

Miscellaneous - Transcripts 2021 - 2022

Name-
Date and session of the interview-
Board-
Optional-PSIR
College-
Profession (if any)-Computer Engineer
Hobbies-
Your experience in interview-Nothing from Hobbies, Extra Curricular or Graduation Subject
Utility of mocks (if any)-

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Q What was the best thing about your company.

Q Difference between culture in government and private sector?

Q What practices would you try to implement in the government offices?

2 more questions

Q What would you do if you do not agree with your boss in government on the direction the project is taking?

Q Why does the government want to promote more telecom companies?

1 more question

Q Which party is in power in country?

Q How many parties in NDA?

Q How many seats does BJP have in Lok Sabha?

Q Which are the major parties that get donations through electoral bonds? Name top 5?

Q Question on Electoral bonds?

Q Why does government companies become profitable as they are sold? Who are to blame, the political executive or the bureaucracy?

Q Silver Line project

Q Center State relations

Q History of Article 370

Q Which laws were applicable in India and not in J&K

Q What 4 subjects were transferred to India?

Q What was the controversy around removal of Article 370

20th April

state: karnataka

Optional: Literature

Chair:

1. Why upsc again being in service?

2. You have been told COVID will happen being adviser to govt would you still recommend demonetisation?

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Follow up questions

3. Do you feel optimistic about the Indias growth going forward?

4. Did you choose kannada literature because it's safer option?

M1:

What is difference between equality before law and equal protection of law?

What is women kosh?

M2:

Job profile (daf)

2G scam (daf)

Will the reduction of 5g reserve price won't create loss to govt revenue? (Daf)

How can you assure scam like 2g won't repeat in 5G auctioning (daf)

M3:

Should we bring compulsory military service?

How to inculcate quality of discipline among people?

What is one area you want to bring change in?

M4:

Why different account services for railway, defense etc?

What is the recent book of S L bairappa? Follow up questions

If you have to merge karnataka with neighbouring state which one you prefer? Pros and cons?

Why is UK richer than India? Is it because they looted world?

North Indians like South Indian food, but south Indians Don't prefer north indian food, why?

Chairman

Take down ur mask if u are comfortable

1. What were u doing After graduation

2. Related questions about my plans. Asked about my NGO and work.

3. One question related to polymer (related to my field of study)

4. How useful polymers are compared to other materials...their contribution to our surroundings

M1.

1. Questions regarding polymer

2. Plastic rice , is it real? Many people believe it...how will u tell a common person that it's not plastic rice?

3. Who do left hand shake (asked me because he said u were part of NCC)

4. What was PURA mission?

Tell me about it's three components.

5. What is reverse engineering? Is china stealing technology through reverse engineering?

6. Why India behind China in innovation ?

7. Where do u see urself in next 10 years?

M2.

1. One major problem of UP...why it is major problem...ways to solve it
2. Human trafficking ... issues...where trafficked people are used
- 3.glass ceiling and glass escalating terms
4. Three factual questions which I didn't know
5. Sociological analysis of abuses....are they biased towards women

M 4

- 1.what is social change? What do u understand by terms like ' Management of social change'.
2. What is social reform...give examples
2. How useful are stock exchanges?
3. Why India is lagging in R& D?
4. What is enterpreneuriship?
5. What is funding problem of startups?
6. Changing names like planning commission to NITI aayog ...MHRD to education ministry etc...do u find it useful and logical..

M5.

1. difference between carbon fibre, glass fibre and aramid fibre
2. What do use in optical fibres
3. Uses of polymer in aerospace industry
4. Views on 'one nation one law'

Chairman - interview is over

Some questions... I am not able to recall right now.

Date and session- 29.04.2022, afternoon

Education- MSc (Physics)

Optional- Maths

Experience- Executive Geophysicist (ONGC) , State civil services

Hobbies- Baking, Gardening, Kdramas and movies

Utility of mocks- Help in gaining confidence, preparing the body language, voice modulation etc

Chairman-

He gave a monologue about inflation and asked my views on it.

What's the difference between WPI and CPI ?

Have you read this year's Eco survey? (I replied in negative and he suggested me to read it.)

What do you know about FATF ?

As you are already a civil servant, tell me should the bureaucracy be rule based or role based.

What is blue economy?

Member 1-

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Views on lateral entry in civil services.

Asked my views on the method of induction and if I thought it was appropriate.

Private players in oil sector, should more of them be encouraged ?

A CAG report on conflict between ongc and pvt cos. Asked my views on it.

Asked about my experience of working at ONGC and why I left that job.

Member 2-

How do you think technology can help in solving the ground water problems of your state ?

Based on my answer, asked me 2-3 counter Questions.

In which new areas is ONGC exploring oil and gas ?

Suggest me a few kdramas that I should watch.

Why do you think they are so popular on OTT platforms?

Member 3 -

Tell me something about Quantum Entanglement.

A discussion based on my answer.

Do you think quantum entanglement is really useful in administration?

What's your favourite service?

Member 4-

What was the Rowlatt act and a person from your state was severely effected by it. Tell me about him.

What's the strategic importance of Andaman & Nicobar islands?

Date 21/4/22

Relevant info : DANICS, civil engineering

Chairperson:

1. Asked what I was doing these days
2. MCD action : demolition of encroachment and due process regarding
3. Whether we need to continue with UTs
4. Chandigarh to be allotted to which state. Etc

M1

1. Brain drain and related questions
2. Why civil engineering optional subject.
3. Whether you would work in Nagaland?

M2:

1. Passports issued last year
 2. How to make passport issuance process more robust so that criminal doesnt escape?
- A few questions from home town... 1-2 I think...

M3:

1. Why civil services now
 2. How come old structures have survived
 3. Why people don't opt for a career in teaching
 4. What's the difference between singing styles of arijit singh and kishore kumar
- A few more questions and counter questions here and there

M4:

1. Regarding jahangirpuri encroachment
 2. How to make surveillance effective so that lands are not encroached
 3. Why is govt demolishing that... Poor people are making a living there... In govt setup those lands will remain Unutilised
 4. Initiative for development/empowerment of muslim women.
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Name: John Wick

Relevant information : Africa in DAF, PSIR

Board : RN Chaubey sir, 21st forenoon, 2nd
to go

Chair

1. usual greetings

2. Why Africa is called dark continent

3. EVs - opinion they are just changing the
point of pollution - 2 3 questions on this

3. Energy mix - renewable energy share

Member 1 Lady

1 - why liberal arts increasing in India ?

Imitation of west(arts graduate)

2. Africa - India relations why lag ? Who
stepped in ? What we are doing now

3. African students in India facing racism
issue

Member 2

1. Why centre supporting states in
Education health etc

2. Emergency under which article

3. Three positives and negatives of Emergency

Member 3

1. What is LIBOR
2. Netflix subscribers going down why
3. Why aviation sector growing suddenly
4. Why Germany in news in context of Russia Ukraine
5. How Japanese able to work 18 hours a day
6. Investor summit in Bengal , who is investing how much.
7. Why Indian countries shutting shops in Russia

Member 4

1. Competition commission , past , role and example of company using dominant position
2. Insolvency and bankruptcy code , role

3. Financial creditors and operational creditors.

4. Israel - Three things it is known for.

Overall cordial experience. Best wishes to all fellow aspirants.

One to one with Khan sir helped with confidence boost.

Attempt - 2nd

Mind medium

Optional - Hindi literature

Background - Civil Engineering

Board - T.C. Anant Sir (27 April, 1st to go)

Hobbies - Diary, Badminton, Local Rural games.

Time Duration - 20-25 minutes

Chairman.

- 1) Why civil services?
- 2) Why civil services after civil Engg / why not IES
- 3) Local Rural games में कौन-कौन सा game खेलते हो?
- 4) Difference in local games & National game
- 5) Why Hindi literature, not civil Engg?

1st member

- 1) Smallest digit divide by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - 10
- 2) About Diary writing - डिजिटल या copy में लिखते हो जब gap होता है तब कैसे पूरा करते हो
- 3) Any book which you have u studied recently
- 4) Any important story of Diary writing
- 5) Subsidiary alliance

Relⁿ → Byproduct मेंने गतिना श्रीवासक की देह ही देश विताव की चर्चा की

2nd member (maam)

- 1) Dairy problem in village, How can we improve? why changing
- 2) Demography of Uttarakhand (College से Related)
- 3) Khel mahakumbh कहाँ आयोजित हो रहा है

1) वर्तमान में हिन्दी के जति लोगो का मुकाब पहले की तुलना
क्यों करी है।

2) कैसा साहित्य लिखा जाता गारिह। भाषा कैसी हो।
गानों में से।
ये ही कुरल गाने हैं।

3rd member 1) Kaseedi के बारे में [olympic में है या नहीं]

2) Panchayati Raj Problem in village

3) Sumitro Nandan Pant (इन्साइ) के बारे में

4) About NCC Air wing

↳ why u didn't join Air force
↳ Did u study the different part
of Planes? (NCC)

4th member

1) Mechanism of GPS? How many satellites

↳ Russian & Chinese system
(GLONASS) ↳ (Beidou)

2) Mechanism of machine learning?

3) About Belarus (Russia-Ukraine war) stand?

4) Strategic Road? क्या होता है

Manoj Soni sir - Transcripts 2021 - 2022

4th May

NAME: Chaitu

Date: 4th may, Forenoon Session 3rd to go

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

college: NIT Trichy (Mech), 2019

Optional: Anthropology

Time - 30 Mins

Hobbies: Cricket, Jogging, Movies

State - Telangana

Experience in interview: Except one lady member every body with monotonous face

Mask was compulsory while face shield was optional

Utility of Mocks: Gives you confidence and articulating answers

Chairman:

1. Apart from preparation what are you doing nowadays?
2. Opinion on commercialisation of cricket
3. Privatisation of govt institutions. Good or Bad?
4. Where is tobacco board established?
5. Tell me about Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, his philosophy and time period (DAF)

Member 1

1. What is global warming
2. Does India's recent targets and efforts suffice to cap global temperature below 1.5 Celsius?
3. Panchamrit goals by India in COP 26
4. What is renewable energy and its challenges?
5. How do use mechanical engineering in administration?

Member 2 (lady)

1. Tell me about your home town?
2. Status of covid vaccination in my home town?
3. Why UPSC after engineering?
4. Which state has lost after bifurcation of telangana and andhra & what are they?

Member 3

1. Do you remember anything from sanskrit? (Subject in class 12th)
2. Name one any famous literature in Sanskrit and its author?
3. Tell any two words which are adopted in telugu from sanskrit?

4. Can Sanskrit is used as Link language in communication b/w states and governance?
5. Steps to increase awareness and protect indigenous languages?
6. Do you watch women cricket, captain of odi and t20 indian women team?
7. Tell me something about Panchayat raj?
8. Which state was first to adopt panchayat raj and year?

Member 4

1. What is a Machine?
2. Difference between googly and chinaman?
3. How do use Anthro knowledge in administration?
4. Then how anthro can be used in urban governance?(based on my previous answer)
5. Why some species such as apes are still primitive in terms of intelligence despite growing in same environment as humans?
6. 10 lines on difference between Manipur and Tripura?

5th May

Name - Holy Pdf

Date and session of interview-5/5/2022 Afternoon session (Last to go)

Board- Manoj Soni Sir 🙏

Optional- Sociology

Mechanical engineering (No Single Question)

Hobbies- Working on local environmental and social issues, Shayari writing (Lot of questions on hobbies)

Your experience in interview- Board asked sometimes counter question (however Soni Sir observes very closely) Overall good experience

Utility of mocks (if any)- Next IAS and Chanakya Mandal acted good for me

(Not allowed to remove mask and hand gloves. He says shield is optional as per your convenience)

Chairman

1)Greeted me and asked u waiting for long so what you were doing

Mentioned another Mechanical Engineering is there but didn't asked single question

2)Long monologue about crisis provide new opportunity and asked how world and India got new opportunity by covid 19 crisis

3)5 trillion economy - Asked me write on paper with big letters and show everyone (then asked number of zero - Sambit Patra Style)

4)Whether india can achieve 5 trillion?

Current status?

Then steps taken?

5)Your favourite shayar?

M1 lady member (DAF based)

1)What works you have done on local environmental and social issues?

Modus operandi of work?

2) Asked what I did in covid crisis at my village?

Role of grampanchayat in that ?

3) Devdasi system we discussed

4) Then asked to recite my Shayari.. (Everyone were happy after listening)

5) Where do I stay (Mostly in my village)

M2

1) Again asked about environmental issues on which I work

2) Asked about net forest?

3) Carbon neutrality by 2070? what it mean?

Steps taken by India in this regard?

4) India's steps as vaccine Maitri bad or good?

5) How's india's relation with Sri Lanka?

6) How world responses to Pokharan II Test?

Sanctions on India for this?

PM during this period?

M3

1) Asked hindi shayar who was English department head?

2) Black vs green water

3) Difference between community and society?

Durkheim theory regarding it?

Then about suicide theory and it's relation to above mentioned theory?

4) Five Social evils u wanted to remove from society?

(he added corruption to my list)

M4

1) Started with vaccine Maitri asked vasudhaiva kutumbakam and from where we have taken this

Asked full quotation (few other lines are there)

Whether India followed it with the china?

2) Monologue on Ahimsa parmo dharma

Then asked whether we are following it or not?

3) Then asked somebody with knife attacking? Will you still follow?

4) Asked about there should be presidential democracy in India? My opinion?

5) What is Vishwakarma? It's Pauranic relation?

(Few questions asked by every panel member lost at its place, so can't memorise)

Chairman Greeted for better future and healthy life. Your interview is over.

(Interview last around 28- 30 minutes.)

name: siddharth rao gautam

date: 5th may, forenoon session

board: manoj soni sir

college: IIT Delhi (Textile Technology), 2019

optional: Mathematics

Hobbies: Music(singing, playing guitar,harmonica), Vipassana meditation, Street play(POR: director of institute street play team)

NSS volunteering

Experience in interview: board was cordial

mask was compulsory while face shield was optional

Chairman:

1. What do you know about Siddharth Gautam?(expecting the spiritual point of view), follow up questions on philosophy of buddhism.
2. Didn't you go for the college placements?
3. You are graduated from IIT Delhi. How and when did you decide choosing civil services?
4. did you get training for singing? do you sing bollywood songs?
5. Mention any government policy after independence which you think was not good for India.(my answer: national population policy with coercive measures including forced sterilisation)
6. Give 5 solutions in brief to control population.
7. Do you think India is a patriarchal society?

Member 1(lady member)

1. some questions on women empowerment, women education(in context of population control), women as decision makers
2. why is that the female contraceptives are more prevalent in india than the contraceptives for males?
3. questions on patriarchy, how financial independence alone is not enough for changing patriarchal mindset.
4. mention some places where you had performed street play, asked about the themes of all those street plays.
5. problems of orphans in india?(one of the themes of the street plays I had performed)
6. asked about rendezvous(annual fest of IIT delhi)

Member 2

1. How would you teach me vipassana meditation if I am a beginner? Tell me about the procedure
2. Where did you attend the 10 days vipassana retreat?
3. asked about the WHO claiming more deaths in India than the official figures, how far do you think is this true? WHO's figures are how many times the India's official figures on death?
4. The figures were intentionally shown wrong by the state government or is there any discrepancy in the data collection and identifying the cause of deaths. what do you think?
5. asked about the national association of blind where I had worked, what were the activities in which I had participated?
6. asked the name of the student for whom i had written the exam as a scribe.

Member 3

1. some technical questions on textile technology(screen printing, dispatch printing, etc)
2. You said you got interest in humanities subjects during college days, why did you choose mathematics as an optional then?
3. you play harmonica too. what is that slide button on the side of the harmonica? How does it work?
4. when did street plays get prominence in India?
5. Name the most famous personality of street plays in India?
6. Tell me something about tripura?

Member 4

1. Who was the leader of the East pakistan liberation war 1971, what were the causes?
 2. asked about Indus water treaty.
 3. what is the capital of manipur?
 4. what is Imphal's significance in the freedom movement?(battle of imphal)
 5. Did INA win or lose against British Indian army?, what were the causes that it couldn't proceed further?
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Chairman - Manoj Soni sir board

Date - 5th May 2022, forenoon

1st to go

From - Telangana

Optional - PSIR

Work ex - IRPS 2019

Graduation - ECE

Chairman -

1. How long have you been staying in Vadodara?
2. Is it Baroda or Vadodara?
3. What are the name changes in the last 20 years or so?
4. Why they are changed? No survey of public opinion being taken.
5. Why IIT Madras didn't change to IIT Chennai?
6. Overall, you are in favour of changing names ?

Member 1 -

1. What books you have read in international relations?
2. Who was Shyam saran? What's his contribution?
3. Who was Henry Kissinger? What's the name of his book?
4. What did Kissinger say about Nuclear weapons?
5. Do you know about Pokhran 1&2?
6. Do you think nuclear weapons were able to create peace in the world?
7. There is theory that china has used bioweapon of COVID ? Do you believe that it's true?

Member 2-

- 1 Difference between inverter AC and normal AC

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2. Does inverter AC works with direct power?
3. Difference between electrical and electronics
4. What's a semi conductor
5. What's a communication explain to layman
6. What is 2g/3g/4g explain to layman

Member 3-

1. What are different types of transformers?
2. What is power transformer, distribution transformer?
3. What's India's stand on Russia-Ukraine war?
4. Why is India not openly supporting Russia like China?
5. What's the minimum requirements to form trade union?
6. What's your view on IRMS?
7. Do you know what's RTI?
8. What's exempted information?
9. Apart from CBI, RAW, and IB all other information can be given?
10. When flag hoisting is done?
11. Fundamental duties
12. When was the constitution adopted?

Member 4 - Madam

1. Did Telangana and Andhra Pradesh benefit after bifurcation?
2. What is Palamuru Labour?
3. What are two famous things in Hyderabad
4. What's the difference between the mask you are wearing and the mask I am wearing?
5. Do you think India's response to COVID was good or we could have done more
6. What is COVID appropriate behaviour?

Chairman - your interview is over.

We wish you all the best for your current job.

Overall cordial board

Mostly from daf

Mocks gives you confidence

6th May

Name-AB

Date- 6 may afternoon

Home state- Jharkhand

Optional -Geography

B. Tech. In Chemical engineering

Chairman, Manipal sir

Chairman

1. Hydrogen fuel status
2. Manufacturing method of hydrogen fuel
3. Place u want to visit in the world and how will u spend 24 hrs. If u r given ample power by the almighty god.

Member1

1. New education policy
2. Jharkhand potential and challenges
3. Witch hunting related questions(2-3)

Member2

1. What r u doing after passing out from college?
2. GHGs
3. Rank of india in ghg emission
4. India's initiatives to tackle climate change

Member3

1. School related question
2. Sri lanka crisis
3. Preamble amendability
4. Basic structure of constitution
5. Diary writing and threat to privacy

Member4

1. Why the region is known as chhota nagpur
2. Area of chhota nagpur
3. Soft power of india
4. Things from jharkhand u want to promote at global level.
5. Recently studied book (hobby) and its theme.

Name - Putin

Date and session of interview- 6th May, forenoon, first to go.

Board- Shri Manoj Soni

Optional- History

Profession (if any) - Lok Sabha

Hobbies- Cooking, Watching Movies

Your experience in interview- Very cordial board. (more than 35 mins)

Utility of mocks (if any)- 6 Mocks. Getting acquainted with the environment and also some questions were repeated.

Chairman

Q.1. Based in Delhi or Jaipur?

Q.2. Present Work?

Q.3. Most significant work or assignment you have done?

Q.4. What difficulties faced by differently abled people in the society?

Q. 5. What govt have done for them? Are we treating them in good way? What have you done for their welfare in your life?

Q.6. Are you a leader, manager or administrator?

Member 2 (Lady)

Q.1. You like cooking? Have you seen Sharma ji ki Namkeen?

Q.2. How did you develop interest in cooking?

Q.3. is cooking a hobby for you or a compulsion?

Q.4. How cooking can be used in administration?

Q.5. Have you heard about Piplantri village in Rajasthan? What special?

Q.6. If made SDM in Rajasthan what would be your focus of work?

Member 3

Q.1. Russia-Ukraine conflict, Impact on world?

Q.2. Lemon prices are increasing? Why? Does heat play a role in this?

Q.3. Govt mechanism to tackle price volatility in vegetables?

Q.4. How to supply when production is low in country?

Q.5. Oil prices increasing, impact on economy?

Q.6. Act governing Police in India? Why such a law was needed then?

Q.7. Is police administration good in our country? What reforms needed?

Member 4

Q.1. History should be rewritten? Your views?

Q.2. What is your view about the history that we study? Is it good? Do we need to revise it?

Q.3. Five insurgent groups in North east India?

Q.4. What is soft state?

Member 5

Q.1. Difference between administrator, manager and leader?

Q.2. Difference between leader and administrator?

Q.3. Who is more useful – leader or manager?

Q.4. How to develop the western part of Rajasthan?

Q.5. Renewable energy potential in Rajasthan?

Q.6. Power crisis – what govt has done to tackle it?

Q.7. He kept insisting on one particular step, which I could not answer, so I replied that this is what I am recalling right now.

Q.8. Republic vs Populist Govt? difference.

Q.9. Is Taliban a Republic?

Chairman

You selected in CAPF? Why did you not join?

Interview over. You can go.

(Not remembering some questions)

All the best to candidates.

PT date - 09/05

Board - Manoj Soni sir

Optional - PSIR

Background - Btech Electrical Engineering from DTU

Hobbies - Astronomy and Jogging

Chairman : You can remove your face mask for the confirmation of the identity. Asked to wear it again. You can remove the face shield if you like.

Q1 - what did you do at forumias ? Why did you leave it after a year ?

Q2 - You are an electrical engineer, what is the electrical demand of India ? What is the installed capacity ?

Q3 - what are the different sources of energy ? Asked about the way electricity get produced in a thermal power station ,then nuclear energy power generation ? Asked if I could explain about other sources as well ? Asked where are you more comfortable - electrical, political science and International relations. I told PSIR since I had read that recently, while studied electrical engineering during my graduation.

Q4 - what is energy security and energy independence ? What is the difference between the two?

M1 -

Q1 - what is the meaning of PPP? Which Prime Minister of India gave the idea of PPP?

Q2 - how many States in India ? And Union Territories ? Confirmed the two union territories formed from the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir ? Difference between lieutenant governor and governor ?

Q3 - what do we understand by common wealth nations? What is commonwealth ?

M2 (lady member)

Q1 - you have an interest in Astronomy , do you think by sending missions to moon,Mars etc. ISRO is wasting resources of the country ?

Q2 - is privatisation in space sector going to be detrimental to national security ? What should be done to deal with them?

Q3 - what do you understand by the term 'water wars'? Is India facing them?

Q4 - what is water security ? Is India facing it ? What should India do?

Q5 - you mentioned about inter linking of rivers , aren't there ecological issues associated with them ? What to do?

M3 :

Q1 - you talked about India using Indus water as part of water war to pressurise Pakistan. How can we do that given that Indus is just one river? (Talked about the entire river system) where will this much water be diverted to? (Can be diverted to water deficit regions in the states like Punjab, Haryana, rajasthan, UP, etc.)

You are an engineer, tell me how can we actually divert this much water ?

Q2 - why is night sky black? What about the incoming starlight ?

Q3 - You talked about PPP in Namami Gange project, what will the revenue model for STPs built through PPP ?

M4 :

Q1 - why is India providing so many benefits to Nepal ? What are the reasons other than the geographical reasons which make Nepal important for India ?

China is making inroads in Nepal too like in other countries like Sri Lanka. How can we prevent that ?

Q2 - Has India achieved 100% rural electrification ? Are all the households covered? By when do you think we will be able to cover all the households?

Q3 - In the context of Ukraine - Russia war and emerging situation, what should India do going forward ?

Chairman signalled this to be the last question.

Chairman - thank you. All the best. (Thanked chairman sir and the lady member)

Chairman asked to take away the face shield since I had forgotten about it.

Overall experience - cordial but a bit serious. No overtly generous and friendly remarks or smiles from the members. Mostly they maintained a serious poker face demeanor. Only once a member remarked good on an answer. There were some follow up questions but no grilling.

I did get a little nervous during the beginning but could manage it better later.

Utility of mocks - help in practicing and developing on the spot thinking and communicating.

10th May

Interview transcript

Name - Rishabh Dev Yadav

Graduation -B.sc(h)Physics

Optional-Sociology

Hobbies-Playing Cricket, Singing, Reading

Board-Manoj Soni Sir.Second to go in the Afternoon session

Chair-

Its interesting that a student of Physics also likes to sing.Are you an amateur singer or trained in hindustani classical?

2.Since you like to sing and read, are you aware of Romanticism(i said i am vaguely aware to which he said that means we should not discuss it further and i said yes)

3.Who won Nobel prize in Physics this year?

4.Nobel recipients from India(i started taking names without putting any honorary prefixes)

chair-you are a young citizen of this country don't you think you should call Rabindranath Tagore as Gurudev.(I apologized immediately and he said no problem)

5.You are a DM and a person from your district gets nobel prize for peace.What would you do?
a bit of cross questioning here

M1

- 1-you read history till 10th? what lessons can we draw from history(this member seemed friendly but later found out he was also the one who was trying to trick me)
- 2-President is the head of the executive or government?
- 3.Who wrote Indian constitution?
- 4.How many members were there in Drafting committee
- 5.Two other names from Drafting committee

M3

- 1-Startup policy of government and what whould you do to promote startups?
- 2.Varnashrama Dharma(here i wasn't sure .member 1 laid a trap by leading me in the direction of varnas and i said varnas are four and ashrams are four and named them)
- 3.What are purusharthas?
- 4.Write your name in Hindi
- 5.Rishabh Dev was associated with which religion?
- 6.Who won nobel prize in mathematics? is there even nobel prize for mathematics?

M4

- 1-Tell me what is the issue with Lithium batteries
- 2.What are smart cities?
- 3.What has been the progress and have you been to any smart city?
- 4.what is the issue with NGOs regulation?
- 5.How would you defend government's position on the same?

M5

- 1-You are a DM of a district with carpet industry contributing close to 25 % of the local economy but it also employs child labour what would you do?
- 2.Your opinion on sedition law
- 3.definition of sedition
- 4.contribution of MN srinivas?
- 5.What is sanskritization?

Very pleasant experience,seemed like a purposeful conversation,no grilling.

Utility of mocks- very helpful in confidence building and in my case questions were repeated as well.

Name : Jr. Panda

Date : 10 may, 7th to go

Board : Manoj Soni sir

Time : 20-25 minutes

Background : Chemical engg, IIT Delhi

Optional : Mathematics

Hobbies : Chess, Teaching & Mentoring, NSS

Job : nothing

Mock utility : etiquettes, courage to face big pipal, diverse questions from DAF. 2 question repeated here.

Soni sir looks very carefully, but not with compassion rather than feeling of contempt and shock.

Methodology of writing : Question asked (my answers to them)

Chairman sir

Remove your face shield, and mask. Showed me my photo, I want to confirm your identity.

Why no spectacles in photo?

1. What are 3 lists in the constitution. (Done, but forgot to mention sch 7th & 246 names)
2. Name some entries. (Done, but only 1 for concurrent)
3. You did not mention, agriculture? (I said its in state list)
4. Tell me how centre passed farm laws, if agri is state subject? (I said entry in concurrent list like inter trade, not recalling exact entry sorry sir)
5. Ok, then how other 2 laws then? (Contract farming, same as above)
6. What if tussle between state and centre on concurrent? (Said article 254)
7. How did to make transition from chemical engg to maths, is it because of deep interest developed during college? (Told not college but class 10, and helped me in JEE also, wanted to say more but he diverted)

Member 1

8. What is your view on B.tech in regional languages? (agreed and justified)
9. No, I am asking for Btech? (Agreed)
10. How could feel if you were to study chemical in Hindi? (I said I was more comfortable in English, would have faced difficulty)
11. How can local languages help? 🤔
12. Isn't it difficult to develop infra wrt this? (Yes, but will increase inclusivity, and language is just a medium, final end is knowledge)
13. Can South Indian languages be clubbed in one group? (No)
14. Do you know, Bodo language in listed in schedule (agreed)
15. How will be your approach to develop Computer science course in Bodo language? (Told)
16. Do you know what is Elo rating? (Explained, what & how)
17. It means that higher rated player will also beat lower rated player, right? (Countered by Ramesh babu pragnanda 🤔)

Member 2(Lady)

18. Compare west and India in health facilities and response to covid? (Casualties and budget)
19. No I am not talking about budget? Tell some other things. (I tried)
20. How did India respond, elaborate? (Both positive and negatives given)
21. Why there is resistance to new medicines? (Testing procedure & safety)

22. What is vaccine diplomacy? (Layman explanation, but was expecting technical words 😊)

23. Don't you think exporting vaccine at the time, when Indians were suffering is bad? (Said balancing the act)

Some questions & answer I don't remember, because I got distracted in between by Soni sir's look 😊

I under pressure, because I knew i am not doing good and marks would have been decided by now 😊

Member 3

24. What is mathematical model? (Explained with examples : weather forecast, taxation, covid)

25. If you made DM, how will you use it to solve social problems? (Soni meta preference, stubble burning, water table — tried to take them to my home state 😊, but they are smart 😊)

26. You just said, karnal is rice bowl of India? But I know Chattisgarh is. (Tried to explain why)

27. If you are DM, how will you resolve tussle between state and centre on concurrent item? (Constitutional and legal guidance 😊)

28. You will not consider local leaders? (I said will persuade in accordance with above 😊)

Member 4

29. What is preamble? (Explained)

30. No, you are telling what it contains, I am asking what is meaning of word preamble? (I said sorry, I don't know)

31. What about its amendments? (42nd secular socialist integrity added)

32. Is it at last page or first page of constitution? (I said last, he was shocked what!!! 😊, I said based on my limited knowledge I remember it is in last)

33. What is secular? (I asked in Indian context?, he said yes, I explained)

34. What is UCC? What provision? (Explained and convinced him)

Looked at chairman, sir I am done, time is running, can we wrap? Soni sir said no ask one more question 😊

35. What is nordic countries? (I mistakenly said Ireland for Iceland, he was shocked, told all 5)

36. What is recent development? (green strategic partnership with Denmark & explained it)

Additionally I said we can learn about social indicators like HDI(health education etc)

37. Which ocean they are located? (Arctic ocean, shocked again 😊)

38. Which countries has maximum volcanoes in them? (Sorry sir)

Chairman : Ok Jr. Panda, thank you.

(I was like bolo to "you can leave" 😊, I kept sitting).

He again looked with contempt and said thank you Jr.panda again. I starting leaving. He called me again please take away you faceshield 😊

Name: RK

Board: Soni sir

Date:10/05/2022

Related things in daf: Maths, Electrical engineering, UP

Chair:

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Tell any 3 countries where you would like to stay

What is special about India? (Based on the above answer)

Tell about the geography of India, UP, north to south, east to west.

Why climate change? Why not weather change?

M1.

1. What you would have done in case you were the chief secy of a state and CM is calling you to another meeting while PM is coming? (WB case)

2. What to do if solar power increases in the grid? How to balance it?

F1

What is the probability of WW3 in the present Ukraine crisis?

What is chicken neck India? Importance?

What to do to increase connectivity between India and the northeast region?

If an unfavorable party comes to Bangladesh, what to do?

M2

How to apply maths in administration?

Tell any Sanskrit shloka? Where it is written?

Difference between statistics and mathematics?

Is the constitution book useful since had 100+ faults that had to be corrected?

Was constituent assembly representative enough?

What is deficit financing?

M3

So you mentioned Scandinavian in one question, do you know about Vikings?

Relation between liberty, equality, fraternity? Can democracy survive without these 3?

What is an economic review before the budget?

Some questions cant remember..

Overall, cordial board, all the best comrades..!!

Name: CYZ

Date : 10.5.22

Hobbies : books on India, travelling to rural areas.

Optional PSIR

Chair: manoj soni

1. You were waiting outside for 5 hours. What were you doing ? (I said i talked to people and tried to learn from their experience and learnings)

2. What did you learn?

3. BRI : does it excites you as a IR enthusiast or civil engineer ?

4. Why is china building BRI ?

5. Is there a possibility of collapse of chinese regime ?

5. Is there a possibility of collapse of Chinese regime ?

6. India is often accused for carrying out covert operations in Baluchistan. Should India try to induce regime change in China ?

7. How India is countering BRI ?

8. Travelled to rural areas : why ?

9. What books on India have you read recently ?

M1.

1. Challenges in rural areas ?

2. As a DM, how will you solve this ?

3. What is Srijan and Swadesh in your DAF ?

4. How is policymaking done ?

M2.

1. I will give you name of 3 books, tell me the author and we will discuss one of them: letters from father to daughter, the wonder that was India and India won freedom.

2. Why is India won freedom controversial ?

3. India is having large deficit . You are posted in NITI aayog. What is your advise to bring down deficits ?

M3

1. You said 'property tax', how will it bring down India's fiscal deficit ?

2. What happened in Doklam ? Did India station its troops in Bhutanese territory ?

3. What's going on in Ladakh. Has China taken India's territory ?

M4.

1. What is urban naxalism ?

2. Reasons for urban naxalism ?

3. How to prevent youths from subscribing to such ideology ?

4. Why Delhi provides such env. for Urban naxalism ?

5. Should sedition law be struck down ?

Name- Lalu

Date and session of interview- 10/05/2022, Morning Session

Board- Manoj Soni Sir

Optional- Economics

College- DTU- Automobile Engineering

Profession (if any)- Presently Working as AAO in IAAD (UT of J&K),

Hobbies- No questions asked so not worth to mention

Your experience in interview- Stress Interview, got nervous and as such ruined it

Utility of mocks (if any)- area to be covered and practice

Chairman-

1. What is the role of the Chairman in the interview process ?

1. What do u like most? Engineering, Economics or job?
2. Why Gandhian economics is not practical even though it is relevant?(I was beating around the bush)
3. Tell me three principles of Gandhian Economics (i responded in negative , he was not happy as i bluffed in first question)
4. Tell 5 human rights (I missed right to life, he pointed out)
5. Asked bout job profile of AAO(i answered about general profile, however he later pointed out he wanted to ask me about my responsibilities ..I tried to answer ..he said no)

M-1

1. Mandate of CAG
2. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar view on post of CAG (i said sorry not able to recall)
3. Story behind naming Comptroller in name of CAG.(Not answered)
4. Finance Commission working
5. Devolution of taxes

M-2

1. Why CAG does not audit GMR in PPP of Delhi Airport?
2. RBI mandate
3. Relation between inflation and growth

M-3 (Lady Member ..she was the only one who got pity on me and asked general question)

1. Changes observed after formation of UT of J&K
2. Development vs environment sustainability in UT of Ladakh
3. Two ways by which you can develop UT of Ladakh.(Adventure tourism and Service industry)

M-4

1. Few Questions asked in Gandhian. economics(i was likeyaar aata toh hain nahi)
2. GDP of India (not growth)
3. Swadeshi model of economic development (i cited example, but he was not happy and pointed out he had asked but not given another chance)
4. How to make India a 5 trillion economy?

Manoj sir pointed two times to members to not to ask more questions.

Date of interview : 10th May forenoon session

Optional : philosophy

Work profile : PepsiCo India ; Assistant Commissioner State taxes(ACST) (uttar pradesh)

Board : Manoj Soni

Completely based on job profile and philosophy *

Chairman:

- 1.how does it feel to be ACST?
2. Don't you feel power?

3. Doesn't it add to your status

Ok let's discuss about philosophy

4. Name the india schools of philosophy in order

5. 6 schools of vedanta

6. What learning from your entire reading of philosophy will you apply to governance and administration?

Member1 (Maam)

1. Bureaucracy is complicated and there are multiple pressures. How does one not succumb to these pressures?

2. But one has to take care of family , there's also social status. What is your limit? How will you ensure that you don't succumb?

3. Why is Namami gange not able to perform?

Member 2

1 you said about basin approach. Are trying to say that other states are not performing? (probably tried to pressurize)

2. What is UP gst collections? How does it compare with state like Maharashtra?

3. What was difference in PepsiCo and Government work environment?

4. What learning from PepsiCo you can apply in your department?

Member 3(little difficult to comprehend)

1. Do you know about sufism?

(I said my knowledge is limited)

Ok so I will ask the question 😊

2. A long monologue on a sufi Saint who was beheaded by Aurangzeb for saying " Allah nhi hai , kuch bhi nhi hai Allah k sivah" and Shankaracharya said "Aham Brahamasmi" . How do the two compare.

3. Asked about all the constitutional provisions related to state taxes (I could come up with only 3)

Member 4

Q1. What is artificial intelligence?

Q2. If intelligence can be artificial then we don't human thought and neither philosophy. What do you think?

Q3. Why there are so many types of yoga?

Q4. Why PhD in sociology is also called doctor of philosophy?

Overall I felt the questions were a bit different from ones asked in mocks. Yet the board was listening very patiently

Date - 10 May, Morning Shift, 4th to go.

Board - Shri Manoj Soni

Optional - Sociology (no question asked)

Job - GST Inspector (no question asked)

State - Rajasthan (no question asked)

Chairperson - How is your name pronounced ?

CP - Let's start with a simple question - Why are institution places airports named after personalities?

CP - What was the contribution of JNV in freedom struggle (my University Name)

based on my answer - CP - How was power transferred to Indian leaders to form Constitution, any act, ordinance etc.

CP - You mean if British did not give power we would not have achieved freedom.

I was pathetically bad in answering CPs ques.. My fault and the intimidating environment of the Room

M1 - Which 2 Princely states did not join union initially. Me - J&k Hyderabad

M1 - J&K was in favour. Which other. Me - Junagadh

M1 - how did they join - I could not tell Juna story

M1 - How many day it took to craft Consti. - Me 2 years 11 months 18 days. M1 it was 17 days 🙄

M1 When did Goa join and how

M2 - You are Mcom tell me Net Present Value and Internal Rate of Return - I utterly failed. I said don't remember

M2 - Har ghar nal se jal - how many houses do not have tap water in Jodhpur - I - don't know..

M2 - but you live in Jodhpur. I 🙄

M3 - Female member

U-R war and why so many Leaders visited India

M3 - Based on my reply , how do you see population of India - asset or liability

M3 - which country can India replace to come in top 5 powerful countries and related Cross questions

M4 - Looked like a Sage

M4 - Diff between culture and civilization - I - Don't know exactly sir

M4 - Supreme court interference in social customs and giving sanction to Live in relation - your view
I floundered

M4 what is Brics, UNESCO

To sum it up it was not my day.

It is not the board which is less cordial, it is our destiny and hard work which will sometime do not favour us..
Still, hopeful for some magic.

Sindhu N Raghavan

10th May 2022 AN session

Home state: Tamil Nadu

Optional: Geography

Manoj Soni Sir board

Chairman:

Would you like to have some tea or coffee. Which one do you usually have?

- 1) Are you wearing a silk saree?
(I said yes and Chairman said he thought so)
- 2) how are these sarees made?
- 3) Does it have a GI tag?
- 4) Do you think language is a factor that unites or divides India
- 5) Give two reasons to justify your opinion
- 6) Is tamil a classical language?
- 7) what are the criteria to declare a classical language?
- 8) What are the other classical languages?
- 9) Do you think learning of other languages can be promoted?

Member 2:

- 1) You studied Civil engineering but opted for Geography, why?
- 2) Is it a scoring optional?
- 3) Name of Tagore's Nobel prize winning literature
- 4) Is the leadership responsible for crisis in Srilanka?
(Is Srilankan economy export oriented?)
- 5) Name of Srilankan PM
- 6) How is he related to the President
- 7) How many people from Rajapakshe family in Srilankan cabinet?
- 8) Percentage of Tamil population in Srilanka
- 9) Percentage of Sinhalese
- 10) Did Srilanka take assistance from IMF?
- 11) Name of the port being developed by China
- 12) How does this port project affect India?

Member3:

- 1) Mid day meal introduced by CM Anna durai, what has been its impact?
- 2) Despite these schemes Kerala ahead of TN in IMR, MMR why?
- 3) You are a risk averse person, there are two lotteries, what will you choose?
One for 100Rs but nil probability of winning
Another for 200Rs and 0.5% probability of winning

Member 4:

- 1) Opinion on distribution of freebies
- 2) Is such distribution leading to lethargic attitude in people(not going to work)?
- 3) Reasons for film actors entering politics in TN
- 4) They are glorified in cinema. Are they replicating it while elected to power?

Member 5:

- 1) What is cloud burst?
- 2) Why specifically does it happen in Himachal Pradesh?
- 3) what are the categories of farm land holding size?

4) Walking is your hobby, you do not prefer Yoga or gym, how long do you walk?

11th May

Name :-

Date :- 11/05/2022

Board :- Manoj Soni sir

Optional :- Geography

Background :- B.Tech ECE, Worked in Wipro

Hobby :- Reading Quora , Mentoring students , Watching Malayalam Political satire

1. What have you been doing since you passed college .?

2. So you left work to prepare for UPSC .?

3. How long have you been watching Malayalam political satire(DAF based -only one)

4. What is surgical strike ., where did India conduct surgical strike , why did India conduct surgical strike .?

Why its called surgical strike .? Tell me exact year

5. Are you sure India conducted surgical strike in Myanmar .?

6. What is invasion .? Is Russia invading Ukraine ?

7. Can surgical strike be called Invasion .?

-Mentioned POK was considered to be Indian territory

8. Any other reason .?

9. Technology used in surgical strike.?

10. Why has India done Aerial strike , motive for it .?

11. Spirituality vs Religion.?

12. World bank report on countries having highest net worth -Name 5 (i asked him if he meant GDP - he was not . Did not understand question)

13. What is data privacy ? Should it be absolute ..?

14. What can be done .?

15. Which is absolute authority according to constitution ? -Parliament or Supreme court or Executive

-I went with check and balance system , with Supreme court being interpreter

-Member helped me to reach answer -" We people of INDIA"

16. Kerala has huge migration to outside (long monologue ..) .Is Kerala model sustainable .?.

17. What has happened to remittance income ..?(meant COVID -19)

18. Any exact data ? Current status ..?

19. What is being done for this ..solution.?

20. Is there any neighbouring country who was impacted by fall in remittance ?

21. What is string of pearls .?

22. Was Hambantota a military strategy by china or merely financial investment .?

23. What are SDG goals? Name 5

24. Do you think a common target for all is a good idea?.

19. What is India's current position?.

25. Why is the Statue of Unity called so?.

21. Where is it located?.

22. Is Kevadia a district?.

23. Seasons in India

24. Why are land slides happening in the Himalayas (promoted for more and more reasons)?

26. Solutions

27. Sustainable mining? Can it be a solution for landslides?

28. Technology used for sustainable mining? (There was a long monologue on issues with the use of dynamite before asking the question)

- Some other questions I can not remember

- Overall :- static topics, nothing from DAF, I did not feel any question related to current affairs were asked (Sri Lanka was asked in 2 questions)

- Slightly grilling experience

Name: Doesn't matter

Degree: BE computer science

Currently working

11th May 2022

Manoj Soni Board

Chairman:

Why are you interested in learning about Gut Microbiome? (DAF)

What is its importance?

Difference between Gut Microbiome and Probiotics.

You are working. What is your job profile?

What is public good?

Give few examples of public goods?

Is Health public good. What about Education? What about milk? And elections?

If elections is public good then is it fair spending public money on elections?

So you support state funding of elections.

Now design how the state funding of elections can be implemented in India.

Member1:

I will hold on to the topic of state funding of elections.

According to you if money is allotted in accordance to seats won in previous elections then isn't it unfair on new political parties? (Said can have a floor price allotted to newly registered parties) What will independent members do?

independent members do.

Don't you think state funding will give rise to spur of new political parties.

Has electoral bonds brought in transparency.

So you are working, have you had a chance to penalise anyone or fire anyone. How did you feel with it.

Tell me a state from where a president and prime minister both come from.

Member2:

Why do you want to do civil services?

What will you do if you become are DM in urban area? And also in Rural area.

Rusaia- Ukraine issue. What extra would you do other than what India's efforts has been.

one more question, can't recollect.

Member 3:

Famous garden in Mysore.

What is Amrit in Azadi ki Amrit mohotsav?

What is it the government is planning from the 75th year of Independence? (Amrit kaal)

What is inclusive development? Do we have it in India.

Are we more tolerant than needed in India.

How does India get it's statistics?

What's the difference between CSO and NSSO?

Member 4:

Do you know some personality called pandit something.(I don't know nor remember.)

E commerce companies india. Pros and Cons

How are they advertising?

Is there any regulations to these e commerce companies.

Chairman: Your interview is over. Have a pleasant evening. Thank you.

Experience: Board is very cordial. Will give you ample time. They don't cross question nor break your flow.

Name-...

Date and session of interview - 11/05/2022 Afternoon

Board- Manoj Soni Sir

Optional- Anthropology

Graduation - Chemical Engineering

State- Uttar Pradesh

Chairman:

1. You are a Chemical Engineer. How would you explain iron pillar of Qutub Minar not being rusted?

2. Water scarcity is a major issue. Do you agree? How Central government is handling water crisis?

2 Follow up questions.

M1

1. You are from XYZ district. Tell me 2 famous things about your district.
2 min discussion.
2. Separate state of Bundelkhand? Your views.
3. Which state has the largest population of Tribals ? Socio economic variation among tribes of India?
4. What is polyandry? Which tribe practice it? Rationale behind such practice?

M2

1. Meaning of your name?
2. You are DM of Kalahnadi district of Orissa, which is a water scarce region. GoI is running MGNREGA scheme. How would you implement MGNREGA scheme to alleviate water scarcity?
3. Famous Battle in your District? Discussion on that.
4. Explain Federalism in Indian context.

M3

1. Objective behind post of CDS?
 - Whether it resulted in over centralisation of power in one hand?
 - Do you think post of CDS will ensure that we won't lose any war?
 - Pakistan had CDS in 1971, We didn't have still we won that war. How our case is different from Pakistan's?
2. Constitutional status is given to Cooperatives. How this is going to benefit cooperatives?
3. Who are PVTG? Name any two?

M4

Long Monologue on Fake currency.... similarly there is fake news. How do you define fake news?

- implications of fake news?
 - Role of Foreign agencies , political parties in spreading fake news?
 - How GoI is handling fake news?
2. Social Media Intermediaries like Google and Facebook have been issued notice by GoI to remove illegal content. Why government is doing that?

Chairman Sir

Wish you All the best and Have a safe journey. Thank you.

12th May

Name -

Date - 12/05/2022

Keywords from daf - mining , patna

Board- manoj soni sir

Utility of mock - mannerism and thinking on the feet

Chairman

1. Are you accustomed to this heat weather ?

2. What is rat hole mining
3. Why civils after mining

Member 1

1. Khalistan issue
2. How to tackle illegal mining and naxal of chattishgarh

Member 2

Bodo peace deal (long discussion)

Member 3 (lady)

Again khalistan issues
(Seem least interested)

Member 4

Permanent commission and is it right ??
Should army should be called to deal with internal security ??

Experience - cordial and combination of both factual and opinion based question .
Some question unable to recall.

Name :-

Date :- 12/05/2022

Board :- Manoj Soni Sir

State :- Kerala

Optional :- Public Administration

Background :- 10 years of work experience in software (First at a European company and then at an American company)

Hobby :- Watching Football

Wore the mask during the interview but took off the shield.

Chairman -

1. How is the weather in Trivandrum ?
2. Do you find any difference between the weather here in Delhi and Trivandrum ?
3. What is your role at your current company ?
4. "We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." What 3 things would you give today's youth ?
(I said good moral values, grilled there as to how we can provide moral values)

M1 -

1. You work at a private organisation which is technology based. Can we apply the same process from your organisation in government ?

2. One government office where you would like to apply technology ?
3. Can we use technology in financial schemes also ?
4. Would rural India not need digital skills to access govt schemes ?
5. What kind of app would you develop for rural India - Mobile based or something that works at Panchayat offices/post offices ?

M2 -

1. What is good governance ?
2. MSMEs are important. As District Magistrate how would you encourage them ?
3. Corporate farming vs co-operative farming ?
4. Can there be startups in public administration ?
5. Can police functions be done by such start ups ?
6. What is Yellow Journalism ? Paid Journalism ?

M3 -

1. You watch football. What is offside rule ?
2. When is a penalty given ?
3. Dimensions of a football ground ?
4. IMF and WB - created by which conference ? Which year ?
5. Difference between IMF and WB ?
6. Why is Sri Lanka reluctant to take loans from IMF ? Why does it prefer loans from China, does it come without conditions ?

M4 -

1. You have worked at European and American software companies, compare the work culture between the two ?
2. Which one is better ?
3. Would you suggest the same policies(hire and fire) in government ? Should the Minister/Secretary resign if he makes a mistake ?

Could not discuss much on M4's last question as Chairman had indicated to the panel that they were running out of time.

Overall an average experience.

Name: Ashutosh

Board: Dr. Manoj Soni

Native State: Uttar Pradesh

Background: B.Tech (Electrical Engineering) IIT Kanpur

Optional: PSIR (political science and international relations)

Hobby: Sun Salutation (Surya Namaskar), Meditation

Chairman Sir

1. You have very high CGPA, So tell me how did you get this, was it hard work or were you really passionate

about Electrical Engineering?

2. So now you are aspiring for civil services, Is it a loss for electrical Engineering or gain for civil services? Overall nation is losing out a good engineer? (told him that I will use my education knowledge in civil services, He replied well you will hardly get any opportunity)

3. Ok, so you have electrical background, tell me what is "integrated energy policy". Have you heard about it?

(Now this went a bit unexpected.

My reply: Sir I am not aware of exact provisions but....

Sir: What but? Do you want to take guess about it? Do you want to analyse word integrated and energy?

Me: Sir, if you permit

Sir: No, No, you don't treat policies like that. You should not make guesses on that. This is not the way.

Me: Sorry Sir.

I am shaken a bit from inside. But calmed my self immediately. I thought that I still have lot of interview questions left. Let's give our best in that)

M1:Ma'am

1. You good good marks in electrical engineering and still you choose political science as optional. This is like a crowd mentality. I don't find any leadership skills in that?

(I told her that I had analysed syllabus of many optionally before choosing so it's not crowd mentality. It's based on my interest. And leader is one who delivers result. I think I will be able to get good result by choosing PSIR.)

2. Tell me about judicial activism with some examples. Is is good for our country? What's your take on it?

3. These days we see lot of cases pending in judiciary. What steps are being taken to resolve that?

4. Have you heard the word Lutyens Delhi? Why is it in news these days?

(Told her that since new parliament is coming up, we are now transitions from Lutyens era building to new Central Vista and Parliament which are symbol of moving towards Atmanirbharta)

Ma'am: But Lutyens Delhi also refers to some old elites.

Me: Ma'am I'm not aware of it. Will read about it

M2: Sir

1. Women have been given permanent commission in army? Do you think it will enhance effectiveness of army? (Looked happy when I replied in support of women permanent commission)

2.Recently Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920 was amended in which DNA samples etc can be take. What is your view on that?

(Me: supported amendment that it will lead to better criminal investigation bla bla. But I did not reply it in fluent English.)

3. But don't you think there is loss of privacy? Even for small offences, now police can take DNA samples etc (I had not read about this act properly. So couldn't answer it with proper legal points. So gave a made up answer that govt and judiciary should develop institutional mechanism to prevent misuse of data and prevent unnecessary criminalisation of people. Again english was not so fluent)

M3: Sir

1. What is meaning of your name Ashutosh?

2. Is there any purana associated with Lord Shiva

(I roughly knew it was shiv purana. But I was a bit scared of taking anymore guess after being reprimanded by chairman. So simply said Sir I am not aware of it. Sir said it was shiv purana. I said ok sir)

3. Now listen carefully. My chair had asked you whether you joining civil services will be a gain for civil services or loss for electrical engineering. Answer me carefully.

(This time I decided to take a decisive stand now. And specially in question which involves choices between 2 options. I just answered that gain for civil services)

4. How is it a gain. You will hardly ever apply your electrical engineering knowledge as DM. You will be busy in administrative tasks.

(I replied him by an example that many remote villages lack electricity and how microgrids can be a solution in that. I explained how as DM I can support seeing up of microgrids etc. Sir Did'nt say anything to my answer. Simply passed me to next member.

In between Chairman sir went out of the room for a 30-40 seconds. I had a vague feeling that this is just to see my situational response. So I simply focussed on answering question of M3 sir and Did'nt get waivered by Chairman sir going out and coming in.)

M4 sir

1. You do Sun Salutation. Is it Surya namaskar. Why you used word Salutation. (Before I could answer question.) Ok anyways, how many steps are there in Surya namaskar?

2. Ok so, do you do meditation after Surya namaskar or before it.

(I told him First I do 30 surya namaskar and then meditation.

He said 15 before and 15 afterwards. I said no sir, First I do 30 surya namaskar at stretch and then meditation.)

3. In ashtang yoga, dhyana comes before meditation or after that?

4. Awadh region is about Ayodhya and all. Why is Shaam- e- Awadh famous?

(Told him about cultural dances, music that used to be organized in evenings since Nawabs times)

5. Ok. Why is Subah-e-Banaras famous?

(Told him about spiritual activities , prayers done in morning in Varanasi since times immemorial).

Finally Chairman Sir: It was nice talking to you. Stay safe in Delhi these days. Afterwards he said something which I couldn't understand.

Simply got up. Said thanks to all and then walked out.

Overall the atmosphere was quite nice. Even while asking me not to take guess, Chairman sir only pointed this out in a very calm and composed manner. The voice tone was still pleasant. All members gave adequate time for me to reply. 2 answers I did not know. For 2 , I couldn't frame it in nice and fluent English.

Chairman sir's room ambience is nice. For those in afternoon session, cakes, coffee, juice, water etc is there in waiting area.

One small thing: The gloves that are provided have white type of some dust on it, which may make black suit dirty. I feel that if we have a white handkerchief then it can be used to wipe off dust gently from gloves. I rubbed my gloves in a nearby newspaper and gloves became a bit dirty. So use white handkerchief.

NAME- Dr.Armaan Malik
Buldhana, Maharashtra
Graduation - Bachelor of Ayurveda, medicine and surgery
Date-12th may afternoon
Hobby- Reading articles on India's security
Board - Manoj Soni sir

Chairman

- 1) Duration of your graduation course and other general information
- 2) Why u r leaving Ayurveda??
- 3) Tell me names of army, navy, airforce chief
- 4) Information about Ayurvedic surgeries

M1

- 1) asked me some indigenous weapon systems.. some discussion on indigenisation of weapons
- 2) Tejas program
- 3) why don't we store large amount of ammunition as reserve

M2

- 1) Famous Personalities from Satara(my graduation city)
- 2) If you are Finance secretary then how will you create surplus budget?
- 3) what is CCI and its role
- 4) GDP spending on Defence and its detailed distribution

M3

- 1) Tell me something about Tribal medicine
- 2) As a DM, how will you contribute and promote tribal medicine
- 3) Your opinion on various Ayurveda Pharma companies and their products
- 4) Why Ayurveda is Upaveda of Atharvaveda?

Also asked me a shloka about medicinal plants from Atharvaveda

M4

- 1) what is propaganda?
 - 2) Examples of propaganda...I told Chinese propaganda against India during Galwan clashes...she asked me recent one....I told WHO'S misleading COVID death figures from India
She asked me what India should do... whether we should launch Negative propaganda against WHO?
- Chairman- your interview is over. Best luck for your future..

Overall experience- Board was very cordial...was interested in my Ayurveda and my hobby..

B B Vyas sir - Transcripts 2021 - 2022

5th April

Date and session: 5th April

Home state: delhi

Biology background

Hobby: reading fiction, yoga

Chair:

1. Can you name 5 causes of pollution in Delhi? What can we do to tackle it.
2. What are 3 top qualities of a public servant as per you?
3. What is rule of law?
4. What is gene editing. Applications in relation to covid.

Member 1:

1. Famous yoga teachers in India
2. Interesting development in our neighbourhood

Member 2:

1. Gene editing applications
2. Concerns over GMOs
3. Should we ban cloning

Member 3:

1. CUET is it good?
2. As we enter amrit kaal, what are our achievements and failures so far.

Member 4:

1. Ukraine crisis: implications for India.
 2. Should Russia-china axis worrying us?
 3. Something about Electron Microscopy
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Date and session of interview- 5th April, Afternoon

Optional- Geography

College- B.Tech(CS) + MBA

Profession (if any)- investment banking, software engineer

Hobbies- basketball, marathon, mandala painting, poetry writing

Chairman:

1. Where were you working?

2. What is PayU?(work ex)
3. What is a start-up?
4. What is a unicorn?
5. What is a megacorn?
6. Why the name unicorn ?
7. What is fintech ?
8. What is FDI? Why is it important?
9. How will FDI be managed along with atmanirbhar bharat?
10. What is your view on privacy ?
11. What about surveillance ?
12. Laws under which surveillance is allowed ?
13. What id bobble? Why is bay of bengal important?
14. What is the difference between cyclone, hurricane, typhoon , haloween storms? Who names cyclones?

Member 1(lady)

1. What is internal complaints committee(POR)? What were your responsibilities?
2. If you are a district collector and a lady comes with sexual harassmet complaint what will you do?
3. What is your view on simultaneous elections?
4. Is there scope for innovation in civil services ?
5. What about non technological innovations ?

Member 2

1. Why the name marathon ?
2. Where all have you run ?
3. What is the distance ?
4. What is your service preference ? Why IAS over IFS?
5. What is sea of Azov? Geopolitical significance ? Environmental concern ?

Member 3

1. Which book has Abdul kalam written ?(answered : wings of fire)
2. What is wings and what is fire ?
3. One more book. Didn't know
4. Why is there corruption in services ?
5. Why are you then leaving a high paying job? 2-3 follow up questions ?
6. If your chief secretary is charged with sexual harassmet and you are in ICC what will you do? 2-3 follow up questions

Member 4

1. What are non tarrif barriers? Examples?
2. What is PLI scheme? issue with WTO?
3. What is China + 1 policy ?
4. Do you feel we are moving towards localisation from globalisation ?
5. Technology has been a facilitator as well as a bane ? Comments ?

Chairman

1. I want to ask one last question. Why do we call foreign dignitaries in our republic day ?
 2. Who was the chief guest this year and last year ?
 3. A lot of people come to visit the republic day parade. What are the 3 key takeaways they take with them.
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Date and session: 5th April, Afternoon session

Optional: Anthropology

College: IIT Kanpur

Hobbies: watching football, fantasy premier league and sketching

Experience: good compared to expectations, could have done better

Utility of mocks: helped because some questions I had already faced in mocks, helped with improving my personal conduct

Chairman:

What have you been doing since 2019

Eye in the sky: what is it

Geostationary Geosynchronous: which type of satellite would you put in these orbits

Drones, Drones used where previously (Armenia Azerbaijan)

Swarming of drones

Why anthropology: is it because it's easy

A quote regarding strength of diversity: your views on it

M1:

Nationalism is it good or not- some derived questions which I can't recall

Nationalism and it's impact on humanity

Climate change: relation to Russia-Ukraine (I had referred to it so some question asking for my views- something like how humanity is progressing)

Problems in Haryana- one problem which has in recent times improved

M2(lady):

NCC: what did you learn

NHFS: what are some data points you can recollect

Sex ratio data, any Haryana specific you can recall?

1-2 factual stuff, can't recall

Also questions around demographic dividend, old age burden

M3:

Some aerospace related factual stuff

Asked what my first preference is IAS or IPS

What would you as an administrator do for women in a backward district: a couple of follow up questions

Hydrogen: green blue difference (Nitin Gadkari reference)

M4:

Chandigarh: what decision would you take

Water scarcity in Delhi and Haryana: your solution

Linking of rivers and resolution of disputes

Questions then revolved around these topics, but there initially was a gap between what he wanted to ask and what he asked, so created some confusion

While leaving:

There is so much pollution and fog during winters in Delhi, what technology has been used to allow landing?

Name - Aman Mittal

Afternoon session , 5th April

Optional - PSIR

Hobby - teaching

Duration - 25 to 30 mins

Home state - Delhi

Grad - Btech CSE

Chairman-

1. What have you been doing since 2017.
2. What do you understand by diplomacy?
3. What can you tell about 2+2 diplomacy.
4. What is AI and what is machine learning, are they both same ?
5. What is EI ,what are its components and can we learn EI ?
6. India and Israel got independence at the same time..then why India is so backward. Can we say India has failed?
7. What is comprehensive national power ?
8. What do you understand by soft state , deep state ?

Member 1 :

1. What do you think about Rajasthan and status of its women.
2. How have local self governance has helped women in Rajasthan
3. Suppose you are IAS Rajasthan Cadre, what will you do to uplift their status.
4. Do you think policy makers have failed Rajasthani women.

Member 2 :

1. What is 5G ?
2. Why are people protesting against it ?
3. What was the motivation for skill India ?
4. What so much focus now on skilling , can't we go with business as usual?
5. Do you think these steps have been successful ?

Member 3 :

1. Can you name 2 GOI programme I which NSS has played prominent role?

2. Do you know about youth mobilisation by NSS for election participation ?
3. Har ghar nal se jal - which scheme is this ?
4. Has it been successful ?
5. What can you do to make it successful?

Member 4 :

1. India banned Chinese app etc, do you think we are giving a befitting reply to our neighbours for their wrong actions ?
 2. By your answer it appears we should abolish armed forces. Should we abolish them ?
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Work ex: taxation department

Optional: Sociology

Btech: Mechanical engineering

Home state: Haryana (GGN)

Chairman:

(Cordially told me to settle and asked to pull down the mask to chin level but faceshield was intact and gloves were ON too 🙄🙄)

1. Meaning of name then counter questions on meaning itself.. (this made all members cordial except member 2)
2. Asked question abt GST, VAT, Sales tax [as I am working in GST department and sir told me that he has also worked in VAT]
4. Excluded items from GST
5. Should these items be brought under GST?
6. Recent 3 changes in Gst ?
7. difference between accuracy and reliability(from sociology)
8. Poverty definition
9. is poverty just economic aspects?
10. Measurement of poverty means?

Member 1: (lady)

(Gave a long monologue abt tribals in India)

1. Took cue from poverty definition and asked about exclusion and inclusion w.r.t. scheduled tribes.
2. Tribals should be left untouched as this would prevent there culture from external influence. Asked my views on this?

(NOTE: the chairman joted down sth in a diary .. i believe marks were allotted at this moment itself)

Member 2: (was constantly staring at my hand and shoes the whole time.. probably a psychologist... 🙄)

1. Asked about economic effect of Ukraine-Russia war on India?
 2. Some counter questions regarding crude oil price from Russia w.r.t. other sources of crude oil of India
- (Asked a few other questions .. cant recall those rite now)

Member 3:

1. Asked about precision vs. Accuracy? (Didn't know)
 2. Few factual current affairs e.g. meghdoot.. (did not know)
 3. Corona effects on vulnerable sections?
 4. how to bring normalcy in such sections.. made me IAS of my home state.. then what steps would you take? (though my first choice was IPS.. probably did not read my DAF)
- (Looked dissatisfied with my answers)

Member 4:

1. About Customs duty uses? (I deliberately brought in India-australia FTA In this answer)
2. Why should we not go for FTA with other nations as well as this would reduce custom duty and eliminate tariff barriers altogether?
3. some counter questions? (I handled these effectively using facts)

Chairman: Interview is over

^^^My Experience and observations^^^: Surprised as NO question asked on Hobbies, Home state, IPS as first choice ...

Overall board was cordial and chairman tried to make the atmosphere peaceful initially.

My observation is that the DAF was not read properly (or at all) because as soon as the previous candidate left I was called in (within seconds) ... asked about where I work.. and questions started from there and revolved around job and then basic optional knowledge(sociology)

Main observation: "A lot of Supplementary Questions were asked based on the answers I gave"

6th April

Forenoon session

PSIR optional

working in a govt. job

B Tech from SASTRA and M Tech from IIT Kanpur

Chairman:

- Tell me how 5G is different
- why is it called mm wave
- what is latency
- full form of some term in 5G (don't know)
- describe frequency bands in 5G
- explain state of IoT in India
- what is Beamforming
- can humans stand against nature
- list 5 pockets of diaspora and their significance

Member 1:

- what is full name of Gandhi
- who gave the title Mahatma and when
- First satyagraha of Gandhi (in SA and in India)
- why Champaran
- who invited Gandhi to Champaran

Member 2:

- why we need gender diversity in public office (told that it is required to understand concerns of 50% of population)
- Is understand the concerns only important thing or doing more is needed
- Some questions on IR (not on Ukraine or Sri Lanka issue)
- Some full forms (couldn't answer)

Member 3:

- Is it getting hot ? What is the trend ?
- who is affected the most ? what can we do for them ?
- What is the reason for this climate change
- can individual contribute to reduce Climate Change ? How ?
- how are elites responsible for CC and what can be done ?
- what is Operation Ganga ?
- Explain India's broader problems ?
- can we change behaviour of people ? what is the biggest success of behaviour change programme ?

Member 4:

- what is software defined radio? where is it used ?
- What is star rating ? what is its significance ? who gives it ?
- Explain the India's relations with Myanmar
- who is Poothna (hobbies: ramayana and mahabharata)

Lastly Chairman:

- difference between Wi-Fi and White-Fi (also between Wi-Fi and Li-Fi)
- give 3 ways to minimise bank frauds in 30 seconds

7th April

Sociology

Madhya Pradesh

Commerce background

3 yrs Job experience in IT

Hobby: Mandala Art and Upcycling waste

Chairman

I was the very last one for the day, he asked so you are the last one today, u must be tired.. and smiled. said to pull mask to the chin, and therefore I gave Interview with face shield on.

Repeated all details of my background from my DAF and asked why i left my job.?

1. Why has india shifted from look east policy to act east policy.
2. What did we do in act east policy.
3. Shud social media be regulated? If yes. How?
4. What is India's foreign policy.
5. Diff between fiscal federalism and fiscal consolidation.

Member1.

1. What is upcycling waste? Give an example how u did it?
2. Clean city? Why can't Delhi be made that clean?
3. Tax terrorism? Govt steps for the same.
4. Govt Economic growth policies...what are you suggestion for improving it.
5. Some factual ques.. i said sorry.

Member 2. (Ma'am)

1. What is mandala art?
2. How to manage Menstrual waste ?
3. Voters turnout in last LS election? And what is ECI doing to increase it?
4. What is govt doing for our farmers?
5. What is e-nam?

I m unable to recall a few more ques

Member 3.

1. Sociology diff from anthropology?
2. What more do you upcycle? Explain more.
3. Brief about Wipro technologies, it's activities, and leadership
4. What was ur job profile?

There were some more ques..

Member 4.

1. Explain with examples ..waste to wealth?
(Multiple cross ques came here, including agriculture, sugar industry, thermal industry,)
2. MP: Medieval history.
3. Tendu leaves and tribals loosing livelihood? Explain? What can be done?
(Multiple cross ques)
4. Bhimbetka
5. Some more facts.

Chairman.

Ok we are done, have a good day. thank you 😊

Date and session of interview- 07/04/2022 , 2nd half

Optional- LAW

Education- B.sc, LL.B, LL.M

Profession (if any)- IRPS

Hobbies- backpack traveling and cooking

Your experience in interview- it was a pleasant experience, smooth I must say.

Utility of mocks (if any) - yes three benefits for me

1. since very less time to prepare so i needed the confidence to face uncertain questions.
2. mocks helped me boost confidence. (since they went good.) can be other way for some.
3. mannerism and crystallisation of my content.

Chairman: asked about my services where I am and then began

1. what do you mean by distributive justice? how can we ensure it.
2. what do you mean by ADR?
delhi High court program for the same.
3. what do you think about AFSPA ? should we repeal it ?
4. What about the consumer protection act and recent amendments. I answered related to e commerce and big giants. to this there were follow up questions. and how to manage them.
5. should FoSPE be curtailed ? in the new privacy laws ? should they not be made absolute.

M1 - lady Member.

1. based on DAF. whats common in wardha and Ahmedabad.
2. Gandhiji story and why he was there.
3. which movement he started there.
4. Gandhijis relevance in todays time.
5. traveling today and issues due to it in himalayas.
6. any benefit of travelling to the local community.
7. provisions for Sc and Sts in the constitution.

M3

1. Views on Air India sale .
2. law questions related to justice.
3. position of child welfare and laws in India today. .are they sufficient ?
4. what things you would want to do for them.
5. Nanavati case brief.
6. mathura rape case. what was it about.
7. why custodial rape is more severely punished .

M3

1. whats different between public order and law and order.

2. What about NSA act? who has the power to issue areest order under NSA ?
3. State electoral funding views.
4. how would you implement it . what criteria you would keep for the same. this was followed up with a lot of questions and rebuttals.

M4 .

1. how long have you stayed in kanpur (birthplace)? since i have 6-7 address of different states in my DAF. I ANSWERED in totality 8-9 months. then no follow up question on it.
2. as a DM what steps and for which section of people will you work to ensure human rights in your district. (I emphasised on sanitation workers ,homeless and destitutes.)
3. last question. - Why can we not tax farmers? and solution for the same.

2-3 more questions i cannot recall them all.

The chairman said interview was over. .everyone smiled , I smiled. and I put an end to the aspirant Journey with a big smile :) I have happy and relieved to come out of the room. lost a lot of weight at that chair. 🙏

I expect the best for all. ENJOY THE INTERVIEW AND THE JOURNEY ! 🙏🙏

8th April

optional Economics

Hobby: Writing Hindi Couplets nd Following Cricket

Background Serving as an Assistant Commandant in one of the CAPF for last 5 yrs

MA Economics

Chairman

View on one border one force

Challenges in border guarding

Technologies that we can use in border guarding

smart fencing

Member 1

When & where first radio broadcast

When printing press came to india

Your couplet writing style is similar to whom Kabir, mira, Bihari

Compare urself with above poets

Whom do u read, name the writers

Why poetry more famous than prose

How poetry captures the prevalent situation

Poet seems to be in anguish(in the verse that I had recited). Why?

Why bangladeshi immigrants come to India? How can we stop them ?

Member 2

What are the qualities that I have as Commando and what qualities will prove to be useful as civil servant?

Elements of Good governance?

How Bangladesh improved HDI score?

Why can we not have FTA with China and resolve border dispute?

Member 3

Something special that Sikkim have done in last 5 yrs?

Organic farming in Sikkim vs Sri Lanka

Are women more empowered in Sikkim?

Does Swaccha Bharat Mission ends at ODF or there is more to it?

Member 4

What are learnings post 26/11?

What is kamikara?

What are drone regulations?

Methods of killing drones?

What was PL 480? Bank nationalisation and recent de-nationalisation? and its success?

Home State: Delhi

Optional: Commerce & Accountancy

Work experience: under Training in BHEL (Finance Division)

Graduation: B.com (H)

Chair:

1. What did you do after completing b.com in 2017?
2. Recent MPC meet is scheduled. Why hasn't the govt changed the repo rate for last 11 months. MPC formation and related questions. What is current repo rate?
3. Rationale of Navratnas, Maharatna categorisation.
4. NPAs, what steps by govt for correction.
5. What is corporate gov. Recent policy changes by govt. in CG
6. Blockchain Strategy of India. 3 areas the strategy covers.
7. Carbon dating. Carbon Pricing.
8. Is AUKUS formation to counter China in Indo-pacific.

M1:

1. My internship at CMO. What life lessons I learned there?
2. Name all Navratnas.
3. Who owns US forex reserves.
4. Minimalism, Inspirational interviews (my hobby)

M2:

1. Ballot vs EVM. Which is better for India? Few questions on VVPAT.

2. Difference and similarities between yoga and meditation (part of my hobby).

3. Privatisation of PSUs

M3:

1. Continued with NPAs, shifted to ARCs. Counter question on utility of ARCs.

2. Why RBI wants to maintain liquidity. Tools of doing that.

3. Why to appoint women independent candidates on company boards.

4. Why RBI is reluctant to legalise cryptocurrency.

5. Has India lagged in taking advantage of CDM

M4:

1. Societal Patriarchy. Examples you have seen.

2. Similarities in SL and Pak issues in news. How it will impact India.

3. Role of communication in policy making- planning and implementation.

Chair: What are Principles of Natural Justice.

(There were few other questions on Environment and Economy that I don't recall)

8th April; Afternoon session, 3rd to go

Optional: PSIR

Home state: Delhi, permanent address in Kerala

Graduation: English Literature

Hobbies: sudoku, food history

Overall time: around 35-40 minutes.

Chair: please pull down your mask and be comfortable (was asked to keep on face shield and gloves)

1. Is the novel a moral fable?

2. Can you tell us how the form of novel changed?

3. What is innovation?

4. What is India's rank in Global Innovation Index?

5. What is blue economy?

6. What are blue flag beaches?

8. Have you heard of Passage to India? How does Forster describe India?

7. What are biosphere reserves? Can you name some?

M1: if we compare women of Kerala, women of Sri Lanka, women of Pakistan and women of R K Lakshman's novel, can you draw some similarities and differences? (Wasn't able to answer well and got a bit flustered so I said "sorry sir I don't think I have been able to do justice to your question at the moment. Chairman sir very cordially replied that don't give up try and say whatever you know we are just trying to have a conversation. So I answered somewhat, was even prompted to think along certain lines in this question)

2. Should stray cows be allowed to roam around freely on roads?

3. Think of the counter view to this argument.

or think of the counter view to the argument.

4. Is every woman in Kerala empowered?
5. Can you say why despite education all women in Kerala are not empowered?

M2: why is LSR such a good institution?

2. What can we do to improve tourism in India?
3. Is social media the best way to improve tourism in India?
4. Why is sustainable development so important these days? What is being done? What is India's stand?
5. Why do you say India is at the forefront of climate change?

M3: tell us a little about why panchayati raj is effective in Kerala?

2. What is the exact model of panchayat in Kerala called?
3. When is the next presidential election in India?
4. What kind of person would you like to see elected as a president?
5. What are your views on disinvestment?
6. What are the features of pm awas Yojana?

Added that women are main beneficiaries.

7. Have you heard about recent UNHRC news. When it was formed and why?

M4: can you tell about India France relations?

2. Asked about exact statement issued by India Pak in Sharm-al-Sheik in 2007.
3. Have you heard of NCLT, NCLAT, and some other organisation can't remember the name of it. What is their function?
4. Explain dark web.
5. What is tor?
6. Have you heard about dabbawalas? What do they do?
7. Have you heard about padmanabhaswamy temple. Why an IAS is in charge of the temple?

Overall experience: extremely cordial board. But very factual based questions. Barely any DAF coverage. Nothing about hobbies, achievements etc

Utility of mocks: learnt how to handle unexpected questions, etiquette of facing a board.

Date of interview : 8/4/2022

Optional: law

Interview was more of factual rather than daf based. Nothing from hobbies or achievement.

Chairman :

sir started with question that I have seen you earlier.

I will ask some quick questions from you.

1. what is SCO. ITS MANDATE
2. its importance for India
3. coastal security infrastructure

3. Coastal security infrastructure

4. what is Sagar initiative.
5. what section 498A of IPC(relax it is from my optional law)

M2

1. achievements and challenges of India as we are entering into Amrit kaal
2. waste management issue of india and solutions
3. when will phase out plastic.
4. India coming foreign relation meeting with USA

M3

1. what is MISA act (law optional)
2. type of emergency in constitution
3. What is sovereign default

M4

1. why is Bengali doctors called Bengali(totally unexpected as he started with meerut that while visiting to meerut you can see lots of Bengali docs)
- 2 Issue of quick doctors.
- 3 issue of phc chc in India

M5

1. started with sovereign default which country has faced this issue recently then gave answer Greece.
2. response to 1991 financial crisis.

Some questions I am not able to recall

Unexpected experience due to factual interview 10 percent daf rest was current affairs or random questions. In 4 to 5 questions I answered that I am not able to recall or I don't know.

Advice - prepare for worst keep calm and have confidence we can do it 🙌👊.

Date and session of the interview (8th April, Afternoon session, fifth no.)

B.tech- Information and Technology

Hobbies- Coding in c++ and java,playing and watching sports

Optional - Sanskrit

Utility of Mocks - good for confidence and to become formal.

Chairman

You are from Sainik School ,three things you learnt from there ?

when and why Sainik Schools were formed ?

did they fail in your case(cross question) ?

India Israel Relations (bouncer ,as it was not in news)

SANSKRIT SHLOKA (extra kharata tatra kharata (Optional subject))

SANSKRIT SHLOKA yatna dharate,tatna dharate (OPTIONAL SUBJECT)

told me to be specific (3 agriculture and 3 defence sectors) - Cross Question

What is Black Hole and why it is named so ?

Difference between Java and C++ ?

why we use AC and not DC for transmission or inverter ?

Member 1

IMF report on why poverty was below 1% ?

what is NAI TALIM ?

why some cities are good at IT(pune bangalore) ?

what would you do to improve the IT industries at other cities and states ?

Member 2

what is difference between IMF and World Bank ?

what is Marshal Plan(after WW - 2) ?

tell us something about textile industry ?

What is EIA ?

what is dhvani sidhant in sanskrit literature ?

Member 3 (ALL QUESTIONS FROM OPTIONAL SUBJECT)

Sanskrit shloka (didn't remember)

tell us about banabhatt ?

is kadambari solely work of banabhatt ?

He corrected me and told the story for 2 minutes(shloka which was asked earlier) ?

Compare sanskrit and other languages of its age ?

cross Question - is it a dead language ?

tell us about other languages ?

Member 4

About Labour Reforms ,which states have done good and to what extent ?

what are the achievements in material science ?

what is the GDP of india ?

Distribution of GDP sector wise ?

How wealth is created by loans ?

CHAIRMAN : Your interview is over ,You may go and all the best;

Ty seniors and mentors

Best of luck fellow aspirants

11th April

11/04/22 forenoon session last to go

education - computer engineering

optional - history

hobbies - tabla, chess, blockchain technology

duration - 30 to 35 mins

chairperson

read the daf, asked why history after computer engineering then himself answered it is not present as a subject (that was my answer in cse 2019 interview which was taken by vyas sir so don't know whether it was a general remark or he recognised me)

1. Tell me 3 peasant and 3 tribal movements in modern indian history and what were their impacts?
2. what is aukus and its impact on indo-pacific?
3. has ias failed the nation and discussion around it

member 1(lady)

1. does police have a negative perception?
2. are women able to approach police easily? why not?
3. what has government done about it? what will you do about it?
4. do you use social media? how do they earn even if they don't charge you anything?
5. any other source of income apart from advertisement?(wanted to hear use of data)
6. what can be done for data privacy?
7. is internet safe?
8. have you ever faced any ethical dilemma?
9. tell me one application of blockchain in administration that you would like to implement

member 2

1. what are jpc recommendations on data privacy bill?
2. what is data mirroring and localisation? what does jpc recommend?
3. asked some term about cloud computing (said don't know)
4. what is end to end encryption?
5. where is the data stored?
6. who can intercept the data at state and central level?
7. what legislations are for the same?
8. what one application will you want to create as a collector being a computer engineer which has not yet been implemented?

member 3

1. how to make internet safe?
2. provisions of mcoca on interception of messages
3. why is mcoca considered a gamechanger?
4. what is organised crime
5. what is ethical hacking? who regulates it?
6. how to access end to end encrypted data?

member 4

1. what is climate change?
2. what are its impacts on a coastal city like mumbai?
3. what can be done to avoid those impacts?
4. what are parameters of pollution?
5. what is aqi?

chairperson

thankyou. your interview is over.

overall board was cordial. questions were starting by asking facts or definition and then going into discussion over those concepts. many rapid fire type questions were also asked.

mainly revolved around DAF. Some contemporary issues were asked not much of current affairs.

utility of mocks: few questions were asked already in mocks so helped in better structuring of those answers. It also helped into getting in the zone of interview.

Name: Nallamothe Bala Krishna

Attempt: 5th attempt, 2nd mains, 1st interview

Interview date and time: 6th April, Afternoon

Optional: Telugu Literature

Background: B.Tech (ECE), M.Tech (Renewable Energy)

Home state: Andhra Pradesh

Additional details: stayed 10 years in Chennai for M.Tech, CSIR job (4.5 years); Freelance Teacher for 4 years : 30 minutes

Board welcomed me in very cordial manner. Chairman sir asked me to have a seat and pull-down mask and keep gloves and face-shield on. He asked me that can they address me as Balakrishna. I told them you can address me Bala also as it is easy for them. They made me very comfortable. Chairman read out my details and said that I have been quite long time in CSIR and worked in Renewable Energy. He mentioned that he is leaving all renewable energy questions to other member who expert in that. Then Chairman started asking questions.

Chairman:

- 1) What literature tells us?
- 2) Will it reflect only contemporary society or future society? (Based on my first question answer)
- 3) What is communal harmony?
- 4) Explain about India's semiconductor policy
- 5) What is nanotechnology and its applications
- 6) What is BRICS and its recent developments

M1:

- 7) What is Amma canteen (in Tamilnadu)

- 8) How did they function during covid-19
- 9) Chennai drinking water problem, telugu ganga project and asked me if you are district collector, how will you solve the drinking water problem
- 10) Name man made reservoir in Tamil nadu (I think he asked about Grand Anicut, but it didn't strike at that point, I said I don't know)
- 11) What is Mekedattu project and dispute between Karnataka and Tamilnadu and follow-up questions about how I can solve the problem

M2:

- 12) What is India's Renewable Energy targets of 2030 and 2022 and whether we achieved it or not
- 13) Questions about different metals used in energy storage
- 14) Is it possible that we can fulfill our energy needs without using coal power plant (I answered it is possible by integrating various renewables with energy storage)
- 15) Questions on various energy storage (lithium-ion, super capacitors), focusing lithium ion, problems of India in lithium based energy storage
- 16) Advantages and disadvantages of lithium-ion batteries (He also supplied one advantage when I didn't say that important advantage)

M3 (Female member):

- 17) Nowadays online education also became expensive, so do you think digital divide is there? (I answered that GoI has increased digital channels from 12 to 200 so quality content is available to everyone)
- 18) So, in your opinion, there is no digital divide? (I said it is there, rural-urban divide due to lack of digital infra, quoted example of kids of Arunachal climbing trees to catch up signals)
- 19) So she asked what is solution (I said Bharat net, connecting all villages by broadband), she concluded discussion saying that in my opinion in another 5-10 years digital divide will reduce.
- 20) New Education policy – Teachers as transformative role. So as a teacher what transformation I can bring to students
- 21) Two advantages and disadvantages of Andhra Pradesh

M4:

He said that I make I have chosen difficult subject (Telugu literature) atleast for them to ask questions as they don't know much. All of us laughed.

- 22) Who is Shakespeare of Telugu literature in your opinion
- 23) Can you tell about Puranas in Telugu literature
- 24) Earlier some question about super-capacitor, he asked me what the advantages and disadvantages of supercapacitor are compared to lithium-ion (when I didn't say fast charging advantage, he told me about that)
- 25) Intel I7 processor problem as they are using still 14 um technology as others are already upgraded to 5 um technology. So why intel is not doing that
- 26) Earlier we used GaAs technology and now we are using GaN technology. What is difference (I don't know, I honestly said I don't know that)
- 27) Three capital issue of AP – is it good to have secretariats at three different places

Chairman sir said interview is over and Chairman and members told All the very best for my future. I thanked everyone and left the room.

I might have missed few questions, but covered most of them. They are around 30 questions in broad and took around 30 minutes.

Overall interview experience:

Almost all questions (except BRICS) based on my DAF. It is more like discussion than Q&A. Members keep interactive whenever I missed any important point. Smiling face on Chairman sir and he is nodding his head when I am answering to questions of other members. It gave me strength and energy that he is keenly and interestingly listening to my answers. Overall, interview went in very positive environment. I felt positive and happy throughout interview.

11/04/2022

What r u doing since 2018

Neighbourhood first - why and what r we doing?

Gig workers? Sociology of gig workers? What is govt doing?

Rules based vs role based?

How is malnutrition in India? Whats govt doing? Whats ananeia Mukht Bharat?

When was Hingoli dist formed? Favourite movie- lessons learned? How can u apply them in administration?

What all extra curricular u did in college?

Happiness Index - why so low?

NFT - what and which celebrity issued it recently

Crypto - are they legal? Budget provisions?

Reflexive writing - tell a short lesson that you learned?

Why mech and civil engineers r choosing IT? How can we reverse this trend?

How to use mech engineering in Biotech?

E rupee?

Anti corruption bodies in India?

Some factual questions on Lokpal

Recent Changes in corruption act?

Difference between 3 vaccines?

2 steps u would take to revive Indian economy?

Chips - what all is required to make them? (I said banana and potato he rolled his eyes and said I'm asking about electronic chips 🤔)

Chairman was extremely cordial. They were acknowledging everything i said like i was giving some Oscars speech or something.

11th April, Afternoon

PSIR

BITS Pilani

Work ex - 2yrs in Samsung

Chairman-

What are supercomputers

What is national supercomputing mission

Is China at war with itself

What are economic problems that China is facing

What is sovereign credit rating

What is 2 front war

What is diplomacy

What is 2+2 diplomacy

What is HDI. Who introduced it and how is India's performance in hdi

Member 1 (Lady)

What is difference between culture and religion. Are they both same

What are our major IT exports

What can we do to further to encourage startups

Why startup culture in bits pilani

What is machine learning

Do you think we have achieved women empowerment

What is women empowerment

Member 2

What are Q LED and Neo Q LED TVs

What is happening in Yemen

What happened in Sudan

What was Arab spring

What is big data

Which tree smuggled in pushpa movie. Where is it found and its CITES status

Member 3

ICC in Samsung and its details.

What is national interest

How is present crisis in Sri Lanka going to affect India

How will relations between India and Pak change due to events going on there

What is national interest

Member 4

What are new mobile phone technologies of Samsung

Why Samsung grew but companies like Nokia and BlackBerry failed

What are the harmful effects of radiations on human body

Chairman -

What are water harvesting structures in Rajasthan

Interview over

12th April

Date: 12/04/2022

Optional: PSIR

Work ex: Working in NABARD

Keywords from DAF: Vidarbha, Nashik, Anandwan (Baba Amte), Chemical Engineering

Chairperson

1. You are working in Nabard, tell me about directed lending?
2. Don't you think, it is a burden on commercial banks ?
3. In which section you are working in NABARD (RIDF)
4. How much interest rate does banks get to deposit money into RIDF?
5. How much NABARD gets from these deposits ? So, it is a profitable business (sarcasm)
6. If you are given an opportunity by NABARD to travel to three countries, where will you go?

Member 1

1. Why Israel is so much advanced in agri technology? Why not India ?
2. You come from Vidarbha, why there is farmer suicide vis a vis rest of Maharashtra?
3. Warora (my town) is famous for something ? (Anandwan). Tell me about it and the personality associated with Anandwan?
4. Apart from Saoji cuisine, which dishes are famous from Vidarbha ?
5. What are the issues facing Indian agriculture
6. Tell me 3 priorities with respect to agriculture that you would focus upon as a DM

Member 2

1. Tell me about India's agriculture export and import
2. Which commodities India exports and imports ?
3. What is anti dumping duty ?
4. What is the % of anti dumping duty we impose ?

Member 3

1. How to identify whether a particular country is dumping the goods in India?
2. How do we decide how much % of anti dumping duty to be imposed
3. As a DM, which areas you would focus upon to improve dignity of people ?
4. What does a citizen expect from an administrator?
5. Which areas are yet to be under the ambit of e-governance?

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6. Which chemicals do we import and export ?

Member 4

1. Tell me about SHG and Nabard linkage.
 2. Whether SHG is successful or there is scope to improve
 3. If you are made an ambassador of a country, which three things will you promote about India?
 4. Won't you promote Indian wine ? Can you rate Indian and foreign wine as per taste, quality ?
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Date and session of interview- 12/04/2022

Optional- PSIR

Education- B.E civil engineering

Profession (if any)- Previously in a construction firm,

Current: IRTS

Hobbies-Post Independence Indian Military history, Debating

Place: Bhojpur Bihar

Your experience in interview- it was better than the last time. Board was cordial

Utility of mocks (if any) - yes five benefits for me

Don't go by their negative feedback. Just know the areas that may be asked from. Collect questions from the mock.

Chairman :

- 1.What is Bhojpatra
2. How did this name Bhojpur come from
3. Tell me benefits and issues of IRMS
4. Three biggest reforms of Indian Railways
5. Your take on India Brazil relations and follow up questions
6. Difference between FTA and PTA
7. What's National cooling Action plan
8. What is National cooling Action plan

M1 -

1. What is Rashtriya Military school
2. What's your order of service
3. Why didn't you Put IPS as First preference.
4. What's the perception of police in the eyes of common man?
5. How has been your experiences with Police
6. What's your opinion on Traffic police personal
6. What's 112. Tell me three services provided by 112.

M2

1.Why civil engineering projects take lot of time to complete

2. What's the difference in technology of bullet trains of China and Japan

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3. Why are we going for Japanese technology and not Chinese

4. What's levitation? Is it being used in India

M3

1. Since you have worked in construction sector, do you think new technologies have led to reduction in job

2. What about the job prospect of Civil Engineers now a days

3. How is Micro processors used in Civil engineering

4. What do you mean by Smart building construction

5. Have you heard about ECBC. What does it say?

M4 Lady member:

1. Newer technology leads to unemployment. Do you agree

2. Then how to increase employment in that case.

3. What's your thoughts on Gini coefficient and rising inequality.

4. Do you think that it is impacting India also.

Chairman: Thank you X. Your interview is over. You may leave.

12th Afternoon

B.COM, CA

Work- Deloitte, IFSCA, IA&AS

Football and Meditation

Chairmen

- Tell about Ujjain

- Defense procurements changes in last three years

- Indo Japan relations

- How Ifsca as a regulator is different

- Three things happened in Indirect taxes

- Why leave ifsca and join iaas?

M 1

- How Gst is different from earlier regime?

- What is SeZ Online portal?

- What is ICISA?

- What's your service preference

- How would you use your CA expertise in administration

M2

- How international audit done by cag?

- Which UN agencies are audited by CAG?

- Unique key word of Gst, Vat, Excise? (Gst- supply of goods and services)

- How export refunds are processed

- How Bullion trade is affecting investment in country?

M3

- Automation taking jobs in Accounting?

- Can cryptocurrency replace Traditional mode of currency

- What are different Accounting software

- Declining financial health of States and Srilanka crisis, how does India's financial health doing?

M4

- How faceless assessment reduce role of Ca?

- Can there be a possibility where role of CA can be made zero?

- What 3 areas that are not addressed in this budget?

- What 5 areas we should focus in budget?

- Expenditure on Defense?

- Does India's foreign policy is in convergence with Vasudev Kutumbkum?

