and at GM I worked for the infotainment. In BAJA I made a collision detector.

What is that? You mean using sensors?

RP: Yes Sir using sensors

In this IT enabled world, what are the challenges in using IT for security?(very long question)

RP: Sir most important problem as per me is data handling as DATA is the basis of the IT enabled world so privacy is a big concern. For instance the face recognition systems.....interrupted.

How does it work?

RP: Sir, it stores the images of people in mob and then matches it.....interrupted

I am asking how does it work?

RP Sir it stores the data digitally in the form of 1s and 0s (you means through marking) yes sir and then it matches them.

M2 BEGINS

You were the Editor of the Literary Society, you write short stories, How did you develop this skill?

RP: Sir, I see this as a medium of expressing my emotions and things that are in my mind and I get encouraged when friends read it and they can connect with it.

But I am asking how did you develop that skill?

RP: Sir I got interested in my childhood days when I read few SS.

So names like Dharmveer Bharti(few other names ) ring a bell?

RP: Sir I have heard about Shri Dharmveer Bharti but I have read the SS of few contemporary writers and of Manto. Also, Sir when I was undergoing foundation at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy in Mussoorie, I met Ruskin Bond whose stories I used to read in childhood.

But Manto is nowhere a contemporary writer. He is older than any of the names I mentioned?

RP: Sir he is not but recently a movie came about him and I got curious that's why I read few SS by him.

Railways you see is creating a lot of child criminals. Like if I go to Nizammuddin, I find many children begging, stealing etc. What can you do about this?

RP: Sir, children are exposed to these circumstances all over India due to poverty and also they have seen their parents doing only this. First of all Sir, I would make sure they are removed from that environment. I will contact a local NGO and near or within the station premises I would arrange for a place where these children can stay in good environment and counselled to study.

But what is their incentive to study. Why will they study?

RP: Sir I have myself heard from many children I have tried to counsel that "Padhne se kya milega". Sir, for this we need to show them that they can get beyond their basic survival needs if they study and yes sir it will only be a gradual process. Also Sir, RPF is involved in rescuing many trafficked children and they can also be..... Interrupted.

You have worked in BSNL and you are also a telecom engineer. Recently, telecom companies have to pay huge dues. If they pay they will go bankrupt and if they don't, they will run into a problem.

RP: Sir, Aggregate Gross Revenues are huge and they run into lacs of crores of rupees, but sir Government has recently announced a 20 year period to allow them to pay at their own pace. Interrupted...

Allowed or proposed?

RP: It is proposed Sir, I am sorry.

Thankyou!

M3 BEGINS:

RPF is a specialized force and there is another force GRP. Is there a friction between the two?

RP: Sir RPF is Central force and GRP IS A part of the state police and yes there are coordination problems on the ground. RPF has limited powers confined to the 29 petty offence of the railways Act where as crimes related to passengers and their belongings and heinous crimes come lie with the GRP.

Recently sir while we were in the training academy, we were contacted by the SP of \*\*\*\* through our colleagues in other services, about 2 hardened criminals travelling in train from Patiala( corrected to Ambala) to Patna and they were not getting support from GRP. They just needed data like PNR, seat number and confirmation that they are sit

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ting in. We coordinated with our seniors and staff and the 2 were arrested. I realized that better coordination can also prevent many heinous crimes.

Rishu, Jharkhand was previously called Chhotanagpur. Don't you get baffled by this? There is Nagpur and then there is a Chhota Nagpur?

RP: Sir, I never thought as to why that name is?

Make a guess. It is something related to the late 18th Early 19th Century.

RP: Sir, that period witnessed massive tribal revolts in the Deccan and similar uprisings were there in Chhotanagpur region. But I am not sure Sir.

Interrupted, looks like you don't want to answer that question. Ok next question. Jharkhand recently got separated from Bihar 2-3 years ago? Do you think the separation has been good?

RP: Sir Jharkhand got separated from Bihar in 2000. Sir the partition was mainly for the Tribal identity and tribal development. In terms of the social indicators like IMR, Literacy etc it has definitely improved and is performing better than Bihar and in some better than national average too.... Interrupted....

But is it due to partition or is it due to development?

RP: Sir, it is due to partition that a pinpointed focus on the tribals who constitute 27% of the population could take place... Interrupted..looked at the CM and said it was a very pin pointed question. Anyway I am done.

M4(LADY) BEGINS

How many women are there in RPF with you?

RP: Ma,am I am the only one.

In RPF TOTAL?

RP: In total cadre strength of around 180 there are about 18 women.

How will you ensure safety of women in the work force? I clarified –Ma'am in RPF? Yes!

RP: Ma'am first I would work on the sensitization of men. Also, I would counsel the women to come out and report such instances. I will also strengthen the Institutions like the ICC. Also I would like to implement something from my previous company. Every quarter, everyone had to pass a mandatory test on sexual harassment. This reiterated in the minds of men to be very careful of their conduct.

This reiterating this is very good, happens in USA but not in India. Generally people are only after strengthening Institutions.

Rishu about sports, Jharkhand has produced some eminent sports persons. Can you name 2 sports.

RP: Hockey, Archery

What is the conditions of these players today?

RP: Ma'am I have been reading reports that these ex sports persons are facing economic hardships and something should be done regarding their employment. Recently, Jharkhand Government has announced 2% reservation in Government jobs from sports quota.

Is there any place where they can go and practice now?

RP: Ma'am there is a sports complex KHEL GAON with world class infrastructure, there many trainings take place.

Have you been there?

RP: No ma'am, I went there when it was getting constructed. But I have heard that the facilities are really good.

CM in the end looking at members. Ok your interview is over. You may now go to your 'Ustaads' and get back to your training.

RP: Yes Sir I will.

CM: Are you on leave? When are you going back?

RP : Sir, I am on leave till tomorrow for medical. I will go back on Sunday.

CM: Maybe, they will keep you in isolation for a few days and not immediately allow you to train with others.

RP: Yes Sir, maybe.

CM: OK, Thank you.

RP: Thank you Sir. Thank you(looked at others)

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March 17, Afternoon,

Board- B.S. Bassi Sir

Educational background: B.Tech in Textile Technology from IIT Delhi, 2019 Batch

Homestate- Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: Cricket, Introspection.

CM-

1. Why do you want to join civil services?
2. What are problems with govt services?
3. What are the issues in your college?
4. What changes will you bring to improve communication between faculties and students? (since one of the point of previous answers was about lack of communication between faculties and students)
5. Question related to textile sector.

M2 and M3 completely focused on questions regarding textile sector and follow up questions on my answers related to textile sector.

The questions were generalised in nature regarding current situation in textile, problems with Indian textile industry and how to overcome it.

M4

1. Why do we require army when we have air force? (he meant that air force can do operations like Balakot strike, so why do we need army?)

M5- the questions were related to textile sector and my answers to M3 and M4.

CM-

1. When will you shout at someone?
2. When will you scold someone?
3. Two examples of how technical textile can be used in daily life.

End.