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**INTERVIEW  
TRANSCRIPTS  
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The Journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. The interview transcripts you are holding was first created when in 2012, we built ForumIAS for our Interview preparation.

Nearly a decade has passed by, and we are here, in 2021, still doing what we do best. Helping you prepare better.

This year ( CSE 2020 ) has been specially challenging for all of us - with the lockdown, pandemic, Covid -19 and now the bird flu as we write and compile this.

Some of us lost precious time, some of us lost a year, while some of us lost a family member this year.

But life must go on. And we should do what we *must* do.

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*Always.*

## The Board Members

As on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date from which holding the post</b>	<b>Date of Retirement</b>	<b>Brief Introduction</b>
Chairman	Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kumar Joshi	07/08/2020 (AN)	04/04/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman, Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission</li> <li>• Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission.</li> <li>• Director, National Institute of Educational Planning &amp; Administration (NIEPA)</li> <li>• Head &amp; Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur (MP)</li> <li>• He specializes in the field of Financial Management, Financial Control, Management Accounting, Taxation, Rural Development Management, Management in Panchayati Raj Institution &amp; Khadi Gramodyog etc.</li> </ul>
Member	Sh. Bhim Sain Bassi* ( Likely to retire before the Interview process )	31/05/2016 (AN)	19/02/2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1977 Batch IPS (Indian Police Service) Officer of AGUMT Cadre</li> <li>• Deputation to the Intelligence Bureau from 1993 to 1998</li> <li>• Commissioner of Police, Delhi</li> <li>• Took a number of steps to enhance use of digital technology in policing.</li> </ul>
Member	Air Marshal A. S. Bhonsle (Retd.)	21/02/2017 (AN)	14/02/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioned into the Indian Air Force</li> <li>• Has served in Office of Chief of HQ, Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and also as Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, Doctrines, Organization &amp; Training</li> <li>• Has participated in the Sri Lanka Indian Peace Keeping Force Operations, Siachin operations and Kargil operations</li> <li>• Awarded with Vishishta Seva Medal in 2005 and Ati Vishishta Seva Medal in 2010.</li> </ul>
Member	Ms. Sujata Mehta	21/02/2017 (AN)	29/03/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1980 after earning a Master of Philosophy degree in Political Science.</li> <li>• Had deputation to the UN in Gaza and in New York</li> <li>• Was Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva</li> </ul>
Member	Dr. Manoj Soni	28/06/2017 (FN)	27/06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A scholar of Political Science with specialisation in International Relations Studies</li> <li>• Received awards for his exemplary leadership in empowering disadvantaged section of society with IT literacy.</li> </ul>
Member	Ms. Smita Nagaraj	01/12/2017 (FN)	21/09/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1984</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed her Masters in Political Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University</li> </ul>
Member	Ms. M. Sathiyavathy	09/04/2018 (AN)	12/05/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Graduate &amp; gold medalist in Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras</li> <li>Joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1981 and there after the Indian Administrative Service in 1982 (AGMUT Cadre)</li> </ul>
Member	Sh. Bharat Bhushan Vyas	13/12/2018 (AN)	14/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cumulative experience of over thirty eight years – six in the banking sector and thirty two in the Government (joined Indian Administrative Service in 1986)</li> <li>Allotted to the Jammu &amp; Kashmir Cadre</li> <li>Member Secretary of the ‘Prime Minister’s Special Task Force’ to formulate “Jobs Plan” for the youth of J&amp;K.</li> <li>Assistant Resident Representative in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - India for a period of two and a half years in the area of “Sustainable livelihoods”.</li> <li>Given awards for conduct of elections in J&amp;K in very challenging circumstances in 1996/1997.</li> <li>Recipient of the Chief Minister’s Gold Medal for honesty, integrity and meritorious service in J&amp;K in the year 2011</li> </ul>
Member	Dr. T. C. A. Anant	14/01/2019 (FN)	02/01/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi.</li> <li>Chief Statistician of India (CSI) and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation</li> <li>Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR)</li> <li>During his tenure as CSI, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) revised the Indian System of National Accounts to base year 2011-12 along with the series of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI); the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)</li> <li>Introduced a new regular survey on Employment;</li> </ul>
Member	Sh. Rajiv Nayan Choubey	01/02/2019 (FN)	27/01/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post graduate in Physics</li> <li>Master’s Degree in Social Policy &amp; Planning</li> <li>Joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1981 and was allotted to the Tamil Nadu Cadre</li> <li>Principal Advisor in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, as Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and as</li> <li>Director General of Hydrocarbon Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, was instrumental in drafting the New Civil Aviation Policy</li> </ul>