12/4/22, AN

IITB: Aerospace engg with minor in Humanities and social sciences (HSS); PSIR; 5th attempt, 3rd mains, 1st PT

Barely any focus on my daf like hobbies internship etc. Most questions on Aerospace and PSIR overlap areas, IR with focus on Trade.

Mocks: very very useful (atleast for me) I gave 6 mocks and 6-8 one to one sessions in 15 days. All helped me. The mock which i thought was bad helped me most. So give any mock. Dont judge the panel (just choose panels with bureaucrats thats all). I asked a frnd who scored great last yr in PT to take my mock in the mng of my PT day also. I wanted to be in the zone. In final PT I felt i was giving just another mock in terms of confidence and composure

Mocks help to pool questions also and makes ur communication presentation better

My PT was 80% knowledge oriented (heard that Vyas sir is usually more knowledge oriented than other members)

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Last but one to go to BB Vyas sir board. it was around 25min

It was cordial but not as much as others felt. The chairman was surely friendly (at least tried to be). Panel members treated this as QnA session than conversation.

Asked only to pull down mask to chin level. Gloves and shield on

Vyas sir

1. U r from IITB aerospace with minor in HSS?

2. Does aerospace engg have good prospects

3. What is open skies treaty (was asked in a mock already)

4. Anyone came out of it?

5. What does that say about the current state of world affairs

6. What is the spatial awareness agreement with US (it was in that days newspaper).
7. We also signed many other agreements with US mostly on positioning and other data sharing. Why? (He meant foundational agreements like BECA)
8. Why EU wants FTA with India now
9. Is it also cos India has FTA with Aus and UAE now and EU wants one? (FOMO for EU?)
10. Ok final ques, Why India called informal economy, is it good or bad, what is India doing to change it (Many questions asked in one go)

M1:

1. What r objectives of NITI ayog
2. 3 successes of NITI (incidentally, i noticed NITI building that mng enroute to UPSC and thought of what all NITI did)
3. Why 3,7 yr plans when earlier 5yr plans were in sync with government tenure. Werent they better? (I mentioned abt action agenda and strategy doc in earlier answer, so the ques)
4. What is (Some money laundering related term which i didnt know)
5. Do u know abt IPRs?
6. How many are there, who regulates them in India and what do those bodies do
7. Who ensures there is no counterfiet in products wrt IPRs at borders (It wasnt WTO TRIPS he was talking about)
8. Do u know how many counterfeit products come to India every year (i dont even know how much counterfeit currency comes to India)
(He loves trade related aspects i guess)

M2: (he is very interested in bank debit card frauds apparently..asked other candidates also abt it)

1. Were u ever a victim of bank fraud
2. Do u know anyone who was a victim
3. Did they recover the money
4. How will u ensure senior citizens dont fall victim and what are redressal mechanism available for victims
5. How much will AI penetrate in our lives?
6. Will IoT homes lead to security threat?
7. Shud media be regulated? (Had something in my daf abt media)
8. Is there any self regulatory body? (Told we need self regulation of media in above ques)
9. What about social media regulation

M3: (all were aerospace related questions)

1. What are defense corridors
2. What is India doing on jet fighters indigenisation
3. How r fighter jets in UK US Israel better than Indias
4. What is this i7 in computers (cos i talked about 5th gen fighter jets in above questions..he picked on generations of tech)
5. What does generation of tech signify
6. Tell budget proposals on defense sector

M4 lady (shortest time taken)

1. Shud we teach humanities to engineers (i have minor in Humanities)
2. How does it help your mental faculties
3. Tell 7 pillars of gati shakti master plan (dont know)
4. Ok tell what gati shakti plan is about (told)

Overall: felt like they were more interested in testing my knowledge than my opinions. I ld say this is not only personality test but also a knowledge test. But then knowledge has its own personality i guess. Lucky that i was asked mostly on areas i prepared. was able to answer 80-85% of questions asked (but donno how much they were satisfied..they all had poker faces mostly)

PT was very similar to Vajirao and reddy mock. Similar type of questions and ambience (knowledge based).

Felt good after coming out of PT.

1-1 with khan sir (ksg) put a smile on my face and i carried it to the PT also especially while talking to the chairman

13th April

13/04/22

IFS, B.Tech Mechanical,
Chemistry optional

CM

1. Define a drought?
2. Land degradation reasons? Solutions? Any international commitment?
3. Heard of 2 proton gas?
4. India has a rich strategic culture. Explain?

M1

1. Would you donate in a temple or donate to uplift the poor?
2. What challenges you are facing at your workplace? What have you done?
3. Drone technology?
4. Price of a nano drone?
5. Diff b/w ISO and ISI standards?
6. What star labels on electronics and Bharat Stage signify?
7. Which organization gives star rating?
8. Name prominent companies which do CSR

M2

1. Problems of multiple courses by colleges recently?
2. Administrative issues?
3. Technological improvements required to assess forest cover more accurately?

4. Did any of your college batchmates do startup? Did they succeed?
5. Why some startups succeed? Is it because of college factor? What is your opinion?
6. Why industries are needed in India?
7. What perception people generally have about big industrial houses?

M3

1. High pendency in courts. What type of cases should not go to SC?
2. Your opinion on changing capital of our country given Delhi has lot of pollution etc?
3. Your top 3 service preferences?

GST?

4. What about states who will suffer revenue losses?
5. Heard of Land ports authority of India?
6. Role of Integrated Check posts?
7. What is your opinion on development of border road infra as people say Chinese will use it to enter our territory?

M4

1. You do Mobile photography and watch F1. Will mobiles replace DSLRs?
 2. There are many aggregators like Make my trip etc. Any sector where you think aggregators must be there?
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Date : 13th April , 2022 forenoon session (4th to go)

Background- civil engineer , sociology optional

Chandigarh

Hobbies - no questions asked

1st attempt , no work experience

Chairman -

- 1 related to SCO and why was in news
- 2 why not go with civil engineering only
- 3 when decided you want to go for civil services exam?
- 4 civil infra projects in news
- 5 highway vs State Highway vs expressway difference
- 6 nomenclature change of highways
- 7 infiltration issue pb
- 8 one border one force meaning and why needed

Other member ques

- 1 stubble burning in pb reasons , solns(some counter ques)
- 2 swachh Bharat related
- 3 why since 70 yrs India still facing basic development issues
- 4 civil engineering new innovation-- roads , construction field
- 5 talked about plastic roads so asked to explain the process
- 6 generalist vs specialist question

7 u want to do specialisation in which fields

8 Chandigarh issue

9 solution of Chandigarh problem

10 CRR and SLR meaning

11 meaning of fintech companies

No ques on hobbies , optional, achievement, sports , apart from sco no ques on IR

Belonged to Chandigarh -- but all questions related to Punjab

(They were saying so you are from Punjab tell us this)

Vyas sir - asked to keep face shield and gloves on, mask down

Name : selection k baad btaungi

Date : 13-4-2022 , forenoon

Optional: Psychology

BSc(non med)

Hobbies : ghanta kuch ni puchha yahan se

Chairman:

1. What are you doing since 2018?

2. Provisions about mental health in india

3.universal health

4. Why name shift from dispensaries to wellness centres

5. Euthanasia and morality

(2-3 follow ups on each)

M1: lady

1.Interest areas of psychology

2. Teach me a topic (emotional intelligence) considering i am a 9th standard student.

3. 498A

4. If you are DM what will you plan for women empowerment. Few followups

(i had longest discussion with her approximately 10 12 minutes)

M2 :

1. Bhim, upi

2. Privacy issue and what can i do today

3. What will i do if today i become victim of cyber fraud (i said i will Google it, i don't know why did they laugh 😊)

4. Opium , ncb and some similar body

5. Ethics paper reforms

I had good discussion with him but i can't recall other questions

M3

1. Some earlier answer was picked up and asked about mob mentality
2. What will i do
3. Old age people : issues and what can be done

Some other questions i can't recall

Then they all looked over my head. I thought which new technique are they trying to play. Then figured out it was time they were keeping track of.

So

M4 said i will ask you one question

5 eco reforms done by govt last year.

Chairman said thank you and we wish really good for you.

Then lady asked : why are girls wearing this collar blouse . Has any mock person suggested you? I told my case .

Some member asked me about weather forecasting and el-nino. I did a factual blunder there.

Utility of mocks : my mocks used to be very subjective and different from each other. I had same kind of feeling there. I don't know the difference between marking scheme of mocks and upsc so fingers crossed.

All the best everyone. Just one advice - be yourself. If you realise you went on a wrong path (like i did with euthanasia) just ask the person sir/ madam i guess i lost my track , if you permit can i rephrase. It will be beneficial in two ways:

- your calm and confidence will be maintained.
- they can see your real self (what they are actually looking for)

Take it like any other day. Don't do this nonsense of D day. You will get mentally burdened by your own baggage of this auspicious occasion.

13 April; Forenoon session, Last to go

Optional - Law

Graduation - BA, LLB

Home State - Haryana

Chairman-

1. How was Sangrur named as Sangrur? (Birth Place)
2. What is counter terrorism? Where can India and UK/EU collaborate on the same?
3. Why do we need competition law?
4. Is there a discrepancy between right to access to information and Copyright law?
5. Legislature has wide power to amend constitution but not unlimited. Explain.

1. Why law as a subject is excluded from National education policy as far as regulation is concerned?

Counter questions on that

2. Is the bar council a hindrance to judicial reforms?

3. NCLT acts as a way to sustain financial frauds. Do you agree?

4. Poor people have to access a lawyer to go to courts. How will they access a lawyer? Such a costly mechanism.

M2

1. Why do we have such long procedure to approach justice in country? District, high court, supreme court's? Taarik pe Taarik, why is that so?

2. Suggest ways to reform judicial process of this country.

3. Supreme Court of Pakistan's recent decision. Your view?

4. Cyber frauds, cybercrimes in country- which law deals with it?

M3 (lady member)

1. Organic agriculture in Sri Lanka and what should india learn ?

2. What should India's monetary and fiscal policy be?

3. As a lawyer, how do you think you will handle science and tech? Shouldn't there be a specialist?

4. What are new emerging technologies?

5. What is metaverse?

6. What is the budget layout for capital expenditure?

7. What is capital expenditure? Explain.

8. Which is one aspect that budget hasn't covered and you want it to be covered?

9. How has blockchain technology technology changed governance?

10. One aspect where aadhar has helped government?

M4

1. When I enter your college, there is a prominent thing that one can notice, what is it? (Answer- Preamble being inscribed at entry)

2. Is preamble part of constitution?

3. Problems in all india judicial services?

4. What is National Financial Reporting Authority?

Interview over

B B Vyas sir - Transcripts 2021 - 2022

date - 13 april

Optional - PSIR

College - Miranda house

Hobbies - budget travelling , cardio workout , contribution to father's business .

Chairman:

Do you think globalisation is irrelevant ?

You must be following the foreign ministers recent meeting so what is the his statement during US meeting and what stand India has taken ?

How the meeting will affect India and europe relations ?

Due date for Presidential election ? How president is elected ? How MLA vote value is calculated ? which state has the highest and lowest value ?

member 1

which agency violates human rights in India ? (based on my DAF) Do you know about police and human rights violation ? How police violates human rights ?

Supreme court guidelines on Custodial violence and human rights abuse ?

Do you feel safe during travel or how u manage your security during travelling ? (based on budget travelling hobby)

So you think women feel insecure during travel , why they feel insecure ? what measures are required?

Do you watch any OTT platform ?

difference between netflix and bollywood movies ?

what three steps you will take for digital India ?

member 2

which women ias ips inspired you ? (i said smitha sabarwal , then follow up on her work)

How you will implement her ideals in your district ? (I told him it depends upon the district in which i will be posted but if you allow me i can tell about my home district , he permitted then next follow up on water security)

water condition in india ? how much drinking water is available to one individual ?

m3 (lady)

do you think electricity subsidy should be given to all farmers free of cost or it should be given selectively ?

what is the rational for giving electricity subsidy ?

what do you understand by sufism?

commonality between sufism and hinduism ?

what miranda house means to you ? (it is my college)

what are stress asset ? Particularly asked about NPA and when it is declared NPA ?

M4

You do cardio workout , so do you use any tracking device like fitbit ?

what is ur blood sugar level ?

what is your pulses rate ? what is standard pulses rate for adults

do you know eco and ecg ?

what you do in your fathers business ? what u have learned ? (mentioned in DAF)

what should be done for bidding - technical or financial ?

What problem you have faced in GST and direct taxation and what reforms you will suggest?

Name some border forces of india ? (i forgot assam riffles so he added , politely thanked him)

chairman

In very jolly mood , asked me that he is very confused about the adhai din ka jhopra , why it is named this ? I told him the whole story behind the name . He said now am a bit relieved , thank you , your interview is over

Experience

Board was very cordial , it is more like an interesting conversation than interview. They give you enough time to talk and put your points .

Date- 11 April 2022

Optional: Economics

Home state- Punjab

Overall experience- Nothing from hobbies asked, Many factual questions, 80-90% of interview based on economics. Board was cordial.

Not much of counter questions. Felt like board wanted to check my knowledge rather than personality.

Chairperson:

Asked to bring mask to chin. Face shield and gloves were kept on.

1. There are various problems in India's neighbouring countries like Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Afghanistan. So, how does it impact India?
2. What drives Inflation- which commodities or sectors? (said food and beverages)
3. What government is doing to control agri inflation, especially tomato, onion etc.
4. Reasons for drug problem in Punjab
5. Solution for drug issue
6. Law for drugs in India

M1

1. Why not IIT etc and humanities instead
2. Do you watch movies? Last movie seen and few follow ups on that
3. Name any economist that inspired you and why so?

M2

1. 3 Recommendations that you will give to finance minister, if made economic advisor?
2. Talked about bogus bills under gst and how can we control such misuse of gst input credit?
3. What is FIU? how does it work?

M3

1. What is Hawala? How does money go out of India?
2. Which authority is responsible for checking money laundering?
3. Law for money laundering
4. What can be done to control inflation?

M4

1. Definition of organic farming
2. How can we promote organic farming in India?
3. How to diversify agriculture?

Chairperson: Interview is over, you can go.

25th April

Name: SOMP interview batch

Vyas sir board , last to go

Profile: Btech in Engineering physics from IIT Delhi

Optional: Physics

hobby: Student mentoring, Blogging, Covid cashrelief fundraiser

Work experience: Milaan Foundation, IFSCA (yet to join)

Summer research internships at University of Saarland and Leibniz institute in Germany, India Fellow social leadership program

Chairman (M1)

1. Who won Nobel prize in physics in 2021? Okay forget name, tell me what for?
2. How does this climate modelling work and why is it so important?
3. What are non linear systems and how do you model it?
4. Recently Urban mass transport is being talked about! Is it important?
5. Why is it important?
6. Tell me about quantum technologies?
7. Is there any national program for quantum tech.
8. what are some specifics of program?

M2:

1. Who runs elections for local bodies?
2. Whats difference between state election commission and Central election commission?
3. Places within 100 kms radius of Gorakhpur?
4. Whats so special about saint kabir?
5. Saint Kabir's famous couplet

M3: (seemed like conversation)

1. She asked regarding japanese encephalitis case in gorakhpur? If it is related to geography, then how can we address it? What actions have been taken to address that?
2. How did you do covid cashrelief fundraiser?
3. How did you raise it?
4. Dont you think there are misuse of crowdfunding platforms? What platform was used?

M4:

1. Tell me about Amravati issue?
2. Any connections with respect to land?
3. How did Andhra reduce naxalism in area?
4. Tell me about bordering district of naxals affected areas of dandkaranya region.

M5:

1. You worked in Germany, What is happening in germany and sweden regarding recent conflict in Russia-Ukraine
2. Can you recall a measure which was ?

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3. what is power to act (could not listen to her properly)?
4. What's so unique about Leh?
5. What did you do in Leh and how did you go there? What was approach?
6. What is circular economy?
7. Suppose you are an administrator, what will be your 3 priority areas?

Overall cordial board, Sir was smiling throughout , so hard to guess. Made blunder of considering Dantewada in Maharashtra (wanted to say gadhchiroli). He let me bring mass down to chin but asked to keep faceshield on!

Name- Adarsh Patel

Date and session of interview- 25 april, afternoon

Board- vyas sir

Optional- hindi literature

College- BA Hons political science , DU

Hobbies- short films, quiz, cricket

Your experience in interview-

- 1- एक नॉर्मल बातचीत की तरह लगा
- 2- कोई क्रॉस क्वेश्चन नहीं
- 3- बिल्कुल ग्रिल नहीं किया
- 4- बाकी नंबर देंगे तो पता चलेगा

Utility of mocks (if any)- केवल प्रैक्टिस के लिए

व्यास सर (पूरा माहौल बनाया)

- 1- 2019 से क्या कर रहे हो
- 2- कुरुक्षेत्र पर एक प्रश्न (ऑप्शनल)
- 3- सूरदास पर एक प्रश्न (ऑप्शनल)
- 3- राजस्व घाटा, राजकोषीय घाटा ,
- 4- अनुच्छेद जो हिंदी से संबंधित
- 5- अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं के लिए संविधान में प्रावधान
- 6- शक्ति व प्राधिकार

M 1

- 1- रूस यूक्रेन युद्ध का इंडिया पर प्रभाव
- 2- 5 गुण जो प्रशासकों में आवश्यक
- 3- क्या आप में ये गुण हैं (मैंने कहा हां , तो सब ऐसे मुस्कराए की कह रहे हों बच्चा आगे पता चलेगा)
- 4- लीडर्स are born or made ?

M 2 मैम , (इंटरव्यू का बेस्ट पार्ट)

- 1- शॉर्ट फिल्म क्या हैं?
- 2- लास्ट कौन सी देखी ?
- 3- आस्कर में नॉमिनेटेड शॉर्ट फिल्म ? सुझाव दिया की आपको ये जरूर देखनी चाहिए
4. तमिलनाडु में थार्टिंगम बना दिया त्नाए तो कैसे प्रैक्टिस करेंगे थाए तो टिंटी से हैं ?

3. As per human rights commission, UP registers 50% of total human rights violation in India...what do u think are the reasons for this....some discussion on this and some cross questions

M3(an old lady member...very cordial)

1. My father was also in weather dept. During Bhopal gas tragedy, he was deputed to the area...what do u think may have been the reasons for deputing weather official during that disaster

2. There's one lady who's famous as weather woman...can u tell me her name(didn't know)

3. The person who founded wordle has very interesting story...are u aware of it(didnt know)

4. variations of wordle

5. Variations in Sudoku and what are some championships

M4

1. what issues arise due to illegal buildings?

2. What do u think of bulldozer policy of UP govt

3. Suppose u r made administrator of an area where u have to take actions against some illegal encroachments...what aspects will u keep in mind

questions were asked mostly in hindi and chairman seemed quite involved throughout the interview except some occasions

Overall the board was very cordial.

Utility of mock-Helps in analysing our weak areas in both verbal and non verbal aspects.... the feedback should be taken with a pinch of salt

All the best everyone 😊

Date 26th April 2022

Forenoon session

Board BB Vyas

Aerospace Engineering

IIT kanpur

Optional Geography

Hobby:- badminton and tratak meditation

2nd to go

Chairman:-

1) why civil services after aerospace and related questions like what was your motivation etc.

2) What is the treaty to regulate space sector in the world

3) Its provisions

4) open sky treaty and its importance

5) who recently came out of it

6) Do this policy holds any meaningful significance now

7) drone regulations and related questions

8) recent mission to study sun(said sorry)

9) why study of sun is important

- 10) what is solar flares and from which layer they eject
- 11) what is coronal mass ejection and solar winds
- 12) How they impact our life and earth
- 13) any recent incident due to geomagnetic storm
- 14) aircraft amendment bill provisions
- 15) who regulates aerospace in India(3 major bodies)
- 16) tell me 5 indicators to assess economy of any country

Member 1:-

- 1) what is the role of RBI
- 2) who is Governor of RBI (I forgot his name... Blunder)
- 3) What is the role of GST council
- 4) GST slabs
- 5) what is the change in 5% slab govt contemplating about(I said sorry)
- 6) Russia Ukraine War-- reasons and how much success and failure

Member 2 (lady):-

- 1) How will you use drone and robots in health sector
- 2) As a health secretary make a policy to promote use of drone and robot in health sector
- 3) To promote Air ambulance sector who are stakeholders....Some counter questions
- 4) Tell me some badminton players name (male and female)
- 5) How in recent years badminton became very famous and successful
- 6) Now you are a sports secretary how will you use badminton model to promote other sports

Member 3:-

- 1) You could have contributed to our nation more in Aerospace field then why come to civil services
- 2) Then why you did engineering
- 3) Why so many Rajasthani people coming in civil services

Member 4 (lady):-

- 1) what is ozone layer and its importance
- 2) What is ozone
- 3) Any convention or treaty related to it
- 4) What is the purpose of Montreal protocol
- 5) India's progress and commitment
- 6) How aerospace sector contribute in ozone depletion
- 7) PSLV and GSLV all stages and propellant used
- 8) cryogenic engine fuel and importance

Chairman:- Suddenly said you may go now

Duration:- 35 min

Name

Board- BB Vyas sir

Education- BA political science, economics, english literature.

Optional- hindi literature

Hobby- HIIT, small scale farming experiments

Service- IDAS

Utility of mock- to boost confidence and communication. Nothing more...!(attended 5-6)

Chairman

Read my DAF and all formalities. Ask me to remove mask till chill, not face shield.

1. Why hindi literature?
2. tell me about jaishankar parsad's play? What is unique in them?
3. social contribution of kabir
- 4 tell me about nagarjuna?
5. Situation of hunger india?
6. What is food security, food safety, food fortification?
7. Govt initiative in these area?
8. You are DM in remote area of rajasthan? What local measures do you take to curb malnutrition?

M1

1. What is earth day? Why it celebrated?
2. India commitment regarding this?
3. Coal related question? COP 26 commitment regarding coal?
4. What is the target regarding 2070?
5. why some states are importing coal?
6. What is sustainability?
7. Measure for sustainable agriculture?
8. What is natural farming and govt initiatives regarding this?

M2.

1. What do you do in farming experiments? (I answered some and organic farming)
2. How can we make profit with organic farming?
3. Suggest me some experiment?

M3

1. bar council of india's recent decision regarding age limit in law education?
3. Which FR Violates with this decision?
2. Common civil code and do we implement it?
3. when should we implement it..?

M4

1. Why in IDAS from IRTS?
2. How did you managed study with job?
- 3 why filled IA&AS?

4. Constitution provision regarding CAG?
5. Power of CAG?
6. Is there any role of CAG in local bodies?

Thanks by chairman and interview is over. Overall cordial board. Almost 70 percent of interview from my DAF.

Best wishes to all.

Date— 26-04-22
Board — b b byas sir
Name- nitish
State - uttar pradesh
Optional - history

Mock की उपयोगिता— तनाव कम करने , body language सही करने में, daf के विभिन्न आयामों को समझने में काफी उपयोगी रहे।

अनुभव— बोर्ड बहुत ही सहज और supportive था यह question answer से ज्यादा एक discussion के जैसे था । daf और विशेषकर इतिहास पर ही पूरा interview based था
Hobby से बहुत कम प्रश्न थे

Chairman sir-

- राष्ट्रवाद? इतिहास के बिद्यार्थी के हिसाब से राष्ट्रवाद का उद्भव, विकास और प्रसार कैसे हुआ?
- भारत में राष्ट्रवाद का विकास अंग्रेजों की देन या भारतीयों की ?
- भारतीय राष्ट्रवाद का भारत के बाहर किन किन लोगों ने और किस रूप में प्रसार किया ?
- कामागाटामारु प्रकरण क्या था इसने राष्ट्रवाद को कैसे प्रेरित किया ?
- गैप से जुड़े सवाल-2017 में ग्रैजुएशन करने के बाद से क्या किया ।

M1(women)

- Graduation subject से प्रश्न - प्राचीन भारतीय इतिहास को ही क्यों लिया ?
- प्रशासन में प्राचीन इतिहास का उपयोग ?
- उदाहरण के ज़रिए प्राचीन इतिहास का वर्तमान युग में महत्व बताइए।
- Society 5.0 क्या है इसके विभिन्न आयाम बताइए.

M2—

- महिलाओं को सेना में भर्ती किया जाना चाहिए या नहीं? followup questions लड़ाकू विंग में शामिल करना चाहिए या सिर्फ़ प्रबंधकीय कार्यों हेतु?
- महिलाओं के हर क्षेत्र में भागेदारी का प्रभाव?

M3(women)—

- लम्बा वक्तव्य जो आज कल का ट्रेंड है फिर प्रश्न कि इतिहास का पुनर्लेखन होना चाहिए या नहीं? मैं उत्तर दिया होना चाहिए
- पिछले प्रश्न से जुड़ा क्यों होना चाहिए
- प्रफ़ेशनल हिस्टोरियन कौन होते हैं (मेरे पिछले जवाब से जुड़ा)

- किंतु प्रफ़ेशनल हिस्टोरीयन में भी वैचारिक झुकाव और सिलेक्टिव अप्रोच होती है
- विभिन्न राज्यों के इतिहास के syllabuss में भिन्नता है क्या पूरे देश के syllabuss में एकरूपता होनी चाहिए ?
- बच्चे इतने परिपक्व नहीं होते हैं अतः उन्हें कैसे संतुलित इतिहास पढ़ाया जाए अगर आप शिक्षा मंत्री हों तो आप इसके लिए क्या करेंगे
- सोशल मीडिया से जुड़े हुए प्रश्न(hobby) ट्विटर का अधिग्रहण और इसका प्रभाव ?

M4—

- गैप से जुड़े प्रश्न (हालाँकि पहले chairman sir ने पूछा था फिर भी)
- मूल अधिकार और निदेशक तत्वों में अंतर और इससे जुड़े सप्रीम कोर्ट के केस
- राष्ट्रपतीय ब्यवस्था(presidential system) और संसदीय ब्यवस्था(parliamentary system) में क्या अंतर है ? क्या हमें presidential system अपना लेना चाहिए?

सबसे अंत में chairman sir ने कहा आपका इंटरव्यू खत्म हो चुका है आप जा सकते हैं नमस्ते ।

Name:.....

B.Tech (Mechanical Engineering), NIT Trichy

Optional: Mechanical

Panel: Bharat Bhusan Vyas sir

26th April, 1st Shift (Last to go)

3rd interview,

Work ex.- Tata Power, Indian Railways

Duration- 36-37 minutes

Entered the room...

Chairman

1. You are working in Railways. What is your designation and what work you are looking after?
2. Tell me about the possible reasons for train accidents.
3. So, what steps Railways has taken to avert that.
4. Tell me about the 5 major changes that Railways has taken in your tenure.
5. Can some of that will be replicated in other ministries/departments.
6. Your views on privatization of Indian Railways.
7. Tell me about the recent merger of services (IRMS) in Railways. What could be the possible reasons?
8. What changes it will bring for the present working officers of Railways.
9. You were engaged in blood donation camps. What are the basic rules for that? Who can donate to whom? What will happen when different blood groups will be infused into a person?

Member 1 (Lady)

1. You are already in Railways, and also might have got the promotions. So why do you want to leave that?
2. Have you heard about RDSO? What work does it look after? Tell me from your perspective.
3. Why do we need to import technologies from Germany/Korea/and Japan? Why can't we produce it ourselves?
4. Tell me about a single major change brought entirely by RDSO in your tenure that is running successfully.
5. Why recently Railways has merged its budget with the General budget?

-Chairman interrupted and said it is enough of Railways. Please ask questions from some other domain.
6. You were justifying the merger of services in Railways. Our armed forces have also multiple services. Why they were all created?
 7. So should we merge all the armed forces into one? What is your opinion on that?

Member 2 (Sardarji)

1. Tell me what you understand about social media. Is it good or bad?
2. Tell me the name of at least 10 social media sites.
3. So what are you using among them and why you are using that?
4. You are telling me that you are not using Facebook/Instagram. Is it even possible nowadays? Show me your phone, let me check it.
(I said they have submitted our phones. So they all burst into laughter)
5. Nowadays whenever I am talking about anything at my home (Let's say shoes), Facebook/Instagram started showing me their ads.
6. Are they listening to us?
7. So how to maintain privacy?

Member 3 (Lady)

1. You were talking about human errors. How can we reduce/ solve it? Is it even possible? By using two people simultaneously for work, the chances of accidents will reduce?
2. Gave a long monologue about the death penalty. Should we abolish it? What is your opinion? (Asked a counter-question on that)
3. What is mercy killing? Do you know about any SC judgment?
4. What is active and passive euthanasia? Which is permitted in India? What is the procedure for that?
5. What is living will?

Member 4

1. What do you know about the linguistic minority?
 2. Which article of the constitution mentions that?
 3. Have you heard about educational institutes belonging to linguistic minorities?
 4. There is a constitutional body for the protection of linguistic minorities, do you know about that?
- He said that's all from my side.

Chairman said to me your interview is over now. You can go.

Overall the board was very cordial. It was like an intellectual conversation between the people. They gave me enough time to think and express myself. Overall I gave 8-9 mocks. It was very helpful for me. Infact most of the railways questions were asked in mock.

27th April

Board : B b vyas sir

Date : 27/04/2022

Date: 21/01/2022

Rahul Deshmukh.

Btech Mining , IIT ISM Dhanbad.

Job experience : 2 years , IOCL explosives division.

Utility of mocks : Good enough as my interview was mostly daf based

Overall : almost 100 % daf based (as profile hi vaisi hai) .

Chairman :

1) Constitutional Provisions for st

1.1) bhujal ki samasyen aur govt steps.

2) steps for charvaha (pastoral communities(

3) kya panchayati raj se social invlusion hua hai.

4) mining ke liye 5 countries jo ghumna chaho. Agar mining secy bane toh .(3 hi bata paya ,)

M1 : 1) mp mei bhot sare tiger reserves hai , kahan le jana chahoge (kanha , bandhavgarh) .

2) pench tiger reserve par likhi book , movie .

3) Naxals detonator leke chale jate , kaise rokoge.

Lamba discussion detonator , explosive pilferage pe

M2 (lady member smiling all time)

1. Mining kyu li , yahan joke mara toh sab hase

2.diff between military explosives and commercial

3. Fire vs explosion.

4. Deflagration vs detonation. (Yahan galti kar gaya tha so sorry bolke sudhara) .

5. Data Mining , privacy concern

M3 1. sampoon kranti ka matlab (yaad hi nahi aa rha tha ,)

2. ANNA HAZARE MOVEMENT

3. Indian Economy ke bare mei btao .

M4 colgate scam kya tha , kya khamiya

discussion kya galat gua , cag accounting mei problem.

Illegaly mined minerals - kaise deal kare .

Isme bhi discussion.

Bharat mei hue illegal mining post independence.

Overall experience ; feel good factor (baki asli kahani toh number batayenge)

At end : vyas sir ka serious look .

Ps ; kuch qns yaad nahi aa rhe

Name: RCR

BB Vyas sir Board.

Profile: medium: Hindi, Hindi Literature, Pole Vault, IIT Technology Transfer group, Japan Visit.

100% Daf based

90% DAI BASED.

Still No question on Hobby, Rajasthan.

Mock Utility: 2 3 Questions Matched still to practice the environment mocks should be given. KSG is good, if they increase one more panel members then it may become great.

Hindi lit:

1. Sahitya samaj ka darpan hota hai, vartaman se udaharan dete hue samjhaiye.
2. Film aur sahitya kitne jude hue hai .
3. What is media accreditation.

Others:

1. What is Technology transfer and what you have done in this.
2. Pole Vault: Name 2 3 famous persons.
3. Some general discussion on sports culture in india.
4. Food Processing: new Technologies, preservations, India's challenges and opportunities.
5. Current service: what you have learnt and how you are feeling there.
6. What is sealed covered jurisprudence.
7. Hows the mental health prevailing in sports and national and international level.
8. Influence of india on neighbouring countries.
9. Tell me the history when india spread their influence on neighborhood.
10. Influence of Persons of Indian Origin and give some examples.
11. Some soil Technology related (DAF)
12. What you have learnt from Japan.
13. Some questions on Baudh Dharam.
14. What is media ethics and how we can ensure that.

Expected Score: 175 plus minus 5.

Best wishes to All.

Thank you Transcript sharing community.

Lk

Vyas sir board

Optional-- Hindi Literature

Mechanical Engineering

Chhattisgarh

Hobbies--- Cooking Chhattisgarhi dishes

And watching webseries.

Chairperson--

1. Amrit mahotsav
2. Difference between amrit mahotsav and amrit kaal.
3. India's border disputes with different countries and solutions.
4. Hindi sahitya me nya kya chal rha h?

Member 1 (Lady)--

1. Madhushala ki pankti sunayie... communalism related.
2. Kya kya local dishes bnate h (hobby)
3. TVF kya (hobby related).
4. Communalism ko trigger krne wale karan

Member 2--

1. Stock exchange kya h aur kese karya krta h.
2. India me kon kon se stock exchange h.
3. India Energy Exchange.
4. Gas exchange.

Member 3(lady)--

1. Hydrogen economy
2. Types of hydrogen
3. What is carbon neutral
4. Vaccination me barrier.
5. Recent technological breakthrough in vaccination drive.

Member 4

1. District related
 2. Maharashtra aur kuchh states me urban local bodies election kyu nhi ho rha h.
 3. What is Parallel cinema.
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नाम -गणेश

पदनाम -संभागीय लेखाधिकारी CAG

पदस्थापना -उज्जैन (मालवा)

बोर्ड -भारत भूषण व्यास

हॉबी -क्रिकेट खेलना और देखना मध्यप्रदेश और राजस्थान का स्थानीय भोजन पकाना

Optional- history

आपका अनुभव -- board बहुत ही कोऑपरेटिव , cordial ,

Chairman sir -

- 1 मालवा का मालवा नाम क्यों पड़ा था
- 2 Malwa mein कौन-कौन si kheti hoti hai
- 3 सोयाबीन से क्या-क्या बनता है
- 4 मालवा की काली मिट्टी में क्या-क्या फायदा होता है
- 5 आपको लगता है भारतीय कृषि संकट में है
- 6 किसानों की आय दोगुनी करने के उपाय
- 7 कृषि को मानसून का जुआ क्यों कहा जाता है

Member 2

1 मालवा का मध्यकालीन और आधुनिक इतिहास में महत्व

2 मांडू के आसपास के स्थल

3 धार के सरस्वती मंदिर का विवाद

4 सेडिशन से आप क्या समझते हैं सेडिशन से रिलेटेड कोर्ट केसेस और कुछ लोग सेडिशन का विरोध क्यों करते हैं

5 सेडिशन और विचार एवं अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता में संबंध

6 आपका नाम गणेश जी है और फोटो में गणेश जी की सूंड दाएं तरफ होती है उसका क्या मतलब होता है और जब बाएं तरफ होती है उसका क्या मतलब होता है

Member 3 (women)

1 आईपीआर रिलेटेड इश्यूज

2 patent होना चाहिए या नहीं

3 यूटिलिटी पेटेंट क्या होता है

4 भारत के लिए ऐसा कहा जाता है कि भारत कार्बन उत्सर्जन करता ना होकर का कार्बन शमनकर्ता है क्या आप ऐसा मानते हैं

5 भारत का प्रति व्यक्ति कार्बन उत्सर्जन

6 कार्बन इंटेन्सिटी क्या होती है

Member 4 (women)

1 सीएजी के तहत जो लेखांकन प्रारूप होते हैं वह कैसे तय होते हैं

2 एक आम व्यक्ति सूचना के अधिकार के तहत लेखांकन रिकॉर्ड मांगता है तो क्या आप पूर्ण रूप में उपलब्ध करवाते हैं

3 यदि आप भारत के वित्त मंत्री हो तो मार्च रस को कैसे कम करेंगे

4 ट्रांसफर एंटी समझते हैं से आप क्या समझते हैं और एकाउंटिंग में कैसे उपयोग होती है

Member 5

1 राजस्थान के महिला संबंधी सूचकांक

2 पिपलांत्री गांव की केस स्टडी

3 आप राजस्थान के मीणा समुदाय से हैं और आप विवाहित हैं अगर आपकी पत्नी आपके ससुर से उनकी पैतृक संपत्ति में हिस्सा मांगती हैं तो सुप्रीम कोर्ट की क्या गाइडलाइन है और आपके ससुर और आपके साले की क्या प्रतिक्रिया होगी

(इसके जवाब में मुस्कुराते हुए चेयरमैन सर ने कहा आप बहुत डिप्लोमेटिक पर्सन है)

(चेयरमैन सर ने कहा गणेश जी आपका इंटरव्यू पूरा हो चुका है आप जा सकते हैं आपको हमारी तरफ से बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं और आपका नाम इतना पवित्र है कि हमारा दिन ही शुभ हो गया)

Name vishal anand

Date of interview-27 april, forenoon session

Board- B.B.Vyas

Optional- Mathematics

College

Civil engineer iit delhi

MA economics

Hobbies: Budhia kabaddi- traditional form of kabaddi in magadh region of bihar; Watching short films

Second interview

Chairperson

- 1.Explain the triangle -why economics after civil engineering then choose mathematics as optional
- 2.earthquake resistance measures in UPSC building
- 3.what will you do for earthquake resistance in UPSC building
- 4..difference between magnitude and intensity of earthquake
- 5.in news 7.3 earthquake what is 7.3 is it magnitude or intensity
- 6.how much is global GDP
- 7.in india we talked about v shaped recovery then K shaped recovery whats does it mean
- 8.NGO's role in india, funding of ngo's
- 9.Role of foreign fundings of NGO's and need to regulation
- 10.Acts which regulate the ngo foreign funding

M1

- 1.blast proof building and earthquake proof building major difference
- 2.what happened in world trade centre
- 3.what has been done to prevent this type of disaster
- 4.2 neighbouring countries whose relations with india was in news
- 5.india srikanka relations

M2

- 1.What is Budhia kabaddi?? How it is different from normal kabaddi

M3

- 1.Have you heard of short documentary movie from india nominated to oscar?what is tha name ?it is based on what?
- 2.Who won the noble for contribution to behavioral economics recently
- 3.What was his theory name ?What does it mean?
- 4 What is indian government doing to promote it?
- 5.Which country has official commission to promote nudge theory?
- 6.Recent indian origin economist who won noble
- 7.Is he alone won or some other person were also given noble proze with him
- 8.What was his theory name ?what does it mean?
- 9.Where he did his experiments?

M4

- 1.name two economist from india along with contributions
- 1a. Critically analyse the theory of amartya sen -Capability approach
- 2.how will you build your team only knowing project and time for completion?
- 3.what do you mean by leader?
- 4.are todays politicians can be called leader?
- 5.why didnt you join politics?

Chairperson again

1. what do you mean by hate speech?
2. Is this room perfect rectangle
3. Minimum measurements required to prove this room as rectangle

Some of questions i am unable to recall

Transcript

DAF keyword kota, petroleum engineering, border district , psir optional, sports secretary

Interview date 27 April

Duration ~30 minutes

Medium Hindi

Chair Person B B Vyas sir

Chair person

1. Tell me 3 place from kota and nearby which you will suggest your friends to visit their

2. Various qns related to atomic energy

. What is Heavy water

. Why we use D2O

. Which type of reaction take place in nuclear plant

. Whether we import uranium or we have its reserve

. Why are people talking about thorium

. What is 3stage programme

3. Border related qns

. Your district's border is known as international border or LoC or LAC

. Why is it known as international border

. Then what is LoC /LAC

. What is smart fencing

. Component of Smart fencing

4. Crude oil price related qns

. What is current price of crude

. Litres in One barrel

. Then why it's price are high in India.

. Why there is no uniform price across the state.

. Why is it not under GST

M1

Qns related to China-Taiwan

. What is opium war

. What is mainland China and Taiwan issue

. Who is leader of Taiwan at that time

. Suppose China attack Taiwan, what will be the response of world community

2. SOCIAL issues of your District. And suppose you are DM how will you address these

3. What is khap panchayat, whether it is legal or not, in which community it is prevalent ? What step you will

take to address issues related to khap panchayat

4.Social impact of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan(ask not to include health and hygiene)

M2(lady member)

Asked me whether I read news paper or not

1. Tell me three news from today's newspaper..Each from national, international and sports
2. Guess What jaishankar told european leader on ukraine issues and some follow up
3. Sri Lanka crisis:- origin, reason, its impact on Sri Lanka, India, whether India should help or not, what is difference b/w Indian and Chinese approach in Sri Lanka

M3

All qns are related to Student politics

1. Which university is mostly in news for student politics.
2. What all happened 4-5 years back in jnu
3. Whether student politics is right or not
4. Parents send their children to study but they waste their time in politics
Then what should be limit
5. How you do politics in your college (means your college's model of student politics)
6. Then tell me student organisations which are affiliated to political parties
7. Monologue about JP moment and role of students in changing India's political trajectory
8. Tell me name of some political leader emerge from this movement.

M4

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M5(lady member)

1. Difference b/w Biodiesel and bioethanol
2. What is their sources
3. What is meaning of renewable
4. Explain me sustainability in layman terms
5. What is ethanol blending, tell me its advantages and disadvantages.

Chairperson sir said Dhanyawad, ab aap ja sakte ho

My experience in interview... found it purposeful conversation

Utility of mocks..Some qns may repeat but help in framing answer in better way.

All the best to remaining candidates.

Avlokit(beed, Maharashtra)

BE Entc

2 startups

Bamboo cultivation

Anapansati meditation

Optional :-PSIR

Panel- B. Bvyas sir

Second shift(2nd last to go)

Duration:-35 min.

Entered the room...

Chairperson setting on round table, respective 4 members were setting at 4 corners with safe distance. (2 male +2 lady members)

Entered the room

Chairman:- (Greeted me good afternoon asked me to be comfortable and lower the mask.)

Q- (reading my daf...)

And asked after 2018 post job what we're you doing?

Q) (he told me that during lunch he was going through an article)

tell me about manufacturing and service sector growth and why manufacturing growth is important?

Q) Do you know something about Inner line permit?

Q) what is financial inclusion

Few follow up(I stared with jandhan, upi, he asked me to say more innovative ways, then I talked about SHG, cooperative, dbt etc.,. Seemed satisfied)

Q) difference between financial literacy and financial inclusion.

Q) asked my experience in startups.

Q) your view on instant justice

Then he started on bamboo cultivation but stopped himself and said this area is interesting and Member 4 is very interested in this so I'll leave this up to him.

M1:-

Q) asked about my startups

Q) what qualities should an entrepreneur must possess

Q) what do you think (since you have worked on ground) to cater the startups which are failing? (I talked about need for district level incubation hub)

Q) Russian recent ICBM test and it's significance

Q) range of ICBM(I asked if I can take a guess, some how I was near)

M2:-

Q) difference between DPSP vs FR

Q) significance of Writ

O) how to improve tourism in india. (On my answer he reaffirm my cluster based approach in the sector)

Q) asked about surenam (told the location but follow up I said sorry)

M3

(I guess she was from pune)

Q) Do you know "Rahul theatre in pune?"

Q? Where is it located?

Q? Why is it unique? (She told me that when she used to go there it was only showing English movies, and asked me is it so? As I have watched 2-3 hindi movies also so u said that, she smiled and said it must be a thing of past)

Q) why pune is important for defence? (Hq of southern command, lohegao airbase, AFMC, NDA, IMA)

Q) why pune is industrial hub

Q) punes education reform movement? (I talked about bhide wada, she asked me where is it located, I answered Budhwar peth, she smiled)

Q) do you think pune is still education hub?

Q) Punes agriculture university founding year(said sorry) some follow up q on this.

M4:-

Q) do you know mohammad ali(no where related to my dad)

Q) tell me 3 fighter who got famous after having fight with him? (I said sorry sir, he smiled and told me 3 names, and looked to remember 2 and they were enjoying their nostalgia about 20-30 sec.)

Q) tell me about pravasi bharti divas and its significance.

Few follow ups

Q) Indias and Africa how is indian foreign policy towards Africa)

Q) talked about how Bamboo can be multiplied. (I told about 3 methods of saplings)

Q) what is Rhizome? (Seeds wanted more technical but gave him practical example and he asked follow up q)

Q) what is the shape of it? (I correlated with marathi musical instrument tutar)

Q) how bamboo was the reason for disaster in northeast (I was aware of 2004 flowering crisis)

Q) asked about bamboo flowering.

Overall experience was good.

Felt like I was having a good conversation with really Accomodative and knowledgeable people.

How much mocks help?

They do help to understand basic Attitude of interview.

One can utilize mocks by controlling the nerve for the time between standing outside the door of interview and entering the room.

I wish everyone good luck and just enjoy your time for interview and takes 30-35 mins.

Name: AK

Interview date: 27th April, Forenoon session, 5th to go

Board: Vyas sir

Home State: Bihar

Home State: Bihar

Graduation: B.Tech , Electronics Engineering, IIT D&M, Kancheepuram

Work ex: Teaching Physics for IIT JEE and NEET Exam

Hobbies: Cricket, Watching Travel Vlogs and Web series- Crime and thriller

Medium: Hindi

Chairman Sir:

- 1.why civil services after six years of teaching?
- 2.what are nanoparticles?
- 3.Tell me some uses in different sectors.
- 4.Mandate of NIA, how it is different from CBI, ED, etc.?
- 5.Recent amendment in NIA act.
- 6.As a DM, what would be your preparation 4 months before flood and actions during flood?and follow up questions.

M1:

- 1.Difference between Crime and Thriller.
- 2.Difference between Quality, Reliability and Safety of a product and follow up questions.
- 3.If a product has quality and reliability, can we say that it's safe also?
- 4.Any recent significant advancement in Physics
- 5.what is Higgs boson?

M2:

- 1.What do you know about TADA and MCOCA?
- 2.Name of terrorist organisations in J&K and in North East.
- 3.What is extradition treaty? Whom (a particular person) India wants to extradite from Malaysia?
- 4.Relation of Turkey and Malaysia with India?
- 5.Ancient name of Malaysia?
- 6.Major imports from Malaysia?
- 7.one work that you would like to do if posted as BDO of your block?

M3:

- 1.What is the meaning of "unique" in UIDAI (Aadhar)?
- 2.Biometric data taken for Aadhar?
- 3.Apart from physical structure, what are other components of a biometric machine? (Software, algorithm etc.)
- 4.Do we manufacture biometric machines and others electronic products in India(long question) ?
- 5.what are the steps taken by government in this sector?
6. If you are made Secretary to GOI of Ministry of electronics, steps that you will take?

M4:

- 1.What is PIL?
- 2.How it started?
- 3.Give long description of a case. Do you know about it?

3. Gave long description of a case, do you know about it?

4. utility and present status of PIL. and follow ups.

5. If you are given 100 cr., What would you do with it?

Chairman Sir: Pranam AK ji, Your interview is over.

Overall cordial board.

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25th April

Name: Sri

Date: 25th April, 2022

Board: B B Vyas sir, Monday morning first one to go.... after long wait....

Background: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. B.Sc. (MPC), M.A in IR (JNU), M.phil & Ph.D (continuing) (DU) CSE 2020 ICAS

Geography optional

Hobbies: umpiring cricket matches and kho- kho

Duration: almost 40 minutes

Chairman

You were waiting outside long time, do you have tea/coffee? (Sir, I don't have habit of tea and coffee). It's good. So, at least u took water? (Yes sir, two small bottles with smile)

1. You joined in service? You recently entered into government and services, How are u feeling ?
2. You have GEOGRAPHY as optional and M.A. in International Relations, what do understand by the term Geo-economics? How the current Russia-Ukraine conflict has changed world Geo-economics and especially how it helped India?
3. What do you understand by Geo-politics, explain how geopolitics changed in current crisis times?
4. Assam-Meghalaya Border dispute (continuation of geo-politics discussion in India), basis of this dispute?

M1: cool person in the board

1. Do you support UCC? and counter questions on UCC?
2. What two changes you want to bring in Guntur, that are not focused yet by government.
3. What is your personal opinion on Andhra three capital decision?
4. As a Chief Secretary of AP, How u will convince CM about your opinion on 3 capitals?

M2: female member, asked questions more than 10 minutes

1. Why are there too much controversy over Umpire decisions in cricket, tell some recent controversies (world cup final & IPL match Rishab Panth incident) was Panth wrong? How to correct it?
2. What are the differences between India and China approach in Africa?
3. How African countries thinking about India and China support and which one is good for African Countries?
4. Has WHO failed in COVID-19?
5. WHO also failed in vaccine distribution to African countries. What it has done for vaccine delivery to African countries? How WHO and other developed countries should correct it? (This Discussion went around 4-5 minutes over covax and GAVI)

M3: Shardar ji...The member with poker face the one who push into stress

1. I don't know much about cricket. Explain me how cricket plays and its basic rules. (I started my answer but after every two sentences he tried to confuse me and ask counter question on my previous statement like what is innings, what is test match, etc....basically he want to put me in stress zone)
2. Why after graduation you have two years gap before joining M.A. in JNU?
3. You played KHO-KHO INTER DISTRICT, I don't know much about KHO-KHO, Explain me how KHO-KHO plays and its rules (same scene repeated in his first question)
4. Base ball also similar to cricket, explain me its rules. (Devudaa, ekkada konchem ekkuva avutundi (inner voice in telugu). Finally, I showed white flag by saying sorry sir, I don't know). Every one in room laughed 😄 loudly and sardarji also

M4: Female member ...she waiting for her turn with long list of questions

1. Almost u have covered everything in Academics like B.Sc, M.A., M.Phil & Now Ph.D and also ur in account service, how ur research experience helps in account service perhaps in civil services.
2. National Hydrogen policy (I said sorry ma'am, I'm unable recall exact provisions and i will read about it). Still, if u feel comfort, I want to ask some question on this? (Ma'am, I don't want to bluff, so I'm not comfortable on this area).

Chairman sir interrupted and said that he is pro in IR, with big smile on his face.

3. Falkland issue again came into NEWS. WHY? (TODAY NEWS PAPER)
4. What are ur service preferences? Why IFS FIRST? (I said my academic background aligns mostly to IFS and I put my last 5 years of energy in IR as a part of my HIGHER EDUCATION and now by giving IFS AS FIRST choice, I'm searching for opportunity where I can utilise my knowledge of specialisation to protect country interest in foreign land and foreign policy and give back society in better manner and also it helps in my career growth) Member countered my answer by asking that u making contradictory opinions that earlier u said ur research helps in any civil services and now ur tilting towards IFS? (I gave clarity to her that earlier answer based on general utility of research experience in services and now my answer is how exactly my academic background aligns to IFS choice). She smiled
5. What is ur USP?

Chairman sir ended with namaskar...we spent more time with u by seeing wall clock and ur interview is over.

Over all experience: All questions are from DAF Except UCC AND HYDROGEN POLICY. Chairman sir was smiling throughout interview and he made me comfortable and also members were gave space to express my opinions clearly. Marks too B.B. Vyas sir ke haath me...

28th April

Civil engg background, MDU,Rohtak

History optional

From delhi

Hobby - playing cricket

28 april 2022

BB Vyas sir board

I entered and greeted the board. Chairman asked me to sit . no intro asked or opening remarks. First one to go in afternoon session

Chairman-

- what is UAV ?
- difference between UAV and drone ?
- application of drones in civil engg
- applications of drones in administration

Few more questions that i dont remember from chairman

Member 1

- chipko movement? What was it ? Who led it ? What happened exactly in delhi similar to chipko movement ?
- issue of encroachment and slums in delhi ? Causes and solutions?
- how are trees taken care of while doing any construction in delhi ? There is a specific technique apart from transplantation.. What is it ?
- which section is ur favorite in history.? one famous personality from history?

Why?

- personality from modern history famous for work towards environment? What exactly was done ?
- what were you doing exactly after graduation ? A few follow ups on each question . few more questions that i dont remember .

M2

- Space weaponisation? Which country is/are trying ? Are they allowed ?
 - Facial recognition technology? Applications in administration? How to balance right to privacy with it?
- Few follow ups on each

M3

- Purpose of showing tanks,missiles , ammunitions on republic day? Should we do this or not and why ?
- I said yes.

Follow up questions on same like why should we show imported items too.?

- which places in delhi u haven't visited ? Few follow ups(most detailed part of this members discussion)
- impressive female personality from history ? I told from modern.. He said go back about 800 yrs ..

M4

- various dance forms and some questions related to intricacies of dance forms that i dont remember.
- Farm bills were rolled back? Why? Folow ups
- What you would have done to gain support of farming community if u were a DM of a remote village ?
- questions about a gap in my schooling.. Follow ups..
- questions about my father's profession but stopped in between.. May be the time issue ..

Chairman said thank you .. U can go .

Cordial interview

Most members were smiling

Didn't feel like any grilling

Less based on knowledge and more on opinion based analysis

29th April

Vyas Sir's board:

Morning session, 1st to go, 29th April, 2022:

Name: What's in a name—Shakespeare said. Background: some IIT, Metallurgy

Optional: Anthropology

Chairman:

- 1) Take your seat. Take your mask down.
- 2) You did your graduation from IIT Kharagpur; Nice.... Did you not think of a career in engineering?
- 3) Okay, so tell me what is sustainable development. What are the international conventions associated with it and what has been India's journey regarding sustainable development?
- 4) Alright. What is the economic and strategic importance of Bay of Bengal; I am asking you this since you come from West Bengal?
- 5) Do you know about BoBBLE?
- 6) How do you think— should be the punishment for crime against women - certain or severe?

Gentleman_1:

- 1) Diya, can you tell me something about the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi? And is it relevant even today?
- 2) So, if Gandhiji was alive today would he be happy with whatever is happening today around us?
- 3) You are telling that Gandhiji's philosophies are relevant but if humans are of peace-loving nature, why are there political parties which support communal violence?
- 4) No, ...I am trying to say that why are such political parties even winning the elections?

Lady_1:

- 1) I see from your DAF that you are interested in dancing and cultural activities. Right?
- 2) Okay, so did you yourself have to enact or was it something else?
- 3) Okay, so can you name an ancient treatise on drama?
- 4) And what is the content of it?
- 5) In today's time, what is the importance of theatre? Is it still relevant?
- 6) What do you think about the digital or online streaming of drama? How is the online thing different from the physical drama performance...tell me the differences, the pros and cons?
- 7) If you are posted in the Ministry of Culture, how will you use the online streaming to popularise theatre?
- 8) Can you tell me some government schemes to support the theatre artists?
- 9) Any financial assistance?

Lady_2:

- 1) Diya, did you read today's newspaper?
- 2) Okay, that is enough for me to ask you the question I wanted to ask. Did you read the news of some skeletons found in Puniab?

- 3) Okay, then I am telling you that some skeletons were found in Punjab. Can you link it with forensic anthropology? What is forensic anthropology?
- 4) So, can you tell me about its link with today's article? Just make a guess
- 5) Well, it does not have anything to deal with that ; it is something much more recent. Anyways, it's alright, you defined forensic anthropology correctly.
- 6) Centre for forensic sciences...something I didn't recall
- 7) Let us come to metallurgy; you did your degree in this subject. Since old times, we have been mastering this field. Can you give the example that I am pointing at?
- 8) Yes, can you tell me where is it located?
- 9) Have you heard of Mehrauli?
- 10) Ohhk...(she smiled); can you tell me where is Mehrauli?
- 11) Give some other examples of metallurgy in ancient times.

Gentleman_2:

- 1) Naxalite movement and tribals
- 2) How are the tribals affected by this movement?

Chairman:

Your interview is over. All the best!

Utility of mocks:

- The only thing available make me talk and not simply stare at the screens and books...so yeah, useful
- My interview was really very different from mocks
- Real interview was intense, objective and in my opinion, bit difficult....and the experience was different from mocks (mine were all online mocks-3+1 mocks)

2nd May

Date and session of interview- 2/may forenoon was second to go.

Board- B B Vyas sir board

Optional-medical science

College- Mamc delhi

Profession (if any)-medical officer alwar.

Hobbies- mandana tribal wall art and stitching clothes.

Your experience in interview-Board was very cordial.

They all kept smiling and gave hint . Chairman sir made me very comfortable and was keen to listne without much cross questioning.

Utility of mocks (if any)-

To gain confidence

Exnrience to formulate and well structured answer

EXPERIENCE TO FORMULATE AND WELL STRUCTURED ANSWER .

(Some mentorship was very helpful in developing overall knowledge base and to work on one's weakness. Specially one on one session with puneet sir was very helpful)

Chairman

1.what is SAM

2.CRITERIA

3.WHAT IS HEATWAVE.

4.STEPS TO TACLE HEATWAVE AS DM OF ALWAR.

some cross questions on same.

5.steps to combat desertification at national and international level.

Member 1

1.why civil services don't you think this is waste of resource.

2.three strength and three weakness (thy all laughed)

3.how well india performed in tackling covid

4. Difference between India and us model to handle covid.

5. you love stitching tell me about honeycomb stitching.

Member 2

1.three places to visit alwar.

2.famous sweet of alwar

3.how to prepare this.

4.steps taken by gov to boost tiger number in sariska tiger reserve.

5.yoga and international yoga day.

6.do you advice yoga to your patients.

7.two asana of yoga.

Member 3 (lady memeber)

1.IS your CHC turned into health and wellness center

2.diff between health and wellness.

3. 2019 event of deaths of children in muzaffarnagar.why

4.type of elderly care provided in your CHC

5.ncd and what steps.

6.ncd surveillance in your CHC.

Member 4

1.cop 26 what is it

2.outcome.

3.net zero and its meaning

4.revised renewable energy targets

5.green house gases and its effects on health.

One two question more but used phis as rpho

One two question more but yaad nahi aa rahi.

Overall

Very nice experience.

First reaction.

Happy to interact with so much experienced persons.

Second thought numbness about ho gaya finally interview..

Baaki marks batayengi.

All the very best to all

Name- thomas shelby

Date- may 2 , forenoon session

Board- BB vyas sir

Optional- public administration

Graduation- bcom hons

College- srcc

Hobbies/ interest- kinesics, cricket

Experience- pleasant . Board members coordinated and helped me to arrive at answers. Very cooperative people. Duration: 28-30 minutes

Chairman-

how do you feel sitting here?

How has indian economy recovered after 2 years of pandemic.

What is growth projection of indian economy

What is growth projection of other countries, world economy and its impact on India's growth

What is twin balance sheet problem

What is 4 balance sheet problem

M1

Some areas of country receives high rainfall and some suffer from drought. How to deal with problems

River interlinking is costly. Tell me other solutions

Can't recall other questions

M2

What did george Barnard shaw said on cricket

Define bureaucracy.

What are characteristics of bureaucracy in monarchy and democracy

How is googly bowled. How is chinaman bowled. How are they different.

Define artificial intelligence

M3

Soft power diplomacy

How is yoga helping in soft power

When was first international yoga day celebrated.

What is meaning of word yoga

Free movement regime with which countries?

Does Nepal's free movement regime has any challenges or benefits for india.

M4

What has pandemic taught us?

How to make healthcare robust in India

What is resilient healthcare system

Preventive healthcare vs promotive healthcare

How to make health care resilient

If u are sdm in your district. Which first step will you take for the people.

Chairman -

what is air quality index of delhi today? I said I'm sorry dont know.

Your interview is over. I said namaste and thank you.

Experience of mocks- it helped me to develop an approach to answer questions which was useful. Some questions were repeated.

Transcript

2nd May Forenoon Session

Board : B. B. Vyas Sir

Optional: History

Chairman

1. What does the term empowerment mean to you, Specially women empowerment? What steps has the government undertaken for the same.
2. We are celebrating Azadi ka amrit Mahotsav What is the meaning of the word Amrit and what's about the celebration of Amrit Mahotsav?
3. 3 Peasant Movements
4. 3 Tribal Movements (said even I couldn't have answered it if it was asked to me during the interview)

Member 1 (Lady)

1. You watch South Korean Dramas- Why?
2. Have you heard about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao what has been its impact in your state? Do you think it has improved the status of the girls?
3. You do water colour painting, tell me one Indian water colour painter?

Member 2 (very unclear pronunciation)

1. Tell me one water treaty we have with our border state? Mention the river allocation
2. During Uri Strike government planned to stop the water flow to neighbouring country, why was there such a demand?

3. What is carbon credit? Which are the companies involved?

4. Did we get independence on 15th August 1947?

5. Was India a dominion of states during independence? (Was very vague so couldn't understand what he wanted to ask exactly, I kept waiting for him to finish the question but nothing happened, then I just answered no sir it was not?)

Member 3

1. What are your 3 strengths and 3 things which would be better if you can get rid of them?

2. Name 3 things you want to change in India.

4. Don't you think issues like caste, social differences need to be tackled right now?

3. Name 4 classical dances

4. Speak 10 lines on 2 north eastern states (couldn't answer properly as I was surprised about the question and what I should answer)

5. What's the difference in dramas of Kalidasa, and he quoted some 6 other foreign dramatists which I had no idea about so I just said I am not aware, I am sorry sir. But he did give a judgemental look.

Member 4

1. Name 3 foreign historians who have written about Indian history

2. What's the difference between foreign writers writing on modern India and Indian writers writing on the same?

3. What are the themes foreign writers write about on India?

4. Number of books foreigners have written on India (asked me to take a guess, but then himself said it isn't important and skipped to next question)

5. Your mother tongue is Hindi so how do you translate History to Hindi? (I asked in what sense - he replied what you call history in Hindi)

- I answered Itihasa

6. So have you heard about itihasa literature? What is it? (Chairman was commending the member heartily good, very good question and I was quite amused at their way of encouragement)

Anyways he said let me tell you a few - they are Ramayana and Mahabharata

7. So do you think Ramayana and Mahabharata are historical accounts or are they mythological accounts.

8. What is Vinayasa Yoga and how is it different from other yoga like Ashtanga Yoga?

Chairman Again

Have you heard of the phrase Eyes in the skies? Said no but he asked me to take a guess which I did but it was a wrong guess.

When is Rajasthan Day? (Answered wrong month - I knew the answer but I somehow wasn't able to recollect and as soon as I walked out of the room I remembered the correct answer and this has been bothering me since then)

Thankyou your interview is over, you can go.

Mocks: just to calm you down, otherwise the real interview is completely different and the experience is

unparalleled. There is no grilling and the board members are very poker faced and neutral so you do not know how they're actually analysing you or thinking about you.

Thanks to the group I had some idea about the nature of questions. All the best to everyone else.

Date : 02/05/2022 (Afternoon Session)

Board : BB Vyas Sir

State : Haryana

Optional : Economics

Graduation : Textile Technology (IIT DELHI)

Hobby : Learning New Languages

Service Preference : IFS

Chairperson

1. What is contribution of textile sector in Indian economy ?
2. What are challenges faced by textile sector ?
3. What steps have been taken by Gol for textile sector ?
4. What is National Technical Textile Mission ?
5. What is PLI Scheme ?
6. Tell me schemes of Gol for MSME Sector ?
7. What is RAMP Scheme ?
8. What is Matru Shakti Udyami Yojana ? (Haryana Scheme)
9. What is Surajkund Fair ?
10. Why is it famous ?
11. What was theme for 2022 and tell me name of country with which we collaborated.

M1 (Male Member)

12. What are challenges between India and China ?
13. What is CPEC ?
14. Is CPEC against India ? Why so ?
15. How can we improve India China relations ?
16. Explain Sri Lanka crisis.
17. Convert this sentence into French. (Hobby)
18. Pronounce 5 alphabets of French. (Hobby)

M2 (Female Member)

19. Why did you choose Economics as an optional ?
20. How do you see India's economic recovery after pandemic ?
21. How can we increase employment in India ?

M3 (Male Member)

22. What is Indo-Pak Water Treaty ?
23. Do we have water treaty with China ?

24. Tell me economic model by which we can tell whether Investment will be profitable or not.
25. Why did you leave your graduation field ?
26. Why did you not choose economics in 12th class ?

M4 (Male Member)

27. Explain Venezuela crisis.
28. Why TITS Bhiwani was closed ? (Haryana)
29. What is Grey water ?
30. What is Black water ?
31. What is law of elasticity of demand ?
32. What is law of plasticity of demand ?
33. What is natural justice ?
34. What is AFSPA ?
35. What is Blue economy ?

Duration : 25 minutes

Hobbies: Reading Gandhian books, Talking with elderly people

Work: currently working in Indian Air Force since 2011

City: Meerut

Chairman:

- Share your experience in Job (nature of work, geographical postings, etc)
- You read Gandhian books, what type of books you read ? What was the last book you read ?

Member 1: (lady)

- why civil services after leaving Air Force
- Tell me one value which you have learned in Air Force and which you want to replicate in Civil services
- How democracy works (basically role of institutions)

Member 2:

- cause of Helicopter crash of CDS Bipin Rawat as revealed by Black Box
- situational question: if you are a pilot and there is pressure from top to fly VVIP chopper in foggy conditions, what would you do ?
- why sugarcane production in meerut despite delayed payment by sugar mills
- Gandhian view on Bureaucracy

Member 3:

- Tell me the incident which brought change in your personality after talking to elders
- most common issues faced by elders
- solution if any (govt. schemes, etc)
- recent change brought in NE India (by Act)

Member 4:

- why do you talk with elders
- on Gandhi's grass root democracy, is there any scheme implemented at village level ?
- Is there any technology which you would like to use after becoming bureaucrat ?
- any thing from your village (person or place), from which you take inspiration ?

Chairman:

Is there anything you want to tell which we wouldn't have touched in your DAF ?

Thank you, your interview is over.

5th April, Afternoon session

College: Miranda House, University of Delhi Hobbies: Madhubani Painting, reflective writing

Chairperson: Dr. TCA Anant

● You did your summer school on Global Health from the University of Sussex

○ Yes Sir

● When was this?

○ Sir, 2016

● So you were in your second year then?

○ Sir, I was transitioning from second to third year

● Okay so tell me about the summer school

○ Sir it was a one month residential programme with seminars, interactive classes and term end essay paper.

● What were your primary learnings from the course

○ Sir firstly that primary and local health care centres need to be the most robust link in global health

○ Secondly Sir there has to be a chain of communication between the primary health care centres and the apex health organisation which is WHO.

● Okay, and with COVID, in the last two years how do you assess the global response

○ Sir when I was at Sussex the case study we had was of the SARS outbreak, the response to which was fragmented and inadequate. However with COVID, we had cooperation between countries, Solidarity trials, fast-tracked vaccine development, travel bans, bio bubbles etc.

● But I have a very different perspective. I think with SARS we identified patient X, imposed travel bans and did so well that it did not become a pandemic. While with COVID, China delayed putting the information out, WHO response was delayed and we had a pandemic. What do you have to say to this?

○ Sir, that could also be a valid perspective to look at it.

Lady member 1

● So why did you not pursue your higher education and in Political Science what is your special area of interest?

○ Ma'am I didn't pursue my Master's because for me it would have been like travelling in two boats since I always wanted to write this examination. My area of interest is International Relations.

● Okay, so your area of interest is IR. Tell me what is more important economic power or defence?

○ Ma'am I think both are important, one cannot be achieved without the other.

● After the second world war, there were countries that did not focus on military power.

○ Yes Ma'am

● Can you name them?

○ I said USA and USSR (She meant Japan and Germany)

● You mean USA and USSR did not militarise themselves a lot?

○ Ma'am they did, as a deterrence, and that is how they avoided a hot war.

● What about Japan and Germany? The fact that they did not militarise themselves a lot, did that undermine their power?

○ No Ma'am it did not. Today Japan is a major power in the Indo-Pacific while Germany is an important power and has developed competencies in green energy and responding to climate change.

● So coming back to the original question, what is more important, defence or economy?

○ Ma'am I think the trade off is difficult to make, they are both important

● Okay, tell me, what is it that you bring to the table?

○ Ma'am I bring my leadership qualities, problem solving approach and values of empathy and compassion that shall make me a good officer.

● Okay, in your district, if there is a scenario that you have two options—you either choose community welfare but then few individuals will have to deal with negative consequences or you choose individual welfare but the community welfare will suffer, what will you choose.

○ Ma'am I will choose Community welfare but also ensure that even if there is no positive gains for the individuals, the harms are mitigated.

● You have mentioned reflective writing as a hobby, what is it?

○ Ma'am it is a form of writing, where I sit with my thoughts and emotions and write about it. It helps me understand myself and offers me an opportunity for self correction.

● Do you write everyday?

○ No ma'am, I write when I am feeling overwhelmed or some important event has happened.

● What have you understood about yourself with reflective writing?

○ Ma'am recently when Mains results were out, I wrote about what success meant to me. I realised it is a balance of my academic-professional achievements and my personal relationships and family. In the past I have also realised that when I am doing my duty, I find my peace, like the Bhagavata Gita says, work is the response to most of our troubles.

● Is hard work always enough?

○ No Ma'am it is not, but it still gives us the satisfaction that we are trying and doing our part.

Male Member-1

● I can see you were born in Bihar, but all your educational credentials are from Delhi. Why is it that most of the people who make it to this stage has a similar background?

○ Sir, we moved out of Bihar because my father got transferred.

○ Generally, however, this is because people are moving out for a lack of good educational opportunities, particularly in higher education

● But you know schools like Netrahaat are also there, and people across the country take pride in studying there

○ Sir, there are good schools. I myself studied from Notre Dame Academy, Patna which is a good school. But Sir, there are not enough numbers of them. And particularly in higher education, there is a lack of professional degrees and the most reputed courses are often found in metropolitans like Delhi.

● As an administrator, what would you do about it?

○ Sir infrastructural expansion, ensuring availability of seats.

● What more can be done?

○ Sir, an atmosphere can be created which will provide education and also retain them. For example job opportunities in the IT sector, food processing sector can lead to livelihood creation. Academia-Industry linkage can be created.

● Okay, do you know about the social contract?

○ Yes Sir, it is the idea that the state and the citizens come together in a contract because of the problems of state of nature, where there was no executive, judiciary or legislature. It was developed by Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau.

● Was the social contract compromised in Bihar at any stage?

○ Yes Sir, one of the ideas of social contract is that law and order is the responsibility of the state, like Hobbes asserted. When sections of society took it

...never asserted when sections of society took it

under their control, social contract was compromised.

● What is national interest?

○ Sir it is the priorities of different nations and can mean different things for different people, like economy, security, people.

● With your political science background, I want a more specialist answer?

○ Sir, Morgenthau defined National interest in terms of security, territorial integrity, sovereignty and prosperity of people.

● So you think India Nepal's national interests are different?

○ Sir India NEpal relations are based on consanguinal ties of roti beti, and the Indo Nepal Friendship Treaty. There are convergences in our national interest.

● You were working on something since morning and you have come back home and you're tired. But a new work has come up, but the Tehsildar can also do it and go on your behalf. Will you still go and do it?

○ Sir if it requires my presence I will

● No, you have the choice to go or to not go? You're also tired and somebody else could do it.

○ Sir Civil services is not a 9 to 5 job, I will go even if I am tired

Lady Member-2

● With your special interest in health, tell me about ASHA workers.

○ Ma'am the 9 lakh ASHA workers in India are at the frontline of healthcare delivery. During COVID they were involved in community tracing, providing medicines door to door and overall community health. They act as the interface between the primary health care centre and public at large.

● Have you heard about AYUSH?

○ Yes Ma'am

● What does it stand for?

○ Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy

● Do you think government efforts for AYUSH are relevant?

○ Ma'am we have all grown up with the household remedies and knowledge of our mothers and grandmothers, so the effort to streamline it and scientifically record it is good. It can complement the allopathic medicines and treatment.

● Can you tell me some schemes of government for the same?

○ Ma'am I cannot recollect at the moment

● Okay, tell me how the reservation for women in Panchayati Raj has helped?

○ Ma'am the 33% reservation has increased public visibility of women, given them leadership roles, and diluted patriarchy. We have Chhavi Rajawat from Rajasthan and Bhakti Sharma from Madhya Pradesh for example, who are doing good work.

● How can the presence of a woman leader impact and influence the community?

○ Ma'am, women leaders can improve society. For example when a woman leader talks about the importance of health or nutrition especially the first 1000 days from a child's conception, it is bound to have greater acceptance. Similarly, in education they can play a positive role.

● As a lady officer, or a woman becoming a District Magistrate, what differentiates you from a man holding the same position?

○ Ma'am, I bring my lived experiences to the position. Being a woman, I have at different points of time felt like a second class citizen and that has given me more empathy and understanding. That makes me a better

like a second class citizen and that has given me more empathy and understanding. That makes me a better listener and in turn a better leader. Other than this, I don't think I would be different from a male officer in terms of productivity or competency

Male Member-2

- In the housing sector, why is it that we have so many houses, but they are vacant?
- Sir, sometimes houses are made in the outskirts of cities, people find it difficult to travel to places of work. Other times people want to live in their community, even if it means living in slums.
- No but I mean there are houses in places where people want to live but too many are lying vacant
- I said something similar to my earlier answer
- Have you heard of the Model tenancy law?
- Yes Sir
- What is it?
- Sir it is a model law that seeks to streamline the relation between landowner and tenant, for example about the rent, maintenance, period of occupancy.
- Okay, and what else has the government done for home buyers and customers.
- Given them greater powers under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Act proceedings. Was about to say RERA, before which he himself asks—have you heard of RERA?
- I said, yes Sir, it is the Real Estate Regulatory Authority.
- Okay, tell me there are customers whose concerns are not heard by developers. What can be done?
- Sir that is because of the mismatch in economic power. Buyers can come together and form something on the lines of Resident welfare association. Their collective voice will certainly be heard by the developers.
- Why is India lagging behind in R&D?
- Sir, lack of adequate investments, particularly from the private sector. We also need to expand the existing institutions.

I'm Vibhanshu Rai (on paper it's BIBHANSU KUMAR RAY-for some looooong reason).

Interview date— 5th April, 2022 (yes, the very first day) , afternoon session, Last one to go..

A little detail of the day....I reached UPSC bhawan before the reporting time

It was a hot day and I was sweating a lot, so I decided to sit in the car for almost an hour and half so that the suit will not be ruined before the interview.

Entry at 1 pm, then all electronic gadgets were submitted and we headed towards the waiting hall where my documents were verified..

Around an hour later after small formalities and paper work, a list was circulated to our coordinator and we got to know it was TCA ANANT Sir's board.

Fast forward 4 hours...around 5.40pm, I was the last candidate in the waiting hall and then I was called by the peon to get ready for the interview...

I rushed to the washroom to get my clothes in a proper manner, washed the face, set the hair..

I was then asked to wear the gloves, mask and face shield that was provided earlier...

After around 10 minutes of waiting, I was called in.

I entered the room, there were 2 lady members and 3 gents, I greeted the lady members first, then the chairman and then others.. they asked me to sit .

Even though I had practiced unbuttoning my coat a lots of times, but I fumbled in the hall, due to the rubber

Even though I had practiced unbuttoning my coat a lots of times, but I fumbled in the hall, due to the rubber gloves on, the chairman sir sensed this anxiety and asked me to relax and not to Panic.

Sir asked me if I had any symptoms of COVID and after I said no, then he said I can remove the mask if I wanted.

Now the interview began

CHAIRMAN SIR

1. So, your name is Bibhansu Ray, right.?

Me - explained the reason for my name being spelled with a B, instead of a V.

2. so, you have worked at mywish marketplace pvt Ltd for sometime, why did you leave?

Me — answered (due to lack of time to focus on studies).

3. You have mentioned in your daf that you play Kabaddi,so tell me what are reasons for sports in general not being very popular in India, except cricket, and how can this problem be overcome.?

Me — answered (lack of funding and promotional aspects etc,better opportunity at school, infrastructure creation etc)

4. You have a very interesting hobby of Culinary tourism, what exactly is it?

5. How did you get interested in this hobby, which places have you been and what culinary skills have you witnessed...

Me — answered both the questions decently and honestly, without any exaggeration.

MEMBER 1 (LADY)

1. Mr Ray, what's your service preference?

Answered— IAS,IFS,IPS,IRS,IAAS.

2. Suppose you are heading the east Europe division at MEA,, what would be your response in handling the present Ukraine crisis..what would be your order of priority?

Answered what I had prepared (evacuation,then energy security,then humanitarian assistance etc)

3 . Good,,now tell us whether in the present geopolitical scenario, India should focus on it's neighborhood,or should aim beyond.?

Me - Should focus beyond,as neighborhood is too small of an arena for rising aspirations of growing India.

4 . What are the challenges to India from its neighbouring countries?

Mentioned Chinese policy, Pakistani instability, srilankan crisis,rise of Bangladesh etc.

5 . How is Bangladesh's rise a challenge to India?

It's more of a guiding light rather than a challenge.

6 . What's your view on Afghanistan situation and impact on India?

Answered -central asian policy and chabahar project etc.

7 . What's your opinion on trade deals.. should India focus on bilateral agreements or go for multilateral agreements?

Answered— should be on case to case basis, depending on nature of trade and whether trade surplus or deficient.

MEMBER 2

1. In one of earlier questions, you answered that you have tried cuisine from Uttarakhand, tell me something about it..

I could only answer about one peculiar dish of bhang ki chutney, could not remember anything else at the moment (could have added a couple of more)

2. Anything else, apart from that?

I can't remember anything else from Uttarakhand sir.

3. Do you eat non veg also, and have you tried the non veg cuisine of Delhi?

Yes sir.

4. Which kebabs are your favourite?

Shammi kabas sir

5. Since you have a Hobby of following culinary tourism, then tell me about the origin of Galouti kabab?

I nailed the answer (thank you culinary programs on TV for that)

6. Good, now you are eligible to write culinary tourism as your hobby..

Thank you sir.

MEMBER 4 (LADY)

1. Have you spent your life in a rural setup or have you only lived in cities?

Answered.

2. What is your opinion on civil society and NGOs?

Answered as it was already prepared during mains preparation (also mentioned about FCRA Amendment, members seemed pretty impressed).

3. Should they be regulated or left alone?

A well balanced answer (light but tight regulation).

4. Where did you work on that NGO..?

I had worked with adore India NGO, so told about it

5. What should be the model of regulation?

Mains type decent answer.

6. What was the kudankulam protest?

Answered about the foreign funding angle in the protests.

Member 5

Sorry I don't the exact questions asked by member 5, but all I know is that I didn't fumble in answering any questions, I kept a gentle smile and waited for every question to be finished completely before answering them...

CHAIRMAN SIR

Thank you Mr Ray, your interview is over..

So, overall verdict— a better than expected and pleasant experience, EXTREMELY cordial board...hoping to get good marks...

6th April

Name- Rishabh Singh

Date and session of interview- 6 apr, 9AM session

Optional-Anthropology

College- HBTU, Kanpur (Edible Oil Technology)

Profession (if any)- 1 year edible oil industry, data analytics freelance

Hobbies- singing, watching football and tennis, meditation

Your experience in interview-

Last in the board and shift to be interviewed

Time 27-28 min

Entry: Cordial exchange of greetings, told to remove shield and mask

Given wheel wali chair so it was not a good start as the chair moved as I was sitting

Chairman: Reading my DAF, no introduction asked

Directly jumping to my graduation

Q1- What exactly was your engineering branch?

Q2- What does an edible oil engineer do?

Q3- Which oil is a good oil?

Q4- what are types of refining?

Q5- Is kacchi ghani a physically refined oil or just marketing?

Q6- What is famous about Varanasi (hometown)? Name some of them.

Q7- Is Olive oil the best edible oil?

M1: Mam was extremely cordial and always maintained eye -contact

Q1- Has Varanasi finally arrived in terms of development?

Q2- Completely motorizing the streets of varanasi, is it a good idea?

Q3- what are two pressing issues in Varanasi?

Q4- What is a GI tag?

Q5- Are patents and GI tag the same

Q6- what is a patent?

Q7- Name any other GI tag product from varanasi?

Q8- Is it given only for processed goods or agri products also included?

Q9- GI tags from UP? Is Bhadohi Carpet given GI tag?

Q10- Name some agri related GI tags from outside UP? (kadaknath chicken was my answer)

M3- you have been good at studies, so why edible oil in engineering?

Q2- You have worked in nellore, name one port in the city

Q3- Why do we eat palm oil a lot?

Q4- why coconut oil n kerala and mustard oil in north?

Q5- Is migration good? : I used a harsh word double edged sword in place of pros and cons (Gave the push - pull factors)

Q6- Will you as migrant in Kerala cadre be called an asset?

Q7- which oils should we eat (repetition, here I feel they were curious and interview went little bit about

their interests and not mine)

M3: Reading my expressions all through the interview

Q1- spoke so slowly : What are the reasons of smog in Delhi?

Q2 - how to fight stubble burning?

Q3- Use of fly ash? Who is the biggest buyer of fly ash?

Q4- what are its uses? Why not used in road making extensively?

Q5- How is mustard oil refined

Q6- Why chemical refining is avoided in this process?

M4- Maam was again cordial, added a Ji to my name :P

Q1- Who are the vulnerable sections in society

Q2- what is government doing for disabled section

Q3- What is govt. Doing for ST women?

Q4- how an we improve our governance system?

Q5- Can we have better women- centric policies

M4: have you learnt music professionally?

My honest answer: It was optional subject along with Drawing. As soon as I got the opportunity out of drawing, I took it but eventually performed in school and college

Q- who is your fav singer and why?

Chairman: your interview is over. You may get up.

It was not on my strengths of opinion based questions but my weakness on graduation questions.

My English was very normal and I was feeling thirsty in the interview room due to that shield and mask thing.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Had given 1 mock...not much as they were focussed on CA but it was not asked in my interview

Now only result will tell as they make everyone comfortable in the interview room

This was my experience in my 1st interview in 3 attempts

6th April, Forenoon, 3rd to go

Chairman- can remove mask and face shield if you want and feel comfortable

All the questions related to my college

-Who established, when established, what makes it one of the top colleges

M1- suppose a person from tamil nadu comes to your place of residence. Which all places would you take him?

- there is system of VIP entry in temples. your views on that.

- People having black money donating it in temples. Should the temples accept it or not?

- What are the instruments required for doing hand embroidery (hobby)?

M2- Do you like walking alone or in a group (hobby)?

- What is the longest distance you have walked at a stretch?
- Why are you leaving maths and coming to civil services(background+optional)?
- You could serve the nation by being a scientist too
- What are your service preference?
- What do see is there for your growth in IFS?
- The world order post second world war and where does India stand. What all we have achieved and what are the area to be worked upon?
- How will you promote relations between countries?
- Difference between and what do you understand by tangible and intangible cultural heritage?

M3- AI and Deep learning

- Cloud processing
- Data centres in India and their significance
- Issue of standardisation in India
- You have lived all your life in Delhi. How would you manage if posted in say far north or southern India?
- You have sudoku as a hobby so tell us why Wordle is becoming so popular?
- How should we use simplicity in day to day administration?

M4- Have you ever done some sort of public service by volunteering or interning?

- Why are slums in Delhi?
- Issues with slums?
- How would you deal with problems of slum localities if made incharge of that?
- Benefits of Delhi metro and its significance for Delhi.

The questions mostly revolved around my DAF. No current affairs questions. Only M3 asked questions related to emerging technologies which he said are related to maths since maths form all the basis of computing.

6th April, afternoon

TCA Anant board

Graduation _ Civil engineering

Optional _ PSIR

Hobbies _ Reflective writing, Guru dutt movies

Chairman

Why you decided to join civil services?

Why not engg services? Or have you given engg services also?

Why specific guru dutt?

If you have to recommend me one Guru dutt movie, what would that be?

Other movies?

M1

What comes to your mind when you hear civil engg?

Why people have negative perception of PWD?

You are police officer, What will you do if a group of students block road?

What other steps will you take if you know that they have done criminal offence?

As a engg, how will you tackle corruption in govt dept?

What steps govt has taken to tackle private builder in regions of Noida and ncr?

M2

What is the meaning of your name?

Which is more important, economic power or military power.

Why North Korea is not powerful despite huge military power?

What are the three areas you want to work on?

Why women empowerment was still not achieved?

What will you do if an influential person harasses women in a locality?

What can be done at level of family (by govt) to achieve women empowerment given family is a personal sphere? What interventions can be made to ensure women equality in level of family.

M3

How can we build disaster resilient structure?

New technology in Civil Engineering construction methods?

On what technology Pmay houses build?

What steps government has taken to make sewage treatment plant in cities?

M4

You talked about rural development tell me What are panchayati raj?

what steps govt has taken to empower panchayats in India?

Your take on merging of municipalities in delhi?

What administrative inefficiencies were there?

Is it right to have only one municipality for whole of delhi?

7th April

7 April forenoon

Background :

BTech Mechanical, IIT roorkee

Home state : UP

Job : currently working as district social welfare officer (development) in a district of UP

Chairman : remove shield and mask if you wish to, I declined as I did not wish to reveal facial expressions while answering.

1 - Tell something about your current job

2 - what have you learnt till now

3 - tell the schemes that you are implementing which are performing best and worst

4 - reasons for above

M1

1 - problems you are facing in job

2 - how would you improve beneficiary identification (follow up from previous reply)

M2

1 - Tell us about Formula 1 (hobby)

2 - qualities of drivers

3 - how would it help in administration

M3

1 - What is your view on All India Judicial Service

2 - why it has not materialised yet

3 - Tell your service preference - told first three

4 - Tell more - told next five

5 - Why IRS (IT) above IRS (C&IT)

6 - Any latest developments in income tax ? - told about faceless assessment

7 - How faceless assessment happens ?

8 - counter on above

9 - you have good academic credentials, why civil service

M4

1 - (started speaking in Hindi since official language of UP is Hindi) - you have to invite all gram pradhans in ur district for a meeting. Tell me exactly what will you write - Told him 2-3 sentences in hindi language that I would write.

2 - what places would you take me to in your district

3 - counter on above

4 - new technologies with respect to vehicles in India (from hobby and education background)

5 - what about tesla ? (Later he told he is asking about driverless cars)

6 - Is your post insignificant ? (I told chairman earlier that my current post was lying vacant since many years)

Chairman - thank you. You can go now.

Remarks : DAF based. Some random questions in between by M3.

Areas of interest - Anthropology and Cricket

Chair:-

1. Why switch from engineering to civil services?

2. What did sports teach you ?

3. How will you use it in administration?

4. Why did you take up science after 10th if you had less interest?

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5. Shayari is your interest area? Which classics have you read ?

M1:-

1. What was your father's last gift to you ?
2. How do you swing a ball ? (Cricket reference)
3. Last match you saw ?
4. How do you swing a ball ?
5. If your father fixes match with a girl , will you take dowry ?
6. Shayaris you like to read ?
7. Sanskritisation ?
8. Your service preference ?

M2:-

1. You are fond of sports? What do you like about it ?
2. How will your education help in Administration?
3. What do you when not studying ?
4. Legislation for preventing dowry in India?
5. India has a problem of policy formulation or implementation ?
6. Best policies of govt according to you ?

M3:-

1. Challenges of urbanisation going forward ?
2. Challenges in urban governance ?
3. Why Delhi has so many slums ?

M4:-

1. Any govt measure to tackle slum problem ?
2. Why caste violence takes place ?
3. What can be done to address it ?
4. If you are DM and a mob is building up. How will you respond ?

7 April, Afternoon session

Background: BA(H) Economics.

Hobbies: Painting Madhubani, miniatures; reading historical fiction and non fiction

Chair:

first I must congratulate you. You're the youngest candidate we have met, first attempt you've managed

Why no post grad?

So you have written you paint madhubani? You make them yourself? Tell us about madhubani and what is special about it?

You like reading historical fiction. Tell us one book you've read recently and name author.

M1:

so you've lived in south delhi and have had your schooling here. Have you noticed any slums? What are the problems of slums?

As an administrator how would you fix these?

What about waste management? What is to be done?

Tell us what has impressed you the most about Swatch Bharat Abhiyan?

M2:

so you've done economics. Can you tell me whether we should stop urbanization?

What is percentage of urbanization?

Do you know any govt schemes, like PURA? tell us about it.

What about Smart City programme?

What are the number of smart cities selected in the programme?

What about the public sector? Tell us about its history in post independent India.

Is disinvestment good? Govt is very passionately pursuing the policy, what is your opinion?

M3:

I won't ask you any economics. I am interested in your hobbies. Textile history - how did you develop this interest and how do you read about it?

Explain indian textile history, for how long has India been involved in the textile industry?

Tell me about any of your favorite textile/ embroidery.

Do you think textile sector is still very important to India? How?

What are the sector's problems that you may want to work on as an administrator?

What about art history? Who's your favourite painter?

M4:

what is the difference between kanjeevaram and banarasi?

Is some level of NPA in the economy tolerable? I.e should we tolerate some NPAs?

Farm laws withdrawn - do you think it was right to introduce?

Constitutionally, according to the 7th schedule?

Chair: your interview is over. You may go

7th April, Afternoon session

Home State: Delhi

Hobbies: Watching Bollywood movies, practicing yoga

Economics optional

Chairman:

Why 2nd Masters?

Describe Srilanka crisis and lessons from it for India.

M1: Describe areas where work is needed for ensuring child rights.

Also what can be done to ensure their good health.

How to tackle child labour when families forced to push their children into it due to poverty?

Do you know an Indian who has done considerable work for children?

Do you know about Mid Day meal? What are its objectives?

M2: What needs to be done for construction workers?

What can be done in the current situation in many states where construction workers' cess remains underutilized?

What can be done by the states?

You talked about performance appraisal.

Told about an article in newspaper about forceful retirement of senior bureaucrats to ensure new talent gets opportunities? Is that viable? Views on it?

M3: Which genre of movies do you watch?

Should there be censorship for movies,OTT alike? Who has primary responsibility to regulate content for children, parents or state? Should there be self regulation or enforcement?

Tell me your service preferences.

Difference between hard and soft power.

Why India was called country of snake charmers?

What did India do to strengthen its soft power?

M4: Asked names of difficult asanas that i can do.

How many poses in Suryanamaskar?

What is Hatha yoga?

Told about a video of a boy practicing for army selection. Asked, is it good? Will it inspire people?

Do you know anything on army recruitment recently?

What is FCRA? Recent news on it related to NGOs (I had mentioned about NGOs in an earlier answer).

Told about a recent CBI report saying about corruption among bureaucrats. Why do you want to join service then?

8th April

Date : 8 April

Graduation: Btech

Optional: PSIR

Chairperson: Read some parts from DAF

1. Tell us about your hobby
2. What is blockchain?
3. Explain to me as a layman
4. What are its applications?

M1 :

1. Tell us about your project
2. Why don't we see disabled people in mainstream ?
3. Do you know what are green buildings?

Counter questions

M2:

1. What are your service preferences?
2. Why civil services from btech?
3. How will you use technology in administration?
4. Mgnrega Scheme

Counter question

5. How to promote startups
6. DU FYUP program

M3:

1. Why PSIR ?
2. Role of social media?
3. How to make it safer?
4. Use of technology in diplomacy?

M4:

1. What will be the effect of UP elections on Presidential elections?
2. What are the other constitutional implications

Counter questions

3. Reasons for new Parliament?

Chairperson:

How are members of Rajya Sabha elected?

How many seats does UP has in Rajya Sabha

Thank you

Interview date: 8th April

Optional: PSIR

Home state: Bihar

Graduation: Mechanical Engineering from VIT Vellore

Hobbies: Blogging, Watching football

Time: 25-30 minutes

This was my 2nd Interview and also, the 2nd with COVID protocols in place.

I entered the room and greeted all. Chairman asked me to sit and started reading out loud my DAF.

C: You worked as programmer analyst. Briefly tell me about your job.

A: Explained

C: Why did you leave your job?

A: Explained

C: So, you like blogging. What do you blog about?

Me: My emotions, educational write-ups and about football.

C: What was your last blog?

Me: Wrote about the impact of Russia-Ukraine conflict on the future of English Premier League.

(At this point, he seemed interested to know more)

C: Explain what you wrote.

Me: Explained the links of oligarchs like Roman Abrahamovic with Putin administration and future of Chelsea football club.

He passed on to M1

M1 delivers a long monologue about the dichotomy between environment conservation and economic growth and asks my opinion.

Me: Agreed with him. Told about the need to reform GDP accounting and also, how we have framework of EIA to take care of this dichotomy.

M1: What is NGT?

Me: Explained

M1: India is doing so much for environment conservation. What are our targets?

Me: Explained using Panchamrit.

M1: So, government is doing a lot. What do you do for environment conservation?

Me: Mentioned the use of grey water in garden, public transport.

He passed on to M2(Female panelist)

M2 delivers a long monologue on how we have so many legislations for women yet the ground realities are different. Linked it with Bihar. Now, asks my opinion on corrective measures.

Me: (Not verbatim just main points)Need social reforms. Legislations work in top bottom approach.

Mentioned 37% women in Bihar justify beating up by husband as correct. Could recall this figure from NFHS-5

M2: What else?

Me: Education --> rational outlook

M2: We already have so many schools and enrolment. Do you really think it's a valid measure?

Me: Explained the disconnect between current measures focusing on enrollment rates (literacy) vs education

M2: What else?

Me: Talked about duplicity of institutions leading to confusion, constabulary force lacking soft skills so women fear to file cases- give them training etc.

M2: Difference between FR and DPSP

Me: Explained

Passed on to M3 (Female member)

M3: You are from small town in Bihar and went to Vellore for studies. How did you travel- train or flight?

Me: Train

M3: Mention the states that came your way in the journey

Me: Mentioned

M3: Why migration is happening? Why Bihar is still backward?

Me: explained

M3: Monologue on how food is different in North and South India. Asked if food is integrating factor?

Me: Explained + mentioned Chicken Chintamani which is still my favourite. Connects me with the culture.

M3: You worked in Kolkata and love football. Give one distinguishing aspect of football culture there.

Me: Mentioned East Bengal and Mohun Bagan rivalry. Also, my experience from a local match I had watched.

M3: About PSIR. Describe the world order after Post world War 2.

Me: Explained

M3: What about world institutions? What is their status?

Me: Talked about UNSC reforms, WTO status etc.

M3: Should we reform them or leave them as they are?

Me: Explained the need for multilateralism

Passed on to M4

Probably the toughest part of my interview

Pointed out my answer to M1 on how I use greywater and mentions how my college was also using in-situ treatment plant to do the same.

I agreed.

He seemed to know my college really well.

Then, talked about how an underpass was constructed to connect two parts of my college that led to disruption in the movement of railways.

M4: Do you think if it wasn't your college and some small college, permission would have been given for such project?

Me: explained how cost benefit analysis must be done for any project and benefits must outweigh the cost + other considerations like environment, feasibility of construction etc.

He didn't seem convinced. Moved on to next.

M4: Asked some difficult theory of Pareto?

Me: I had no clue. I passed.

M4: CBI vs NIA?

Me: Gave answer but he didn't seem convinced.

M4: Can CBI investigate cases in states?

Me: Explained using General consent

More follow up on same issue with respect to West Bengal.

M4: CBI's procedural details on how the treatment of cognizable offence is different from other types

Me: I said I don't know.

M4: Why should I read your blog? Why do you put up your personal emotions for public?

Me: explained.

M4: From your favourite area. What's scissor kick?

Me: Explained.

He then passed on to chairman. Chairman said your interview is over.

Experience: Felt like a purposeful conversation unlike mocks. Take mocks with a pinch of salt and do what you think is correct 😊

b tech in Information Technology

previously data analyst

currently MEA ASO

delhi

hobbies - cricket and travelling

optional - maths

chairman -

1. why u chose maths as optional
2. why many students dont take it as optional
3. ur job as ASO in MEA
4. many questions on my current project

member 1

1. issue of congestion and slum development in delhi
2. schemes related to above issue
3. rank - honesty, integrity and work orientation
4. reason for 3.

member 2

1. how will u choose ur subordinate if u have 2 options (follow up of 3 and 4 of m1)
2. reason for choosing above
3. why travelling
4. where travelled last time
5. formulate plan for uttarakhand if made tourism minister

member 3

1. farms bills. what why
2. do we need them. my views
3. constitutional aspect of farm bills
4. privatization good or bad. my views
5. what are strategic sectors

member 4.

1. is tourism policy failure
2. is ipl subjugating other sports
3. is ipl not producing fast bowlers

chairman

1. why haldighati called haldighati
 2. its historical significance
 3. why war fought here
 4. its economic significance
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Gaddam Sudheer Kumar Reddy

8th April; Afternoon

Chairman:

1. really interesting hobby(numismatics) how it all start?
2. what is the most valuable coin you possess?
I answered that it is Ram tanka coin from Vijayanagara empire, but I had unsuccessful bid for indus valley seal on ebay
3. what was the successful bid?
4. what are the applications of aerospace?
5. don't you think you are wasting a lot of resources, because producing a aerospace engineer is a costly affair? unlike for example BA history

Member 1 (voice was really low):

1. how to prevent migration? with special emphasis on rural development
2. Awas yojana and its components?
3. other government measures to improve housing sector
some discussion on RERA
4. have you heard of model land leasing act, mention some features
5. KVPY, what was your project ? (regarding KVPY fellowship)
6. what is new govt policy on geo-mapping
7. what is PURA

Member 2 (madam):

1. some discussion on women empowerment
2. follow up question on SHGs
3. if you are administrator how would you improve health system of your district
4. lot of discussion on PHCs

Member 3 (madam)

1. interesting hobby? did you visit any museum and discussion on museums
2. space application of Navigation - gps, Navic and atmanirbhar in space sector
3. views on north east problems
4. discussion on north east related sports
5. did you sit for placements
6. what are activities you were involved in college days
7. if you are administrator how would improve sports participation in the region

Member 4

1. how to reorganise a state
 2. discussion on new districts in AP
 3. why not 52 districts?
 4. questions and counter questions on spin bowling and what should be the approach of spinner
 5. leg spinner vs off spinner
 6. questions on social evils like dowry
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11th April

Date and session of interview- 11.04.2022, forenoon; 2nd last to go.

Optional- Agriculture

College- IIT Delhi

Hobbies- space documentaries, guitar

Time: 35 to 40 mins.

Chairman:

1. Why did you leave your job
2. Civil services except IAS are mostly limited to their domains so how will you find diversity there
3. What got you interested in space documentaries.
4. Where can I watch space documentary
5. What documentary would you recommend for me to watch

Member 1:

1. You have done production and industrial engineering.. so why are industries in India backward, why are we losing out to China and what can we do about it
2. How to reach India's goal of carbon neutrality
3. What will you do for it.
4. Can Hydrogen be a substitute of coal
5. Green hydrogen
6. Blue hydrogen
7. Grey Hydrogen

Member 2:

1. Impact of Russia Ukraine on global energy transition.
2. Can India be the global superpower
3. You won dance competition.. what type of dance.
4. You also play guitar..what type of guitar..what do you play
5. What is more important- 'India for world' or 'India for india'

Member 3:

1. You told about theory of relativity.Explain in layman term.
2. Why does earth revolve around the sun as per general relativity

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3. What will happen if your daughter leaves earth in a space ship and comes back after a few years.
4. What areas do you want to work on.
5. What will do in agriculture
6. USA is giving huge subsidies.. how can India compete.
7. IIT.. people go abroad. Get into bureaucracy. How Will India get engineers.

Member 4:

1. Do you think India needs more iit
2. What is special about iit
3. Difference between iit and other colleges
4. Difference between btech and be
5. Difference between engineering, technology and science.
6. Won't new iit dilute the image of old iit.

Chairman: your interview is over.

Optional- Geography

Background - Civil engineering

Work experience- NHAI project

Hobbies - Kitchen gardening, listening to sufi music , numismatics

Chairman

Job related (civil engineer) related questions.

Numismatics (hobby) , asked to explain, what unique thing you've learned out of it. So many questions followed.

Take on college politics? Good or bad (follow up questions on that)

Panel members

Again related to Numismatics . Asked about cryptocurrency and regulations. Also who issues coins in India?

Today it is motherhood day. I didn't know. So many questions related to that. Why it's celebrated ?

Type of vaccines that a child needs to take?

Pre natal and post natal care ?

Why civil service after civil engineering? Will it create a shortage of engineers ?

Why Kerala is underdeveloped compared to other South Indian states? Reasons and way forward

Asked me how to inculcate interest to learn maths ? Asked about Pythagoras theorem. How ancient Indians found the diameter of the Earth.

Asked questions on kitchen gardening? Like how was it done ,plants cultivated

April 11; Afternoon

Graduation: BTech in Geo-informatics

Hobbies: Reading books, listening to carnatic music

Chairman:

1. What is Geo-informatics? What areas of specialisation?
2. What have you been doing since graduation?
3. What kind of books do you read?
4. Tell me about your last book and follow up questions on that.

Member 1:

1. Can the problems of India-China border be solved by cartography? (Mentioned that cartography was one of the subjects in graduation)
2. What books of fiction have you read?
3. Any biography that has particularly influenced you?
4. Do you think we value house wife's contribution? (Follow up from the previous question)
5. If you are in govt, what would you do to change the perception towards house wife?
6. How do you see your learning curve from the entry through mid-career to the higher level in civil services?

Member 2:

1. If both parents are working, what happens to children's upbringing?
2. What do you think about having a system where mothers can take their children to workplace?
3. Today is safe motherhood day. Are you aware of it?
4. What do you know about safe motherhood?

Member 3:

1. He was very happy when I told member 1 that I liked Harry Potter. He shared his insight about JK Rowling :D
2. What Indian authors have you read?
3. Don't you think Indian English literature needs to get world recognition for its style?
4. Why do you like Carnatic music? Do you play any instrument?
5. What do you think of Obamas in the American trajectories? Did they come at an inflection point? (Follow up on my mention of Becoming by Michelle Obama)
6. What do you think about Trump in one line?
7. Do you think Trump's election is a consequence of Obama's time?
8. Have you considered joining private sector?
9. Why didn't you consider NGOs? (Follow up on my answer)

Member 4

1. What is the problem with our bureaucracy?
2. Why don't policies work?
3. Do you think we need reforms in bureaucracy?

Chairman: Thank you. Your interview is over.

The board was extremely cordial. It was a purposeful conversation in every sense of it. Overall it was a very pleasant and enriching experience.

11/04/2022

Background: Biotechnology

Optional: Agriculture.

Home state: Meghalaya

Very cordial, wanted to have a conversation. Member 1 was well acquainted with North East India.

Chairman:

- 1) Was amused, why Agri optional after studying Biotech?
- 2) Tell me about your hobbies.
- 3) What kind of cooking and baking do you do?
- 4) Why is baking bread more difficult than cakes (hobby).
- 5) What is walking on nature trails (hobby)?
- 6) What are the current environmental problems in Shillong and Meghalaya?
- 7) What are the customary law bodies there doing about it?

Member 1:

- 1) You are a baker, why not open a bakery in the North East? We need such entrepreneurs.
- 2) Why did you study life sciences?
- 3) What do you have in your garden?
- 4) Orchid species found in Meghalaya.
- 5) Why are we importing them from Thailand?
- 6) Scope of floriculture in NE.
- 7) Current status of coal mining in ML.
- 8) Healthcare status of Meghalaya. Super speciality hospitals. About NEIGRIHMS. State medical college.

Member 2:

- 1) Current problems of Agriculture.
- 2) Problem of small landholdings.
- 3) Should agricultural income of people having alternate sources of income be taxed?
- 4) Why are high yielding varieties not preferred by local population in terms of taste?
- 5) What can Biotech do to improve this?

Member 3:

- 1) Rate the Act East policy.
- 2) Will connectivity with Myanmar improve things in NE?
- 3) Is there political opposition to it?
- 4) Have small states in NE helped?
- 5) Why isn't cricket played much in the NE?
- 6) Can we start a league for NE?

Member 4:

- 1) Can a shift to organic farming be viable?

- 2) How should one plan a shift?
- 3) Why aren't oilseeds and pulses being cultivated more?

Again Member 1:

Are kiwis being grown in Meghalaya? What are the varieties? What is the fruiting time?

Date -11/04/2022 , forenoon session

Graduation - Bachelor in Civil Engineering

Hometown - Nandurbar (Tribal district, Maharashtra)

Hobbies- Listening to Advaita Vedanta talks

Chairman:

1. In which area your district is situated
2. Do SWOT analysis of your district (asked because tribal dominated district)
3. In which earthquake zone your district is situated... couldn't recall

Member 1

1. Asked about air pollution and measures to control it.
2. Asked steps to be taken for ensuring ground water recharge

Member 2

1. Do you play cricket
2. Do you watch cricket
1. Why cricket is so famous in India
2. Should India Pakistan go for cricket match...told them yes sir it should be held....and said that i don't watch cricket but i will definitely watch India Pakistan match🏏.... everyone laughed

Member 3

Asked about Imran Khan, what were weakness of Imran Khan...and stuffs related to that

Member 4

Asked about success of cooperative in Maharashtra and stuffs related to that

Member 5

Said that Gujarat is dry state ..(i mistook it as water deficit state🏐) it creates problems in MP and Maharashtra and tribals are selling illegal liquor in these state...how to stop this.... answered

Chairman : your interview is over

Overall good experience board was very cordial. Me and board enjoyed the interview

Date :11/04/2022; Morning session

State : kerala

Chairman:

Your service preferences...3-4..

Why you want civil service...?

Why IPS is an all india service...?

Why only 3 all india services...?

What are the primary responsibilities of the police?

Why they need arms...?

M1

Water metro kerala

How kerala got good social indicators

How Romans managed number system without zero...?

M2

Srilanka problems..

Srilanka tourism sector

Kerala tourism

Srilanka kerala comparison

Agriculture issues in india...? Should agriculture be taxed in India...?

M3

Maternal mortality rate, infant mortality rate

What is Block chain technology..? Tell me about its applications....?

How you will use technology for improving government services

As an administrator how will u solve drop out of girls from schools..?

M4

Problems of industries in kerala

Remittance

Covid impact on economy

Gdp to tax ratio

Problems in tax collection

What will u do to increase tax collection in the country...?

What are the new initiatives of the income tax department..?

Chairman : anything you want to discuss...?

Interview is over...

12th April

Date and session of interview- 12th April, Forenoon Session

Optional- Geography

College- NIT Warangal, ECE

Profession (if any)- Ex Software, Currently in SEBI

Hobbies- Playing and Watching Cricket

Your experience in interview- it was very cordial, mostly analytical based questions were asked.

Chairman

Read my DAF briefly and asked me to remove the mask.

1. Tell me what u do at SEBI
2. What are the tools or process you use in enforcement
3. What kind of violations sebi will normally penalise
4. Difference between disgorgement order and penalty
5. Famous insider case in USA? Tell the person's name
6. Will the act of Rajaratnam amount to insider
7. Who will be consider as insider

Member1

1. Paytm share price fell from 2000 to 500,Why it fell in short span of time and What SEBI should have done in this?
2. Should SEBI has a say/role in valuation of a company.
3. Electronics communication technology in geographical advancement
4. Tell me three important technologies on which mobile was developed
5. What is cell in cellular technology

Member2

1. You could have become stock broker and earn lot of money, why you want to come to civil services
2. Relevance of bureaucrats in the light of article of Duvvuri Subbarao about IAS.
3. What is your opinion on that article
4. What would have been India future if IAS, so called steel frame was not there since independence
5. Why technology still not able to solve various problems.
6. What should be done to increase morality in civil servants so that corruption will be curbed
7. Which company in Andhra dumped investors shares?
8. Stock market going up? Where as economy is not moving up, what do think, that is hampering the growth.

Member3

1. Why you want to be IAS? Is it so that you can become chairman of SEBI
2. SEBI is giving more salary than civils, are you comfortable with that.
3. in the light of technology isn't India moving towards Unitary system from Federal democracy.
4. What is the relevance of having offices(SEBI/ RBI/ federal govts) in various locations when all the services will be provided through internet or use of technology.

Member4

1. Isn't it the regular intervention by sebi in the market hampering the growth of corporates

...from the regular intervention by government in the market hampering the growth of enterprises

2. As your subject is geography, what is chicken neck and significance of it to india.

Then chairman said your interview is over.

Nidhi

Interview: 12th April; Forenoon session

Graduation: B.com honours

State: Telangana

Hobbies: watching stand up comedy, Debates, Yoga, Self Introspection

Chairman:

You are from Telangana. Impact of bifurcation on both states.

Do u support the stand of making smaller states?

Other than administrative factors which have to be kept in mind while bifurcation.

Do u participate in Debates (hobby)

What is self introspection. (hobby)

Member 2:

How can we ensure growth of all regions in a state(in addition to bifurcation question)

America vs India.(Division of states based on geographical factors vs USA division of states)

Which model do you think is better?

Member 3:

Lot of cultural identities in states..ex-Arunachal Pradesh tribes... How can we tackle this.

Self introspection in Accounting.

Women are bad in finances. Your take on it?

Member 4:

How can we make India a five trillion economy?

Can we be completely self reliant without being dependent on other countries?

Difference between male and female minister(specially female finance minister).

Member 5:

How does government tackle inflation?

How does Rbi tackle inflation?

Why does inflation take place?

Can inflation and growth go hand in hand?

Thank you.

Vavilapalli Bhargava

Date: 12/04/22

Optional History

M1:

Meaning of my surname

Question related to Bank merger and it's impact

M2

name 2 battles which changed history of india?

Is 1857 revolt led to modernist forces in India?

Graduation in electrical and worked in bank and now upsc. why civil services?

What is bio energy?

What is gasification?

M3:

What is co generation?

What is plant load factor?

What you do if u r posted in ur home state?what issues u want to tackle?

M4:

What are India's climate goals promised in Glasgow?

Do u think india can achieve them?

Ukraine Russia war impact on climate change?

What is carbon intensity?

M5:

Do u know abt bio fuels?is there any policy of india regarding it?

What is common in both junagadh and Hyderabad princely states during partition?

As bio fuels are low efficient compared to traditional ones do u think we can rely on them?

Ok ur interview is over

Date- 12/04/22; Afternoon session

Background - B tech in mechanical from svnit

Work ex- Energy analyst (Trading in oil)

Optional- Gujarati literature

State- Gujarat

Chairman was very cordial asked me to remove mask

Started reading my daf and asked me about my job

What impacts oil prices

Asked about Brent oil and why it was benchmark

Asked about different oil like wti

Q2. About my role as welfare secretary in college (mentioned in daf)

M1

(He was a lot interested in trading)

Lot of questions on trading

Impact of Ukraine war on oil prices

You like Playing TT(hobby)and volleyball (mentioned in team sports) how they are different

M2

What is flexi fuel vehicle

Impact of ethanol blending on performance of engine

Why JNV were created (schooling in jnv)

How they are different from kV

How will new education policy benefit jnv

Few questions on coding (mentioned in previous answer)

How jnv is different from state board school

Why Gujarati literature as optional

M3

Long story about Gujarat

Why there are few civil servants from Gujarat

Name few prominent civil servants from Gujarat

Role of hasmukh adhia

Again long story on difference between Gujarat and Nagaland

How will you improve administration in Nagaland

Issue about insurgency

How much investment has vibrant Gujarat brought

Which area is backward in Gujarat why so how can you improve

Why tribal areas are backward

M4

Relation between crude oil price and product price and few counter questions

Long story on oil prices

But why consumption is not declining

Why vehicle registration is increasing

12th April, afternoon

Ece engineer, IIIT Allahabad

2.5 years as Data scientist in US based bank

History optional

Up- Mainpuri (home state), Mp-Gwalior(Resident)

Hobbies - Cricket, football,meditation

Chairman:

No intro directly read my bio and asked -Why left the job?

What exactly my job entailed?

Football and cricket - had similar trajectories but why cricket is now more famous?

My positions in cricket and football team?

Most important position according to me on football team?

M2 :

How are number impacting sports - role of data science?

Is data science relevant in governance in country like india?

You practically worked ' in ' US for 2.5 years..how was this virtual expereince for you?

Difference in work cultures that you feel?

Why is allahabad relevant in terms of civil services?

M3 :

Long monologue reagrding machines..overall is automation good?

Another long monologue..leading to factual questions..

Was burma ever part of india? When seperated?

How it was incorporated - timeline?

Why is gwalior important? What is it currently famous for other than scindhias?

M4 :

Do the terminologies of modern medieval and ancient vary with country or are they universally applicant?

3 historical events as breakthrough events in indian history?

Why 1857 famous apart from revolt aspects?

M5:

A megapark or facilty coming up in gwalior regarding disabled..do you know?

Why need of rights of person with disblities act when article 14,15 already there?

How on average disbled educational outcomes greater than able bodied students?

Why paralympics medal greater than olympics?

Name a paralampian administrator.

Why mainpuri famous?

Lack of experimental learning in schools..your views.

Are we doing something in this regard?

Is credit based exit entry system good?

Why interaction of different streams in education?

Is it practically possible for a person to be a musician and a mathematician at the same time?

Overall a very very cordial board. My suggestion would be to have a little relaxed mindset so as to let yourself think freely.

Due to paucity of time had given only 1 mock and hence cannot accurately comment on the effectiveness.

Date : 12/04/2022 Afternoon

Background : B.E. Mechanical, BIT Mesra

Optional : PSIR

DAF Keywords : Jharkhand, Football, 32 months at Maruti Suzuki

Chairperson:

Can take off the mask and the shield

Why you left Maruti Suzuki

Difference between petrol engine and diesel engine

Why Maruti discontinued diesel engines

M1

Why want to join civil service after 3 years corporate experience

Difference in work profile in public and private sector

Why jharkhand is less developed

Scope of sustainable mining

Ways to reduce naxalism

Switch to renewal energy and its impact on naxal financing (reducing coal reduces rent seeking by naxals)

Why we want to phase down coal and not phase out (from my previous answer)

M2

Impact of ethanol blending in petrol engine

Issues with 30percent ethanol blending

How Brazil is operating 100percent ethanol fuel

How ethanol will affect food security

Question on achievement award for engine durability (from daf)

M3

Why psir

Impact of Russia Ukraine on India

How will world powers realignment take place (answered both in short term and long term)

Will a russia china India axis develop against west

Why India is a member of SCO, BRICS

Why USA actions in the past have not been scrutinised in the same way as Russia

M4

Why usa is worried of Russia, if it is a declining power

How to reconcile Quad and SCO membership for India (from my previous answer)

What can the solution of ending Russia ukraine war

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Name - Ankit Sinha

Date - 12th April, Afternoon (Last one - of whole lot of 23)

Optional - Economics

College - NIT Jamshedpur (EEE)

Profession - worked in Business Consulting firm (17 months)

Hobbies - Watching Mahabharat, Listening to old songs

continued

Experience in interview - Overall good, questions mostly on my DAF (hobbies mostly) and Economics

Utility of mocks - It depends on person to person, I enjoyed taking mocks and took 6. It boosted confidence overall.

Chairperson

1. What did your firm do ?
2. What was your job profile and work ? and few counter questions for more clarity
3. Favourite singer from old songs ?
4. Do you think in today's songs, music dominates ?
5. Which Mahabharata do you like to watch ? - I said BR's Chopra and then counter question why ?

Member 1 (most smiling person evert met)

1. Have you heard about Kundan Lal Saigal ?
2. In old movies, actor used to sing a lot with big piano. Why is this missing now ?
3. Comparative analysis on Cricket and movies ?
4. From Electrical and Electronics to Economics is a bold choice, why did you make it ?
5. Pandemic hit us hard , what do you think we could have done better ? - i pointed Migrant suffering and how ONOR could have been upscaled quickly
6. But that is marginal change ? - I pointed how our barbell strategy helped economy to achieve pre pandemic level quickly, so overall steps were taken by govt were good enough.

Member 2

1. Broad learnings from Mahabharata ?
2. Some factual ques -as which international author has written on Mahabharata ? - replied negatively
3. How does RBI target inflation ?
4. Problem of excess liquidity ?
5. How RBI sucks excess liquidity ?
6. Does RBI manage currency also ?
7. Give me one component for boosting Indian economy ? - I said Consumption

Member 3

1. Pension is gone now, why do you want to join govt services ?
2. Asked me about NPS (New Pension Scheme) and OPS in a very fudgy articulation, to which chairperson intervened and clearly articulated . - Honestly, the only question on which I had little knowledge, and thus couldn't satisfy the person.

Member 4 - a lady member

1. What happened earlier - Ramayana or Mahabharata ? and she tried to confuse me deliberately however I repeated the response
2. Timeline of rise of Buddhism and Jainism ?
3. Which common family connects Islam and Christianity ?

4. What was Bhakti movement ? and asked me to elaborate on it
5. What is the difference between Public and Merit goods ?
6. Should we give electricity free in Chattisgarh or New Delhi ? - I said, user fee should be levied and pointed out the issue of high tariff differential between consumers and industries
7. She countered by asking why do we give it free in New Delhi ? - I said that we target vulnerable sections and the free limit is upto 200 units only and hardly any well-off family can sustain within it
8. She came with a last blow - Electricity is in which list ? - I wasn't totally sure and didn't want to guess .

Interview gets over

So questions on DAF (Hobbies) and Economics

13th April

13.04.2022(Forenoon)

Optional- PSIR

College - MNIT Jaipur

Profession- Software Engineer, Teaching social science, EPFO since 2017

Hobbies - Playing Badminton

Utility of Mocks- My interview was completely based on DAF, no outside question and this mocks were quite helpful, although questions asked were not same.

Chairman- Asked to remove face mask, shield and read my DAF out loud .

1. What changes have you observed after joining EPFO
 2. How would you ensure that establishments are complying as per the act
- And some discussion around this.

M1

1. WTO- Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3 and Mode 4
2. History of NATO and how it is responsible for current situation.
3. Why did you taught Social Science after Software job
4. How did make it interesting for students

M2

1. You organised Ozone day in college, why it is celebrated.
2. What is Ozone gas
3. What are isotopes
4. What is Deuterium and its chemical formula
5. Difference between Drones and Robots

M3

1. You are from Rajasthan, what are socio-economic indicators in which Rajasthan is behind
2. Why Kerala is doing good
3. What measure you would take.

And some more discussion around it

M4

1. You have done so many things, but none of them are related to Electronics (Even your Optional), how would you justify this.
 2. One the major social evil of Rajasthan
 3. What is government doing to restrict child marriages
 4. What steps would you take
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Name-Az

Date and session of interview-6th April, Afternoon

Board-TCA Anant Sir

Optional-Psychology

College-IIT Roorkee

Profession (if any)- Nope

Hobbies- didnt write any.

Chairman: (very friendly and smiling)

Q1) What have you been doing since graduation?

Q2) What was your project that won competition? (DAF)

Q3) What is CERN? What work do they do there? (DAF)

Q4) What did you observe at CERN? (DAF)

Q5) Compare research at CERN with that at IIT Roorkee. (DAF)

Member Questions: (all were smiling, patient listeners)

Q) What FTA India has signed this year?

Q) Why bilateral FTA instead of WTO agreements?

Q) What is benefit of FTA? How it will benefit service sector?

Q) What motivated you to civil services instead of research?

Q) How Technology is leading to unemployment?

Q) Historical significance of Meerut. Lady member totally focussed on Meerut and asked many follow ups. (DAF)

Q) Benefits of PPP model?

Q) And cons of PPP?

Q) If there is a tract of forest land and a road has to be built cutting the trees to connect two places.

Environmental activists are protesting against the project. What will you prioritise as DM - environment conservation or Development?

Q) If on a highway with speed limit of 40kmph, you find an injured person and have to quickly take him to hospital. What will you do?

.. many follow ups were asked that I am not able to recall.

Your experience in interview-

Board was very cordial. Members were trying to nod at everything I said to encourage me. Felt good to have conversation with such an esteemed panel. Wish I was better prepared.

Utility of mocks (if any)-

I gave 4 mocks (2 offline, 2 online). I think they were very useful for building counter questions from DAF.

Also to build confidence if you havent spoken much before in formal places. I would give more if I had time.

But accept their advice only if you agree with it, not blindly. I was getting high marks in mock interview (195 at IasBaBa, 198 at NextIAS) because they were knowledge based. But in real interview questions were more personal and DAF based, in some counter questions I struggled.

12th April

Date 12th April, 2022 Afternoon Session

Public Administration

Sports - Badminton

Hobbies - Learning about Smartphones, Journaling

Graduation - Civil Engineering

Time 25-30 Minutes

Experience - Board was Cordial, Lively and Members seem genuinely interested.

No Face Shield. Entered the Cabin.

Chairman - Greeted, Asked to Sit. Asked to remove the Mask to get comfortable.

Started Reading the DAF, Hometown, Graduation, College etc,

1. Asked about What is "Learning About Smartphones"?
2. We all use smartphones, What is that you do differently?
3. Analyze the Current Smartphone Market in India?
4. Suggest me a Phone.
5. If Not Apple, What Options do we have?
6. If Not Samsung, What else?
7. For Google Phones, There was some issue with a recent model, can you Highlight that?
8. Should I still buy the older model of Google Or Import New?
9. What is the review of Chinese Companies like Oneplus, Xiomi?

M1

1. You seem Technologist, What are the uses of Smartphones In Administration?
2. What do you mean by Journalling?
3. So, Tell me about two entries?
4. What differences have you documented between your Hometown and Delhi?
5. You have prepared after your graduation, Have you taken Coaching for this exam?
6. Whenever Results are declared, there are full page ads by these coachings, and it seems like Every topper has gone to every coaching. How can that be possible?
7. Do you Play Badminton?
8. What do you think of Lakshya Sen?

M2

1. You are a Civil Engineer, How will you use knowledge of Civil Engineering in Administration?
2. Two Quotes - "Be the Change you want to see" and "One should Cope with his circumstances", How would you interpret it? Choose one if you have to.
3. [Long Sentence about how India is diverse and Complex] What are issues Public Administration faces, and how will you solve it?

M3

1. What is the difference between Administration and Management?
2. Are these two different?
3. Private companies complain about their Management, How are there issues different from Public Administration? [To and Fro on this]
4. Recently, New technology of Bridge construction - Prefab Bridges are being used, What are the issues with it?

M4 [Lady Member]

1. What are the differences between iOS and Android?
2. Can an iPhone be hacked?
3. What are the day-to-day things which smartphones have changed in our lives? [To and Fro on this]
4. If we are becoming so dependent on Smartphones, what are the issues concerning it?

Chairman Concluded with "Thank you, Your Interview is over"

Utility of Mocks - Most of the Qns were from different Mocks. Mannerisms and Non Verbal Communication was better due to Mocks.

18th April

Optional: Gujarati Literature

Date: 18/04/2022

6th attempt, 1st interview

RBI and Police background

Chairman: you can remove your mask and face shield and keep it on table. Read my DAF loud.

1. Tell me in brief about what you did after Graduation.
2. Tell us about your work profile at RBI
3. Your role in working with demonetised currency
4. You are in Police service for past four years. Tell us about what you did for the last four years
5. How was your experience in implementing Lockdown
6. What would you do now if you have to deal with migrant crises again

M1:

1. Who issues the currency notes and why?
2. What can we do in terms of monetary policy to deal with current inflation
3. Which force guards the border in Gujarat
4. Which other forces are responsible for boarder guarding
5. Do you think we should have one common boarder guarding force?
6. How does recent developments in Pakistan affect India

M2:

1. Why is China doing well in terms of economic growth

1. Why is China doing well in terms of economic growth?
2. Who contributed to economic growth in China?
3. Do you think China achieved growth on its own or other countries helped China for the same?
4. Do you think the world is too dependent on China?

M3:

1. What do you think about the new education policy?
2. Did you select your graduation field by choice or you got it by merit?
3. Do you think students should be given a chance to change their graduation subject?
4. Why are there no Indian institutes in the Top 100 World Institute ranking?
5. Give us one suggestion to improve the quality of education in engineering institutes.

M4:

1. What can we do to fulfill the needs of energy in rural India?
2. What do you think about digitalization and digital currency?
3. What would you like to do on a daily basis for yourself?

Chairman: smiled and said your interview is now over.

Experience: cordial board. gave ample amount of time to frame my answers. No cross questions. Nothing from hobbies.

All the best to everyone.

18.04.22

Geography optional

Computer science and engineering

Tamilnadu

Chairperson sir: Enquired about my college. Asked questions on my hobby (calligraphy). How I started and what tools I'm using. Interested in enquiring about various scripts and which I like.

Reason for choosing geography as an optional

M1: Digital economy advantages and disadvantages

Follow up on digital economy effects on IT industry

Work from culture pros and cons

Doklam significance - geographic, Economic, strategic

Sir Creek - significance economic geography why India-Pak is disputing for a piece of land

M2: Sri Lankan crisis - reasons

What lessons India can learn from the crisis

Food inflation in Sri Lanka

M3: Reasons for gender imbalance in engineering

Impacts of this gender imbalance and followup

Reasons for tamilnadu opposing the central exams like neet and cuet
Solutions you suggest to make them adopt this model

M4 : Tamilnadu and Kerala comparisons geographical angle - why they differ in economy ,polity, employment

Why borders are more sacrosanct even today

One aspect you want in your organisation

Cordial board overall. Mostly daf based (graduation and optional)

Interview Date - 18 April; Forenoon session

Board : TCA Anant Sir

College : B Tech- Mechanical

Optional : Geography

Home State :Andhra Pradesh

Hobby- Cricket, Cooking, Badminton

IPS as First preference

My Experience - Board was Cordial, Lively and Members seem genuinely interested. No follow up questions were asked. Gave ample amount of time on questions to think and respond. Much of the questions we're linked with Geography.

No Face Shield. Entered the Cabin.

Chairman - Greeted, Asked to Sit. Asked to remove the Mask to get comfortable. I politely told them, I am suffering from cold and sore throat.

Started reading the DAF out- Hometown, Graduation, College, Hobbies etc,

1. You have done Mechanical engineering for three years, so why did you prefer Civil services instead of Engineering Services.
 2. Some counter questions
 3. Follow up- There are many Engineering service jobs which give ample amount of self satisfaction same as civil services. Can you explain with detail?
 4. What made you select Cooking as a hobby?
- M1(lady)
5. What is the Southern most point of India?
 6. What is the significance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?
 7. Tell me what is the present status of India's presence and footprint in Indian Ocean Region
 8. Comparative analysis of India and Chinese footprint in the Indian Ocean Region.
 9. What are the reasons for high presence of China in the region?

M2

10. With How many countries does India share its border with?

11. Follow up- Which country shares the longest border with India?
12. Many months back, US warship entered into India's maritime zone in Lakshadweep. Can you tell me what is the issue?
13. What laws govern maritime zones internationally?
14. On how many types of maritime zones the UNCLOS divides?
15. Difference between Territorial waters and the EEZ?

M3

16. On one hand India has large demographic dividend and huge unemployment problems. On the other, India is pushing for Automation, Industry 4.0 etc, which reduces the role of manual labour. What is your opinion on this?
17. What steps did government take for Skill development?
18. So, Skill development of the masses is the way forward(for the First question)?
19. In UK, Prime Minister was criticised and penalised for the Party gate scandal. Why cannot this happen in India? Difference between India and UK police in handling this kind of situations?
20. Are Police in India incapable or the system is suffering with Systematic lapses?

M4

21. As you're from Mechanical background I will ask you about Gun Barrel Technology? Why is India suffering with this technology? Are we lacking sufficient Mechanical/Functional technology or Metallurgical Technology?(Told- Im not aware of this sir; Sir felt betrayed after this, as i was listening enthusiastically for his long question)
22. India is well placed Geopolitical/Physical setting wise. Tell me some Strengths and Vulnerabilities of this unique physical setting?
23. Every country- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan are culturally, historically almost same. Then why cricket is well developed in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and not in Nepal and Bhutan?
24. You cook- So you might as well cook Tea. How many types of tea are there? Which is the best one? Which one will you make for us or recommend us?- I told Sir, I don't drink Tea and never made it. Everyone laughed out loud. Chairman interrupted- He is from South India, why would he drink tea, when they have coffee cultivations all around his neighbourhood?
Now M4 be like- I will not ask you on Coffee.

Chairman- Thank You, Your interview is over. You may leave now.

Utility of mocks- They helped me in developing some confidence and also helped in getting prepared for the D-day. Mock after mock I have seen there is a change in how I answer the questions. I would say please don't get carried away even if they award you high or low in the mocks. Varied opinions and suggestions will be given, select ones in which you really feel there is a need for improvement. Go with your gut feeling!!

As everyone said- Confidence; Control of emotions; little bit of Common sense; Frankly accepting, instead of bluffing when we have no idea- These really matters at end because after the interview they dont remember which question we answered or which question we did not. But they will have brief idea about how well we have approached.

Best wishes for the rest of the Comrades!

19th April

19/04, afternoon

Working in state pcs, state with bdesb border, job in water sector, MTech in energy

Chairman: what u do in job?

U do so much. Tell me something about ur district?

Border as an administrator ur work?

Drug issues?

Social media creates problem in administration , how you will manage?

Heroin that comes from Bangladesh processed where?

M1 economic reforms happened in India?

Land acquisition act, is it anti private sector?

Need of such land law which isn't investor friendly ?

What more reforms required in economy?

Present Insurgency issue in my state? Naga insurgent groups name?

Afspa enforced in which state?

M2

Bimstec new connectivity project?

Tell something about kaladan?

Chicken neck corridor? Problems associated?

Bangladesh ruling party name?

Relation with awami league?

M3

Higher education reforms

Steps taken recently

Opinion on dual degree announced recently

Green metal and green energy?

Social media analyst?

Do u have Twitter account?

Why not appointing in your state?

New education policy

M4

Kathak vs Bharatnatyam vs Odissi dance difference

How in my state insurgency stopped?

Difference between Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura,

How Tripura dependent on Bangladesh

Name - XYZ

Board - TCA Anant

Date & Time - Forenoon 19/04/2022

Optional - Management

College - MNNIT, IIMA

Work experience - Microsoft

Chairman: (Anant Sir)

1. Tell me about your role at Microsoft.
2. What are the different types of cloud and what are the cloud offerings?
3. Why is government pushing for keeping India's data within the boundaries?
4. If you were responsible what framework/model would you use - public hosted cloud or private players like Amazon, Microsoft, etc.
5. Why do we need international Data Centres at all? Why can't we have it all in India?

M2: (Female)

1. a. What do you know about PVTGs in Andaman and Nicobar islands?
1. b. Any government policy for them?
2. a. What do you recommend - should we bring Tribals into mainstream India or keep it separate?
2. b. How can you protect their culture and traditions?
- 2 c. Name some PVTGs from mainland of India.
3. a. You come from a Private school, what's your opinion on the kind of fees they charge?
3. b. RTE's Mandate on reservation for economically disadvantaged in private school.
3. c. What's the classes this provision is applicable?

M3:

1. Your optional is Management and you're working in the Private sector. Can you compare the working conditions at Public and Private institutions?
2. If you're a DM what changes/learnings will you apply from Private sector to Public sector?
3. a. What is your opinion on regulation of Crypto currency?
3. b. What would you recommend to the government?
4. Land, Labour and Law were the drivers in industry. Now there is Data as well. Can you tell me the importance of Data in Governance?

M4: (Director of IIT Delhi)

1. Why is it that Private institutions are not doing well in India? What's lacking and what needs to be done?
2. a. Apart from crypto currency where can we use blockchain?
2. b. How can we use it in healthcare?
2. b. What are the properties/characteristic of blockchain?

M5:

1. Due to Russia Ukraine war, there was large scale disruption of communication. Do you know any jugaad

that Ukrainians did to maintain communication channels?

2. Why is there such high attrition in Private sector?

3. If you were posted in Rural India and you had to implement some schemes that requires specialised talent, say an engineer, or an MBA like yourself. How would you attract such talent?

4. There are multiple schemes from government - DBT, E-Gov initiatives, rural development, employment opportunities, etc. However they are all online. People at lower strata of society are confused. If you were an administrator, what would you do to help people. Which model would you recommend for the same?

5. What are the qualities of a good public speaker?

Name- bilkul nahi bataunga 😞

Date and session of interview- 19/4 and 5:30 pe ktham Hua. I was the last to exit from the UPSC bhavan Board- TCA Anant

Optional- anthropology

College- ek IIT hai

Profession (if any)- pucha nahi kuch bhi to kya hi bolu.

Chairman

1. Indian stereotypes at US comedy shows

2. Some more questions on it.

M1

1. Radicalisation of Tribals in Central India and followup on this

2. Govt initiatives on tribals

3. Forest issues of tribals

M2

0. Shanghai Port shutout and impact on global crude prices

1. Ganga Pollution

2. What is problem and what more to be done

3. Left Wing Movement and it's implications

4. Coal mining and tribal impacts

M3

1. Don't remember much of his questions

2. What can India learn from Sri Lanka

3. Automation vs job creation

M4

1. Deep theory of physics (had no clue)

2. How to make a college into IIT

3. Some question on LEO satellites and impact on astronomy(took 30-50 seconds but couldn't answer it)

4. City sustainability of Varanasi

5. What more can be done to enhance Varanasi.

Your experience in interview-

Cordial board. I was the last candidate, they seemed exhausted. I tried to give wholesome answers in the question. 25-30 mins interview.

They seemed to be genuinely interested in what you are saying. Try to keep them engaged throughout.

Utility of mocks (if any)- gave 8 mocks. 5 without any preparation (just went on with suit boot and blabbed)

Later 3 were proper mocks- online though.

- Ravindran sir- is the most accurate guy in this coaching industry regarding interview. Gave one on One there- he told me to not change my personality any bit.
- Khan Sir one on One- again very important for confidence and feel good purpose.

Some good mocks

- KSG(did some intentional mistakes to get the feel)
- Vajirao(good)
- Chanakya Mandal(one of the best- they told me to smile. No matter what happens)
- Samkalp (eye opener for me. They told me to be more humble and less flamboyant)- really helpful mock.
- Last but not the least - One on one with Kaptaan Bhaiya is helpful (2-3 days before actual interview). I would recommend everyone to just have a casual chat with him.

Baaki mocks ko dil pe mat lena. Practice ke liye dedo. Ki manners aa jaayein. Isse zyada koi utility nahi hai

Anant sir DAF ke bahar nahi jaate and he is very disinterested person.

Vo sawal bhi nahi puchte zyada.

Members hi puchte hain.

Also speak your heart out as to what you feel rather than having a cooked up answer for everything.

If you try to give up mains type answer, you may end up in negative end.

Keep calm and try to read 2-3 newspapers on the day of interview. Real interview is quite different. It's more of a dialogue and conversation

20th April

Date - 20/4/22

Name - mai ni bta rha

Optional - law

Work experience - with an MP for a year

Hobbies - running, Hindi poetry writing, light music, mootng

Afternoon session

Board - TCA Anant Sir

Chairman:

1. Had experience of working with Parliament, asked about my experience
2. My learnings from above
3. Asked if private member bills can be named after people just as in IIS

3. Asked if private member bills can be named after people just as in US

4. Utility of the above move

Member 1:

1. Let's talk about interface of law and technology, elaborated a bit of this and then asked about what would be issues in automated vehicles vis a vis law.
2. Stated some private member bill from the US and asked if I knew about it.
3. Asked about NEP.
4. NEP in higher education
5. Why legal education not in NEP

Member 2:

1. AI and legal issues in it in future.
2. What are issues in AI and judiciary (didn't let me answer it by referring to previous question)
3. Define what is a war criminal and if Mr. Putin would qualify as a war criminal.
4. What are important things for writing a poem. (Writing Hindi poetry as my hobby)
5. Again asked on legal education and how NEP would help it.
6. Asked about legal issues in RERA, 2017

Member 3:

1. Asked about running (my hobby)
2. How I would define running, how much did I run and how often did I run
3. Is CBI's functioning affecting federal structure - cross questions on its functioning.
4. Tell me chronology of events in Pakistan.
5. Do you think we can Pakistan is a robust democracy especially after its Supreme Court's judgment.

Member 4:

1. Asked about formation of CBI
2. Asked on Sharda Act
3. What are aggravated offences
4. Status of herbal medicines in India, it's global share and prospects
5. China's share in herbal medicine.

Overall - bit of randomness in questions, but fine discussion. Most members were cordial.

Blade runner

TCA anant sir Board

20.04.2022 AN

Graduation:Mech

Optional : sociology

State: Tamilnadu

Hobby: Watching science fiction and history movies

Sports: Boxing (No single question asked from here)

Board was very cordial and they allowed enough time to think. 90 percent of questions DAF based.

Mock utility- Helped in practising the etiquettes inside the room and some questions asked in mock were also asked here. But vibe is completely different here.

Chairperson

1. Read my name out loud.
2. After completing graduation what were you doing?
3. Mechanical background why socio
4. What you learn about society from sociology (From my answer)
5. What is patriarchy (From my answer)
6. Have you seen it in real life?
7. What about matriarchal society of Kerala? are they not true matriarchal??

Member 2

1. Industrial Revolution 4.0
 2. Gender and industrial revolution
 3. Why less women in mech and ways gender inclusion can change mechanical engineering??
 4. 5g is there any ill effects? How do you convince people in setting up of 5g infra?
 5. What are soonicorns
- Why less number of unicorns in agriculture?

Member 2

1. Have seen any movie about origin of universe?
2. Negatives of culture - especially in srilankan civil war
3. How agriculture significant for establishment of ancient civilizations?
4. Is ramu setu real??

Member 3

1. Why socio if you like historical movies?
2. Debt trap of China
3. What is BOP what is balance of trade
4. Reasons for srilanka crisis
5. Role of tourism in it
6. Srilanka's refugee in India-What will you do as an administrator?
7. Caste- Changed or continuing??
8. Why were your percentage continuously decreasing from 10th?

Member 4

1. Reason for rural distress
2. Any other reasons?
3. Suicide in tamilnadu
4. As an Administrator how do you solve the problem

1 or 2 questions might have missed. All the best everyone.

R G

Interview Date 20 April afternoon

Board - TCA Anant Sir

DAF - BDS, Internal Security, Deaddiction awareness, swimming, Ganapati Festival

Chairman - You are in such a noble profession, in which you can work till 60-65 years of life, then why do you want to join civil service?

(Interest in internal security issues) what is definition of internal security?

What are significant internal security threats of India?

What are differences between LWE and NE insurgency?

What are other threats to internal security?

What is the basic reason behind violence against women?

Member 1-

Haryana govt has brought law giving 75 percent reservation to locals in state do you think it is justified?

If you are not agree with this policy n if you are posted in Haryana will you implement it?

Do you think role of bureaucracy is declining in India?

Have you read article of D Subbarao regarding bureaucracy in recent past?

What kind of deaddiction drive you participated?

Do you think we should ban alcohol?

What are likely consequences of it?

Member 2

He asked me to explain meaning of different subjects of dentistry in 1-2 lines

What was difference between stone age society and agriculture society ?

Do you think invention of agriculture was not good for humankind?

What are different types of strokes in swimming?

Which is most difficult stroke in your opinion? Why?

Michael Phelps which stroke famous for?

Don't you think energy security, food security are also important aspects of internal security in India?

Member 3

How you developed interest in internal security?

What are different security threats of North East India?

What are active insurgent groups of NE India?

What are their sources of income?

What is our govt strategy to deal with them?

Do you think it is easy for them to sustain without external support?

Which security force is responsible for tackling insurgency in North East?

What are different border guarding forces n their mandate?

Your opinion on one border, one security force?

What about duties of CRPF and CISF(Here while explaining CISF role I mentioned that it also provide security to UPSC n everyone started laughing)

What is your opinion on India national river linking project n it's pros and cons?

Member 4

(lady member, probably she was having some throat infection n cough, so was difficult to understand question in very low voice)

I have one query, do you consider law and order Issues to be part of internal security?

Can you explain how corruption can act as an impediment to economic development of country?

Chairman- your interview is over...

22nd April

Name - APS

Date - 22nd April

Background - Chartered Accountant

Hobby - Playing cricket and watching football

State - Maharashtra

Board - TCA Anant

Chairman -

asked me to remove mask and be comfortable

1. Your hobby is watching football? Do you play football? Why not?
2. You play cricket? Batsman or bowler? Which position you bat? Spinner or pacer?
3. Why cricket is more commercialised than football?

Even before IPL cricket was more commercialised? Reasons?

M1

1. War on terrorism?
2. Uyighur muslims? China's policy? Why?
3. Heard of Xinjiang? What imp. does Xingiang hold to China?
4. Sri lankan protest...Political crisis because of economic crisis or economic crisis bcoz of political crisis?
5. Why Sri Lanka has presidential system as compared to Indias parliamentary system?
6. Whther India can adopt Presidential system?
7. Maldives 'India Out' campaign? Why? Current govt's policy towards India?
8. China out policy in which country?

M2

1. Since you are from commerce background? Why IPS over IRS?
2. Accountancy bill? Your opinion?
3. Money laundering? Stages? Process? What is India doing to counter it?
4. FATF? How effective? Which countries in Black list and grey list?

5. INTERPOL? counter agency in India?

M3

1. Monologue on GST....issues in GST? What is rate rationalisation? Why not done yet?
2. Monologue on Automobile sector? Reason behind India's success?
3. Semiconductor industry....what learnings from automobile sector can we implement in semiconductor industry to make it successful? Raw material used in semiconductor? Material used in conductor chip?

M4

1. Monologue on big4 accounting firms and how they follow different accounting standards globally but not in India....what are deficiencies in Indian accounting regulations?
2. Again long monologue on globalisation and now countries moving towards protectionism? Your opinion?
3. Monologue on young generation moving towards consumerism, credit cards, computers etc....what do you think?
4. Where does your heart lie....global or made in India?
5. Drone Rules 2021...Don't you think we are restricting the development of drones industry by putting certain regulations on them? Your opinion?
6. Dollarisation of currencies? Issues?

Chairman:

Thank you. Your interview is over!!

2-3 questions not able to recall

Overall good experience...cordial board...few counter questions....members were nodding and encouraging throughout...Chairman not much expressive.

Board : TCA Anant

Background : IRTS, IPS, B.TECH IT, Mumbai , Economics Optional

Chairperson

Asked to remove mask and be comfortable.

Where you are posted now?

How many months you have done training?

Do assessment of IRMS

There are multiple institute of Railways what to do with multiple training institute of Railways?

How should be training of IRMS?

M1 Madam

Are you comfortable talking about China?

What is happening in xinjiang province?

Why China is doing so?

Asked some theory from IR I said I don't know.

If I say corruption is good for the economy what you will say?

How?

Have you heard Jugad? What is your opinion?

Why India is lagging in innovation?

M2

What is happening between Pakistan and Taliban ?

Is there any other reason? Because of which group it is happening?

What is difference between TTP and Taliban?

Deflation is not good for economy why? (My optional is economics)

And Why small inflation is good?

What should be ideal level of inflation?

What is twin deficit?

What are the reasons in Sri Lanka?

How much is trade and fiscal deficit in Sri Lanka?

M3

What is your opinion on Indian Railways Privatisation?

Why complete privatisation is not good?

Why Britain model failed?

What about US model of Railway privatisation?

People are dropping from college and Starting startups. Is this culture good?

Why to idealize Bill Gates and Mark ?

What is India's ranking in innovation?

Have you heard of credit back scheme of NEP ?

M4

You were in IRTS now IPS, both are man management services. Now railways have centralized services in IRMS, which model is better centralization of decentralization?

Give examples.

While corporatisation of Indian Railways ,what should be retained from British Indian railways?

Bombay is competing with other cities for economic growth, how knowledge economy can be used for the further economic growth of Bombay?

Why we change name of cities? (Mumbai became Bombay) what is purpose behind it?

What is difference between innovative and invention?

Chairperson

Thank you

Experience - Board was quite cordial.

PS. : I have faced same panel in 2019. Last time sir didn't interact much, this time he interacted for first 5 minutes.

Utility of Mock - This is my third interview and no coaching can match UPSC.

K S

Date: 22/04/2022

Board: TCA Anant

Afternoon session, 5th to go

Graduation: Electronics and Communication Engineering

Optional: Sociology

Hobbies: Pencil Sketching, Speed Cubing, Strategy Games

Work experience: Software Developer in TCS for 2 years

Currently undergoing training for IRS(IT)

The officials asked me not to wear the shield as I have specs. Chairman told me that I can remove my mask if I'm not comfort and I removed it. That was relieving for me.

Chairman:

He read quickly about my graduation, TCS work experience and current posting in IRS(IT) and then asked when my training started, which year exam I cleared etc.

1. What is your opinion on Faceless Assessment (in Income Tax)? And, do you think that Artificial Intelligence can completely replace the human element involved in the basic level of Income Tax?

M1:

1. What is Global Village?
2. To what extent the world is connected now according to you?
3. How connected is it in economic terms?
4. What changes will be brought into the world and how we interact by the concepts like Metaverse?
5. What are the diverse applications technologies like Artificial, Virtual Reality can have?

M2:

1. Explain the difference between Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion? (Picked from the earlier answer to question related to Income Tax)
2. How serious is Income Tax Department regarding the issue of Money Laundering ?
3. Can you explain the steps involved in Money Laundering?

M3:

1. So, you've worked in IT sector. How is India faring in IT sector now? (I gave an answer which indicated that India is doing fairly good)
2. What is the current trade/export of india in IT (in monetary terms)?
3. Which are the other sectors in which India is doing as good as IT?
4. What about Biotechnology sector? There has been talks that India is doing fairly good is in this (I said it's not very advanced but now a lot of progress happening, BIRAC, DST etc.)
5. Then why is India called the 'Pharmacy of the World'?
6. Which other sectors have potential to progress in India? (I said sunrise sectors like Technical Textiles etc)

7. But already many countries like Bangladesh etc are overtaking in India in textile sector. So what advantage India has regarding to Technical Textiles?
8. What are Technical Textiles /Define? Applications etc
9. Why isn't Jute now being used for such applications ?
10. There are many disruptions happening in the current world in technologies, for eg wearables like Apple watches etc. Does governments have any role to play with respect to such disruptions?

M4:

1. Explain to me in non-technical terms without any use of jargons, what is Cloud Services (he continued like, "I'm very bad with technology and all so explain without any technical terms)
2. You've worked in TCS which is a company performing well with respect to welfare of the employees and society in general. Still, why many people are leaving the company? Why there is high level of attrition in TCS, Infosys etc.
3. What do you have to say about the "Decentralized Financing" that has been picking up lately? (I talked a lot about Micro Financial institutions, how it is needed for rural financing blah blah blah and after listening curiously to all of this, he said he meant about decentralization of financing with Blockchain Technology.)
4. Ok, coming to our Indian History, In ancient India, there is period known as the "Golden age" which was the Age of Mauryas. What uniqueness did that period have to be called so?

Back to Chairman: Your Interview is over, You can go. (Usually Anant sir doesn't ask or say anything at the end)

Have tried to recollect everything, but may have missed some questions.

Started with my current posting in Income Tax. Many questions came from my work experience in TCS/IT Sector. Felt like many questions were related to Technology (AI, Metaverse, Virtual Reality etc). No other questions came from DAF or any specific current affairs (from what I understand atleast)

None of the members were wearing masks (unlike the last time I attended Interview in which I got the same Board) They were generally cordial.

All the best everyone. Perform well. 🙌

Interview Transcripts

Date: 20/02/2022

Session: Forenoon

Board: TCA Ananth Sir

Chairman:

Complemented for maintaining CGPA even after joining Engineering

1. Difference between Chemical engg at IIT Madras and Chemical engg at IIT Bombay
2. What is your favorite area in chem engg
3. What is fractional distillation
4. Which crude is important to India among WTI, Brent Crude
5. How can you relate Chemical engineering to environment

Member 1:

1. Reasons for Dropout rate increasing from IITs
2. Reasons for suicides at IITs
3. Suggestions to reduce dropout rate and suicides at IITs
4. Why cannot IITs drop relative grading
5. Why private educational institutions are not as successful as IITs

Member 2:

1. Difference between atmosphere on Earth, Venus, Mars
2. What is Nuclear Fission and Nuclear Fusion
3. Which reaction releases more energy
4. Reasons for Rural to Urban migration
5. What can be done to stop migration
6. Do you believe in God
7. Why do people believe in God and follow up questions

Member 3:

1. Meaning of your name
2. Do you think AP bifurcation helped Telangana
3. How is Telangana's economy at present
4. Which sectors have shown higher rate of improvement
5. Which sectors still need some improvement
6. In what way the Bifurcation helped Telangana
7. What is PwBD 2016 Act
8. Are there any disadvantages of it

Member 4:

1. What is QUAD and related questions
2. What is AUKUS and related questions
3. Difference between them

4. What does this tell about the US
5. How should India view AUKUS formation
6. What should be India's strategy in this regard

Chairman:

Thank you. Your interview is done

Overall the board made me feel comfortable with them. It was more of a conversation. Mocks were helpful to an extent by exposing different dimensions of questions. Expect some bouncers before facing the board which will help in tackling a new dimension well

22nd April

Date - 22nd April Afternoon

Board- TCA Anant Sir

Optional- Public Administration

College- IITR

Profession (if any)- Treebo, Cars24 - Business Strategy

Hobbies- Table Tennis, Quora, Data Analysis

Utility of mocks (if any)- Helpful like in drafting answers, improving body language and gaining confidence but questions asked were different.

Chairperson: Asked to remove mask and shield.

1. Questions regarding my integrated course, benefits and further followup from my answers.
 2. Why students from IIT pursue everything else than engineering.
 3. Are students in 12th mature enough to choose carrier or they be allowed to choose stream later.
 4. Benefits of electives in college course
- Sir, Speaks a bit slow - would advice to hear more carefully.

Member 1(Lady)

1. Srilankan Crisis - my views
 2. Culture of freebies - Srilankan and Indian
 3. Should expenditure on education and health also called freebies
 4. What is rent seeking (Political - Business)
- Very tough to be convinced.

Member 2:

1. How Cars24 improve customer experience
2. Is scrapping policy correct - Welfaristic and Economic angle
3. Changes, I would like to make in scrapping policy

Followup on above questions

Member 3:

Member 3:

1. Should one do MBA
 2. Steve Jobs, APJ Kalam,.. didn't do MBA - still excellent managers - Should we scrap MBA to save time and money.
 3. Difference between Engineers and Managers
- Some more questions, I don't remember

Member 4:

1. Questions regarding demographic dividend - India and Bihar
2. Why Bihar backward in improving Demographic Dividend.
3. MGNREGA - Issues in Bihar
4. UBI - Should we bring - Followup questions

Chairperson: You can go now, your interview is over.

Overall, Very cordial board, listened with patience and were supportive. Felt more like conversation than Questions and Answer session.

Good luck to all of you - 😊

Date: 22/04/2022

Board: T C A Anant

Graduation: Dual Degree Physics and MSc Astronomy

Work exp: teaching

Optional: Malayalam Literature.

State Kerala

Hobbies: not relevant to the interview

Chair: if you want you can remove both mask and shield. (i obliged)

Looked through my DAF, commented on interesting aspects of it

Asked about whether I went to Canada for PhD or MSc?

Tell me about your university in Canada.

Was your degree a stand alone Astronomy course ?

What were you doing after 2018?

M1(it was very difficult to understand her as her sound was feeble)

What is your understanding of reasons for poverty in india. (Had to ask her 2 times aanu couldn't register "poverty" from her feeble voice)

How is health and education affect poverty

Role of out of the pocket spending on increasing poverty.

Question on child wasting stunting etc and how it can be resolved.

M2

Difference between astronomy and astrology. Is there any scientific basis for astrology?

Difference between astronomy and astrology. Is there any scientific basis for astrology :

You were in Canada. What can Indian education systems learn from your university in Canada. ?

What are the contributions of Indians in Canada.

Is there a regional variation among Indian diaspora there.

M3

You said Indian education is not good (I hadn't said that). Why is that? (I said I didn't mean that. I just compared research output at masters level. And I apologised if I made any different impression)

When he started to confront me Chair intervened and asked not to pursue it

What are the parameters of QS ranking system

How can we make Mid day meal scheme better ?

Do you know about Japanese mid day meal system (he also explained it). Asked how it will have an impact on kids

M4

General comments on quantum mechanics and special relativity. Asked what is quantum mechanics and its application in daily life.

How is space commercialisation impact astronomical observation

What can we do about it.

How can you make Malayalam universal language.

In a large picture what do you see in 30 years about application of science and technology in health sector.

Back to chair.

Thank you. Your interview is over.

I thanked them and came out.

Generally I felt clumsy. I was trying to be very pleasant throughout. Even though I did answer almost all questions the confrontation with M3 made me uneasy. So didn't feel that great after interview.

22 April afternoon 3rd to go

Board TCA ANANT SIR

Background B.com CA

Optional commerce and accountancy

Work experience no

Chairmen

What were you doing after finishing CA

Not practising?

You mentioned badminton as your hobby. Anything else apart from it ??

Interested in reading ??

What is your judgement on Sri Lankan crisis.

How much income tax contribute in Sri Lankan revenue?

M1

Have visited Singapore ??

Have u visited Sawanriya Ji ?

How far from your village ??

Who manages the affairs of the temple ?

Any social activities performed by the temple ?

Is it the responsibility of temple to do any such activities?

Any scheduled area in your district?

Reservations in such TSP area ?? (didnt know the answer)

M2

Taking cue from my answer from temple questions one quote on river's fear. Asked to explain it. (probably could not satisfy him)

What is your service preference ?

Why not IRS before IAS?

Follow up question on this.

What is balance of trade and balance of payment ?

Its impact on economy ?

M3

Are you on social media ?

What is difference among facebook insta twitter linkedin ?

Social media bad because of excessive use or good for governance?

Ranking of India in start-ups ?

Why India does not have many startups in deep technology?

What is deep tech? (Couldn't answer)

What are the technologies you know about ?

What can be done to facilitate startups in deep technology?

M4

What is invisible costing ?

(he himself gave the example of costing of drugs and asked to explain it ?)

What are the challenges to the profession of CA due to coming of tech based services ?

(don't remember other questions from him ?

Chairmen sir said your interview is over. You may go now ?

Overall duration 25 to 30 minutes.

25th April

Name - dsrtmnk

25 April Afternoon

TCA Anant

BTech , EE ,PSIR

Profession -

Hobby - Listening to Rajasthani folk music

Exp - cordial board , no hurry gave proper time to ans

Utility of mock - (useful only for the interview etiquettes , some qus also from diff mock asked too , but environment was very diff than mocks)

Chairman -

please remove your mask , we are at a safe distance and no risk of COVID . Keep it in your lap. Looked through my DAF and said (my name) you are hailing from Kanod village . Where is it situated ? (kis taraf pdta hai ye gav)

You done your graduation in BTech in EE than why you choose political science as your optional ? You could do good in EE as well , isn't it ?

Tell me about overall economic development in your district (Barmer) ?

(Cross qus like Employment sirf locals ko mil rha hai ya fir bahar k logo ko bhi ?)

Which company generating thermal energy from Barmer mines ?

M1 (Lady member)

1. She asked about a military operation in rajasthan ..(i said sorry)

2. what is the India's rank in happiness index . (I said sorry for exact rank and she interfere in between and said ok ok actually evn I don't know the exact figure but tell me about India's situation, where we stand in happiness ? Why we are lagging behind to the countries like Bangladesh and pak ? (She laughed lightly on my ans)

3. Somebody is punctual .what do you mean by it . (I ansd , She added some points in my ans)

4. Capital panishment should be abolished or not in India ?

5. Forest report data (i said sorry in national level , but ans abt Rajasthan)

M2.

He had already some qus in his diary

1. Your name ...(Smiled and talks some on it)he was confirming exact pronounciation of my name.

2. Till which class you studied Hindi ?

3. Asking you a Hindi word ,tell me the meaning of the word . What is kukurmutta ?(Maine sahi se suna nahi ,than he asked again?

I ans and he told some extra info to other members .

4. Tell me a sentence in english which have all the English letters (A-Z).(I said sorry)

5.Any book you read in last 2 months ? (I said abt Sylbs rlted books and he agn asked that any book you read recently ? I told abt Alchemist ... He asked some Cross qus and than tell other members about the book (other some members said that yes yes intresting book we also read)

6. Okay you done ur graduation in EE ,he gave the ref of Eurp countries abt the renewable energy .Where we are lagging in Renewable energy? What can we do ? What is the cost of a wind turbine ?(I said sorry for the cost but he smiled an told me to have a guess in thousands , lakhs ,crore .. I ans)

7. What is the problems with E- Vehicles ? If India want to implement the EVs ,what major works we have to do with ?

M3.

1. What is your hobby ?

Okay ,we watch the dances of kalbeliaa long frame on it and asked about them .

2. Barmer Jaisalmer have some geographical as well as the economic backwardness from history .Than how the Langa and Manganiyar are too much brilliant in their art as they perform at international platforms too? How this art evolved and what sustain them ?

3. 4-5 qus on refinery ,petro pipeline and coal production in Barmer.

4. You have psir as ur optional . He aksed India's relation with our neighborh .How are and how shuld be ? (He was correcting himself about state and country .. neighbour state , neighbour country and again asked me which are our neighbour countrie? How the relations with them?

M4

1. You talked about the electrical vehicles and the batteries .Tell me about the prblms asso with batteries after use ?

2. Plug and plug in something like that qus (wt is diff ? I said sry)

3. How many type of EVs in india ?(I fumbled)

4. What type of batteries we use in the EVs ? (I said Li- ion , he was confirming me abt it , are you sure ?

🤔)5.Wt ws the westerphalian treaty ? (I got confused 😞 but i said correct context .)CM-wht 🤔-what abt is it ? (I said him sir I'm getting confused but i can guess it's abt ...and i was wrong 🤔,he smiled and said it's ok 🤔)

Smiled and said ur interview is over.

Political science background

PSIR Optional

Uttar pradesh(Deoria n Gorakhpur)

Hobbies- Writing Hindi poetry, cooking North indian cuisines (Only one question from hobbies)

Utility of mock - only for confidence n expression point of view

TCA Anant sir board, Afternoon ,2nd one to go

25/04/22

Chairman:

Read my DAF and all formalities, Ask me to remove mask n be comfortable

1-Have you completed your Research,Topic of research?

2-What is SADC

3-Which countries belong to it

4-Other important regional forums in Africa

5-About Indian ocean council and it's affiliation to African Union

6- What is -ve foreign policies components of India vis-a- vis China?

M1:(lady member -Very cordial)

1- unique name, what is it's meaning

- 2- Madagascar has been in news w.r.t. India What was the exact issue
- 3- India's main cooperation with Seychelles
- 4-Cooking is your hobby, tell me recipe of pasta?
- 5- What if water is less as compared to appropriate proportion (I mentioned 2 point)
- 6-Tell me one more effect (Sahin se pak nahi payega 🤔)-Room filled with laughter
- 7-If you are made DM of Baliya then how'll you make plan for the disaster there(I did not mention Baliya anywhere)
- 8-How many phases of Disaster Management,What is your approach for every of them
- 9-Is it human centric approach?
- 10- wetland in news in UP, location?
- 11- 3 significance of wetland?
- 12-What is Ramsar?
- 13-Why is it popular?
- 14-Who is your inspiration
- 15-any other personality?
- 16- tell some quotation of Kalam ji

M2:

- 1-What is brexit?
- 2-Reason behind it?
- 3-Who was the loser Britain or EU
- 4-What is OBOR
- 5-what is belt in it
- 6- what's objection of India
- 7-What is chabahar
- 8- it's significance for India
- 9- what apart from upsc stuff did you read recently
- 10-writer, theme, publisher

M3:

- 1-Importance of MPhil
- 2-how it's different from Phd
- 3-NEP-2020 why govt scrapped MPhil
- 4- Provision for Research in NEP-2020
- 5- what is centralisation and decentralisation,any examples
- 6-You study Africa. Chinese products are in high demand.why not so for india

M4:

- 1-What is Indo-pacific?
- 2-How is it different from previously term Asia Pacific
- 3- difference in approaches of India-US regarding territorial definition?
- 4-What is 3 diff. B/w Quad and AUKUS

Interview Over

Experience of interview was very unique totally different from all the Mock ,85% IR and Africa based which was very smooth and without any grilling

Only one disappointment from board for didn't given any opportunity to face YouTube sorts like question 🤔

A special thanks to telegram community

26th April

Name- anonymous

Date and session of interview- 26th april forenoon

Board-anant sir

Optional-public administration

College- NIT Jamshedpur

Profession (if any)- employed as district social welfare officer

Hobbies- teaching, entrepreneurship development, aged people education

Your experience in interview-very general questions on DAF, current affairs related to IR only

Utility of mocks (if any)- useful, however, peer group mock interviews also helped to a great extent..

Questions- not in sequence..&.. in hindi language...

1 Long experience in department- what special done?

2 Why not to abolish coaching ?

3 How did you do this magic in government institute?

4 Was there yours contribution?

5 Brexit ?

6 Why England left EU?

7 What is feminism?

8 What are problems of old people?

9 What did you do in aged people education?

10 Difference in entrepreneur & entrepreneurship?

11 What are start up & incubator?

12 What will be impact of france election? Who won france election?

13 What is difference between bsc engineering & b tech? Is bsc engineering of 3 years?

14 Why you were suspended? At what stage yours case is there?

15 What do you think about system?

16 what is difference between policy, regulations & law?

17 what is rule?

18 is rule above policy or where rules to place?

19 what is difference between public administration & policy?

20 cartoon ... all things from school but Education to be purchased from outside? Agree... Why?

21 what do you think about change in system? Is there any change?

22 issues in MNREGA scheme

23 Main objectives of MNREGA Scheme.

24 why social welfare department is alleged to be corrupt.. high number of officers are with corruption charges.why?

Date - 26/04/22 Morning Session

Board - TCA Ananth Sir

Branch - ECE

Hobbies : Gardening , Badminton , Current Nomics YouTube channel

Profession - Teaching

Chairman Sir

1. What was ur role as a teacher in Unacademy n Chanakya IAS Academy
2. What u did in Covid Task Force
3. How Current Nomics youtube channel works : software etc
4. How u access students connected through YouTube

Member 1 :-

1. Famous personality from tonk Rajasthan who died recently
2. Connection of tonk from Mahabharata era
3. Difference in Global, multinational, international
4. About UN Peacekeeping n if any role in Ukraine crisis
5. What is OPEC
6. UNO vs WHO significance

Member 2 :-

1. Shortcomings of Ka band in communication
2. About Quantum technology how it works
3. About Syria crisis some recent issues
4. Role of houthi rebels in Yemen n issues related to Saudi Arabia

Member 3 :

1. How to authenticate YouTube channel which spread misinformation
2. Fundamental duties should be enforceable or not
3. Patriotism should be enforced legally or not
4. Domestic violence cases increasing or decreasing in India
5. How black money comes into system (stages)

Member 4 :

1. What is systematic fertilizers
2. Random question on famous mathematician book
3. Question on reverse engineering
4. Do we use reverse engineering in Aircraft making
5. What is g in $5g$ how g name given

6. 6g roll out in world

7. China's development in 5g

Chairman: Ur interview is over

Thanks

Missing some questions

Name -

Board TCA Anant sir

Date of interview 26 th april

2022 afternoon session 4th to go

Medium- hindi

Optional hindi literature

Graduation - agriculture

Hobbies and extra curricular activities - NSS , desh ke mentor scheme .music and songs ,

Chairman - aap mask hata sakte he .

Q . Desh ke mentor scheme me kab se kam kar rahe ho .

Q. Desh ke mentor scheme me konsi class ke student hote he

Q . Aapne ne kitne students ko guide kiya and kya guide kiya

Q . NSS scheme me kitne saal kam karna padta he

Q. NSS me tumhne kya sikha .

Q .konse village me camp kiye unke name batao or vaha pe logo ko kya problem Hain .

Q .NSS me kitne hours kam karna padta he .

Member 1

Q .started with nss what is the motto of nss

Q nss me claping kese karte he teen bat karte he unhone hi bataya

Q agriculture extension kya role he and abhi farmers ke liye kya program chal rahe he

Q science ne agriculture ke liye kya kiya

Q iffco and seed corporation of india ka kya work hai .

Member 2 -

Cooperative federalism kya he and kya dikkat aa rahi he abhi isme govt ko

Niti aayog and yojana aayog difference

Defence me aatmanirbhar banne me kya dikkat aa rahi. He kya corporate house ko defence production dena kitan sahi he

Defence production or acquisition me negative list ke bare me concern he ki quality ka issue aayega uspe kya karna chaiye

Theater cammand kya hoti he kya role rahega inka

Member 3 (lady member)

Rajasthan govt launch new helpline number for medical care

rajasthan govt launch new helpline number for medical care .

Tamil Nadu ka musical instruments jisko gi tag mila latest

Stray dogs ke liye kya kar sakte ho as a DM

Hindi sahitya me likhe walo ka number kam ho raha he as DM kya karoge district me

Dowry nhi leni chahiye iske liye 10 th class ke bacho ko kya samjhhaoge

Member 4 (I think agriculture expert)

Psuedomonas kya ?

Rhizospriliym kya he ?

Trichoderma virde ?

See weed ka agriculture me use ?

Doubling farmers income me kya dikkat he

Abhi agriculture me input cost sabse jyada kiski badh rahi he

Labour kyu nhi milti aajkal

Board was very cordial .

Date : 26/04/2022

Afternoon Session

Board : TC Anant Sir

Optional : Geography

Background : Civil Engineering

State : Bihar

Work : L&T and Deputy Collector (UT) (Currently Working as SDM Magh Mela)

Time : approx 35 mints

Medium : Hindi

Chairman Sir:

(Mask hatane ko bole aur comfortable hone ko bole)

1. DAF se 5-6 points padhne ke bad puchhe abhi kaha kaam kar rahe ho?
2. Magh mela me SDM kya karta hai?
3. Mela to khatam ho gaya, ab kya karoge aap?
4. Maharajganj me kitne time ke liye posted the aur kya kya kam kiye waha?
5. Maharajganj ka elaborated SWOT analysis kariye.

M1 :

1. Magh Mela ka aitihisik praman kaha se milta hai aur kab se ye manaya jata raha hai?
2. Cartographer kaun hote hai?
3. Modern technologies se cartography me kya help mil sakti hai?
4. Magh mela se kaun Raja sabse jyada prachalit hua tha?
5. Sarkar kyun karati hai magh mela, sarkar ko development ke kam karne chahiye. Magh mela se development kaise ho sakta hai ?
6. Magh mela me temporary tent city kyu? Permanent settlement kyu nahi, duplication of work kam ho

Jayega.

M2 :

1. 9 Dash line aur 11 dash line kya hai?
2. China PCA me Phillipines se ek island ka case haar gaya hai...kaun sa island hai wo?
3. China ke liye Indo-Pacific me kaun kaun se choke points hain?
4. Remote Sensing satellites kya krti hai?
5. Uska use aur technical functioning bataiye kaise kaam karta hai?
6. Magh mela jaisa UP ke 5 aur mahtvapurn melon ka naam bataiye.

M3 (Mam) :

1. Kitne din lagte hai mela ka pura arrangements karne me?
2. Itna jyada time kyu?...sara fabrications to ready rahta hoga bas ja kar set-up kar dena hota hoga to itna samay akhir kyun?
3. Maharajganj ka ODOP ke product ka naam bataiye.
4. Aap Pvt aur Govt dono jagah kaam kiye hai , ek brief comparison dijiye.
5. Aapke office me ek male adhikari ek mahila karmchari ko pareshan karta hai, aap kya karenge? Pura course of action samjhaiye.
6. Aap whistle blower kaise ban sakte hai ? Apka locus standi hi nahi hai?(Maine bola tha ki sare prayason ke baad bhi agar mahila karmchari taiyar nahi hoti hai complaint karne ke liye to mai whistle blower ki tarah act karunga)

M4:

1. Naam bahut wajani hai, kisne rakha hai?
2. Kinhi do personalities ke naam bataiye jo aapke anusar Karmveer kahe ja sakte hai.
3. Bhagwan Krishna to hinsa me vishwas rakhte the wahi Gandhi Ahimsa me aap dono ko Karmveer kaise kah sakte hai?
4. Karmveer matlab Hinsak ya ahimsak , ek chuniye.
5. Bangaram Island kaha hai?
6. Magh mela se to bahut pradushan failta hoga?
7. Namami Gange ke 5 achievement aur present status ko samjhaiye.
8. Iska dusra kya naam hai?
9. Kitna outlay hai Namami Gange ka?
10. India OBOR se kyu naraj hai?

Chairman Sir :

Aapka interview samapt ho gaya hai.

28th April

Name-name me kya rakhkha h

Board TCA anant

Optional hindi lit

3rd to go

Deputy collector up

IRS(it)

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Chairman-

why hindi lit after electronic engg

About my collage name

Some famous modern hindi lit writers

About chitra muddagal(followed question)

M1-

he already pereraed his dairy and asking questions from that

Have u read book my experiment with treuth

Name of disease cause blood in teeth

Some island of arab sea and bay of bangal

Software cycle

Role as class representative

M2-

one major problem of up other than population

Reason for regional disparity in up apart from geographical reason

What labels on food items packet

Full form of fassai

Some woman related issues

Name of bilateral excises

What is khelo mahakumbh

M3-

use of electronics in administration

Some recent award in hindi lit

Has any foreigner got award in hindi lit

Why old songs(my hobby)

Why bollywood songs

Old vs new songs

Administration vs management

M4-

what is brain of electronics

Reasons for semiconductor scarcity

One product related to electronics also impacted by ukrain russia war(I said sorry)

Use of neon in electronics

Arab spring

2,3 lines of ur any poetry (my hobby)

Chairman ok thank you u may go now

Some more questions related with previous questions

29th April

Name-Kumar

Date and session of interview- 29/04/2022 afternoon session. Last to go

Board- TC Annnat sir

Optional- Hindi Literature

College- Rajasthan University

Profession (if any)- IDAS

Hobbies- poetry & cricket

Your experience in interview- Cordial & Calm

Utility of mocks (if any)- No Comparison

No mask or Face shield

C:

What are you doing now. What part of training you have completed so far.

What was your research topic?

What is urban morphology?

What you recommended about your study area.

M1:-

1.You are from bordering district of punjab , haryana , and from corner of Rajasthan.

You are neither of them (on lighter note).

2. Why there is so much issue in Hindi translation. Any suggestions?

3. Why we have FCI can't we procure through APMC and store that ?

M2

1. Tell about mountain ranges of JK

2. What are the Eastern and Western river in context of India and Pakistan .

3. Kaveri Dispute is related of which states. Why this dispute.

4. Who gets major share of kaveri water. (Sorry)

5. Dam Karnataka made on Kaveri. (Sorry)

M3:

1. Have your heard about MedCity.. where is that sorry

2. Why Indian people prefer Imported goods.

3. Any suggestions to promote local products?

4. How will you deal with sexual harassment case at your workplace.

5. Course of action if the victim doesn't want to complain.

M4:_

His volume extremely low

He said something which I figured out after coming out of UPSC.

1. What is URSA major URSA minor. He spelled it to. Sorry
2. Who is murugandam. Which morth indian good is similar to him. Sorry,,asked to guess. I said may be vishnu .
3. What is hight tide. Spring tide. (Sorry) was not sure about spring tide .
4. Difference between western and eastern ghat.
4. What is OTT.how it benefited.
5. How it is beneficial for advertisers .

C:_ Your interview is over you can go.

Experience:- Achche log hai wo. Will ask you the questions from the domain you choose? Got good vibes.

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5th April

5th April 2022

TCA Anant Board

Name XYZ

Graduate in Statistics from DU

PG in Statistics from IITB

Ex Associate Consultant KPMG

Hobbies Theatre, Urdu Poetry, OTT

Place Delhi/ Amroha(UP)

Optional Statistics

Interview length 25 mins

1. You have been into corporate why do you wish to join civil services?
2. Serving public is only possible for the first few jobs , not all services will be so close to public. How would you do it in those services?
3. What kept you busy since 2018 apart from preparation?
4. Tell us your preference of services in the DAF?
5. You chose IFS as second preference. How would you apply statistics in IFS?
6. What is Indias stance on Ukraine crisis?
7. Why would the two parties accept India as a mediator?
8. Which are the countries mediating in the crisis presently?
9. Did you act or direct in theatre?
10. What are the two branches of culture?
11. What is the connection between tangible and intangible culture?
12. Your salary, academic record is excellent, you are over qualified for IAS. Why do you wish to join this? Is it for the glamour?
13. Everyone says we want to do public service. Why should we hire you? What is special in you?
14. Statistics can lead as well as mislead. What do you think about it? NCRB data is being misused any idea?
15. What is Moradabad famous for? Is the industry losing its strength? Is it causing some pollution?
16. Recite your favourite shayri couplet?
17. How will you use statistics in administration?
18. How will you ensure that data remains intact?
19. What is your opinion on the criminal procedure bill?
20. What do you think about Big Techs misusing the data?
21. How to protect the data from such Big Techs?
22. How did Cambridge Analytica "manipulate" elections in US? (i used the word manipulation in this

context)

23. Tell how will you ensure the well being of a backward place as a DM there?

24. Is there any scheme for housing in rural areas?

25. What is SECC? What is it used for?

26. What are the issues of women security? How will you prioritise these issues in order?

27. Do you know what is Panchayati raj? What do you think about it?

Overall okay experience. Questions were clear.

Advice: Read your DAF thoroughly and read only one Newspaper (preferably IE) and revise the syllabus of polity, economy, environment on the topics you find floating in the daily news. For example, emergency in SL so read emergency provisions of India. IPCC report, so read Indias climate goals, difference between Adaptation Mitigation, Paris deal etc. RBI takes a stance, read the monetary policy tools. Connect the newspaper with Mains syllabus and brush up your knowledge with small bites of information. Also use data to substantiate your point .

Best of luck!

20th April

Tca anant board

Date of interview: 20/4/2022

Graduation: electronics and communication

Hobbies: yoga and greeting card making

Optional: Kannada literature

Ch

What were u doing after your graduation

What is 5G

Why huge infrastructure required

People are opposing installation of towers in their areas will they oppose 5G also

Why government is going for 5G

M1

Which report talked about impact of radiation on human

Would online education replace offline education

What is higher education g e r

What are the latest technology available for this generation to use in governance

How do you use nano technology in governance

Is aadhar a matter of concern

M2- questions were very long.

In case of disruption of communication like in Ukraine how will you establish communication in such situation

How do you spread the Kannada language

Ch: what is 3 language policy

M2:

Which language do you use for your development.

In Karnataka there is some place is famous for hockey so why is so

M3

Why did you take Kannada literature after doing electronic and communication.

Ask the question related to communication I don't remember

What is difference between growth and development

How do you measure development

What are the indicators for growth

How is SHG performing in India

How do you popularize shg

What are famous folk arts in Karnataka

What is unique about yakshagana

What is cyber some

Why other states are not able to adopt it..

M4

Importance of communication in governance.

As a civil servant how do you communicate with your subordinate

Is there any arrangement for sharing of best practices among civil servants in India

During the communication why is it difficult for the other person to understand it.

26th April

Board :- T C Anant sir

Date :- 26 April 2022

2 number to go

Hobbies :- gardening and Teaching

Optional :- Sociology

Education background :- graduation (Electrical)from IIT Bombay

Mock utilities :- not much except few basic suggestions

CM :-

1.why did you choose Sociology over electrical as an optional subject

2. How would Sociology help you in administration

3. Name any three Indian Sociologist

4. What was the contribution of M. N Srinivas

5. What is Sanskritisation and example of it

6. In modern era do you think people still following sanskritization

M1 :-

1. it's seems that only Ukraine got massive hit by war and nothing happened to Russia ?
2. Other than economic sanction what else hardship russia is going through
3. What are the sociological changes happening post covid era
4. When did you last teach students
5. How does Sociologist helps police in cases related to domestic violence

M2. :-

1. name few important weapons Ukraine is using in this ongoing conflict
2. types of Electric vehicle ?
3. Difference between regionalism , secessionism , separatism
4. Is Jharkhand example of regionalism
5. What about south India language's issue ... How do you see it

L1 :-

1. why is there only few number of students opting for research field
2. Despite govt support still there is not enough students opting for research
3. Nps vs ops and why Rajasthan govt brought it and what is my take on it
4. Your opinion about freebies
5. What are the phycological implications of freebies
6. Mumbai floods reasons
7. Is flood in Mumbai have any kind of relationship with geographical location
8. What is Mumbai plan which is also happening first time in India
9. What do understand by "famous for being famous" phrase

M3.

1. Tell us about APJ Kalam sir PURA scheme
2. Modalities of the PURA scheme
3. name few French traveller who are being used as source for Indian history
4. difference between architecture south and north Indian temple

Cm :- your interview is over

Experience :- Very cordial board... asked few cross questions. Interview was mainly based on Optional/ IR/State/hobby/ few random questions. Overall good experience.

28th April

Date-28-04-2022

Board- Tca Anant

Graduation- mechanical engg.(IIT indore)

Optional-Sanskrit Literature

Hobbies- Cricket and watching prank

State-Raiasthan

State Rajasthan

Chairman-

- 1.What are you doing after graduation
- 2.Your role in your team?
- 2.Asks about physics behind swing,reverse swing

M1

- 1.Effectiveness of technology in use in cricket i.e. DRS
- 2.What are the different labour codes
- 3.How labour codes define formal and informal labour
- 4.Provisions of Official secret act?(Here chairman intervened to further clarify question)
- 5.OSA vs RTI(regarding privacy)
- 6.Section of RTI which define exemptions
- 7.Who decides whether a document is confidential Act itself or government
- 8.If someone find a lost confidential document whether he will be charged under OSA?

M2

- 1.Asks to speak in sanskrit few sentences
- 2.Railway privatization?
- 3.Train Fare increased during COVID and is it justified?
- 4.Difference bw Multinational,international,global

M3(lady member)

- 1.Which country has highest female foeticide and name of 2 nd country too?
- 2.How to immediately curb female foeticide
- 3.Latest prank u watched and your learning
- 4.quality needed in a person on whom prank is made?
- 5.Why indore is in news and reasons for its succes
- 6.Case study wherein one person is reading newspaper on an international airport and other person dropped some waste in front of him and person reading newspaper put that waste into dustbin...it showed which quality of that person
- 7.Why sanskrit is no more relevant?
- 8.Reasons behind solar storm(I mentioned NASA in my previous answer)

M4

- 1.Asks about the meaning of one shlok from Rigveda
- 2.Asks to locate 4 places in India
- 3.Some questions on RTI
- 4.where do see see urself in next 10 years

Some more questions were there in between...but not able to recall them

Board was cordial

29th April

Name : Nikhil

Chairman: TCA Anant Sir

Date 29/04/22

BTech+ MBA

Interests : Independent Cinema, Quizzing, Reading, Watching Food and Travel Shows

1. Did you complete your training in IIS ?
2. What are you currently doing in IDAS. When do you get your posting?
3. What is independent cinema
4. Give some examples
5. Does Kashmir Files qualify as an Independent Cinema
6. What steps have been taken to boost indigenisation in recent times?
7. Name some joint military exercises conducted by India.

Member 1

1. Do you cook? Tell us what basic things you cook?
2. What do we do when salt is less in a dish?
3. Why salt is not added afterwards?
4. Paper bags are sold as style statement in malls at the checkout counter. What is the logic ? Shouldn't people bring their own bags.
5. Why more cyclones on east coast?
6. Why do some women accept/ support domestic violence? What can be done?
7. What is emotional violence and violence generated from limitation of choices?
8. Difference digital books and hard copy ? Difference in reading them?

Member2

1. Which form of algebra do we use in digital circuits ?
2. What is the difference?
3. Can you tell some Logic Gates?
4. What is XNOR gate?
5. Moores law ? Is it obsolete?
7. What is looking glass self theory
8. Is caste weakening or maintaining its hold?
10. Can product differentiation go on endlessly?
11. What are 4Ps of Marketing. Why do we need 7Ps?

Member 3

1. Where are the headquarters of Entrepreneurship Development Institute?

2. What is a consortium ?
4. What are SEZs?
5. Where does this concept originate. What form government support is given?
6. Connecting people is the slogan of which brand?
8. What is CRM? (Customer Relationship Management)
9. What is window shopping? Why are people not buying from malls these days?
10. Have you worked on Unix and Microsoft? Explain Ctrl A, Ctrl B, Ctrl U shortcuts in MS Word and Unix ?

Member 4

1. What is DAP. Which category has first preference ?
 2. What is strategic partnership route in defence procurement? Any recent procurement via this route?
 3. which route was adopted in purchasing Rafael Jets?
 4. Genesis of ISIS and Al-Qaeda
 5. Which is more dangerous ?
 6. Strategic Relevance of Gwadar and Chabahar Ports?
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Name- Sayali shinde

Date - 29/04/2022

Optional - Agriculture

State - Maharashtra

Board- TCA Anant sir

Chairman

- 1 meaning of sayali
- 2 where sayali flower is grown?
- 3 tell me about flower in detail
- 4 How many agroclimatic zones in Maharashtra?
- 5 tell me names
- 6 reasons for scarcity zone?
- 7 which crops grown under scarcity zone?
- 8 Which crops are grown in Sangli district?
- 9 Why sugarcane monocropping is predominant?

Member 1-

- 1 Why floriculture is famous in Maharashtra?
- 2 why Europeans are sending back Indian flowers?
- 3 difference between petty corruption and political corruption?
- 4 Women empowerment ? What are economic, social, political impacts?
- 5 in which state more women are breadwinners? Impacts?
- 6 meaning of Life

Member 2

- 1 famous book related to agriculture
- 2 which crop you can suggest for rabbi season?
- 3 Imadiclopid?

4 selective pesticide means ?

5 Humic acid chelation process?

6 purpose of neem coated urea?

Member 3

1 Green revolution starting year?

2 tell me about AGMARK

3 what do you understand about WTO - TRIPS and TRIMS

4 Critically evaluate MGNREGA?

5 tell me about corporate social responsibility?

6 what is the turnover limits for CSR?

7 What do you mean by technology transfer?

Member 4

1 Gulf cooperation council members?

2 what is purpose of GCC establishment and importance for India?

3 how much oil imported from gulf countries?