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board : Sujata Mehta maam**

**Mechanical engineering, table tennis and job in Automobile Sector**

### Chairman

You're an engineer what drove you to civil services?

Why is it that the people in rural areas tend more towards civil services and people from urban areas have inclination more towards the other fields ? What shapes their choices?

If you had to choose one sector in civil services which would you choose ?

### M1

Let's talk about jhabua ? There is a royal head even today. Do you think they have not done enough for the people of jhabua ?

What are the reasons for its backwardness?

### M3

I will continue with TT. If a junior player comes to you for advise what advise would you give him?

As a mechanical engineer where do you see car industry 5 years from now ?

There has been changes in our culture due to various factors.

Have you heard of phoolan devi. She killed 18 people. Is killing right in your opinion ?

### M4

Do you know about nirbhaya fund ?

Pocso?

Mid day meal scheme ?

Issues in higher education sector?

Does your college has any link up with the industries.

Do you know about naxalism ?

There is a unique characteristic associated to it in india . Do you know that ?

### M5

Name some female parliamentarians?

If I had to buy a car which one would you suggest under 10 lakh?

As a female you chose mechanical, but women usually go for other branches like circuit branches.

Some questions I am unable to recall.

### Interview Questions from 17th Feb:

1) Recently, a Badminton player got a national

2) award, who & what is that award?

2a) Mary Kom got award, what is that?

3) Who received Bharat Ratna recently?

4) A female Hockey player received an International award recently, what is it?

5) Why sports other than Tennis, Cricket, Badminton are not gaining popularity?

6) Social media - opinion (Good/Bad)?

8) What should be the priorities of a young civil servant placed at a responsible position in lower level, say District Magistrate/ Collector?

8) Should Betting (in sports & in general) be regulated - opinion?

9) Media is invading privacy (individuals, institutions) - what should be done?

10. Do you think Corona virus is a biological weapon by China..

11. Are international bodies- UN, WTO losing relevance !? What's there future.

12. Politics is art of possible. What's your view on this.

13. Did you visit all NE states.
14. What are some issues faced by NE states- individual.
15. Is changing parties after elections legal, ethical.
16. How would you categorise a society developed. Tell indicators.
17. In civil services you will face issues. What are they. How will you deal them.
- 18: contribution of agriculture is very less to gdp, tell me why we are not possible to increase contribution
- 19: what is institutional credit and priority sector lending
- 20: brexit and its impact on EU and reasons for brexit
- 21: did UK join brexit earlier whole hearted
- 22: opinion about ASEAN
- 23: regional grouping is better or bilateral relations are better for our country
- 24: why quality of engineers is not up to mark as per industry standard
- 25: tell me about samagra shiksha abhiyan and how it is helpful to increase quality of primary education
- 26: tell me at least 5 reasons for farmers suicide
- 27: there is repeated drought and floods in India, tell me how a network of canals can help to solve these problems

**Transcript of interview 2020**  
**Background- Scientist - ISRO**  
**T C A ANANT SIR BOARD**  
**Chairman, 2 male members and 2 lady members**

**Chairman** - What's your responsibilities in Isro?

Give a brief description of yourself.

Why civil services?

Which projects are you currently working on?

You were Event organiser for Cultural and Technical fest at college. Which events you organised?

**M1** - why did Chandrayaan 2 could not land?

What are future missions of ISRO?

What is the budget expenditure for ISRO?