4 Yemen location?

5 UNCLOS means?

6 details about UNCLOS

Chairman - thank you, sayali

Most of the questions were from areas discussed by Mahesh bhagvat sir. Thank you so much sir for your guidance

2nd May

Name- AG

Date and session- 2nd may, forenoon

Board- TCA Anant

Optional- Geography

College- Nit Durgapur

Place- kanpur, U.P

Hobbies- singing, listening to bollywood songs, watching bollywood movies

I was the 3rd person to go.

Chairman-

Gave my brief introduction to the members.

Q.1 In last 10 years, what positive and negative changes you have observed in Kanpur? (I gave 4 positive points and also mentioned about police commissionerate system?)

Q.2 How police commissionerate system has reduced crime against women and if it is that good then why it is not implemented in the whole country? What changes have you noticed after its implementation in kanpur?

Q.3 What did you do in college in NSS?

Member-1

Q.1. If you are given a chance to make a film city then what changes would you bring in terms of finances.? (daf)

Q.2 tell me something about kanpur, its socio economic features, about society?(daf)

Q.3 What 2 things you would do in your city(kanpur) to improve its economy? (Daf)

Q.4- which newspaper do you read? What kind of news you follow? Tell me about a news item that you have read recently ? Then follow up questions on that news item.

Member- 2

Q.1- What is the future of EVs. And what other kinds of batteries are used?(daf)

Q.2- which other city attracts you? Where would you like to serve as a DM other than kanpur? Tell me something about that city .

Member- 3

Q. You have studied environmental education in your school. So, tell me about 5 short term measures that you will do to conserve atmosphere?

Q. Tell me about 5 things in which women are better than man?

Member-4

Q. Give some salient features of Automobile scrappage policy? (Daf)

Q. Tell me about Lal Imlı ? Is this factory working or closed?(daf)

Q. Give names of any music director and playback singer that has passed away recently? (Daf).

Q. What do you think about the govt polices of giving freebies, free ration, free electricity. Are they good ?

Board: TCA Anant

Name: UV-RJ-14

Duration: 25 min (felt short)

Asked to remove the mask and keep it on table

Chairman:

Q.Where did you travel last

Asked me complete list of places where i travel in last year or so.

Q. Why do you travel, whats is special about travelling that you do?

Q. What do you learn from travelling?

Q. Have you travelled to varanasi recently?

M1 lady

Q. So what is special thing about varanasi that you learned from there , culturally

Q. She asked me from an engineer perspective not from general

Q. What is the difference in varanasi and jaipur and what you want to take something from varanasi to jaipur if you want to?

Q. What are some improvements in varanasi?

Q. Have you done something for society during the prep or you were just studying only.

M2

Q. Tell me why is Sri lanka is in issue?

Q. Is it beneficial for India or not?

Q. How India can take benefit out of it?

Q. What are the main issues of Sri lanka?

Q. Is organic farming will be beneficial in long run over there?

Q. Tell me some name of Indian philosophers?

Q. Do you consider Chankya as philosopher?(i said no— rather he was a political strategist)

Q. Do you consider Gandhi as a philosopher?

Q. Why do you consider Gandhi as a philosopher?

Q. Tell me one special thing related to his philosophy.

M3 : in kurta pajama like pandit ji.. gale me dharmik mala..

other candidate said that he is an IPS officer

Q. What are the qualities you consider important for a civil servant.

Q what are the qualities you have ?

Q. So you really have these qualities?

Q. Tell me an example that you can think out of box.

Q. If you become administrator in which area you would like to work?

Q. Why child related issues?

Q. Why children are important?

M4 : Manipuri.. talking deliberately slow and in low volume.

Searching something from my DAF to ask telling me about my event management things i have in my college

Q. Do you think event management can be a career?

Q. Havent you thought of doing MBA if you like event management.

Q. Why dont you want to go into event management.. - said will try if god forbid i havent selected.

Q. Have you heard about finance commission?

Q. Which was the last one?

Q. Is has submitted its report or not?

Q. Who was its chairman?

Q. What was its recommendations?

Q. Anything special about 15th FC?

Q. What was the amount discussed in 15th FC compared to 14th FC?

He was asking something related 15th FC.. kuch special specific which i was not able to answer apart from devolution.

Q. Impact of covid 19 on fiscal deficit of india. Asked all the data and projections.

Suddenly TCA anant sahab.. as usual unka ye he hota hai suddenly bhaga denge.

your interview is over.. beech beech mai apne mobile mai chill kar rahe the. Beech beech mai dekh rahe the.

Baki log notebook mai kuch pata nhi kya likhate rhate hai.

Benefit of mocks:

Helps in how to think in interview

Point out shortcomings in you

And align your thoughts as per PT.

Name -- Rishabh Hans

Date -- 2nd May 2022 Afternoon (5th person to go)

Board -- Dr. TCA Anant

Optional-- Anthropology

College -- IIT Roorkee, Production and Industrial Engineering

Profession (if any) – Work experience of 9 months in Jindal Stainless Limited

Hobbies – Trekking and Hiking(40% interview revolved here), Watching documentaries on Indian Tribes

Prize - Certificate of appreciation from the prime minister's office (My Initial 30% of the interview revolved here)

Your experience in interview- Very cordial board, smiling faces of all. DAF-based mostly. I did not notice the time. But I felt it went somewhere around 25 minutes. It was not very long I guess.

Utility of mocks (if any)- I found Vajirao and Reddy, KSG, Fortune IAS, and Chanakya Mandal good. But, the real interview is very different from mocks. It is as mentioned in the UPSC notification ie. directed and purposive conversation. No grilling and counter question. 1-2 layers of followup.

Chairman

Reading my DAF continuously for 1-2 minutes.

1. Which places did you trek?
2. Where is Triund? How was it?
3. I believe most of the treks you have done in your college time. Are you still continuing trekking?
4. Tell me about your work where you got the certificate of appreciation from PMO? What you did there?
5. What did you learn from it?

Member 1(Lady, smiling always)

1. What values do you believe are important for a civil servant? (I replied Integrity, Honesty, Courage of conviction, Leadership, empathy)

2. Tell me an instance from your life where you have shown the courage of conviction? (I gave an instance from my trekking experience)

Suddenly, a member interrupted and asked me the height of that trek. I replied. And then he said, ki zyada nhi tha with a smiling face :)

Member 2

1. Do you know who prepares Tribal Atlas?

2. Who are your favourite anthropologists and why?

3.. Nowadays a lot of pollution is there is Ghaziabad(my current district). If you have to give three recommendations to the DM of Ghaziabad, what will you give?

4. What are the preparation required before going for a trek?

Member 3

1. Do you know about the criminal justice system?
2. What are the main flaws in it as per you?

Member 4

In sleepy mode. Member 3 woke him up when his turn came :). He gave a long monologue on RBI and Govt. Difficult to understand what he saying. I asked him to repeat the question as well.

1. Recently, RBI said that bank mergers would have a disastrous effect onr financial inclusion. What is your opinion?
2. Do you know which is the largest PSB and Private sector Bank?
3. Difference between social anthropology and sociology?

Chairman - Thank you Rishabh. Your interview is over.

Few more questions were there, but I am not able to recall.

All the best!

DAF: IRAS, Computer Science, PSIR, Chess

TCA Anant sir board

CM:

- 1) What are you doing nowadays?
- 2) Opinion about IRMS

M1:

- 1) Best and worst part of NEP? What are the language provisions in NEP?
- 2) As an Ambassador of Russia, how would you justify its action? Would you have started war if you were Putin?
- 3) What is quad? What's India's role?
- 4) Similarities between ww2 and current situation?

M2:

- 1) How is your IRAS training? Why did you learn? How are you finding accounting?
- 3) Bullet train project, good or bad?
- 4) What is Hyperloop? How it works? Any project in India?
- 5) Favourite chess GM and why.

M3:

- 1) Why Sanskrit in 11th-12th?
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3) Does NEP has ethics education?

4) How to tackle cyber crimes?

M4:

1) Which software used in accounting and payments in railways? What about in other ministries?

2) Future of India China relations after last years clashes?

3) Which countries under debt trap diplomacy? How India should tackle it?

4) What is the labour and employment situation currently? Recent RBI report of COVID's impact on economy?

2nd may, Afternoon session

TCA anant sir board

4th to go

IIT ROORKEE, Computer Science

Hometown - Baran, Rajasthan

Optional-PSIR

Hobby- twitter, other(better not to mention:P)

2nd PT

Lady member saw me sweating and requested chairman to lower the AC temperature.

Chair:

There is lot of stigma in the society about the hobby that you have mentioned and I appreciate that you have mentioned it here. It requires courage and risk taking ability. What are the reasons for such stigmas?

Lady member(M1):

Some questions and counter questions on that particular hobby.

Why civil services

Ok you want legitimate authority but you can achieve it through other means also?

I said I have interest in the subjects which are in the upsc syllabus and I think it was the most convenient path for me.

Have you been at the position where you used the authority to change the ordinary people's lives?

I talked about position of leadership held in college

She interrupted and said I am asking about any position held after your college

I said no mam i was involved in civil services preparation so did not get time to involve in this

She said "Ok thats a different discussion altogether"

Why twitter is in news recently?

Do you agree with Elon Musk free speech idea

Anonymous accounts on twitter and what are your views on authenticating them?

M2:

What is the similarity between Doorkoo and Kota

what is the similarity between rookree and kola

Then I mentioned two similarity

He asked about any particular physical feature. I could not answer, so he helped me out.

Thanked him

Should Indians seek apology from Britain for the excesses committed by them during the colonial rule.

I said it would not result into any material benefits

So do you think that only material aspects matter for any country?

Do you remember any incidence where any country apologised for their past wrongdoings?

M3:

What are the tactical lessons that India can learn from Russia Ukraine war?

Suppose there is a water crisis in your district and women have started violent protest.What steps will you take?

M4:

Long monologue(length of gs4 case study) about Russian Ukraine war.

Lessons from the Ukraine war for USA and China?

Long monologue:India's foreign policy particularly in neighbourhood was questioned a year ago.Our neighbour's behaviour started getting passive but now things have changed.What do you think are the reasons for this change?

Again long monologue on Ukraine's aggressive posture during the war.

Is president Zelensky right in holding aggressive posture during the war?

Does this war opens a door for China to annex Taiwan?

Chairman: Your interview is over. You may leave now

Experience:

1.Cordial board.No grilling.

2.Almost whole interview was opinion based .No factual questions.

3.Half of the interview was on DAF and other half was on optional.

4.Not much cross questioning

5.M3 and M4 were asking questions in low voice and I think that was intentional.

All the best

Name: XYZ

Date: 2nd May, 2022

Board: TCA Ananth

State: Jharkhand

Background: Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi

Optional: Anthropology

Hobbies: Cricket; Movies, particularly social dramas

Forenoon. First to go.

The board was very cordial. And diverse too. I was asked to remove my mask and face shield if comfortable. Chairperson read out points out of my DAF.

Chairperson

- 1) What have you been doing since 2017?
- 2) So you play cricket? At what level?
- 3) And what do you do in cricket?
- 4) Which position do you like to bat at?
- 5) Is there a difference/ Can you briefly compare an opening batsman with a middle order batsman?
- 6) What social dramas have you watched lately?
- 7) You like to go to a theatre or watch on OTT?
- 8) Has the theatre business been impacted by OTT?

M1 (Lady)

- 1) We have had a new Chief of Army Staff recently. Can you name him?
- 2) If you are made the Chief of Army Staff, what would your three priority areas would be? (Asked me to take 30s or jot down points if I wanted)
- 3) Can you elaborate on the China issue?
- 4) If you are given the role of a policy maker in infrastructure department, which one sector would you pick for driving development in Jharkhand? Pick only one major sector and tell me why?
- 5) What about tourism in Jharkhand? Any avenues there?

M2

- 1) So now let's shift you to a different role of policy making. There are a lot of issues in India currently. Pick any three and elaborate upon suggestions for improvement? (He then himself went on to say corruption, population, pollution)
- 2) Why India does not produce quality fast bowlers?
- 3) MS Dhoni is from Ranchi. How do people in Ranchi view him?

M3

- 1) (Picked on from talks about energy in previous answer) Why is there a coal crisis in India currently?
- 2) What is the most efficient source of energy?
- 3) Status of forests in Jharkhand, has there been an increase or decrease?
- 4) If you are now a policy maker in Jharkhand, how would you increase the forest cover? And please don't tell we'll plant more trees.

M4

(Talking very slowly, had to really strain to hear him properly)

- 1) If I say North-east, which one state comes to your mind?
- 2) Capital of undivided Assam? (Himself told it isn't Guwahati)
- 3) Long monologue on bifurcation of Assam, conflicts, etc. Finally, asked about the main reason behind such border issues.

- 4) Have you heard about NEC? (I hesitantly said North Eastern Council, don't know if he heard)
- 5) There is a DoNER. Why do we need DoNER if we already have the NEC?
- 6) Recently there was a conference of Hgh Court judges, presided by CJI. What particularly did CJI say about reforming the judiciary?
- 7) Reforms in the criminal law?
- 8) Long monologue again on justice and judiciary. Finally asked suggestion by the executive for reducing pendency in civil cases.

Chairperson: Your interview is now over. Is there anything you'd like us to ask that we haven't covered already?

The interview must have been around 25-30 minutes. Questions revolved around my DAF and current affairs. Largely conversational. (Pardon me for I am not able to recall all the questions.)

4th May

Name- Chinese

Date- 4 May

College- University of Delhi

Optional- PSIR

Experience- Everything happened so quickly that it was hardly an "experience". Yes, I'm talking about the PT only!

Utility of Mocks- Very crucial part of preparation. Many direct questions.

Board- TCA Anant

Chairman-

You're from Montessori School. What is meant by Montessori School?

You led your school in Global Peace Conference. What was it?

What was your role in it?

Which year it was?

Anything special about that year that was discussed in the conference?

M1-

Meaning of your name?

What is C&AG? Role?

But 10 years ago it was in so much news (I had said ki we need public debate on CAG reports)

What are the 3 reports? I didn't know se he himself told

What do they do with CAG reports?

Which are some river water disputes in South?

Which state has border issues with neighbours?

Was it that NE state creation not well thought through?

What is housekeeping and strolling? (DAF)

M2

What is it in you that you were in leadership positions in school and college? It's role in your being an officer later.

If you're made Indian negotiator to solve Ukraine crisis what you'll do?

M3

Essential qualities of civil servant?

Isn't integrity important?

Hierarchy of values?

M4

Are NATO and EU interlinked?

Do they have a formal platform for interlinking?

Latest members of NATO?

Which countries want to become members?

Why Nordics want to become?

What is the issue of domestic violence in India?

How to solve it?

Chairman:

You can go!

Special thanks to Team PTT and all those LEGENDARY people with whom I got to interact in the post- mains phase.

4th May 2022

Board- TCA Anant

25-30 mins

Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan

1st attempt

Sociology optional

Hobby - No questions asked

Leadership -NSS project head

May i come in sir?

Yes

sit

I thanked

Meanwhile forgot to wish them 🙏

Realised by looking at chairman's face so finally greeted good morning.

Chairman

U can remove your mask if comfortable.(No face shield)

Read my daf

Questions about NSS experience

What was project about

Why not botany as optional

Plans for pg? (I said with sociology yes)

Asked wt u learnt from sociology (multiple perspectives)

How?

Explained with example of suicide (personal vs sociological problem)

Follow up question

M1 (talked very slowly n low volume)

Monologue on women's entry into permanent commission

Then asked factors which propelled it?

Benefits?

Should women be allowed in combat forces like artillery etc

Is there gender pay gap in army (I said I don't think so ..at same rank govt won't discriminate)

Monologue on Indian women hockey team (told him m not following sports but still)

Asked rank of team in world(replied don't know)

Asked to guess out of 10(told 2nd rank- obviously wrong🤔)

M2

Directly said u from science background saying interested in sociology, i don't think u r honest, things are contradictory.(may be said intentionally ..may be to see my reaction) but

I nodded and said ok sir .(bcz only a science student knows how easy is to study humanities after graduation in pure sciences🤔)

Then asked elderly problems (NSS project)

I replied - problems with solutions

How women empowerment can be done

How GER will increase (follow up ques)

Less ques but bcz may be I didn't let him talk🤔

M3 (lady member)

Sweet smiling

Twitter controversy- pros n cons

Lfpr? Why low for women?

How to improve?

Particularly how in sawaimadhapur?(I feel i didn't do justice with the answer, bouncer ques but missed it)

M4- talking in low volume

How to reduce dependence upon coal?

By what timeframe, will be able to phase out coal?(Follow up ques?)

Tidal energy...Is India doing enough here?

Important tribal laws (while I was listing out, CM interfered)

CM

Thank you

Experience-

Good, cordial board except M2

Since beginning giving weird expressions n after every answer also like not satisfied (hence I think it was just to scare me considering my age)

No grilling

No cross questioning

Felt like Question answer session

Easier than mock

Felt like home there

Mocks- gave 7-8, really important, to avoid nervousness, to know expectations of board members, how to structure answer instantly, variety of possible questions but real interview is quite different.

Would recommend IAS hub mock, ksg, Shubhra Ranjan.

Avoid Drishti 🙄

Note - The chair was office type with wheels n also high ,so practice with such chair , how to sit specially girls (bcz saree n lesser height)

5th May

Board:-TCA Ananth

05/05 Aftrn session;1st to go

*V.much pleasant+Cordial+Smiling.

Ananth sir seem so chill Surfing through mobile;Smiling in between;Nodding

Daf key words:-Suryapet;Hyderabad;Aurobindo school;OU;JNU;cricket;walking;Geography

*Chairman

1.Where have u grown up from childhood(Siddipet dist+Hyderabad)

2.Tell me geography of Siddipet

3.If u r a dm of Siddipet dist what will u do

4.You told Siddipet is semi arid how would u develop Aquaculture there

*M1

1.U told cooperatives they r already dev'd there(i nodded yes sir)Do u also know shg's?

2.What r shg's

3.R they linked with Banks

4.Telangana Advantages and disadvantages in terms of geo after Bifur

5. Tell me philosophy of aurobindo
6. What is integral yoga and integral humanism
7. His contribution to National movement

*M2 (low voice; long monologues)

1. Deepest point on earth
2. Approx depth
3. Currents of South China Sea
4. Covid effects on MSME's
5. What are northern lights
6. Why do you walk?
7. Your dad also walks?

*M3 (madam; cheerful)

1. You talked about minerals of Telangana, do you know District Mineral Fund?
2. If there is a service called All India Infrastructure Development Service, what will you do to improve infrastructure?
3. Which particular crops of Telangana need Cold Storage Facility?
4. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
5. Qualities of a public servant?

*M4:-

1. Why Geography as optional?
2. Advantages of Remote Sensing?
3. ISRO and Remote Sensing links?
4. When you came to Delhi for the first time, what did you notice?
5. What places did you visit here?
6. What do you like most about Jama Masjid?
7. Describe more about its architecture.
8. Do you know from where the raw material came?

Mocks Utility:-

One to one with Ravindran sir + Vinay sir + Sachin Jain sir helped so much

SR

5th May Afternoon

5th to go

State Maharashtra

Indian Corporate Law Services 2019

Graduation Metallurgical Engineering

1st preference IPS

Optional Public Administration

TCA Anant Panel

Chairperson

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5. Best community policing models..??

Member 2

1. Was Sikkim a part of India at the time of independence..??
2. River flowing through Sikkim..?? Some more follow up questions in Sikkim
3. Inner line permit..??
4. Difference between law and order and public order..??
5. Weightlifting questions

Member 3

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2. Where did you exemplify these qualities..??
3. Relations between India EU..??
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Member 4

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2. Why India lags behind in production of rare earth material..??
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Duration 25-30 min..

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Name-R

Date and session of interview-05 May AN

Board-TCA Anant

Optional-Malayalam Literature

College-CET

Profession (if any)-

Hobbies- Violin badminton

Your experience in interview-Felt average..board was cordial..Some qns were lengthy..found it difficult to address the exact demand of the qn

Utility of mocks (if any)-Boosting confidence, Knowing our strengths and weakness

Chair

Read out my name

What did you do in NSS

2 3 follow up Qns

Why there is blood shortage in our country

M1

Opinion on sabarimala

Why there was huge protests

Reasons for communism in Kerala

Mention one communist leader

Then something about matriarchy in Kerala

M2

Asked about violin manufacturing company

State where matriarchy is present in North east

Asked the monetary figures of rbi report on COVID damage on economy

Are we showing signs of recovery

M3 lady member

Twitter controversy and opinion on social media

Status of women in Kerala

2 more qns which I am not able to recollect

M4

Asked meaning of my name

Seaport near Trivandrum

Comparison of vizhinjam and hambantota

....

What measures should we take

Qn on states following Kerala on SDG index

Then 1 more qn

Ch

Thank you

Date of interview: 5th May 2022

Chairman of the board: TCA Anant Sir, former Chief Statistician of India

Optional: psychology

College: DTU

Profession: -

Hobbies: playing basketball, following football, cooking, and console gaming

1. What was your research paper about?
2. What steps did you mention in your research paper Earthquakes?
3. What is the status of Delhi in Earthquakes?
4. Which all departments are involved in Earthquake structural designing?
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4. Like Playstation and Xbox? Which one do you like and why?
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Member 4

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6th May

Name- Sanket

Date and session of interview- 6th may 2nd in morning session

Board- TCA Anant

Optional- geography

College- IIT kanpur mechanical (no questions)

Profession (if any)-Reliance industries.

Hobbies- Cricket, Football, chess

Your experience in interview- More of a conversation. Less counter question

Utility of mocks (if any)- Helps to think on feet and calm the nervousness.

Chairman

Reading DAF, So you play any of these sports.

Which position you play in cricket

Explain me what is leg spin, where will you pitch the ball and how will you turn

Why football is not as popular in India as cricket.

M1

What you learnt and observed from reliance?

You were in reliance, how did you convince them that you wanted to leave

Why you left your job

When did you actually decide you wanted to go for civil services

A place in India where 3 rivers flow from. What is the technical term

RSF (reporter sans frontier), why they were in news, how they calculate the press freedom

Water man of India

Which football team you follow

Why particular that team.

M2

What situation do you think makes you viable in administration.

Some counter question.

What is corporate governance

Russia Ukraine war from geography angle

M3

From prev discussion - seems like you want to join civil services because of red label.

So you think prestige is also important.

Reliance industries of jamnagar famous for

What is its usp

Why gov going for privatisation.

M4

Football- recently 2 teams qualified for ucl final, who were they

Whom they defeated

Jamnagar was in news why

There was a king from that place for which ranji trophy is named.. you know him

One particular garment from jamnagar

2 famous canals

One of them was in news, why?

Which one is due for desilting

Any new canal.

9th May

VJ

9th may

TCA Anant Sir

Daf: Srcc, parliament internship, actuarial science, ntse, house captain; hobby journal writing

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1. No masters?
2. How many papers of actuarial science?
3. what do they do?
4. Who regulates them in India?
5. Journal vs diary writing
6. What did you write about recently?
7. What did you write about during covid?
8. how covid affected society? Diff segments
9. What did you do in parliament?
10. What special things you saw in parliament library?
11. How is the original constitution diff?

M1 (lady)

1. What is ntse? Is it same as junior science fellowship?
2. Impact of corona on digital economy?
3. India as a trading nation? Data on service sector?
4. What has been done for electronics sector?

M2

1. Why SRCC is a brand? What can other colleges learn?
2. Should we go away from exam based system?
3. Less number of seats is also in UPSC, should we do away with it?
4. What would you suggest yo Upsc to change?
5. challenges you faced as house captain and what qualities do you think you still carry?

M3

1. WHO data vs India's claim
2. Crypto - inevitable or risky?
3. CBDC
4. Has fintech really made a change in life of common people?

M4

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2. Driverless cars. How will the insurance be paid?
3. Campus placements are there. Don't you think entrepreneurship should be improved?
4. Money vs wealth

Utility of mocks: you can learn mannerism; and some questions could be asked

Overall experience: no grilling, they were more interested in listening

Name- Gumnaam!

Date: 9 May Forenoon

Board- TCA Anant Sir

Work experience: BPCL

Optional: Mathematics

Sports: Hockey

Hobbies and interests: Hindi Thriller movies and Toastmasters International

Chairman:

1. What was your job role in BPCL?
2. Tell me about Ethanol Blending program, its current status. What do you think, does it need any reforms?
3. How to increase Ethanol production and What are the issues in it?
4. Tell me about Toastmasters International, Competent Communicator, Competent Leadership
5. What are the attitudes of a good public speaker?

M1:

1. You have chosen Mathematics as your optional after Engineering. Didn't you feel it tough to study Mathematics after engineering? Why Mathematics after engineering?
2. Any topic in Toastmasters International with which you kept the audience interested in your speech? Tell me about it.
3. What was Indian hockey team's performance in recent Olympics?
4. Why India is lagging in medals in Olympics and what can be done to improve the medal tally?

M3:

1. Which Mathematician has impressed you? What was his/her contribution to Mathematics? What have you learnt from him/her?
2. You said you have natural interest and aptitude in Mathematics. Are you inborn Mathematician or a trained Mathematician?
3. Environment is an obstacle to Development. What is your view?

M4:

1. BPCL's privatisation is in progress. Apart from Government's view on privatisation, what is your view: Should or shouldn't Profit making PSUs be privatized, or should their management be changed?
2. (follow up from above) you are suggesting that PSUs be allowed to invest in foreign assets, but there is a demand to first invest in domestic assets/social infrastructure first rather than foreign assets, which one

demand to first invest in domestic assets/social infrastructure instead of foreign assets, which one would you prefer? How will you ensure the parity between investment in foreign assets and that in domestic assets? Don't you think government is already allowing PSUs to invest in foreign assets?

M5:

1. What is the genesis of Coal Crisis? How is there poor management of coal supply? What should be done to avert such a crisis in future?
2. Can there be a DBT in power sector? If yes, why is not being implemented currently? Can it avert the current crisis in power sector?
3. In which other sectors, can DBT be implemented?
4. Tell me 2 benefits of IPL.
5. Which other sports has benefited from tournament similar to IPL?

Chairman: Thank you. Your interview is over.

I could recall these many questions.

My experience in interview: Overall cordial board. More than 80% questions from DAF.

Name - A

Board- TCA Anant sir

Date - 09/05/2022 forenoon

Optional - PSIR

College - Jaipur -B.Sc ; masters in pol science from DU (Ramjas College)

Hobbies- cycling, exploring new places and writing on contemporary International issues

Profession - no

Experience - cordial no cross questioning, smiling but middle of questions expression less

Utility of mocks - boosting confidence and articulation power. DRISHTI - poor level of questions ; unacademy was good, Byjus was worst especially "PP" affected confidence severely he scolded my soul out of my body, Sri ram ias food advices, vajiram great....Frank rausen Pereira was supportive....good advices....one to one with Ravindran sir was most beneficial

Home state - rajasthan

Chairman - read out my daf, asked what you have written on international relations,

Told about my article on bharata first news letter - some questions on that, kautilya came up in international relations

Exploring new places - where do you like to explore mountains costs et

In delhi - separate road lane is being constructed, for urban mass transportation, what is its utility and why not popular in public

M1

1. What is your favourite subject in B.Sc

2. What are your views on Pakistan and Sri Lanka crisis- what India needs to do.

Not able to recall questions

M2

1. You went to Kerala- what is unique thing which make Kerala tourism unique and successful?

2. National park in Kerala?

3. What needs to be done to promote international tourism in India

M3 -

1. questions on Pakistan- do India need to engage with army

2. Challenges Rajasthan faces being border state

Not able to recall more

3. Elements of Kautilya's Arthashastra in present foreign policy

M4

1. India not favourable to cycling why?

2. What needs to be done?

3. Some property related question, answered it but not satisfied

Not able to recall other questions

Overall it went nice...answered all questions, but not able to evaluate how it went... because of silent faces.

Seems too fast.....too quick to call it as an experience....mainly daf based...no current issues

10th May

date and session of interview- 10th May forenoon, 6th to go (8 candidate in first shift)

board- TCA Anant

optional- Civil engineering

college- IIT Bombay

profession (if any)- Ola Cabs

hobbies- Nature photography, Cooking

your experience in interview- Opinion based, more like a conversation, Many counter questions, almost no question from Civil engineering, 28-30 mins

Chairman: TCA Anant

- How cooking is your hobby?

- explain nature photography?

- Which camera and lens do you have ?

- Which lens is preferred for bird photography?

M1 (Lambi mucho wale sir, bit aggressive)

- Don't you think you have denied budding civil engineer a chance?

- but you don't have practical experience?
- Don't you think US hegemonic liberal order is root cause behind the chaos and disorder we see in the world today?
- What lesson should India learn from the ukraine crisis? How should India engage with the USA?

M2 (Female member, Low voice)

- Women safety issues in rajasthan?
- How will you ensure safety of women tourist?
- How to Elevate the status of women in rajasthan?
- Name any two bird century in India?

M3 (Poker face)

- Suppose your friend comes to you for advice on crypto? Is it legal in India ?
- What are the reason for share market crash ? Reason ? Implications on India?
- Monologue on tension with china, huge trade and FDI restrictions and put three questions altogether? 1. Should we stop trading with china ? 2. Should we ban Chinese investment? 3. How shall we deal with china when there is tension on the border?
- Then why did we ban Chinese app?
- Can we trust china? Then how should we engage? How to resolve border issue ?

M4 (Very cordial, cheerful)

- Water has been listed on the future market ? What are its implications?
- What two things you do for water security?
- What should india and you as a civil servant must do for water security?
- Barmer ? What is the relation of vedanta to the barmer ? Changes brought by vedanta in Barmer ?
- Some time back there was flood in barmer, what are the causes? How is it different from flood in other parts of the country (flood came in 2006, barmer has desert topography)
- Problem of crude found in the barmer? What is the solution ?
- What are famous vegetable dish in barmer region? What is so special about ker and sangri?
- What is the problem in the infrastructure sector? Why are we lagging behind?
- Suppose we have all timely clerance, money and no protest, why we are still lagging behind? (He wanted me to say better project management)

Had many followup questions by all members

Board : Anant sir

Name: shailley raj

Native meerut, up

Work ex IBM Bangalore 6 years

Hobby creative recycling

CP: about work experience

M1 :

- how do you segregate waste at home
- asked black life matters movement. Also if any matter like this in India too?

M2: asked about products made through recycling. How many children I have trained so far

- why you left job?
- water purification techniques and how you use grey water at home?
- who is your role model and what values you learnt

M3: govt job doesn't pay more than pvt. Why you want to join?

- why you didn't took arts when you had distinction in social sciences in 10th standard.
- How will you use technical knowledge in administration being engineer

M4: Can you tell 2 new defense establishments in meerut

- river disputes in the neighborhood
 - how much percent of Bangladesh get submerged in floods
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Name: Stack

Date & Session of Interview: 10.05.22, afternoon 1st to go

Board: TCA Anant

Optional: EE

College: IIT Madras

Hobbies: Aviation, Nature Photography, Student satellite project

Exit @2.45pm

Chairman:

1. You have been to Taiwan - tell me something about the difference in the respective universities (IITM and Taiwanese univ)
2. Are you aware of the new NEP (Education)? What are the language issue in NEP, 2019?
3. With Mandarin, how did they manage development?

M1:

1. Model of Taiwan - semiconductors
2. Raw materials of semiconductor - can they be purchased with money?
3. Pinch of chip shortages - 3 part question - what is India doing, is India in the right direction, etc.
4. 5 elements of nature - said fire, water, sky, soil, +1 more
5. Components of AYUSH?
6. If you get sick, what medicine do you use?

M2 (Lady member):

1. Cultural festival -> TN and MH culture
2. Chennai and Mumbai - what can they learn from each other?
3. Nature photography - describe your hobby?

Some more questions, can't remember

M3:

1. Space policy?
2. Why private sector is important?
3. What all things the government is planning to give to the private sector?
4. Launch still not in hand of private sector, different from SpaceX?
5. What were the policies of Taiwan that made it what it is today?
6. Ukraine-Russia war context: What is your take on China invading Taiwan?
7. Ukraine-Russia war - what is the new internet technology being used?
8. How does a space based internet tech work?

M4:

1. Goal of your student satellite?
2. Launched?
3. Independent or worked with ISRO?
4. Monetization model of YouTube?
5. Why more outreach is important for YouTube?
6. What do you do in aviation?
7. 737 max issue + economics behind it (smiling face)
8. A380 use going down, 350XLR is increasing. Why?
9. What is wet leasing of aircraft?

Experience in Interview - cordial board; 100% DAF-related interview; After I answered, no member gave me time to add more points and moved on to next question.

Utility of mocks - building confidence and reducing stress when in a interview environment; beware of the stress/grilling interviews - UPSC interview is very cordial and they do not go into extreme detail of a topic.

11th May

Date-11/05/2022

Board-TCA Anant Sir

Optional-Sociology

College-MNNIT Allahabad

Profession-L&T hydrocarbon (2years), IRS(IT) -2020.

Hobbies-Cricket, table tennis and short story reading.

Home State-Jharkhand.

Chairman:

Read out important points from DAF.

Asked about joining date of IRS(IT) and whether I was on leave?

1. Where did you work? What does L&T hydrocarbon do?

- 2.What were your responsibilities there?
- 3.What were your learnings from working there? How do you wish to use it in governance?
4. How did you reach a consensus in case of disagreements among various stakeholders in your project?
- 5.If no consensus was reached, what did you do then?

Member 1:

1. In reference to police excesses such as custodial death etc, What are the reasons for that?
Few follow up questions on that.
2. Many reports by foreign agencies such as press freedom index, democracy index etc that show India in bad light nowadays. What are your views?
- 3.How will you handle this? What justifications will you give?
- 4.What is the present approach by the govt of India in this regard?

Member 2:

1. Welding inspection- various methods of welding. (L&T Job related)
- 2.What is non destructive testing? (L&T related)
- 3.How could you test all portions of the welding in such huge structures?
4. Why is India lagging in adventure sports?
5. What is FastTag? How does it work?
- 6.Are FastTags possible in cities? Are there any examples?
- 7.What are e-way bills?
- 8.Speed limit on highways?
- 9.Which authors did you read for short stories in hindi and English?
- 10.A British parliamentarian and a prolific writer, Can you identify?

Member 3:

1. HDI indicators of jharkhand?
- 2.How to improve them?
- 3.Difference between Ranchi, Allahabad and Mumbai? (Allahabad-College, Ranchi-Jharkhand capital, Mumbai-Job)
4. Reasons for less development of Ranchi and Allahabad?
- 5.Is urbanization good?
- 6.What is to be learnt from the tribals of Jharkhand?
- 7.Are there any state endeavors to create a repository of tribal knowledge or learnings from tribals?

Member 5:

1. What makes you happy?
2. Difference between innovation and invention?
- 3.What are emerging technologies and disruptive technologies? Which is the larger term, which is the subset?
- 4.What are areas of cooperation in the East of India? What are the various countries where such interests can be leveraged to bring cooperation?

Chairman Sir: Thank you.

Experience-Overall cordial board members.

Utility of mocks-Can be misleading sometimes, in the areas of current affairs. Useful for basics and DAF related material.

Board: TCA Anant Sir

Date: 11th May 2022, Second half – 1st to enter

Keywords : Vaccination, Sawaari(Own initiative), Steel (because of PSU being located in the city), Hockey, Brass band (I have written these here as questions were asked on these topics)

BE: IEM

Public Administration

Chairman:

1. what were you doing since Graduation?
2. what is the vaccination model?
3. what are the changes since the time you worked?
4. what is saawari?
5. Arent Uber /Ola doing the same?

Member 1 :

1. 4 practical learning from the ground in public health management?
2. Trips Waiver – what is the issue and status?
3. how will it impact india?
4. Steel sector – what are the new technologies being used?
5. Steel companies -- which company is doing well?
6. Impact on Steel sector due to Russian – Ukraine crisis?

Member2. :

1. Oxygen crisis – what were the issues?
2. Oxygen concentrator – issues and cross questions
3. 3d printing (not in DAF) – how will india be impacted?
4. Sectors where 3 d printing is being used?
5. Which state are you comfortable?
6. Why Budget of ISRO and DRDO in odisha has been increased?
7. Why wheeler Island is chosen as a site for missile launch?
8. Different types of missiles?

Member 3:

1. States surrounding odisha and what are the disputes with different states?
2. Famous Lake in odisha? Why is it famous?
3. Steps taken by state to protect the lke and ow far has it been effective?
4. Steps hv Odisha Government to promote Hockey?

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5. As A DM which sport you would promote?

6. Has Odisha done anything to promote athletics in the state?

Member 4:

1. You are a brass band player – is it right to say that you blow your own trumpet (smiling)?

2. Which instrument did you play?

3. Different types of Brass band?

4. What is Gharana system?

5. what is the passage of knowledge from 2 generation to another called?

6. what is CPEC?

7. Its Strategic Sigificance?

8. Should India join CPEC?

Chairman sir: Thank you

12th May

Date – 12 May 2022, Forenoon

Board – Dr. T.C.A. Anant Sir

Optional – Medical Science

College – Government Medical College, Kota

Profession – I worked as Senior Lecturer first and then as Junior Resident Doctor

Hobbies and extra curriculars – Badminton, Trekking, Wilderness camping, Gardening, Photography, Editor of college journal, Secretary at Avekshaa (NGO)

My experience in interview – Very cordial board, interview was totally off beat, unlike mocks! I came out of the room satisfied with my performance.

Utility of mocks – Guide to dressing etiquette, how to avoid falling into trap of controversies. Just one bit of my personal advice, please do not let anyone bring your morale down! I gave 6 mocks, 4 went fantastic, 1 was not so good and one went horrible, the chairperson of that board ended up calling me arrogant and my confidence and morale went lower then the stock market. But then I talked to a very senior IAS officer 2 days back and he said “Beta tum waha Naukri maangane nai ja rahe ho k sir mai berojgar hu mujhe naukri pe rakhlo, unko tumhari zarurat h ye desh chalaane k liye, iss confidence k sath jao tumhara interview bahut acha jayega.” And I got the much needed booster dose against the disease that infests aspirants right at this crucial moment.

Chairman – (he was eating a samosa at this moment)

1. So __, you graduated in 2018 (I corrected him and said I graduated in 2019 because 1 year is compulsory internship), he said no further in this matter.

2. So why is it that young bright minds like you are leaving the medical profession and coming for civil services? Recently Honourable Health Minister presented data to parliament that there is shortage of doctors? (He was factually wrong at this as the HM had said that there is one doctor for 822 population

doctors? (He was factually wrong at this as the HM had said that there is one doctor for 832 population, more than WHO norm of 1:1000 but I didn't want to correct him at this moment because in that mock which went horrible was because of this fact itself and they took offence)

3. Ok. So you like wilderness camping? Tell me about it. (I shared my experience from my last camp)

4. When was this? Where did you camp before this? (It was Dras)

5. Which group did you camp with? (I said that sir I didn't go with any group, we were three friends)

6. So what camping gear do you use and how will you guide me if I wanted to go for a wilderness camp?

Member 1

7. So you're a doctor. Are you aware of EUA, Emergency Use Authorisation and the normal process? (I didn't know about the normal process and I said sorry)

8. What are the ethical concerns in clinical trials and why is India the soft target for these trials?

9. What is the difference between NCEs and generics?

10. Can biologics be patented? (I said yes but he double questioned, are you sure? I hope I'm right that biologics can also be patented)

Member 2 –

11. So during pandemic you must have seen the reverse migration. What do you think is this issue? Why weren't we able to provide for migrants? (I fumbled here a bit and concluded by saying that administration should have taken a greater proactive approach)

12. Has the government done anything for migrants? (At this time the caffeine from Honourable Chairperson hit him and he got up using the toilet and I also stood up and ended up losing my concentration to the answer, sat back down and answered about all the initiatives)

13. There is lot of malnutrition in India. What are the precise statistics? What has the government done and what should be done according to you?

Member 3 (Lady) –

14. We have already talked about your interests. Now I want to talk about my interests. Can you name the mangroves of India? (I was only able to recall 3)

15. Name some bird sanctuaries of India, especially from Rajasthan. (my home state is Rajasthan, again I named only 3)

16. What is Project Tiger? (I don't think I gave a satisfactory answer to this as I was not able to recall the exact figures but I did talk about its success)

17. So if you're posted as DM of one of the district with rich wildlife areas, what will be your focus? (I talked about my personal experiences from trekking and she seemed to be very convinced)

18. So _, what do you think about the elderlies? Are we doing enough for them? (By this time she didn't know the focus area of my NGO was elderly care and was amused to know the same and I shared my personal experiences and concluded by saying that we should not look upon a 65 yr old as a dependant and use the knowledge, experience and wisdom of these people in nation building, for instance, providing vocational education to children as has been envisaged in NEP 2020)

Member 4 – (this gentleman wanted me to be Alexander the great and to conquer all the neighbouring countries for India)

19. What is your take on Russia – Ukraine war? Who is to blame? (I blamed Russia as well as NATO, NATO for expanding eastwards and wanting to bring under their umbrella, Ukraine and Georgia)
20. So by this virtue, India should invade Nepal because it is favouring China? (I said we need to diplomatically engage and resolve issues)
21. But if China invades Nepal, should we not invade Nepal? (I said if that is the case that Nepal has already been invaded then Nepal’s political leader would want to align with India and we should jointly do the needful)
22. Tell about Siliguri corridor?
23. Isn’t it a strategic challenge for India?
24. To secure connectivity between mainland India and NER, should we not invade Bhutan and Nepal and adjacent areas of Bangladesh to remove the issue altogether? (I said rather than coercive action and bringing them in India’s sovereign jurisdiction, we should bring them under our economic sphere, develop inland waterways, cross border road connectivity and capitalise on Kaladan project)
25. So you don’t want to invade them. Do you believe our intelligence agencies even have any sway over these countries? (I said we should continue intelligence gathering but respect west phalian values as well)
26. Was Sikkim part of India in 1947?
27. So when did India invade Sikkim? (I humbly corrected him and said Sikkim came to India out of free will and not coercion)
28. There is something called job satisfaction. Do you think a you being a doctor will have any satisfaction by working in ministries like communication? (I agreed and said that sir share this apprehension and I have given detailed thought to it and came to a conclusion that I will always work probono, I have great regard and interest in medical profession and will always continue that and we also see that many DMs and SPs who are doctors are establishing their OPDs when residents go on strike)
29. Ok, thank you.
- Chairperson – Ok, thank you.
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Name- Mr. XAXA

Date and session of interview- 12th May, Forenoon session, 6th(last) to go.

Duration: 30-35 minutes.

Board- TC Ananth's

Optional- Anthropology

College- MU, B.tech in Mechanical engineering.

Hobbies- Badminton, Hindi-Urdu Poetry and Reflective Journaling.

Your experience in interview- Very cordial panel and overall a pleasant experience with a dominant positive outlook while leaving the chamber.

Utility of mocks (if any)-

I gave 12 mocks all in Offline mode to get highly comfortable with the process, the formal discussion setups with senior bureaucrats and to explore all the possible areas of my Detailed Application Form.

Personal Opinion: Vajirao and Reddy, Chahal Academy, Eden Ias, Chankya Mandal and KSG Mocks were on point.

Chairman Sir: After reading out loud key areas from Daf:

1. How was your journey after competing Engineering?

2. What is reflective journaling? How does it help you?
3. How is it different from diary writing?
4. Precisely, tell me what is going on between Russia and Ukraine?
5. What is your Opinion and stand about the ongoing war?
6. Is war the only option to resolve the disputes?
7. What we did in the Bangladesh liberation war. Was that justified?

Member 1:

1. You have mentioned about Poetry.

Who is your favourite Urdu poet?

Tell me few words that came from Persian language in Hindi Poetry.

2. Long discussion and multiple counter questions on Electric Vehicle:

Why we need EV? Systemic issues? Why not focus on IC Engines with long term goals? Battery technology and import issues? Why USA earlier supported conventional Automobile sector and not focusing on removing GHG emission from EV? Net Zero related discussion.

3. Should Inflation be kept at Zero%? What will be the implications of that?

Member 2:

1. What are the reasons for India China border conflicts?
2. Specific colonial era legislation?
3. Will India be able to deal with China looking at the Galwan clashes last year? How can Quad help India?
4. How is Reflective Journaling different from Blogging ? What did you write?

Member 3 (Mam) :

1. How will your role as captain of Solar Car team and VP of NGO be helpful in the administration?
2. How is MP doing in the tourism sector?
3. What will you do to promote tourism as a District collector?
4. How Indore manages to remain on the top of Cleanliness in India?
5. What are the next step there after waste collection.

Member 4:

1. Badminton strings are made of what? How are they made?
2. Can we make strings through 3D printing?
3. Why is Bachelor word is there in graduation Degrees?
4. What are the differences between B.E and B. tech?
5. How will you differentiate between cost and price of this bottle?
6. How the prices fluctuates ? Demand-supply etc.

Chairman sir: Thanks. Your Interview is over.

Overall: It was a really nice experience from being in that waiting Hall for 4 hours to leaving the interview chamber with a smile.

Also, plz don't take everything on face value from the transcripts as it has some context and a background story to it and Non verbal aspects also can't be properly highlighted here. Maintaining your composure in the waiting hall is very very crucial.

13th May

Date : 13/05/2022 (ForenoonSession)

Board : TCA Anant Sir

State : Chhattisgarh

Optional : Sociology

Graduation : Civil Engineering

Service - IPS

Hobby : coin collection

Chairperson

1. Have you joined the service?
2. When will you join then?
3. Tell me about your district Kawardha
4. Before establishment in 1998, which district was it part of?
5. What are the factors which decides formation of new districts?
6. If administrative efficiency is improved by forming new districts, we should have lakhs of districts. Why not then?

Member 1

1. You talked about administrative efficiency. What do you mean by that?
2. There is concept called paperless offices. Is it related to administrative efficiency?
3. Does digitisation always ensure administrative efficiency?
4. How does it help in ensuring accountability?
5. We always talk about internet. How has it helped in improving the human development indicators of the country?
6. You are civil engineer, sand is essential for all construction activities. But there is issue of sand mining. What is it and what are the alternatives?
7. By curtailing the sand mining, we are affecting the construction industry altogether.
8. What are alternatives?
9. Can waste be recycled in construction sector?
10. It is seen only National highway uses recycled products. Why other entities do not undertake such practices.
11. can recycled products be completely used for road construction. Why not?

Member 2

1. In the past 3 years the terror activities from Pakistan has increased, decreases or remained unchanged.
2. Pakistan has used drones for attacks in India. Are you aware about it?

3. What can be done to tackle these drone attacks?
4. How would these anti-drone technologies be?
5. Should India use drone for military operations in Pakistan?
6. Recently SC passed judgement on sedition law. What do you derive from it, is the law scrapped completely?
7. How many prisoners under sedition section?

Member 3

1. Chhattisgarh borders with several states. What are the aspirations of people of the state and which state should be emulated for growth agenda of chhattisgarh?
2. You mentioned MFP. Name some MFP.
3. What has the government done for promoting MFP?
4. Have you ever tried any of these MFP products?
5. After becoming separate state what has been done for tribal development.

Member 4

1. India had adopted Westminster model of governance during independence. How has it helped India?
 2. We have so many services that are redundant today, for example IPoS. What is your take on it, should we do away with IPoS?
 3. Do you watch movies?
 4. There is varied description of police in cinema. People derive their perception of police from it. On the one hand there is Shakti Kapoor and on the other there is Singham Returns. Where do you put yourself?
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Name- NVP

Date and session of interview- 13th May, 2022, Afternoon Session

Board- TCA Anant

Optional- PSIR

College- VJTI, Mumbai

Profession (if any)- Manager at Reserve Bank of India (Nagpur)

Hobbies- Google Local Guide, Test Cricket (No questions asked)

Utility of mocks (if any)- For confidence and mannerism. Few questions repeated.

After waiting for more than 5 hours, finally I got a chance to enter the interview room at 5:50 pm

I greeted "Good Evening" to everyone and Chairman Sir asked me to have a sit.

He asked me to remove the mask if I was comfortable.

Chairman:

1. What have you been doing since 2017 i.e. Graduation Year (told that I have joined RBI as a Grade B Officer in Dec, 2021)

Where ? (Nagpur)

2. What is your role ? (Supervision of UCBs)

3. Last 4-5 years UCBs in news. What are the issues ? What will be the solutions? (Mentioned in last point that Farming sector stressed hence NPAs)

4. Are farmers the main customers for UCBs? There are Rural Cooperatives.
5. What are the assets of UCBs? (By mistake said retail deposits instead of retail loans. He corrected me. Said Thank you sir for correcting me.)

Member 1:

6. Who is Minister of Cooperatives ?
 7. Are you still having hold on Electrical Engineering? (Said I will try Sir)
 8. Are our Highways ready for EVs?
 9. What factors should I consider while buying an EV?
 10. Tubelight and LED which is a better load. (Couldn't tell)
 11. Heard of Capacitive and Inductive Power, Power Factor ? (Said I have studied about it but told that I dont remember since it has been five years now)
- No member asked me on Electrical after this.
12. What can be done so that we dont miss any banking transaction be it physical, digital or of any sort ?

Member 2:

13. What was VJTI's earlier name ? What is the story? Why they changed?
14. Is it the oldest Engineering college in India?
15. Your DAF mentions about Dr. Homi Bhabha. When did he die? (Told he died in a plane crash but dont know the year)
16. What is his Contribution ?
17. 1974 Explosion ? Why it is called a Peaceful Nuclear Explosion ?
15. Did RBI delay the rate hike ? What is your view ?
16. What are the reasons for Global inflation ?
17. What is the effect of Russia-Ukrain war on Banking? (Told SWIFT ban etc.)
18. Should we continue to rely on SWIFT ?
19. Do you know the recent agreement with Oman, 3 days ago? (Said No, he told me it was about Oman accepting RUPAY)
20. What steps should be taken to make RUPAY a global player like VISA, Mastercard?

Member 3:

21. You are from Maharashtra. When was Dr. Ambedkar born and when did he die?
22. What was his contribution?
23. How did Mumbai handle COVID? (Told positive things)
24. Do you people did not panick at all ?
25. What was Migrant Crisis during Lockdown?
26. What should have been done to avoid it?
27. Why regular Floods in Mumbai?
28. What is the solution? (She was clearly unsatisfied with the response)

Member 4

29. What is the difference between Emerging and Disruptive Technologies?
30. Does it emerge first or disrupt first?(Messed up completely but he was laughing since he was successful)

in confusing me)

31. Difference between invention and innovation?

32. What gives you adrenaline rush, what excites you? (Everyone laughed at the response)

Chairman Sir said Thank you !!

Overall Experience:

Nice Cordial Board, Except one lady member everyone was nodding or smiling.

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6th April

Optional- Economics

Chairman

Was extremely extremely cordial. The moment I sat down, he asked me if I had any covid symptoms. As I answered no, he asked me to remove my mask and gloves if I wanted to.

Then he made me very comfortable by saying that he would want me to leave the room smiling and tell my friends and family how much I enjoyed the process. He also told me this wasn't a police cross examination so I don't need to be afraid. And if there is anything I don't know, I should honestly tell the board about it.

1. In 1 minute tell us about yourself
2. Situation based question- bribery related
3. Another situation based- Me too movement/ platform
4. Couple of counter questions on the above

2nd member (was an IFS officer, had seen him on RSTV)

1. Tell your service preferences
2. What made you choose IFS as the second option since many keep it on the 5th position?
3. Something about tilt-(western or russian) replied with national interests to be kept as priority (this part of the interview was very conversational, so I don't remember it verbatim)
3. Vaccine maitri- success or not
4. Vietnam case study - shifting to sinofarm from covishield
5. QUAD vaccine policy (as I used the term geopolitical implications in my last answer)
6. Again about, geopolitics or health as an idea behind the above?
7. Suddenly shifted the topic and asked me, how will I describe myself?
8. "Lurid Orientalism of the West" was seen when they showed the mass burning of funeral pyres during the second wave.
9. I told the board that I don't know what lurid meant, so the member explained what he meant by the statement and what he referred to it.
10. After I put forth my point, he pointed out the fact that such portrayal disrespected the dead. (Which I politely agreed to and said sorry for not recognizing it earlier)

(Here since I mentioned I have certain flaws too, the Chairman chipped in and asked me to list 2 of those)

3rd member

1. Do you know about the Vikram samwat?
2. Which year is it right now?
3. Which is the first month of it?
4. Opinion on all women police stations

5. Wouldn't sensitization be better?
6. Do you think women officers are capable of dealing with all the risks?
7. Do you know what confirmation bias is?

4th member

1. Work from home related
2. The productivity of work has been reportedly remained the same, would you still not prefer work from home?
3. Regulations required?
4. Are they practical?

5th member

1. Reasons why farmers were agitating
2. Was it political, social or economic?
3. Was the government correct to withdraw these laws?
4. You are a DM in a district where the CM has asked you to bring down farmer suicides. What will you do?

Chairman Sir

We are done with asking all what we wanted to. We would love to hear you talk about anything, if you want.

I talked about my inspiration -my mother.

Then the Chairperson and the board seemed a little moved, and said a few good things and the interview was done.

It was an extremely pleasant experience.

Name: Dwij Goel

Date: 6 April Forenoon

Optional - Anthropology

College- NIT Bhopal

Hobbies- Versification, Quora reading

Chairman -1) about yourself background, job , qualification.

2) what are the leadership styles

3) what's the meaning of your name

4) do you think you have become dwij i.e. have you reached that stage

5) situation based - government has to sell natural resources - what should be the methodology. Follow up question on that

6) what was your job profile?(work ex). What did you worked on?

Member 1 - 1) tell me about MSP, what are the challenges in msp. What are the solutions.

Member-2 -1) Nanotechnology, it's use in drone.

2) Integrated missile guiding programme - started in, at what stage it is currently,

- Member 3 - 1) about solar vehicle, what are the challenges in industrial transition to electrical vehicle.
2) how company will come in profit
3) what are the changes you see in rto office, is there corruption prevailing in rto office.

- Member -4 - 1) how are India China relations?
2) galwan issue, how many rounds of talk, if you are made foreign minister how will you tackle China
3) AUKUS, is there any country which is not in favour of AUKUS
4) About quora reading (hobby)
5) About Versification (hobby)

Cordial board, no cross questioning. 2 members were speaking very slow so had difficulty in decoding questions. Very different from mocks, they wanted just to have conversation.

Optional: PSIR

Date: 06/04/2022

5th attempt, 2nd interview

Mock's utility: Helped forming interview etiquettes.

Chairman: Asked about sharing education and work background.

Further asked about nature of my work.

M1: (All random questions, neither of them were related to my DAF)

- 1) People are visiting mountains for recreation and tourism. They create so much waste and put pressure on local ecology. How should we change such irresponsible behaviour?
- 2) Students till class 5th should be taught only 5 languages and nothing else: Hindi, English, Local language, Maths and Computer programming. What do you say?
- 3) Which is the most pressing problem of our nation today?

M2: (Again all random questions)

- 1) Tell me why India is trying to become defense exporter when we ourselves are top importer of defense products?
- 2) Have you heard about GeM? Has it truly helped MSMEs in our country?

M3: (All random questions)

- 1) What do you know about land reforms?
- 2) Is Green revolution a success?
- 3) Tell me features of recent land acquisition programs of government?

M4: (Mostly from DAF)

- 1) Impact of Political and constitutional crisis in Pakistan on India?
- 2) Asked about my service preferences? Then asked me about three qualities of an IFS officer.

3) Asked about mindfulness meditation, What is different in this kind of meditation? Has it helped you in real life?

4) If you won 1 crore rs right now, what would you do?

Chairman: Do you want to talk about anything?

Experience: Extremely cordial board. They gave me ample amount of time to frame my answers. They were smiling and nodding throughout the interview.

All the best to everyone.

Date 6 April; Afternoon

PSIR optional

Aerospace engineer

Hobby Football, mental health counselling

Chairman- why India is doing good in aerospace, why not airplane.

Should your course be discontinued if no jobs.

Defence corridor location and purpose.

Few q related to Aerospace.

M1

Why psir not other subject as Optional.

How food is related to culture, sdmc meat ban issue.

How to stop war in russia and Ukraine.

5imp global events of 2022.

M2

Agroforestry.

Zero budget natural farming.

Organic farming.

M3

How drone can be misused.

Why India is lagging in drone.

Has ISL been successful to uplift of Indian football..i said no..then follow up q was reasons.

M4

Social legislation fails generally like child marriage,dowry.. reasons behind it behind it.

3social legislation of post independent india.

Your district imp features .why it is famous.

Naxal related issue in your district.

Depression related issue.

Very cordial board.. allowed me to remove mask, gloves .

Date and session of interview- 6th April afternoon

Optional- electrical

College- IIT

Profession (if any)- internship in korea

Hobbies- HAM radio, mentoring, art journaling

Your experience in interview- extremely cordial board, gives you chance to speak (chairman especially asked a member to let me complete my sentence)

Utility of mocks (if any)- vajirao was closest to real interview. Next ias topics coincided but methodology did NOT. KSG was also good.

Chairperson asked to remove mask and gloves if no covid symptoms. Mentioned that it's not a police cross examination. Asked if you don't know something what will you do (I said I'll admit it - responded with "Honesty is the best policy")

Chairperson

1. Honesty is the best policy? Your views on this?
2. Educational background and work ex
3. How did you achieve good grades in college?
4. Using mobiles for voting? Possible challenges?
5. How to resolve said challenges?
6. Electoral bonds - what is the issue?
7. What is wrong with someone wanting to donate to political party and not make it public knowledge?
8. How is black money in electoral bond if no cash involved (i had mentioned black money so this question)

M2

1. Elections happened in 5 states, new mechanism was used for handicapped voters, what was it?
2. Why still lagging in solar if India is tropical country
3. How to store renewable
4. Current issues in solar and wind
5. Future of solar and wind (something on these lines)

M3

1. What did you do as coordinator of robotics club?
2. Follow up question on my projects
3. Nano tech relevance today
4. Any plant manufacturing nano products? (Didn't know)

M4

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1. What is biodiversity
2. Related acts
3. Species biodiversity in india
4. What is Biodiversity 2002 act?
5. Biodiversity hotspots in india?
6. Kasturirangan report?
7. Which plant was shut down post kasturirangan report? (I didn't know)

M5

1. Pakistan current issue? Did you read today's newspaper?
2. Impact of pakistan on usa, Russia, China and India
3. CPEC - what is India's stand
4. You went to korea, what did you observe there that you would like to emulate?

Chairman

Anything you'd like to add? I spoke about my hobby (HAM radio)

Date - 06/04/2022

Optional - commerce

State - delhi

Hobbies - theatre and caricaturing

Chairperson asked to remove gloves and face mask in case no covid symptoms shown. Then comforted by saying that they want us to exit the room smiling and learn from the process.

Chairperson

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min - cross questioned by asking what is your native and then spoke to me in Tamizh for 1 min.
2. Why do you want to do IAS since you have served in good institutions (I have 4 years of work ex)
3. Speak to us about police reforms or judicial reforms or administrative reforms
4. What are the directives of supreme court for police (I spoke about police reforms and sc directives)
5. Are there any reforms taken before this judgement (I said statewise changes have been taken e.g. police in Mumbai is empowered)

Panelist 1

1. Is the migration happening from rural areas to urban areas? Is it good for country?
2. What can we do to improve industry in rural areas? (I had answered that villages have to be developed)
3. How will you make industry to go to Village where there are so many problems?
4. Can you give some examples of successful industries in rural areas developed by tax breaks?

Panelist 2

1. Do you know about drone tech? Is India using it to full potential?
2. How can we use it to full potential?

2. How can we use it to full potential:

3. What steps to ensure challenges of drone are mitigated?
4. What other country uses drone tech very well?
5. Do we have defence against drone attacks?
6. Are there any startups in drone sector? What use case?
7. Which state used drones in covid?

Panelist 3

1. Election commission of India vs state election commission differences?
2. Who conducts Vidhan Parishad election?
3. Why municipal elections sometimes do not happen 5 yearly?
4. Is Rajya Sabha important? Why?

Panelist 4

1. You do theatre - have you read ulyssses? (Could not answer)
2. Have you read works of Grant? (Could not answer)
3. Habib tanveer? (Yes) what do you admire in him? Which state is he from (could not answer)
4. Indo us relations - comments
5. asked if indo Russian defence relations can be reduced keeping in mind the closeness with Us
6. any defence tech tfr from us to India (did not know)
7. One question on Khushwant Singh wanted to do civil services because he felt the money was good. What is your opinion?

Chairperson - we enjoyed talking with you. Anything else you want to speak about? I said that we have covered my views on topics I would like to present my personality traits. Talked about strengths. Chairperson then asked about my weaknesses.

Overall - interview was very cordial and dynamic. I could have done better in some questions. Mock interviews helped - especially Anugrah and Ksg.

(Started with the usual drill of mask removal and comforting me)

Chairman - Introduce yourself.

2. Should we actively pursue the policy of urbanization?

(A few follow up questions on this theme)

3. A country recently introduced a 4.5 day week. Your views? Would you support a 4 day week?

(Chairman stood up after his questions and was keenly observing. The other members were taking some notes)

Member 1 - Tell me your service preference.

2. What is Quad? Quad vs Auckus? Why China calls it Asian Nato?

3. Suppose you are made the external affairs minister, what would be your reaction to our current neighborhood policy?

neighbourhood policy:

4. Follow up question on gaps to be filled?
5. What did you learn while studying in Jamia?
6. Fav stand up comedian.
7. Worst actor/book.

Member 2 - If we make primary teachers the highest salary takers in India, would you support it?

2. Is it possible in such a large and diverse country like ours?
3. Any country in the world that has done such a thing?
4. If we equate the salary of Secretary of GoI and primary teachers, would you still support it?
5. Suppose you are made the Chairman of a police reform commission, what would be your suggestions for Delhi police?

Member 3 - What is offset clause?

2. Have you heard of offset banking?
3. Organization of defence production in India?

Member 4 - Do you support child marriage?

2. What will you do to stop child marriages in your district?
3. Sex ratio in India - status

Chairman - We have asked whatever we wanted to. Would you like to tell us something?

(I talked about my leadership position and all of them immediately looked for it in the DAF)

Chairman - would you invest in a startup if you had the opportunity?

Almost no questions from DAF. The board was extremely friendly, listened patiently and said a few kind words in the end as well.

Forenoon session, Last one to go.

Time: Approx 35 minutes.

Optional- Sociology

Background- Commerce

Work exp- Audit

Hobbies- Teaching, Travelling

Chairman:

Was extremely cordial and ever smiling. The moment I sat down, he asked me if I had any covid symptoms. As I answered no, he asked me to remove my mask and gloves if I wanted to.

Then he made me very comfortable by saying that they all are friendly people and they want to learn from me while having a conversation. He said if there is anything I don't know, I should honestly tell the board about it and I can ask for the clarification in case the question is not understood.

CHAIRMAN: What did you have in breakfast? How did you come here?

1. Tell us about yourself.

2. Role of Chartered Accounts is in news. A new bill is being passed related to that. Can you tell us the provisions of that bill?

3. Another background based ques- A huge company is being run by a family. Though it is a public limited company but family takes the major decisions. Is that right? Should it continue and some cross questions related to this.

Should we have a law which should ban family members from being part of the decision making?

4. What do you learn from teaching children? 1-2 more questions related to this.

Member 1

1. Unfortunately, Corruption is so rampant in our country. How can technology help in eradicating that? Can you quote some recent technological innovations that have helped people at large?

And some counter questions.

Can't recall more questions from this member.

Member 2

Do you know about super computers?

Can you trace its evolution?

Has India contributed in it or it is just relying on other countries?

What are India's contributions? (This ques has no relevance to my background. It was a random one)

Have you heard of plastic pollution? What are we doing to control it?

What more can be done?

Some related cross questions.

Member 3

So you are interested in Education sector. Let me ask you questions on that.

1. Commercialization of Pvt schools. Heavy donations are demanded. Parents are not able to send their children to such schools despite the children being qualified.

What measures can you take to stop such practice? Cross questions.

What is RTE? Has it helped? How?

There is a stark difference between urban schools and rural schools. How can you solve this.

Can CSR help in this? (based on my reply)

Member 4

Tell me your service preferences. No counter ques on this.

Now Ill ask you about your hobbies.

Teaching and Travelling. They are quite general ones .

So what do you teach? Who do you teach and how it helps you?

How travelling helps you?

Tell me about India's space programme.

Name two missions which are about to be launched in the upcoming months/next year.

Yoga- soft power of India. 21st June and everything he talked about how the world has accepted it as an Intl day.
So is because of diplomacy or soft power?
Do you practice yoga?
I'll ask about your state now. Why is Haryana doing good in sports?
I answered and he apparently was satisfied with that.

Chairman Sir

We are done with asking all what we wanted to. We would love to hear you talk about anything, if you want.
Or if you want to ask us anything, you can.

I talked about women empowerment.

Then Chairman asked me about Glass ceiling. Why is it a glass ceiling and not an iron ceiling or any other..?
I answered that.

interview was done.

It was an extremely pleasant experience. They even asked me to give marks to the board out of 100 based on my experience with them.

Everyone laughed at the end. I said thank you and moved out.

7th April

Date: April 7th, 2022

Forenoon session, Last one to go.

Time: Approx. 25 minutes.

Optional- PSIR

Background- B.tech in computer science

Hobbies- cricket , observing behavioural patterns

Chairman sir - be comfortable , you can remove your mask , and all those talks

Q - introduce yourself

Q - should we abolish rajya sabha and legislative councils

Some counter questions

Q- difference between IPC , CrPC , evidence act

Q- 420 under what, section 144 under what

Member 1 -

Q- what is offset clause

Q - examples on success or failure of offset clause

Q- what is make in india?

Q- examples on success

Q- ease of doing business parameters

M2 - don't remember his questions

M3 -

Q- what is your preference

Q- answer in one line, the qualities needed to excel in these services

Q- what is happening in Pakistan

Q- can there be strategic implications of water as resource

Q- is Indus water treaty not in favour of India

M4-

Situation in Sri Lanka and follow up questions why, how, what can India do, what can be done further

Q- How you see India doing in Asia

Chairman sir - thank you, we are done, you want to talk on anything.

Talked about my hobby and told them i feel grateful for the opportunity and it was done

Date & Session - 7 April 2022 - Afternoon

Optional - History

Graduation - B.Tech in Electrical Engineering

Profession - Worked in an Edtech Company

Hobby - Writing an opinion based Blog: 'Many of Q. asked my opinion on the issue'

Chairman -

He was cordial and smiling. The moment I sat down, he asked me if I had any covid symptoms. As I answered no, he asked me to remove my mask and gloves if I wanted to.

Then he made me very comfortable by saying that they all are friendly people and we also wanted to learn from you while having a conversation. He said if there is anything I don't know, I should honestly tell the board about it and I can ask for clarification in case the question is not understood.

Chairman -

1. Introduce yourself in brief.

2 Asked about my work experience and what I did on the job.

3 How I managed my team which worked in different subjects although (he told me) you must not be master in all the subjects.

4 How India got forex reserves (Sources)

5. What's the current forex reserve. - I said 'Not able to remember and then he told me to make a guess.

6. Who owns this Reserve?

Member - 1

1. What is Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).

Follow up Q. on it - Missile name, current status, why started

2. What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Two Follow up Q. - AI would bring unemployment

Member - 2

1. What is a reserve forest:

Follow up Q. - percentage, Have I ever visited, Can we take roots of a tree (can't recall the name of the tree) from reserve forest.

2. Percentage of forest in India - current & target

Follow up Q. - How to increase it

3. Current Union Budget - Is it balanced or not? & Why?

Follow up Q. - Some Schemes, What provision taken with regard to Covid (not particularly mentioned in the COVID? My opinion on this.

Member - 3

1. Is the Indian performance in the Tokyo Olympics satisfactory or not? My opinion on this.

2. Sell of Air India? My opinion on this?

3. Service priority? But no Q. on that.

4. One more Q. - not able to recall it.

Member - 4

1. What provision was made in the recent election for 80 plus elders to vote?

2. NOTA - what it is, utility of it, situation based Q.

What I will write on my blog regarding 'Russia - Ukraine' war.

Chairman -

We have asked whatever we wanted to. Would you like to tell us something?

Experience in PT - Good & Enjoyed it.

Utility of Mock - Helped in practicing to express me.

8th April

Education: BA Political science

Optional: PSIR

Home state: Jharkhand

Hobbies: Cricket, Movies, Wordle

Chairman:

1. What is e-governance? Where does it have scope for implementation?

2. Does India recognize Myanmar military regime?

3. What is the difference in diplomacy when a country is recognized/not?

4. Should India recognize Taliban government?

5. Is Taliban a legitimate government?

6. Does India recognize Taiwan?

7. Does India recognize Tibet?

Member 1

1. What are the different types of waste?
2. We have seen a rise in which type of waste recently?
3. Why is the culture of recycling declining in India?
4. What provisions have been introduced to reduce plastic waste?
5. What are the provisions of the vehicle scrapping policy?

Member 2

1. Is Cricket a gender-neutral sport?
2. Which sport is gender-neutral?
3. Which country has successfully managed to land a lander on the far side of the moon?
4. 'Ab tera kya hoga kaliya' is a dialogue from which film?
5. Does the young generation still watch old films?

Member 3

1. What is a Chinaman?
2. How do you analyse India's position in the Ukraine war?
3. What is curfew?
4. What is the legal basis for implementing curfew?
5. What is the origin of the word 'curfew'?

Member 4

1. What is the position of India's drone programme?
2. Is India's drone capacity domestically produced or by imports?
3. What are the issues with using drones?
4. What are the counter-measures for drones?
5. What is the government policy towards drones?

I'm forgetting some questions. Overall, a good interview(only marks will tell for sure). Sir will tell you to take your mask off. Good luck 😊

8 April 2022

First makes the candidates comfortable by telling them it is a conversation and no need to be afraid as it is not a court interrogation. Offers removal of mask and gloves if not having covid symptoms.

No question from hobby.

Chairman:

Tell us something about you in 1 minute.

What are the benefits of GST ? (related to mv service)

What are the benefits of CSR? (related to my service)

Do you think GST violates Indian constitution by restricting powers of state to impose taxes?

What is black money?

Ngo proposal to tax bank transactions only for tax collection. Your view?

What is black money?

after asking questions he stood up and was walking around his chair listening to the answers.

M1

What is contributing to global warming?

Solutions?

(Some follow up questions around it related to each sector)

some question related to RCP-Representative concentration pathway (global warming)

M2

What is sustainable development?

How do PSUs ensure sustainable development?

What is CSR?

Limits of CSR?

Who ensures compliance of CSR?

M3

difference between diplomacy and foreign policy?

What is the importance of Australia for India?

Chandrayaan 3? What lessons to be learnt from Chandrayaan 2?

M4

Speak something on gap between India and Bharat (if you think it exists)

Do you think people in India are aware about the problems of people in Bharat?

Chairperson

We are done. We have asked what we wanted to. Do you want to tell us something?

Interview over.

11th April

forenoon session

Optional - Anthropology

state - Maharashtra

hobby - Vipassana, web series and movies

Background- Mechanical engineering

chairman:

Chairman:

told me to remove mask if don't have any symptoms

1. Introduce yourself with ur background

M1- when should one start doing meditation? young age or old age?

M2- Why Nano car didn't take off in India?

some counter que.

Rise of OTT and impact on movies.

M3-1. What is difference between strategy and policy?

2. Atmanirbhar Bharat context and que on what should be done to make India developed country?

M4- what's famous in ur district?

origin of paithani Saree.

M5- why there is rise in inequality in world?

Impact of technology on inequality.

Electric vehicles - challenges in India, how should we roll out EVs in India.

Chair- is there anything u want to discuss.

I talked about Vipassana.

Done!

Date: 11/4/2022 F.N.

Optional: Geography

DAF: Puducherry, B.Tech ECE, Badminton & Squash Nationals, Dairy writing, IRS(IT)

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Chairperson:

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Q2. Can SC amend the constitution

Member 1(F):

Q1. Sports in India and are we lacking in it

Q2. Why cricket is more popular

Q3. Steps taken by govt to promote sports

Q4. How many hours you play everyday

Q5. French president election in Puducherry

Q6. How do people in India vote for it

Member 2(M):

Q1. Tax to GDP ratio

Q2. How to improve tax revenue

Q3. Is it fair to tax the rich (since I mentioned wealth tax)

Q4. Is the revenue enough

Q5. Should we spend our revenue on defence or livelihood development as India is a poor country

Q6. How to improve defence budget

Q7. How to improve R&D culture in India

Member 3(M):

Q1. CJI opinion about few govt not following judgements

Q2. Did u go outside in Nagpur

Q3. Gender neutral policy in college

Q4. How much will the infrastructure cost will be increased if we go for it

Q5. What can be an acceptable procedure according to you for gender identification

Member 4(M):

Q1. NEP

Q2. What is the name of the chip which is in shortfall

Q3. How diary writing started

Q4. Three famous persons who maintained a memoir

Q5. What can we learn from 'My experiments with Truth'

CP:

Q1. Anything you wish to discuss

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- Q2. Did u go outside in Nagpur
- Q3. Gender neutral policy in college
- Q4. How much will the infrastructure cost will be increased if we go for it
- Q5. What can be an acceptable procedure according to you for gender identification

Member 4(M):

- Q1. NEP
- Q2. What is the name of the chip which is in shortfall
- Q3. How diary writing started
- Q4. Three famous persons who maintained a memoir
- Q5. What can we learn from 'My experiments with Truth'

CP:

- Q1. Anything you wish to discuss

Thank you

Background: MBBS, MS

Optional: Medical Science

Work experience: AIIMS; Govt District Hospital

Overall: The board went out of its way to make it pleasant and relaxed. Hardly any interruptions but there were follow ups/cross questions. Largely stuck to the DAF keywords with a bit of polity and current affairs. Mocks helped but didn't reflect the tone and tenor of the actual interview.

Chairman: We are friendly and are here to make you comfortable. Stay calm; you can remove the face mask

if you have no Covid symptoms and even the gloves if you wish to.

1. Tell us in a minute about yourself, educational background and work experience.
2. You said you were working in the district hospital until before prelims – did you quit the job or you took a break?
3. I'm giving you three choices – judicial reforms, police reforms and electoral reforms. Pick any one. Tell about the problems that exist currently and what in your view must be done to address them.
He asked cross questions on the points I said.
4. What are electoral bonds? What is your view about them? Have they helped our electoral process?

M1:

1. What is your view about Big Pharma? Is it clean/corrupt?
2. What can be done to address the problems you cited? If you were the Health Secretary, what would be your priorities
3. A lot of Indian medical students have returned from Ukraine. Do you think they should be rehabilitated? How about completion of their education?

M2:

1. Why choose civil services when you're already a doctor?
2. You have worked for Covid. How do you rate India's performance in managing Covid? Give me both the good things and the other side. What can be done about the problems? How to be ready for the next pandemic?
3. India's pharma industry is not where it should be. What do you think are the reasons?

M3:

1. What is Uniform Civil Code? What is your opinion about it?
2. Should we implement it or not?
3. There is a Special Marriage Act since so many years. Still it is not being used. So how will the society become ready for the reform/change to come from within, like you suggest?
4. Suppose marriage and inheritance laws are separated from each other and legislations are enacted under UCC for the same. What do you think about that?
5. Why not have a Common Civil Code when a Common Civil code can solve the problems?
6. Have you heard the term constitutional morality? What is your understanding of it?

M4:

1. I see that you have won a lot of quiz competitions. You also mentioned APIs in your answer to the earlier panelist. Name any major company or big manufacturer of APIs in India.
2. Mini speech on India's success and failures on nutrition. What are the government schemes that you know which tackle malnutrition?
3. What about food fortification?
4. Questions on fortified rice. Can edible oils be used for fortification? Will that be useful?
5. You have mentioned reading popular science as one of your hobbies. What is popular science, is it science fiction or science magazine or science news articles?

6. What are the books you have read on it?

Chairman: Doctor, we have asked you all that we wanted to ask. Is there anything you want to tell us or want us to know?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

12th April

12th April, forenoon session, 3rd to go.

Graduation : Doctor of pharmacy

Optional : Anthropology

Belong to Hyderabad, Telangana

Very cordial, makes you feel comfortable and at ease.

Chairman

You may remove your mask, be at ease, we are like your friends and want to have conversation.

1. Tell us about yourself, your background, work experience and personality.
2. As you are a pharmacist, does Ayurveda medicine have pharmacopeia ?
3. What is ministry of ayush doing to promote ayurvedic pharmacopeia ?
4. Gave brief idea about power sector challenges in India and asked why is that the demand is high and there's no adequate power supply to address that demand ?
5. Some counter questions with respect to power sector.

M1

1. Tell me about covid management in India ?
2. What are these various models of covid management? India model, china model, Korea model ?
3. Which one is best model ?
4. Why so ?
5. Why is female labour force participation is less in India ?
6. What is the condition of FLFP in your state and city?
7. How to improve it ?
8. Are there any initiatives taken by Indian govt and Telangana govt for entrepreneurship ?

M2

So you are from Hyderabad , place of biryani and charminar (smiled)

1. Have you heard about euthanasia ?
2. What is it ? (I referred about Aruna shanbaug case)
3. What was the verdict of SC in that case ?
4. What is the difference between active and passive euthanasia ?
5. What is shayara Bano case ? What is your opinion ?
6. But parliament has nullified the SC verdict?
7. What are the percentage of people benefitting from Right to education act ?

M3

1. Do you know the commission for linguistic organization formed post independence ?
2. As it mentioned states to be divided on linguistic lines then why has Telangana been formed on developmental lines ?
3. What were the reasons for pharmaceutical industry to boom in India during 1970's ?
4. What made India to be pharmacy of the world ?
5. How does present ukrain crisis affecting the Indian pharmaceutical industry ?
6. You have a very interesting hobby - interacting with elderly people that's laudable. Sir gave a brief idea on the affect of inflation affecting elderly savings. Suggest some investment plans for elderly to save their savings from inflationary affect...

M4 (lady member)

1. Can you add Dr prefix to your name ?
2. What is your opinion on the debate of hippocratic oath to be changed to charaka oath ?
3. As you know generic drugs are cheap and affordable to masses, should government stop supply of brand drugs from market ?
4. What is your opinion on surrogacy ?
5. Chairman interrupts and asks me whether there is provision for surrogate mother to visit the child ?
6. How are patents applied in India for drugs ?

Chairman

We are done from our side, if there is anything that you would like to say about any topic then you may and we will not ask any questions related to that.

(I spoke about my another hobby)

You may leave now.

Duration of interview 32-35 mins

13th April

Date 13/04/2022, forenoon

Optional -PSIR

Education -BSc, M.A.

Profession- IPS (earlier IRS and AC in CISF)

Hobbies : Jogging and Amateur sports

My Experience:

The board was extremely cordial.

Disclaimer - it was heavily DAF based. Almost everything.

Chairman Sir- 1. asked to introduce

2. Meanwhile, why you shifted from science to humanities (Stephen's to TISS)

3. What are different styles of leadership (I was President of my college)

What are different styles of leadership (I was a resident of my college)

4. Which style is more suitable to Army?

5 To Police?

M1: 1. In india police is colonial, we have direct entry of officers whereas in developed countries lower ranks rise up to become officers. Which one is better?

2. Which one should be adopted in india?

3. Should we pursue big infra rail projects like Bullet train and Silver line project ?

(He asked have you heard about Silver line project, I said yes. He didn't ask further)

M2

1. Dialogue works better or command?

2. Did dialogue worked in case of farm protest

3. Between representative democracy and dialogue Which one should get priority?

4. Both are complimentary or supplementary ?

5. Which FRs are available to foreigners?

6. What does equal protection of laws mean?

7. Who gave this statement " law is the command of the sovereign?"

8. What are three features of this theory?

M4 (IR expert 🤔)

1. What is "Indo pacific"?

2. What is Quad?

3. How is Quad different from IORA?

4. In IORA is trade a priority or security?

M4 (lady member)

1. What steps will you take for health of adolescent girls?

2. You have been to Sadhbhavna mission in j&k. Should military be involved in civil administration?

3. Does similar programme exist in North Eastern states?

4. What does competition commission of India do?

5. Can you give 2 examples of its work?

Chairman- if you want to say or ask something. Your interview is over.

I thanked all the members and came out happy.

13/04/22 Afternoon

B. Tech ECE, PG Diploma in Rural Management, Work Ex: Coal India Ltd.

Home state: Rajasthan

Current state: West Bengal

Optional: PSIR

CP

1 Tell us about yourself

1. Tell us about yourself

2. Why do you want to join Civil Services when you already have a stable job

3. When was coal mining nationalised? The evolution of coal sector?

4. Has commercial coal production started in India?

5. As most of the coal reserves are in reserved forest areas, should we remove those reserves from our proven reserves

2-3 Counter questions on the last one

M1

1. Last line of preamble?

2. What do the words adopt, enact and give to ourselves mean in legal terms? Counter qs on this

3. What will you do as an administrator to stop child marriages on the upcoming Akshaya Tritiya? Counter qs on this

4. Why is Kota infamous?

5. Is parental pressure a factor in student suicides?

M2

1. What is SAARC and why is it ineffective?

2. SAFTA?

3. What policy should India pursue in its neighbourhood?

4. About India's permanent seat in UNSC?

M3

1. Which ruler was exiled to Kolkata?

2. What kind of travel vlogs do you watch?

3. What is one remote place you have travelled to?

4. What were your learnings from the above journey?

5. Why is Anand (city in Gujarat) famous for?

6. Evolution of coop movement in India. Recent steps of govt in this direction?

7. Why there is so much interference of coal mafia? What will you do to control them? Is the govt not controlling already?

M4

1. What is cryptocurrency?

2. What is the legal status. Can it be taxed?

3. Are we fulfilling the aspirations of tribals displaced due to mining? What will you do to fulfill them?

CP: Interview is over. Do you want to tell us anything else?

Date -13 April 2022

Work experience- in training phase of Group A service

Optional- Sociology

Chairman - give intro in 1 minute, asked about my service and its future prospects, comparison with 2012

Chairperson - give intro in 1 minute, asked about my service and its future prospects, companies act 2013

Member 1- reasons for children begging in streets of cities, what threats they face, administration faces which challenges to rehabilitate them, asked about PVTGs, their history and examples

Member 2- definition of society in terms of gender, parameters for assigning a gender, forced marriage concept, advice to woman of contemporary Indian society

Member 3- asked about target of 5 trillion dollar economy, is it achievable and many counter questions, 5th industrial revolution, demographic dividend

Member 4- questions on swachh bharat mission and its problems, issues in waste management and about landfills, counter questions on recycling of waste, as a future administrator what will you do to improve female adolescent health

Chairperson - questions on badminton (my hobby) and its performance in Olympics

Some questions on relevance of bhagwad gita in administration

Then it got over

TJ (13th April 2022)

Indian Forest Service

Civil engineering

NIT

3rd attempt 3rd interview

Started with typical choubey sir style... Asked me to be comfortable... if you don't know something you can say no etc etc... told me to remove mask if I don't have any COVID symptoms

Chairman:

1. Tell me about yourself ?

2. If you are posted in a naxalite affected area as an IPS. You are in a remote location where some naxalite have gathered and you have orders to nab everyone. No one should escape. When you go to a suspected naxalite gathering, suddenly one woman starts running. She is carrying a child. You appeal but she does not stop. Will you shoot at her or not?

3. Suppose if she does not have that child. Then what will you do? Fire or not?

M1 (all current related)

1. Questions on food inflation: causes etc (it was on first page of IE newspaper)

2. Commodity price volatility e.g onions : discussion, causes, infra problems etc

3. Which state produces onions the most?

4. Hindi language : should we make it national language?

M2 : sequence of questions can not remember (almost all are related to current affairs)

1. Media trials : what? Does it affect judicial decisions or process?
2. NGO and foreign funding : what to do? Tell me one NGO which has been hugely successful?
3. RTI and impact : successful or not?
4. Labour codes : why govt brought them ? Why delay in implementation then?

M3

1. Employment : unemployment reasons? youth why not employable? Main problem : lack of jobs or unemployability? For educational reforms which is more suitable ; private sector or government sector?

M4

1. One factual question can't remember
2. Man animal conflict and pressure on land (open ended statement)
3. As a nation are we moving from reading books (listening to audiobooks : my hobby)
4. Nayi roshni scheme?

Chairman: we had a great time talking to you. This is your time if you want to share something.

Mocks : didn't give this time.

18th April

Economics optional, First attempt

Chairperson -

Introduce yourself in a minute

Opinion on CAA and Farm Laws..follow up questions on the same

M1

state of the economy/is it recovering/have efforts succeeded + follow up questions

Plastic pollution

EVs & pollution abatement

M2

JJM - what is it

Milletts - why they must be encouraged

Women empowerment schemes

M3

Service pref

Quad and AUKUS - are they complementary

Highlights of today's paper

Things you'd do as a civil servant

M4

Do we need civil services

What's good/what's bad

Two or three follow up questions on civil services that I am unable to recall

Chairperson winded up asking if I have anything to ask or tell the board.

Overall the board was extremely cordial. Very conversational and non combative.

State: TN
Mechanical Engg
Sociology optional

Chairman

Tell us about you, your education and work experience in 2 mins.

Disadvantages for private sector in PPP partnership?

Reorganization of states in the context of AP and TS?

Can states be bifurcated if more demands are there?

M1

Role of Homemakers

Can we legalise monetary benefits for home makers?

Follow up questions on Care economy.

What is Professional ethics?

Question on Article 13- Can customs and usage be evidences before law?

Your view on CBCS and NEP 2020?

M2

National electronics policy 2019- current status?

Follow up question - Why achievement is low?

Provisions of PLI scheme? Time period?

What can be done after 6-8 years, how to be competitive?

Defence industrial corridors - why no significant investment?

M3

Tell me few Tamil ancient literature

Current literature from Tamil

Caste conflicts in TN

What are the reasons for caste conflicts?

What steps you will take to solve such conflicts?

M4

What is off-roading?

Why adventure sports demand is low in india?

Economic crisis in Srilanka - What is the reaction among people in Tamilnadu?

Why TN movie stars end up in politics and what is the current trend?

F1 race in TN?

Follow up question on F1 race.

Controversial role of Governors and opinions on resolving the deadlock between elected govt and Governors.

Talked about Jallikattu and asked about other traditional sports involving bulls.

Chairman: Do you want to ask or share something?

Your interview is over.

Couldn't recollect a few questions.

Overall the board was very cordial.

Name- TP

Date- 12th April, afternoon session

Board- RN Chaubey sir

Optional- Anthropology

College- IIT Roorkee

Profession- 2 years of experience in private sector

Hobbies- (no question asked from the entire section)

Experience- cordial board. Enjoyed the conversation.

Utility of mocks- To understand your shortcomings and work on them

C-

tell me about yourself

What did you do in your job

What is AI.

Is thermostat an example of ai?

Is finance commission a constitutional body?

What are its function?

Why do we share revenue with states?

M1-

what do you understand by min government and max governance?

Should we remove the government?

Or do we increase the government?

Should liberal studies be introduced in IITs?

Some more discussion on liberal studies.

M2-

Law vs morality ?

Relation between law and morality?

Are international laws based on morality?

Why are countries not adhering to international law?

Few other questions wrt Russia Ukraine crises.

M3-

Why initially state was named Uttaranchal ?

Why was it changed to uttarakhand ?

Tagline of uttarakhand tourism ?

How many tourists visit uttarakhand ?
Which states in India receive maximum tourists?
How would you boost tourism in uttarakhand?

M4-
Shall women from uttarakhand join army? (since a lot of young men from uttarakhand join army)
What problems will they face?
What should we do to remove these problems?
Social movements like chipko movement are not successful now. Why?
Digitization vs digitalization?

C-
Anything you would like to tell us?
You are free to go now.

18th April

18th April, forenoon, First one to go
Maithili optional
IIT Bombay
Cricket
IRS(IT), AFHQ, ICICI Lombard

Chairman :- Tell me about your self and your process experience
Tell me different styles of leadership

M1:- What is faceless assessment?
Do you agree with it?
Is everything good about faceless assessment?
What did you learn in your insurance job?

M2:- Tell me about Ramkrishna Mission
What did you do at Afhq?
Any digital chnages in defense that you brought?

M3:- Tell me names of 2 gurus of Ramkrishna Paramhans
Name of tribal University in India and where it is, since you are from Jharkhand?
What is nuclear fission and fusion?
What is work of solar photovoltaic cell?
Tell me about grand slams in Tennis and few more Q on it (my hobby is cricket, didn't get the point of this q)

M4:- Tell me about literature of maithili?
You have been in leadership roles. give an example where you lead from front?

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18/04/22

Background: In service

Hobbies : Non fiction books, Poem writing

Other Work experience : ITC Cigarette

-Tell us about yourself.

-Choose one amongst Police reform electoral reform and judicial reforms.

-Speak about it what has been done till now.

-What future reforms you propose for it.

M1

- What is called dollar town of India which is in Karnataka.
- What's trade balance do we have. What's the export and import value of goods and service that we have.
- Value of service export and service import
- What act CBI is governed through? Why some state oppose it? What is general consent? Do we need to have a separate act for CBI?

M2

- What you did in ITC?
- Is ITC diversifying good? Share value is almost constant. How?
- Tell me the renewable energy scenario in India and World.
- How do you change the attitude of the police? Isn't it a long drawn process?
- Which book you read recently? What is it about.

M3

- Have you read 'why do we sleep' book?
 - Say three good and bad things about "small states bring development"
 - Tell me the instrument that this artists use. Multiple musical personality recalled.
 - Tell me who wrote Clash of civilizations?
 - Who wrote Argumentative Indian?
 - Who wrote accidental prime minister?
 - Tell me new development on technologies you have seen recently
 - Whether social media is good or bad?
- Karnataka is said to be "one state many nations". Do you concur? What is causing problems in it? apart from tourism angle. How to solve it?
- What's the role of DM and Police in this
 - Sri Lanka crisis. Explain. Why it happened. Does "welfarism" as a theory work? Does India has similar future like Sri Lanka meltdown?

Chair.

Do you have anything to ask us?

18th april afternoon session

graduation: Btech Mechanical, Commodities Trader for 2 years (Maharashtra)

optional : PSIR

hobbies: Reading Non-Fiction Books, Playing Contract Bridge

Utility of mocks: Helped a lot. Not in the sense of line of questioning but Mannerisms and handling tricky questions.

3rd to go in the afternoon

Chairman: We are nice people. Just here to have a conversation. If you don't understand any question you can ask again. It's okay if you don't know - tell that and we can move to next topic. One can't know

everything.

Chairman:

1. Tell me about yourself in one minute.
2. Accrual accounting or cash accounting which one is there in India? (Random)
3. Air India disinvestment. Whether correct or wrong? Where should government be invested.

Counter Questions.

Member 1

1. One body above ICAI and tell about in brief (NFRA)
2. Again questions on disinvestment - private sector and public sector, should government be in education and health sector or not?

Missing few questions

Member 2

1. You were commodities trader. Commodity market is booming so what are you doing here?
2. You know Rakesh Jhunjhunwala? He must be your role model?
3. Again on disinvestment - Don't you think private sector adds efficiency?
4. You have PSIR. French presidential election - process?
5. What do you think will be impact on NATO if Marine Le pen is elected?
6. What are your hobbies apart from Commodities trading? (Reading books)

What was the latest book that you read? Tell in brief about it.

Member 3

1. So you have mechanical background. What is cryogenic engine?
2. Temperature in cryogenic engine
3. You play chess. What is Elo rating?
4. Criterion to become grandmaster
5. Tell me which are 4 parts of criminal justice system?
6. Tell me about contribution of Vikram Sarabhai and Homi Bhabha
7. Have heard about UDAN scheme - long form, how is it working?

Member 4

1. Your district is backward. In Maharashtra it is seen that Bombay and nearby region is forward. Vidarbha and Marathwada backward. What are the reasons? Do you think it should be bifurcated or trifurcated?
2. Don't you think we have done everything in 70 years. Still they are backward!
3. Irrigation scam is also very famous. How will it reach general population?
4. Have you heard about Ketanji Brown? (First Black woman appointed in US SC)
5. In India as well representation of women in judiciary is very less. Don't you think we should have affirmative action?

Chairman: Do you want to share anything more?

Your interview is over.

Graduation: B.Tech (M.E) IIT Bombay

Optional: Mathematics

Hobbies: Playing cricket

Home State : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman

- 1.Amit..Tell me about theoretical mathematics? And what are its real life applications?
- 2.What ethics you learnt in mechanical engineering that can help you in civil services
- 3.what are the challenges to India from its neighbouring country?
- 4.Do you think UN is becoming irrelevant because it is not able to stop any wars?
- 5.Why IITian don't join DRDO?
- 6.Why there is regional inequality in Uttar Pradesh?

Member 1

1. Have you heard of intelligent design theory ? What's it?
2. What are the problems faced by sugarcane farmers in Uttar Pradesh?
- 3.what are the challenges to India from its neighbouring country?
- 4.How do you analyse India's position in Ukraine?
5. What is reverse swing in cricket?

Member 2

- 1.Do you know about game theory?
2. How can game theory be applied to look at Russia Ukraine crisis?
3. Tell me some handicrafts products of eastern UP.
4. If there is a conflict between central and state government order and you are an IAS, Whose order will you follow.
- 5.Cricket is your hobby. Should India play cricket with Pakistan?

Member 3

1. What's your opinion on the current budget ?
2. Do you think it's growth oriented ?
3. What is the current growth rate of agriculture?
4. Have you heard of dream budget?
5. Why education is poor in rural areas. and What measures would you take to bring in online education to rural areas?

Member 4

1. Amit .. You have very good academic record from childhood to graduation. So your parents must be loving you very much.

Ans - ma'am I think even with poor academic record my parents would love me because I am their child. Academic record and parents love need not be necessarily related.

2. Yes you right but they must be happy with your academic performance

Ans- Yes ma'am

3. Are your parents happy with you now?

Ans- Yes ma'am

4. Why

Ans- I am facing the board of upsc interview my father and sister is waiting outside with smiles and excitement all over.

Chairman

1. Amit do you feel that there are any other areas where you want to be questioned?

Ans- I said, Sir I have studied mathematics for long time in my life and I would be comfortable in answering more questions from that area.

2. But we have already asked questions from that part.

So your interview is over.

• I said thank you to everyone gracefully and left the room.

Please find my transcript.

Board: R N Chaubey Sir

Date: 18th April 2022, Last one to go in afternoon session.

Background : B.tech : Mechanical Engineering from NIT Hamirpur

Work Ex: 5 years as Simulator Engineer

Optional: PSIR

Home state: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

Hobbies: Volleyball and Badminton

Asked me if I have any COVID symptoms and asked me to relax and enjoy the conversation.

Chairman:

Question 1. Opinion based question.

Regarding the case of corruption where I am an IAS officer, who has sanctioned a project worth 100 crores. There has been delay of 1 months and supplier says that he has already paid to your boss and is ready to pay you too. Supplier is L1 bidder what will you do ?

Member 2.

Q 1. What do you see in a law made by Parliament to understand its intent and purpose.

Q 2. Asked about Right to recall and when it should be done and why?

Q 3. Is there any minimum number of votes required to win the election.

Member 3.

Question related to my work experience.

Q.1 My role as simulator engineer.

Q.2 How it will help in Administration?

Q.3 Why you left job?

Member 4:

Q 1 .Top three country that won Medal in Volleyball Olympics.

Q 2. IAS officer who won Badminton medal last year, his name and where he is posted at present.

Q 3. Indian who recently won Medal in All England Open championship.

Q 4. Who else won it in the past.

Q 5. Is uniform civil code mentioned in constitution.

Q 6. What is the difference between CAG and Attorney General of India.

Q 7. Beruberi case

Member 4 (Lady) :

Q 1. Asked about Social Audit , and who conducts it. Asked about its impact.

Q 2. Relation between Kyoto and Varanasi why called twin City and progress made so far.

Q3. Namami Ganga and relation between then Solid waste management

Q4. Any relation between Namami Ganga and Sewage treatment plant?

In the end asked about if I want to talk about any thing.

Forgot to carry mask in the end. Chairman sir asked me to take.

I thanked him and took the mask and left the room happily.

Overall it was a wonderful experience.

18/04/22

Forenoon

Chaubey Sir

Optional: Geography

NITW CSE

Chess, NSS, Volunteering for stray animal rescue and rehabilitation, Repurposing and Upcycling

3rd A, 2nd Pt

I got Chaubey Sir's board in 1st Pt as well

Typical Chaubey Sir's intro

Chairman: 🍌🍌🍌

He recognised me.... Due to my nomenclature and some questions like what went wrong

Briefly introduce yourself in one minute

2 points that you don't agree with Mr. Gandhi

Gave a long monologue on Gandhi's

Self sustainable villages model.... Do you agree with it?

Relevance at present time?

What are your views on bifurcation of states and what are the "objective" criterias to determine if a state should be bifurcated or not apart from language(culture) etc. ?

What's the negative side of this??

Who decides whether demarcating a state be it on linguistic lines could go against national interest?

Member 1: 🙄🙄🙄

5 indian origin ceos

Twitter issue

Elon musk.... What happens if he takes over?

Is it good for India or bad?

Gave a monologue on IT sector and some stats....

How can an agricultural area transform into an IT based area? What govt can do to increase IT services?

Member 2: 🙄🙄🙄

You talked about interdependence.....he gave a monologue of 4-5 minutes and asked something....and again he told that he would rephrase his question and asked me something unrelated to the above monologue... I'm unable to recall.... It's something related to green energy

Ukraine Russia crisis.... What are its implications on the seas that border this region from North to South?

What happened recently in the black Sea and role of Turkey?

Tell me a random topic that I should ask you questions from..... Except your DAF....

Member 3: 🙄🙄🙄

Except the 1st question and chess one, nothing related to my daf.... and most of them, I had a smiling face and repeated "I do not know Sir" in a loop...

What is the motto of your college?

What do you mean by Yogeshu karmana.... Some sloka...and which organisation has this? Later when I googled it, found it was of IIT KGP....not related to me in any way....

Panch pandavs.... Agnyathavasa... What roles did each of them assume during this time? Again some random question

5 cities in ukraine from east to west?... Don't even know why this topic popped up suddenly

What are the seas that Russia is trying to dominate?

You play chess... Elo rating system? Why and How it is given?

Who is ELO?

Who is Harnaaz Sandhu?

Difference between miss world and miss universe?

What is common between miss world Manushi Chhillar and miss world xxxxx(I don't even remember) ? All these questions are in no way related to my Daf

Member 4: 🙄🙄🙄

Issue of stray cattle..... What can we do?

How to fund it?

Do you think people will be interested?

How to increase the level of compassion in people? Not only towards stray animals but towards humans as well.... Something like this.... I couldn't remember

Chairman:

Thank you... Anything you need to say?

My experience: As usual very cordial board....questions were not difficult but a little bit strange and some questions made me feel like I ran into a quiz competition... Got a feeling that M3 asked random questions wantedly.... Even he was laughing while asking the questions

Utility of Mocks: Katta Meetha.....

Mocks were like DCEU.... Original pt is like MCU

19th April

DATE: 19.04.22

Session: Noon(3rd to go)

CP

We are very friendly people. This is an interaction basically where we try to extract the best and even if possible learn something from you. Sir said if u dont understand the question properly ask us to repeat and if you dont know the answer tell u dont know(he was very particular here).

CP:

1. Briefly tell me ur grad subject and word exp
2. Any plan B
3. How does RBI print money(on what basis)
4. What is cryptocurrency
5. Why dont we make it a global currency
6. What happens if it is made a global currency

M 1

1. Tell me about renewable energy
2. Isn't the transition to it costly
3. How will u attract investment in India as a diplomat
4. What is UN global compact

M2

1. Tell me about Shankaracharya
2. Does India need a P5 membership?
3. QUAD
4. BIMSTEC

M3

1. Tell me about the issues among food aggregators(gig economy)
2. Is climate change real
3. Kerala floods

4. Mitigation measures

5. Name a film critic and where and why u vary with him citing a movies as an example(hobby- watching movies)

6. Social media(had mentioned social media in the previous answer)

M4

1. Lic IPO and issues around it

2. % of FDI allowed in insurance sector

3. Fdi vs fii

4. Recent census based delimitation and issues around it

5. J n K delimitation

CP was walking around the room while I was talking with the other members. He knew what was going to be the last question, because the moment j n k question was asked he came and sat down.

CP: Your interview is over. If you want to share something please do. I spoke for a few moments and left. Overall a very cordial board. Nowhere related to the mocks I gave. But que were random as no ques came from my daf or grad subject.

Interview transcript

Date 19th April

[] Choubey sir board

[] If you don't have any symptoms, then you can remove the masks. If you would like , then you can even remove the gloves and be comfortable.

[] Started with usual pep talk. We are here for the conversation. If you don't know, be honest and say you don't know and if you didn't get the question, then you ask us to repeat again, we will repeat the question.

[] Introduce yourself with background and work experience

[] Sec 144, sec 420 and article 14. What are they and under what do they come?

[] Member 1

[] Today's head line

[] WPI. How has been faring previously? Then, how much has it increased from previous month?

[] Amway. Did you read about it? What is it about?

[] He took few more topics, which I didn't know. Then he asked "which newspaper did you read?"

[] Lady member:2

[] Start talking about inflation, then asked about reasons for inflation, impact of the inflation and then measures?

[] Then she asked specifically about measures related to food inflation, short term and long term.

[] Then she started talking about economic levies. Then asked the types of levies? Then asked the difference between tax, cess and surcharge.

[] Member 3

[] Said you are from anthropology, so tell me in 2 minutes about human evolution.

[] Taking reference from economic levies, he asked me the reason why states have been opposing the

[] Taking reference from economic levy's, he asked me the reason why states have been opposing the imposition of cess and surcharge?

[] Have to heard of Competition commission of India? What is its role? What is its role in merger?

[] If you explain one even to school students about the freedom movement, then which event would explain and elaborate on it.

[] Member 4

[] He started talking about PM. Then asked

[] Which PM had shortest term?

[] Which PM had longest term?

[] How many lady PM? Who is it?

[] Choubey Sir.

[] We are done with the interview. I we won't ask any questions. If you would like to add something, then Please talk about it.

[] Then the interview was concluded.

[] These were the questions which I was able to recall.

20th April

Date - 20th April afternoon session

Optional- PSIR

College - DU and JNU

Hobbies - Travelling and movies

Chairperson :

1. Introduce yourself

2. Features which green revolution 2.0 and economic reforms 2.0 should have

(Counter questions on this)

3. Millets and crop diversification. How millets cultivation will help small farmers ?

4. Are economic laws and policies gender neutral ?

2nd member

1. Founder of Bihar school of yoga ?

2. where all travelled in recent times ?

3. What did you like about Assam and Meghalaya

4. Where is North Eastern Police Academy situated ?

5. What is brexit ? Which do PMs resigned over it ?

6. Quote - "Eat in silence. Work in silence. Because God loved silence". Meaning and appropriateness ?

3rd member :

1. Questions regarding JNU. Why recent incidents ?

2. Who all are alumni of JNU ?

3. Suggest reforms in JNU ?

4th member :

1. Parasite movie - what message it conveyed ?
2. Who were the parasite in this movie ?
3. Freebies good or bad ?

5th member :

1. Contractual labours? What should be done for them ?
2. Is UN successful in achieving its objectives ?
3. What can India do for reforms in UN ?
4. What should be done for making Hindi as official language of UN ?

Chairperson - Anything you want to discuss ?

Board was cordial. They give sufficient time to answer. Mocks helped me to generate confidence and questions and many were asked in actual interview also.

Name - Anonymous

Date - 20 April Afternoon session

Board - RN Chaubey Sir

BE Mechanical

Utility of mock - Experience of facing interview panel

Chairman

- 1) Introduce yourself.
- 2) What did you eat.
- 3) Internship experience
- 4) Criteria to bifurcate states.
- 5) Economic viability to bifurcate states

M1

- 1) If I do all wrong things in life and die in Kashi will I get Moksha.
- 2) What is karma yoga, bhakti yoga, Gyan yoga
- 3) What is Raja yoga
- 4) Who was Paramhansa yogananda
- 5) What did he do in west?
- 6) What kind of Yogi was Mahatma Gandhi?
- 7) What is the first shloka of Isha upanishad.

I have not written anything about spirituality or meditation in my DAF. Totally random stuff.

M2

1. Pollution in your city? How to curb it.
2. Why thermal power plant is not following guidelines

3. Why pollution in mining areas?
4. Role of parliamentary committees?
5. Kind of committees?
6. What is public account committee.
7. Comparison with the US Senate and parliamentary committee of India.
8. Why you go for walking(hobby).

M3

1. What is balance sheet.
2. Profit and loss account of company
3. Emission balance sheet of company?
4. What is net zero?
5. What steps should be taken to reach net zero.
6. Do you watch Netflix? Any recent event related to it.

Don't know why he asked about balance sheet and profit loss. No relation with DAF.

M4:

- 1) What is automation?
 - 2) Will it affect employment
- Cross questions related to it.
- 3) New mines are following regulations but the old mines are not following. What's your take(Picked up from my answer to M2)
 4. Russia Ukraine war. Whether stand of India is good?

Chairman - Anything you want to tell us.

Board was very cordial.

My advice : Don't get afraid from random questions but have some general understanding of major issues.

All the best.

- Name - SKS

- Date and session of interview- 20th april, morning session

- Board- R. N. Choubey Sir

- Optional- Sociology

- Profession (if any)- Lecturer (1 yr)

-Hobbies- Playing Dhol-tasha, watching fitness Vlogs

- Your experience in interview- board was cordial, no mask no shield (intro by sir on the same lines, to stay calm and accept anything you dont know). Nothing specifically from daf.

- Utility of mocks (if any)- benefits in managing nerves, greetings, staying calm.... questions quite different in original interview, but 4-5 can be given.

(interview happened in more of a conversation manner, so not able to recall many cross questions.)

Chairman : Intro and then no questions, directly asked other member to start. (sir stood up and started taking a walk around the room)

M1 :

1. Writ petitions
 2. Difference between HC and SC writs
 3. Dr Ambedkar had called some provision as soul of our constitution, name it.
 3. Articles related to services(which I couldn't tell exact ones he wanted, said sorry sir cannot recall)
 4. Views on KGF 2 (random)
 5. What about violence and society?
 6. What are your views on vulgarity and nudity?
- (Few more questions, cannot recall)

M2.

1. Many cooperatives in maharashtra, your views?
2. What are their problems?
3. Drinking Water crises especially in western Maharashtra? (couldn't find much,asked her that i am not aware of specific drinking water scarcity issue in that region, so may i provide probable reasons - permitted)
4. Question on pakistan, what can be the future course?
5. Some progress has been done recently with pakistan, you know? (had no idea, said sorry I am not aware of the event)

M3

1. Significance of Ayushman bharat, what new?
2. Why so many people in AIIMS?
3. What to do? Shouldn't it be only for specialist care?
4. What are your views on parenting style? (west vs India)
- 5.why Indian better (had a conversation about how our family structure is different, had few more exchange and laughs)

M4

1. Russia ukraine, west has issues with us, elaborate it?
2. Are we correct?
3. Finance minister has said something in US, do you know? (Wanted crypto, i said something else)
4. You are a mechanical engineer, why is manufacturing sector lagging than services, what to do?
5. You said earlier about regulation of content, but we do have censor?
6. Do you mean OTT? Should we regulate it all?
7. What other methods you think are viable?

Finally chairman: we are done, you want to say something?

so I asked permission to speak about local cuisine of Ahmednagar and its part in tourism development. Told

them that everyone visits temples but are not aware of these places. Requested them if they visit Shirdi someday please visit those food joints(Hurda Party) .it helps to boost farmer's income and will be a nice experience for them as well.

Chairman : We keep learning about new things from young people like you, thank you, we shall visit.

Over.

No idea how it went, but questions were very random. Only convergence was maharashtra related and sociology, that too society part.

(thank you transcripts team, your work has made our life easy as well, reading transcripts does help 🙏)

Name- Running Tortoise

Date and session of interview- 20th April, Afternoon, last person to go.

Board- RN Choubey Sir

Optional- Chemistry

College- IIT Delhi

Profession (if any)- CAPF AC

Hobbies- Endurance exercises

Chairman: Asked me to remove the mask if I dont have any covid symptoms, I politely said that the positivity rate for Covid in Delhi is around 7%, if you allow me, I will keep it as it is, for which he readily agreed to.

1.Introduce yourself in 1 min, he cut short in between as I said I got recently selected as Assistant Commandant(which is not yet updated in DAF2) He congratulated me.

2. Covid fight, how do you rate The Center's and State's performance on the scale of 10.

3. What steps did the Center and States taken to fight Covid?

3. Demonetisation=> was it a right/wrong step? Rate it on the scale of 10 => Follow up questions

4. What is Black money?

5. Let's say gambling is banned, and you earn some money out of it, and you pay taxes on this income, will it be considered black money?

M1:

1. CAPF force preference order and reason behind the way I've chosen?

2. What about the order I've chosen for Civil services?

3. Do you know why Germany is in news today? (apparently Hitler's birthday)

4. Why did WW2 started?

5. How did Hitler die?

6. if WW3 comes, which side should India take?=> follow up questions.

7. Why aren't we becoming UNSC permanent member?

8. Why China is opposing?

M2 (Lady)

1. IMF/WB Differences?

2. Boris Johnson visit, why is he coming now, what's on the agenda?
3. Hockey=> status now? Is it bouncing back?
4. Why Odisha is promoting Hockey?
5. Marathon Distance?

M3

1. What is Subordinate Legislation?
2. Pearl Harbor incident?
3. Capital Punishment=> should we continue or not?

M4:

1. 2008 Financial crisis=> why did it occur?
2. Do we get similar crisis if we continue with similar populist policies?
3. Green Building=> what components needed?
4. Nuclear power=> is a green energy? why aren't we able to harness it?
5. What are the steps we are taking to harness it?
6. Make in India=> Atmanirbhar Bharat=> initiatives taken?
7. NGOs regulation on foreign funds? is it good or not?
8. Amnesty international issue=> Aakar Patel, why did authorities blocked him from going abroad=> can it be done?

Chairman: We're done young man, Do you have anything to say? I pointed out the quality of sanitisers provided at UPSC, said that they might be of duplicate quality and not suitable for regular use=> given the spelling mistakes and the caution given on the bottle

Date of PT : 20th April 2022

Board: R N Choubey Sir

Background: E&Tc Engineering SPPU

Home state : Maharashtra

Hobbies: Reading Marathi fiction, Keeping a gratitude journal(Nothing was asked from here)

Interests : Being a scribe to Differently abled persons

Optional: Marathi literature

Service : IDAS

Chairperson: Similar sentences that he uses to make candidate comfortable

1. What do you do as a scribe?
2. Do you only tell the question or help in reaching to the answer?
3. Parliamentary form of govt v Presidential form(Which country has presidential form of govt)
4. Should India shift to Presidential form of govt?

Member 1(Lady)

1. Your name reminds me of a famous personality in Singing competition. Who was she? Do you like her songs?

2. Utility of IPTAFS going forward(was there in DAF)
3. What is the duty of your service
4. Merger of the services? Your opinion?

Member 2:

1. Why Africa called as Dark continent?(Did not know)
2. Why France has 12 time zones but India only has one? Why so?
3. Varkari Sampradaya and its work in Maharashtra

Member 3:

1. Efficiency of SLA is going down drastically. Should we mandate minimum number of days that SLA should meet?
2. Should we adopt Right to recall in case of candidates who change the parties post election?
3. Do you watch sports? (I said cricket occasionally)
4. What is the mechanism in Tennis while doing service or something related to that which I did not know

Member 4:

1. Usage of Smartphones increased a lot. How we can control BigTech?
2. Govt also use FB to get opinion about the people..so who will be the impartial controller in such cases?

Maybe missing some questions here..

Chairperson: we are done with the discussion and is there anything that you want to tell? (I told that my service is IDAS and related discussion).

Wished all the members thanks for such an enriching experience which I will be grateful for.

I felt that it was very smooth experience and no grilling. But have to wait for the marks to know whether the board really appreciated the conversation the same way as I think.

I want to thank Mahesh Bhagwat Sir and all the mentors for the constant support. Preparation for DAF helped me to be confident at that moment. Therefore I think that though it may happen that not many questions asked from DAF but strong preparation on DAF helps to maintain the confidence throughout the conversation.

All the Best to all the candidates:)

21st April

Board : Choubey Sir

21st April 2022

Afternoon

2nd last slot

Optional : Anthropology

Hobbies : Theatre, Tennis

HOBBIES : theatre, tennis

Mock : Good for habit. Not much help in content.

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min
2. What is function of RBI?
3. There is a brick wall under load. From where we can remove the brick work so that wall will not fall.
4. WHAT IS METHOD ACTING?

Member 1

1. Challenges in jharkhand
2. Why Jharkhand is unable to achieve its potential despite being resource rich after bifurcation?
3. What can be done in jharkhand for socio-economic development?
4. Issues of naxalism.
5. There is an issue regarding MICA mining in jharkhand.

Member 2

1. Israel is nuclear state. Why is it against the Iran's nuclear enrichment?
2. Will US intervene if china attacks Taiwan?
3. Which last tournament you watched in tennis?
4. Who beat whom?
5. Daniel medvedev is banned from Wimbledon, what's your take on this.

Member 3

1. Whether America is just targeting Russia and not looking to end the war?
2. Why HEC is not performing at its potential?
3. UN has failed to achieve its goals?

Member 4

1. WHO is a failure in pandemic. What you think?
2. What steps are needed in jharkhand to improve socio-economic development?
3. What is difference between CGST, SGST, IGST?

ABC (21-04-22), 4th slot

Board - RN Choubey

1st attempt

Sociology

Hobbies- palmistry, abstract painting, badminton.

Work exp- 9 months (Saint Gobain glass India) .

Duration-35 mins

Utility of mocks- helps you to have a formal conduct in interview, mannerism etc. Few questions were there in mock as well. Overall helped in framing answers in a better manner

Chairman- remove mask, going to be friendly chat, nothing like police inquiry, don't worry.

- 1) introduce yourself in 1 minute.
- 2) Does saint Gobain manufacture sound proof glasses?
- 3) your role in Saint Gobain .
- 4) smart cities concept and give example.

Member 1-

- 1) do we need more UT's? Considering better infra in UT
- 2) why Punjab, haryana are against migrants coming in their states and taking up jobs?

Member 2-

- 1) is russia's power increasing due to invasion of Ukraine?
- 2) if nato expands and get Belarus and Ukraine under it, what would be implications for russia?
- 3) tell about covid-19 philosophically?
- 4) why Buddhism declined in India?
- 5) is palmistry an exact science?

Member 3-

- 1) tell about India's space sector initiatives (name related)
- 2) impact of sanctions on USA?
- 3) what is double glass which is used to cut sound ?
- 4) how A/C bills come down by usage of different glasses?

Member 4-

- 1) why branded meds if generic meds are there. Few cross questions here.
- 2) why undertrial prisoners in prisons?
- 3) do you believe in life after death?
- 4) significance of Saint Gobain logo?

We have asked many questions, now do you want to share with us something?

Some other questions by chairman and member 1 were there unable to recall.

Overall good experience, very cordial board.

Date and session of interview- 21th April, Afternoon

Board- RN Choubey Sir

Optional- B. Com(h)

State Punjab

Chairman: Asked me to remove the mask if I dont have any covid symptoms

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min
2. Is telling a lie crime
3. What are the principles of natural justice
3. Contempt of court vs principle of natural justice
4. Sec 420 , sec 144 and art 14

M1:

1. Punjab giving out 300 units electricity free how will discom manage the working capital
2. Can discom on it's own increase the rate of electricity
3. Merger of banks and impact on banks
4. Positive impact of hdfc merger on economy

M2 (Lady)

1. Inflation vs stagflation vs deflation
2. Atf price rise and taxes on it
- 3 lwe vs terrorism
- 4 constitutional rights vs fr

M3

1. Csr is with respect to revenue or profit
2. Some section of ibc (no remembering)
- 3 economic impact of Russia sanctions on America and follow ups
- 4 csr and some csr projects in state
- 5 what are indian accounting standards
- 6 what are ifrs
- 7 nfra vs icai

M4:

1. Should gst compensation be increased
 - 2 states which are getting gst compensation
 - 3 again some specific provision of ibc
- There were some more question which I am not able to recall

Chairman: We're done young man, Do you have anything to say?

Naveen R,

21st April, afternoon

Board - Choubey sir

graduation - MBBS

optional - anthropology

Andhra pradesh

Hobbies - watching wildlife documentaries, tennis

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself in 1 minute

2. Being a doctor, why did you take a completely different turn to CSE

3. Few years back, 4 senior most judges of supreme court came out in dissent and spoke to media, what is your opinion on this ??

2-3 back and forth questions on this

Member - 1

1. What is present economic situation in Andhra

2. What did recent CAG report say regarding financial spending's of Andhra

3. Is spending money without legislative approval correct ?

4. How can such spending's lead to corporate corruption

5. Any such corporate scam happened in earlier undivided Andhra Pradesh

6. What is the recent Oscar winning movie, is it about tennis

7. Why should a movie be based on William sisters

8. What should be done to address doctor's deficit at PHC level

Member - 2

1. What is the rationale behind creation of 13 new districts in Andhra

2. How is government going to adjust the required man power

3. What is the present status of 3 capitals after HC verdict

4. Under art 50, there is separation of executive and judiciary. Do you think executive has powers to decide where HC should be

5. If so, don't you think this is against art 50

6. What if HC disagrees and not ready to move

7. What is Career grand slam and Career golden slam

8. What is your opinion on the debate of Sardar Patel vs JL Nehru

Member - 3

1. There is already dearth of doctor's and specialist's, don't you think you should have continued as a doctor

2. What is nuclear medicine

3. Of late, there are increasing number of cancer cases, what are the causes

4. If you are posted as DM in Kashmir, what steps will you take to address the problems

Member - 4

1. Do you think bifurcation of Andhra is justified

2. What are pros and con's of dividing states on linguistic basis

3. In layman term's, tell me 3 positives of GST implementation

4. Our neighbouring countries are undergoing through crisis, what are it's impacts on India

22nd April

Name- AR

DOI - 22/04/2022

Board Chaubey Sir

Grad- civil engineering

Optional- sociology

Started with usual Chaubey sir greeting, asked If I had any symptoms of covid and to remove mask and gloves if comfortable

He asked the member on his left to start the proceedings

M1

1. What is spectrum auction and what issues do tsp have
2. Sociological view on youth and their sleeping cycles
3. Changes in institute of Indian marriage in last two centuries

M2

1. Are india china relations thawing ?
2. What is AYUSH and why WHO chief was in India
3. What do u mean by data is the new oil

M3

1. Will china take control of POK via CPEC?
2. What does secularism mean to you?
3. If I am conducting an iftar party by withdrawing money out of consolidated fund of India what will be your view on that ?

M4

1. Why Punjab and (Ludhiana) facing agriculture stagnation and what should be done to revive industry.
2. Why Indian football is not growing as expected
3. Who is your favourite cricketer and favourite football player.

Chairman sir

Now we have asked the questions, if you wish to ask us anything.

25th April

Name : Sachin M

25 April 2022 Afternoon 2nd last to go

Board : D.N. Chaubey sir

Board : R N CHOUDE SIR

Graduation: B.A Economics

Optional : anthropology

Home state : Maharashtra

Experience : worked in Public sector Bank

Hobby : 1 Teaching @ school level; 2 Counselling

Board was cordial,

No face shield

Asked if no covid symptoms then can remove the mask ,

intro by sir on the same lines, to stay calm and accept anything you don't know honestly

Nothing specifically from DAF

- Utility of mocks (if any)- benefits in managing nerves, greetings, staying calm....

questions quite different in original interview

Chairman

1. introduce yourself in 1 minute

2. You left the job ...did your friends or anyone else stopped you from resigning ?

How you convinced them ?

3. What is DBT ? What is it's utility and benefits?

4. Why we should give food through PDS , can't we directly transfer money as per market rate to people's account? Why so much efforts and cost to govt. and FCI?

Member 1 :

1. You are from Maharashtra? How Bhakti movement influenced society ?

2. Two saints you like?(Tukaram & Dyneshwar)

3. Tell about the Tukaram Maharaj's contribution.

4. Guru Nanak vs sant tukaram vs sant kabir comparison ?

5. Two women Social Reformers from Maharashtra who worked for women ? (I answered Savitribai Phule and Ramabai Ranade)

6. Savatribai Phule and Ramabai Ranade difference in their work

7. Guru Nanak was fond of Tukaram Maharaj's work. What do you think?

Member 2:

1. you told some qualities of saints. in which mordern indian leader you find those qualities (I said Mahatma Gandhiji)

2. Can Gandhiji be called 'Kabir Of Modern Time'

3. Which is the southern most point of India and its strategic importance?

4. What is Niti aayog's EV policy ?

5. What is battery swapping ?

6. What are the problems in EV expansion?

7. What are the challenges in EV expansion?

7. Why EVs are catching fire?
8. What is debt trap in general and in current context?
9. Why is China is upset with QUAD ?

Member 3 :

1. Which are investigating agencies for financial crimes?
2. Difference between ED & CBI
3. Why two diffnt agencies? CBI can investigate the cases which ED investigates then why shouldn't we merge them ?
(I answered but not seemed to be satisfied hence asking again and again)
4. Diffnce between competition commission of india and consumer forum
5. if ultimate aim of both is to protect end consumer then why two seperate agencies ?
6. Should we merge them ?

Member 4:

1. What is the difference between gender equality and gender equity ?
2. What are the provisions of New education policy regarding education in vernacular language?
3. What are the difficulties in implementing those provisions ?
4. What should we do to bring parity in vernacular education? and related cross questions
5. What are different economic regulators in country?
6. What are their functions?
7. Why so many multiple agencies , shall we merge them in one umbrella agency?

Chairman told me that it's over from their end if you want to share something you can.

I told about my district - as it is an aspirational district and it's progress under Delta ranking and recently PM mentioned it in his man ki baat

Name- Sandesh

Afternoon 25 April

R N choubey sir

From Bihar

BA hons from DU in geography

Optional geography

Hobby hindi gane sunna

Chairperson..

Sandesh if u don't have any covid symptoms you can remove mask..

We are friendly people we are nice people and want some conversation with u.. Don't panic... If u want you can give interview in English.. I have written main in english.. Interview was in hindi..

I opted hindi..

Why india is promoting electric vehicle? ? I said to reduce carbon emissions and oil import bill

Don't u think we are transferring pollution from vehicle to thermal power plant as electricity is produced from coal in India??

I said yes sir... But govt is promoting solar and wind for electricity. . And in future we run EV with that energy and then emission will decrease

Vo to future ki bat hai Aaj to nhi ho raha Aaj EV ku???

Me- india me EV technology new hai.. It will take time to develop.. We need infrastructure... So govt is promoting from today...

M1

Criminal laws in India??

Why crimes are rising despite laws??

Difference between songs of 1980s and 2020s??

New technology in music industry??

Measure to control crimes??

M2

India share longest border with which country???

Difference between mixed agriculture and composite agriculture??

What is agriculture diversificaton??

Why we need it??

Why diversification did not happen in India??

Why rice and wheat only??

M3

Why not retirement age for politicians as it is for bureaucrats??

Electoral reform needed in India??

Centre should have absolute power of law and order... Your opinion??

Some counter question??

States are dependent on centre for revenue.. Your opinion??

M4

Why crude oil prices are rising in India??

Why not rising in neighborhood country??

How to dispose lithium battery??

Could not recall other questions..

Chairman

We have asked all from outside.. Do u want to say something.. We will not ask questions from that I tell about Bihar and it's recent economic growth..

Your interview is over.. Aapse bat karke achha lga.. U may go now...

I thanked all and left the room..

Time- 35-36 minutes.

Utility of mocks... Helped in confidence building and acquire communication skills.. Best of luck to all

26th April

Name- RC

Date and session of interview- 26th April

Board- R N chobey

Optional- geography

College- BVM

Time : 45 min approx

Min gov max governance

Oil dependency

Electrification of transport

Particulate matter @ why it called particulates

North east insurgency

Manipur insurgency- about PLA

Sulphur melting

Metal use for H₂SO₄ anti corrosion

USA hypocrisy vis a vis human right

Human right violation in Afghanistan Iran and Syria

India's stand on indo Pacific

India's interest in indo pacific

Russian defence vs usa defense deal

Defence indigenization and private sector participation

Quad vs Nato

Can India join nato

Non nato member in quad-

Cause of naxalism- governance or other reason

Name- SOMP Interview Guidance Program

Date and session of interview- 26 April forenoon

Board- RN Chaubey Sir

Optional- Sociology

College- Law

Profession (if any)-

Hobbies- Cricket

Indore (MP)

Your experience in interview- As usual Chaubey sir very cordial and always smiling

Utility of mocks (if any)- I recommend Samkalp and vajirao , SOMP sessions and specially one to one guidance by Punit Yadav sir had direct questions.

Medium of Interview- Hindi

Chairman - You can remove mask if not having COVID symptoms and you can refuse any question you don't know.

1. Introduce yourself in one minute about your academics and work experience.
2. What are Principles of natural justice and from where it has its origin.

Member 1

1. Tell us something about Devi Ahilya Bai Holker (dof)
2. What is the process to nominate any tribe into Schedule Tribe ?
4. PESA act - what and why ?
3. Why kabirpanth is famous in malwa region ?

Member 2

1. Why NITI Aayog formed ?
2. Isn't our ministries have expertise?
3. What provisions we have for rural banking ?
4. What is NABARD ? What it does ?
5. What about Post office ?
6. Choose any one institutions from bank, NABARD and post office which is best suited for rural banking.
7. Should we dismantle other institutions then ?
8. Any best international practice for pollution control and solid waste management?

Member 3

1. What is swing bowling?
2. What is difference between act and statute ?
3. Malnutrition and follow up led to mid day meal and it's issues etc.
4. UCC and views on it.

Member 4

1. 3 provisions you want to include in UCC ?
2. On what provision do we need consensus ?

Some questions I cannot recall

Chairman - we have asked what we wanted to ask. Anything that you want us to ask you ?
I said Indore is cleanest city so want to talk on this.

Duration - 28-30 min

27th April

27 April , RN Choubey board

Grad- Geography honours

Optional-maithili literature

Hobby and sports- webseries, short film , kitchen gardening, kabaddi

Mock utility - just for practice

Experience - board was supporting but not a single question from daf.

Chairman-

- 1- Tell me three judicial reform
- 2- impact of digitalisation in judiciary
- 3- constitutional provisions of higher judiciary judge recruitment
- 4- collegium system is against the constitutional principal
- 5- can judiciary amend the constitution?
- 6- isn't it against natural justice?

Member 1 (his question were not clear)

- 1- sedition and freedom of expression
- 2- data of Indian diaspora (sorry)
- 3- how foreign ministry evacuate Indian diaspora
- 4- is there any law rule regulation related it (again sorry)
- 5- indias stand on israiel and pleistein and change in it
- 6- does relation with pleistein impact our relation with israiel

Member 3-

- 1- use of technology in governance
- 2- what is e governance and how can you use it in administration
- 3- government e market place and issue related with it
- 4- why we are doing research in Antarctica
- 5- isn't it a wastage of resource, we can take research data from other country
- 6- privatisation of air india

Member 3-

- 1- No one will win the war. What is the meaning of s jaishankar statement ?
- 2- jaishankar statement on indo Pacific meaning and context (today newspaper)
- 3- during earthquake which agency will work
- 4- head of ddma and ndma
- 5- Digital divide
- 6- should we use less digital technology in governance to make more equitable for poor class

Member-4

- 1- Gender neutrality
- 2- How can we make schooling gender neutral
- 3- value chain and supply chain meaning
- 4- now we have DBT , so should we stop pds system

Forgotten few questions

Interview was not on expected line at all. Not a single question from daf 😞.

Interview date - 27 April

State -Rajasthan

District -Pali

Hindi Medium

B Pharmacy

Name -Harish Kumar

Current Job- Production chemist

Board - RN Chaubey Sir

Hobby - Yoga and Listening Marwadi Bhajan

Chairman

- Introduce yourself (qualification, work all are included)
- What is a production chemist, what do you do, wax, what is it used for
- What is to bring tribes into the mainstream.
- Why should we bring them into mainstream
- If they oppose our efforts to bring them into the mainstream, what would you do
- Like the pathalagadi area, if they restrict you to enter their area for bringing them into the mainstream, what should we do, we should take action against their will, if not then how to bring them into mainstream
- The electoral bond you know it, what controversy with it, and how do to reform it,
- If we bring political parties into RTI then why do people donate their money to part, the if they don't donate, black money will be used in elections,
- Suggest more reform on that

member1

- Hair removing wax, what is the role of hair in the body,
- What is the component of hair
- Recombined chemical(something like that) what it is,
- How covid waves are predicted
- How to stop them

Member2

- NPS and old pension scheme, when NPS is good why old pension scheme,
- Is NPS is bad compared to old pension schemes,
- What you think about that
- DBT is distributed only through PSBs why
- What do you think that we carry it or change it, what is your opinion on this
- Privatisation is good, what is your opinion

Member 3

- Nirgun Bhajan, the origin of the nirgun thought
- 4 nirgun hajan sant name

- 4 tingun bhajan same name
- Q on while MH and RJ?
- National security committee, who are part of this, three segments of NSC

Member 4

- UCC how to implement it, any possibilities
 - Which article is for this
 - Sedition law, what is sedition
 - If somebody saying something against the government is it ok or sedition
 - If people encircle parliament, is it sedition then ?
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Name- naam gum ho jayega

Board- RN chaubey, 2nd to go on 27th april, afternoon session

Medium-Hindi

Optional-Psir

Edu- JNU

State-jharkhand

Hobby-no question

Experience- chaubey sir started and ended the interview with smile on his face . Board was very cordial. Board asked all questions in english because i wrote mains in english but they said that i can ask them to frame the questions in hindi if i dont understand them.

Sir asked me to remove masks . I put on my lap. He asked me to put it on table.

Chairman

Is there any prospect of green revolution 2.0 in india

There were cross questions.

He started walking in the room but was listening carefully. He intervened thrice.

Member 1

Why outmigration from jharkhand despite having so much resources?

Why naxalism in jharkhand?

Bihar banned alcohol. What jharkhand should as it has similar problems?

How much money jharkhand get from centre (both gst and FC)?

Member2

How will you use IoT in health sector?

Some more question from him i cant remember now

Member3

you come to delhi from jharkhand because there are weaknesses in unversities there. Tell me three weakness?

Question on kachmiri pandite

Question on Kashmiri pandits.

Terrorist orgs in Kashmir.

Number of killings in Kashmir since abrogation of article 370

Is there decline in terrorist attack in J&K?

Highest org to deal with cyber attack in India

Taliban came in power. Is there any effect on Kashmir?

Member4

Is judiciary independent?

Constitutional provision to make judiciary independent?

What is collegium system

Is judiciary really independent?

What is PPP? Sectors where being applied?

What is gift city?

Chaubey sir ended with his classic style -you did excellent. Do you want us to ask anything else?

Name - R

Date - 27/04/2022 & noon

Mains in English , Interview in Hindi

2nd interview

Uttarakhand

Board- R N CHOUBEY

B.sc , M.A in economics (Questions asked from economics)

Hobbies - playing table tennis; playing badminton {no question from here }

Experience - Good

Utility of mocks - exploring DaF dimension .

Chairperson

COVID ke symptoms nhi h to ap mask utaar skte . (mask Uttar Diya tha)

We are friendly . You have to be relax here .

1. Tell us about yourself in 1 minute about your education , work experience etc.
2. He asked about school where I was a table tennis coach during my college days (I mentioned in daf & intro)
3. What were the two challenges you faced in giving table tennis coaching to children as a coach . (I replied Ki table tennis Ki technicality ko explain krna , craze km h table tennis ka school children me , practice k like parents se negotiate krna)
4. Fiscal deficit revenue deficit trade deficit
5. Current account convertibility.(me - sorry sir)
6. Foreign exchange reserve- kitna h .
7. RBI kha rkhta h foreign exchange reserves ko etc (sorry sir)

Member - 1

1. Cooperative societies - its act,; further discussion on it .
2. Quad is like NATO (I replied Quad is not like a military alliance & mentioned China in indo pacific)
3. Countries sharing resources chahte h , (I said China sharing nhi Chatha h - 9 dash line claim)
4. China ka Indian Ocean pe influence (replied ports development etc)
5. RBI governor ko kon appoint Krte h . (sorry sir not able recall committee)
6. Rbi governor ko independent authority bana dena chahiye .
(I replied ki power ek me concentrate nhi kr skte h , accountability ensure Krne k liye distribute krni chahiye members me .)
- 7 retirement age ko 60 se 65 krne ki baat hoti h aajkl . Kya krna chahiye ?
I replied - life expectancy increase Ho rahi h aur medical infrastructure me improvement bhi ho raha .
Retirement Age increase kr skte h
Then chairman interrupted & asked - jo youth h unke liye jobs & opportunities ki kmi bhi ho jygi or vo Iskaa virod bhi krnge
I replied , sir ye transition phase tk hoga or fr normal Ho Jayaga .

Member 2

1. NGT act
2. Green economy
3. RBI kya cooperatives banks ko regulate krta h ?
I replied ki after defaulting of some cooperative banks rbi ne guidelines Banayi h regulate k liye
4. Cooperative ministry ka kaam kya hoga .
5. Cooperative me kamiya (negatives)
6. What is public sector undertaking(PSU)
I replied about 50% presence & managerial task in govt .
- 7 . To PSU ko govt. hi kyu own kre
I again said others shareholder ke are in share km hote h .
I mentioned about privatization by govt .

Member- 3

- 1 . Supreme curt ka judgment jo uttarakhand & himanchal pr dharm sansad (today's newspaper se tha)
2. Uttarkhand me haridwar district me DM h or dharm sansad pe hate speech hoti h or ap vhi h to ap us vkt kya krnge (I replied jab extreme hate speech hogi to speaker ko shut down kr denge)
3. Public gusa Ho jygi vhaa pe isse , Ho skta h pattar Baji kre (I replied hate speech ko rokna jaruri h varna chain of hate speech bnne lgti h)
4. Haal me ese chain of hate crimes/ violence hue h ?
(I replied - sir India me stability h lkin ese Ho rhe h Kuch hate crimes/violence ko control Karne Ki jarurat h)
- 5 . Scientific temper nowadays reducing ? Long some lines said by him .
I replied phle ke comparison me scientific temper Bada h education & all .
Apne gain (village) ka example Diya Ki vha pe lkin Abhi bhi log jhadbhuk pe viswas rakhte h Bismar hone me ; education se youth me jhadbhuk pe viswas km hua ; scientific temper develop aur hoga education & health infrastructure Me improvement hone se)

6. Uttarakhand me police ka investigation system sbse alg h purée India se or world se .

Pardon sir ,

Then member explained Ki PatwAri investigation krte h etc

I replied sir Han phle PatwAri Krte honge lkin ab mere gaon pe thana h or investigation ka Kaam vohi Krte h

Member-4

1. LIC ipo , government kyu offer kr rahi h

(I replied insurance market m govt ka interference km Ho , competitive market Bne , strategic sector & non strategic sector etc,,,,,...

2. LIC to bs 3.7 % hi h market me isse kya hi hoga .

Replied - govt regulation ache se kr paaygi , or private sector bdega .

(I think mene question got interpret kr Diya yaha pe .)

3. Rural stress Sunne me Aata h ye kya h (Without my reply) he continued and asked about agricultural stress & mentioned about farmer suicide .

I replied - farmers suicide low income & agriculture me loan lete h moneylenders & banks se ; income achi nhi Ho Pati to debt hota h & virtuous cycle bnta

4. Asked about solution of above problem

I replied - post harvest facilities , insurance Ho crops ka , bank credit , cold storages .

5 post harvest se kya Meaning h .

I replied - grading kr paye farmers or market available Ho Jesse ki local traders se bache farmers .

6 . Farmers ke paas to jgh hi nhi h grading k liye

I replied - ki infrastructure develop & govt. 22000 rural market develop kr rahi h .

Member asked that ki tumne farming ki h ?

I replied sir ki phle or Bachpn me ki thi .

7. Farmers producer organization (FPO) Kese alg h cooperative societies se .

I replied - alg to h , lkin me isme ache se aware nhi hu . Sorry sir !

6 .National education policy 2020 - vocational training ko school me kese include kr skte h

I replied - ITI & poly technique ki thrh

Member - ye to phle se h

I replied - sorry sir , muje ispe pdhne ki jarurat h .

Chairperson - We have asked you most of the questions . If you want to ask anything etc....

Me -taken a pause & said that thank you for giving me opportunity .

Kbhi Uttarakhand aaye to Uttarakhand ki dishes or cuisines try kijiyga . Jesé Gahad , kalabatt , Mandua etc ab export bhi hone laga h ..

Suddenly member-3 interrupted & said that ki haldwani ki vo Mithai bhi to popular h , knsi h .

I replied with smile - Baal methai .

Member 3 said - haan with different energy & smiled .

Chairman - Baal mithai achi dish h .(in a lower tone)

✓ Chairman - you are free now . Your interview is over

Thanks to each member & came out of the room

Overall experience - chairman was so cordial even interrupted in other member questions to explain question .

Mocks utility - Vajirao & reddy's mock is good .

I have given less mocks this year .

Drishti is no value addition .

Chahal is average .

Ksg is also good .

28th April

Board : RN chaubey

Forenoon 28th april

3rd to go

Graduation: hai ek lit

Working currently with Rajasthan government

Chairman

Long welcome gesture and briefed about the procedure.

1. Tell me about yourself
2. Currently what are you doing?
3. Is it permanent job?
4. Congratulated me on my service and told me to remove mask
5. Do you have any covid symptoms
6. Tell me about labour reforms in last 20-25 years
7. Not about the codes, tell me specific labor reform

M1

1. Asked me about graduation background
2. Do you play cricket?
3. Why do you watch cricket?
4. What is technical name of cotton?
5. About khadi and how to promote it?
6. Why it is not competitive?
7. Why costly?
8. How to reduce its price?
9. Why cow is considered important animal?
10. Cow dung and its benefit
11. Schemes to generate bio gas
12. Why we are not generating than

M2

He was kind of moody person, and doesn't seem happy with me.

1. Gandhi and his truth and non violence
2. Do you think it is relevant today
3. How?
4. In present context economic sanctions and justify gandhian philosophy of non violence
5. Sanctions are dangerous than war?
6. How sanctions affect poor people?
7. And many follow up questions.

M3

From jaisalmer, great?

1. Tell me about desertification?
2. What are the reasons in that area?
3. How to prevent it?
4. What is climate smart agriculture (I mentioned about it)
5. Climate smart crops
6. Questions related to it
7. Rural stress, agriculture stress

M4

Police personal

1. Police and political nexus
2. How to maintain impartiality?
3. Do you think political interface because to gain political power
4. Is there any policy to reduce political interfere
5. Steps taken
7. Reasons for political interfere
6. Mostly police and political Nexus

Chairman

Anything you wanted to tell, we have asked enough

I forgot some questions

Said thank you and left the room quietly.

Name - Nahi Btata

Board- RN chaubey, 2nd to go on 28th april, Forenoon session

Medium-Hindi

Working Experience - Home Ministry

Optional- Hindi literature(Ignore kar diya No questions)

Hobbies - Playing Piano, Nature traveling

Interview experience - Board was cordial but questions were random.

Mock utility - remember Meme(Expectations v/s Reality)🤔

chaubey sir started and ended the interview.

Sir asked me to remove masks .

Chairman

1. What is your job profile

2. Give me some examples related to Minimum government maximum governance.

3. Which chemicals in Sanitizer (bcs samne sanitizer rakha tha.) - I answered - Alcohol based ... Wo meko bole aur batao aur chemicals - I was like

Abhi maine kya factory khol rakhi hai kya sanitizer ki)

There were many cross questions.

4. How many layers in your mask.

He passed to member 1.

(Wo khi chal diye, 1-2 min wapas aae)

1. Have u heard about Malnutrition - (I was - ab ise kaun nahi janta)

2. Why we need balanced diet-- we can use suppliments, tablets, steroids (tumko kisne roka hai use Karo aur abhi labour aur farmer log kidhar se layega ye sb....🤔)

4. Mid - day mil scheme & what are provisions in UP, Bihar, Maharashtra

5. Food fortification?

6. How much edible oil do we export?

M2

1. What's the difference between piano & harmonium (my hobby was playing piano)

2. Which harmones released when u playing piano (I was thinking - Ye kuch jyada andar ki baat nh ho rahi??)

3. Which physical changes you feel after piano(मदहोशी 🤔)

4. Cooperative federalism?

5. Delhi legislation handicapped?

6. Constitutional provisions for Delhi ? (I was only able to recall 69th amendment 🤔)

7. Recent Supreme court verdict regarding Delhi legislative.

8. We should handover all power to central government (तो केजरी जॉब छोड़ दे फिर🤔)

M3

1. Vally of Flower kidhar hai ??

2. Suddenly shifted to Forest fire (Flower, fire - I was thinking about Pushpa 🤔)

3. Recent case of forest fire and reasons?

4. Why CAG?

5. Why FC

6. Why SFC

7. Digital divide

8. Steps for digital inclusion

M4

1. Again Piano par sawal(ab ye hobby kabhi nahi fill karunga)
2. Tell me about सुर?
3. How many सुर?
4. Difference between Bollywood & classical music सुर?
5. Okay Tell me high pitch Bollywood songs(Simple hai bedu Apna A R Rahmaan bhai h na - Maa tujhe salam.....etc)
6. Your UP govt changing Name for example Prayagraj (हां तो करने दो ना अपने को क्या?)
7. Changing Name is solution?
8. Historical importance of Bithoor.
9. Kerala Saint - Social reforms, recently modi ji speech .

Chairman-

Mera ho gaya - tere ko kuch bolna hai hamse.

I shared my view points about physical fitness (Fit India movement) and Influence of Westernization on Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Bola tum sanghars Karo ham tumhare sath hai.....

Aur Alvida....

29th April

Board Chairman: Rajiv Nayan Chaubey Sir

Candidate Name: Dr Vishal Gohil (first to go on 29th April)

Graduation: B.D.S.

Optional: Geography

Questions:

Give us your introduction.

What's FCI?

Why aren't we replacing PDS with DBT?

How do you upgrade your knowledge as a dentist?

Do you still remember the dentistry skills and knowledge?

Section 144, 420, & Article 14 - > From where they are taken and what do they mention?

What does this idiom or word mean? he's 420, stay away, etc.

What's AFSPA? Should we remove it?

What's Amicus Currie?

What are checks and balances? Give examples.

Can govt. declined to follow collegium recommendations? what are factors associated with such decisions?

Compare Bihar's Panchayati Raj System with that of Gujarat, which one is better?

Civil services - steel frame of India, but now allegations are coming, what are your views?

What are some enzymes found in intestine?

Police commissioner system vs DM & SP system, which is better?

Difference between FPOs & cooperatives?

Difference between FPOs & cooperatives.

What is your opinion on Death Penalty?

Tell me some good e-governance model from Gujarat.

what's dashboard system?

How is e-governance helping corporates?

Bhakti Kal, what was that, tell us some names associated with it, how it was different from other movements?

Is it moral to deal with military dictators? what are your views on that?

Myanmar, what are our strategic interests there and should we impose sanctions?

What's continental drift?

Which materials are used to fill dental cavities?

Dental amalgam, toxic, then why is it still used?

Do you have anything to say, or questions?

My views: No questions on hobby (playing chess), DAF questions were less, more factual, current affairs oriented, didn't know many questions thus I focused on personality traits such as confidence, smile, pause, etiquettes sorry thank you, attire, etc.

Utility of mocks: Removes nervousness and fear, instills confidence

Best of luck all!

Board RN Chaubey

Chairman

1. Do you support rural to urban migration?

M1

2. Questions on 2 child policy and surrogacy

3. How has the developmental situation changed in J&K post removal of special status?

M2

4. What is demographic dividend?

5. How can we reap benefits of demographic dividend?

6. Why CS ?

M3

7. Problems faced by adolescent girls

8. Steps to improve women security

9. State with 2 capitals

10. Are 2 capitals for a state desirable ?

11. How to bring behavioural change about no bank policy?

11. How to bring behavioural change about the PDS policy?

12. Do you know about Hamari dharohar scheme?

M4

13. Why IT companies in India not as large as US companies?

14. Challenges faced by IT companies?

15. What are internal migration corridors in India

16. Issues due to internal migration

Chairman

Is there anything you want to tell us?

R N Choubey sir - Transcripts 2021 - 2022

19th April

Date:19th april and afternoon session 1st person.I didn't knew that whose board was even after interview.

Name. : A Madhu

Board. :R N Choubey sir

Optional. :PSIR

Graduation:BSc agriculture

Hobbies. : Pencil sketching,cricket.

Interview started,

Chairman:

asked me to remove mask.and told that''we are happy to see you that you came at very young age.we are very much interested to speak with you.we are here to know about you and not to cross-examine like police.we learn from you and you also from us,feel free to say anything which makes you discomfort.Be honest.if you don't no,say it no.

1.Introduce yourself in 1min

2.Food corporations of india-what is it?

3.why DBT not there for fci procurement.(3-4 min discussion on it)

4.uas attack on Iraq is it just?(2-3min answer about usa attack on Iraq ,Libya.and compared with russia against ukraine)

M2

1.Farm laws opinion and why it was needed?

2.Ukraine and russia india stand and its justification.

3.India's non alignment.its past with ussr.

4.How Crop productivity can be increased how?

5.why farmers are not empowering even though we have technological advancement?

5.Farmers suicide in western and south india why even though they are developed?

6.wheat export from India to other nations. Difficulties for india.

7.agri startups-to name few

M3

1.Are you in favour of women empowerment?Women reservations in loksabha-opinion and why?

2.one term reservation is not sufficient to women?Counter question based on above answer.

3.why students go other nation for course?

4.why medical colleges are not sufficient in number?

5.Why GM crops are not cultivated much in india?

M4

- 1.who won the 1st IPL season?
- 2.Military combatants and non combatants difference
- 3.Have you watched kgf2 movie? why it is so popular.
- 4.articles in constitution which are fundamental rights.
- 5.what is appropriation account?

M5

- 1.MMR and IMR values and definitions.
- 2.Health-expenditure current and what be ideal?
- 3.why south states have more and north states have less expenditure on health.*
- 4.Dipolar disorder.

Chairman:

Anything to say.

I told that I enjoyed a conversation with them and thanked.

Thanked all board members.

Board was cordial,mostly 40%agriculture,30%IR,remaining on health,women,2questions on hobbies. I felt good with respect to my answers. my confidence level was also good.I could have done little better.All questions were simple,no questions were controversial or situation based.but mostly it was good discussion. Not like a question and answer. As per my experience.we should prepare for unexpected questions. And should practice natural speaking. Being natural and oneself is much more better.

2nd May

02.05.2022

Rajiv Nayan Chaubey board(Ex- IAS)

4th to go

Qualification – ICLS(OT) , GST –STO, BOB officer, Software Engg job.

State- Gujarat

Majority of questions were DAF based

Chairman –

Asked me to remove my mask if no covid symptoms

Introduce yourself in 1 minute.

are Naxalites Terrorists?

Should there be bifurcation of states?

Views on bifurcation of Vidarbha from Maha., Bundelkhand from UP-MP and J&k

M1(lady member) –

Recent changes in the Corporate governance in 2-3 years and are they successful?

Evaluate the tax rate reduction in Corporate Tax.

What problems are the small traders facing in terms of GST return filings?

Issues with card data stored when making online payment.

M2 –

Asked about 5 year gap in my profile. What were you doing in that period?

Divide Gujarat in different zones and tell me something about it.

Are Cooperatives in Gujarat successful? if so why ?

What can other states learn from this?

Wont it lead to monopolisation if too much successful?

Have water issues in Gujarat been solved?

Status of desalination in Gujarat?

M3 –

What is IndAS ? why introduced?

GST collections low in states and their power to tax has been taken away. If you are the finance minister of the state then what will you do to generate more revenue?

How does RBI control inflation? Does it have an inflation target?

What is the current stance of RBI and why ?

M4 –

There is GPS, Google earth of USA. Should all countries have their own system for their interest ?

Chairman interrupted and asked what is the name of India's navigation system and its range?

M4 Continues – Too many people are making FPO under section 8 of companies act compared to the Society registration act. How will it affect the Society act?

What is the status of Data servers in India? Do we have less resource or less servers?

Chairman - Would you like to share anything, regarding the interview or in general ?

I said thank you and left the room.

Date : 02/05/2022

Afternoon Session

Board : Choubey Sir

Optional : Chemistry

Background : Materials & Metallurgy Btech, Masters

State : Maharashtra

Work : JSPL, Tata Designs

Chairperson:

1. Introduce urself in a minute

2. Love Jihad

- Against parents wish, should be stopped?

- Religious conversion in it?

3. Livein relationship, your views?

- issues like rights, treatment in comparison to marriage?
- isnt livin destabilising Marriage as social institution?
- Child born out of livein?

M1:

4. Carbon footprint reduction in steel new technologies?
5. Hydrogen mission limitations?
6. Song where whistling is used?

M2:

7. God particle
8. Application for Higss Boson
9. Govt measures led to increase in drinking water and Electricity supply at home? Schemes of state government?
10. Electricity distribution, source wise in india?

Chairman in mid:

11. Is Nuclear Energy Green Energy?

M3:

12. So many govt adds in Newspaper, isn't it wastage of money?
13. 2 walls, 1 demolition United world other's construction dividing nations? Which are they
14. Migrants, shall we restrict them?

M4.

15. What are transducers?
16. What are piezoelectric?
17. Tell ur project? Applications?
18. Green steel
19. Methods to reduce carbon emissions from steel sector
20. Biochar
21. Pyrolysis

Chairman:

Your interview is over,
Do you want to say something?

Choubey Sir extremely cordial, as usual intro. (we are good people n will b having interaction), but don't get trapped, he will test on multiple occasions.

1-2 didn't answer... said don't know

1-2 didn't have idea they guided or I asked for Guess...

Utility of mock:

- removes fear
 - enables balance in answering analytical questions
 - helps to keep up the tempo even after not answering 1-2
 - questions will be different from mock n others transcript especially for work exp. people
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Doctor

May 2, Afternoon session

R. Choubey Sir board

Mbbs, Optional- Med Sci

Chairman Sir-

Tell me about yourself and your work experience in general.

1. Should India recognise Taliban? Why or why not?
2. What about China? It is authoritarian? So, should we derecognise it?
3. Have we recognised Myanmar? Military coup in myanmar.

M1-

1. GDP and how it has changed over last three year?
2. Is India recovering? How? What are government initiatives for economic recovery?
3. How are our socioeconomic indicators performing? Then specifically asked about hunger index and poverty index.

Why are we lacking?

4. Are people responsible or is govt responsible for our present status?
5. What amount of gdp we spend on health? How much should be spent? Why?
6. Pvt healthcare and public healthcare? Role and challenges?

M2-

1. GST? Should we include crude oil and alcohol under it? Stats of crude oil import and domestic supply.
2. Inflation? How to control it? Which org are responsible and what do they do?
3. Impact of Russia ukraine war on India and worldwide?
4. WHO? Its role?
5. Schemes and Initiative it has supported in India.

M3-

1. Reccomendations of 15th finance commission for health?
2. Status of Indian Nurses? What should we do to improve it?
3. Status of nutrition? How do we improve it?
4. Pvt colleges and govt colleges? Do we need both. Why not only govt?
5. Rationalising med education in India? Role of NMC?

M4-

... .

1. Nanotechnology? Nanomedicine? Examples
2. Use of biotech in health?
3. Personalized medicine v/s generalised?
4. Should we include personal care items in medicine? Why or why not?
5. If a patient comes to u when u r in services? Will you treat him? Why or why not?
6. Name of brand of Insulin which is administered as nanomedicine.

Chairman Sir- Thank u. It was pleasant talking to u. We have asked u enough. We would like to hear from you.

I talked about my experiences of Covid 19.

A mixed experience. Board was cordial. No direct questions on daf.. Hobbies and state related.

Thank u CSPT group for helping throughout. Hope this transcript helps you.

4th May

Name- MS

Date and session of interview- May 04

Board- RN Chaubey

Optional- PSIR

College- IITB Electrical

Profession (if any)- No

Hobbies- Guitar, IoT

Your experience in interview- 90% DAF based, smiling but poker faces, some answers and eye contact could have had been better from my side. Got out feeling nice but no clue how i performed.

Chairman asked to take off mask if no COVID symptoms, i was experiencing sore throat so kept mask on

Utility of mocks (if any)-

Vajirao - formal setting, closest to real interview, fixing mannerisms and boosting confidence

KSG - average mock but can be done as morale booster

Samkalp - my experience was not great but other people have had good experience

Chairman

Asked to sit, told this is not a police interview, if you don't know something it's fine tell us and we will move on

1. Introduce yourself with your education and professional background
2. Mainstream of tribals and some followup questions

M1 (Electrical degree DAF)

1. What are EM waves

2. What is dual nature of particles

2. What is dual nature of parical
3. Who gave this concept (didn't know)
4. Which equation describes dual nature of parical (couldn't recall)
5. Chairman asked here have you heard quote 'god does not play dice'

M2

1. India's stance in Ukraine Russia war
2. Why IMF and RBI give different projections
3. Fuel as part of GST and counter questions on that
4. Inflation target, has MPC failed in its objective to reign in inflation
5. IoT and privacy concerns as IOT is about collecting almost all data

M3 questions on entrepreneurship and electrical (DAF)

1. How to find which students are entrepreneurial
2. Govt steps to promot entrepreneurship
3. Every student is an entrepreneur and every entrepreneur is a student, what is wrong with this statement
4. If family wants you to take up a job and you want to do a start up, what will you choose?
5. What is bioelectricity
6. What is tree charger (didn't know)

M4 guitar and drones (DAF)

1. Resonance in guitar and follow up questions
2. Security and administrative dimensions of drones
3. Can we detect drones
4. Can you tell any recent events where drone attacks happened

Chairman: all right, this is all we wanted to ask, is there anything you would like to say
Mentioned how music helped me in personal growth and more appreciation of our culture.
Chairman said indeed music can lead to catharsis, your interview is over, all the best.

Name-

Date and session of interview- 4 May

Board- RN Chaubey

Optional- Public administration

Background- Civil engineering

Your experience in interview- It was a friendly atmosphere. A lot of questions were from Irrigation engineering (graduation subject).

Utility of mocks (if any)- Learnt about mannerisms and gained confidence.

No questions came from Mocks.

Removed mask, gloves, no face shield.

Chairman

1. Read my name- How do your friends call you? Why do they call you by this?(And proceeded to call me by that)
 2. Tell us about yourself, academic background, work experience.
- 1-2 more questions.

M1.

1. About structural engg. What are the forces acting on a beam?
2. Compressive and tensile forces, and where reinforcement is placed in each of them.
3. Your state is experiencing a new fashion/trend these days, popularising some things. Why do you think it is happening?
4. What is the literacy rate of your state? Why is it low?
5. With which states does your state have border issues? How much percentage of land it claims from Assam?
6. What border agreement your state has with Myanmar? Which paramilitary force guards these borders?

M2. Lady member

1. Opinion on river interlinking. Should it be introduced? Any example where it has been successful?
 2. Recently one cultural troupe from your state was in news. Do you know about it?
 3. You write diaries, how do you handle the threat of privacy?
- Not able to recall some others.

M3.

1. Micro-Irrigation techniques- Drip, sprinkler, rain gun- for which crops are they each used?
2. Can microirrigation help in water efficiency or crop productivity? How microirrigation can boost crop productivity?
3. Contribution of Visvesvaraya in irrigation
4. Is mentor-mentee/advisor-advisee system useful for our country? How? (DAF)
5. Creative secretary- how did you know you were creative? (DAF)
6. You're from science background. Tell me about genome editing.

M4.

1. Opinion on Hindi language being introduced in Northeast
2. River water sharing between states- how can this problem be solved? Do you think states' opinion should be taken?
3. Currently there is a river dispute between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh after bifurcation. Do you know about it?
4. Name of any diary book written (hobby)

Chairman- Your interview is over.

Anything you would like to share?

I talked about historical significance of my village- a significant battle with British which is less recorded in literature.

Overall a positive experience.

May 4, morning

R. Choubey Sir board

Optional: anthropology

State: Rajasthan

Chairman Sir-

Tell me about yourself and your work experience in general.

1. Case Study: You are joint secretary and your senior has taken bribe for passing tender to a particular person and pressuring you to sign it. what will you do ?

M1-

1. Motto of NCC

2. What qualities you learn from NCC

3. Use of Artificial Intelligence in Administration and daily life.

M2-

1. Should we adopt china model by seeing their success ? What are success of china we can adopt

2. Should Students need to go to china for higher education rather than harvard and MIT.

3. Compare medical system of china and India.

4. Genetic Diseases among tribals and their cure.

5. Should we open more IIT/IIM or focus on quality . long discussion

6. forces guarding our land boundaries.

7. How many countries do we share land border [I also told about Afganistan border]

8. Do we really share border with Afganistan (i told about wakhan corridor) . Smile moment..

M3- (speak very slowly)

1. Instances of Racism and changes after WW2.

2. Online gaming and how to control among children.

3. Artificial Nose

4. Drones camera used

5. plagiarism opinion and what tools used to check it

6. Android apps 85% junk. Opinion on this.

7. Again come back to new IIT debate quantity or quality.

M4-

1. Indian ocean why in news

2. Indian maritime security. What we are doing

3. Why you did not join NDA

4. Indo-Pacific.

2-3 more questions unable to recall

Chairman Sir- Thank u. It was pleasant talking to u. We have asked u enough. We would like to hear from you.

5th May

Date: 5 May 2022

Board- RN Chaubey

DAF Keywords (IIT Roorkee, Telangana, Geophysics)

Optional - Nothing

Hobbies - Nothing at all (was very hopeful here)

Utility of Mocks - Helpful in framing answer quickly, and for experience of a formal setup

Interview- Mostly Graduation based (Felt too technical to my liking)

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. What 2 things you can think of from PPP
3. What is Purchasing Power Parity
4. What is Dollar to INR in PPP
5. What are the issues faced by Private sector in PPP
6. Is changing to Revenue Sharing model bad ?

M1

1. What are the issues Telangana facing after Separation?
2. Was SRC wrong in clubbing Telangana and AP on language basis? (Some more Qs about TS. Don't remember)
3. What is Zero gravity?
4. Which place has Zero gravity on earth?

M2

1. National Institute of Hydrology in IIT Roorkee came up with a new model for ground water rejuvenation. Tell me the specifics of it.
2. What is Namami Gange?
3. What are the 12 parameters in Namami Gange Program?
4. Some other IIT Roorkee initiative
5. What is the most sophisticated equipment we use in Earthquake analysis now?

M3

1. Can we use Geology and Geophysics in identifying Net crop sown, Cropping patterns etc
2. How do you do it?
3. Which softwares do we use?

4. How much time does the processing and analysis take ?
5. How to expedite that?
6. Which country is using mining data to good use? What is the status of India in it?
7. What are the differences between NBFC and SFB, who regulates them?

M4

1. How does gravity change when we go deep into the earth?
2. What happens when we go to high altitude?
3. Does mass change with place?
4. What is the Inflation today?
5. What are the measures to control inflation?
6. How does increasing repo rate control inflation?

Chairman- Thank you. Would you like to share anything?

Name- Aakasa Ramanna

Date and session of interview- 5th may afternoon

Board- RN CHOUBEY

Optional- Maths

College- State University college in Andhra (JNTUK)

Profession- Working in PSU ONGC

Hobbies- Not asked

Your experience in interview- Felt like one of the mock interview

Utility of mocks- Few questions asked in mocks

Ch: Explained the process only, no questions from chairman

M1:

Disaster management in offshore (Job related)

KG basin present and future prospects (company related)

What is new oil

Why data is called new oil

Issue between ONGC and RIL in KG basin

M2:

Electrode used in ECG and EEG device (Electrical background)

Future of Electrical and electronics field

Percentage of bio-methane/bio gas blending in Natural gas

M3: ma'am

Transformers importing from foreign countries why domestically not producing (Electrical)

AP bifurcation --Did Andhra people go back to AP from Telangana after bifurcation

Why GOI prevented ONGC in acquiring PawanHans shares?

M4

Favourite subject in optional (optional maths)

Application of ODE

Asked about Work experience

How graduation knowledge helps in discharging duties

Internal security issues of INDIA

LWE in Andhra Pradesh and measures taken by state govt

6th May

Name- Jernie

Home State: Jammu and Kashmir

Date and session of interview- 06 May (Afternoon session)

Board- Chaubey Sir

Optional- Anthropology (no questions from here)

College- Delhi Technological University (DTU)

Profession (if any)- NA

Hobbies- Budget travelling and trekking, watching documentaries on himalayas, Reading thrillers

Chairman:

1.Introduce yourself to the board members

2.There has been no revolution in agriculture after Green Revolution. Suppose there is Green Revolution 2.0, which one technology would be used .. (rambled something about Drones, since I was stumped by the question)

3.What is a Smart City? (I mentioned that about my city being a smart city)

4.What are my observations about my city as a smart city

Member 1:

1.Industry-academia linkage- what is the scenario in India

2.Types of drones

3.Who gives licence to drones

4.Size of drones used in Agri (Didn't know)

5. Asked about Digital Manufacturing

6.One more question was asked which I was unable to understand and didn't answer (At this point Chaubey sir said, it's okay, we are not testing your knowledge, you are not supposed to know everything)

Member 2:

1.Tributaries of Indus

2.Which tributaries flows to Pakistan

3.What is the arrangement of water sharing? Can India use all the water for itself

4.PM Modi said blood and Water can not flow together, so will India stop supply of water to pakistan in likelihood of a war?

5. Is there any water sharing dispute between India and Bangladesh? How is India tackling that?
6. Rohingya Issues- what is the policy of Myanmar, Bangladesh and India
7. Why did Rohingyas flee from the country
8. Role of Myanmar military
9. Nobel laureate from Myanmar? What was her response towards this?
10. What should prevail- Essential religious practices or Social reforms
11. Sabarimala Case- what is your opinion

Member 3:

1. So you are into trekking, what route have you trekked to? (Basically wanted to know the areas where I have trekked)
2. Which pass is there in Manali?
3. Name of the tunnel there
4. What are Electromagnetic waves
5. Do they need a medium to pass
6. Sequence of Electromagnetic spectrum (arrange in increasing order of frequency or wavelength)
7. Which wave has lowest frequency
8. Which wave has more frequency- X ray or Gamma
9. What are meteorites
10. Who is the chairman of Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine board and what is its mandate

Member 4:

1. So you like reading thrillers, name some authors
2. What do you like the most about thrillers
3. You organised industrial tour, which plant did you visit?
4. Was it a thermal or a hydro power plant?
5. Did you go through the details of how the plant works or just walked around?
6. Finance minister said that after making a UT, J&K's financial status has improved. Do you agree? (I said yes)
7. How has the situation improved?
8. Fiscal policy purpose (I began answering and mid way realised that I began talking about inflation rather than fiscal targets, all the members including me laughed at that time, so I continued from the start and rectified my answer)
9. During Covid-19, govt was unable to pay GST compensation on time, did the govt agree to NITI ayog's suggestions regarding GST compensation to the states?
10. What changes did you see in education in Jammu and education in Delhi?
11. So you have done Electronics, why do you think India missed the bus?

I might have missed a few questions.

Your experience in interview - Very Cordial board which helped me in relaxing.

I was a scared candidate in all the mocks, my second last mock (at KSG) scared the S**t out of me.. But today I was calm and confident. Smiled throughout

Today I was calm and confident. Smiled throughout.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Helped in pointing out flaws in body language, which I rectified today. I tried to implement all the feedback that I had received .

May 6, Morning session.

Choubey Sir board

Optional - Physics

College - IISER

Hobbies - Trekking

Your experience in interview - Pleasant and calm interaction, seemed they were eager to hear my thoughts!

Utility of mocks (if any) - thinking on your feet, daf coverage and formal setup interaction.

Chairperson

Made comfortable and said not everyone can answer all questions so it's ok to not know answers to some questions.

Tell me about yourself.

Your weaknesses?

Few years back, few SC judges complained against CJI.. Are you aware about it?

What do you think about live-in relationship?

Is it diluting family structure?

What about the child between them? Is it unfavorable for the child?

Member 1

Why not enough IISERs?

Faculty-student ratio at iiser?

Did you publish research paper in thesis?Why not?

Why not enough nobel prize winners in India?

Member 2

Is research as career option neglected in India? Is it necessary?

Why more focus on technology than science?

Who is only Indian in physics to win nobel in physics, excluding indian origin

What is role of poland in Russia-ukraine crisis? (poland in daf)

Has Ukraine announced it not joining nato before this crisis?

Name the European countries who have shown eagerness to join nato recently.

Member 3

What treks have you undertaken?

What is electromagnetic induction?

Who discovered it?

Who formulated the whole theory?

What it tells and represents?

What act provides for lokpal and its functions?

Member 4

What factors influence budgetary allocation to various sectors?

Does manifestos of political parties influence it?

How wine is made and processes involved? (district based)

Electric steel in india? (district based)

Your views on world as global village?

Chairman - We've asked everything we had to ask, would you like to talk/tell us about something?

9th May

Board -R.N Chaubey Sir

Date 09-05-22 afternoon, 3rd to go

Graduation-MBBS

College - chhattisgarh

Home state -Rajasthan

Hobbies - no question asked from this section

Chairman

- basics -you can remove mask, friendly people, say no if you don't know

-Asked me to introduce myself, tell us about your education, work experience

Begin with case study

-you are joint secretary in pwd and A 100cr tender has been passed through bidding after one month the bidder who got tender came to you and asked you to sign the tender, it's been 1 month... you if want I can offer you something,I gave 5 crores to your senior

Follow up questions

-consider that you know that your senior is very corrupt person but you didn't find any evidences against him, investigation came clean

Again follow up from answer

- you got two advices from your seniors, one that pass the tender as you didn't found any evidence 2nd investigate again and find out corruption and also the bidder is saying that madam it's your department which is delaying project from last one month that's why I am offering you something

- ok unfortunately if you don't get selected in civil services what will you do (I said sir next attempt)

-ok if you don't selected in next attempt then what will you do

M1(Female) spoke very slowly...had difficulty in even understanding what she was saying..

- What EU countries are doing in Russia In Ukraine war

- what America did in Russia Ukraine conflict

- Don't you thin America is supplying bombs on one hand and on other hand talking about climate change...It is democracy...isn't it

-asked one more question..couldn't understand... wanted to ask her to repeat..but next member started asking in meantime

M2

- stay healthy, stay fit what does it mean

-case study - if I am a prisoner in Tihar jail and I came to you opd with fake complaint of bodyache and asking for you to transfer me outside in some higher hospital what will you do... these kind of situations are very common there (my work experience- Tihar jail hospital-junior resident)

Asked 2-3 questions can not recall

M3

-what is famous in churu (my home district)

-asked about condition of undertrails in tihar jail and solutions about it

M4

- case study -if you are DM in chhattisgarh's any naxalite affected district...what will you do

- Ok unfortunately I you don't get selected in civil services and you get posting as medical officer in chhattisgarh... will you go there

Few more question... I can not recall

In last chairperson asked if you want to share something

I said thank you

Chairperson...God bless you...you are free now

Mock experience- good for confidence boosting and experience of talking with senior people,1-2 questions directly from mock... compared to mocks... the board was very cordial...

9 may 2022 forenoon

B.Tech ECE

Choubey sir panel

NCC

Project related to CAD

yoga, meditation, books

optional- geography

As soon as you enter UPSC office, you will be required to submit electronic gadgets. Then digital signature will be taken and you will be sent to allotted group. There u will need to fill up some forms and wait for your turn. Plenty of newspapers and snacks available.

I was the last one to go in my group.

Entered at around 12:45 pm.

Chairman

- Feel free to remove your mask and gloves if u hv no covid symptoms. we are friendly people and don't

expect you to know everything. Just say no if you don't know.

-Introduce yourself to the board.

-I will tell u a statement. Throw light on it. 'We should abolish rajya sabha and legislative councils'.

(couple of follow up ques. as I used the term revisionary chamber)

M1(lady)-

name of recent cyclone

process of naming cyclones

why did u enter this field? What future do you see for yourself?

3 changes if u r made in-charge of district.

- What have been steps taken to reduce dependence on foss fuels?

- (since I said cbm, methane hydrates also in unconventional sources) why not increase focus on solar itself?

since India has huge potential for it. (I said we need a balance as solar also needs land availability)

1-2 more ques.

M2-

u mentioned pranayaam in ur hobby... tell me name of recent doctor who spoke about benefits of pranayaam.

what is the immediate and long term benefit of pranayaam.

what is the actual physiological function which takes place inside body while doing pranayaam?

1-2 more ques. which I don't remember.

M3-

which books did u read recently. Why?

To which wing of NCC u belonged.

U mentioned quizzing...tell me names of 2 American states which r perfectly rectangular.

Why was NCC established?

Is it still fulfilling its aim?

what is the difference between 5G, 4G, 3G?

Is it only about the speed?

U r Electronics engineer. Why this recent thrust on chips and not before?

M4-

good afternoon...

are you nervous?

(based on my project) What is coronary artery disease?

ques. related to hardware device of project...(I said my project was based on software)

Compared to world average, has India got more or less CAD patients.

(based on my ans) too high or higher than the world.

what is meant by packaging of semiconductors and why it is so important?

Chairperson- we have whatever we wanted...now it's your turn. you may speak about anything you like.

overall- 25 min(I am somewhat scared since it was short 😬) but extremely pleasant experience. really boosted confidence level. 🍑🍑

utility of mocks- none was like actual. Vajirao and Reddy was close though. KSG, Rau's..my personal experience wasn't so good though opinions may differ. Don't take any advice very seriously. UPSC people know what they want.

Name : XYZ.

Date : 9th May 2022

Board : Choubey Sir

Time : 30-35 mints

Background : NIT PATNA-MECHANICAL

Optional : Mechanical

Hometown: Darbhanga Bihar

Hobbies : Traveling, Solo Bike riding

Job : In Railways

Upon Entry: Choubey sir monologue

C: Showing his Phone and asked will you call it a machine

C: Does smartphones today have AI

C: Important labour reforms in last 20 yrs

M1(Madam): how to wide tax base in India

M1: how to control the rising inflation

M1: places that you travelled recently

Me: i mentioned two places

M1: difference between both geographically, culturally etc

M1: what's your job profile

M2: Pursue me to travel

M2: how will you promote industry in your district if you are posted as DM there. Tell me 4 points

Chairman: how will you ensure marketing of the products.

M3: foundation year of my college

M3: Railway merger of service details, advantages and disadvantages

M3: railway is technical service but now recruitment of generalist

M3: madhubani painting

M3: darbhanga uniqueness

M4: what's your take on farm laws

M4: farm laws points of contention

M4: how will you solve it

M4: don't you think govt did that as well

M4: why it got failed

M4: challenges of railway (himself he mentioned few) and then asked for addition to above so I mentioned freight issues

M4: reason for dismal state of freight in railways

M4: do you think monopoly of railways in passenger and freight segment is the reason for its poor development

Chairman: do you want to say something

Overall: no grill, Most of the questions were related to the daf only

11th May

Board - R.N. Chaubey sir

Date - May 11th

Optional - sociology

Relevant aspects from DAF - meditation, trekking, green mobility, NGO and Civil society

Chaubey sir

1. You're already in service, are you excited to join it ? (Said yes)
2. Then let's stop the interview and you can join that then. (Laughed)
3. Case study on corruption in your department, where senior has taken a bribe, what will you do ?

Follow up questions

M1

1. On what basis did you decide where to trek
2. Which is the highest peak you have trekked to ?
3. Why so much regional inequality in India ? (Fumbled here and mentioned corruption is jharkhand for some reason)
4. Then asked why is there corruption in jharkhand
5. How will you ensure there is none

M2

1. Why do you meditate
2. What will you tell school children to convince them to meditate
3. Should math be compulsory ?
4. What does an ngo do?
5. What work did you do ?

M3

1. Why so much ineuqality in India
2. What is government doing about it
3. Which IPS officer in Maharashtra was involved in corruption case against the home minister ?

4. If career is also important to you how will you ensure that you are not corrupt ?

M4

1. What is the future of green mobility ? (daf)
 2. Are we doing anything to achieve it
 3. What is a civil society
 4. What is the vision of the civil society you have worked at ?
 5. Some species in western ghats that is killing other species can you name it ?
(Said idk)
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Name

Date and session of interview- 11/05/2022 afternoon

Board- Chaubey sir

Optional- anthropology

College-

Profession (if any)- no questions hence irrelevant

Hobbies- no questions hence irrelevant

Your experience in interview- it wasn't very cordial like mentioned in transcripts. There was no grilling. But panel seemed quite disinterested

Utility of mocks (if any)- mocks are helpful in obtaining experience

Chairman:

I had symptoms of cold which I conveyed. Hence was asked to keep mask on.

1. Brief intro
2. question on name
3. 2 different meanings for ppp. what are they. India's exchange rate in ppp terms
4. Can history be rewritten. many counter questions on that

M1:

1. Use of anthropology in sports
2. What is anthropometry
3. SMART Policing
4. Monologue on Gold smuggling case in Kerala. Who would you say is responsible.

M2:

1. What is state food commission
2. NFSA act. Means to address if someone is denied food under NFSA
3. Best tourist place in Kerala.
4. What is special about Kozhikode
5. What is CERT

M3:

1. Recent RBI announcement. Questions on repo

- Recent HR announcements: questions on repo
- Why women not given permanent commission earlier
- Padmanabhswamy temple treasure
- Anthropology and archeology

M4:

- Kerala's employment issues
- How can we prevent future pandemics
- Kerala floods . Reason

Several other questions. Mostly factual and not conversational except for chairman. Mostly expression less board. Can't fathom how it went down.

Name :

Date : 11th May 2022

Board : Choubey Sir

Time : 30-35 mns

Background : IIT Delhi Chemical

Optional : Maths

Home state: Punjab

Hobbies : Non-fiction, agri-tech, baking

Chairman:

- FCI buffer stock - why in excess
- Extra costs to govt?
- Will you liquidate the excess if made chairman, FCI
- Will you procure in excess in the first place. Why?

M1:

- What are red corridors
- Punjab BSF jurisdiction expansion
- Why is Punjab police unhappy. Do you support it
- Can't remember more

M2:

- IITians going abroad - good or bad
- IITians in administration - internal brain drain?
- Difference between baking and grilling
- Jallianwala bagh renovation- what was it. Why people unhappy. Do you support it?
- Procedure for resignation of President

M3:

- Punjab drugs issue. Why has govt not been able to wipe it out. What has Haryana done differently.
- Structural issues in economy

M4:

1. Economic impact of Russia-Ukraine war
2. Punjab stubble burnin issue- Hoq will you solve as DM. Despite technologies, why does it still prevail
3. Punjab water crisis - reasons. Are policies to blame

Chairman: We're done. Do you want to say something from your end?

12th May

Date & session - 12/5/22, forenoon

Board - R N Choubey Sir

Chairman:

- 1) Briefly introduce yourself in less than 1 minute.
- 2) Tell me your weaknesses and how do you intend to work on it.
- 3) Tell me 2 Gandhian perspectives which you disapprove of.
- 4) Apart from caste, what is your opinion about race?
- 5) What'll you do if your daughter married a black guy from Africa.

M1:

- 1) What is automatic transmission? Why is it not so appealing to the users?
- 2) Why is Kerala called god's own country?
- 3) Your opinion about marital rape.

M2:

- 1) Do you know how villages are existing in developed countries?
- 2) Tell me 3 problems of villages and cities each.
- 3) What's the new issue viz. abortion in US?

M3:

- 1) 1st time in Delhi? What things you noticed in Delhi different from your hometown?
- 2) Your opinion about Bollywood dance style being hyperactive/aggressive (hobby based qt).
- 3) Should we ban diesel vehicles?
- 4) Where did Vasco de Gama land in Kerala and for what?
- 5) What is US interest in Ukraine?

M4:

- 1) Origin of salsa dance?
- 2) Tell me 3 things you would advice a beginner who is about to start his/her weight lifting journey?
- 3) Most important food component for muscle building and how much to intake?
- 4) What happens if you take excess protein?

Chairman : Thank you. We've asked what we wanted, anything you want to share with us? Ok, thank you and all the best.

Experience : Board was cordial, no grilling as such. Overall an average experience.

Name- SR

State- Maharashtra

Date and session- 12th may, afternoon (last to go)

Board- R N Choubey sir

Optional- History

College- COEP, EnTC

Profession- NA

Hobbies- no questions

Interview experience- very cordial board, mostly opinion based and few factual questions, very few DAF related questions.

Utility of mocks- mannerisms, confidence booster

Chairman sir

Introduce yourself

(Mentioned about mentoring fresh aspirants)

How do exactly mentor? general or particular subject?(I said overall strategy and subjects)

So it means u r one man coaching (with smile)

I replied

Live in relation opinion

Is it destroying family and marriage institutions

What abt children's born out of such relationships

What if couples get separated after child birth

M1:

National heritage site in satara

What are the issues related to sugarcane industry?

What is frp?

Who paid it?

Is political involvement damaging agriculture?

M2:

Should religion allowed to play role in politics?

Is it against constitution?(based on previous answer)

How we measure malnutrition?

What is stunting and wasting?

What is fertility rate and replacement rate?

What is current replacement rate of india

M3:

What are functions of ED?

Food processing industries in satara and what more can be done?

Who brought berry culture in mahabaleshwar

M4:

Bhakti movement proponents and impact on later societies

Crowd management related case study (DAF based)

What is smart policing?

Use of nirbhaya fund in district

Chairman sir:

If uh want to ask/tell us something

Your interview is over.

My Name - Freud

Optional- Anthropology

State- Bihar

Date of Interview- 12/May/2022

Session- Fore noon , First to go.

Hobbies - Cricket and writing fiction

Graduation - BTech

Board - Chaubey sir

Sir always has a smile on his face. He asked if I wanted to remove my mask. I did. Gloves were on the whole time

Chairman:

1. You have 2 first names..what do your friends call you
2. Is anonymity necessary on social media: took a balanced approach
3. As a civil servant, you should not have an equivocal approach, take a stand
4. Is freedom of speech dependent on anonymity
5. What do you do at GIC

Member 1

1. How do you view patna
2. If made the DM, what changes would you bring
3. Why govt needed in insurance sector
4. Why so many govt insurers
5. Why can't private sector perform these roles

Member 2

1. What are 3 issues in the power sector
2. Is discom issue consumer side or supply side
3. What to be done for discoms
4. What does Qualcomm do, where is it based

Member 3

1. Do you know about Hunger index? India's rank? Parameters?
2. State food commission - couldn't recall
3. Tell about liquor ban in Bihar
4. Why other areas with alcohol do not have so much crime
5. Do only illiterate commit crime
6. Is this just a political ploy

Member 4 (soft spoken lady)

1. Why do you want to join the service
 2. What do you mean by prestigious
- Here Chaubey sir interrupted and asked
3. If offered Chairman at Tata Sons and Cabinet Secretary, what would you choose
- Member 4 continued
4. What would you implement using your imagination

Member 5

1. Tell about history of fiction and novels
2. First novel in English- didn't know
3. Earliest writer you know- Shakespeare
4. What did he write? How many plays- here chairman interrupted that we should not grill him on this topic if he said he is not aware
5. Help me understand civil aviation schemes assuming I am illiterate
6. Why insurance companies say that GIC acts like an obstacle to them

Chairman sir said now we have asked everything we wanted. Do you want to speak something.

I spoke about woman empowerment and breaking the glass ceiling. I gave the example of my mother who has done the same.

I found my interview to be average. Hopefully the marks will be better.

The board was very cordial. It did not even feel like a formal interview. A very relaxed atmosphere overall. Mocks were more factual and grilling than the Main Interview.

Utility of Mock-

Prepares one for a formal conversation. Taught to modulate my body language accordingly and how to handle questions I wasn't aware of.

KSG - good. One on one with Khan sir was a blessing

Next IAS - too factual and not close to the interview at all

Samkalp - closer to the actual interview

Chanakya - closest to the real interview.

12/5/22

Afternoon

R.N Choubey Sir

State-CG

Mechanical Engg background

Optional-Geology

Hobbies-not asked

CM-Relax...it is a personality test not an interview...tell what you know or else say don't know

1)Are Statistics misleading.

2)What is PNJ.

3)Is the first principle violates in Judiciary?(judge of own case)

M1:-

4)Areas of tourism for chhattarpur

5)Role of FCI?

6)What is sir creek?How is it diff from rest of border?

7)Why Raipur is famous?

M2:-

8)RBI recent steps.

9)Role of RBI

M3:--(Lady)

10)When were Khajuraho temples made?

11)Has bifurcation helped CG?

Status of connectivity?

12)How to resolve Russia Ukraine issue?

13)USA's accountability in this issue?

M4:--

14)Why naxal instances in Chhattisgarh while they reduced in other states?

15)These things CRPF also know, why they not rectifying?

16)If they are liability why not to remove them from state?

17)Is health more important or fitness?

And why?

CM--We asked what we wanted to.If you want to share anything ,can share.

Overall-Choubey sir maintains his reputation of keeping atmosphere cordial and pleasant, although how it went he only knows.

Utility of mocks--

Practice and basic etiquettes.