Why do we need to do huge expenditures on space missions?

**M2 (Lady member)** - You write poems. Which topics are your favourite? Recite some lines of your poem for us.

What other creative works you do?

What's your assessment of work done by you?

**M3 (Lady member 1)** - If you're a civil servant, what one step you would take to improve economy?

(I said provide right set of skills to make people industry ready)

What skills you'll give? Will it be same for rural and urban population?

What are some problems in corporate governance?

Will teaching ethics to them is a sufficient measure?

Give some details about Coronavirus.

Is the allegation of it being a bio-weapon true?

**M4** - what is the main problem in doubling farmer's income?

What are some schemes in this year's budget?

What are some commercial satellites of ISRO?

How does Isro prioritise its missions?

What are some laws for corporate governance?

What is contingency fund of India?

How is it utilised?

Who approves the expenditure from CFI?

**Chairman-** Thank you. It was nice talking to you. You can leave now.

**Interview date : 17/02/2020**

**Afternoon session (mine was 2nd in line)**

**Total time: 29minutes (I timed it :p)**

**Panel : TCA Anant (2 of the 5 members were women)**

Chairman started reading my DAF....u have done Btech from DTU....there after u have worked as an engineer in Qualcomm.. till March 2018...then u left?

1. What is Qualcomm? What does it do?

2. What is internet of things?

3. Why is it a future technology? Every technology is evolving, when would u say that it has arisen?

4. What is 5g?

5. What did you do in the 5g project?

**M2 :**

1. So u are from Delhi..what would be the advantages if delhi is given full statehood?

2. Aadhaar case and privacy at supreme court verdict? Could u elaborate on that..what was the verdict?

3. What is the diff between sagarmala and bharatmala?

4. What other initiatives do you think will help India achieve \$5tn economy?

**M3:**

1. So u've done electrical engineering. Tell me how is hydroelectricity produced?

2. What about run-off the river projects?

3. What is the megawatt rating of a hydro plant?

3. What is the max amount of power that a hydro power plant generates? You know about max capacity hydroplant in India or the world?

4. What is mini hydro? Do you know thr diff between mini hydro and large hydro in terms of MW ?

5. What is the FUNCTIONAL (said it 2 times) difference between mini hydro and large hydro?

6. Ok let's come to electronics...I have two questions..what is the difference between GSM and CDMA?

7. Is the CDMA technology in use anywhere? Where is it maximum used?

8. Has India used CDMA technology at any point?

9. U have been in Qualcomm which is a very big company..why did you leave your job.? You must be getting a very high pay...

10. You know what is the AGR issue? What exactly is AGR? in one line..tell me what is the controversy? 1999 revenue sharing model..what was before it? So if a telecom company has no profit, it did not have to pay charges to govt ? But presently all telecom companies are in losses, how to revive them?

**M4.:**

1. U play acoustic drums? So can you tell me what is the difference of frequency/vibration to a listener when he listens to a string instrument and a percussion instrument?
2. U are from Delhi and u have done electrical engineering as well, we are pushing for electric vehicles and we also have CNG vehicles. Can you tell me what is the difference between them in terms of the pollution?
3. You like philosophy also? Which philosopher do you like the most? Why?
4. Have u heard about dashnami order which Adi shankara had established? What is it?
5. Do you know the story of how he went to the Himalayas?
6. Who is your favourite in Western philosophy? Why?
7. Have u heard of ..... (some psychologist name).
8. Cyber crimes and security threats are increasing nowadays. We also have an IT Act..u must have read about the act... Do you think our IT Act has enough provisions to tackle these issues of future?
9. So you are saying that the laws of Macaulay were also sufficient enough?
10. You chose philosophy as optional despite doing electrical engineering. Can you tell why so many engineers dread taking their own subjects?

**M5:**

1. U have written "team head for social- development projects". could u tell about it? What did you do? Were they implemented in Delhi?
2. Have u heard about SHGs in rural India? What is their significance?
3. Suppose u are a district head. What would be your priority areas for women of rural areas? Tell us what comes immediately to your mind...just 3 points..

**Chairman:** okay Thank you. You may go now.

**11/02/2020 IFoS interview Board: Manoj Soni Sir**

**Background: Mechanical Engg. from IIT Bombay, home state Kerala,**

**hobbies: watching American satirical shows, listening to opera music, following football, online chess**

**Chair:** 1. You have had a long wait, (I was 5th in the session) would you like some tea? What were you during the waiting time? 2. What did you read in the newspaper? What caught your attention? 3. You like watching American Satirical shows, which shows do you watch? 4. Is 'Friends' satire? 5. Why is IIT Mumbai, still named Bombay? 6. How do forests help in improving the quality of water? 7. You have good forest cover in your state. Is it the highest?

**M1:** 1. What is an ecosystem? 2. If I write with my pen, biotic and abiotic factors are interacting, is it an ecosystem? 3. What happens in an ecosystem? 4. What are the ecosystem services in agricultural land? 5..What are the dominant crops in Kerala? 6. What do you know about silent valley? 7. What are the different types of forests in Kerala? 8. Where else do you see Tropical evergreen forests?

**M2:** 1. Place of Birth Thrissur, why is the festival famous? 2. What about the environmental impact of firecrackers? 3. What is CRZ? 4. Have the restrictions been eased? Why do you think so? 5. What happened in Kerala floods? 6. Kerala is a high literacy, tech-savvy state. Why do mining, deforestation, quarrying take place? Is it a governance deficit? 7. Can't we use technology to stop this quarrying? How can we do so? 8. What are the concerns with respect to Mullaperiyar Dam?

**M3:** 1. Where do you find the best forests in India? 2. I say climate change is hoax. What do you think? 3. Don't you think it's a natural process? 4. What changes have you observed with regard to climate change? 5. What is your analysis of the Kerala floods? Don't you think dam mismanagement



is the main cause? 6. Recently a few buildings were demolished in Kerala. What is your opinion? 6. What is your opinion about the parading of elephants in Thrissur Pooram?

**Chair:** Thank you, all the best.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Interview Date : 18/ Feb**

**CI:**

- You are from IIT. Why waste public funds doing engineering when you have to prepare for IAS?
- So many IITs opening, dont you think it will dilute quality of education
- views of bridge course for doctors

**M1:**

- source of Corona virus, name of city
- how did it get its name
- why Kerala is reporting so many cases
- how did kerala prepare for it?

**M2:**

- tell me difference between 2G, 3G, 4G
- what is a diode, what is semiconductor ( grilled me on electronics )
- why we use AC power
- do we have 100% rural electrification , what is the issue with electrification definition

**M3:**

- why IAS?
- which IAS officer inspired you ( based on my answer )
- your priorities as DC of your district
- how will fight situation of flood in your area
- reason behind floods, settlement on embankments etc

**M4:**

- why do people in Bihar go for Civil Services
- Why Bihar remained backward
- Nalanda library, who built, destroyed
- significance of falgu river, curse of falgu, ramayan reference
- significance of bodh gaya, same baynya tree or new one, place at which ashoka fought with odisha

**CI:**

- what quality do you think should a bureaucrat have?
- you may leave now, you interview is over.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board - pk joshi**

**Date 18th Feb. Afternoon**

**Chairman-**

Worked in infosys - why u left.

Different types of educational Board apart from cbse.

Compare two states on various parameters

Human development Index

**M2-**

Chilika lake how tropical cyclone affects it and what u can do it to protect it.

Saura tribe in parlakhemudi.

Tribal issue of odisha

Naxal issue of odisha

**M3-**

Infosys mysore learning centre

How you managed everything with tight training schedule

4 years gone after you left your job don't you feel exhausted.

Women in army

Women reservation needed

Internet protection

Sarba shiksha abhiyaan

**M4-**

Migration taking place from odisha what will you u do as dm.

Construction activity vs agriculture

Technology use in administration and how to deal with unproductive employees

**M5-**

Airforce stations where your father served.