Daf coverage

Please don't take few mock feedbacks that try to make you overconicious.

Use mocks to know shortfalls and correct them, not to get demotivated by feedback...

Name- Insecure AF till results.

Date and session of interview- 12May, forenoon

Board- Shri RN Chaubey

Optional- PSIR

College- non-IIT

Profession (if any)- non-engineer

Hobbies- standup comedy(Only on this 1Q was asked)

Your experience in interview- Maza aya. Thoda or better kar skta tha.

Utility of mocks (if any)- helps get familiar. But a lot different than actual.

Intro

Glass ceiling

Why glass n not wood iron?

Should we regulate Vulgar comedy?

Why CBFC regulation?

Laws of physics on this Bottle?

water drops on Bottle surface?

Rajya sabha in coi?Council of states

Y ceasefire agreement r violated?

When did we sign it with Pakistan?

What has been recent development?

When has it happened?

What should India do to remain relevant in world?

Atmnirbhar? Hw to do it

Ukraine russ bloc or bilateral issue?

Kanpur industry down in dumps, why?

Bpcl n privatisation? Why are we privatising?

Can psu become giants?

How many psu in india?

Which nations hav psu as global giants?

Do u knw Singapore model?

Is Idia capitalist?

Is France taking lead or EU consensus will break?

R u aware macron is making steps to make nations Weaken eu (or something she said) without approval?

Which product of ur district is famous?
How will u promote the brand?
How to reduce rising cost of living?
Ind japan highs n lows 5 yrs?
Y highest civilian award to japan leader?
Wht r ceasefire violation? Why ceasefire violation happen?
Wht india pak ceasefire update has been?when it happened?
Multiple Dowry case studies

It was good talking to you. Now you are free to go -chair
Thanked and left.

13th May

Name: Himanshu Mangal
Hometown: Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan
Edu: Civil, IITB (2017)
Work: Software Dev @Citi (3 yrs) + CFA L3
Optional: Maths
Interests: Adventure Sports, Vipassana Meditation, Trekking
Interview Date: 13 May 2022 (Afternoon)
Board: RN Choubey Sir
Duration of Interview: Didn't track

Chairman

C: Himanshu Please introduce yourself highlighting academic background & job experience if any

C: What's is your favourite Trek route?

C: Article 370 was revoked in J&K. Do you think the internal security situation of the country has improved after this?

M1

M1: What is Fiscal Deficit?

M1: What can Govt do to bridge the deficit?

M1: Can Govt also print money?

M1: What is Current Account Deficit?

(I was like Pre ka rehearsal ho rha h ye toh)

M1: How's India's position on CAD?

(Chairman signalled M1 to hurry as time is running out)

M1: Swami Vivekananda had given a famous speech. Can you tell something about it?

(My school's name starts with Vivekananda....)

M2

M2: You must have heard of ISI Mark What is it?

M2: You must have heard of ISI mark. What is it.

(Ye kya chal rha h. Aise Q's kyu puch rahe h yaar ye log)

M2: Is it compulsory?

M2: Which law governs it?

M2: India & Bangladesh had some agreement to resolve border issue? Tell me about it

M2: What is the status of citizenship of people living there as of now?

M2: Recently new IITs have been opened up. Almost 1 in every state. Don't you think it's a dilution of IIT brand?

M3

M3: India & Japan relationship has been growing well in recent times but tell me 1 major irritant in their relationship

M3: You've not pursued any regular sports & you jumped directly to adventure sports. Tell me how do you distinguish adv sports?

M3: An award is given for Adv Sports. What is it?

M3: On which day is it awarded?

M3: Why is it awarded on that particular day?

M3: Which ministry promotes Adv Sports in India?

M3: Which schemes are given by Govt of India to promote Adv Sports

M3: You've done CFA & now let's say you get selected to some Defense service or Audit service or Postal service. Wouldn't it be a U turn?

M4 (Female member)

M4: Afghanistan. So many powers have tried to come there. Can you tell me which all countries?

M4: Why no power has been able to capture it?

M4: You've been to Himalayas. They're relatively young. So what's your opinion on the Hydropower plants in such areas

M4: You've lived in Sawai Madhopur & then you went to Pune. What did you like there?

M4: You're from a good college. There're institutions like DU but their cut off is very high. We've a large population & not everyone can score that high to get into colleges like DU. What can be the solution for this?

Chairman:

C: Himanshu we're done from our end. If there's anything that you'd like to talk about you can

Overall experience: I felt it was too much on the factual side. I don't know how a personality can be judged based on such questions.

Utility of mocks: Some mocks had really good & thought provoking Qs. Some were on factual side. Overall it gives a good chance to interact with senior bureaucrats & get into a formal zone.

PS: I've also shared a pdf containing verbatim Answers & actual thoughts during the Interview. And if somebody has mentioned CFA in DAF then proof is needed (I didn't take the proof with me). Also special Thanks to the people who are facilitating this exchange of info for greater good

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5th April

Optional - public administration.

1. online education and issue of values in it
2. Question drifted to Digital Divide
3. Influence of China in India's neighbourhood
4. What if you are made prime Minister in Sri Lanka (I mentioned economic crisis in last question)
5. Difference between personal and positional authority (public administration related)
6. Why govt. Job over highly paying private jobs?
7. debt on states and freebies
8. Last and follow up Question over my answer on ques. 5

..... No particular question from DAF , hobbies, current affairs etc...

Date and session of interview- 5/04/22 (9:am forenoon session)

Optional - history

College - civil engineering from DTU, MA in modern history from JNU

Hobbies - reading, travelling, numismatics

Nagaraj ma'am

- why do you think about freebies
- Should they be discontinued, or modified in any manner
- Farmers and electricity
- do freebies encourage individuals to not work, remain dependent on govt

#2

- how can civil engineering (graduation subject) help in civil services.
- issues behind time and cost overruns
- insisted on giving practical and on ground problems faced(follow up) rather than theoretical/bookish issues in civil engineering
- difference and similarities in crisis going on in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

#3

- how can we keep the bureaucracy motivated?
- (A number of follow up questions on similar lines)
- Issues about bureaucracy, I
- Why the image is bad ?etc

#4

Don't remember specifically but questions related to application of civil engineering on problems in infrastructure

Why India's infra growth is shabby when compared to that of china.

#5

Just asked about comparison between the response of Indian and Canadian govt to protests in respective countries

Reasons behind why Canada is considered liberal and India is considered authoritarian

Were the measures used by Canada authoritarian or democratic (follow up)

over all experience - no hi hello, no chit chat, no questions related to daf (apart from grad subj- civil Engineering)

I felt the questions were really good, especially the ones related to infra and civil engineering. I wasn't able to satisfy the demands with respect to practical issues, a point that was raised twice during the interview. Not unnecessary grilling if a person could answer these questions he/she would definitely make a really good addition to services.

Mocks- focussed majorly on daf, and I felt the interview was of a whole another level- they knew what they knew what they were looking for.

5th April, afternoon session

IT background

Hobbies: Reading books; Writer's head

M1:

1. Tell me something innovative that can happen with IT in the next 25-30 years.
2. Can blockchain be used safely for elections?
3. Why EVM issue is raised? Have we properly addressed it? What will you do to address it?
4. Why VVPATs aren't used and checked in every district?

M2:

1. Role as writer's head.
2. On what issues you wrote the play?
3. Talk about a recently read book.
4. What is appeasement in the context of WW2?
5. Similarities b/w WW2 & Russia-Ukraine war.
6. Why is the US not intervening?

M3:

1. Solutions for stubble burning
2. How can MSP be helpful?

M4:

1. Recent Birbhum incident from anthropological and economic angles.
2. What will you do as IAS, IPS, and IFS for cryptocurrency?

M5:

1. Difference between 4th and 5th Industrial Revolution.
 2. What is IoT? How it can be used in civil services?
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6th April

Date and session of interview- 6th april morning session (last interview of the morning session)

Optional- physics

College- IIT mandi CSE

Profession (if any)- software engineer experience of 1 year

Hobbies- sci fi movies, jogging

Your experience in interview- The board was very cordial, gave ample time to respond, no cross questioning

Utility of mocks (if any)- The mocks helped me in improving by confidence level as I noticed great change in my communications skills in 1st mock and the interview (gave 5 mocks), not much useful with respect to questions asked.

Chairman

What have you been doing these days?

Most important challenge that would come before IAS or IPS in coming years

Why less importance or respect for civil servants in developed nations where as in India they are given so importance?

Is reducing importance good?

Why violence against doctors whereas no such thing against civil servants even when they are incompetent?

Member 1

Why still development lacking in NE even after attempts by govt.? What would you do to ensure development there?

Implications of China helping Sri lanka more as compared to India?

Whats the issue in myanmar? Why army overtook?

Neighbor with which we have best relations (Bangladesh) ? Why such good relations?

Why not such good relations with pakistan?

Member 2

Whats the agreement between assam and meghalaya?

Whats the difference between Taliban 1.0 and 2.0?

What are some different policies undertaken by them? (Opium ban)

How would afghan survive economically as it has banned opium plantation?

What are some different policies w.r.t culture (wanted answer w.r.t bamiyan buddha, so gave a hint that its

related to Buddhism when I said I can't recall)

Member 3

Demands in US for removal of police completely ?

What would happen if we do so in India?

Gun licenses are very liberal in US and there is no problem with it ? Why not do so in India as well

Why issue of stubble burning has become so prominent these days as haryana punjab farmers have been planting paddy since very long? Some cross questions on the same

Member 4

Why AFSPA was in news?

Whats the issue of giving such powers to armed forces when police already have such powers?

(can't recall other questions)

No questions from educational background, work experience, hobbies etc

Just one question from home state

Home state Bihar

Maths optional

Btech Mechanical engineering

6april, Afternoon

Hobby : playing with kids and listening Bollywood songs

Chairman:

You have been preparing since 2018, what is your motivation behind it.

How muzaffar nagar shelter home case came to light

Why TISS has to find this out, why state machinery failed to highlight that

Was it an isolated incident or u think it is happening in other parts of the country also

M1

What are the laws to protect children

What amendments u want in the law to prevent children's exploitation

What will u do for children if you become an IAS

What is ITER

M2

why Bihar has not progressed while state like Odisha even Jharkhand has done so

3 follow up questions on my answer... Like ...is there rent seeking going on in the state which is why industries don't come up ,

How will you help develop your district if you were its DM

M3

Why North Korea and South Korea is in news

What can be done to eliminate their enmity

In how much time india Pakistan relationship will be normal, why it's so bad

Why research in India is so low

I have heard Pythagoras theorem was in fact invented in India first , have you also heard that

Why do u think we didn't get the credit for our own achievements in maths why Europeans took it.

You are mechanical engineer but you chose maths, I'm sure it's because maths is very scoring, right?

What's the use of maths in administration

M4

Why inland water trade is low in India and even abroad

(Ans.= In India it's due to lack of river interlinking, rivers are not perennial, adequate depth of water for freight movements is not found everywhere ,

Global scenario is not so as in China 47.5% of all trade occurs through inland water only and in Bangladesh too.)

What's the mechanism for solving interstate water dispute

Why Chandigarh is in news

What are the implications of giving Chandigarh to any one party

In your opinion which state (haryana or Punjab) should be given Chandigarh

What govt is doing to promote skill development

7th April

7th april, afternoon 2nd last to go

Maths optional

IIT Delhi

no work experience

nothing except cricket touched

chairman:

Q1. what have you been doing since 2018?

Q2. you are from IIT delhi, do you think inadequate attention is given to primary discipline(civil engg.), because of other activities that students do in college(extracurriculars)

Q3. while at iit, were you ever told about any civil enginner alumni like you know about other alumni at high positions in the world?

Q4. should we bring more cross disciplinary curriculum at iits?

Q5. what do you think are qualities of iitians that take them to high places?

Q6. Your best memory from iit days(non academic)?

Q7. you say the society respects iitians more, do you think it is right?

M1:

Q1. what do you know about cryptocurrency regulation?

Q2. is it right that government does not recognise crypto as legal and still wants to tax it?

Q3. what do you think about the central vista project?

Q4. what do you think about the criticisms of this project?

M2:

Q1. I see your daf- cricket team...difference between a team and a group?

Q2. what is a visible negative effect of freebies?

Q3. what do you understand by superpower?

Q4. what do you think can stop india from becoming a superpower?

M3:

Q1. (from earlier iit discussion reference) why do you think indians have to go abroad to become big ceo, etc?

Q2. in ukraine crisis, there is one sided narrative of the west visible everywhere... why do you think that is?(i mentioned internet companies)

Q3. why do you think they(internet compqnies) tow the line of their government?

Q4. what can we do if tomorrow facebook decides to black out our media?

M4:

Q. why was the farm bill issue?what was bad about it that the government rolled it back?was there something good about it?why only big farmers of punjab, haryana?

chairman:

Q. What can india learn from the sri lankan push to organic farming and it leading to an economic crisis?

Q. do you think there was some motive behind banning the chemical fertilisers other than becoming an organic nation?

Q. (continued from sri lanka)how can army be called in for internal security in india?

thank you, you interview is over.

8th April

Date- 8th April, forenoon, 3rd to go

Background- Btech IIT Roorkee Mechanical

Optional - Mechanical

Work- teaching physics

Chairman-

1. What are you doing nowadays?

2. Questions on my teaching physics and problems in schooling

3. Discussion on need to bring flexibility in school education and follow up questions
4. Why engineering students are opting for civil services and some follow up
5. Questions on robotics warfare(from my daf) and it's future
6. Application of robotics and concerns and ethical issues

Member 1

1. Ukraine Russia crisis and its impact on BRICS.. follow up questions on BRICS and it's significance
2. Questions on Sri Lanka economic crisis and what can be done to bring the change in short term and long term..some follow up questions
3. Significance of Nepal for India and china and issues coming out of it
4. Border issues between India and china and some follow up
5. Questions on recent India Australia trade deal and its significance for India

Member 3

1. Questions on my home state(Bihar) ..swot analysis of the liquor prohibition and some follow up questions which I don't exactly remember
2. Future of mechanical engineering due to recent tech dev and booming of electronics sector..some follow up questions ..

Member 4(some grilling and cross questions here)

1. He took the conversation from India and aus trade deal where I mentioned coal import..he asked why we are importing coal if we have lots of reserves
2. Problem in coal mining in India and steps taken
3. Questions on coal scam and supremely court judgment..it's impact on coal industry..steps taken..recent policy changes..here I was not much comfortable but he gave me some hints so I handled these

Member 4

1. Need for ministry of civil aviation and what reforms required..he gave me some hint
2. Need for an integrated ministry of transport.
3. Questions on multimodal transport and it's importance

P.S- member 4 was mainly observing and was sitting to me left..

Chairman said your interview is over

Overall it was a cordial interview and members gave sufficient hints..

Prakhar Ranjan

Anthropology, Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Quizzing, Reading Books (did not ask)

President of Quizzing and Debating Society (Mentioned as there was a question by the chairman)

Chairperson:

You have a background in Debating and Quizzing. Do you think India is a Debating Society or a compliant society?

Member 2:

What is your take on EV? Are they free of pollution?

I said something about coal.

Coal washing and coal pollution leads to hazards in these areas? Don't you think we should compensate these people?

Counter questions and helped me achieve the correct answer.

Member 3

What is your idea about Criminal Tribes? Certain neighbourhoods in USA are considered extremely dangerous from policing perspective? What can be done?

Member 4

What is longitudinal studies?

What is an ethnography? Can it be used to study people over long term?

Has India Nepal relations become hijacked by China's Influence?

Member 5

What can centre do to stop freebies by state?

All these scams, ILFS? What has RBI done for this? What about PMC bank?

No question on Civil or States, probably because my first preference was IFS. Mainly Current affairs. Lasted 25-30 minutes. Thanked them and exited.

Date and session of interview- 08.04.2022, Afternoon

Optional- Mathematics

College- IIT Kharagpur

Profession (if any)- worked as Model Risk Analyst at an investment bank

Hobbies- Chess, watching socially relevant movies

Your experience in interview- very cordial board, some interesting questions, some easy questions, very thoughtful IR questions.

Chairperson:

1. You have worked at Model Risk Analyst, how will that knowledge be useful for public administration?

2. Suppose I ask you to build a model to predict Russia Ukraine war. What will be the outcome of your model? (2-3 follow ups on this)

3. Do you know about game theory?

4. How can game theory be applied to look at Russia Ukraine crisis?

5. Why there is so much negative publicity for Russia right now but when western nations were involved in human rights violations in West Asia, there wasn't any hue n cry? (I mentioned psychological warfare in my answer)

6. Can you recall from your surroundings any instance of psychological warfare?

Member 1:

1. What are implications of social media on an individual, on national level and on international level?
2. Should social media be regulated?
3. What are the current provisions in India for regulation of social media?

Member 2:

1. There are some subjects in union, state and concurrent lists. Some states want a few subjects to be included in state list and vice versa. (I said i can recall vice versa that water should be added to concurrent list)
2. Why water should be moved to concurrent list?
3. Tell me few provisions of Dam Safety Act.
4. What is interlinking of rivers and it's pros n cons?

Member 3:

1. What is the reason for establishing IITs/IIMs in each state?
2. Don't you have IIT/IIM brand is degrading because of it?
3. What are socially relevant movies? Aren't all movies socially relevant?
4. (*Chairperson mam) So you only watch such kind of movies? What last movie did you watch?

Member 4:

1. Some question on LIC, which i can't recall. (Not related to IPO though)
2. There is so much hue n cry over Russia in Ukraine, a European country. If Russia would have invaded any nation in West Asia, there wouldn't have been such hue n cry. What is your take on this?
3. Yesterday, Russia was removed from Human Rights council. Told me India's stand on it. What is your opinion on India's stand?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

11th April

Optional: Geology

Chairman:

Question on name

Queue on Mount Everest - people deaths happening there - what drives them to climb mountain? (Hobby)

Do you think mountaineering sport is an example of white supremacy?

Why civil service?

M1:

Explain your research project (daf)?

Did you use ISRO atlas ?

Why did you switch from Physics to environment studies?

How would you use your knowledge in administration?

Who appoint the liaison officer (mountaineering hobby)?

M2:

Economic development vs sustainable development?

Follow up questions

Opinion on Fiscal deficit and subsidies?

M3:

NEP scrapped Mphil. I think it is not justified. What do you think? (Daf - did mphil)

70% research thesis in India in the library lying in dust. Why is it so? Do you think we can make our research productive? How?

M4:

Which state has highest coal reserve in india (optional geology)?

Which state has highest Aluminium reserve?

Subsidies vs free distribution?

Conflict between north and south korea - two basic reasons?

Chairman:

Maximum height you climbed?

Did you use oxygen?

Some more questions on economy but not able to recall

Keshav (CSB)

18th April; Forenoon session

graduation: B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering

optional :Public Administration

hobbies: cooking, floriculture farming

Entire conversation is based on situation based questions, some related to hobbies, some related to optional, no question on IR, more questions on agriculture

No questions from Mechanical Engineering

Chairman:

1. do you think forceful banning of some type of food during some festival or occasional time is good or bad(Q based on hobby of cooking)

2.what guides you in this aspect

follow up questions on traditions and culture

3.What is your plan if action ,if you were made incharge of that area

4.. Is it good to place restrictions on food consumption or selling of food at particular place

4.what is your opinion on food and why it is so special.

5.How do you define yourself

Member 1

1. Asked me about my Engineering stream (i mentioned about subjects)

2.what is honeycomb structure(based on my project)

3.What are your learnings from the project

4.How do you use your knowledge of engineering in administration

5.have you heard about LWE, why it is still exists in AP, what is the status now.

Member 2

1.Why do more number of engineering graduates appear for civil services

2.what is your justification

3.What is NEET and its controversy ,is it good or bad

4.what is CUET and what is your opinion

why some of the universities opposing it

5.what is har ghar jal mission

6.what is the status of water conservation

Member 3

1.difference between invention and discovery

2.what is sec 144, explain

3.Is it required now

4 how do you control mob violence or communal violence

4.what id difference between thermal engineering ,SOM and production Engineering, explain, it in laymen terms

Member 4:

1. What is meaning of your name and how it is pronounced with your surname
2. I am against bifurcation, convince me on what grounds do you justify the bifurcation
3. What are the opportunities and challenges of successor states
4. What are the drawbacks of bifurcation
5. I am in favour of the law which is banning of sugarcane crop and make it cognizable offence to cultivate it (this question linked to water management, from Member 2 question)
What is your view and how do you go about it follow up questions.
6. What is Anantapur famous for
7. One famous personality from Anantapur (N Sanjeev Reddy)
8. What is flood irrigation, drip irrigation, micro irrigation.
9. Why there is resistance for dietary diversification.

Chairman: Your interview is over and thank you, all the best.

Date and session of interview- 18/04/2022, Afternoon, 1st to go

Board- Smita Nagaraj ma'am

Optional- Electrical Engineering

College- IITK

Profession (if any)- Software Development

Your experience in interview- Very cordial, More of a generic discussion type, Very few from DAF

Utility of mocks (if any)- 5 mocks, all okay, confidence boosters

Chair

1. So engineering oriented. Must be less knowledgeable towards social science.
2. What in your daily life in your city has hurt you the most.
3. We have anti begging in some states, should we enforce them directly in your city

M1

1. Why switch to civil services
2. Tell about JAM Trinity. Explain more. What is the significance of the three.
3. Can police access the aadhar data for investigation. If not, why not?

M2

1. Job, engineering. Why sacrifice the good life for so many challenges. (Daf related)
2. What concept other than right to privacy did supreme court introduce in Puttaswamy judgement?

M3

1. Freebies? For or against.
2. One recent bill which you liked? Why?
3. D Subbarao- IAS has failed the nation. Do you agree?
4. Something from your college days you are proud about.

M4

1. Process of patent application (daf related)
2. Under which law patent
3. Do you remember facts of Puttaswamy judgement.

Chair

1. Which types of people do you like to talk with. Why?
2. Do you follow the same and how?

I may be forgetting some questions.

19th April

Date:19/04/2022, Morning first person to go

Optional: Economics

Graduation: Btech Mechanical

Hobbies: Defence enthusiast, watching football

Home state: jharkhand

Chairperson:(straight to point)

- 1) How long have you stayed in your hometown
- 2) what are the 2 things you have seen that you would like to change
- 3) are the people of your hometown politically empowered?
- 4) (based on previous discussion) what is civil society?
- 5) are they always on the right side of things?
- 6) (based on previous answer) should we censor them?
- 7) how to incorporate their suggestions?

M1:

- 1) what were the headlines of today's paper?
- 2) what happened in Jehangirpuri?
- 3) why are communal incidents rising these days
- 4) (based on previous answer) how should we control social media?
- 5) why would big global giants like twitter alter their algorithm for us
- 6) what are the prominent democracies of this world
- 7) what's the difference between US and indian democracy
- 8) don't you think 2 party system is better?
- 9) aren't regional parties hurting us in progress?
- 10) didn't china grow faster than us because of lack of democracy?
- 11) how much free speech should be restricted

M2:

- 1) What is BRICS?

1) what is DRUGS:

- 2) (based on previous answer) why hasn't it lived upto its hype?
- 3) what are the recent developments
- 4) what is the difference between a summon and a warrant
- 5) whats the difference between custody and jail

M3

- 1) what is your opinion on private coaching
- 2) where there any attempts to curtail coaching that you know of
- 3) what do you know about telecommunication sector
- 4) (wanted to know about a specific development in the sector which i couldn't recall)

M4

- 1) who is ruling Afghanistan
- 2) what is their history
- 3) how is taliban of now different from 90s
- 4) is the taliban brutal
- 5) should we contact them
- 6) what is the difference between public and private health sector
- 7) why do you want to be an ias officer?

Chairperson: Your interview is over.

Experience: nothing from optional, graduation, hobbies, homestate. They just had a constructive conversation and they knew what they were looking for

Mocks: helps a lot in practicing etiquettes and predicting some common questions

20th April

Name: Anonymous

Job experience: Section officer in Revenue department (Gujarat Government)

Optional: Gujarati literature

Date: 20/04/2022

- 0) Responsibility of section officer
- o) What is procedure for land revenue collection?
- 0) Why there are many issues in land revenue collection?
- 0) Different types of land revenues collected in Gujarat.
- 0) Does land revenue relevant today?
- 0) Why there is no income tax on farmer?
- 0) Why is there less number Gujarati civil servant?
- 0) Why there is no pharmacy shop in rural area?
- 0) Views on mobile pharmacy.

- 0) Importance of Jan Aushadhi Kendra
 - 0) Model of development other than Gujarat. (Tamil Nadu model)
 - 0) Difference between Kerala and Tamil Nadu model
 - 0) Speciality of Tamil Nadu model
 - 0) Your views on Art-19
 - 0) Kashmir files as right of expression
 - 0) Where is Bhakhara Nangal Dam situated?
 - 0) Which other state bans alcohol?
 - 0) Your good marks in 10th, but not in 12th. Why there is so?
 - 0) From Gujarati and Bengali literature, which one do you choose?
 - 0) Give for and against argument of alcohol ban
 - 0) Why are there more disputes in land? Give suggestions to reduce disputes.
 - 0) Relationship between Kyiv and Putin?
 - 0) Why is Kyiv important for Russia?
 - 0) Why are Gujarati people less in civil services?
 - 0) Why are Gujarati people less in the army?
 - 0) Why are Gujarati people less in the jawan category?
 - 0) Why are Gujarati people less in defence but more in politics?
 - 0) Why are Gujarati people less in business school?
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College : Btech + Mtech (EE) , IIT KGP

Optional : Pub Ad

Home State : Bihar

Chairman :

Why do civil servants get more respect and recognition than scientists ?

Followup : there are two sections of ppl -elite and non-elite , whose perception would matter more for you ?

Why civil services ?

Should a civil servant use social media ? Followup: One positive and negative regarding this ?

Should a civil servant work anonymously?

M1

Should CBSE course be copied to other state board?

Followup : Should we also take inspiration from other countries?

Case study: you are DM and sitting in ur office with six subordinates , and a mob attacks your office , what will you do ?

Do you use social media ?

M2

What is NGT ?

Composition of NGT?

Do engineers also present in NGT panel?

What is Shiwalik range and where does this lie ?

M3

Why your name is famous?

Why your district is famous?

What is difference between gulf war and ukraine-russia war?

Despite having so many railway minister from your state, still why railways condition is not excellent in your state?

Famous personality from your college?

What is Panther group?

How different you found Bengaluru compared to ur home city, how you adjusted and managed your life in Bengaluru?

M4

What is green economy?

Why we are going for EV ?

Which country is leader in EV and why they are leading ?

What are steps take by government and challenges in going for EV ? What are solutions for that ?

Name some scientists and civil servant.

Do you think that civil servant plays significant role?

21st April

Board – S. Nagraj Madam

21 April, Morning

Second last

Graduation and Optional – mechanical engineering

Rajasthan

Hobbie – Gardening, had also mentioned cricket in sports

Utility of Mocks – As far as questions were concerned there was no such direct benefit but it gave me confidence. I had given 6 mocks.

Chairperson

1. What do you do? (Some more questions on my professional experience)
2. What are the initiatives that Rajasthan government has taken that can be implemented in other states?
3. What is sustainable mining?

M1

1. Asked question not from my district but from neighbouring district, prominent personalities from that district?

2. What are the issues that you will face if you are posted in Northeastern states?

3. Name of northeastern states, then asked about their capital.

M2

1. Your city is a very beautiful city, will you not miss your home if you become civil servant?

2. What is the utility of mechanical engineering in administration?
3. What are the recent developments in mechanical engineering?
4. Reasons for electric vehicles catching fire, how companies can prevent them?

M3 (Grilled me to some extent)

1. What are the problems because of Indira Gandhi Canal, have you visited any district where it is extended, what is the length of it?
 2. Question on Jal Jeevan Mission, why are we providing water to every household and not at the community level and because of this will there be no problem of shortage of water because earlier people used to save water and own that, now they will relegate this responsibility to the government?
 3. If you are given an opportunity, what is that one area where you will work?
- Some other questions I cannot remember.

M4

1. What are the 2 positive and 2 negative aspects of Rajasthan?
 2. What is Damodar valley?
 3. IMF, why is it in news?
- Other questions, I cannot remember.
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Name-

Date and session of interview- 21/04/2022, Afternoon, 1st to go

Board- Smita Nagaraj ma'am

Optional- Sociology

College-

Profession (if any)- Software Development

Hobbies- Football, Poetry

Your experience in interview- Overall good

Utility of mocks (if any)- 5 mocks, all okay, good advice from all

Chairperson

1. You left a good job. Do you think it was a risk?
2. Did your near and dear ones not stop you from taking such a risk?
3. 'Union and States' --> Why do we even need a union? Which is more important union or the states? --> Counter questions --> E.g. USSR broke and all parts survived... isn't it good if the states separate? (+ other interconnected questions)
4. What are some issues raised by states which are relevant according to you? (in the context of federalism)
5. What do you see as the future of center-state relations in the next two decades? Will there be more centralization? Is it good?

Member 1

1. Tell me something unique about your university.
2. You are associated with the Prime Minister's constituency. The people there have an extra chip on their shoulders. What are your views on that? Do you think it is good? What has the PM done in that constituency

vis-a-vis developments?

3. Do you think we should stop IAS recruitment and only promote from the provincial services? --> counter questions --> E.g. there are articles like 'The IAS has failed the nation' Don't you think so?
4. Civil Services Day --> when Shri Vallabhbai Patel addressed the IAS officers --> not when he addressed the IPS, IFS officers --> What are your views on this?
5. Context: Safeguards to our democracy --> Rank the four in terms of importance --> Opposition, Media, Judiciary, Civil Society

Member 2

1. Question and then counter questions on our federal structure E.g. Issues like CBI, Concurrent List
2. Have you read today's newspaper?
3. Heat waves are in news. Will they affect the hills? And how?
4. Have you watched the movie 'Kesari'?
5. Which is the most recent movie you have watched? --> What is it about? What was the best scene according to you?
6. Who won the last football world cup?

Member 3

1. You are from this college.. what was it called earlier?
2. Questions about number of IITs, whether there is dilution in quality due to increasing number, where will we get the professors?, data related to vacancies in IITs
3. Has Banaras lost its feel due to recent developments?
4. Should the GST compensation period be extended? --> explicitly asked for my view and explanation

Member 4

1. Question and counter-questions about student politics in universities, affiliations with political parties etc
2. We talk about secularism but we have universities with names of religious communities --> What is the history? Current situation?
3. What was the biggest shock when you shifted from engineering to Sociology?

Board- Smita Nagaraj mam

21st April, Morning Session

Last one to go

Background- BA, Geography, IPS.

Home state - Maharashtra

Hobby: Modern farming and Interaction with farmers.

Football

Geography optional

Entered ...

Greeted them , they asked me to remove the mask.

Chairman - Have you joined training or not, which cadre you have been allocated to?

- Why IAS after IPS ?

-You have Maharashtra cadre for IPS , and if by chance you get Nagaland state , obviously you would opt for

Maharashtra, right?(told them I am ready to serve anywhere, but they were not satisfied)

- Then why you have kept Nagaland as your last option?
- Leave your case , why candidates are apprehensive about Nagaland cadre .

M1 - What do you know KPS Gill and Julio Ribeiro? (Couldn't recall about KPS Gill but answered about Ribeiro)

- Ribeiro was of you cadre , so you know lot about him right?
- Once Ribeiro has said "Bullet for Bullet".Comment on this.
- How to deal with terrorism.

M2- What is mean by modern farms?

- Why do you interact with farmers?
- Do you give them any suggestions?
- What are the issues of farmers in your area ?
- Which variety of papaya do you cultivate?
- Why farmers from Maharashtra participated less in number in Delhi farmers agitation?
- Is horticulture a solution to farm distress?
- Why did you opt Geography as an optional?

M3- You were part of anti-ragging committee, what is mean by ragging?

- I think ragging is good, what's your opinion?
- Why ragging is high in Technical institutions?

What is area of Russia ? Of Africa ?

- Asked one scheme but could not answer .
- Today's development in Julian Assange case?
- Which state has second highest GDP ?

M4 - Are you aware about developments in Nagaland?

- Are Isaiak and Muivah same person or different? Are they alive? What's the present status?
- What is difference between training of IPS and military training?
- How come you have 1 star during training itself?
- Any reforms in training?

M2- In IIM entrance ..Written vs Interview weightage is 60:40 but UPSC has 87:13 ..what is your opinion

- Should the weightage of interview be increased in UPSC ?
- Why so many IPS wants to be an IAS ? Aren't They happy in their service?
- Should we merge IAS and IPS ..So many candidates will get IAS post (grilled here)

Chairman- As a SP of districts what steps you will take to control crime ?

- What is Today's importance ? (civil services day)
- What qualities civil servants should possess?
- What is difference between Ethics and wrong?
- Who is your role model, what qualities you have acquired from him ?

Your interview is over.

Overall Experience:

1. Totally DAF based Interview.

2. Many questions on Police.

3. Those who are already in the service should work on how to convince them that you are the right candidate for IAS.

Previous attempt it was very smooth interview but this attempt expectations were high that's why so many counter questions.

All the best to fellow candidates!

Name: Aham Brahmasmi
Board: Smita Nagraj Ma'am
Date and time: 18.04.2022/ 3:00(3rd to go)
NIT Jamshedpur(Metallurgical and Materials Engineering)
IOFS(almost 4 years)
Optional: Philosophy
English medium
Last attempt, Second interview
Home state: Bihar, serving in Tamil Nadu

Chairman:

Remove your mask and be comfortable. So you have worked in Ordnance Factory and a part of Ordnance Factory Board. I said not anymore ma'am.

1. what's your PSU called? (answered)
2. What's your take on corporatisation of Ordnance Factories? (Answered in Positive)
3. Do you think private sector is ready to compete with you? (yes, gave some examples, Ma'am was member of defence acquisition council)
4. What is crony capitalism?
5. Why do you think it's bad for India?
6. But developed countries encourage it, why?
7. Then India should also encourage it. (answered in negative. Monopoly and cartelisation, customer loss)
8. Give example of telecoms sector and so many company closed and merged. Why? (gave example of Jio and free pricing of data on trial rollout)
9. Then CCI should have done something. (Nodded in positive)
10. What it should have done? (Minimise basic pricing)

Member 1:

1. Some GDP data.
Total budget expenditure(answered it wrong as per him)
Biggest source of revenue earning
Biggest destination of revenue expenditure
Data(said sorry a few times)
And some more data
2. Southern states contribute more still get less from central pool while northern states contribute less and get more. What's the reason? (development and other factors)
3. Then it breeds inefficiency. I think we should stop it.(answered in negative as northern states need help to develop and centre can only provide)
4. What's one thing we can learn from Jamshedpur) my college was there. (sanitation, planned development, urban governance etc)
5. Tell me two positive and two negative of river Ganga.(answered)
6. If you have to merge two states which ones will you merge and why? (Andhra and Telangana, have reasons of Andhra asking for special status and low development and financial position)

Member 2:

1. Tell me about Namami Gange program.
2. What is being done under it.
3. What is MSP
4. When it is announced
5. Recent controversy over MSP and farm bill
6. It's still continuing (answered in positive)

Member 3:

1. tell me about metaverse and NFT
2. But what's so special about NFT I can send the same message and have it (he said that first SMS was sold for huge price) (replied)
3. But why we want to spend so much over something so trivial.(replied as it's like owning a original monalisa and copy ones, the unique id means authentic NFT and it's a matter of pride for the owner like the painting)
4. Why blockchain is being criticised (carbon emissions, anonymity leading to illegal activity and terror financing and ransom etc.)

Member 4:

1. you are from engineering background so I will ask questions from medical field. What will you suggest to increase the number of doctors in rural India.
 2. There is govt program to lease space of district hospitals to pvt players what do you think about it? (I said good and bad both gave reasons)
 3. Then some data(I said i am sorry sir)
- (these questions might be linked to DAF as my father runs a medicine shop)

At last chairman:

1. So you talked about metaverse, now tell me what do you think about multiverse? (said have watched Spider-Man and Star Trek)
2. No No. not about movie. What if it's proved to exist.(I said means multiple personalities in multiple forms in multiple universes)
3. No. What will happen if the multiple universe theory proved?(said means our knowledge of origin and development or universe will prove to be wrong and then some random things that came in mind after watching a lot of sci-fi movies and she listened for some one and half minutes)
4. Now your interview is over, you may go.

Overall I felt it was totally random and just 2-3 questions from DAF. Nothing or any relevance from DAF. Have given only two mock interviews in Samkalp. The first one was totally negative feedback, they couldn't find anything good in me. The second was very positive feedback and they said I need to Improve upon the art of it. But my only motive of mock was whether I can talk normally and can communicate my views.

22nd April

Name- Aspirant

Date and session of interview-22 April. Afternoon.. 1st one to go

Board- smita nagraj mam

Optional- History

Uttarakhand

College- DU

Hobbies- cricket, jogging

You were born in 2000.. How you look at previous century

2 good things about 20 century and 2 bad about 21 century

History Repeats itself. Explain with example

Tell me history of uttarakhand

Who is ur fav cricketer and why

Is jogging a sport?

Who is Sunil mittal?

Why newly appointed army chief is from corps of engineers.. Is it a good choice?

China has banned all global social networking sites.. Is it good or bad?

India is lagging behind in these app because of absence of such policy... Is it right?

India is software superpower.. Why we are lagging behind.

How warfare is changing

What is cyber warfare.

One wish from God

Why you want to join civil services

Why Hitler's Holocaust is more criticized than Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombing?

Why nobody stopped USA

Who ordered nuclear attack

There were few more question ...

25th April

Questions: —

Name: Harvey Specter

Date and session of Interview: 25th April, Afternoon Session (3rd to go: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM)

Board- Smita Nagraj (Smiling and Cordial)

Optional- Political Science and International Relations

College- Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai

Profession (if any)- NA.

Hobbies- Reading, Running (No Qs asked), Chess (No Qs asked)

Your experience in interview: As many have stated - They don't grill or make you uncomfortable or counter you needlessly - nothing of this sort happens. The Board was cordial. Smiling faces. Good questions - Were helping when needed by giving hints/suggestions. But no matter how it goes it is very difficult to gauge how

helping when needed by giving hints/suggestions. But no matter how it goes it is very difficult to gauge how they are feeling by their expressions.

Utility of mocks (if any): 1. Helps with the mannerism and delivery of answers. The physical appearance, posture and expressions. {As they say Courage is a Muscle, So mocks gives you a chance to use it and strengthen it). In terms of Questions - Mock's questions can act as Meme of "Expectations v/s Reality" 🤔

Most important tip (From Ravi Sir - 1:1 [Highly Recommend]) - Take a Pause of few seconds irrespective if you know the answer or not. Brings the three Cs — Clarity, Calmness and thus Confidence.

1st Preference - Indian Foreign Service (IFS)

Chairwomen (1)

Q1 - What are you doing now?[Ans. Masters in Political Science along with UPSC CSE Preparation]

Q2 - Russia - Ukraine conflict is going on. What is India's stand?

Q3 - Why is India's stand like that? I will give you Options. A) So that leaders of other countries come to India B). Russia is a strategic partner C). The Stand is temporary and is bound to change in Future?

Q4. So you mean India is Independent? Can a country be Independence in today's age?

Q.5 - Big Monologue on effect of Pandemic - Rich getting Richer, Poor getting poorer, So there has been calls for UBI. List out Merits and Demerits. [Ans. In the End of the answer, I said start with Women as studies show it has better outcomes - Economic Survey also states it and Men can indulge in Alcohol]

Q.6 - Are all Men Alcoholic? [Everyone laughed]

Member (2) - IR background I guess.

Q1 - You like Reading. Name 5 Bestselling authors of India who are writing currently. Like Chetan Bhagat. Heard of Arvind Adiga?

(Smita Nagraj Ma'am abruptly says - Oh! Your First Preference is Indian Foreign Service. So, Member 2 was Triggered I guess.)

Q2 - Which Missile does India has? The Best one? Q. Range? [Here, Hint was given that it is Intercontinental Missile]

Q3 - What are treaties and Nuclear agreements dealing with disarmament and trade of Missiles esp. Nuclear Missles?

Q4. What if someone break these agreements? Then What?

Member (3) - Technical Guy. Was eating something - Rajni Ghandha type stuff. Bad question framing + Unclear voice. Had to ask him to repeat his questions twice/thrice.

Q.1 - You are from ICT, Mumbai?

Q.2 - Where is the biggest refinery of the World and who operates it - The Company?

Q.3 - Make in India - How it helped the Chemical Industry.

Q.4 - Make in India - Major Drawback?

Q.5 - Major Future prospects of Chemical Engineering?

Member (4) -

Q.1 - Major Steps taken for generating Employment in Rural India? [Ans. Missed MGNREGA 🤔]

- Q.1 - Major steps taken for generating employment in rural India? [Ans. MISSED MGNREGA 🍌]
- Q.2 - MGNREGA - Have you heard of it? No of Days emp is Guaranteed?
- Q.3 - You live in Amravati? [No.] It is very famous for Sugarcane? [No. It is western Maharashtra]
- Q.4 - Recent change/steps taken by Government? - [No Idea]
- Q.5 - Ethanol Blending target?

1/2 short questions which I forgot.

Member (5) -

- Q.1 - What are major languages spoken in the World - that a Diplomat is trained for? Which one you would choose given a chance?
- Q.2 - Why French? What all places French is spoken in the world?
- Q.3 - Did you vote in Last Elections? [Yes]. So tell me What all things are mentioned on Election Identity Card?
- Q.4 - Why young people like you did not correct the spelling mistake on EIC? [Laughs]
- Q.5 - Uses of EIC. Any other card which is dominating in terms of being Identity card.
- Q.6 - What makes you fit and unique for Indian Foreign Service? Why should we select you over others?
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Member (2) [Not Chairperson] - Returns again! With More IR stuff.

- Q.1 - Doha Accord - What was wrong in it? Mistakes of USA?
- Q.2 - What should US do today regarding Afghanistan?
- Q.3 - Why is there a rift between Pakistan and Taliban? Relations of Shia and Sunni?

1/2 more short IR questions which I forgot.

Nagraj Ma'am - Indicating Member (2) that time is over. Member 2 stops. Ma'am says "Your Interview is Over. You may go".

26th April

Date and session of interview- 26th April, Afternoon

Board- Smita Nagraj

Optional- Geography

College- BITS Pilani

Profession (if any)- No

Hobbies- Cricket, Pet Caring, Calligraphy

Your experience in interview-

Last to enter: 100% DAF based

Chairman:

1. It's pretty late, you had lunch right? Do you want something to eat?
2. You are from BITS, why is BITS producing so many entrepreneurs?
3. Based on answer given: Negative fall outs of the same?
4. IIT, NIT and BITS are producing engineers who don't want to work in the core sectors, what do think is the

reason?

Member 1:

1. A person from BITS was involved in active covid vaccine development, do you know him?
2. Why are people going out of country to pursue higher education?
3. Why do people choose North America rather than Nordic countries and Germany/France?
4. Why do you want to move away from civil engineering to civil services and what is your preference?

Member 2:

1. You talked about education and higher education, if you're posted in the department of education, what steps will you take to increase GER, under NEP 2020
2. What's your take on education in regional languages?
3. There's education and then there is skill based education, do you think skill based education is necessary?
4. How can we develop skill based education?

Member 3:

1. Why is Chhattisgarh lagging behind in terms of development?
2. What is Chhattisgarh government doing for solving the naxal problem?
3. What is the status of the naxal problem?
4. What about tourism in Bastar?
5. Which industries are located in Chhattisgarh?

Member 4:

1. What are problems occurring in urban areas today?
2. How will you solve the transportation problems in the country?
3. Based on answer given:
Do you think this option will be viable for people like high court judges?
After answer she let out a laugh and said nice idea but I don't think this would be possible
4. What to do about waste management in the country? Do you know about any models?
5. What about slums? How do solve the problem?
6. But slums are essential for us, they are important for our daily lives, what do think about this?

Your interview is over now.

Thank you

Utility of mocks (if any)- in order in which I took

1. IASBaba: excellent environment, improved sitting posture, confidence booster.

One on one with Mohan Sir: useful in terms of understanding psychology and needs of the interview.

DAF based questionnaire

2. IASHub: didn't find it of much use, instead found what not to do in mocks through some mistakes made.

Would not recommend to anyone.

3. Vision: DAF session and elocution useful but mocks not useful

4. Samkalp: Excellent support system, although didn't have a good mock experience but panels regular change so is subjective.

5. Unacademy: Excellent mock experience, some questions in the interview directly.
6. KSG: Khan Sir is ❤️, good mock experience, some questions directly in the real interview. Good confidence boosting experience.
7. Chankya Mandali: Best mock experience, one members line of questioning replicated in the interview. Highly recommended

One on one experience:

Go for Mrunal Sir, Vinay Sir(insights), Shabbir Sir- all three helpful at different levels

Community: Kaptaan bhai ❤️

Overall post mains phase: loved the experience, talking to people of highest stature, being judged by best minds.

Name : leonardo di caprio

26th april, afternoon, 2nd last to go

Smita nagraj mam

Pub ad

1st interview

As soon as it entered , asked me to sit down and asked " after how much time are you wearing a coat"?
Mam after 2 years last i wore in a marriage , due to covid i didn't go any where and then due to preparation.

CW - so is this the same suit you wore there.

Me : no mam that was different.

CW - so do you have too mant suits

Me : no mam i usually borrow from others, that gives us more options .

<Everyone laughs >. 😊

CW- ya ya it has become a business model these days , people are generating revenue out of it .

Me : yes mam , thats wht i do 😊

CW : so tell me wht is needed for leadership, you're so young will you be able to handle that pressure, wht qualities do you think are needed .??

From whom do you get inspired from?

Tell me latest inspiring video you saw

I told : bill gates nd elon musk

Tell me one out of those nd why

I told : elon musk , nd explained why

Then passed to M1 (nodding constantly)

M1: on UN relevance (DAF)

Its failure,

Despite this, its success...

Elon musk taking over twitter nd its repercussions.

M2 : (lady)

Why acid attacks ? (DAF)

Tell me 3 things you'll do to stop it .

How wud education help ?

Tell me an idea you have for this?

M3: speaking very softly (maybe a psychologist) sitting 90 degree to left at at metre distance .

Wht reforms needed in Political system of India.

Why they're not happening .

How will you bring change at youre level..

M4:

ever been to a police station? Why ?

How was your experience?

If you're commissioner of police how will you bring that change ?

Back to Chairwoman,

So I'll continue from where M1 ended , why do you think Elon musk taking over twitter is imp for india nd china ?

Can he not be swayed by a country to act in a manner ?

Why only china and russia blamed for misusing veto power , when other also misuse it.

Is india really a responsible nation or we say it only bcz we're indians?

Ok , you may go now.

Overall- it was a good positive environment out there .

I don't know how to really gauge the performace , as its my 1st .

But i do believe that It was more of a purpose led conversation to judge one's personality .

Some were questions , some were organically flowing from one topic to another.

But most important thing i felt , we think omg UPSC interview must be very tough and this and that, but trust me you won't even feel its an interview .

They're cordial nd supportive nd most importantly HUMAN.

Mock utility :

Insights ias vinay sir : good questions and good constructive feedback, motivating ones.

Vision ias faculty mock : WORST , THEY MADE ME FEEL I DONOT DESERVE TO BE HERE ND THAT THERE'S NOTHING GOOD IN ME .

VERY DEMOTIVATING ,

THOUGH SOME THINGS THEY SAID WERE RIGHT ND MADE SENSE BUT THE WAY THEY SAID , WAS BRUTAL. I FELT IT COULD'VE BEEN COMMUNICATED IN MUCH MUCH MUCH BETTER WAY. ESP SEEING HOW MUCH TIME A PERSON REALLLY HAS .

ND TO BE HONEST NO ONE IN MY CONTACT HAS GOT GOOD REVIEW ABOUT IT .

SO I DO NOT RECOMMEND IT" ESP AT LAST OR WHEN U HAVE LESS TIME."

I didnt feel like giving any more mocks but then same day after that i went to ravindran sir 1 on 1

That was very good nd positive .

Much more professional nd wise .

Then ALS IAS : good .

Rest drishti, unacademy , byjus , Next ias all were very good .

Overall it was a good full cycle of 2021 .

Name-K4

Date and session of interview-27/04, Afternoon

Board- Smita Nagraj Maam

Optional- anthropology

Profession -MBBS

Hobbies- Cricket, Running (no question)

Your experience in interview- Cordial board

Utility of mocks (if any)- Avoid Dristi,

Vajirao & Reddy, Chanakya mandal, KSG and 1 to1 with Ayush sir (ForumIAS) was helpful

No gloves, face shield or mask

Chairperson-

1. Monologue on health issues India is facing in last decade - If we look at health seeking behaviour of people in last 10 year, what changes do you see?
2. During covid, we have seen that diseases like TB were neglected. Tell me 2-3 areas, where we need to focus most.
3. If you get selected as an IAS, in which areas you would like to work except health.
4. Which tribal areas in India are lacking in development ?
5. Tribal issues?
6. Tribes lives in inaccessible, forest areas, how administration can reach there or overcome this ?

M1 (Female)-

1. Covid+monologue on mental health. Reason behind this, whats the solution?
2. Why did you left Hospital job after 7 months ?
3. What diseases were common to patients visiting your hospital?
4. Have you heard about allergen testing? Explain

M2

1. How PRIs are performing?
2. Economy of Rajasthan?
3. Rajasthan - tourist places and steps taken by govt to promote?
4. Contribution of tourism in Rajasthan GDP?
5. Where you have been working during covid.

6 What difficulties you faced during work as a medical officer in delhi?

3. You left job but if you go to the same hospital, do you think your hospital is ready for further covid waves?

M3

1. A monologue on rural development. Then question on economic integration.

2 cropping patterns in Rajasthan?

3. Monologue on freebies. Your view?

What about Delhi?

So you told us good about freebies, what's wrong with it?

M4

1. Status of education in India

2. Follow up question on dropping out of from schools?

3. How to reduce drop outs in schools?

4. MBBS seats are low compared to students appearing in exam. Reason and solution?

3-4 questions I don't remember

27th April 2022

Smita nagraj board

1st to go in forenoon session

Hobby: interaction with children

Gujarat state

BE mechanical

PSIR optional

Chairman

Ahmedabad iim logo issue.

What is it? And what it's status today?

Siddi sayaid zali.. Have you seen it? Its beautiful right?

How such question should be decided?

Voting 50%+1 ... What are it's disadvantages?

Majority is the sole criteria to decide on any questions? I replied..Along with rule of law (Constitution)

M1

What you have been doing along with preparation?

Difference between child after 2015?

Psychological impact of digital age on child?

How it will decline public morality?

Such child became parents, then what will be challenges?

M2

Why not mtech after btech?

What's your preference?

What are economic achievements of Gujarat?

Agriculture challenges in Gujarat?

M3

Mechanical 4 yrs and it's use in administration

Power sector... It's energy mix... Like coal then hydroelectricity...

What are energy needs of india?

Currently energy surplus or deficit?

M4

Gujarat... Why so much business success in Gujarat.. Qualities that led to business orientation of people of Gujarat

Raisina dialogue

Have you incident to work with police?

What is the view on police?

Your view on police?

Chairman

Thank you.. Your interview is over.. You can go..

Then asked me to show face by removing your mask.

28th April

Date= 28/4/2022, morning

Board= smita nagraj

State= Rajasthan

College = iit kanpur

Optional = civil engineering

Sports= hockey

Hobby& interest = yoga, swimming, cricket

Smita mam

1. What one thing/symbol/case in which u can describe Rajasthan?
2. One area in which Rajasthan have excelled in last one decade? (there r many but i said renewable energy)
3. What r the issues related to energy India facing currently? (issues due to current geopolitical crisis, issues in renewable sectors like solar, power purchase agreements, green hydrogen)
4. U r telling issues related to production side tell me about issues related to distribution side?(AT& C losses, smart metering lacking etc.)
5. What about Issues related to state power distribution companies?
6. How the prices of electricity decided ?
7. An area in civil engineering where green concept is used according to u ? (Told= green concrete)

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8. What is green concrete?

M2(mam)

1. U lived in Rajasthan, UP ? Where r currently living ? and since how many years?

2. Lets discuss handicraft sector. Which state would u like to choose in this discussion Rajasthan or UP as both r famous in this sector? (I said Rajasthan)

3. Tell me famous handicraft of Rajasthan? (I told block prints, sanganeri Textiles, kota doriya, stone Polishing works etc.)

4. U r telling only things of jaipur?(I said stone Polishing of Karauli is very famous, she then asked which stone?)

5. Do u aware of Jodhpur's wooden craft ? (I said sorry mam). what about gems& Jewelleries?

6. he then asked me contribution of handicraft in economy? (reducing unemployment etc etc)

7. What other sector can help in reducing unemployment? (told = labour intensive sectors like leather& Textiles, construction, agriculture etc.)

8. Agriculture? How? (I told food Processing industries), Has Rajasthan done anything in food Processing sector?

M3(male)

1. Role of india in Russia-Ukraine crisis?

2. India isn't taking a stand which is expected from us by the world. Why?

3. How india is helping least developed countries?

4. Why india is helping African countries and what india is doing there ? (I said many thing but he said india need support of African countries for getting UNSC seat)

6. He then asked how many countries in Africa?

7. What india is doing in ITEC in Africa?

8. How India's approach is different from China's?

M4

1. U r good in sports....which one sport is favorite and why?

2. How much india spend on sports?

3. Who is current sports minister?

4. Tell me about green buildings?

5. Do u know estimation of buildings?

6. Which standard is used in estimation of buildings in India? (Ans. CPWD manual)

7. What is the significance of rain water harvesting in Rajasthan?

8. What is the current ground water table(GWT) of let say jaipur ? What should be the normal GWT?

M5

1. U earlier said fly ash/granulated blast furnace slag help in making green concrete but it is black & absorb very much heat then how is it green ?

2. What is the scope of start up in India?

3. What measures India have taken to promote start ups?

4. Under which ministry start up comes?

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5. What is start up india policy ?
6. U earlier said PPA(power purchase agreement)? What it is? Why these agreements haven't obliged?

Mam then told me that my interview is over.

Overall assessment = no questions from hobbies/no question on background/ jobs/ gap etc. / even civil engineering also not asked in great detail this time/ some questions were very factual. However board was very cordial.

I appeared in 2 mocks. Only 2-3 questions repeated. Actual interview dynamics is very different. Be humble & be confident !!!

Name-RSM

Date-28th April Afternoon

Board- Smita Nagaraj Mam

Btech Computer Engineering

Rajasthan Technical University

Optional-History

Profession-Teaching

Hobbies-Cooking

Chairwoman

Q.1 You worked in Rajasthan Electricity Department for 2 years then why did you leave the job.

2. Tell about Rajasthan Electricity Departments
3. Tell 5 better schemes of Delhi Education Department
4. What training is being given to the teachers by the department?
5. Will education become better only with smart classrooms?
6. Two scheme of Delhi state that you would like to implement in your district
7. what was your job in covid duty?

Member 1

1. Why is the IT sector on the rise?
2. What is big data?
3. How will you do it with Big Data if you become the DM of a district?
4. Do KPO and BPO services come under IT enabled services?

Member 2

- Q1 why discoms are in loss?
2. Five ways to stop electricity theft
3. is Rajasthan a power surplus or Power deficit state?
4. Suggest measures to improve the condition of government schools of villages?
5. Don't you think SMC has a big role in this?

Member 3

1. What changes have been seen in the children if schools are opened again after covid?
2. What measures are being taken by the teachers in your school to remove the bad behaviour or irritability of the children after covid?
3. How far has the learning power of children gone after Pandemic ?
4. What is the situation in Rajasthan?

Member 4

1. What do you like best about Delhi?
2. Have you seen the war memorial?
3. Do you like the traffic in Delhi?
4. Measures to improve healthcare system?
5. Do you give priority to infrastructure in health care or to doctors?
6. What will be the benefit of giving PPP mode to discoms?

Overall good experience, Board was very cordial. Almost 95% of interview from my DAF. It was more of conversation. Preparation of DAF helped me a lot and interview transcript is a very good source to open your mind in various dimensions.

Not a single question asked on current affairs, Optional and Hobby.

Utility of mock: Helpful like in gaining confidence, improving body language but question asked were different.

I would like to a special thank Sachin Jain Sir (Ensure IAS Delhi) for boosting my confidence.

All The Best to all the candidates.

Name- Dr R K

28 April afternoon

Board- smita nagraj mam

Medium -Hindi

Optional-medical science

College- GMC Nagpur (mbbs), BJMC ahmedabad(MD), Delhi (currently working)

Home state -Rajasthan

Profession - Doctor

Hobbies- no question asked

Your experience in interview- cordial board

CM

If you want you can remove your mask

Vaccinated?

role of precautionary dose?

where are you working currently? location of hospital?

who was Girdhari Lal (my hospital named after him)

is it trust hospital- (i said no it is govt hospital under NDMC)

mam - then you are right candidate to ask about Delhi MCD merger what is your opinion?

don't you think it is against decentralisation?

Your salary come on time ?

member 1 (lady)

many candidates are coming from your school what is special about your school? (nothing special, one candidate was from my school in the same board on previous day)

you have experience of 4 different states rajasthan, maharashtra, gujrat and delhi.. if you have to choose which one ?

i said rajasthan (my home state)

asked other than rajasthan- said maharashtra

why ? good memories

what memories?

how memories formed ?

then how we recall these memories?

tell me something about delhi you don't like? (air pollution, traffic congestion)

how to solve this? said promote public transport like metro..

she said Metro is already overcrowded

did you travel by metro ?

what is route ?

when we say that a place is better for residence what facilities should be there?

member 2

What is mohalla clinic ?

What is delhi health system?

Health Insurance based model?

tell 3 things in health where we need to focus?

how your medical knowledge will be useful in civil services?

member 3

india's stand on russia ukraine war?

delhi - center conflict why? and what are solutions?

what is raisina hill ? where exactly? what is raisina dialogue? issues discussed under it

delhi govt is giving 300 units free electricity what is your views on it?

member 4

what are models to predict covid wave ?

what is budget?

who is responsible for making budget?

You are working doctor.. suppose you come to finance dept how your knowledge will be helpful?

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20th April

NAME - Seenam tmei

Home state-U.P ,ayodhya

Optional-sociology

Date of interview-20 april

Board-smrita nagraj mam

Hobby-guitar and martial art

Chairperson-

1-how was your experience coaching female volleyball team ,what are the problems you faced

2-why do women sports needs to be promoted

3-what are the difference between gurls of school and college

4-how can we make engineering more favourable for women

M1-

1-why india with such big population can not produce olympic medal?

2-do you follow i.p.l ,since cricket is doing so well without govt support should we remove govt support from others sports too?

3-what is ethical concern regarding artificial intelligence?

M2-

1-what are infantry training in faizabad?

2-what are central vista project and what are concerns surrounding it?

3-why there is so much delay in judiciary and how technology can help?

4-what are forms of a.d.r. and which one you prefer?

5- what do you think about sidhu as a cricketer and politician??

M3-

1-what are positive outcome of practicing martial art?

2- what is philosophy of karate?

3-what are the problems faceb by telecom sector and what govt did to remove it?

4-why monopoly is bad in telecom sector??

M4-

1-we have already privatised airways ,should we also privatise railway??

2- private sector provides efficiency and capital while public sector takes care of poor but is always in loss ,how should we strike a balance

Chairperson - thank you that would be all

Utility of mocks -helped to articulate answer and few question were also directly asked from there

22nd April

Name- Aspirant

Date and session of interview-22 April. Afternoon.. 1st one to go

Board- smita nagraj mam

Optional- History

Uttarakhand

College- DU

Hobbies- cricket, jogging

You were born in 2000.. How you look at previous century

2 good things about 20 century and 2 bad about 21 century

History Repeats itself. Explain with example

Tell me history of uttarakhand

Who is ur fav cricketer and why

Is jogging a sport?

Who is Sunil mittal?

Why newly appointed army chief is from corps of engineers.. Is it a good choice?

China has banned all global social networking sites.. Is it good or bad?

India is lagging behind in these app because of absence of such policy... Is it right?

India is software superpower.. Why we are lagging behind.

How warfare is changing

What is cyber warfare.

One wish from God

Why you want to join civil services

Why Hitler's Holocaust is more criticized than Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombing?

Why nobody stopped USA

Who ordered nuclear attack

What is historical blunder..? Give example..

Three battle of panipat

How many wars India fought post independence

There were few more question ...

26th April

Board-smita nagraj mam

Date-26th April afternoon session

Optional-kannada literature

Hobbie- Following drone technology

Chairperson

- 1.why civil services after engineering?
- 2.There is unemployment among engineers, but still why more people are entering engineering?
- 3.is it a failure of the govt or the problem with the people?

M1.

Questions were mostly related to mechanical engineering(my graduation)

- 1.which is your favourite subject in mechanical engineering?(I said automobile engineering)
- 2.how would be the future of automobile Industry?
- 3.what are the challenges with e-vehicles?
- 4.why recently e vehicles are catching fire?
- 5.what technological solutions to be brought?

M2.

- 1.Who received jnanapeeth in kannada recently?
- 2.What is the speciality of his works?
- 3.What is he doing now?
- 4.what are recent developments happening in drone technology?
- 5.Do we have indigenously built drones?

M3.

- 1.what are the recent Infrastructure projects undertaken by the govt?
- 2.what is the difference between e-vehicle and a hybrid vehicle?
- 3.why are we not able to develop advanced battery technology. What challenges we have?
- 4.what is urban mining? (I said I don't know. He explained it to me and i thanked him)

M4.

- 1.you come from rural area, are you doing any community welfare activity in your village?
- 2.Tell me any one such thing you are proud of.
- 3.do you see any abandoned old age people in your village?
- 4.how are they being helped. What measures have been taken.

Few questions I'm not able to recall but most of the conversation was around these topics.

Experience-very good. The board was very much cordial. Chairperson intervened and helped me when I was not able to understand a question asked by one of the members.

Utility of Mocks-Help us to get exposed to interview kind of environment. However questions asked in the interview may be entirely different from mocks.

27th April

Name- The Dark Horse

Date- 27/04/2022, Afternoon(1st to go)

Board – Ms. Smita Nagrai

Optional- Mathematics
College – IIT Roorkee
Hobbies – Playing Guitar

Utility of mocks- I gave 6 mocks and had mixed experience. But it is necessary for improving behavioral traits, gaining confidence and overall sense of answering questions. Please be aware that there is also lots of show off in some institutes so don't judge yourself by them.

Chairman

1. U belongs to Pithoragarh it is beautiful place. So name some other places where u visited?
2. If I give u some money where would u like to go? And why?
3. The relation of Indians with Srilankan Tamil and Madhesi in Nepal? If instability in that region how it will impact India?
4. Should we intervene? – I told about relation and said that on humanitarian grounds and for our security we should intervene
5. But tomorrow China will also talk about their people in India. It will also try to intervene.
6. Tell me about 5th and 6th schedule and should Uttarakhand be given 6th sch. Status.

Member 1

1. Read my DAF and told apart from your studies and projects, What do u do in free time- I told her about my Hobby
2. Apart from your Hobby what do u do?- I told her that I like to listen Podcast related to Missions of different countries(not mentioned in DAF)
3. Narrate one Mission? And asked again and again - I narrated 3 stories – Operation Thunderbolt of Mossad, Operation Opera in Iraq, Story of IC814 (Everyone was looking at me I don't know whether it was good sign or bad)
4. Then she asked me about status of Afghanistan and what should be India's approach?
5. Some follow up questions.

Member 2

1. U have participated in a competition held in NASA. NASA has many Indian scientists. We have everything but ISRO isn't as successful as NASA..... Reasons and what should be our approach?
2. In IITs, what is status of Space education?
3. Dispute between India and Nepal? (I told him about Kalapani but he intervened and said about Road construction in my region close to Nepal border)
4. U narrated the story of IC814. Name officials who negotiated with terrorist? (I told about NSA Ajit Doval. He said along with him MR. AK Menon was there and mentioned about his book)

Member 3

1. U said about Brain Drain in your previous answer. Reasons behind it and how to stop it?
2. Again asking same questions (I guess he was not satisfied with my answer)
3. Then he asked me about National Education Policy related to Higher education?
- 4 Privatization of Higher education good or bad? And some follow up questions

... Privatization of higher education good or bad? And some follow up questions

Member 4

1. U narrated story of IC814 it seems that u have interest in foreign policy. So asked about international border around Pithoragarh (I told him Nepal and China)
2. What about Tibet? What is GOI policy related to Tibet? And some follow up questions. (I guess he was also dissatisfied with my answer by seeing his expression)
3. Regions where India has border dispute with china? 4. Name International border lines between India and China? And some other questions.

Chairman

1. Asked Reasons behind border disputes based on my previous answer.
2. Asked About Chumby Valley in Bhutan based on previous answer.

Overall Experience – Cordial Board but I guess my performance was not good. Whole interview was opinion based so I am unable to judge it.

2nd May

Date and session of interview- 2nd May, Forenoon

Board- Smita Nagraj

Optional- Sociology

College- IIT Roorkee

Hobbies- Fingerstyle Guitar, Trekking and Camping

I was the third person to go. The waiting room had a very informal and comforting vibe, with snacks, newspaper and other stuff. We were provided with Masks, Face shields and gloves- but the person assigned to call for our board asked us to only wear the mask (probably instruction by the Board, as some were asking candidates to wear everything). I was called and asked to wait outside the room until board calls me in.

Chairperson- Asked me to remove my mask.

Q1. You've studied from a reputed college, why Indian colleges and universities do not rank good in International rankings- what are the criteria we lack upon?

Q2. Rank Roorkee amongst other IITs

(I told the NIRF Ranking- she said but why is it still called the best- I talked about the culture amongst Students and professors in Roorkee)

Q3. Do you think hierarchy is necessary or not in Institutions?

(I understood as hierarchy amongst different Institutions- IITs and others and gave answer as per this- she corrected that hierarchy amongst the college, student faculties etc.)

Q4. Will you ever disobey order above from hierarchy?

Q5. Which is more important- authority or rule of law?

(Went with rule of law- she added that law can be confusing and unclear at times- Give examples)

Q6. Confusion in Jahangirpuri Demolition? Why stay by Court if rule of law followed?

Q7. Which trek did you went on? Did you went solo or as part of a group?

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Member 1

Q1. You took a quantum jump from Civil Engineering to Sociology, why so?

Q2. So you took a shortcut I will say.

(I disagreed that it was more of a strategic decision)

Q3. Andre Beteille and his contribution.

Q4. Utility of Andre Beteille as village coordinator at Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (DAF)

Member 2

Q1. Asked when I participated in NCC? Any certification at NCC?

Q2. Trekking- What were the number of participants in your treks?

Q3. Difficulties as a trek leader- asked for an example

Q4. What if a member is injured in a trek- what will you do as a trek leader?

Q5. How technology can be used in such situations?

Q6. Asked about some Joint (civil Engineering- couldn't answer)

Q7. You are Xi Jinping- what would be your priorities in today's Global scenario

Member 3

Q1. Do you think Print media and electronic media pose a threat to National security?

Q2. How major is the problem of Fake news?

Q3. How to tackle it?

Member 4

Q1. What is Eco-Oscar?

(I said I don't know)

Q2. Asked me about causes of Pollution in Delhi

(As I answered- he said Eco-Oscar was recently awarded to a boy who provided solution for Stubble Burning)

Q2. What is White Revolution?

Q3. Who was V Kurien?

Q4. Status of Milk production in India.

(He asked me exact data- I didn't remember)

Q5. How to increase the productivity of Cattles?

Q6. What is artificial Insemination?

(I wandered and talked about IVF- he corrected)

-- Interview Over--

Overall good experience, the whole process was very comfortable. I believe I could've answered some questions in a better way, hope my Marks disagree 😊

Name: PK

Education: B.Tech (Mechanical Engg)

Home: Sonapat, Haryana.

Present job: ASO in CSS (Department of Food & Public Distribution)- almost 60% of my interview about this part of my DAF)

Hobby: no question asked.

Optional: No question asked.

Board: Smita Nagaraj Mam

Chairperson:

She asked me to remove my mask as all sitting at good distance.

In which sections you have been posted in last 6 years?

How rotational transfer policy works there?

Sensitive and Non- Sensitive posting duration?

Since you currently live in Delhi tell us 3 civil problems that you noticed?

How to tackle problem of- 1. traffic congestion, 2. Stubble burning related pollution?

Member 1:

What is Make In India? Elaborate it. (Long discussion over it)

How we try to promote the sale?

Can we reach a stage where we design electronic gadgets?

Member 2:

Situation of edible oil in india- Availability, Need, Import related.

From where we import edible oil?

How can we promote consumption of other edible oils like- Olive oil.

How can we become self sufficient in Edible oil?

How many hungry people in India?

Why hunger persists?

How to tackle hunger on policy and implementation levels separately?

How to identify areas where this problem is severe?

Member 3 (female member):

Faridabad is included in any big mission of India. She asked me which mission?

Mam and I simultaneously named that it is Smart City mission.

Then she asked about progress under this mission. I told- Sorry mam mujhe bilkul idea nahi ki kya kuch hua h.

Then she asked-

Which city can be called Smart City?

How to rehabilitate the slums?

Biggest challenge for slum rehabilitation? (My answer- Slum dwellers have to commute to their earlier work place from their new locations and it hardly works)

She asked how to tackle this challenge?

My answer: by providing them adequate Public Transportation system which is affordable, reliable type + schools+ health facility near new places)

She asked: will it really work.

My answer: if planned and executed well it will surely work.

Member 4:

What is NAFED?

How it works?

Apmc and cartel formation.

How private mandis can be a better option?

What FCI does?

Thereafter Member 2 gave me some information about NAFED and I thanked him immediately.

Chairperson mam told me that now you can go.

Utility of mocks:

All advices may not be important. But when they tell us our strength we must work on it.

In my case: They told me my strengths (+ve attitude, confident) and as per their honest suggestions I entered and exited the Interview room with these two qualities.

Overall a good experience.

Interview lasted around 30-33 minutes.

Name- Seong Gi-hun

Date - 02 May, afternoon

Board- Smita Nagraj

Optional- History

College- SRCC

Profession (if any)- IRPS

Hobbies- Book Reading

Utility of mocks (if any)- good for practice, idea of questions from Daf, minor fine tuning, Nothing More.

Chairperson

Asked where are you posted these days, how many person with you in training. (just to let me get comfortable)

Q1. Named some reasons behind corruption. How will you solve these issues? (gave some points)

Q2. Is this not going on?

Q3. Which reason of corruption according to you is most important (said red tapism)

Q4. What is red tapism?

Q5. Have you faced corruption? (talked about my experience)

Member 1

Q.1 You belong to small town, how was your locality, rural or urban?

Q.2 Why Patiyali is famous? (town in my district, birthplace of Amir Khusrau)

Q.3 Despite being birthplace of Amir Khusrau, why it's not developed?

Q.4 What are biofuels?

Q.5 India grows and export a lot of rice. What is the problem in that, with respect to climate change?

Member 2

Q.1 India is growing economically, but is it not jobless growth?

Q.2 What is the railway university that's coming in Vadodara?

Q.3 Lot of South Asian and South East Asian countries have better socioeconomic indicators than India?

How do you see this?

Member 3

Q.1 Do you follow table tennis, what was the incident between Manika Batra and her coach during Tokyo Olympics?

Q.2 What is crony capitalism?

Q.3 Work from home culture? What is its future, is it good?

Q.4 What type of books you have read? (book reading my hobby)

Q.5 What books you have read on history?

Q.6 Why you opted for history, despite being commerce graduate?

Q.7 Who are subaltern historians? Have you ever read any book written by subaltern historians?

Q.8 Why IPL viewership is declining?

Member 4

Q.1 What is the govt target for tuberculosis?

Q.2 What are the problems in TB program?

Q.3 How will you solve these issues?

Chairperson - your interview is over

It went for about 25 minutes. Plain and simple, few hiccups in between, rest fine. Nothing unusual except light went off once.

Name: Rohit Chaudhary

Board: Smita Nagaraj, 02/05/2022 1:00 pm(Around 30 mins)

Optional: Philosophy

Background: Btech(EC) From AMU, Worked in BEL, Currently in Indian Railway through ESE-2014

Hobby: Cooking, Watching F1 Racing, Aircraft Enthusiast

Chairperson (Around 8 min)

1. Serving railways for long, why CS? Loss of engineer to railway? Discussion on this for 2-3 min

2. Need of Space exploration. Cross question 2-3 min

3. Mars colonization, need, in the end every celestial body will be doomed, the why to colonize. Discussion on this. Name few islands still colonized by states.

4. Whether we can colonize Mars? Answer in Yes or No only

M1(Around 4 mins)

1. Why Formula 1 called as Formula 1?

2. Current F1 champion?
3. Defence warfare
4. What are offensive warfares?
5. Role of electronics in Aircraft. Discussion on electronics and avionics.

M2(Around 5-6 mins)

1. You have covered different unrelated fields in your life like BTech(ECE), Philosophy, defence, Railways, cooking, Aircraft, Formula 1. How and Why?
2. Why no F1 race in Noida circuit? I explained the entire issue. Why government want to tax F1 more, what could be done . Discussion related to tax and negotiation for 2 mins
3. What I do as aircraft enthusiast. Around 1 min
4. Asked me commissioning year of F17and C17? Said no to this.

M3(2-3 min)

1. He told that he will be asking from different domain and only 1 question.
Tamil Nadu VC appointment issue(Current working in TamilNadu state)
Discussion for 2-3 mins. He was satisfied.

M4(around 8-10 mins)

1. Started with Tamil nadu VC issue. Discussion for 2-3 min minutes. I explained with centre-state issue, NEET,CUET, Governor holding bill for presidential assent. I told everything very clearly but he was searching something else. He was not satisfied.
2. Asked me about my published paper on 4G, its relevance in 5G era. Its impact factor(I told not remember the impact factor)
3. Other journals with high impact factor. I told IEEE and IETE.
4. He mentioned nature and science and asked impact factor. I asked for a guess. My guess was almost the exact impact factor.
5. Why farmer status is very poor. Reasons and solutions.
6. Another technical name for post harvest. Said no(Ans. Is secondary Agriculture)
7. What is Apiculture? Asked him to make a guess. Bingo. What is Colony collapse disorder ?

Except agriculture question, more or less everything is from DAF or engineering.

CP: No further question, your interview is over.

Overall cordial board and interview was good. Chairperson and M4 was continuously responding , smiling and nodding. M1&M2, no expression but continuously making eye contact. M3 was not at all interested.

3rd May

Chairman: Smitha Nagraj Mam

CH:

1. How are you managing to work in the state government?

2. What is the role like?
3. Technology and how is it an enabler for differently abled?
4. E-Governance best model, any example
5. One positive Psychological aspect and one negative aspect used in governance today...

M1:

1. How would you impress an outsider to visit Mysore?
- follow up questions
2. any quotation in Kannada and translate in English..

M2:

1. water ministry; what is it renamed as?
2. Schemes related to water
3. What are OTT platforms
4. Juvenile Delinquency: ... Have you heard of it?
5. What are psychological reasons behind it?
6. What is your opinion on abrogation of article 370

M3

1. What are GI tags
 2. What are its advantages
 3. Difference between Monetary policy and Fiscal policy
 4. Religion is the most dividing force in the nation Do you agree or disagree, justify your stand
- follow up questions on it
5. Educated people commit most of crimes... Do you agree or disagree, justify your stand

CH:

1. Follow up questions on article 370
2. should special status of other states under 371 also be abrogated?
3. What would be its Consequences
4. Any North East state that you can think of which has such a special status?

Board - Smita Nagraj mam

Chairman -

Ahmedabad iim logo issue.

What is it? And what it's status today?

Siddi sayaid zali.. Have you seen it? Its beautiful right?

How such question should be decided?

Voting 50%+1 ... What are it's disadvantages?

Majority is the sole criteria to decide on any questions? I replied..Along with rule of law (Constitution)

M1

What you have been doing along with preparation?

Difference between child after 2015?

Psychological impact of digital age on child?

How it will decline public morality?

Such child became parents, then what will be challenges?

M2

Why not mtech after btech?

What's your preference?

What are economic achievements of Gujarat?

Agriculture challenges in Gujarat?

M3

Mechanical 4 yrs and it's use in administration

Power sector... It's energy mix... Like coal then hydroelectricity...

What are energy needs of india?

Currently energy surplus or deficit?

M4

Gujarat... Why so much business success in Gujarat.. Qualities that led to business orientation of people of Gujarat

Raisina dialogue

Have you incident to work with police?

What is the view on police?

Your view on police?

Chairman

Thank you.. Your interview is over.. You can go..

Then asked me to show face by removing your mask.

4th May

Name- RM

Date and session of interview- 04/05/2022, afternoon 2nd to go

Board- smitha nagaraj mam

Optional- mechanical

College- iit Kharagpur

Profession (if any)- ongc

Hobbies- hockey , table tennis

Your experience in interview- cordial daf based question

your experience in interview- curial, dat based question

Utility of mocks (if any) - manners, better expression of thought practice

cw-

ping pong diplomacy?

why other sports should be promoted , why not focus on cricket only as funding better here?

why u didn't choose sports as career ?

benefit of playing sport other than fitness.

m1-

benefit and issue of rti, rti vs oia, should we have rti or not

judiciary cases pending reasons, solution

m2-

farm laws, good or bad , benefit issues, eNAM

mtech project, application in public life

m3-

health policy, imr and mmr , states which improved most, fund priority among women child hiv/tb patient etc

ongc assets india and world, calcutta basin should we stop exploration even if not finding oil

m4-

ndma under which ministry, disaster management in ongc

un relevant or not as russia Ukraine happened

cw - thank you

some more i not able to recall

04-05-2022

Forenoon

4th to go

Name : CSR

Smita nagraj mam

1.Architecture is good profession why haven't you worked.

2.What inspired you to become civil servant

3.condition of sarpanch pati in villages and follow up questions

4. About NRI college why it is called so

5. Why so many Telugu people in US

6. Is it Government or private sector initiative who brought this change

7. Best thing about Andhra pradesh

M1:

- 1.RTI leading to delay in civil servant decision making
- 2.RTI not applicable for which ministries
- 3.Is it complete secrecy in those ministries
- 4.Civil service activism is it good or not

M2:

- 1.Street photographer whom you follow
- 2.Recent verité documentary you watched and what inspired you
3. Science of Happiness Challenge what is it about
- 4.pollution from vizag industries, How you tackle them as a CM

M3

- 1.How villages have improved in regard to AIDS
- 2.Tell about Targetted Initiative (TI) in regard with AIDS
- 3.Have you visited North East, Govt programs there
4. What is North East Council

M4

- 1.Happiness Index ranking and criteria
- 2.Bhutan why it is happy
- 3.Hunger index criteria
4. Why the irony if food surplus and wastage and hunger problem
- 5.malnutrition and under nutrition difference.
- 6.Why Guntur Chilli is famous.

Smita Nagaraj Ma'am Board

Education : Computer Engineering

Work : ICAS

Present posting : Rural Development

Hobbies : Cooking, Cricket

State : Rajasthan

Date of Interview : 4th May 2022, Afternoon (1st one to go)

Chair : You took a deep breath while coming in?

You work at Krishi Bhawan?

There are delays in many schemes implementation?

Are u in favour of such delays?

What do you like about your service ?

M1 : What is crony capitalism?

Reasons for water crisis in India?

How much % of water is used in Agriculture?

How can India be a developed nation?

By when can India be called a developed nation?

M2 : Some items are not under GST? Name few.

Should Petrol be included in GST?

If you are given power to allocate resources, what will you choose between Defence and Education?

How much expenditure we do on education?

M3 : Taking the defence vs education question. Make a choice out of the two.

Tell 5 main points of National Education Policy 2020?

M4 : Why NE is not properly integrated with mainstream India?

There are also cases of racism against them?

Do you know about Hornbill festival?

Chair : Are you under some project in your present posting?

What is the biggest challenge in it?

Is your graduation knowledge going to help solve these issues?

Thank You.

Thanked everyone and went out.

Can't recall few 1-2 more questions.

Utility of mocks : To gauge your self confidence and realising areas to cover.

Name: Shivam Chandra

Date and session: 4th May, Forenoon, First one to go

Board: Smitha Nagraj Ma'm

Optional: Sociology

College: IIT Delhi, Electrical

Profession: Management consultant (14 months)

Hobbies: Debating, watching films

Experience in interview: Cordial board, opinion based questions mostly, focused particularly on work-ex

Utility of mocks: Mannerism, work-ex related questions, and general confidence to face the board, Gave 5-6 mocks with last one on 1st may

Chairwoman:

What have you been doing these days?

Why did you not prepare for CSE alongside your job?

What was your job profile?

Tell us about some key clients. (mentioned a foundation)

What work did your firm do for this foundation?

Was there any substantial work involved in your projects or was it just window dressing for clients?

(change in line of questioning)

Are you aware of any trusts operated by companies for tax savings?

What do you know about the Double taxation avoidance agreement?

What are tax havens?

Can India adopt Singapore's approach of ultra low corporation tax?

Member 1:

What was your favourite subject in Electrical? (power systems)

Despite doing well in electrical, why did you take a consulting job? Is this an IIT thing that people take everything other their core domain.

What are the polluting aspects of Electrical vehicles? (thermal, mining etc)

What are the regulations regarding disposal of lithium ion batteries in India?

<some questions missing>

Member 2:

You have taken sociology. Which books did you read for sociology?

Tell me about great tradition and little tradition.

How do the two traditions interact?

<Very few questions asked. Missing some of them>

Member 3:

<Elaborate monologues made it difficult to decipher the question>

What was your monthly income at your previous firm?

Why do you want to take a salary cut by coming to civil services? (answered job diversity etc)

But job diversity will be minimal in services other than IAS. (answered how policy making is still diverse due to various interconnects)

Should UP be divided?

What are the various issues in agriculture in UP ? (mentioned region wise issues)

What is the usage of fertiliser in tonnes in India?

Why does China have more yield or productivity than India?

What is the average land size in India?

What can India do tackle the problem of low land size?

What can UP do resolve its agri crisis?

What is Bloodconnect? (from daf)

What are the components of blood?

What is serum?

Member 4:

What is your view on voting rights for NRI?

Why should we give them voting rights when they are not even in India most of the time?

Should we not give rights to foreigners who reside in India?

What are your view on the various indices like democracy index and press freedom index etc?

Chairwoman: Your interview is over!!

5th May

Smita Nagraj Board

Economics optional

State: Rajasthan

Date: 5th May 2022 (Forenoon Session), 4th to go

Graduation: B.S.-M.S. Economics, IITK

Hobbies: Ghoomar, Korean Drama, Diary Writing (nothing special asked from here, except one question)

Profession: NA

Duration of P.T.: 27-28mins

Experience in Interview: It happened so fast, board was very cordial, didn't cross question, they were very observant, they even paused in between to check how I would react to that.

Utility of mocks: It made me confident, more articulate, I could think of various points.

Chairperson:

1. Why your graduation is called M.S. and not M.S.

2. Impact of recent rbi on industry and investment

(At this point I fumbled, I made my arguments, she said no I'm asking this, then I explained more, but she was looking for something more specific, then she moved on)

3. Huge informal sector--> why they go for money from moneylenders

4. What can be done to improve this situation

5. Something on SHG since I mentioned it

M1:

1. Did you consider IES?

2. Impact of this recent rbi decision on growth

3. Impact of RBI's move on Forex reserves and Indian currency

4. Is RBI indicating something with this recent move?

(1-2 follow up questions)

5. Are redistributive justice and growth compatible?

6. Why rouble is booming inspite of Russian

M2:

1. Why korean drama

2. What is IITK Motorsports

3. Ukraine crisis

4. Status of Real Estate in China?

5. Do you know about one particular company which crashed in the real estate sector of China?

6. How do you see Chinese Economy?

7. Does a state-led economy like china can sustain itself?

8. Is a state-led economic system feasible for India?

M3:

1. What are issues in RJ?

2. Impact of climate change on agri in RJ

3. Do you know about climate-resilience?

4. E.g., of Climate resilience

5. What can be done to improve health status in RJ
5. Subsequent questions on this like telemedicine

M4:

1. Why ASFA is implemented?
2. Recent changes in AFSA
3. Which areas it is removed
4. Which state has completely removed AFSA
5. Why AFSA only in N-E, not in other states?

I might be missing 1-2 questions here and there.

Closest mock to my PT was of Vajirao and Reddy, questions from mock didn't repeat except one.

All the very best to everyone!

6th May

Name- HCM

Date & Session- 6th May, Forenoon (10:30 to 11:00), 2nd to go

Board- Ms Smita Nagaraj

Optional- Anthropology (No question from here)

Graduation & School- Mechanical (B.Tech + M.Tech)-IIT Bombay & Sainik School Chittorgarh, Research publications in international science journals.

Work Experience- MNC (South Korea and China), Startup-Automotive

Sports- Athletics

Hobbies- Running and Singing (No question)

Utility of Mocks- confidence building and can give you different perspectives on a given subject. In my opinion one-on-one sessions are more productive.

As I entered the room Chairperson said good morning HCM. I wished her back and other members. She asked me to sit.

Chairperson-

- 1- Why there is a gap between 12th class and your first year?
- 2- Do you think coaching classes should be banned?
- 3- How many times did you appear for National Defence Academy examination?
- 4- What do you think were the reasons for you not getting through the SSB?
- 5- Then she asked one question from IR, I didn't know the answer. (she said don't worry, it is ok if you don't know the answer)

Member 1-

- 1- What are you doing since you left the job?
- 2- Name of the journals in which your papers are published.

- 3- What is impact factor of a journal?
- 4- How to decide whether the research work done by a scientist is good or not?
- 5- You have tried to get into Armed forces, tell me the ranks in Army.
- 6- You did NCC. How one gets 'A' certificate? Why didn't you appear for other certificates?

Member 2-

- 1- What are the reasons for mental health problems in students?
- 2- Nowadays people are coming out and getting counseling and treatment for mental health problems like Deepika Padukone, Karan Johar etc. Do you think they are doing the right thing?
- 3- What government has done to deal with the challenge of mental health issues?

Member 3-

- 1- Might is right. What are your views on this?
- 2- Government is bringing some short term military training program for civilians. Do you think it as a good step? What are your views on this?(long discussion)
- 3- Tell one event from your life which was traumatic for you.
- 4- Who is your role model from Athletics? (I named two athletes) Why are they your role models?

Member 4-

- 1- You lived in South Korea and China. How did you deal with language problem?
- 2- How did you access the local news there excluding English news channel or media?
- 3- India's relations with China and South Korea.
- 4- Relation between China and South Korea.
- 5- Why didn't you pursue career in military after graduation?

Felt like a normal conversation and the chairperson was supportive throughout the interview. Be confident and be yourself. Honesty is the best policy. Good luck to all.

Date and session - 6 May, afternoon session

Board- Smitha Nagraj

Optional - Anthropology

College- NIT-H

State HP

Hobbies - meditation, reading spiritual and self help books, journaling

Chairman

1. Recent Chandigarh issue controversy
2. What should be the stand for Chandigarh?
3. Monologue on centre state tussles going on. What is your opinion?
4. River sharing disputes between states. What can be done to ensure stability?
5. Migrants issue is present. What should the states who are receiving the migrants do about it?
6. What are some migrants scheme by Chandigarh?

M1:

1. Which spiritual books you've read recently?
2. Reasons behind India's lagging semiconductor industry?
3. Taiwan is having the same due to robust power systems. What should India do? (I answered to create an ecosystem of electronics manufacturing)
4. Which kind of ecosystem do you mean?

M2:

1. Why is Bangladesh better than India in parameters of HDI, per capita and others?
2. Is it due to the MFIs?
3. What are the schemes for the same MFIs? (Said not aware)

M3:

1. What is Pandemic and epidemic?
2. If one continent not having any disease, is it still pandemic?
3. What are the key indicators in food? Like carbohydrates, etc?
4. Do you know about Isha foundation? What is it's founder's name? (Since I wrote meditation as hobby)
5. What are the 2 programmes being run by Isha foundation?
6. Tell me something about them?

M4: Says okay will ask some other questions (started with some unconventional ones to check stability)

1. What are the issues with WHA?
2. What is kala azar?
3. Which state in India has highest cases of this disease?
4. Livestock smuggling? What are the schemes to stop it? (Wanted to know about an exact scheme, said not aware)

You can go now. Your interview is over

Utility of mocks- helped to a great extent. But the grilling factor and follow up questions were almost nil in actual interview.

Suggested mocks- KSG, Nextias, GsScore (took online), Drishti was also good (can choose panel 2), Chahal, Vajirao and Reddy

Smita Ma'am (25min)

Maths, UP and Mumbai, Indian Forest services

CP

- about ifos cadre, joining
- one reason for backwardness of some states
- Bimaru vs RJ and MP
- Steps for lost demographic dividend in UP

M1

- Discussion on current book reading - The difficulty of being good (discussion on Mahabharata)
- community rights

M2-

- Phone tapping issue
- Smuggling in forest
- (2-3 follow up quest on each)

M3-

- ISFR report and forest cover and steps needed going ahead
- steps for Msme in jaunpur (discussion 2-3 follow up quest)

M4-

- Demonetisation -successful or failure?
- covid handling UP vs MH
- covid in slum of Mumbai vs delhi

Overall cordial board. They want you to speak more.

All the best everyone.

Sumit

PT date : 06/05/22

Board : Smita Nagraj Ma'am

Keywords from DAF : IPS , IIT , AI , Maharashtra ,Tennis , Teaching , Anthropology (No questions from Hobby , Optional , Engg etc)

CP

1. Joined Service or on EOL ?
2. Challenges faced by Maharashtra in terms of Policing and Law & Order situations in recent times
3. It is observed that police are collusive and Partisan. Why so ?
4. Corruption is a reality in India and most of the other countries. What shall be done to reduce the rent seeking behaviour particularly in the Police domain.
5. Long term reforms needed in policing and some cross questions.
6. What is community Policing ?
7. Site some examples or good practices of community policing ?
8. Shall a 2 year term be provided to DGP and other subordinate level officials ? What's your take on this ?

M1

1. Facial Recognition vs Personality Recognition using AI
2. Does Police use Facial Recognition ? It's utility in case of India ?
3. Asked me about a particular Software used for facial recognition. (I had no clue so I politely refused)

4. Threats and Ethical issues of such facial recognition models
5. Checks and Balances needed to address the critical issues such as data privacy, surveillance etc
6. Some discussion on data protection law
7. What is Hashing technique used for securing Data ?
8. Any major country that uses facial recognition on mass scale ~ China
9. Shall India use facial recognition tools like China does on a mass scale ?
10. How shall we ensure no threat to privacy yet collect crucial data in the absence of any concrete data protection law ?