IAF- Assam station which station name it and which fighter aircraft it has.

Bihar migrants from Assam what you will do as an district admin.

Qualities of your FATHER and what u learnt from him.

Name the eminent personality who has contributed a lot in republic of India and his father was in British army (br ambedkar) - gave two hints but was not able to answer.

What u have learnt from br ambedkar

Chairman- your interview is over

**IFoS 2019 interview transcript**

**Board: Mr. R.N.Choubey**

**Date 10th Feb 2020 , Forenoon**

**Chairman:**

1. Tell me about your academic and professional experience in a minute.
2. Why did you then choose Forest service ?
3. Coal mining vs Forest conservation in the back ground of our energy needs .
4. What is the hydel power potential of India and how much is being utilised ?
5. Large hydel projects or many small hydel projects to meet energy needs .

**M1:**

1. Tell me about endangered species
2. How will use your Production Engineering knowledge to increase productivity of forests ?
3. Tell me about Shola forests

**M2:**

1. Why is there a slowdown in automobile sector ?
2. Why is there a slowdown in the economy and its reasons .
3. What should be done to increase the purchasing power of people ?
4. What factors are responsible for increasing the growth rate of the economy?

**M3:**

1. Natural resource use is low in India why is it so ? And how do we improve it ?

**Chairman:** Thank you . Your interview is over.

**MSc Biotechnology Optional- Zoology and Forestry**

**Interview date-**

**10 February 2020**

**Time : 1pm**

**Panel-Sathiyavathy Mam**

**Chairman-**

- 1) what u did after your MSc please tell me in sequence.
- 2) why aren't you working full time anywhere and only part time jobs?
- 3) what made you turn to forest services?
- 4) how is biotechnology useful in forest services?
- 5) what was your research project? (Worked on effect of tinospora cordifolia plant on diabetes mellitus)
- 6) does jamun seed also have any relation to diabetes?

**Member 1**

- 1) Tell me something about mangroves in Mumbai? Are they increasing or decreasing? Any problems with mangroves?
- 2) what projects are being taken up by India for climate change? By Maharashtra?
- 3) any thing by Maharashtra for forest conservation?
- 4) schemes in Maharashtra for health sector?
- 5) medicinal plants name any five.How can tribals help in this area?

**Member 2**

- 1) which bt crops are there in India?
- 2) why don't we have other bt crops apart from bt cotton?
- 3) how as forest officer u will help in development of botanic gardens?
- 4) tell me some biotechnology parks in india. What do they do?
- 5) why india is chosen for clinical trials by foreign companies?
- 6) why students dont want to pursue career in research and just join govt services?

**Member 3 (he grilled me the most)**

- 1) difference between botanical gardens and herbal gardens
- 2) which bodies are working for biodiversity at different levels? At which level do people contribute? What do they gain out of it?
- 3) various adaptation and mitigation steps for climate change?
- 4) contribution of biotechnology in food crops? How can they be useful in future?
- 5) what are clones? How can they be useful in forestry?
- 6) can biotechnology be useful in tree improvement? Any recent examples from India?
- 7) how will you identify which tree to use for tree improvement program? How will you propagate these species faster?
- 8) tell me about micropropagation. Can it be used in forest tree improvement?

**Board - Satyawati Mam**

**No of members 3+1**

**Background : textile technology, management consulting rajasthan, chittorgarh, railways**

**CM :** read the whole daf loudly for 2 mins

1. Man Animal conflict
2. Ecotourism
3. How to boost livelihood opportunities for fringe communities?
4. How to escape forest fragmentation problems
5. what kind of jobs gets created by ecotourism
- 6 it seems that ecotourism is indeed the cause of man animal conflict? Isn't it so?
7. Why coming from railways to forests?

**M1**

7. What is chittorgarh famous for
8. Padmavati issue? Do u think she was real?
9. People are becoming extreme and becoming violent?why
10. GI. Forest products with GI. Tell some beneficts that accrued to nilamber teak n sandalwood after GI tag
11. Development due to cement industry can be there but its problems are also many. Quote some
12. solve silicosis by forestry
13. which species you wil plant in ur area

**M3**

14. Rajasthan. What kind of forests as per champion classification
15. name species of each
16. sand dune stabilisation. Technique
17. Cold desert vs hot desert difference
18. A few questions on traveling
19. Monkey issue and animal culling

**M3**

20. lucn
21. forests travelled
22. keoladeo. Problems. Trees there.
23. Have you seen anogiessus
24. biodiversity of eastern rajasthan
25. animal train collissions
26. sariska problems

**B. Tech in Material Science and Engineering, IIT Kanpur**

**Hobby - Reading Books on Human Behavior**

**From Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh**

**BB Vyas Sir Board (11/02/2020)**

**Chairman:** Your face seem familiar, have we met before? So you are from IIT, what do you think about so many new IITs coming nowadays? Isn't quality decreasing? Do you think studying Human Behavior is a science? Difference between morality and ethics?

**M1-** Can you name some Human behaviorist? Can you tell me what is Fight or Flight response? Name the hormone responsible Mechanism by which hormones influence us? Which gland is master gland? What is biodiversity? What are its various components? Which one do you think is most important? Why? Few follow up questions.

**M2 -** What is Environmental science and Studies? What is an ecosystem? What is the work of WCCB? Which act governs it? Which section of act is regarding punishment? Where is its headquarters? What is the punishment for wildlife crime? What is the most difficult aspect in controlling wildlife crime? What is India per capita energy requirement? Why does the USA have such high energy consumption per capita?

**M3 -** Can you explain Material Science and Engineering? Is it a core branch? What were your optional subject? What is climate change? Is it real or hype? What is Carbon Footprint? Recently Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority has taken some steps regarding Carbon Footprint..do you know about them? Should India make so much effort in Climate change? Few follow up questions regarding this.

There is a concept of Think Locally and Act Globally, Think Globally and Act Locally, Think Locally and Think Locally, Act Globally and Act Locally, which of the following do you think is best? And the reason?

**Chairman:** Thank you Prateek your Interview is over.

**11th Feb 2020**

**Board: Manoj Soni Sir**

**Background: Home state Odisha, Btech Biotechnology, Former Software engineer**

**Chairperson:**

1. Tell us briefly about your journey since graduation
2. Why software engineer after biotechnology
3. How agroforestry can help in doubling farmer income
4. Problems related to agroforestry

**M1:**

1. Ex situ and in situ conservation
2. Application of biotechnology in forestry
3. Features of national parks
4. Benefits of Mangroves

**M2:**

1. Forest and wildlife resources of Odisha
2. Olive Ridley turtles
3. Why an officer of biotechnology background should be selected instead of forestry student
4. How often do you go to gym(hobby)
5. Do you go for jogging also?

**M3:**

1. Is timber smuggling happening in Odisha
2. How timbers are smuggled
3. What does anglo-vedic mean(dav school)?
4. How would you explain to a layman about forest resources of Odisha
5. Tribal knowledge about forests

**Background – B.Tech, Mechanical Engineering**  
**11th February 2020**  
**Board – B.B. Vyas**

**Chairman**

1. What have you been doing since your graduation?
2. Have you also applied for other exams?
3. Tell me about shell companies and measures taken by government to tackle it? (Work experience)
4. Question on Bombay High? (Work experience)
5. Reasons for push towards Gas based economy? (follow- up from last question)
6. Schemes of govt. to promote gas in India
7. Shilpgram (Cultural festival of hometown)
8. Kathputli and Handicrafts promotion measures (follow-up)
9. Explain this quote “Celebrate diversity, unity follows” (pointing towards a calendar hanging in the room on which the quote was written)
10. Schemes of the govt. to promote unity in the country.

**Member 1**

1. What is biomolecule? (He himself explained)
2. Elements of biomolecule, in our body, etc. (He himself kept explaining and asking further questions)
3. Cell theory and details.
4. Types of protected areas in Rajasthan
5. Names of national parks in Rajasthan
6. Actual geographical area of forest cover in Rajasthan, not in percentage terms.