M2

1. What is your hometown famous for ?
2. Asked about the steps taken by Government of Maharashtra to address the issues of drought prone Marathwada region and the prolonged agrarian crisis
3. Some discussion based earlier answer
4. Comparative analysis of Uttar Pradesh Police under the current government and the previous governments (I'm not from UP though)
5. Why the image of Police not so public friendly ?
6. Steps that can be taken to improve the image. What you will do as an officer ?

M3

1. How to insulate Police from excessive political interference
2. Why most of the police reforms suggested by various committees not fully implemented yet ?
3. Supreme Court has issued directives yet states are bypassing them. What can be done ?
4. What is Police Establishment Board ?
4. Why are the states hesitating in establishing such boards ?
5. What is Police modernisation scheme ? Elaborate the major provisions under this scheme.
6. Shall the corpus amount under the scheme be increased ?
7. Reluctance of Police personnel in filing FIRs in most of the cases. Is filing e-FIR the way ahead ?

M4

1. Have you watched King Richard Film ?
2. Asked on my opinion on the latest website based migration tracking system (developed by WCD department of Govt of Maharashtra)
3. Is Lokayukta still relevant ?
4. Asked my opinion on why states aren't doing much in delegating powers to Lokayukta.
5. How does the office of Lokayukta function ?

Thank you , your Interview is over !

9th May

Name - KL

PT date - 9 May

Board - Smita Nagraj Madam

Optional - PSIR

Academic Background - Btech (Industrial)

Work Ex - Part time at Agro based Startup, Internship at Food Park

Hobbies - Chess

Time - 40 min approx, last one to go

Utility of Mock - I believe it helps a lot. Even if we don't realise, our performance improves. Entered with mask only (kept throughout the interview) , wished the members.

SN Madam -

Are u in Army? Said no madam.

Then why are you are standing in attention position, relax and sit down.

1) You passed out in 2019 , yet u worked for 3 yrs without remuneration during college (in a Start up) - tell us something about it.

2) Your role in the Start up?

3) Explain business model?

4) What is it doing presently?

More follow up questions on it.

5) What are you doing at present?

6) Where were you more free - startup or family business?

Member 1

1) You play Chess, what are your learning or positives of playing chess?

2) Any negative effect of playing chess?

3) How has covid affected your startup?

Member 2

1) How will you use Supply Chain knowledge to address the disruptions of SC we have seen after Covid?

2) What is Gati Shakti?

3) How will it help us?

4) What changes you would suggest in it?

Member 3

1) Food wastage is major problem - What to do to address it?

2) Vehical Scrappage - years and km dual condition what is it?

Is it justified, what's your opinion?

3) Why not followed for Armed forces vehicals?

Member 4

1) Food parks have not succeeded, why reasons?

2) Don't u think - raw material availability, labour etc are also the reasons?

- 3) Why rouble is not falling despite sanctions
- 4) CPEC - India's stance,
- 5) What Infra projects are there in it
- 6) Status and why it is not successful?
- 7) Do you know any hydro electric projects of CPEC?

SN Madam

- 1) You talked about debt trap diplomacy. If India has that amount of money as China, should we too do it?
 - 2) But we are giving loan to countries even now. What's the difference.
- I said something like India's aim while giving debt is primarily development of other nations, eg our neighborhood...
- Madam laughed a little and said our neighbours would want to disagree with you on that.

Thank you your interview is over

Name - XYZ

Date and session of interview- 09 May, 2022, Forenoon

Board- Smita Nagaraj Maa'm

Optional- Anthropology

College- IIT Kharagpur - Dual Degree- Industrial Engineering

Profession (if any)- 15 months in Fintech Startup

Hobbies- Cooking, Watching English TV Series, Academic Research

Your experience in interview- Overall Quite Good Experience, no grilling, smooth conversation

Utility of mocks (if any)- helps calm your nerves, build proper language and choice of words in answering, removes hesitation of facing board, helps prepare expected DAF based questions. 2-3 questions from DAF matched actual interview

3rd to go.

Chairperson - Good Morning XYZ, Have a seat. (Only Mask remained on)

1. What are you currently doing?
2. Bhagalpur has been infamous for Eye-Blinding tragedy, and we saw a situation where Police excess was even celebrated by people. Even after Hyderabad encounter event, Police was welcomed with flowers.
[Long Monologue]...Why do you think people are showing such behaviour towards Police excess?
3. Do you think in last 50 years (Bhagalpur, 1979 and Hyderabad, 2019-20) the attitude of people has not changed?
4. SC, ST and Muslims have been over-represented in undertrial population. It's a fact.
Given this fact, do you think the Police and the State Machinery has shown a bias towards these groups.
5. What is the reason for the bias?
6. How can we correct it?

M1:

1. What few talking points would you like India to make at the next G20 summit?
2. If you were DM in your district, what steps would you take to improve human developmental indicators? What steps would you take to control COVID situation?
3. What were the provisions of the COVID package Bill introduced in the USA? (did not know)

M2:

1. What steps would you take to improve the drinking water availability in remote areas frequently cutoff by mainland due to floods in Bihar?
2. Specifically tell me about the deals made in India-Australia FTA - wrt Education (was not sure), Natural Resource and Employment?

M3:

1. So you like watching English TV series? Name 2 recent ones you watched?
2. What were they about? What did you learn?
3. Why are there no such popularity to Hindi TV series among Indian people? Reasons?
4. Do you think Censorship is required in India? What's the harm?
5. Current Status of Censorship in India.
6. Why is censorship harmful in long term?
7. Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture.
8. Solutions for the same (Q.7).
9. What are GM Crops? Currently what's the status of GM Crops?
10. Should we use GM crops? why?

M4:

1. You moved around a lot after Class X. Where all did you stay?
2. You did NCC for a year? Why not for next year?
3. Do you think NCC should be made compulsory/removed/kept optional as it is?
4. Why should it not be made compulsory?
5. What did NCC teach you?
6. There has been a news that Muslim community were witnessing high-fertility rates. Is it going to affect demography? What is your view on this? (Newspaper Article on that day - IE)
7. How would you control spread of 'Rumour' in the district?
8. Few more related questions to rumours..
9. How did we calculate fertility rate? What study did we undertake?
(could not link this question immediately to Q6, so answered it independently, Ma'am asked me to answer with respect to previous question Q6., then answered correctly.)

Chairperson - Thank you.

Thanked Chairperson, female members and then male members and left the room.

10th May

Board: Smitha Nagaraj Ma'am

Chairwoman:

1. What are you doing now
2. Why Navodaya schools have become Islands of Excellence
3. What are the most important aspects for education? Parents, Teachers or ecosystem of learning

Member 1.

- Right to service
- Citizen charter
- Sakala (state related)
- Followup questions
- Higher education issues

Member 2

- 3 Advantages of work from home
- 3 Disadvantages of work of home
- Which one you prefer

Member 3

- Women reservation Bill
- Desertification causes
- Sanctions on Russia, does it impact purchase of S 400

Member 4

DAF based

- ISRO's recent missions
- Use of data from Isro as DM
- use of data on Disaster management

Chairwoman

- Carnatic singers you follow?
 - Is freedom of expression without restrictions good?
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Name: RKS

Graduation: EEE

Optional: Agriculture

Work: Indian Forest Service.

Board: Smita Nagraj

1. Is Rajasthan still a BIMARU State?
2. Despite investment in various social sectors, what is the core reason for poor social indicators?

3. Is street play a good medium of communication?
 4. What are themes of street play you did?
 5. Famous personality related to street play?
 6. Why farming stress?
 7. What steps the govt of India has taken to reduce farm stress? can Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna be helpful in resolving it?
 8. Impact of climate change on Agriculture?
 9. Why more farmers suicides in Maharashtra?
 10. Is loan waiver a solution?
 11. What are the issues in the promotion of organic farming? Mentioned organic produce certification issue.
 12. Can startups play any role in certification?
 13. WTO issues in the export of wheat?
 14. What Steps Rajasthan has taken to conserve water?
 15. In which new countries we are exploring the wheat export market?
 16. Importance of incubation centers?
 17. Compare governance of Tamilnadu and Rajasthan?
 18. How will you improve the health system being a DM?
 19. Srilanka crisis: is it a failure of policies?
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Vipul Singhal

Rajasthan

Smita nagraj mam

Electrical engineering

Mathmatics optional

Watching Env doc, football

Smita mam

Tell something about aspirational districts of Rajasthan.

What are the parameters on the basis of which these districts have been classified as aspirational.

What's the progress on these indicators after inclusion into the program.

Few more qsn related to same topic.

Is literacy directly correlated with development.

M1

Why maths is considered as tough subject.

What's the status of digitalisation in govt depts.

What are the challenges in digitalisation.

Which organisation certifies electrical appliances in India and globally.

We have so many schemes launched by center as well as states, how will you, as a dm, implement all of them ?

M2

What's the status of sariska tiger reserve how govt has rehabilitated tiger population in the park / Home

what's the status of sariska tiger reserve, how govt has rehabilitated tiger population in the park. (home district)

What is the status of border road infrastructure in northern Border areas.

M3

Can we achieve sdg by 2030?

Whats the status of net zero target, can we achieve it by 2070?

What are eco clubs?

What's the renewable energy target and present status?

M4

Which documentary did you watch recently.

Is India doing enough for environment?

Why we are not giving preference to environment?

How development threatens environment, explain in layman terms.

Few more qsns on environment

Might have missed a few questions, as it felt more like a conversation, board was as usual extremely cordial, they were continuously nodding and encouraging.

Most of the inv was environment centric, maybe due to hobby.

M4 wanted to ask more questions but Smita mam stopped her as they were running short on time.

Name- RT

Date and session of interview- 10 MAY

Board- SMITHA NAGARAJ

Optional- LAW

Profession (if any)- LAWYER IN SUPREME COURT and DELHI HC

Hobbies- Reading Constitutional Law Judgements

SN

1. Inquired about Law Firm Job in Corporate, Investment and Securities Law and reason why I left handsomely paid jobs.

Practicing independently or under a Senior Counsel?

2. Asked about the PIL filed for Persecuted Hindu Community from Pakistan living in Jaipur

3. Elicited view on Bulldozer Jurisprudence and what happened in Court No. 3, last day, where I was present.

M1

1. Judicial Activism - Positives and Negatives.

2. 5 Judgments where Activism harmed the balance of Separation of Powers.

3. Steps to Correct the same.

4. Questioned on the work of Child Welfare Committees, CARA and FIR filed against perpetrators of Crime against Minors.

M2.

1. Steps to create conducive ecosystem for Children
2. As a DM measures to improve the Child rights.
3. Judicial Delays, Prison Reforms, ADR
4. Don't you think Executive showing laxity therefore so many PILs
5. Don't you think Judges are at fault hiding lack of efficiency in disposal of cases as independence of Judiciary.

M3

1. Opinion on Marital Rape and legislative intervention required.
2. Difference between Direct and Indirect Democracy
3. Tracing the evolution of Democracy.
4. Some more questions on Women rights.

M4.

1. IBC and EoDB
2. Improving the Specific performance of Contracts.
3. Suitability of UCC
4. What about socially obnoxious practices in religions?
5. Issues with Fast Track Courts and reforms required.

Overall cordial boards. Checks the way one formulate their reply. My advice - Keep calm and composed, it's rewarding.

Your experience in interview-

Reflected mocks and little bit court grillings which my profession ably provides. Helped in controlling stress situations and formulate answers on feet.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Gave 9 Mocks. It guided in the choice and selections of appropriate words, phrases. Developed sitting etiquettes.

Recommended - Vajirao and Reddy, Chanakya Mandala, Unacademy, KSG, One to One with Mohan Sir(IASbaba) and Vinay Sir(Insights).

Name : XYZ.

Date : 10th May 2022

Board : Smita Nagraj mam.

Time : 25 mints (afternoon,4th to go)

Background : IIT Guwahati, Chemical Eng.

Optional : Anthropology

Hobbies : solving Sudoku & Watching Hindi short movies.

Job : Freelance Tutor for JEE aspirants fr 2 years. (during college)

Our attendant called my name, but at the wrong table. Coincidentally someone stood nd went with him. I

was confused by this, but reasoned myself that someone else might also hv the same name.

After 5-10 mints, attendant came back..nd called my name.

(By this time board had found the mistake)

Nagraj mam:

whr hv u been, someone else came in ur place.

I explained her the situation. She (nd one more member) seems amused at this. 😊

1. Asked my name, father's name, mother's name, my hometown. Also asked me to lower my mask so that she can confirm with photo this time.

Read my DAF for other board members.

2. Asked my service preferences.

3. Asked my cadre preferences.

And this decided 95% of my interview. I am from Bihar, but opted Assam & Meghalaya as my frst cadre preference.

4. Interesting choice. Why this as frst cadre ?

5. Okay this justifies ur frst cadre, but why "NOT" Bihar. ?

(I told that my fiance is from Assam, and she is in her last leg of selection for APSC. Its a state based service. So i will be able to do justice to both my personal responsibilities and professional duties, if am serving thr.)

All members started smiling, and mam said " so this is your real reason".

One member interrupted her on a lighter note and said that he is marrying a girl from Assam, that itself justifies his frst answer. Then they talked briefly abt how this will lessen future cadre change complications.

Mam : So, lets talk abt NE.

6. Why border disputes in NE.

7. How to resolve it. Follow up on Assam Meghalaya border settlement.

8. ILP regime. Hindrance to development/integration.

Follow up on comparison between tribes of NE nd Chhatisgarh.

2nd Member.

(Picked the word education from my last answr)

9. How NEP will help in tribal education and their further integration.

10. Infrastructure development in NE.

11. Other alternate connectivity projects.

3rd Member.

12. If Prohibition Law of Bihar is to be scaled up (pan India), what are some of the good things that should be retained and some drawbacks that should be corrected.

13. How do u see " Prohibition in NE"

4th Member

14. What is the difference between half marathon and full marathon (half marathon from DAF)

15. Why half marathon ? (Whn thr us full marathon)

16. About National Bamboo mission. Other uses of Bamboo (except furniture, craft). Back to NE 😊
17. Is Bamboo a tree ? What is it ?
18. Do you think National Bamboo mission is a success. ?
19. Other initiatives for NE development.
20. Some recent announcement by PM in Assam (Karbi Plateau).

5th Member.

He was actually from NE. 😊

: Since they have asked you so many things from NE, i wont ask you anything from thr.

Asked abt Jerusalem? , which county ? Religious significance, name those religions.

(It was just a token question from him.)

Mam: your interview is over. Thanked them.

Overall. : Unidirectional. (Unlike mocks. But in mocks also they suggested me to prepare well abt NE)

Helpful in mannerism. Also, appearing fr mock helps u be calm nd composed.

Name-AKS

Date and session of interview- 10th May, Forenoon Session

Board- Smita Nagarajan Ma'am

Optional-PSIR

College- IIT Roorkee

Profession (if any)- Reliance (Jamnagar)

Hobbies- Nothing asked from here

Chairman:

1. You worked in Reliance for a short period. Why did you quit?
2. What is the relation between NSS and Civil Services? (Member of NSS in college)
3. Isn't the administration in the rural areas doing their job well? Why do you think you felt the need to join services for bringing about change in the rural areas?
4. How do you measure change ? Which areas will you focus on to change if you are a DM?
5. Because DM have fairly short tenure of about 2 years in a particular posting, how do you ensure that this change is sustainable?
6. Did you see any visible change in the villages nearby your college when you worked there?
7. Long question- Wrt education, policies are made at centre/state but fail to get implemented at cutting edge level. Should everything be handed over to local self govt or education should remain to be centralized? Which is more preferable?

M2

1. Continuing on the topic of Change, how early in your tenure will you start bringing about this change?
2. There is a tool in management related to discussion. What is it? (She wanted to hear Brainstorming)
3. What are the essential elements/qualities you'll keep in mind while brainstorming?
4. How will you ensure a change in the behavioral mindset? (I had answered there is resistance to change in

previous answer)

5. What is the difference between Risk Management and Disaster Management?

M3

1. COP 27 will be held this year. Will the agenda this year be on the same lines as Glasgow Summit or can Food Security and Hunger be an agenda this year?
2. The govt formed a new Ministry of Cooperation. Is it a step in the right direction? Will it be harmful to federal structure?
3. What are the issues being faced by cooperative sector?

M4

1. You worked in Reliance in Jamnagar. What are the good things it did to curb pollution there and what things it could have done better?
2. Since you are a student of Metallurgy, what are the qualities in a metal or material you look for in this time of Reduce, Recycle and Reuse?
3. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, in what areas can India contribute in the reconstruction of Ukraine?

M5

1. There is view that armament lobbies in the US and Russia are promoting the Russia-Ukraine war. They don't want it to end. What are your views on this?
2. If NATO declares that Ukraine will not become a part of NATO, the war may end. Why is not doing so?
3. Suppose you are DM of a district. And you have 30% vacancy in you department. How will you now work upon bringing about that change you talked about earlier? Recruitment is not in your hands. What other steps will you take?
4. When you are planning for the district, will you consider the work done by previous officers? (I had answered in an earlier question (#2) of M2 that I would first plan for about 6 months and then execute them.)

Your experience in interview- It was a good experience. Mostly opinion/situation based question. Most of the interview was based on my initial answer where I had mentioned civil services can bring about a change at grassroot level, which I had seen at micro level in NSS. The board was very cordial and listening carefully to every answer. Not much grilling. Except for M4 (deadpan face), the rest were smiling and nodding to your answers.

Utility of mocks (if any)- I had given 5 mocks. Good experience in Iashub, Chanakya Mandal and KSG. Mainly they help in correcting mannerisms and getting used to facing a 5 member panel.

All the best to everyone!!!

Name - arun

Optional - PSIR

Hobbies - movies , jogging , cooking , sudoku

Background - bsc microbiology

Board - Smita nagraj

- What are you doing since 2019

- How you assist you father
- Is he soft on you
- Views on regionalism
- Is regionalism threatening integrity
- Views on Private sector reservation
- Reasons for private sector reservation
- Measures needed to reduce unemployment
- Two party system
- Issues with regional parties
- Should we ban regional parties
- Don't you think regional issues can be better tackled by national parties
- Migration and attitude towards migrants
- Why politicisation of migration
- initiatives for migrants
- Difference between morals and ethics
- Example of morals and ethics
- Views on moral policing
- Views on one nation one election
- Mars orbitar mission
- Views on freebies
- Should we regulate freebies
- Views on one nation one election
- Myanmar issues - military junta , rohingya crisis
- Human genome project

Zero question from hobbies and achievements

90%+ revolved around opinions and PSIR

11th May

Interview Transcript :

Date 11 May 2022 ; 12:30 PM

Name Manpreet

BTech mechanical engg NIT Jalandhar

work ex - Maruti Suzuki

Optional : Punjabi Literature

Home State -Punjab

Board: Smita Nagaraj mam

Chairperson

- what do u do these days
- what did u learn from the work culture of maruti(discussed india Japan collab)
- what Japan gets out of this venture(told about profit share and royalty)

- I believe just the name is Indian otherwise it's majorly Japanese oriented (defended the Indian part)
- compare maruti, Tata and Mahindra
- Our cities are replete with traffic and pollution and we are promoting automobiles. Isn't it a paradox? (Discussed electric, hydrogen, CNG vehicles and vehicle Scrappage policy)

Member 2 : Sir

- Had discussed about Royalty payment to Suzuki ; so some ques about digital patents (discussed about strengthening India's IPR policies to boost innovation)
- U r from Barnala, tell me what would u do as DM to curb Prali issue(stubble burning)
- Bhutan has GHI, what is ur opinion India should also have it? (discussed Indian concerns on economic growth and our current priorities)
- forgetting other ques if any by the member

Member 3: Sir

- do u think our Neighbourhood first policy has failed (defended the NFP)
- But Given the strain in our neighbourhood relations from fishing issues with Srilanka ; Teesta with Bangladesh (discussed about diplomacy and dialogue to resolve the issues)
- IMF has downgraded the growth forecast from 9 to 8, why? (Told Russia- Ukraine's and supply Chain disruptions)
- Are u aware of Aya Ram Gya Ram (I nodded); what is ur opinion on anti defection act (presented the case for improvement in the act)
- what do u think about eco recovery post COVID (discussed about improving revenues and V shaped recovery)
- How will u tackle naxalism ; should op greyhound of AP be replicated in other States (discussed law n order ; development and need for dialogue and statewise solutions with example of Bihar)

Member- 4 : Ma'am

- You have done ur education in English medium ; why opted Punjabi literature
- which writers u read in that (mentioned Guru Nanak Dev ji ; waris shah; Amrita Pritam ; Shiv Kumar Batalvi)
- Tell us about writings of Guru Nanak Dev ji
- Do u think vernacular language at primary level should be promoted
- which language u had in class 1 (punjabi ; Hindi ; English)
- why punjabi youth is emigrating?
- what will u do to curb drug menace in punjab

member 5 :Ma'am

- you are a volunteer of Save the Soil movement ; what it is?
- what did u do in it as a volunteer
- what did u do as NSS volunteer
- what is Kaizen?
- despite being portrayed as people's car ; why Nano failed?

Chairperson

Last ques : Why punjab youth is not migrating to other Economic hubs of India but emigrating abroad (I said I myself migrated to Gurugram Mam and listed other pull and push factors of emigration); Thank you

Time : 30-35 min

The experience from entering the premises to coming out of the building was seamless and really supportive ; every person involved from coordinators to board members had a smile on their face and the ambience was quiet chilled out . I Enjoyed the process thoroughly especially the company of my round table group and the medical exam group :)

Name- what's in the name

Date and session of interview- Forenoon 11th may

Board- Smita Nagraj ma'am

Daf Keywords-MBBS,Work Ex-PHC, Maharashtra, (significant no of questions from here)

Hobbies- No questions asked hence irrelevant

Optional -Medical Science

CW-

"You graduated in 2015 and working as a doctor since then ,don't you love your profession? Why civil services?

Your district is not performing well in health indicators.Why you think it is happening? Where you think govt is lacking ?(long discussion)

Asked about tribal health?

M1(sir):

Issues in Maharashtra?

On Farmer's suicides?Specific reason and solutions.(Long discussion)

Indian genomic project?

What was Sars cov genomic conference?

Why China is interested in South sea China ?

M2 (sir, long questions, low voice, tough to understand):

Long monologue and then asked on pharmaceutical nexus?

On Siliguri corridor?

On 5g auctions (monologue),about auction prices asked my view.

How you will promote telemedicine in smart cities?

M3:

Sleep debt and sleep disorders are increasing.Asked reason.

Long discussion on AYUSH

M4: (ma'am)

again Discussion on Farmer's issues

again discussion on farmer's issues .

Difficulties faced while working in rural areas(work ex) ,what can be done to improve.

If you are given 20 Lakhs ,how you will utilize it?

Some questions unable to recall...

I could have answered in structured way and more fluently I felt...

Your experience in interview- Board was cordial ,Smita ma'am was smiling and nodding...it felt more like conversation rather than question answers..

Whole experience on the interview day was smooth from entering inside the UPSC building to coming out ... Specially my company at the round table made me comfortable and helped calm my nerves ..

Utility of mocks (if any)- Main interview is very different from mocks...I felt board was really trying to know perspective and asses the personality..Mocks were more about question-answers and critical analysis.. Was very low after one mock panel suggested me to change my whole personality 10 days before interview. Helpful to learn mannerism and etiquettes and to get familiar with the process

One to one sessions with Ayush sir and Ravindran sir were helpful...

Special mention to Khan sir , vinay sir and santosh sir (levelup)...they really boosted my confidence ❤️

Name: Candidate 2

11th May afternoon session

Board: Smitha nagraj Maam

Optional : Sociology

Education : BA economics, political science, MA Development studies

Profession : research consultant

Hobbies : Postcard writing

SN

What is ranisathiji in your address?

Why is the case non- locals prefer to stay together?

Does it lead ghettoisation?

What would you prefer? (Living separately or mixed community)

What do you think about CUET?

Would that give a level playing field to people coming from rural background?

How could we ensure level playing field?

M1

How do you rate our health system?

Do you think insurance model is successful? (few follow up question)

What is criteria for implementing ayushman bharat scheme?

What is status of health status of your home district?

Few more questions I am not able to recall.

M2

Do you know about Garima greh?

What is disinvestment target? (68, 000 crore, I didn't knew)

Do you think india can achieve it?

What do you know about rakhigarhi?

How do it help in aryan invasion theory?

1 or more questions here.

M3

Tell us about Cryptocurrency future in India?

How should we give more teeth to POSH act? (Daf based)

Asked something about MSME clauses I didn't understand.

M4

What was your work about?

What do you think about : A person can do well only out of his/her comfort zone?

What would you bring to administration?

SN

Your interview is over. Thank you.

Overall experience:

I was nervous initially, but later on I got confident. Board was casual and cordial, open to hear my thoughts.

Mocks utility: answer orientation, mannerism, confidence building, normalising interview experience.

Date:- 11/5/22

Board- Ms Smita mam

Optional- sociology

State- UP

Hobby- yoga

(3 lady members, 2 sir.)

Chairman:

didn't ask me to remove the mask. So I kept it on.

How is your generation different from your mother's? Then follow up questions

Pandemic affected women more, in terms of responsibilities and job losses, how do you see this?

Your father is a businessman, he must have interaction with government authorities.... How is the experience?

Is it good that business men have to come n negotiate with government authorities?

What is perception of business community of admin?

Member-2

U went to Japan on exchange prog(Daf related) what did u learn?

How have you applied your learning?

Follow ups

Does today's world go by perception or reality?

Which prevails?

How to tackle it?

Steps u will take to tackle it?

Member-3

What were u doing since 2012, year of graduation?

District important things.

Covid-19 stigmatization, Tabligi Jamaat?

Government response?

Was it appropriate?

Social media regulation, is it necessary?

Should bureaucrat spend all their time in monitoring social media?

Does new policy has checks n mechanism?

What are these?

Member-4

Sri Lanka- what is happening?

What can international community do about it?

Russia- Ukraine war, its impact

on migrants,

Impact on India n neighborhood.

How will u improve government interaction with business ppl , if u r DM of ur district?

Practical measure.

Member -5

Taiwan fears in context of Russia -Ukraine war

Why so?

How to improve bureaucracy in terms of competence, transparency, n ease of doing business, if given powers to do it?

So many crime against women, laws are present?

But still, crime against women is so high, why? N what steps will u take?

Chairman:

Related to earlier question of perception n reality-

Some example where society being affected by perception?

I gave from world

Asked some example from India.

Said your interview is over.

I thanked n came out.

Utility of mocks- mocks are needed as they give line of direction to prepare, point out areas of short coming, n enhance confidence.

I took some 5/6 mocks n found them helpful.

12th May

Name: KK

Board: Smita Nagaraj

Date: 12th May Forenoon

Education: Electrical Engineering, IIT Hyderabad

Optional: Anthropology

Other key words: Hockey, Endurance running, Work experience in a startup

Board: Smitha Nagaraj

Covid precautions: Only Mask is on. No gloves and faceshield. Seats of Members arranged maintaining some distance. It was difficult to maintain eye contact with other members while answering one.

Chairman:

1. Are you still working?
2. What does your startup do? Who are its founders? Don't you have any plans to launch your own startup?
3. Why civil services?
4. Questions about the quality of education?
5. Are IIT's living upto the hype?
6. What research activities IIT Hyderabad is involved in?

Member1:

1. 5G auctions. Should the price be reduced? Why telecoms are asking for price reduction? (5G based on my previous answer)
2. Some Defence expo which was supposed to happen at Gandhinagar got called recently. What is the reason? (Dont know)
3. Should government do forced vaccination?

Member 2:

1. What should be our approach towards tribals? Isolation or Integration? (Anthropology optional)
2. Marathon. How long is it? Where did u run half marathon?
3. Why Social causes use marathon races for their campaigns?
4. Why are student bodies involved in violence ?
5. Should we allow student politics in colleges?
6. Why we see them less often in case of IITs?
7. Why there is increase in incidents of Violence these days?

Member 3:

1. How the quality of education has changed over time?
2. Should we have more schools or less schools with good quality?
3. what is the most important aspect of good education?
4. A school is as good as its students. Do you agree with that statement?
5. Discussion on Education system continued?
6. Question on recent award to a scientist on 5G development? Couldnt remember exactly.

Member 4:

1. What is the issue of capitals in case of AP? What is the stand of Government? What did HC say?
2. Why 3 capitals are needed?
3. Are LokAdalats are doing well?
4. What should be done for their better functioning?
5. What should be the approach of countries towards Iran considering their nuclear programs?

Chairman: Your interview is over.

Mocks given: Offline : KSG, Vajirao and Takshashila ; Online : Unacademy, Chahal

Utility of Mocks: Helped in getting familiar with process. Actual interview was no where close to Mocks.

Smita Nagaraj board..

date 12 May 2022.. forenoon..

Personality test time.. 12-12.30 approx.. 5th candidate out of total 6 to be interviewed by the board in the forenoon session...

Candidates name.. Prafull Kumar Dubey

Work experience.. 8 years ...

2 years..postal..

6 years.. customs..

Chairperson...

Name.. double LL in Prafull.. was it added by you..?

How to curb corruption in customs....

Your stand on sedition law.. should it be scrapped..

Why SC took stand now.. the section has been in statute books since decades..

M1

You have worked in the postal department..

How to improve functioning of the postal department.. couriers are thriving at its cost.. measures needed..

2 ways to highlight minimum government maximum governance..

M2

Jhumri tilaiya.. why is it famous.. what is the main occupation of the people there..

How currents influence the climate of a region.. example of any such current and the countries it influences..

UN role in Ukraine crisis..has it failed??

M3

Why has sedition law been paused.. should SC not declare it unconstitutional..is there any such provision in the constitution??

Translation.. issues.. how would you translate a text/document..

How cultural differences affects translation...

M4

Locusts issue.. causes of rising incidents..

India's declining ranking in the press freedom index..causes...

China and Russia coming closer.. implications for India and the world..

Commonwealth countries.. benefits of the organisation..

Why no FTA for commonwealth till date..

Then the chairperson said THANK YOU... I too thanked And left..😞😞😞

Parth

12/05/2022

CP - Smita Nagraj ma'am

Time - around 25 minutes, last to go.

Entries from DAF -Fergusson College, Mallakhamb sport, Volunteering for NGO, Trekking as hobby, Psephology as interest area, IPS

C.P

1.You play Mallakhmab regularly?

2.Should it be competative sport? Why not showcase our talent on Olympics ceremonies ?(I told - it happened in Tokyo)

3.IPS, Not happy with it?

4.Policing is challenging job in country, especially In Maharashtra. Tell me what are the issues with respect to MH police?

5. MH also had very bad examples in Police. What it happenes? Whether Mumbai being financial capital of India plays role in police functioning like that?

6. How was teaching of PSIR at Fergusson?

7. IR - About happening in Srilanka. Should we grant refuge to Rajpaksa brothers if situation worsenes?

8. But many countries offer refuges. Like UAE, Qatar etc.

9. Why you consider India as unique example of Democracy?

M1

1. You work with NGO? What is the name?

2. So it works in urban slums? So if you are administrator in Pune? How would you like to support to the cause for which NGO stands?

3. Technology in State recruitment exams? How it has faired?

4. But doesn't usage of technology has led to bigger corruption or issues?

5. Is Technology the solution for Most of the problems is India?
6. Does the values like integrity matter?
7. What would you suggest at school level, recruitment and Governance level to inculcate Integrity?
8. MH is also progressing fast in SVAMITVA scheme? Have you heard about it? How it is obtained?

M2

1. Passport ranking of Japan is 1 and of India is 80. How can we make Indian passport stronger ?
2. Should Jerusalem be made Capital of both Palestine and Israel?
3. Russia- Ukraine war. What is Russia's aim?
4. Can Russia- China partnership lead to collaboration of BRI and Eurasian- Economic Union ?

M3

1. India and Bangladesh has many trans boundary rivers? What are the disputed one? Tell me about it.
2. National Police commission recommendations have been up for five years. However they are not implemented by states, what could be the possible reasons?
3. Have you heard about I4C ? What is it?
4. What are the recent developments regarding cyber forensics?
5. Some recent Bharuch model where social media is being used for governance. Even PM praised that. How we can use SM in governance?

M4 -

1. Trekking as hobby? Which 2 forts you would suggest? Why ? Their significance?
2. About Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj - What 2/3 contributions of him proved important Maharashtra and India?
3. About revenue policies of his administration.
4. You talked about Improving image of India. In our country, image of police is not good/ fearful etc. What you personally can do To improve image of Policing?

Thank you!

Name: Keviv

Date and session of interview- 12/05/2022 Morning - 1st to go.

Board- Smita Nagraj ma'am.

Optional- Psychology

College/Profession (if any)- Merchant Navy

Hobbies - not asked.(Cooking, reading, origami)

State: Haryana

Your experience in interview- Panel seemed curious about Work, optional. So, felt at ease.

My first preference: IFS- yet no predictable(IR etc.) question was asked.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Understand how ppl think and connect questions, helps you prepare possible angles.

Chairwoman:

No instructions on Mask. So mask on.

1. Why Quit shipping?

2. Do you get enough time for introspection? I have heard the profession is engaging/demanding. (Based on my answer)

3. From Psychological perspective, what is the difference b/w how civil servants are perceived in Developing and developed world? Why ppl treat CS as demigods in developing world whereas developed world are treated like just another govt employee?

4. CS are not kings to have an emotional connect, they are there to serve their legal, constitutional duty and follow orders. Should emotions be involved b/w public and CS at all? (follow up from my answer)

5. Okay, so you think Judiciary also acts based on emotions? (Trying to test clarity and stand)

M1: (Female)

1. Since you are from Haryana, why there is so much impetus on Woman sports, why do women from Haryana perform well, what steps have been taken for that?

2. Since there is so much talk abt Doubling farmers income- Give me specific steps to improve Marketing and value addition.

3. If any, can't recall.

M2: (Male)

1. Why so many delays at ports, what all can we do about India's ports for better exim.

2. Is there a shortage of Containers?

3. What is Container Corp of India doing abt it?

4. Despite India having one of the largest Muslim population, why does the OIC not recognise India's membership? What are the hurdles?

M3: (Male)

1. Technical question: If all the ships on Indian coast switch off AIS (Automatic Identification sys) what will you as a DM do to ensure coastal security?

2. We hear so much abt Cyber frauds, what can you as a DM do abt making ppl aware and averting such situations.

M4 (Female):

1. I am curious abt the following terms- IQ, EQ, Adversity Quotient, Creativity Quotient, Spiritual Quotient. Pls elaborate on these.

2. Why country has the highest average IQ?

3. Psychology question: Quite academic/technical - Can't recall.

4. Tell me abt the Suez canal crisis that happened last year, it led to large losses, how did it happen? What can be done in future to avert such a situation?

Chairwoman: Thank you, your PT is over.

Final impressions: Chairwoman, M4 were very responsive and cordial.

M1.2.3 donned a serious face.

I gave long answers at times, but no interruptions.
All mbrs had the DAF, kept continuously reading it.

Upon my exit, I felt good, hope that they felt the same 🌍

13th May

Suraj M S
Latur (Maharashtra)
May 13 th Forenoon session
5 th one to go
Smita Nagraj Madam

Chairman:

- 1) Why there is crisis in Srilanka
- 2) Should shift towards organic farming was a good decision
- 3) What are implications of instability in Srilanka and Pakistan on India
- 4) What is India's role in it

M1 :

- 1) Why China claims Tawang region
- 2) Is there any ethnicity issue involved in it
- 3) why there is farmer's suicide in Maharashtra
- 4) Should Code of conduct be legalised for free and fair elections
- 5) Any suggestions, you want to tell for election reform

M2 :

- 1) China has been developing anti satellite missile... So how India can make preparation for it
- 2) What are the economic impact of Russia- Ukraine war on India

M 3 :

- 1) Tell me two events of modern Indian history and World history , which you want to erase.. why
- 2) Now tell two events which have significant impact on today's society from modern Indian history and World history...
- 3) Do you think UNO has impacted the world order
- 4) What role UNO played in Russia-Ukrain war
- 5) Should we have another new organisation instead of UNO

M 4 :

- 1) Compare Latur with Delhi
- 2) What step has been taken after Latur earthquake
- 3) Why there is underdevelopment in Vidarbha despite being resource rich area
- 4) How Local Self government be utilised for development of Vidarbha

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5) What steps have been taken for preventing Farmer's suicide..

Board was cordial, no grilling..

Utility of mock: handling pressure, be confident throughout interview, mannerism

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11th April

Interview date-11 April 2022

Forenoon session

Optional- political science and international relations

Graduation in B.A. political science

Home state - Maharashtra

Chairman

1. Seems your DAF looking very brief, Do you not play any sports? (i did not mention any sport since I did not played at college, state level)
2. What do you understand by sustainable rural development? (since I mentioned my interest area as following sustainable rural development and Governance)
What you have done as part of sustainable rural development?
3. What recently published IPCC report observed about climate change?
4. Do you know SDGs? What are they? What is their significance?

Member 1:

1. Why and for what Ahmednagar is famous for ?
2. Is there any fort in your district? What was the significance of the fort of Ahmednagar in Independence movement ?
3. Can you tell me names of Defence PSU and army establishment in your district?
4. Who was Sir Parshuram bhau ? (since my college name is sir parshuram bhau college and he was a ruler of a princely state)
5. During British rule many princely states were supportive of British, but it had serious ramifications for independence movement. What was those ramifications?

Member 2:

1. What is sustainability and what do you considered it? (i mentioned a term inter-generational equity)
2. Give example and explain it by articulating impact on future generations because of action of present generation .
3. What is zero budget farming ? Is it has any relevance with recent crisis in Srilanka?
4. Is there any impact of organic agriculture on India?
5. Is there any lesson that India should learn from srilankan crisis?

Member 3:

1. In context of Afghanistan crisis, what are the ramifications on international relations?
2. Looking at unfolding situation in Ukraine, what are the implications on world order and on India specifically?
3. Do proportional representation system suitable for India?
4. Should we follow parliamentary system of government or should we move on presidential system?
Which one is suitable for India to follow?

5. Which birds do you generally feed ? (since I mentioned Bird feeding as my hobby)
What are advantages and disadvantage of feeding birds?

Member 4:

1. What is the distance between two poles of kho-kho ? (I told chairman mam that I played local sports like kho kho and other)
 2. What is the webers theory of economy?
 3. We have PDS ration shops in India, do we need to extend and expand the subsidised ration ?
 4. There is these debate that CO2 is increasing in atmosphere leading to global warming , while it is also said that with CO2 increase, there will be greener growth of plants, so CO2 will get absorbed. Then, where is the climate change ?
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Forenoon session

1.10 pm to 1.40pm

Interview was on Round table... board members were very close.
(Seems like round table conference)

Chairman:

mechanical engineering graduate then why anthropology?

What is aryan vs Dravidian debate and your opinion?

Then what about kezhadi excavation?

From where human came to india?

What is plogging? (Hobby bassd)

They Amazed to know new concept...

Member 2

What are SDG?

Tell SDG in brief..

What are MDG and why sdg replaced them?

How olive ridley exactly reach on same coast each year for breeding?? (Related to my hobby)

Whats mechanism in them (olive ridley)

How there conservation is done?

Member 3

You are from state board.. is there need of various boards

What problems they createexact problem!?

What is spark plug and use?? (Due to mechanical engg. Background)

Archimedes principle...

Tell in in Laymans language...Archimedes principle (I explained using Glass infront of my table)

Member 4

What is difference in Hydrogen based vehicle and electric vehicle?

Should India go for hydrogen first or electric first?

You make rangoli... Isnt it women special interest??

Festivals on which i draw rangoli...

Floral decor and nature type questions...

And interview was over...

P Gujar

11th April; Afternoon session, third to go

Optional: PSIR

Preference: Indian Foreign Services

DAF: Defence upbringing + Petroleum Engineering @ ISM Dhanbad + Work Ex in Schlumberger

S Ma'am:

Read out my DAF, mentioning relevant details.

1. Why did you leave Schlumberger? What is your preference after IFS?
2. What is Green Hydrogen? Explain to us as if we are laymen.
3. Government's policy on green hydrogen? Is it enough, should we do more?
4. Where have you travelled?

M1: Very difficult to hear him

1. Is Schlumberger a Norwegian company?
2. Have you been to a Rig?
3. Did you not attend any trainings with ONGC? (No I didn't)
4. He did not ask many questions, moved to next one quickly

M2:

1. What is water injection?
2. Any news related to it? There was a CAG report on water injection losses at ONGC. How can they have avoided it?
3. What is fracking? Is it good for environment? Should we do it now?

M3.

1. Did you try joining the Armed forces?
2. Explain this statement to me - "Stay away from the sails, close to the desk and you will rise up to be an admiral in the queen's navy".
3. How does India select its judges? Is collegium system good? Shouldn't we move to senate appointments like the US?
4. What is coal gasification?
5. Generalist vs Specialist? What's the debate? The PWD head should be IAS or Engineer? - wasn't convinced with answer for this. But overall very jovial conversation and back and forth with him.

M4.

1. Chances of Nuclear war in Ukraine?
2. Why India not being allowed to purchase oil from Russia while Europe is? - corrected him politely with

facts that India is actually buying oil.

3. What's flash point and fire point of petrol?
4. How do we measure viscosity?
5. What's the name and size of the area or Strategic Petroleum Reserve at Visakhapatnam (did my 10th there)?

Overall board was very cordial. Most of the time they were nodding to show encouragement for the answers. Mocks remain useful only for fine tuning mannerisms and inculcating proper articulation.

11/04/2022; Afternoon

Electrical engineering

4th attempt

Geography optional

DAF: Football, Spanish, Reading and following stoicism

Chairman:

1. What is STOICISM
2. How is stoicism different from other philosophies
3. How will stoicism help you become a good administrator?

Member 1:

1. In which continent and countries Spanish is most spoken?
2. Cross qn: Why is that so?
3. Difference between active and reactive power
4. Size of football field

M2:

1. Level of fluency in Spanish?
2. Have u heard the name of theagraja, the old bulky electrical book that used to be taught 20 yrs ago...(Not a qn but a discussion rather with other members).
3. A long monologue on his experience with philosophy, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar camp he attended.....then a tauntful qn related to stoicism.

M3:

1. Which education policy were we following until last yr.
2. Who ws the committee chairman of education policy.?
3. Three important elements of NEP.
4. A couple more qns.... can't recall

M4:

1. what are geosynchronous satellites? Thier relevance.
2. Major inventions in the field of electricity.
3. Who discovered electricity?

4. Mapping qns

5. How will u identify the latitude of a place ?

optional Sociology

Hobby: Endurance cycling, Vipassana, Audiobooks

B.Tech Civil Engineering

Very cordial board, board sitting on a round table, you are asked to sit on one end and other board members are equidistantly placed.

Chairman

Read out my entire DAF, then asked:

1. you're related to startups, why is it that Indian startups are copied from the west?
2. What can we do to promote original startups.
3. What did your own startup do?

Member 1

1. What is Endurance cycling?
2. Where have you done Endurance cycling?
3. What did Leena AI do? (my work ex) follow up questions on that
4. Have you used chatbots on banking websites
5. Do you think that AI can take over functioning of banks?
6. Do you think given the explosion of data and analytics, can such data be used for hacking and against our national interest?

Member 2

1. You worked at Netherlands leprosy relief foundation, what is it?
2. Which act regulated foreign donations in India?
3. Follow up on what changes were brought in recently, (FCRA Amendment act)
4. Controversy around it.
5. What is your take on concrete vs. steel buildings, which so you support?

Some more questions I don't remember.

Member 3

1. You're a Shot putter, what is the physics involved in it? Followed up on projectile motion
2. What is the reason for seasons, followed up a little bit.
3. What is law of diminishing marginal utility.
4. He asked why drones are becoming so prevalent, and then the technological breakthroughs required for it.

Member 4

1. You're from Maharashtra. for which god is the song "Digambara. digambara..." (did not know)

... to be from mathematics, for which god is the being - Rigveda, Rigveda, Rigveda (and not more),

2. Then said you've studied Sanskrit in class 10, do you remember it (I said no).

3. He went on to ask can you finish a shlok I tell you... "Vidya dadati vinayam", I said no, he asked the meaning, I deduced it.

Asked a few more I do not remember.

Kalyan

Date- 11/04/2022 afternoon session

Optional-PSIR

State-UP

Hobbies- solving sudoku, diary writing and watching web series

Background- M.Sc. (Chemistry)- IIT Delhi

Work Experience- working in NTPC since 2016

Chairman- Mam initially read about my educational details, hobby and work experience.

- 1) You are earning X/month and if you join civil service you will hardly get 80k/month are you aware of it?
- 2) Will you still leave and join civil service?
- 3) You have written sudoku as your hobby, how often you solve this sudoku do you do on daily basis? Do you solve it in newspaper? What are different levels in it? How much time you take to solve difficult sudoku?
- 4) You have mentioned about meritorious award. Why you were awarded this meritorious award?
- 5) What is your job profile in NTPC?
- 6) what are the areas in which NTPC is venturing now?
(I also mentioned about NTPC school of business)
- 7) How can an industry give PG Diploma? Is it affiliated with some university or is it deemed university?
- 8) what do you think is it right for an industry like NTPC to venture into providing diploma also apart from its competency area?
- 9) You mentioned about NTPC moving towards solar plant. What are the challenges in establishing solar plant in India?

M-1

- 10) So you treat water in NTPC. How you treat water?
- 11) He spoke some 4-5 lines on coal and ash content. Then asked what is NTPC doing to tackle and ensure ash content? What it is doing to deal with coal crisis?
- 12) So nowadays there is talk about privatisation of Discoms which are running on huge loss. What is your opinion regarding this?
- 13) Have you heard about xyz fund? (I never heard of that name, so I said sorry sir I am unaware of it.. then he explained a bit about the fund and again asked can you now tell where these funds are utilised? Since I was unaware, I said sorry sir, I am unaware of this fund)
- 14) What do you mean by coordination? How do you co-ordinate with your subordinates?

M-2

15) What is crime?

15) What is crime?

16) have you heard about IPC? What is it? Define it.

17) what is section 420?

18) Do you drive car? (I said No) then do you ride scooter? (I said Yes)..

What is the function of gear in scooter? How does it work?

19) So you have studied chemistry through out your life. And then you took PSIR and easily cleared mains several times. What does this prove?

(On my reply, he asked why those people with PSIR background who has studied the same subject for 4-5 years are not able to clear and you have been able to do?)

20) In recent olympics how many medals did India won? Can u name few winners?

M3)

21) So you watch webseries, what do you like in webseries? Which is the latest you have watched?

22) what is the reason behind Russia-ukraine conflict?

23) Do your plant use RO mechanism also?? (I said No sir).... So you use only ion-exchange method? How this ion-exchange method works?

24) You told in one of the answer that there is lack of of Li reserves and storage issue but nowadays grid connected solar plant are also there. Then what is the problem???

25) You told that NTPC is venturing into solar also. Why? And why it is moving from thermal to renewable? Is it that NTPC is itself setting target or it is due to pressure from govt to all the PSUs to generate some minimum quantity of electricity through renewables???

26) what is the current order book of solar plant in NTPC?

27) Have you heard about blood diamond? To which area of the world it relates?

Member-4

28) Who was founder of BHU?

29) He briefly spoke 4-5 lines about UN and how it failed to stop conflicts? What is the reason behind failure of UN to stop conflicts?

30) Do you think that "Might is Right" statement is valid? (I told sir if we see global scenario and IR then this statements stand valid. Then he jokingly also gave example how Might is right statement is valid in domestic politics also by citing examples of bahubali in UP)

31) Then again he told few lines about how natural resources are exploited and if we see most of the conflicts in the world they are due to exploitation of the natural resources.. Is it right? And how can we solve it?

12th April

Date: 12/04/2022 Forenoon. (6th / last to go)

Optional: PSIR (not asked)

DAF: MP, B.Tech. IIST Avionics, Work Ex: ISRO, Hobbies: Writing film critiques (+ two hobbies not asked).

Utility of Mocks: Gave 2 mocks with ex-bureaucrats on the panel. Felt helpful in expressing views before such people.

Round table - Hexagonal sitting (Chair + 4 male members + Candidate opposite to chair). Asked to remove the face shield and keep it on your lap. I didn't hear the last part and kept it on the table. Asked to keep 'on your lap'. Sorry, Ma'am. Had to keep masks and gloves on, even members were wearing masks. (Note: Multiple questions in a point are follow-ups based on my answers to each part.)

Ch:

1. You studied at IIST. Any bond? How many years? How many years have you worked? Have you resigned?
2. Which projects have you worked on? (I started saying 1,2,3... stopped). Where was it launched from? Where were others launched from? What is the geostationary/geosynchronous launch capability we are having? What is the payload weight?
3. What's your view on space privatization? Should India be doing that? Why no Elon Musk and Bezos in India?
4. Why was Sriharikota chosen as the launchpad? Another reason? 3rd reason? 4th reason? What about the magnetic equator?

Indicated to another member to take up. Member busy in himself. Looked up after others alerted that chair was pointing at him.

M1:

1. So you are from *district* and there is a famous falls there. What is the height of that falls? What's special about that region? Types of rocks in the region?
2. What lessons of leadership have you learnt from Lord Ramchandra from the epic Ramcharitmanas? (The closest connection for this question was the previous candidate's name was Ramchandra.)
3. Have you heard about World Heritage sites? Name sites from MP? Is Sanchi related to Rashtrapati Bhawan?
4. How will you apply the lessons you learned in your degree in Avionics to Civil services, say IPS? Any use?
5. When are we launching the Human Space mission? Will we be able to launch?
6. What is the work culture at ISRO for a young Engineer like you? Whether you are encouraged to do new things or have to follow what comes from the top?

M2:

1. So your hobby is writing film critiques? Last critique you wrote, what did you write and which famous magazine or newspaper it was published in?
2. You were in South India. Which is the last south Indian movie you have watched? (Started telling what the film was about..) No, we don't want to listen to the whole story.. (All members started laughing)
3. Have you noticed any cultural differences between North Indian films and South Indian films? (Member was probably from South India and gave a long monologue about how people from South India are much more enthusiastic about watching films and many great South Indian film stars have become national leaders.)

M3:

1. The defence and Space sector has a lot of overlap. For a long time, our space sector has suffered due to this technology being dual-use technology. What is the situation now? Any changes?

2. How can space assets be used for defence purposes? (Indicated to the Chair that he is done.)

M4:

1. So with your knowledge of Avionics, tell me in extremely layman's terms how an aircraft flies? (I started with... Sir, Bernoulli's principle..) I don't know any Bernoulli's principle. Very simple. (I started talking about thrust, and M4 again made an unhappy face as if not to use words like thrust also. I said how air moves below and above the wing creating lift. Unconvinced. I was using my hands to show how it works and other members were looking with amusement.)

2. Civilian honours? Highest? Next? Next? Next? Name some people with honours... Keep naming... Named almost 7-8... M4 kept listening. I started naming slowly. Almost 10-11. Okay, next question.

3. Haven't mentioned any sports? Which sports do you play? (Have mentioned NCC.. no questions from that.)

With your knowledge of Avionics, tell how does flame burn? (Vague question. No relation with my subject. Said I don't know the principle associated, to move to the next ques. M4 continued.) Forget the principle. Tell me how it burns? How does fuel reach the flame? Exact contact or distance?

4. What is the biggest challenge our human space mission is facing? (Passed back to Ch.)

Ch:

(Continuing from my last answer) What is the level of redundancies NASA is using?

Thank you.

Review: Interviews are very subjective. Most of my interview was profile-based and questions may not be relevant to other candidates. Few general questions were asked but not about current affairs. The chair was encouraging and nodded a few times. Members were mostly blank-faced. Overall cordial board. All the best everyone.

12th April, Forenoon

Commerce & Accountancy

Work-ex: Punjab PCS, Oyo, PwC

Asked to remove the face shield and to lower the mask for verification, and then mask remained on throughout the interview.

Chairperson read aloud my academic details, work-ex, hobbies etc.

Chairperson

So aren't you practising CA now?

Oh so you are in state services, which service?

Why did you receive this certificate of appreciation? (Awards: Certificate of Appreciation for my election work)

Since now you have ground experience of elections, tell me 3 major challenges in our elections? Some follow-up questions on each challenge

Monologue on low voter participation. How to increase voter participation?

Isn't it true that every person needs some incentive to perform their duty? Follow-ups on my answer

Member 1:

We spend 2-3% of GDP on defence. Is it justified?

Since you have been through process if both state public service commission and upsc. What's the difference between the two?

Who were the members of state psc?

Tell me top 5 ranks of army (Knew only 2)

Benefits of evm over ballot paper

What is VVPAT?

Why only Rs 1,2,5,10 denominated notes or coins. Why not 3 or 4 also?

Do you invest in stock market?

Intraday or Long term?

Is investment in stock market good?

Then why govt servants are not allowed to invest in stock market?

Member 2:

Difference between FIRR and EROR (Didn't know)

What is NPV

Since you have worked in PwC. Why was PwC involved in an issue that impacted its goodwill and what lessons can we draw from it?

Why did Oyo's business model face challenges?

Who wrote Vande Matram and what is the controversy surrounding it. (Didn't know)

Distance between my hometown and home district?

Member 3:

Don't remember

Impact of social media on students

Why students spend less time in sports?

What is self radicalization? (Didn't know)

What is Forensic Accounting? (Didn't know this but mentioned that I hv read about Forensic audit)

What are shell companies?

What is Round Tripping?

Why did you study so many subjects in Class 10? 🤔

What did you study in environment?

Member 4:

What is Performance Audit?

What is IndAS?

Applicability of IndAS

Three functions of ICAI

Supreme Audit Institutions (Didn't know)

What is NFRA and trigger point for setting it up

Recent amendments in ICAI act and concerns around it.

What is audit plan and its advantages?

No question on hobbies or state.

Cordial board, pleasant experience and some light moments as well. Towards the last leg, members had started looking at the clock, interview lasted for ~35 mins.

Utility of mocks - Very helpful. 3-4 questions repeated. Helped in voice modulation, keeping answers crisp and in identifying weak areas. One to one with Khan sir at the end was a booster.

Kaptaan Jack Sparrow 4.0

Interview duration: 30 mins

Optional: Physics

Hobbies: Hindi Poetry and Teaching

Chairperson:

What is Quantum Tunnelling?

Why does it occur?

Where do we use it?

Upto what limit can we downsize electronics devices?

You are already in a well paying job, why do you want to join a job which is not so rewarding financially?

M1:

Questions from my home town and work profile

Qualities of a good teacher?

On a cold evening, metals are comparably more colder than wood, why so?

Why does a symmetric top keep spinning?

(Conservation of angular momentum, he looked less satisfied wanted more)

Why were you awarded Hostel - Freshman of the year award (IITB)? What was contribution? Did you direct the play?

Why did you leave research?

M2:

Have you read Kavi Jaishankar Prasad's Poem (said no)

What is (i said poetry came naturally to me, i am not aware of such details and technicalities)

He had to turn the page of his diary (probably i pissed him off, he wanted to ask more on poetry)

Changed tone, asked me what has been impact of demonetisation on Economy? (i talked about digital economy etc)

Was it successful?

Do you think that it was a planned experiment and part of government's strategy to promote digital payments, may be they factored CBDC and bitcoin before hand?

What is hybrid warfare?

(Couldn't explain neatly, thoda hugga kiya hoon is ke answer mein)

What is a cyclotron?

Where is it used?

What is Kirchoff's law?

Can we use Kirchoff's law in Spirituality? (Every member including Chairperson stunned and laughed on this ques, my answer was yes and laughter intensified, my explanation, i think satisfied my yes, at least i hope it did 🤔)

M3:

Many a times coaching institute's claim results which they don't produce (giving money and kind *presents* to students? Do you think it is wrong?

I said it is wrong but has become a marketing strategy. He said it is not marketing but a fraud. This coachings must be tried under relevant law. (I kept mum)

Long Monologue on how drama, media, cinema etc was used for promoting one culture and themes according to political parties. Alot more on the same subject. I hardly understood what the respected member was saying. I asked again. He asked me in one line if i was under some influence when i was making drama at IITB?

M4:

What is UPI? Examples of some apps built on UPI?

Who developed UPI?

Challenges it is facing?

Impact on payment industry?

What do you understand by expenditure reform?

What steps government has taken?

Has government taken any reforms in procurement?

Do you know gem? I was like 🤔

He said if i have heard about GeM? (Gave me hint) i explained.

He asked me what is it's impact?

Chairperson said interview is over. (I felt garam kar k thanda chd diya)

Overall board was cordial. I was unable to hear what two of 4 members were saying, couldn't grasp the demand of questions they asked. I asked them to repeat twice or thrice i think.

Ma'am was helpful and smiling in between.

30% DAF + 40% Physics and 30% Contemporary issues.

Best wishes for those who have interviews in coming days. 🙏

(I wanted to recite one of my poem but didn't get any opportunity, instead they were asking me questions from types and forms of poetry as if it's not my hobby but subject of my Academic interests or my optional is literature)

P.S. i have withheld some questions which were based on personal profile like job, hometown etc. to maintain anonymity.

Utility of mocks: use them to cover DAF and get a fair set of questions, apart from this mocks have no utility, if you are confident and know how to calm your nerves, keep your answers short, give 2-3 mocks. I gave one at Rau (completely factual) and one at Samkalp (good informal discussion). Also, took O2O session with Khan Sir (KSG) and it is recommended.

13th April

Date - 13/04/22 (afternoon session)

Optional - Commerce and accountancy

DAF - football, equestrianism, apiculture, endurance running, meditation, NCC

whole interview on DAF and Optional, not a single question outside.

The chairman read my whole prizes, sports, position of leadership and hobbies section aloud.

Chairman :

1. What does piloting mean in NCC. (DAF)
2. What did do as an intern with Tribal area development commissioner, Rajasthan. (DAF)
3. What were your suggestions to the commissioner.
4. Were your suggestions accepted and appreciated.

#1 member

1. Explain to me what is heartfulness meditation (DAF)
2. How does GST help Exporters.
3. What is E-way bill and how is different from previous regime.
4. What are the different taxes applicable on purchase of a vehicle.

#2 member

1. What are the qualities of a leader.
2. What is the difference between Internal rate of return and Economic rate of return. (Optional)
3. What is Entrepreneurship. (DAF)
4. What are the three golden rules of Accounting.

#3 member

1. What is equestrianism.
2. What are the breeds that you have ridden.
3. How do you measure the height of the horse.
4. What was the height of your horse.
5. What are the different movements of horse riding and which is the most comfortable one.
6. Have you done tent pegging.
7. Why do these ashram gurus (godmen) even after renouncing the worldly desires live such lavish life, is it not immoral and if it why do you follow such movements.

#4 member

1. How has the mechanism to check the conduct of CAs changed over time after various scams like Satyam and IL&FS.
2. What are the different types of Audit.
3. What is professional scepticism.
4. What is disclosed in annual financial statements.
5. What is notes to accounts.
6. What is principle of conservatism in case of incomes.
7. What is the difference between profit and loss statement v/s income and expenses statement.

#After this the last member said very good interview

the chairman said "thank you, your interview is over" then exclaimed "oh! It has been 22 minutes only"
The i thanked and left the room.

Vajirao and reddy was closest to the real interview, but mocks do prepare one for adverse situation and hence must be done sufficiently

Date and session of interview - 13 April afternoon, went on 4th position

Optional- sociology

College- B.Tech ECE

Profession (if any)- 8 years work experience in semiconductor industry

Hobbies- played table tennis at state level; reading about tech enabled solutions ;cycling

Your experience in interview-it was average I felt that the chairperson and one member were disinterested in knowing me.

There were not much counter questions. they were not using my reply for the next question. Felt like checking knowledge than personality

Utility of mocks (if any)-

NO HI HELLO, NO GOOD VIBES WERE GIVEN

Chairperson :

Remove your face shield put it on your lap

Bring down your mask she confirmed my photo and then asked me to put up my mask again

For five minutes she read my DAF loudly

The mask you are wearing, has three layes, can you tell me why?

It has a blue colour layer white colour layer, can you tell me why this colour difference?

We have another type of masks also like N 95 90 98 surgical marks. can you tell me the differences?

why las

don't you think you are too late for this

Member1

What is the weight of TT ball

who is national chamnion in men

who is national champion in men
challenges in communication
your view on India's stand on Ukraine crisis

Member 2

You read about tech enabled solution tell me some technical solution

I said I am reading about electric vehicle then he said that there is no technology in electric vehicle and he was not happy by my answer

then he asked to tell some other technology

I said Blockchain and its use cases but he was not happy

then he asked me about my job profile

then he asked me what my company do and

there was no counter question based on my answer

I threw word like virtual hardware electronic design but he asked nothing about them

Member 3

He said you have done electronics and telecommunication so tell me the difference between GSM AND CDMA

next HE ask me in what way we can communicate then he asked me about a department in Ministry of electronics then he asked me about the scheme in LWE for communication then he asked me about the scheme for communication in Northeast then he asked me about national optical Phiber program

no counter question only one or two words reply

Member4

He has asked me how the optical transmission happens reason behind it?

optical transmission vs copper cable then he asked and counter question in this then

he asked me about carrom board(my DAF had no word even close to carrom board) but I said that I have not played

asked me whether TT ball can swing I said yes then he asked me tell me the mechanism I was not aware but

in non technical language I tried to explain then he asked me about the Panchayati Raj system what is it

then he asked me about more than I said that it is 3Tler system then he asked me to name all three level

then he asked me what happened in city what is the local body structure in City then he asked me about the function of municipal council then he asked me whether it can legislate

In last he asked me "leaders are born not made" give me your review

Suddenly chairperson says thank you

Aru:

Name - Aru

Date - 13 April forenoon

Board - satyavathi mam

College - DTU (ECE)

Hobbies - mandala art, writing and illustrating poetry

Experience on D-Day

I was the third to go in, and two things happened before the interview. First, because of the discussion at waiting table, i got worried that mam never smiles and is super serious. Secondly, the guy before me came out with an expression as if he died inside.

I entered with mixed emotions, wished all the members with a smile hidden behind two layers.

Madam asked me to sit, put the shield in my lap and take the mask down for verification. At this point I gave her a km long smile, she was forced to smile back at me, then asked me to put the mask back on.

Chairperson

1. So there was a scandal related to your name, are you aware about it? (Aarushi hatyakaand) - what happened - who was responsible - what is happening now?
 2. What do you mean by illustrating poetry?
 3. What are your service preference? (IFS)
 4. What is going around in our neighborhood?
 5. How should india tackle this china problem you mention?
 6. What can we do to promote our relationship, if you are let's say our foreign secy?
- (In the last discussion 2 other members were also giving their inputs)

Member 1

(He had a big mask on and many of his words were inaudible)

1. Have you ever been employed? - any internship?
2. So you're from meerut, some communal violence happened there, why did it happen?? (Had to ask him twice)
3. Have you read recent world happiness report? - do you know where India stands?
4. What are the specialised agencies of UN?
5. There is a phrase in ur daf 'igniting young minds', which famous personality comes to your mind? - any other - go more ancient in history.
6. What was philosophy of swami vivekananda?
7. So why is Swami Vivekananda a youth icon, why does youth relate to him?

Member 2

1. Are you from meerut or just born there?
2. Ok so you're from Delhi, tell me what are the reasons of Delhi's pollution within delhi?
3. The recent change of having a separate bus lane, will it be a solution, or the odd and even, or they are just propoganda?
4. What else can we do about pollution in Delhi?

5. So you're taking IFS, are you fluent in languages, what are the languages of UN?

6. If you get IFS, which language would you be taking for language training?

Member 3

1. What have you been doing in the past 4-5 years?? (Ps -I graduated just 3 years back)

2. Your college name Delhi technological University, so tell me what is technology?

3. Some put technology in their names ,some engineering, is there any difference?

4. So you were a bright science student, then an engineer, now you took philosophy in mains. How will philosophy help in public services?

5. As an engineer tell me how has light bulb changed in many years?

6. We drink cold drink, water from straw. Explain the physics behind it?

7. Tell me Indian citizens, let me re-emphasise, citizens who got Nobel prize? - ok let me rephrase, you can also tell people of Indian origin - tell more - tell more- there was one related to peace- think more.

Member 4

1. What is the meaning of your name?

2. You did internship at delhi metro, How many phases have been developed? (I said I'm not aware)

3. Did you really did this internship or not? (I said no sir it was just an on paper one)

4. Ok so many countries resort to terrorism and other indirect means of warfare. Should india also resort to them?

5. What is hybrid warfare? - another example- give more example.

6. So you're interested in poetry, have you read 'some Hindi poem'?? (I said no sir I don't read much) - so what you are saying is please move away from poetry, don't ask me questions here...(i said no sir I'm sorry I just don't read as extensively as I'd like, you may ask me about my writing)

7. Tell me what is embedded technology and it's application in medical?

8. Ok last question, you mentioned a term life's purpose (in vivekananda discussion) so what is your life's purpose??

Then madam smiled and nodded and interview was over. I wished all of them again and left.

Continued from above..

1. I might be forgetting a couple of questions

2. Mam was not at all serious, she smiled and even laughed...all the members laughed at exactly 3 moments in the entire interview, in the first one I felt a little stupid, as if they're laughing on me, but other two were happy laughs. Anyhow in the first one also I just tried to remain calm thinking that they wana make me fall, i will not fall lol.

3. There were many moments when i realised they were purposefully trying to make me panic, eg saying I've been idle for 5 years.

4. The sir with the mask kept staring at my hands, I move my hands while talking!

Utility of mocks- Go and give if you enjoy the process of talking to panelists. Don't expect any question would be repeated or the atmosphere would be same. Upsc people know what coachings are teaching and they are ready to do the exact opposite or unpredictable I'd say.

So go in there with an open mind. Wo tumhari lenge, tumhe deni nahi hai, as simple as that.

18th April

Chairman

Good afternoon? or good evening? Looked at watch, Okay Good afternoon!

Read out DAF aloud, educational background, hobbies, sports and leadership positions I have just two questions for you

1. So, you are a good ambassador, what do these terms GREEN HOUSE, GREEN HOUSE EFFECT, GREEN BUILDING AND GREEN CORRIDORS have in common?
2. Follow up questions asking to explain each term
3. So, you blog on reflective topics, now a days we find civil servants mostly on social media, how does this impact the administration?
4. So, you write poetry, in which language do you write?

Member 1

1. So, you play badminton, who is the top badminton player in the world?
2. What is the Extent of India from north to south?
3. What is the longest railway line in India?
4. What is the difference between geodetics and geography?

Member 2

1. What kind of films do you watch?
2. What is your favourite movie?
3. What is one significant event that influenced the human history?
4. Why do revolts occur throughout history?

Member 3

1. So, you studied Public Administration, when were two ARCs constituted?
2. Explain the quote – Those who don't learn lessons from history, are condemned to repeat it
3. Do we have reservations in lateral entry? Should we have?
4. How to achieve Minimum government and maximum governance?
5. What are the criteria of LOP? Do we have one?
6. Can we call him Floor leader?

Member 4

1. How to deal with corruption?
2. What is CPMF?

Thank you. We are done !

18th april afternoon session; 1st one to go in the afternoon

graduation•RRM MRA

graduation.BBA, MBA

optional : sociology

hobbies: astrology and jogging

Almost all questions were from my DAF

Chairman:

Read out my daf loudly

1. What business are you into?
2. Do you sell genetically modified crops?(Business)
3. There was a recent issue with bt cotton . What was it? (Pink bollworm)
4. Have the farmers stopped cultivating bt cotton? How are they managing then?
6. Why is only bt cotton approved and not other crops?
7. Should we allow genetically modified crops?
5. Your hobby is astrology? What do u do?
6. Is it a science?

Member 1

1. Give me two recent changes done due to which stock markets dropped? (I said i dont know)
2. So many companies are spending huge money on marketing ? Is it needed? Why?
3. How do u stop ill marketing?tell me from company's perspective?
4. What is brand value and why is it important?
5. How is climate change impacting western ghats? (Karnataka)

Member 2

1. Why jogging as a hobby?
2. How many km do u run?
3. Do you run marathons?
4. Why after 7 years in business u wanna join civil service?

Member 3

1. I will want to talk about astrology....is 18.04.2022 a good day for you?
2. What social changes have taken place after covid which are irreversible?(Sociology)
3. Give me 3 reasons why global financial crisis happened? (Daf)

Member 4

1. Where do you procure fertilisers from?
2. What is NPK
3. How much percentage is suggested
4. Do we import fertilisers? How much?
5. Do we have subsidy on fertilisers?
6. Do u know about Hampi? (Karnataka)
7. Is it a world heritage site?(Today is world heritage day)
8. I think we are wasting money on protecting these sites? Whats your opinion
9. If i have to make my house as WHS ? What should I do?

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10 how are WHS decided

19th April

Board- Satyavathi Ma'am

Interview duration -35 minutes (19th April)

B.Tech Electrical

Optional -PSIR

Trekking, NGO, Sqay Khawankay

Home state - Maharashtra

Chairperson

- 1) If we utilise Hydropower potential of Arunachal Pradesh alone then also we can meet energy demands of whole India, then why India is not following this strategy ?
- 2) What are the environmental impacts of Hydro projects?
- 3) Tell us about the NGO in which you worked.
- 4) What was your contribution for the success of NGO ?
- 5) What is this Sqay Khawankay in which you participated at state level championship ?
- 6) Why such indigenous games of India are not so popular ?

Member 1

- 1) What would you prefer gentleman - Beer or Wine ?
- 2) Your B'day is on 15th August & it is a dry day. Then how will you celebrate your B'day ?
- 3) What are advantages & Disadvantages of having B'day on 15th Aug ?
- 4) In Mumbai, you need to pay ₹100 for alcohol permit if you want to consume alcohol. If we make you the BMC commissioner, would you abolish this permit ?
- 5) BMC's budget is 40,000 Cr., ₹100 fee will not make any huge revenue difference, still you want to continue it ?
- 6) If you were the BMC commissioner, how differently could you have handled the Mumbai Covid compared to Mr. Iqbal Chahal ?
- 7) Tell us 3 Infrastructural bottlenecks of Mumbai and how can we address it.

Member 2

- 1) Why cooperative movement got success in Maharashtra in sugarcane sector only? Why not other sectors?
- 2) Tell me the well known politician from Latur. Tell few more names.
- 3) How is condition of water in Latur now ?
- 4) Don't you think we should ban sugarcane cultivation in Latur district so as to reduce water wastage?
- 5) Deccan plateau is relatively stable region, then why Earthquake in Killari ?
- 6) Why so many casualties ? If same magnitude earthquake in other countries there are very low casualties.

Member 3

- 1) What do you think about of EV? are they safe for environment ?
- 2) I will create an scenario, Electricity used for EV comes from coal so pollution, that electricity passes

through transmission losses & conversion losses, so overall impact on efficiency and pollution....(long monologue) Now would you like to change your stand of previous answer ? Few Follow up questions.

- 3) If we increase the efficiency of IC engine of diesel vehicles so that they emit less pollutants, then would you like to change your stand ? Few Follow up questions.
- 4) You were chairperson of two college festivals, why your college had two festivals, why don't you merge them.
- 5) You were Cultural secretary in college, what were the major challenges & learnings from it ?

Member 4

- 1) Does Russia Ukraine crisis provide apt time for India to invest in Semiconductor sector ?
- 2) Do you really think that India have capacity to be a semiconductor superpower ?
- 3) What steps has GOI taken ? And how far are we from that goal ?
- 4) So let's accept that. But along with semiconductor production some environmental concern also arises. Do you think we can tackle those concerns ?
- 5) What is happening between China & Japan in East China Sea ?
- 6) What is happening between China & other ASEAN countries in South China Sea?
- 7) How can these countries curb China's aggressive behaviour in that region ?
- 8) Do you know strait of Malacca ? What is it's significance ?
- 9) India have very unique advantage when it comes to strait of Malacca, can you tell that ?
- 10) What is India doing to maintain Free, Open & Inclusive Indo-pacific ?

Chairperson- Your Interview is over. Thank you.

Not able to recollect few questions, board was very cordial, it was just like a candid discussion

Date and time- 19th April, 3pm

Duration- fairly long- maybe 35-40 minutes

Board- Sathyavati ma'am

State- MH

Education- BA honours, MA and JRF all In Geography from Delhi University.

Optional- Geography

Hobbies- Aquascaping and backpacking (Most of my interview was focussed here)

Extracurriculars- College Street Theatre and MUNs

Mocks- Helped in some critical questions (that actually came in the final interview) and in getting used to the required body language and confidence.

Experience in interview- Very conversational. All the questions were entirely from hobbies, extra curriculars and educational background/ Optional. Chairperson was very charming, smiling all the time. Wonderful experience altogether.

Chairperson-

Read my DAF aloud and asked me my first name.

1. What is this aquascaping? (My first hobby)
2. Do you have your own aquariums?

3. Do you do it commercially also?
4. And what about backpacking? What is it?
5. Where did you travel last? (I mentioned Chopta and explained its geographical position)
6. Which other states did you cover?
7. What were you doing since 2019?
8. What is Interlinking of rivers? What is your opinion on it? (i mentioned EIA, rehabilitation and Ken Betwa Project) (another critical answer that led to quarter of my interview- River based questions)
9. What are the issues involved in Ken Betwa Project? (I supported it and mentioned about need for proper rehabilitation and wildlife relocation and minimum damage)
10. Are you sure wildlife can be relocated at this scale?

Member 1-

11. What is Chopta? A hillstation?
12. What makes Tungnath special? Tell me the story.
13. Where is it? In Kumaon or Garhwal?
14. Where are Garhwal and Kumaon in Uttarakhand?
15. Distance of Chopta from Dehradun. And of Kedarnath from Chopta.
16. Where is Chardham? In Garhwal or Kumaon?
17. What makes Chandrashila trek attractive to backpackers?
18. What issues did you face in the trek? What happens in low oxygen at high altitude? What precautions?
19. What is a floodplain of a river? What activities will you prevent in a North Indian river floodplain
20. Why can't transmission lines be laid?
21. What were the issues involved with artificial embankments on Kosi floodplains? (and A few more followup questions)

Member 2-

22. You have studied Geography throughout your education, why? (Asked from my response to what I had been doing since 2019)
23. Did you not fall in the engineering trap? Or get insecure that engineers are more successful these days? (I mentioned about UPSC's report and the statistics that prove the opposite, they nodded in approval)
24. Does the lack of opportunities in Geography, if you don't qualify CSE, not frighten you?
25. Why did you join Streetplay team in college? What did you learn?
26. What issues do tourist places in India face (from my hobby)
27. As a policymaker, tell me the policies you will make for promoting Indian tourism sector for foreign 'backpackers' (specifically backpackers)

Member 3-

28. You mentioned about Environmental Impact Assessment. In that regard, what are IRR (and some followup questions about very technical words that I had never heard about, so I said I have not read)
29. How is silting of reservoirs harmful?
30. How do we remove the silt? (i mentioned dredging and was giving a general answer, he interrupted me and asked for specific technologies, so I apologised and said I don't know)
31. You have many aquariums, open water leads to mosquito breeding. How do you prevent that?

32. What things will you be most passionate about when you come into the services?

33. Don't you think you could have done better if you went to those sectors directly?

Member 4-

34. Have you visited abroad? (I said no)

35. Which country would I like to visit the most (I said Egypt)

36. Why? (I said architecture, mythology, history) What type and phase of architecture (I said tombs, temples, sarcophagi and pyramids of the Old kingdom)

37. How were pyramids made? (I mentioned a few theories)

38. Name a few pyramids, their years of construction and their makers?

20th April

Xyz

Board: Satyavathi Ma'am

Interview Duration: 25-30 min

Optional: Economics

Hobbies: Football, Running, Data analytics

Last to go

CP:

1) Tell me what are you doing after graduation. Where are you working.

2) what's the selection process

3) why did you leave your job

4) why are you suitable for CS

5) whats the administrative approach when you get posted to other states. Will your approach change?

M1:

1) why India despite having 1.3 billion population is not a sporting nation?(daf)

2) what can you do as an admistrator to give sports an edge ?

3) how can electronics and Information & communication technology can help in administration

4) other Work ex related questions

M2:

1) what's the latest inflation rate (optional)

2) what can govt do

3) what is data protection act

M3:

1) what are the sports attributes that can help in pub administration

2) why India has performed well in Paralympic but not so well in Olympics.

What could be the reason ?

3) do you know there was one ias officer who won the medal ? Who is he and why ?

M4:

- 1) What's the difference between pace and speed of running (hobby)
- 2) I think marketing is the biggest obstacle in achieving growth in agriculture? Do you agree and why
- 3) what can be done for perishable items like vegetables
- 4) what was the recent agitation by farmers about ?

My interview was fully based on daf and 1-2 optional questions

Utility of mocks: Took around 5-6 mocks and found it useful purely for practice and to get into flow.

Optional - Commerce & Accounts

Graduation - Chartered Accountancy

Hobbies - Playing chess, Badminton, Watching movies

Interview duration - 28-30 min

On entering, I have wished everyone Good morning. Immediately Chairman asked me to be seated. Can see a sense of hurry in her tone.

Chairman - Read out loud my DAF, stressing on some key details. Other members are jotting points on the DAFs in front of them, may be the questions or points they want to bring up.

Siddesh, You are from Chartered Accountancy background, have cost accountancy as well. You must have known the difference between direct tax revenues and indirect tax revenues of govt. So which one contribute more to the govt revenues?

So, if u r placed in finance ministry and tasked with a job to increase tax revenues, which one will u pick up direct or indirect?

What measures will u take up?

M1 - Siddesh, have seen the newspaper today?

Which newspaper do u follow?

Which article or news in today's newspaper in your opinion has made an impact? (I initiated with mentioning that Inflation and Supreme Court rejecting bail articles etc all are trivial matters which are very regular in news, so I said article on cryptocurrency has caught my eye, and then continued to tell about the key points of the article which is a critique on CBDC)

What is EBITDA

What is Depreciation, Amortization

M2 - What includes foreign reserves of a country?

Latest updates with respect to India in forex.

Specifically in the last 2 months.

How to reduce import bill?

If you are placed in finance ministry and tasked with a job to zero out on imports, what will you do?

What constitutes our majority of import bill

Alternatives to fuel imports

Some questions around renewable energy

M3 - Siddesh, you are from Andhra, so tell me with respect to Andhra Telangana division, there has been perception that Telangana is deprived of development mainly because of poor educational facilities and medium of instruction is in Urdu. What are your views on that?

Lack of water resources, what would have been your suggestions at that time?

Lift irrigation system.

Do u know Rayalaseema, what constitutes it?

What is the importance of Cash flow statement?

By seeing a cash flow statement, how will you

M4 - What are your services preferences

Why IAS

Why have picked up Chartered Accountancy?

Why preference to IAS if u r more suitable for IRS

What changes do u want to bring if selected as IAS

Chairman - Nice to meet you Siddesh, your interview is over, u may leave.

Mocks experience - mocks stressed on my DAF and hobbies and haven't touched technical in CA background, here no question on hobbies.

Overall a good one

Date: 20/04/2022

Name: SV

Btech(IT)

Work ex: 2.5 years

Utility of mocks: Develop speaking skills in front of panel, few mock questions on tech and other aspect repeated.

Chairperson:

Read DAF aloud highlighting main points

First question, you watch shows on ott or theatre?

Second, have u heard about twitter and Elon Musk issue. Follow up qs on technology, take over and free speech.

M2 continued on twitter and free speech only.

M3 Freebies, Electoral politics, who should regulate this issue

M4 TCS Infosvs handle Large govt projects. you could earn better. same job. whv civil services?

... to manage large govt projects, you could earn better, same job, why did you leave.

Follow-up on same

M5 Why India doesn't have it's own hardware and software giant(took from my answer that India is global power)

How will you solve it as a Policy, give 2 points.

Where was TCS office.

Borivali national park(followup)

Thank you your interview is over.

Nothing from Optional, mostly focused on Technology and work.

Prepare DAF well, all the best

20/04/2022

Afternoon Session

M. Sathiyavathy board; 1st to go.

Duration : 2 PM - 2.40 PM

Optional : PSIR

Interests : contemporary foreign policy developments in India and issues of India's internal security.

I was asked to remove the shield but put the mask and gloves on. All members including Chairwoman were wearing mask.

DAF based questions :

1. What is unique about you? (All members were smiling at me and I was nervous.)
2. Good academic credentials, why not research?
3. Why such poor state of private sector in your state?
4. People from your state faced mass exodus from Bengaluru. Any personal experience? (Clarified that when it happened I was not residing there. Then I was asked if any experience during my stay)
5. What steps need to be taken to improve industrialisation in your state?
6. Possibilities of inland river transportation? Can it be a game changer?
7. Questions on status of insurgency in nine states of India, one by one and several questions followed.
8. Your views on India's stand on Russia-Ukraine war
9. Indo - Pacific vision of India
10. India's collaborations with Japan and Australia. This got extended to AUKUS, NATO, and China.
11. As an editor what are your top 5 priorities while selecting a piece for publication?
12. Bharat Ratna awardees from your state?
13. How to make North -East a homogeneous economic unit?
14. Why not IFS ? (Chairwoman put this question while I was answering questions on Indo -Pacific asked by another member.)
15. Few more factual questions related to DAF.

Current affairs :

1. Issues in civil aviation industry in India

1. ISSUES IN CIVIL AVIATION INDUSTRY IN INDIA.

2. Two situation based questions (DC in home state and Secretary)

No questions from hobbies and job experience. Chairwoman kept nodding with a smile. I missed two factual questions. Overall it was a good experience.

Santiago

20/04/22

Board - Satyavati Mam

NCC, Mechanical Engineering, Bhavna yog

Anthropology,

Work Experience- Bajaj Auto Ltd., UPL Limited.

Utility of Mocks- Interview etiquette, few themes repeated.

Chairman - read whole DAF loudly.

1. Compare between Bajaj Auto Ltd. and UPL limited.
2. What was your role in BAJAJ Auto. Ltd.?
3. Why automobile sector did better than Fmcg sector in India?

M1.

1. What is difference between petrol vehicle and electric vehicle.
2. Why you did NCC C, what was it's advantages?
3. Why petrol bike have too many parts than electric vehicle?
4. What is full name of Maulana Azad.?

M2

1. Work regarding internship
2. Why there is a crisis in semiconductor sector?
3. China plus one strategy
4. Stocks of internship company
5. Question regarding hometown
6. Question on Bhavna Yoga(hobby)
7. Electric vehicle issue - battery and charging infrastructure

M3

1. Why Anthropology, favourite subject in it.
2. Application of Anthropology in administration (long question)
3. Digitalization- impact on future civil servants.(long question)

M4

1. Why Four wheeler trend is rising over two wheelers?
2. Why India is lagging in research ?

Mam wished all the best

mam wished all the best.

Cordial Board, Overall good experience.

21st April

Name: X

Date and session of interview- 21/04/2021

Board- Satyawathi mam

Optional- History

College- PGDAV college

Profession (if any)- No

Hobbies- Playing cricket, Singing and composing songs, acting and cooking.

Your experience in interview- None

Utility of mocks (if any)- Gave 6 mocks, and they mostly suggested that I need to study my home city(Bhopal) and home state(MP) as I had a knowledge gap in that regard. Interestingly, almost 75% of the questions came from Bhopal and MP. So I would say their assesment was quite bang on. Mocks also helped me to get into habit of speaking and reduced hesitancy.

Questions:

Read my DAF aloud.

What have you been doing since graduation?

Why didn't you pursue post graduation? (I mentioned that my backup plan is to be an entrepreneur)

Specific questions regarding my entrepreneur plans followed.

Why didn't you choose cricket as your career?

What kind of songs do you compose?

Member 2:

What has MP govt done to avoid a tragedy like bhopal gas tragedy in MP. What can you do as a collector, what learning did you get from bhopal gas tragedy?

What are the famous crops of MP? (I mentioned sharbati wheat)

What are its qualities?

Which protein makes it sweet?

Compare protein amount of wheat and rice and give protein amount in each.

How do you compose songs?

Can different music be applied to same lyrics?

Member 3:

What is the stray cattle issue, what can be done?

Problems of Bhopal?

Member 4:

Where is Mandu situated?

Which airport can I take to reach Mandu?

Why is Mahakaleshwar famous, where is it situated?

Where is Bateshwar temple located?

What is the law and order situation in Bhopal?

Tell me which section covers murders?

When was MP split?

What is the naxal situation after split of MP, is there any improvement?

Member 5:

Tell me about freedom struggle of MP?

Name the princely states in MP, who ruled them, tell me about their contribution to freedom struggle.

Overview:

I might be forgetting a couple of questions, the interview lasted around 25 minutes, but for me it felt that the interview was over in a flash.

Mock interviews are good for practice and give you an idea of topics to cover. But don't overdo them, take time to be able to implement the feedback given in mocks. The interview board was mixed, chairman mam was cordial and supportive, 2 members seemed slightly disinterested, 2 member seemed to test my patience by making me repeat things etc. Overall I felt the questions were mostly MP based and could have been more multi dimensional, but the pro was that the questions were relatively easy and relevant to my DAF. My only advice would be to stay calm and confident and believe in yourself throughout the duration of interview. One more advice, try to find at least 5 minutes where you settle yourself before the interview, I didn't have that luxury as I was almost instantly called up after doing my document verification. All the very best!!

Date and session of interview- 21st April, Afternoon

Board- Sathyavati Ma'am

Optional- PSIR

Profession (if any)- 2 years in Ed-Tech, 2 months in Defence Accounts Department (Not mentioned in DAF since I joined in Feb but major part of the discussion was around this)

Hobbies- None asked, so no point mentioning.

Your experience in interview- Very different from mocks, very conversational, they just wanted to discuss things. Hardly any cross questioning.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Gives you confidence to talk in front of such experienced panel. From questions point of view, not much useful.

Mask and Gloves were mandatory

Chairwoman:

Asked to keep the face shield on the lap, Read the DAF aloud.

1. You left job in 2018, worked for around 4 months in 2020 and again left the job? Why and what have you been doing since then?(I mentioned my current job in this answer)

Then 3-4 questions on current job.

Do you know about OROP? A reasonably long discussion on it.

M1:

1. Question on CPEC, its significance for China, what are India's objections against it?

Russia - Ukraine war, implications for India.

2. While US supported both Ukraine and Afghan Army, why are Ukrainians able to resist but Afghan army easily lost to Taliban?

M2:

1. FTAs - issues, benefits, should India sign more FTAs

2. Bilateral vs multilateral arrangements?

M3:

1. UK PM visit - issues likely to be discussed?

2. What changes did you observe after you saw corporate world after prolonged stay in cantonments (I come from an army background)

3. Issues around BSNL, why is it failing?

4. If you are given an opportunity, what things would you change in your current office to improve service delivery.

M4:

1. Industries in your home district?

2. Is there any body which looks after rehabilitation and reemployment of retired soldiers. (Mentioned DESW)

3. How DESW helps retired soldiers?

May be forgetting a few questions.

22nd April

Board- satyawati

Date - 22 april

Last candidate of the day

Optional - psir

Hobbies- spending time with family and friends; Jogging; Reviewing recreational pursuit

Background - BA in psir; MA psir

State - UP

Sabmast baith ke roasted chane kha rahe the

Chairman -

what is reviewing recreational pursuit

Is spending time with family and friends hobby

What is hobby

(Seems disatisfied)

India pak chances of dialogue
Impact of srilanka crisis

M1

What is middle east
What is debt trap (want to know how it works exactly)
Israll palestine
Jogging pace

M2

Israel some tribe have vanished
Some trube in india in northeast is becoming jews
One nation one election

M3

Event management what i did
(other i am not able to recall)

M4

Suppose dm organise a event in hardoi
Why hardoi famous(i said handloom)
What is loom
Difference between khadi and nylon
Many Pms from up then why backwards

Name: XYZ

Graduation and Optional: Law

Hobbies: Reading English Novels

Board: Satyavati Ma'am

Read out my DAF

CP:

1. What kind of books do you read?

2. Do you buy them in print or on Kindle?

3 to x. Insert intense grilling moot court style for 5 minutes on whether election manifesto can be treated as a contract?

Answered in Negative. Asked to explain why. Cross questions on each element of contract formation.

4. Asked to act as her lawyer and present a case to court to still enforce it and to make sure she wins. Some cross questions. Joked how lawyers always ask for time and adjournment when I asked for a few seconds before presenting final arguments.

M1

1. What are some examples of void and voidable contracts.

No I didn't like the example. Give me some other.

2. Why do we say police must maintain Law AND Order. Why two terms.
3. Define Public Order
4. Judiciary has craftly expanded its role since 1990s. Is Judiciary overstepping
5. React to my statement that judicial activism is due to failure of executive plus cross questions.

M2

1. How can disputes in case of contract be solved?
2. Follow up: difference between arbitration and conciliation
3. Follow up: enforceability of conciliation award and 1 cross question
4. Any mechanism of ADR for MSME?

Replied but wanted to refer to Samadhan portal so he indicated about the same. Asked about it it's working in detail. Sorry sir.

5. Share of industries in hometown. Which industries exist. Which will you introduce. How will you get money. (all asked in one breath- answered. Fumbled and used the term GDP for district. 🙄) when I came to last question. Took a pause. He made a joke that money will come from somewhere. We will see)
6. Is there Mens Rea in contracts like criminal law.

M3

1. Why is there liability of each member of a mob in case of riots
 2. Offences affecting Public order
- Answered 2/3. He kept saying No and asking for more. Till I stopped
3. Difference between President rule and Governor Rule
 4. Maximum duration for Governor rule
 5. Was repeal of 370 correct?
 6. No. Governance perspective aside. Give me Constituional perspective
 7. Was it a good decision.

Chairperson asked me to adjust my slipping mask 🙄

8. Article 35A
9. Why removed. Impact of removal.

M4

Insert two minute rant on lack of punishment for judiciary. Use of contempt.

1. Is Judiciary moving towards self destruction. React to this statement.
2. Loooong Statement on Judicial appointment pattern disrupting separation of power and checks and balance. What's your opinion.
3. What can be done

Thank you. You may leave.

One question on hobby. One on home district. Everything else quite legal.

Board: R N Chaubey Sir

Date: 22nd April 2022, Third one to go.

Background : B.tech : Computer Science Engineering

Work Ex: Tata Elxsi

Optional: Anthropology

Home state: Kerala

Hobbies: Bharatanatyam, Reading classics, Backpacking

Asked me if I have any COVID symptoms and asked me to relax and enjoy the conversation.

Chairman:

Question 1. Introduce yourself, academic background and work experience.

2. Is Nam relevant? Is it irrelevant for India?

3. Technology for Green Revolution 2.0 that I would suggest.

Member 2.

Q 1. One city in Tamil Nadu with maximum textile exports (He quoted the exact figure)

I said Tirur-Coimbatore.

Q 2. Nehru Gandhi what kind of relation?

Q 3. 2 instances of ideological difference between them.

Member 3.