**Member 2**

1. Forest near your college, reasons for man-animal conflict.
2. Examples of environment conservation movements in India
3. Why Bhutan is a net carbon-negative emission country?
4. Are Indians undisciplined? Should military training be made compulsory for all the citizens like in Singapore to make them disciplined?

**Member 3**

1. When UPSC IFS interviews started? When getting over? No. of candidates?
2. Why so many candidates from Rajasthan?
3. Difference between conflict and war?
4. Difference between protection and conservation?

**Board: Smt. M. SATHIYAVATHY Ma'am**  
**Optionals: Agricultural Engineering and Forestry**  
**Graduation: B.Tech(NITK Surathkal, EEE)**  
**Date: 11 February-2020 (Afternoon)**  
**Last to enter. Around 25 to 30 minutes.**

**Chairperson:**

Showed me my picture. Is this you?

Started reading my DAF(Education, Hobbies, Achievements etc.).

What are you doing since graduation?

When you resigned from IOCL?

What are you doing since then?

Why forest service?

Did you qualify for CSE Interview?

Environment vs Mining debate.

Should mining be allowed in forest.

You are DFO, what will you do when Environment and Social Impact Assessment allow for mining ?

So, how ecological value and economic value are factored?

Will you give clearance as a DFO?

Dhanbad is famous for mining. Have you visited any mine?

Is it open cast or underground?

How open cast mining impact forest?

How can we overcome the challenges?

**M1:**

What is your optional?

Tell me about topics which you read in Agricultural Engineering?

Are Solar pumps good?

Can we replace all Electric pumps with solar pumps.

What are the challenges of Solar pumps? What if weather is poor and it is not able to produce electricity?

So we have to use traditional measures as well?

How to conserve water resources in field?

You can also add micro irrigation technologies like drip and sprinkler for water conservation.

**M2:**

Tell me specific areas in the topics of agricultural engineering?

What is the other name of food processing? Is it food technology?

How much food is wasted in India?

What are the challenges to food processing?

What is a watershed?

So it has a single water drain channel?

How will you manage watershed?

Are trees capable of ground water recharge?

**M3:**

What are the documents which a forest officer follows for management of forest and wildlife?

Is working plan used for wildlife management?

What are the factors to consider before making the working plan?

How working circles is divided?

Have you heard of Saranda forest?

What is it famous for?

Tell me qualities of Sal tree

How is it regenerated?

How is controlled burning helpful?

Do you know about its flower and seed.

Anything in addition to Sarhul festival

What is the most intriguing thing about Sal flower and seed? About its Phenology?

Have you seen Sal tree?  
 Colour of Sal bole?  
 Surface of bole? Is it smooth or not?

**Chairperson:**

Thank you  
 Your interview is over.

**Background: B.Tech(Chemical engineering)**  
**Optional: Sociology**  
**Hobbies: Following F1 Motorsport, Teaching children**  
**Interview date 18 Feb 2020**  
**Board: TCA ANANT Sir**  
**Morning session**  
**Third person to go**  
**Time : 11 AM**

**CHAIRMAN**

- 1- Why did you opt for sociology even after having an engineering background?
- 2- Whats the name of your college?

(Passes on to M1)

**M1**

- 1- What is there for the farmers in the recent budget?
- 2- Tell me about kisan rail.
- 3- What is net neutrality?Is there any authority to regulate it?
- 4- What can we do to control the burgeoning population?

Follow up questions

- 5- What is national biofuels policy?

(Passes on to M2)

**M2**

- 1- what is vivaad se vishwas?
- 2- what is the difference between chemicals and petrochemicals?
- 3- What has the government done to help the working class?
- 4- Tell me about codification of the labour laws.
- 5- Tell me any labour law that has led to relief to working class.