Q1. How to improve women empowerment in Kerala further?

Q2. Why Kerala performing poorly in Industrialisation, regarding recent shut downs of industries?

Q3. Hindi as official language what is your opinion.

Q4. What are MSMEs and what is their contribution to India?

Member 4:

Q 1. You are from the land of Shankaracharya, what is the difference between advaita, vishista advaita and dvaita philosophy?

Q 2. Bharatanatyam needs 3 elements, can a dancer do well with 2 of these alone?

Q 3. Proponents of Bharatanatyam

Q 4. Mental health issues and how to solve them in my opinion.

Member 4 (Lady) :

Q 1. When was Brexit?

Q 2. Can Britain form a trade union with any other countries now that it was out of EU?

Q3. Any books on Partition that you have read or you know, and what is your insights on partition from the book?

I replied Train to Pakistan but I hadn't read the book.

Q4. Recently a female SC judge gave a verdict on women empowerment, what was it about?

I said I don't recollect the news. She tried to get the answer she wanted from me by asking how to solve women empowerment. I said few points and she said that's exactly what the judge had talked about.

There were few more questions, I am unable to recollect them.

In the end chairman asked if I want to talk about any thing.

I said No, Nothing Sir.

Overall it was a wonderful experience.

Date: 22/04/22

Board: Satyavathi Ma'am

Graduation: Btech ECE

Work exp: 2.5 years IT firm

Optional: geography

State: Kerala

Hobbies, sports (no Question)

Chairperson:

Remove faceshield and put on lap

Pull down mask for verification and asked to wear it throughout

Read out DAF aloud

- 1) You had decent job with good pay, why did you resign?
- 2) you studied in NIT Calicut, why 2 names Calicut and Kozhikode. Few Questions on history of names
- 3) an air accident happened recently in kozhikode.what are reasons?
- 4) what is peculiarity of airport? (Used my hands to explain, other members were surprised)
- 6) what is use of black box?what is its colour?

M1:

- 1) explain smart wheelchair project you did in college? (Daf)
- 2) will it be useful for specially abled in buildings ?
- 3) what measures to be taken to make buildings accessible?
- 4) does Kozhikode have a railway station?

Suppose you want to implement accessibility in railway station (which is under Union govt.), What steps will you take? (Whenever I said a point, member kept on saying next what, a bit impatient here)

- 5) largest district in Kerala?
- 6) state capital of Kerala? Which temple there? What controversy behind temple and follow up
- 7)Thiruvananthapuram vs Bangalore (worked here) in terms of ease of living.?said Bangalore, mention 3 reasons(Specifically cautioned not to mention climate as factor)
- 8) public transport vs private transport. (Follow up on my answer that public transport better in Bangalore) metro transport falls under which ministry?
(Since I mentioned Bangalore metro)

M2: (had to repeat most answers, as member did not hear)

Since you took geography optional, I will ask from there

- 1) which river flows through Badrinath shrine?(didn't know)
- 2) giving hint, he talked about recent disaster in Joshimath. What was it?
- 3) Which river? It did not happen in Joshimath, which peak it took place? (Didn't know)

- 3) which river ? it did not happen in Jostimath, which peak it took place? (DIDN'T KNOW)
- 4) long monologue on Himalaya being young and fold mountains. Which are old mountains ?
- 5) relation of European discovery of India and kozhikode. Where did Vasco da gama land?
- 6) 4g vs 5g?
- 7) 5g uses ?how it helps in national security ?
- 8) what is NSS? (daf) and follow up questions

M3:

- 1) what is your service preference?
 - 2) based on my answer, and issue of political violence in Kerala. Suppose you are posted as DM, get orders to bulldoze to curb violence your action plan?
 - 3) if not bulldoze, then what actions?
 - 4)based on answer, those are soft mechanism, What else?
 - 5) coming to ECE, how it helps in defence?
- Indian PSU based on defence electronics? private company? Globally?

M4:

- 1) pointing to earlier question, recently bulldoze issue happened . Are you aware?
- 2) what was reason for it? (Member hinted about delay of communication between judiciary and Mayor)
- 3) in times of tech, are such delay acceptable? (Said no), coming from ECE background, what are solutions?
- 4) confirmed whether Amadeus software labs(job) is the company related to air ticketing. Then asked randomly, what is unicorn? Asked stats about unicorn and follow up on startups
- 5) most startups are located in Bangalore, delhi (based on my answer). How to ensure startups come up in other areas? Few follow up
- 6) difference between cell and mobile phone.

Chairperson:

Interview over

Thank you .all the best

May be forgetting few questions

PS: board repeatedly asked to pull up mask.

This impacted flow of answers

Name- dekhtein hai
Board- sathyavathi mam
Date of interview - 22april
Optional- geography
Graduation subject- polymer science
1st interview

Initially they messed up with the sheet of attendance after DV . It took 10 min to resolve , anyway -

I entered the room , greeted mam and the other 4 board member
Chairperson read the daf aloud. Asked to put down my mask and she was not able to match my current look with photograph 🙄. I had to explain.

Chairperson-

1. asked for clarification of hobby (food vlogs of Indian cuisine)
2. What is taught in the graduation
3. What are industrial application of polymers?
4. What are technical textile
5. Tell me some technical textile in the room.
6. How would u use your learning as president in administration (daf based)?

Member1-

1. What step will you take as secretary of tourism to develop street food culture in India?
-i told some stuff then he asked
2. tell me something related to infrastructure and other step
3. Is uttar pradesh uttam pradesh
4. 6 strength of uttar pradesh in bullet point
(Was cut short on 2nd point)
5. What are the infrastructure status of uttar pradesh?

Member2-

1. Which is sarvottam pradesh (based on my earlier answer)?
2. What polymer used in this room.
3. Up lokayukta (i did not know much)
4. Few more question don't recall (sorry)

Member 3- (more concerned about home district)

1. Distance from Delhi
2. History of the district
3. What routes we may take
4. what are technical textile used in eastern uttarpradesh agriculture?
5. one or two more question. dont remember.

Member-4

1. What step will u take in addressing crime issue if u are posted as ssp in your home district.
2. Tell me some proactive measure.
3. Who guards our border
4. When army is deployed
5. Tell me inert polymer(here tried trap me by saying I am not an expert update my knowledge)
6. Is teflon an inert polymer , why is it so?
7. Which part of the complex hydrocarbon reacts?

Utility of mocks - attended 6 mocks

1. Next ias - some question asked directly
2. Vajiram- help me in identifying my mistakes , here board motivated me alot
3. Won't name coaching- but demotivated alot (although I resolve to bounce back)
4. Vajirao - back with confidence (feeling good after this)
5. Ksg- confidence and body language improved exponentially
6. Drishti- just a final practice , some question were asked directly .

One to one session-

1. Raveendran sir- excellent boosted my confidence
2. Shabbir sir- anticipating question, and answer in conversational manner
3. Khan sir- (met 2 days before interview) - helped in building confidence to peak.

Finally this transcript channel is quite helpful in anticipating type of question.

Learning-

1. Prepare daf well ,even if, question are not asked u will feel confident
2. Mocks helpful in mannerism confidence build up , never to give wrong answer , broadening knowledge.
3. Take mock as learning rather than final judgement
4. Confidence in interview = comprehensive preparation of current affairs+ daf + sufficient number of mock (number of mocks to be personally evaluated - don't go by coachings).

Thanks

25th April

MBBS; Med Science Op

Railway Job

Rajasthan

Haryana

Medium Hindi

Satyawathi ma'am board

2nd to go

Chairman

Wish me good morning before i do that

Tell me to remove of face shield and put it in my lap

Ask me for removal of mask for photo identification

Read out all details from DAF

Ask me if I am comfortable if questions are asked in English

1. What initiative did you take for e governance (Daf)?
2. Are these initiatives already in Railways?
3. Are they implemented anywhere else in Railways?
4. Why do you think that new initiatives which are taken by one person are not replicated at other places?

Member 1

1. In your opinion stand alone initiatives are good or there should be a system for taking innovations
1. What are hinderance in replicating new initiatives?
2. What should be done so that SOP can be made out of new initiatives?
3. What government is doing in this regards?

Member 2

1. You are a doctor why you want to come to civil services?
2. Suppose you are Putin, when will you stop war?
3. What russia want to achieve in the war?
4. Tour of duty? He explained me and ask have you heard about that
5. What elon musk is so interested in twitter and crypto currency
6. Have you invested in cryptocurrency

Member 3 (Lady)

1. Dont you think joining civil service after medicine is sort of brain drain.
2. How you use your knowledge of medicine in IAS.
3. Ques regarding progress made by india in nutrition?
 - 3.1 What are schemes of nutrition improvement.
4. Food fortification
5. Your hobby regarding spending time with family and friends, do you think it is a hobby?

Member 4

1. Status of poverty in India.
2. BPL and multidimensional poor
3. Another criteria
4. What are components of Multidimensional poverty index
5. Why health is there.
6. Why education is there.
7. Which sector you want to work other than health.
- 7.1 why manufacturing sector

7.1 why manufacturing sector

8. Do you think automation leads to job loss
9. What is sustainable manufacturing
10. How to make manufacturing environment friendly.

Chairman madam Thank you very much.

Date and session of interview- 25th April, afternoon

Board- M. Sathyavaithy

Optional- Management

College- NIT Hamirpur (B.Tech), IIT Madras (MBA)

Profession (if any)- 4 years work ex but not working for last 3 years

Hobbies- Swimming, cooking, DIY repairs, Homeworkout

Your experience in interview- 1st

Utility of mocks (if any)- Useful as my main interview based on DAF

Almost 80% of interview based on DAF and even other questions were derived from it. Hence use this transcript with caution.

Chairperson: M. Sathiyavathy

What is difference between safety and security with respect to Vizag?

Safety and security difference in respect to airplane?

What are green building?

What are green corridor?

Why you are leaving your better paying job for civil services?

M2:

What is red corridor?

Socio-economic similarity in these regions?

Should we do something or leave it as it is? Steps to undertake?

Budget- how will you tell someone how to read it?

What is primary deficit?

How much is it?

What is fiscal deficit of India? How much it should be?

Why is it so high?

What is India's debt to GDP ratio? How much it should be ?

What is debt to GDP ratio for US and Japan?

Then why should India keep it so low?

Why is US\$ the global currency?

What are threats to US\$ as global currency?

Can Indian rupee in future be the global currency?

M3:

What are cryptocurrencies? Can they be a global currency?

what are cryptocurrencies? Can they be a global currency?
Can cryptocurrencies be hacked? Or is it individual broker issue?
What could be other alternatives to a global currency?

M4:

You did mechanical engineering then MBA? Didn't your engineering go to waste?
Do you think Indian engineers are of lower quality?
Why they are not so good?
What is McKinsey ethical —(don't know) and Darknet?
Have used darknet?
If a cyberattack on Indian stock exchange by China, what will be its implications?
What triathlon you did and how is it different from Ironman triathlon?
What are your favorite swimming strokes?
What is difference between freestyle and crawl?

M5:

What is e-waste?
What is polluter pays principle?
You like cooking? What all dishes?
How does cooker help in cooking?
How you can maintain or improve nutrient of food by cooking?
You did engineering and MBA and now civil services, isn't it internal brain drain?
Will you use your existing knowledge and improve system or come here to learn?

Date 25 april morning
Sathiyavathi mam board
Civil engg graduate
Maths optional
Hobby: Advait vedanta, Kabaddi
Haryana state

What is Advait philosophy
Relation of Kedarnath and shankaracharya
4 mutts, have you visited
Advait is against idol worship then why mutt established
Gita commonality with vedant
Opposite philosophy to vedant. Advait vs samkhya
how india is promoting traditional Sports. Tell state wise traditional sports
Why Haryana Girls doing good in sports
What other state to learn from Haryana in sports
Western sports vs indian sports
Why India not well performing in olympics
Ukraine Russia war: Russia is not under control despite of sanctions, what to do for future to prevent china

doing same

US dollar hegemony and how to counter it

Is Booster dose imp

Total number of NITs why named NIT. will creating new NIT impact image of olds

Types of banks. Which is central bank of USA

As Sports secy what will you improve

Why maths as optional over civil engg graduation

Civil engg then why civil services

Why Elon Musk want to invest in twitter and bitcoin

Type of foundation used in Tajmahal. Why

Date-25/4/2022

बोर्ड- सत्यवती मैम

B. Tech- Electronics and Communication, 2016

Chairperason-

- 1- आप 2016 से क्या कर रहे हैं, आपकी मदद कौन करता है?
- 2- vipassana meditation बाकी meditation से कैसे अलग है?
- 3- vipassana के बारे में आपको कैसे पता चला?
- 4- web series को कैसे regulate किया जाता है?
- 5- क्या वेब series पर pre sensorship लगा देनी चाहिए या moive से हटा देनी चाहिए?

Member-1

- 1- आपको vipassana के बारे में कैसे पता चला?
- 2- vipassana से क्या लाभ हुआ, कुछ practicle लाभ बताओ?
- 3- कब और कैसे करते हो vipassana?
- 4- webseries पर समय खराब नहीं होता और उससे पढ़ने और vipassana में disturb नहीं होता?
- 5- Engineering के बाद हिंदी साहित्य क्यों लिया?

Member-2

- 1- Afspa की क्या ज़रूरत है?
- 2- Afspa के हटाने से क्या लाभ और क्या नुकसान होंगे?
- 3- रूस- यूक्रेन में भारत का official stand क्या है?
- 4- क्या भारत का western countries के अलग रहना, future में कुछ चुनौतीपूर्ण हो सकता है?

Member-3

- 1- UP की तीन समस्याएँ?
- 2- UP का division होना चाहिए?
- 3- UP का विकास कैसे हो तथा कैसे पता चलता है कि up गरीब राज्य है?
- 4- local language में engineering की जानी चाहिए? New education policy में कुछ कहा गया है इस विषय में!!!

Member-4

- 1- Electronics policy के क्या फीचर हैं?
- 2- semiconductor crisis क्यों है तथा भारत में यह industry क्यों develop नहीं है?
- 3- India को electronics market develop करने के लिए क्या करना चाहिए?

- 4- semiconductor crisis से और कौन कौन से sector प्रभावित हो रहे हैं? इसका overall economy पर क्या प्रभाव है?
5- electronics policy बनाते समय आप क्या ध्यान में रखेंगे?

ज्यादातर सवालों पर कुछ और जुड़े हुए सवाल पूछे थे!! अंत में समय काफी हो गया था तो chair person ने qus नहीं पूछे!!!

Name- Amar Singh Verma

Date and session of interview- 25 april, afternoon

Board- Smt. M. Sathiyavathy

Optional- SOCIOLOGY

Branch and College- Biotechnology MNNIT, PRAYAGRAJ

Hobbies- playing cricket

Medium of interview- HINDI

Utility of mocks-

1. good to build confidence and have a formal conversation
2. Real was totally different, more cordial and no बकवास questions

Total interview time- Around 32 minutes

Major themes of discussion-

1. Tribes and way of interaction
3. covid -19 and its socio economic, and environmental effects,
4. cricket popularity and impact on other sports,
5. digital currency, bitcoin etc.
6. vaccines,
7. child marriages and raising age of marriage,
8. WORK FROM HOME,
9. Ukraine- russia war

Chairperson,

We will ask questions in English and you can answer in hindi, if you want translator, we can arrange
Remove your face shield and mask, after seeing my beautiful 🐱, she told please wear 🧐.

Questions-

1. Have u attended mocks in coachings ?
2. What were coaching's focus areas where they emphasised
3. Have you ever visited south india or any place other than Uttar pradesh.
4. Have u visited a tribal place(as my optional is sociology)
5. Do you about an American Christian person was killed by a tribe in Andaman and Nicobar (2019 incident - The life and death of John Chau, the man who tried to convert his killers)
6. Name of that tribe
7. It was right to go there or not ?
8. Suppose you are DM of that area, and there is large scale spread of disease and their population is decreasing day by day, what you will do?
9. How will you communicate and build consensus, if they are not interacting.

10. How will you identify community leader, if they are not interacting?(Tried to provoke)
11. Recently, girls' age of marriage has been improved, tell me its sociological impact.
12. How would it improve health and education?
13. Child marriages in your state, district and village

Member 2

1. TOR term in defence, did you hear about it?
2. Difference in digital currency and Bitcoin
3. Difference in Bitcoin and Ethereum.
4. Who releases them
5. Who is controlling authority ?
6. Few questions on covid and its impact(not able to recall)

Member 3 (A lady member)

1. Continued with covid and social impact.
2. Difference in covaxin and covishield vaccines.
3. Why do covaxin claim to be more effective even for the upcoming variants of COVID -19.
4. Why cricket is so popular in India ?
5. Why cricket is popular in rural India ?
6. Do you think, it is suppressing other games in india

Member - 4

1. Covid-19 impact on violence
2. Covid -19 impact of environment
3. What we learn from covid ?
4. Do you think a small lockdown every year is necessary for Better environmental conditions ?
5. I said yes, he asked but it would lead to disruption of industrial activities and it is not possible . How we can do it and why ?
6. Suppose you are health secretary, what steps you would take to prevent such pandemic in future ?

Member 5

1. Continued with covid and its impact
2. Idea of work from home
3. WFH- POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS
4. Do you think , we should continue with WFH.
5. What is impact of Ukraine - russia war on India
6. What India can learn from Ukraine - russia crisis
7. As per you, what are top priorities area where India should be self reliant(last question)

Note- few counter questions i might have missed

26th April

26 april

Satyavati maam

- 1.....maharshi dyanand Saraswati philosophy and its effect on indian society
- 2.....women status in india n there remedies
- 3...what is sukanya samridhi yojna
- 4.....why u didnot join capf

Second member

- 1.....why inflation these days
- 2.....why lemon inflation
- 3..what is opec
- 4.....what were the reason of low petrolium price before this 2020

Third member

- 1..srilanka crisis reason
- 2...china debt trap diplomacy
- 3....social media n misuse..what remedies would u suggest
- 4....is china debt r uneconomical

Fourth member

- 1....what is great Indian busturd
- 2 have u seen this
- 3.....why in crisis
- 4.....what is to be done
- 5....indira gandhi canal ..ita positive n negative effects in rajasthan

Fifth member

- 1..... compulsory militry training..your views
- 2....wpi n how to curb inflation
- 3.....fiscal policy n inflation

Satyawati maam....thanku

27th April

Name: XYZ

State: Rajasthan

Optional: PSIR

SATYAVATI MAM BOARD, 1st one to go

Chairman:

Read DAF aloud, Asked if any work ex, part time or otherwise?

Q. Difference b/w Hindi and Hindustani. Example with a sentence and translation of the same. .

- Q. What you did in slum areas (DAF)
- Q. What issues slum children face?
- Q. How did you try to address them?
- Q. How many hours you taught in slums?
- (counter questions on the same)

M1:

- Q. Recently, proposal for mandatory explanation of veto in UNSC. India objected. Reason for the same.
- Q. Cryptocurrency? Non Fungible tokens?

M2:

- Q. China has no treaty with India with respect to water sharing. What impact can it have on India?
- Q. Any recent incident when China tried to use domination in this regard?
- (other Qs cant recall)

M3:

- Q. Relation b/w Jatropha and Raj?
- Q. Kathak – how long have you been learning?
- Q. Any ruler associated with Kathak?
- Q. His contribution
- Q. Teaching in slums – what changes needed among teachers?

M4:

- Q. Difference between political system in USA and India – relative advantages and disadvantages
- Q. Simultaneous elections – benefits, disadvantages?
- Q. Should India adopt simultaneous elections? Your take?

Chairman: Ok Thank you.

Board was very formal, Two members smiled, rest just observed. But experience was great, and enjoyable.
Mocks' utility: confidence and communication skills. That's it.
All the best!

Name-Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus("Tulsi Bhai")

Date of interview-27 april

Board- Satyavathy Ma'am

Optional- Anthropology

Graduation- MBBS

Profession (if any)- Medical officer

Hobbies- Jogging, badminton

Interview medium- Hindi

Chairman

Chairman

1. Why gap of 2 years after graduation
2. Why civil services despite being in Noble profession
3. What kind of preventive care you give on PHC
4. Why doctors are not willing to go to rural areas
5. What can be done?
6. Should Bond be compulsory after Graduation from Govt medical College
7. Doctors usually don't live in village even during posting to PHC, Do you live in that village?

M1:

1. Difference between targeted medicine and chemotherapy
2. How to calculate heart rate in joggers
3. Give me 3 reasons to not to administer precaution dose of covid vaccine
4. How to make QUAD more effective
5. How to solve problem of water scarcity in district of western rajasthan

M2:

1. Do you play badminton
2. Who is emerging player now
3. What is his recent achievement
4. Which medal he won in England open
5. Who won medal in Tokyo Olympics in badminton
6. Tell me about player who won medals in para Olympics
7. Which other games you play
8. Tell me about Indian volleyball status

M3:

1. What's famous in your district
2. Any recent incident of violence against doctors in rajasthan
3. Should we make law?
4. So how to wear this surgical mask properly?
5. What is the reason to have this side towards nose?
6. How will you use your knowledge of mbbs in civil services
7. Anthropology in administration

M4:

1. Renewable energy possibilities in rajasthan and what role could be played by biofuel and tell me some source of biofuel in rajasthan
 2. How to improve swachh bharat mission
 3. Accountability of vetoing country in unga,
What should be India's stand
 4. Should we conduct licencing exam like USA for doctors in india (to check skills)?
 5. If you become civil servant, which areas will you focus most
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Name ABC

Civil engineering IIT(BHU)

AJMER rajasthan

Hobbies -teaching rural children, maths tutor for IITJEE aspirant, playing kabaddi, participated in bridge-it event in technex

Utility of mock - formal setting me bat karna

Board satyavati maam 5th one to go afternoon 25-30 min.

Chair

Q. Gradation ke bad kya kar rhe Ho? Ye tutor jo daf me uske bare me? Kitna Kamate the tutor se?

Q.teaching me maths ka fear kaise dur karoge? Probability, calculus, integration padana Ho to?

Q. Ye jo purani building upsc ki 100 sal purani h jabki ye nayi building jldi kyu gir jati h?

Members:

Q. Agriculture ki problem rajasthan me

Irrigation kaise improve and problem irrigation se

Govt step for agriculture

Ukraine Russia reason and kab tak ye chalta rahega

Aaganwadi in rural area how improve private sector participation Like akshaya patra good or not in mid day meal?

Demographic dividend and youth bulge? Niti aayog plan for this (which I do not know)

Tutor in daf kya ye learn while earn scheme se h kya?

Research in college situations? Itni unemployment kyu after graduation ?

Glasgow summit? greenhouse gas ke name? Why global warming? And how? Water vapour green house gas or not? Yes then why not much discuss when we talk about reduction of other green house gas? Why we call them green house gas?

Renewable energy name?

Why hydro power production decline? What can we do for increase production of hydropower?

Thank u your interview over

Experience :3-4 bar mask utar gya upar kiya bich me ek bar maam ne bhi bola mask upar karne ke liye

Over all good experience, cordial board member, general question and I gave general answer

Name - M.D

Board -Ms. M. Sathiyavathy

Date - 27 April morning session

From - barmer (Rajasthan)

Optional - history

TIME- 26_28 mint

Education -Bsc + MA (history)

(Mask, gloves phn kar interview tha, face shield htwa di thi)

Chairman mam

1. Jrf aap ne clear kiya hain PhD/ MPhil kar rhe ho ya ?
2. UG or PG me aapne gap kyon liya tha
3. 2018 k bad se kya kar rhe ho ?
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Ye kese aapki hobby ho gyi hain ?
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7. Camel k aaj kal kya utilities hain ?
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(Second member ki or ishara krte hue , qsn kijiye)

M-1

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4. Rajasthan biofuels ki progress hain ?
5. Biofuels k khan Khan centre hain
6. Renewable energy of Rajasthan k bare m batahiye ?

M-2

Qsn asked in English and qsn very long (chairman mam , qsn nhi smjh me aa rha hain to anuvadak bualauun ? Yh UPSC ne aapke liye hi rakhe hain ? Bell bjagr , anuvadak ko bula kar bitha diya)

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M-4(only women releted qsn and corss qsn)

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2. MMR kya hoti hain ?
3. MMR full form?
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Chairman mam

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Experience:-

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All the best 👍

29th April

KishanKumar.S (5th person to go - 25 to 30 mins)

Interview: FN 29th April 2022

CRPF AC (T)

BE Civil

Tamil Nadu

PSIR

Basketball

Volunteering is my hobby

Prior work experiences: Freelance CE consultant with specialization in RWH , Faculty at an IAS Academy.

Smt.Satyavati Madam board + 3 male members + 1 lady member

Greeted me the moment I entered the room. I wished her as well as other members. Went to sit immediately but then told sorry and unfastened my coat button , sat in the chair.

Ch: Kishan remove your mask.

Me: (After removing)Madam do I have the permission to place my mask on the table in front of me?

Ch: No wear the mask. I wanted to see your face.

Chairperson read my DAF to other members but didnt know that I am under training in CRPF so had to declare it. She asked why I didnt mention it in DAF , then She verified other files regarding my profile and said OK

Ch: What is volunteering?(my hobby) why did you take it up? What all have you done in volunteering?

Ch: After training you are likely to be posted in LWE areas , is knowing the local language important ?

Ch: If language is important, why is that people of TN oppose learning Hindi?

Ch: You are in training , Do you know Hindi ?

(I said " I am learning now and before coming to Haryana for training I learnt only 1 sentence in Hindi ". I though she will ask me what that sentence is but she didnt. She just laughed for me knowing only 1 sentence)

Ch: Why is that 3 language policy not accepted in TN ?

(I said schools in TN teach Hindi on voluntary basis. The 3 language policy is slowly being accepted. Even the recent approval to establish JNV in TN , will help to learn Hindi on voluntary basis.)

Ch: So you mean to say TN government has accepted the 3 language formula ?

(Sorry Madam , I didnt mean it that way. If my words had given such conclusion I apologize for that. I meant in TN hindi is taught and learnt voluntarily.)

Ch: Let's leave it , why there is fall in no. of people from TN qualifying CSE AND CAPF exams, is language an issue ?

Ch: How did you know about CAPF exams?

M1

M1: You know army is also used for internal security like CRPF but why there is high operational failure in

CRPF , why is CRPF inefficient ?

M1: Though I appreciate your loyalty towards your organization , what is the difference between army working in JK and CRPF working in LWE ?

M1: Have you heard about weaponization of water ? How is it possible ? Will India use it ?

M1: How can China use it against India ?

(Made a blunder by mentioning about 3 gorges dam for which he replied that the dam has no relation with weaponization. Then I apologized for my misinformation)

M1: If China uses it , where will it divert the water ?

(I said I have to look into it)

M1: Take a guess.

(I was thinking , immediately he said the answer is not important)

M1: what are the latest developments in the field of civil engineering?

M1: Can you recollect the recent development done by IIT Madras?

(I said about glass fibre reinforced panel building done in the year 2017 🏗️recent)

M1: That's right. Thank you.

M2

M2: You are from chennai. What problem you faced in Chennai recently?

M2: what's the reason and solution for water scarcity?

M2: can we go for desalination of seawater since India is surrounded by sea in all three directions ?

M2: What is the problem in desalination?

M2: Have you heard about river interlinking project , can that be done ?

M2: Name one process used in desalination?

M3

M3: 1 country has launched Gross National Happiness , do you know ?

M3: What is GNH ?

(I said I need to look into it detailly)

M3: What is GNP , difference between GNP and GDP ?

M3: What is the current rate of Inflation ?

M3: Why Inflation is a important indicator?

M3: Does India need Inflation?

M3: Last question How to control Inflation?

M4

M4: Like Black gold , what is digital gold ?

M4: Gov has huge amount of this gold. Can we monetize it ?

M4: What are your suggestions for data security ?

M4: Why cant the gov monetize it like google , facebook ?

M4: Can the data be shared among other government departments ?

M4: You being a sportsperson, how can we popularize basketball , kabbadi in India ?

Ch: Thank you

I wished the chairperson alone , fastened my coat button and walked out.

Review : Entire interview can be reduced to 7 themes: Hindi language , Internal security , Civil engineering , Water crisis , Inflation , Data governance , Basketball.

There were only follow up questions and felt could have done better in few questions.

I expected the chairperson to say at least Interview is over and ask me if I to share anything. Then came to know from others that such things does not happen in this board.

All the best 👍😊✌️

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12th April

Name- ABC

Date and session of interview- 12 April 2022

Board- Satyavati mam

Optional- kannada literature

Profession (if any)- Trainee engineer at an MNC(Aerospace industry)

Hobbies- vipassana, Bhaavageete

1st one to go in the forenoon session.

Approx 30 minute

Keywords- Karnataka, mechanical engineering , Aerospace industry, vipassana.

Chairman:- Read out the DAF.

Tell me two famous things about your district?

What are the contribution of Basavanna?

What is your opinion on giving religion status Lingayats and few follow up questions

What is Bhaavageete(Interest and hobbies)

What was the nature of work(work experience)

Member 1

Belgaum border dispute- what is the solution and few follow up questions

Social media is it good or bad

How to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural area

Hindi as linking language- who made the statement and a person in your state opposed it who is he?? Whats your take on the issue?

Should we not promote regional languages?(based upon the naswer to the above question)

NCC- which weapons did you handle

whats the name of the rifle used for rifle parade

Member2

Newtons laws of motion

What are the biological changes you see in your body (meditation)

Do you know gamma waves and study associated with it(vipassana)

What have you been doing since your graduation apart from preparing for the exam?

How do you spend your leisure time?

Who is your favourite basketball player?

Member3

You are from sainik school and why did you not join defence force

What are the recent reforms brought in Defence?
Whats the importance of CDS
What is integrated command
What is fiscal policy and its components
What is fiscal deficit
What is the impact of 5G technology on Aerospace industry
Should spectrum be auctioned or allocated

Member4

Do you know about share market
Why the value of share keeps on fluctuating
Tell me advantages and disadvantages of coaching industries
Difference between school and coaching classes
What is Conscription?
Why there are so many vacancies in defence forces
What is retirement age for army officers and jawans
Why did you choose literature as an optional and why not mechanical engineering?
What is a pulley(mechanical engineering)
25 paisa, 50 paisa coins where they have gone? What is the reason for their disappearance

28th April

Date and session of interview-28th April afternoon(5th to go)

Board- M Sathiyavathy ma'am

Optional- History (asked only one question but said sorry)

State- Rajasthan

Hobbies- 1.village tourism 2. Listening Bollywood songs (again not asked any question like last year)

Your experience in interview- Board was very cordial and good, chairwoman was nodding Nd smiling, other members was also good.

Utility of mocks (if any)- good for speak in front of board members,for confidence building (khan sir , vajirao)

Duration -25 min.

I went in around 4.20 pm(without face shield but mask and gloves was on)

Said namaste to all members and thanked

Ma'am said to down mask and verified photo.

Read the daf loudly

said 'We will ask questions in English and you can answer in hindi or english both'.

Chairwoman

1.why did you do NET JRF and what was your purpose?

2.Do you persuing MPhil or PhD currently?(No)

3. Why jaipur known as pink city?

4. Is there any law/act that prevent using other colours in Jaipur city? (Kya Jaipur me buildings ko paint krne me pink ke alawa dusra colour use kr sakte hai ? Kya koi kanoon hai jo isko control krta ho ?)

5. Which city is known as blue city and why? (not know reason then ma'am smiled 😊😊😊)

Member-1

1. How can we reduce unemployment in India?

2. How will you use your hobby (village tourism) to generate employment?

3. What was your experience and observation related to village tourism?

4. What are the reasons behind Sri Lanka crisis? (COVID-19 ka impact toh har country pe hi hua hai but Sri Lanka me itna intense kaise rha?)

5. What lessons can India and other countries learn from Sri Lanka crisis?

Member-2

1. How to measure poverty in India? (India me poverty ko kaise maapte hai ?)

2. How to eradicate poverty in India? (COVID ke baad me badi hui poverty ko kafi reports me bataya gaya hai. India me poverty ko kaise kam kiya ja sakta hai?)

3. What is current poverty level in India? (I mentioned IMF and World Bank's working report on extreme poverty)

Member -3

1. When was first time 22nd April celebrated as water day? importance of this day (year nahi pta tha toh sorry bola but importance explain ki)

2. How can we tackle water scarcity in Rajasthan? (Rajasthan me jal sankat ko kaise door kar sakte hai?)

3. How is China developing social engineering in Tibet region? (China Tibet me social engineering ko badane ke liye konse konse tarike apna rha hai?)

4. China is a friend or enemy of India? (Said enemy then counter question on trade relations with China 'India-China ke beech me toh bhaut jyda trade hota hai fir enemy kaise hua?)

5. India-China trade relations? (follow up)

6. What is API? (active pharmaceutical ingredients)

7. After COVID inequality is increasing. So tell me How richer people become more rich?

Member -4 (Lady)

1. What is smart city concept?

2. Smart city mission cover whole city or one specific area? (SCM poori city ko cover krta h ya only ek area ko ?)

3. What is debt trap policy of China?

4. What is string of pearls ?

Okay abhay ji your interview is over, best of luck.

Overall experience - Board was very cordial, No random questions, easy questions were asked compare to last year to me, they don't want to grill us unlike coachings. Mock is important for our speaking skills in front of board members.

29th April

Date- 29 April 2022

Board- Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional- Sociology

College- Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur

Hobbies- Landscape photography, trekking

Chairperson:

1. Tell me about the project in your m.tech?
2. How can you determine pavement temperature?
3. What will you do by determining it?
4. Can you use this model on whole city?
5. Can this be used to find temperature of tyres?
6. Factors which will determine the temperature?
7. Which will emit more heat flexible or rigid pavement?
8. Where did you conduct the experiment?
9. Difference between trekking hiking mountaineering?

M1:

1. What is Petro dollars?
2. How to take photo of rain drops?
3. Heard of Digital colonisation? What is that?
4. Is china a friend or enemy? What term we should use?
5. What are issues with china?

M2:

1. What is Gig economy?
2. Is it good or bad? What needs to be done?
3. What are problems?
4. What are benefits?
5. Man-animal conflict happening why?
6. How can we control it?
7. What are the health implications of man-animal conflict?

M3:

1. Which places have you been to trek? Any trek above 12000ft?
2. Logistic sector, what should be done?
3. Big giants during covid. Opportunists or helpful? what should we term them?
4. Should we let them do this?
5. Big giants have increased their income or wealth?
6. State flower?
7. State bird?

M4:

1. With reference to China (friend or enemy), we can't remain neutral in policy making, which stand should we take then?
2. How can we say that our current policy is neutral with china? (as I mentioned in my answer earlier)
3. Why have we not able to solve boundary issues with china like bangladesh?
4. Privatisation in railways? Good or bad?
5. Purely from economic point of view is privatisation good?
6. Should Indian railways be privatised on model of air india?
7. Russia-ukraine war who is the biggest loser and winner?

Experience in interview- It was very different than mocks, slight grilling though

Utility of mocks (if any)- helpful in grooming for the final interview, taught mannerism

2nd May

NAME- T. S.

DATE- 2nd may afternoon 1st to go

Board-of hon'ble chairperson M. Sathyavathy

OPTIONAL- Zoology

COLLEGE- Calcutta University

HOBBIES- Singing Tagore songs, Diploma in Classical music, Tagore songs , Fine arts

YOUR EXPERIENCE IN INTERVIEW-very cordial board, very positive environment even in waiting room, all my nervousness and anxiety was gone after entering UPSC Bhawan

UTILITY OF MOCKS- Confidence building, pointing out my lackings habituation in handling tensed situations, tricky ques and grilling (one still can't get a good night sleep before actual interview)

Chairperson-

welcomed me and read out DAF aloud,

Ques- graduation in 2020, future alternative plans if fail to crack UPSC? Higher studies? How can you pursue distant learning in science bcz you needa do practical experiments?

UGC new guidelines in dual course? How can PHYSICAL+PHYSICAL possible if 75% attendance required for a year?

Do support75% mandatory attendance bcz in foreign countries it's not mandatory? (YES..)

Students don't pay attention and scribbles sitting at back bench so kya faida aise attendance ka?

M1-

Malnutrition, what can be done? Food fortification? Risks of it?

WHAT DO YOU PREFER LOVE MARRIAGE OR ARRANGE MARRIAGE? (Got uncomfortable and fumbled in the beginning🙄)

M2-

Nurga idol immersion stopped related communal controversy few years back your opinion?

Durga fast immersion stopped related communal controversy few years back..your opinion:

In zoology, physiology dissection of frog is unethical? Your opinion

M3-

What do you know about Naxal?

Jignesh Mevani (MLA Guj) related controversy?

M4-

Governor becoming political your opinion?

What will you do if in your district let's say in Malda Bangladeshi nationals coming illegally? Role of BSF still can't be stopped totally, so what more will you do?

CM proposal to divide West Bengal into smaller dist.s? Do you support?

C- Thank you. All the best T.

Date and session of interview- 2nd may(Afternoon session)

Board- M. Sathyawati ma'am

State- Chhattisgarh

Graduation- MBBS

Optional- Medical science

College- CIMS bilaspur C.G

Profession (if any)- junior resident AIIMS Raipur, previously medical officer Sukma (c.g)

Hobbies- Baking, jump rope

Medium- English

Your experience in interview-

Cordial board, Felt like a round table conference. Took 5 minutes to internalize that i'm in actual upsc interview 🤔

They gave sufficient time to think & structure your answer.

Utility of mocks (if any)- helpful to present yourself in a formal setting..but their feedback should be taken with a pinch of salt.

Chairperson- Read my DAF aloud. Asked whether i have any covid related symptoms or not.

Mask remained on.

1. So after working for 2 years, Why did you resigned. What are u doing since then?

2. Difference between Alzheimers & dementia. Pathological difference also.

3. At what age, we can call some geriatric? Who decide it?

4. Then who is a Senior citizen.

Some follow ups.

5. What do u mean by Ergonomics.

M2-

1. What sukma is famous for?

2. How u treat hostile people

2. Have u met naxalite people.
3. Hobbies related-what is free style jump rope. Why did u start. Its benefits.
4. As a doctor, whats ur take on Generic medicines. Should we promote it or not.
5. Opinion on alternative medicine- ayurved, yoga, siddha, unani, homeopathy.

M3

1. Do you speak chhattisgarhi?

Why not?

2. As you hv Worked in aiims, what is the status of aiims raipur?
3. How are Doctors in aiims?
4. Can u tell me about origin of naxalism.
5. Do u support their methods, Can violence be justified?
6. Why want to join IAS, when being a doctor is equally respectable?

M4

1. Status of Euthanasia in india & would you choose it for ur patient?
2. Your take on Ayush practitioners prescribing medicines?
3. Why naxalism still prevalent in Chhattisgarh.
4. What u will do as ias officer to decrease naxalism?
5. Should we allow Ayush practitioner to do surgery?

M5

1. What a about naxal surrender policy of the government.
2. Regulators of medical education. Why NMC replaced MCI.
3. Why Charak oath was in news. Your opinion on it.
4. bridge course for ayush practitioners?

Overall-Totally DAF based. Not able to answer 4-5 questions (said sorry). But on a brighter side, got opportunity to give UPSC interview & its an achievement in itself.

All the best comrades. Be confident & positive.

Name : Aditya Verma

Date : 2nd May, Afternoon session

Board : Satyawati Ma'am

Optional : Mathematics

College : Engineering Physics from IIT Delhi

Hobbies : Swimming, playing Badminton, listening to Rock Music

Experience of Interview : Overall a good interaction especially with M-4. Very cordial board. Questions asked from DAF & current affairs. Ma'am did not ask any last question and no personal questions asked in the interview.

Utility of Mocks : Beneficial for developing confidence, communication skills, mannerism and facing eminent people, some questions repeated in the real interview. However, real interview experience is very different (minimal cross questioning and no grilling).

Duration : 25 minutes

Masks and Gloves were mandated in board. Ma'am asked to bring mask down for verification and then asked me to wear it again. She started reading out DAF aloud for other members. Place of birth, optional, graduation subject, college, hobbies and achievements.

Chairperson

1. What are you doing since 2020? (Graduation year)
2. What do you understand by Engineering Physics? (Graduation)
3. First you study engineering or physics?
4. What is the difference b/w Science, Engineering and Technology?
5. Differentiate b/w Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Technology.

M-1

1. Why you chose Mathematics optional?
2. Since, you like to swim, what is the difference b/w Swimming and Synchronised Swimming?
3. Lucknow is known as the cultural capital of India. Can you tell me the reason why Lko emerged as cultural hub since such pattern is not witnessed in other parts of Uttar Pradesh?

M-2

1. Do you know who is Boris Johnson?
2. Why was he in news?
3. Recently, he was fined by the local police. Why was he fined and what is your opinion on this issue?
4. Should UP be divided?

M-3

1. Consider that you are an advisor to the Chief Minister. What advice will you give for retaining manpower in UP?
2. How can industries be used for the same?

M-4

1. If you would like can we discuss upon the same issue as M-3 asked? (I said yes sir) What is the harm if people go out from UP to Tamil Nadu, Gujarat or other parts of country?
2. Should people have the right to freely move across states?
3. Recently, an emerging school of economics found out that global economy would flourish more had there been no borders between states. Do you agree with this?
4. What is the Belt and Road Initiative? I have never heard about it. Can you explain?
5. Why India not part of this huge infra drive and not leveraging the economic gain posed by CPEC?
6. What is Mau famous for? (place of birth)
7. You mentioned about the rich Awadh cuisine (mentioned with M-1). Give me some examples of the

same. (I answered Kebabs, Biryani especially Dum Biryani).

8. What is special about Dum Biryani?

9. Recently some Electric Vehicles started catching fire. What impact does these incidents have on consumers and EV market and what can govt can do to tackle this?

Chairperson

1. Thank you your interview is over

Satyavathi ma'am board

5th May 2022

Details: Automobile engineering,
JNV Haveri, MCE Hassan, Karnataka

1. Tell us about Hassan.

2. Do you know MCF Hassan?, Reason for its location in Hassan?

3. Tell us about Kanakadasa. Tell us about the legacy of Kanakadasa with respect to Udupi.

4. Why there is so much of disturbance in Karnataka ?

5. What is the issue about Telangana and Andhra Pradesh invitation for private companies against Karnataka?, What's your CM's response?

6. Why electric vehicles are catching fire?

7. Which type of car do you suggest me to buy in 2024?

8. What is the optimum blend of ethanol with petrol ?

9. Why ethanol blend than methanol?

10. Which places the trams are run in India?

11. Which is the best public transport option for India?

12. Metros are over crowded, what is the way forward?

13. Your opinion on river linking.

14. Suggest some improvements in JNVs?

15. What is 40% commission issue in your state?

16. Earlier Lokayukta was very active under Santosh Hegde, what is the present condition of anti corruption ombudsman in Karnataka?

There were some subsequent discussion on the above questions.

Overall DAF based questions, no questions on Anthropology.

6th May

Name - Dr. Pratyusha Katta

6th May, forenoon session, last to go.

Graduation: MBBS, Telangana. (significant number of questions asked)

Optional: Anthropology (not a single question has been asked)

Hobbies and interests - Vipassana meditation, watching documentaries on climate change, awareness campaigns on Reproductive and child health and child labour

Board :- Satyavati ma'am

Duration: 25 -30 mins

Utility of mocks - have given limited number, helped in holding nerves(final interview was a whole different game, nerves went out of control in the initial 5 mins), formal interaction setup.

CW - Read out my name loudly and asked me if she was pronouncing it right. Read out my DAF loudly "So, you've finished graduation in 2019 and you're into this preparation since then!" I said Yes ma'am.

1. You're a doctor already, why do you want to come into civil services, don't you think you're wasting a medical seat?
2. You're interested in child labour, define child labour
3. Can you say something about 2016 amendment of Prohibition of child labour.
4. What is the age till which child is not supposed to work in hazardous industries?

M1 -

1. Now that I know why you want to be a civil servant, give me 5 reasons why you should be a doctor. (CW - laughed and said that's what she's trying to avoid.. I said, ma'am I'm sorry but that's the only answer I have 😊. She smiled 😊)
2. Are you aware of Red Sanders? What is it, in which part of the world is it found?
3. Can you tell me to which country does the smuggled product goes the most? What is it used for there? (I said China and luxury items- musical instruments and expensive gifts) he added coffins and said they believe that souls of such bodies placed in such coffins go to heaven directly (CW laughed and said really?)
4. Increasing conflict between patients and doctors on self treatment and Google based treatment, your take on the same?

M2 -

1. Are you from Telangana or Andhra Pradesh?
2. Population of Telangana?
3. Do you see any chances of reunification of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?
3. Why is diamond market of Hyderabad very famous?
4. He asked some random dam name and said tell me something about it. (I said, I'm not aware and will read about it)
5. Naxalism status in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

M3 -

1. You like watching climate change documentaries?
2. (Erratic question framing) 😞😞 There's a resolution in UN on climate change. What's that resolution and did India accept or deny it? (I said, I didn't understand sir, can you be specific 😞😞)
3. He repeated the same vague question. (I said, sorry sir it very difficult to comprehend the question. I'm sorry) 😞😞
4. What's India's promise to reduce emissions intensity.
5. India denied it, tell me the reason.

M5

1. What's your opinion on PM -JAY?
2. I'll say that there's an increase in C- sections in India after PM- JAY. What would you say?
3. As a doctor, how is Vipassana helpful to you and other doctors?
4. Food fortification and it's side effects.
4. When is Doctor's day celebrated and why? When's civil services day celebrated and why?

I don't remember a few questions.

Ma'am said, your interview is over. You can leave now. All the best.

Overall, a cordial board, questions seemed very superficial but relevant.

All the best guys! :)

9th May

Home state Rajasthan

Date of interview 9th may

Optional PSIR

Hobbies- cricket, movies, folk music, web series

Qualification BBA, pursuing MA in political science

Board - satyawati madam

7th attempt, fourth interview

Chairperson -

What you have been doing since 2013?

How are you sustaining yourself?

Sedition law and counter questions?

M1

Which is your favorite team in ipl?

Impact of commercialization of ipl?

Is it distracting people from work?

Should india play cricket with Pakistan?

M2

Rajasthan- what attracts foreign tourists?

Cultural factors?

How to balance concerns of environment with solar power and refinery in Barmer?

Impact on locals of crude oil production?

M3

Recent movie watched?

What it is about?

Turning point of 83 world cup?

Economic impact of Russia Ukraine war on India?

Why psir after management.

M4

North eastern states problems?

Why border disputes in North eastern states?

Asha and anganwadi workers- relevance?

Overall the board was chilled out, no grilling, no interruption.

Utility of mocks- just to boost your confidence, you can consider their feedback wrt attire, sitting posture etc but don't take everything by heart.

Board: M Satyawati Madam

Date : 09th May 2022

Optional : PSIR

Education: Chemical Engg

Hobbies: No questions from this part.

Experience: Extremely chilled panel. No grilling or cross questioning. Lasted for 20 minutes.

Mocks utility: Mannerism and speaking skills. Questions never matter in actual interview.

Chairperson:

1. What are you doing since graduation?
2. NCC learnings?
3. What are qualities of a leader?
4. What is integrity? Is it important?
5. Why are chemical plants not coming up in India?
6. How as a DM you will make sure that plants set up in India?

Member 1:

1. What is Chemical..... ? - (Never heard this word. Said sorry I am not aware about this terminology).
2. Tell me 3 points of our nuclear policy.
3. Do we have a security policy in place? What is the security apparatus we have in India?
4. What is a Radar? How does it work?

Member 2:

1. You aware about NEP?
2. What govt is doing to promote NCC like activities as per NEP?
3. Globalisation vs glocalisation?
4. Do you think that Maharashtra should be divided in 2 or even 3 different states?
5. Considering the size and population, it is akin to a small European country. Then at least for administrative purposes can it be divided?

Member 3:

1. Long monologue about MSP policy and the recent wheat and rice scenario. Should we continue with MSP policy?
2. It benefits only the rich farmers, majority of farmers are subsistence farmers, even then should we continue it?
3. Do MSP policy benefit the consumer?
4. As a Chemical Engineering, your views about the safety measures in industries.
5. 2 issues in safety apparatus.

Member 4:

1. Tell me something about your institute.
2. Russia- Ukraine war and stand of India. What should it be as per you?
3. Economic impact of war on the world.
4. Will the war stop? Or will it continue for long?

Chairperson: Ok Thankyou.

Few questions here and there.

I personally felt they were not at all interested in my knowledge. Focus was on the personality aspect such as confidence, logical arguments and conviction.

Name : MMB

Date : 9th may forenoon, 2nd to go.

Board : Sathyavathy ma'am

Graduation: ECE NITW

Home state: Andhra Pradesh

Optional : Anthropology

Hobbies : travelling, badminton, reading books on emerging technologies and social impact.

Work ex : SanDisk Bangalore (2014-16); Micron hyderabad (2020-present)

Chair person:

Read my daf out .. education, workex , hobbies

1. What is this reading books on emerging technologies and their social impact. What books did you read
2. Block chain, FM said anonymity is bigger problem ..do you agree with it
3. Different between bitcoin ethereum and cbdc
4. Why some countries adopted crypto as legal currency, why India didnt adopt it
5. Why gap between two jobs
6. How did you manage to get a job after a gap of ~4 years. (said i have good domain knowledge and it's a niche technology)
7. Which technology you work on.

Member 1

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1. You are a DM and incharge of budgeting subsidies..how do you prioritise the allocation
2. Which areas will you spend more
3. So you think subsidies to industries are not beneficial
4. How do you plan when you are short on budget.
5. How do you improve connectivity to North east , apart from existing rcs schemes railways etc
6. Don't you think we have problems like illegal immigration if we open a way via Bangladesh.

Member 2

1. You are from vizag..tell me about vizag
2. Where are you staying these days (hyderabad)
3. Tell me about hyderabad
4. Recently there is an issue with contonment board and Telangana government
5. What did Telangana govt (CM and IT minister) doing to improve IT in hyderabad
6. You stayed in Bangalore..where did you stay..how far is your office from there
7. Traffic problems in Bengaluru and reasons, solutions.
8. Connection of tippu sultan to Bengaluru
9. Beaches in Visakhapatnam.
- 10.. What's famous about RK beach..
11. You have anthro optional, what's Indus valley civilization
12. What was the recent discovery
13. How Harappan cities inspired modern Indian cities.

Member 3

1. Heatwave..who declares and criteria
 2. Ukraine war and long term implications
 3. What's GPS and it's Indian version
- (Some more questions i forgot)

Member 4

1. What's demographic dividend
 2. What's the skill development framework in India
 3. What types of skills are needed for India
 4. How India should plan its energy mix in next 20 years.
- (Some more questions i forgot)

Chair person

All the best , you may leave.

Experience:

Board is cordial..no interruptions.. few members asked good questions, that need us to think apply and answer.

Overall average interview..didn't have major high points but didn't do any great blunders.

On hindsight ,Could have done much better in some questions.

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For major part, board members thought I'm from Telangana and asked questions from there, which took me by surprise..i tried my best to answer them..but..i wish I got questions from Andhra (which I'm thoroughly prepared)

Utility of mocks..

Helps in developing ability to sustain a conversation for 30-35 minutes..body language , tone etc

Almost all my offline mocks , common feed back was i was dull, not enthusiastic and energetic..

I had a solid double biriyani yesterday night..and slept for a good 8 hours. 🍛

Energy wise and confidence, at least i believe I'm far better today.

Date-9th may

Board- M satyavati mam

Optional- Mathematics

Education -Bsc(math),MSc(math)

Hobbies-reading biographies, watching movies on social issues, solving sudoku

Chairperson

1.How you will make maths interesting for 10th class students

2.Who is your favourite Mathematician and why?

3.who is your ideal ?

4.what you will do after becoming civil servant so that you can become ideal of others

M1

1.why economic crisis in srilanka

2.Swift system

3.impact of US sanctions on Russian economy

M2

1.which biography you read recently and what you learnt from it

2. How can biopic on someone's life can help in solving social issues?

3.which movie you watch recently?

M3

1.there are so many industrialist from jhunjhunu then why rajasthan lacks behind in terms of industrial development

2.how can we increase our forex reserves and then long discussion on this

M4:

1.tell me about IIT Delhi

2.what is god particle

3.what is deficit financing

Name - Raman Mishra

Date and Session - 9/05/2022 and Afternoon

Board - M. Sathiyavathy

Optional - History

College - NIT Rourkela

Profession - Dell (not working anymore)

Hobbies - Cricket Bowling, Real Time Strategy Game - Age of Empires 2

Chairperson

- 1) About my work Experience
- 2) Tell me something about Keezhadi excavation ? (Cross questioning on this topic)
- 3) Then something about Harappan civ migration - Pattern of migration

M1

- 1) Difference between RTGS, NEFT, IMPS - why used ?
- 2) About AFSPA ? Issues ? Present Status
- 3) WHO covid count INDIA issue ? What according to you is the right number of deaths?
- 4) Positives and Negatives about COVID management ? what should have been done ?
- 5) SHGs status? whether successful ?

M2

- 1) E gov initiatives ?
 - 2) Some E gov initiatives we should use but dont use it?
- Some other questions were asked but do not remember

M3

- 1) Ideology vs personality who influence history? (history optional)
- 2) Some more cross questioning on the topic
- 3) what role does ideology play in history interpretation?
- 4) Lack of development of manufacturing in eastern India especially ODISHA , BIHAR

M4

- 1) on decline of harappan civ?
- 2) migration pattern
- 3) where did the people vanish
- 4) polavaram project and it's impact on odisha
- 5) on chanakya and his influence on indian foreign policy

Experience - Cordial, Different from Mocks, Less of Cross Questioning, Focussed on unravelling your personality rather than on knowledge

Utility of Mocks - Calmed my nerves , Built fluency in English, Was able to structure my answers better,

10th May

This is my transcript , mostly opinionated

Date - 10th may

Board - Satyavati mam

Hobby - standup

Optional - Geo, no ques

Home state - Uttarakhand

Chairman

1. Standup comedian recently arrested
2. Why arrested
3. Is Indian society becoming intolerant in recent times
4. Twitter- how will govt. Control absolute free speech
5. Social media regulations

M1:

1. Allahabad, importance (clg from ALD)
2. Prominent organization in Allahabad
3. Atma nirbhar bharat - why ?

M3:

1. Indian space missile program
2. Ballistic vs cruise missile (could not remember)
3. Use of satellite in national security

M4

1. Again discussion on atmanirbhar bharat
2. How to become
3. Why manufacturing not developed in india
4. Global supply chain disruption and imp of atma nirbhar bharat

M5:

1. Why issue of capital shifting in uttarakhand
2. Why recent env movements in uttarakhand have not been that prominent compared to chipko etc
3. Developmental deficit in uttarakhand , hill vs plains

Overall it was good experience

Mocks can be helpful if DAf based

Mask was up all the time

Board:Satyavati mam

Name:Bharatiya Nari.

State:Andhra

Work exp:Immigration consultancy.

Hobby:Adi Shankaracharya sahyam..

Chairwoman...

Read the DAF out loud..

- 1)you have completed graduation in 2014,took gap for 1yr and did job 2015-2017 and again left..Explain this?
- 2)tell me about your role in that company?
- 3)you have did graduation in some area and work experience in another area.why?
- 4)explain me the immigration path a person has to go through if he wants to be a US citizen?
- 5)what is I-20
- 6)how many years H1b is valid and how many extensions one can take?

M1

- 1)compare industrial development of Andhra and TN?
- 2)when we talk about Agri,govt is focusing more on the north?Do u agree?southern states are neglected.what will u suggest?
- 3)how to deal diplomatically with Bangladesh..bcoz there are issues like human trafficking,illegal immigration..if we open up,so there r clearly threats.

M2..

- 1)what do u think on the issue of marital rape..do u want it to b struck down..(when I was answering this (mask on,,something happened in my throat,I was not able to speak..pin drop silence in the middle of nowhere...I resisted drinking anything from the time I entered into upsc bhavan bcoz I hv fear that I will spill water on my saree..Irony died a thousand deaths,now mam asked me to drink water,I couldn't say no now,, 🤔)...after I carefully drank the water,,he thought I was feeling nervous,,he immediately shifted to another ques..said "Now I will ask on ur strong points"..
- 2)what is Shankaracharya philosophy..
- 3)what is Advaita Vedanta?
- 4)tell the statement in Vedas where jeevatma and paramatma relation is described.?
- 5)compare dvaita and Advaita?

M3

- 1)what do u think about sedition law? Should it go?u give ur view?
- 2)many a times we r seeing instances of calling armed forces in law and order situation?what do u think?
- 3)why not reform police?
- 4)we r seeing complaints on airlines..sub-par facilities..even some r being grounded also?what do u suggest?

M4

- 1)do u support routing subsidies to fertilizer companies or farmers directly?
- 2)how will u route subsidies to farmers?what's ur solution?
- 3)what are the schemes for organic fertilizers launched by govt?
- 4)what is ur opinion on atmanirbhar bharat?

Chairwoman..

All the best..your interview is over..take your water bottle and go..

Mam,,stood up in the middle and turned her back towards us and started watching photos on the wall turning tht side.but wht I noticed was,she was listening each and everything no matter what she's doing.. Entirely In a conversational style,,very less factual..

Board: M Satyavati madam

Name : SP

State: Maharashtra

Graduation : B Tech (electrical engg)

Optional : psir

Hobby: Practising floor exercise and Vipassana..

Exp...voluntary teaching, covid relief work

Chairperson...

Read the DAF out loud..

1. u have completed ur graduation in 2015, what are u doing since then ??
2. Wireless electricity transfer ?? Ways ?? N feasibility ??
- 3.u did COVID -19 relief work...what type of work did u do ??
- 4.how did u keep urself n ur family protected from COVID ?
5. Why MH was having highest covid infection rate despite having good health infra and literacy ??

M1

1. recent IT (info. Tech) related provisions ??
2. Cyber security and India's preparedness ??
3. New education policy and it's efficacy ??
4. What is digital University??
5. Diff between digital and online education ??

M2..

1. Why MH is facing issue related to industrial sector (industries preferring states like Kerala n Gujrat) ??
2. EODB (ease of doing business) in MH ?? Related provision ?
3. Police and related issue ??
4. Should we separate law n order and investigation ??
5. Shri. Prakash singh case and SC guidelines ??
6. Reasons, why states are not implementing them ??

M3

- 1) what is Chanda and chandrapur ??
2. Tell me something famous about chandrapur ??
3. Types of minerals...coal type..and their commercial viability @ chandrapur ??
4. Ordinance factory @ chandrapur and types products they produce ??
5. Vipassana and meditation ?? Diff bw them ??

6. Types of meditation ?? Patanjali's Yogasutra and various limbs of yoga ??

M4

1. Why European countries lifting compulsory mask provisions n why not India ?
2. how to deal with covid effectively ?
3. Do u support compulsory mask provision ?? n till when do u think we should follow the guidelines ??
4. What is the future trajectory of Russia-ukraine war ??

Chairperson..

All the best..your interview is over...I thanked them all..

The board was very cordial..

Interview lasts for 25-30 min....

Name:ABC

State: Kerala

Background: Btech in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation

Work exprience: core company

Hobby: mentoring students,exporing new cuisines

Utility of mocks: some of the same qns were asked by the board(mocks in kerala)

Board: Satyavathi Mam

Date:10 may(afternoon)

Duration:30-35 mins

Chairman:

(read out the daf aloud)

Why did you choose to pursue civil services?

Why didnt you choose doctor or medicine as your profession?(with ref to the answer for the last qn)

Differences and similarities between Srilanka and Kerala.

Even when there are similarities, Kerala has done better than Srilanka in many ways.Why do you think it is so?

Which is the oldest literature in malayalam language?

M2:

What is your take on standardisation of various syllabi?

Wont such a unitary measure affect the centre state relations?

If yes how can we tackle it?

Has India at any point if time implemented a standardised educational syllabus?

M3:

What is freestyle swimming?

What is the difference between freestyle swimming and backstroke swimming?

Tell us about the religious culture of Thiruvananthapuram.

What is the snciality of Padmanahaswamv temple?

What is the specialty of the manufacturing company?

Have all the chambers been opened?

Why has the B chamber not been opened yet?

Digital payments have become popular in the recent times. Do you think that we need to support it?

M4(member from Assam):

Even when there are many similarities between Assam and Kerala why is Kerala specifically known as God's own country and who coined that term?

Recently the US troops have withdrawn from Afghanistan which has created chaos. Will India be capable enough to withstand Chinese aggression if they launch such an action against us?

What is national security? How can civil services contribute to national security?

Kerala is a state which is environmentally vulnerable but at the same time is industrially not well developed?

Do you think industrial development is necessary and why?

If yes how can we balance it with environmental vulnerability?

M5:

Even when Kerala is a coastal state its share in aquaculture is low compared to states like Odisha. What do you think are the reasons for the same.

Have you heard about NAD?

Have you heard about CUET? What is your take on the same.

What is lifelong learning and should we promote it?

Chairman: Your interview is over. All the best.

Mainly daft and opinion based qns were asked. It was more of a conversation and the panel was cordial. Mam might try to distract by talking to others and getting up from her seat.

My Name - Homosapien.sapien

Optional- PSIR

State- MP

Attempt - 2nd

Date of Interview- 10/May/2022

Session- After noon , Last to go.

Hobbies - Cooking and Watching Science Fiction Movies

Graduation - BCom

Board - Satyavati Mam

Mam

Asked me to remove the mask to verify with Photo.

Then, Started READING OUT whole Daf.

Mam

- What is CA CDT ?

- WHAT IS CONTRACT :
- How Trading and Shares transactions are taxed ?
- What are the slabs for those taxes ?
- What is electoral manifesto ?
- Don't you think non fulfillment of electoral promises is a breach of contract between Public and Political Parties ?
- What is a contract ?
- Can contract be oral or should it be written ?
- I said agreement can be oral as well (I knew I committed mistake) (changed my stand , Mam Laughed, Members laughed, main Khush).

M 1

- What is Zero Covid Policy ? Which country other than china is following it ?
- What is SWIFT ? It's Full form .

M2

- Tell me something about your University.
- Explain Briefly NEP 2020.
- What is NRF ?

M3

- Why Less number of textile industry in MP, even after so much cotton production?
- When private institutions releases their financial statements, public shows so much interest and markets gets volatile , why not such interest is shown when government announces it's statements ?(too long question)
- Privatisation is good or bad ?

M4

- Why to prepare Trial balance , balance sheet , p & l account ? Does they really serve a purpose?
- Are these all interlinked ?
- What is done when some transactions remain omitted and you have to show them in balance sheet ?
- What is the Balance sheet of government of India ?
- What can you cook ? (cooking being my hobby)

They Said Thank you Your Interview is Over.

The board was very very cordial, Mocks were more difficult then the Main Interview.

I was very frightened after KSG's Mock.(Too Much Factual). But everything goes well n good in real interview.

Utility of Mock- How to Sit, Greet, Facial expressions, Give Confidence to speak in front of 5 People.

11th May

Name: TJK

Date and session: 11th May, Afternoon, 4th to go

Board: Satyavathi Ma'am

State: Telangana

College & Branch: IIT Kharagpur (West Bengal), ECE

Not a single Q on Optional, Hobbies & Work Exp

Experience in interview: Board was not very cordial except for Chairwoman Ma'am. Felt that M1 was particularly interested in economy so he probed me a lot on it. Except for the questioning member, others seemed to lack interest. Got similar reviews from other candidates who appeared before Ma'am's board that day.

Utility of mocks: Helped to tackle bouncers. Some Qs in my final interview came out of no where. Helped to stay cool, calm and composed. Learnt other general things like mannerism, professionalism, presentability etc

Chairwoman Ma'am:

Read out the daf loud first.

- 1) Tell something about Kothagudem (Home town)
- 2) What changes can you see if industries are withdrawn from your district? (Bhadrachalam has Coal mines, Thermal Plant, Ferro alloys industry, Paper industry etc)
- 3) Will it affect migration? Which pattern?
- 4) Suppose you are the DM of your district. I give you suppose 3 years, what will u do to make your district adjust to these changes?
- 5) Is there any relevance of Bhadrachalam (a town in my district) in Ramayana?
- 6) Which areas do you think West Bengal (I graduated from IIT Kharagpur) has potential and can improve?

M1 (All Qs from economy, digitalisation. Nothing from Daf):

- 1) How Budget is prepared? (+ A brief conversation on who gives inputs, what factors are considered etc)
- 2) Can you remember any 3 announcements from this year Budget?
- 3) Why Budget is known as the engine of economy growth?
- 4) Why insurance penetration is very low in India? What can be done to improve it?
- 5) Did you hear about Digital Universities? What are they?
- 6) What's the difference between Online education & Digital University?
- 7) What is the government doing for digitalisation?
- 8) Can you name any 3 Govt apps?

M2:

- 1) In which areas did Telangana perform well after bifurcation? (+ Some discussion on it)
- 2) What is your opinion on Privatisation of Railways? How should it be done?

Unable to recall a few other Qs

M3:

- 1) Who built the Sree Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam (+ Some discussion on it)
- 2) Which festival/occasion is it well known for?
- 3) What is Bathukamma Festival?
- 4) You mentioned Weightlifting in your Sports section but you don't look like that (Little bit shocked because I indeed did my best to appear fit. Even most of the mock panels appreciated my effort. Felt that it was just to poke and check my response. I just told him with a smile Sir, I used to participate in my college but not now)
- 5) Can you mention international medals received by Indian Weightlifters recently?
- 6) Areas of application of Digitalisation in Civil services

M4:

- 1) Did you hear about BOT (Build Operate Transfer)? What is it? Do you remember any successful projects?
- 2) What are the recent happenings in Pakistan?
- 3) How are India-Pak relations recently?
- 4) How will these changes impact India? What should India do?
- 5) Should India engage with Pakistan?

After my answer he abruptly showed ma'am time and passed the batton to her. Ma'am looked if others have any Qs

Chairwoman Ma'am: Your interview is over. Thank you

Name- Mr. Invincible

Date and session of interview- 11th May, forenoon.

Board- Ms. M Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional- Sociology

Graduation- BE (Mechanical), M.Tech

Profession (if any)- worked in automobile industry for 2 years.

Hobbies- Badminton, Blogging

Your experience in interview- It was good experience.

Utility of mocks (if any)- To be in the flow of interview preparation.

Chairwoman- (Read DAF loudly)

What are you doing since graduation?

What was your job profile?

Who are customers of your company? (I told her Mercedez Benz, Audi, Porsche, Tesla etc.)

Why there are no Indian customers?

Why automobile sector is growing in India?

What is RoRo?

Member 1

Since we are moving towards defense indigenization can you tell me names of fighter aircrafts of Indian origin?

Apart from Aeroplane engine which part can't be made in India?

What is success and future of BRICS?

Member 2

What steps should we take to increase farmers income?

How to make agriculture as a business than just an occupation?

What is difference between agricultural model of India and Israel?

How to make NSS, Scout and Guide more attractive?

Any provision in NEP, 2020 for the same?

Member 3

Which factors would you consider for railway privatisation?

Why India is performing poor in group sports?

What can be done to improve the performance?

Member 4

What are Vedas? Tell me names

Subsequent questions on Vedas.

What is difference between Indus Valley Civilization and Harrapan Civilization?

Recently one site was excavated tell the name and what was found there?

What are the post vedic philosophies?

Tell me the Philosophy of Kanad?

Similar experiment regarding origin of universe was conducted in Europe can you tell me the name?

Chairwoman- Your interview is over. All the best.

12th May

Name- NG

Date and session of interview- 12/05/2022 forenoon slot. First to go

Board- Satyavati Madam

Optional- Geography

College- Chemical Engg, IIT Bombay

Key DAF points – Civil Aviation, Travelling, Rajasthan, Mumbai

Your experience in interview- majority of the questions were outside the DAF. The interview board was cordial, members were nodding throughout although they were all wearing mask. Hence, couldn't gauge the expression. No grilling or cross questioning. I could have done better while answering and felt slightly low on confidence throughout.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Gave 9-10 mocks. Helped in better structuring of answers, pauses, mannerism, posture etc. None of the questions were repeated.

Chairperson: After reading out loud key areas from the Daf:

1. Why are you interested in the civil aviation industry?(DAF)
2. There were newspaper reports of DGCA suspending a few pilots over failure of breathalyzer test, how would you test if a pilot has consumed drugs?
3. A few cross questioning on the above – how long does a drug last in the blood?(based on my response)
4. If majority of the airlines are running in losses, why is there a charm for newer companies like Jhunjhunwala's to enter?
5. What is ICAO and its mandate?

Member 1:

1. When did you mentored the students? (DAF)
2. What was the reason of disappearance of Malaysian airline 370?
3. Could have the engine of the plane frozen? (based on my response)
4. What are the recent Indian space programmes?
5. Why did the Chandrayaan-2 couldn't make a successful landing?

Member 2:

1. What were you doing since 2020? Did you get a job?
2. Differentiate between direct and indirect taxes?
3. Any recent change in the income taxes recently?
4. What is the recent report of WHO on China's zero COVID policy and how did China react?
5. What were the provisions for teacher training in the NEP?
6. What are the major problems that teachers of public schools faces? (seemed very satisfied on my answer)

Member 3:

1. What is consumerism? (couldn't make a good defn)
2. What are the measures to protect a consumer?
3. What were the recent changes made in the consumer protection act/rules?
4. What are the laws for cyber security?
5. What are the sustainable development goals? (I heard 'Sustainable development' and told its definition, later he lowered his mask and said loudly)
6. What are the major govt steps to attain the SDGs? (By this time Chairperson and M3 were signalling to conclude)

Member 4:

1. How many slabs in GST?
2. What changes should be made in the GST slabs?
3. Recently share prices of many tech companies in US like Google, Meta have sharply declined. What could be the possible impact of this on India?
4. Could there be an impact on the Indian IT companies?
5. We have the world's largest refinery, how is it justified to build large refineries when we import so much crude? (Q was not framed properly, nor was clear)

Chairperson: Thank you, your interview is over.

Name: Madhu Harsha

Date: 12th May

board: Satyavati madam(greeted me with a good afternoon as I was entering)

DAF.....MNNIT Allahabad, Career guidance to students, Entrepreneurship summit in University,Vizianagaram district

Chair.....

Whats your first name?

1. What are doing after graduation?(said im preparing for civil servics)
2. Who is supporting you?(I said parents.....she said very good)
2. What career guidance did you give to school children?(DAF.....career guidance to school students)
3. Did you try to inform parents also about your program?
4. You are an engineer.Why are so many engineers into civil services?
5. 85% of the interview attendees are engineers. Do you think they are wasting Government's money?
6. Not all engineers are doing job and coming for civil services.Many are directly coming here after graduation just like you(said about most of them were just forced into 2 fields....engineering and medicine.....so i did my bit to give guidance to students so that they dont go into just these fields.....she said good)
7. How can you improve entrepreneurship culture in India?

Member 1...

1. What can you say about historiy of vizianagaram?(told about kingdoms,wars,bobbili veena)
2. Tell me about anyone famous for music from vizianagaram(said im not aware sir5.....then he told about ghantasala.....i said he is not from Vizianagaram.....He said Ghantasala stayed in Vizianagaram for quite a few years)
3. Do you know about Har Ghar Nal Se Jal Paani?
4. How is it going to improve drinking water issues?(i took example of my village and explained how piped water is available only for 2 hours a day and also pipe availability ratio is 1:10 houses)

Member 2...

1. So you were talking about GI tag.Tell me what is GI tag?
2. How is going to improve lives of locals?
3. What can be done by Government to improve lives of people under textile GI areas?
4. You are the captain of your cricket team.Why didnt you become a cricketer?(said that passion is different from interest.....he nodded head in appreciation)
5. Do you know about CCS?(I said Carbon Capture and Storage.....everyone started laughing.....But mam jokingly said he is yet to bcome a civil servant and also what he said is also right)
6. He explaind about proposed civil servants voluntary retirement rules and asked me that is it correct?

Member 3...

1. Tell me about National Education Policy and some features?

2. How does Academic Bank of Credits work?

3. There are some social issues in news off late. Give me your opinion abt them. (told about Marital rape and my opinion.....Madam kept on nodding at that time.....and then I went on to give opinion about UCC)

4. You were talking about Life skills in NEP. How can you bring values of sociologists at school level? (I requested him to elaborate the question.....he again said the same.....then i started saying about Sociologists like GH Mead and his concepts being used to improve education system in USA.....he interrupted and asked about Indian sociologists.....I said about MN Srinivas and his field study as practical study.....he said no and said Swamy Vivekananda and his values.....then I said I thought you were asking about sociologists and not social reformers.....then i started telling about Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Vivekananda, Gautama Buddha)

Member 4...

1. When was Kumbh Mela held in 2018?

2. Can you talk about how administration managed Kumbh Mela from your observation in person? (I said I was not in Allahabad by then)

3. Ok then.....tell me how you could have managed it?

4. Do you know about Competition Commission of India? (said I dont have much knowledge of it?.....but still he kept on asking questions about it.....I kept on saying I am not aware sir)

Chair.....Your interview is over and you may leave now.....said All the best in the end

13th May

Name: VT

Optional: History

Background: worked in pharmacy shop, Ghazal writing and listening

Board: Sathyavati Mam

Chair: Read daf

1. Do you also have generic medicine?

2. Why not, is it due to profit?

3. Drug Price Control Order, what it is? Should we remove it?

4. API dependency on China.

5. Doctor writing branded names in prescription etc.

M1:

How to improve health in rural areas?

Issue in health system and counter questions like use of technology etc.

M2:

Delhi pollution and stubble burning related questions.

Tourism related questions.

M3:

recite your Ghazal

Guy was from south India and he recited some Sher(in tooti footi Hindi), I was not able to listen correctly and told me to put out the meaning.

Naxalism, where it emerged, when.

Difference between naxalism and communism

Difference between naxalism and Marxism

M4

What is PDF

Why developing countries only contribute to UN peacekeeping missions.

How to improve rural and hilly areas health system. And questions related to it.

Medical tourism related questions.

Experience: Told "sorry I don't know" in 3 questions (pdf, peacekeeping, Marx vs naxal)

More of a discussion, no any grilling except the very first question- so you don't keep generics due to profit?

Not a single ques from optional, post graduation, current and state.

Advice: Prepare daf thoroughly + current issues.

L.R:

Date - 13th May forenoon session

Name - My name is Lakhan

Board - Satyavati ma'am

4th one to go

Greeted all the members

Chairwoman:

Read out particulars from DAF till hobby section.

1. What are you doing since 2017

(I'm wholly devoted to civil services)

2. Are you doing any part time job

(I said no ma'am I completely focusing upon civil services preparation. I said with conviction and smile so she didn't asked the reason behind the same.)

3. What is the hobby of coin collection called? (Numismatics I answered)

4. Since significance of coin is declining day by day do you still consider it as a hobby?

(Sorry ma'am I beg to differ from your opinion that significance of coin is declining. Government releases various commemorative coin ex 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. Unity series of coin highlights our strength as United India)

5. What is surveying (achievement section of DAF) is it related to land surveying?

(Gave her definition of surveying but said that land surveying is only one part of it. We also do hydrographic surveying, engineering surveying, military surveying, mineral surveying)

6. Tell me recent buildings which are engineering marvellous?

(I recalled Rajiv Gandhi International airport, expressway. She added one bridge from IIT K as I said Chennai

(I recalled Rajiv Gandhi international airport, expressway. She added one bridge from J&K so I said Chenab bridge. She satisfied here)

7. What are challenges in construction of Chenab bridge?

(Initially I was talking about challenges related labour n all but she told me talk about technical. So I said since the region comes under zone 4 of Earthquake zoning we need to make it earthquake resistant. Further added the wind pressure issues and making it blast proof because threat of terrorism. She wanted to hear more but I stopped here itself)

8. Can satellites be used for surveying and which satellite is used?

(I said yes ma'am we can use satellites for surveying purpose. RISAT satellite can be used.)

9. What is difference between surveying using Low earth orbit satellite and MEO?

(I said that the main reason is area of coverage and higher resolution)

10. Can drones be used for surveying? Which should be more preferable drones/LEO/MEO satellite

(I said ma'am drones are used for carrying out survey in difficult terrain as well as property layouts. The second part of question I said ma'am it depends on type of survey and area that needs to be covered and answered with examples)

Member 1:

11. Which are the recent commemorative coins released by Government (answered)

12. India is purchasing oil from Russia amid Russia Ukraine war? Is the stand taken by Government is correct?

(I said sir in my personal opinion any stand which is taken in national interest is correct. Then highlighted that oil prices are increasing which have multiplier effect on our economy. Elaborated that India's purchase of cheap oil is based on aim of energy security so I appreciated the stand taken by Gol.

13. He was talking about some excavation and it's relevance with study of evolution (Satyavati ma'am intervened since it was not my domain even though I said sir I'm not aware of these developments)

He asked few more questions and was appreciative of my answers all the time. (Good/verygood)

Member 2:

14. Asked some factual question with respect to civil engineering

(I said sir I need to read more about it. Thank you)

15. Do you know the port of Hambantota (I said Yes with a smile)

16. Why it was in controversy?

(I said sir I'm not aware of the exact reason but if you permit I want to take a guess. He permitted. I said that initially it was offered to India but then it was leased out to China. Seems satisfied)

17. What is the issue then with leasing out to China

(I said along with Hambantota and other infrastructure projects it has led to dept trap.)

18. Who is the new PM of Sri Lanka? For how many years he served as Shrilankan PM? Can he be able to bring srilanka out of the crisis?

(I said sir Ranil Wickramasinghe has been appointed as new PM. Sorry sir I'm not aware of the exact years of his service as PM. For the third aspect I answered that sir If he gets support from people as well as political parties he will be able to bring law and order under control and establish peace which is the much needed step to bring economy on track.)

19. Got interested in my answer asked me to elaborate

(I said that after this he needs to diplomatically engage with friendly countries like ours and our honorable prime minister has already highlighted that Neighborhood first will be our core approach and principle of nonreciprocity will be the tool to strengthen our ties)

Member 3:

20. What do you mean by honour killing (answered)

21. What is the contribution of Max Weber to sociology (answered)

22. Questions on statues being constructed in India? Give civil engineering analysis

(Felt difficult to answer and said that statues of great heights require deep/raft foundation based on type of soil and topography. Said greater heights also produces high shear stress that needs to be kept in mind) He was thinking about something else it seemed. And again asked what engineers can do/learn?

(I said sorry sir I'm unable to recall right now)

Then he had a look at watch and passed on.

Member 4: faced some difficulty to understand him.

23. What is the difference between Left wing extremism and Right wing extremism

(I talked about LWE and said I need to read about RWE)

24. Talked about infrastructure projects in India

(I said the budget announcements PM GATI shakti, National Infrastructure pipeline, etc)

25. Srilanka is also infra developed country so why the economic crisis? India and srilanka are on same boat?

(I said there are multiple reasons for srilankan crisis - FDI declining post Easter Sunday attack, Covid affected tourism which led to decline in forex reserve. For the second part I said sir I beg to differ from your view that India will face similar situation we have sufficient forex reserve, diversified economic base etc)

26. Talk about FDI in different sectors. Recent initiative

(Told him 74% permitted in defence industry and insurance sector, 100% in telecom and food processing industry)

27. What reforms have been taken to reduce corporate tax?

(I said the tax rate has been reduced to 25%, 15% for new enterprises, alternate minimum tax of cooperative reduced to 15%)

28. How to increase tax base of the country?

(Easing tax compliance for both individuals as well as corporate, talked about recent 30% tax on digital assets also helps in increasing tax base of the economy)

Some questions I'm unable to recall

(One question was on Tata company CEO who joined and re-signed within short span. I said I'm unaware of this development)

Overall it was a good experience, which lasted for 25-30 minutes. Enjoyed the personality test.

Utility of mocks - some daf based questions were directly related to the mock interviews but most importantly they help us in developing mannerism and maintaining calmness.

Name- Anon

Date and session of interview- 13th May 2022

Board- Sathyavati Ma'am

Optional- Economics

College- Not Applicable

Profession (if any)- worked in startup ecosystem

Hobbies- dance, reading comics

Chairperson:

Reads the DAF aloud, including achievements and work experience.

1. Why did you leave your work?
2. What happens if you don't get through the exam?
3. Have you heard of ONDC? Why is the government interested?
4. If Amazon and Flipkart are competitors, why do they want to join this government network?

M1:

1. You are a student of economics. Unemployment is a major problem in the country right now? What will you do to solve them?

(Follow up questions on unemployment in India)

2. Startups have high mortality rate. What can government do regarding this?
3. What do you know about the National Startup and Innovation Policy? How has this helped?

M2:

1. Do you know about GATT? What does it do?
2. After liberalisation, certain sectors lagged behind, like manufacturing. Why do you think this happened?
3. What can the government do to boost manufacturing in India?

M3:

1. What can we do for the improvement of small and medium enterprises?
2. Do you know about Vibrant Village scheme? (I did not)
3. So you dance zumba. What is it? How is it different from classical dance?
4. Your state is rich in culture. Which classical dance is practiced there?
5. Do you know how to perform this dance?

M4:

1. What is global warming? And what are green house gases?

(I may have missed some questions)

Utility of mocks (if any)- DAF analysis by Vision and Samkalp helped. Actual interview was different from mocks. But mocks helped me get over the fear of passing the questions. I could say "I don't know" to some questions.

Name- Viswanath Velamuri

Date and session of interview- 13/05/2022 (FN)

Board- Satyavathy ma'am

Optional- PSIR

College- NIT CALICUT , IIT DELHI- environmental engg

Profession (if any)- worked as project scientist

Hobbies- Neethi Kathalu, cricket enthusiast

Your experience in interview- Good experience, many q and a type questions.

Utility of mocks (if any)- some suggestions such as use of stats, voice modulation and pace helped.

Confidence helped

Chairman:

1. Read my DAF aloud
2. What did you do from 2019 ?
3. What is good governance?
4. What is citizen charter ?
5. Suggest measures for cost effectiveness of sewage treatment plants ?
6. Similar question as above
7. Shift to air pollution, engaging discussion on delhi air pollution
8. Exchange of stats and comments on measures to be taken...ma'am focused on the practicality of the measured i suggested..moved to next member

MEMBER 1

1. What is the disadvantage for AP post bifurcation?
2. What is the disadvantage in terms of revenues?
3. Is the state moving in the direction of expenditure rationalisation?
4. Is cricket dwarfing other games in the country ?
5. Question on namami gange especially on the aspect of river rejuvenation.

Member 2

1. What is the mythological significance of your name ?
2. What are the Telugu sources of neethi Kathalu ?
3. Name some Telugu writers in the field of Telugu kathalu?
4. What is your expectation from the Ukraine war..when will it end ?
5. Is there a chance for third world war?
6. How does US aid to Ukraine complicate the scenario ?
7. What is event horizon telescope ?

Member 3

1. What is fifth generation warfare ?
2. What is hybrid warfare ?
3. Who is highest producer of tea, what is Indias position?What should India do to improve tea production?.
4. What are important minerals in electric vehicles apart from lithium ?.

Memeber 5

1. Name some tenets of good governance

2. Elaborate on good governance and ICT
3. Linkage between good governance and law
4. Relationship between good governance and human rights
5. Good governance in banking sector

Done. 30 minute. Interview

Maam said all the best. I need namaskar and left the room. 😊

13/05/2022

CP : Sathiyawathi Mam

Optional : Sociology

Hobbies : Reading and listening to verses of Sant Kabir, Watching Short Films

Education : B.Com

Work Experience : RBI, Gujarat Administrative Service and Indian Corporate Law Service

Mock Interviews : Gave 5 mocks - Vision (technical and unexpected ques but good for practice), Samkalp (diversity of ques was good), KSG (one of the best), Drishti (Highlighted some areas of improvement), Ianugrah (Good for grooming) - overall they help you for unexpected moments in interview and in grooming for formal set up.

I was waiting outside and previous female candidate came out a bit sweating and i asked what happened? She said they took her too technical on economics optional (she was engineering graduate) and she said she was expecting 150. I took a deep breath and calmed myself to not have any negative thoughts or bias towards board for next 5 minutes i was supposed to sit outside. Then the bell rang and I was taken inside. I kept calm and cool and that actually helped throughout the interview. (Moral : Don't go with any biased view / prejudice to the board. Each candidate has different experience. So stay cool 🧊)

CP Sathiyawathi Mam

Wished her and the board. Asked me to take a sit.

Read aloud my DAF (Read Sant Kabir aloud with some surprise) and members started noting down some questions

Checked my photo with face, then mask was to be worn throughout the interview.

What is your first name?

What you did after graduation for 2 years?

Do you invest in equity market?

How do you invest?

Why don't you invest directly?

Are Government employees allowed to invest?

Some recent mutual fund issues going on. Will you still invest?

Do you know about IBC?

Why so much of haircuts in IBC?

Who is to be blamed?

What more can be done?

RBI conducted AQR and NPA increased, much hue and cry. Should it be done?

M1.

What is financial audit?

How can technology be used for audit and do away with all requirements of humans going through it?

What is Vibrant Gujarat? How many summits held? How much successful?

U are student of sociology, right?

Name 2 social institutions where government has brought some changes?

Have you heard of minorities status issue? who should declare category of minority?

What is latest stand?

M2

Gujarat is a coastal state. We have seen our coastal security is not given much attention as compared to land border security. What more can be done?

Can we take aid of locals?

Child labour related laws - what all laws and provisions.

CP intervenes - what is minimum age? I said 14 she said its 16 and M2 said Mam i also read 14 somewhere 😊 but mam said its 16 so i said thank you mam i will read more on that

M3

Majority crude oil we import, should ONGC, Guj Petro Corp, etc be privatised as they are underperformers?

What parameters you will see for privatisation?

Arms import is quite high in India, Should India become NATO ally?

You need not have NATO forces on our borders why cant we have them?

M4.

You have studied and lived in Ahmedabad. Tell me cultural and historical significance of Ahmedabad.

Tell me about demonetisation and how has been its impact.

Was it done for first time?

Have you heard about BOFORS gun?

Have you heard about Arjun tank?

Is any defence headquarter in Ahmedabad?

U read Kabir. Tell me about Kabir.

What was his core philosophy?

Tell me any one verse of Kabir. (He said 'wonderful' on my recitation)

Sathiyawathi Mam : Thanks

I also said thanks to mam and the board and left.

Name - Amol

Date of interview- 13

may/afternoon session

Last to go [seventh - only four boards were there- soni sir was absent]

Board- Satyavati madam

Optional- medical science

College- grant government medical college , mumbai

Profession- no question here

Duration- 20/25 minutes

Hobbies- nothing from here

Utility of mocks- This third interview, all 3 years I was asked about medical field 90 percent questions. So mocks were useful in predicting and practicing apart from mannerism and all.

chairwoman-

Greeted me before I could, I reciprocated. Asked me to sit. [she was in very much hurry]

Read points from daf, college, work,IPS.

Asked if in training-no

1] what have you been doing since your PHC job?

2] So you never wanted to pursue medical carrier?

3] why medical if you wanted to pursue civil service since school?- wasn't satisfied with answer- so clarified more.

4] what is PNDT act? I Asked if she means PCPNDT- she said now tell me about both, PNDT and why we had to make it PCPNDT?

M-1-

1] farmers suicide in maharashtra, not so much in news these days. Why so? Have they stopped? Was earlier hue and cry just a propaganda?

2] why opposition to NANAR, JAITAPUR nuclear power plant, bullet train etc despite maharashtra being called progressive state?

3] [follow up] Don't people understand the employment opportunities which will come their way ,both direct and indirect?

M-2

1) Do you know about DNA morphing? I said no. He started explaining a little then himself said let it be ,it will take time.

2) Is India's COVID vaccine programme successful ?

3) Difference between covaxin and covishield?

4) Difference between biotechnology and dna editing?

M-3

5) Civilians are going to space. Two billionaires have been to space. Is civilian space flight waste of money?

6) What are effects on human body in space travel/stay?

7) Apart from physical fitness ,what are the benefits of sports?

8) Alternative medicine. Are pathies such as ayurveda ,unani, homeopathy effective? Or should we discard them?

M-4

1) What is government doing for promoting generic medicines.

2) Health care is costly,what should we do to make it affordable?

Felt like very short interview. Time was probably 20 -22 minutes. Madam was asking all members to hurry.

In the end she didn't ask anything after member -4. Just said your interview is over . Best luck.

Board: Satyavati mam

Electrical engineering, Sociology,

worked in Wipro, volunteer in Red Ribbon Express, NCC B Certificate,

From Amravati, Maharashtra.

Chairperson:

Read out my DAF loudly...

you have done electrical engineering,

-Do you know a company IEX- India energy exchange, it's functions?

-how electricity reaches from generation to consumers?

- how do different state manage changes in the energy demand

-how do they buy it, link it to the first question

M1:

-How was your transition from Electrical to software

-what do you think about abortion rights of women

-should there be non-medical termination of pregnancy as well

- what is sanskritisation,who gave this concept

M2:

- some technical question related to electrical, which I don't remember

- what do you think about the trend of universities after some personalities since you come from Sant

Gadge baba university

-should we always allow it

-what is Amravati famous for

-Amravati is hot these days, what is the temperature

M2:

-Which weapon did you use in NCC

-was it heavy

-did you fire it

-some question regarding polar coordinates for positioning used in NCC, which I couldn't understand,so he moved to different topic

- what is privilege motion and when is is moved

M3:

what do you understand by lateral entry,your opinion about it

- If you have to give opinion to the government in this regards, then what will you say

-when and why is civil services day celebrated

- What did Sardar patel conveyed to civil servants

M4:

-reason for farmers suicide in Vidarhha

Reason for farmers suicide in vidarbha

- if govt. is giving loan waivers then why suicides are still there
- if you have to make policy then what will you suggest
- what is HIV/AIDS scenario at present
- what steps have been taken for it's reduction

Overall a very cordial board

Graduation: Industrial engineer

State: Tamilnadu

Hobbies: Endurance running

Chairman:

1. What is the railway project which you have done during Engineering?
2. What is the benefit of Dedicated freight corridors?
3. What is the consequences of creating more districts in the state (Eg: AP)?
4. Which model is better for decentralization: Empowering local bodies or creating more districts?

Member 2:

1. What are objectives of Jal Jeevan mission?
2. What are challenges in implementing JJM?
3. How do you overcome those challenges?

Member 3:

1. You are industrial engineer, what is the role of industrial engineer?
2. What are the roles if other engineer?
3. What is standard gauge, Meter gauge & etc.?
4. What is game theory? How do you apply game theory in ticket booking?

Member 4:

1. What is Minor forest produce?
2. Give some examples of MFP?
3. You are from Tamilnadu, tell me a Thirukural on learning?
4. It's meaning?
5. Tell me another Thirukural

Member 5:

1. What is endurance running (Hobby)?
2. How much distance do you run? What's your timing?
3. What are precautions needed for running?

Thank you.