(Chairman interrupts and passes on to M3)

**M3 (Lady)**

- 1- Have you read this book called(forgot the name)...it is about Hyderabad ?
- 2- Why do you like teaching the children.
- 3- What is your opinion regarding private coaching and tuition?
- 4- what can we do to improve the education system
- 5- what will you do as a DM of a district to improve the education system?
- 6- some other follow up questions

(Passes on to M4)

**M4 (Lady)**

- 1- So you like F1 racing....why?



2- Can you tell me which Indian company currently has an FI team (humbly told that it's Formula E and not FI)

3- What is the current scenario of FI in India?

4- Any prominent Indian racers?

5- Whats the future of FI in India?

6- ok tell me what is WTO?

Follow up questions

7- What is piracy in oceans?

8- Why is there conflict in Africa?

9- What is a blood diamond?

10- Can you tell me which element was discovered recently that is more precious than diamond?

Some casual words from Chairman

**Chairman:** your interview is over ... thank you.

Very cordial board (especially the chairman....he was smiling throughout the interview)

**Board : Bhosle Sir**  
**State : Madhya Pradesh (Ujjain)**  
**Optional : Commerce (CA)**  
**Hobby: Football, Meditation**

**Ch-**

Asked about Pele (football legend) health and financial issues.

**M1**

AGR issue is going on, I think this is all fault of Chartered Accountants. They advise them to not pay this dues.

All this billionaires, the top 10 percent are accusing the system that it has allowed them to garner so much wealth, while at the same time they are doing nothing about it. Don't you think it is hypocrisy from their side?

Leaving aside those who are doing charity, but what about those who are still accusing the system and not even doing charity.

**M2**

What is difference between LCD and LED

Why so much frauds recently in your profession, what do we need to do?

**M3**

Tell me about Ujjain, what is so famous about it?

Who is one of the most intelligent personality from Ujjain?

What government is doing to preserve our heritage and culture?

Why should we preserve such heritage? (I told about this is part of values system and rich culture)

We can protect monuments and architectural sites, how do we protect this value system you are talking about?

How this heritage sites are linked to our folk culture?

**M4**

Tell me positive and negative about Internal rate of return?

What are your service preferences?

Why IAS as 1st?

**Ch-**

You talked about Mr Ratan Tata, tell me who has taken over him in charitable purpose? (Mr Azim Premji)

Have you visited last Kumbh Mela? Tell me how will you organize next Kumbh, what will be your priorities?

**Background : civil engineering**

**Optional - sociology**

**Hobbies-cricket and football**

**Home state - Delhi**

**Board -BS Bassi sir**

**Chairman**

1. Is it your photo,- cant see clearly said yes, but it wasnt me, again showed me, i said no sir. He smiled and talked in hindi

2. Why you want to become IAS. Sir joked in between gundagardi to nhi karni.. everyone laughed

**M2**

1. 27 october 1947 what happened?

2. Tell me something about 1947-48 war.

3 when un convention was signed

**M3**

1. Contributions of mn srinivas

2. Delhi is called rape capital, what we need to do.

3. Interstate migration is a issue.

4. Question on mgnrega

**M4**

1. How to do rain water harvesting in village. Follow up question on this.

2 indian economy and issues with it.

3. Some civil engineering marvel that inspired you.

**M5**

1. Prefabricated structure

2. Benefits

3. Any specific example.

**Chairman again**

Tell some other building. I mentioned qutub minar etc.

How arches are bind

answered.

Wanted some specific name.

Replied - i would definitely read this sir.thanks sir.

Showed me photo again and smiled.

Bassi sir was repeatedly sleeping and not maintaining eye contact.

Overall a good experience.

**Board Smita nagraj madam**  
**Fore noon session**  
**~30 minutes**  
**20 02 2020**

**Mam**

What are the employment avenues available for a history post graduate?

Why did you not go into the history research field?

Why should we do research if that creates controversy and disturb harmony

Which history do you like most?

What's the one lesson modern indian history teaches us?

Was india a nation before britishers came here

**Member 1**

Who are anganawadi workers?

Icds ?

Pocso act?

We pressurise girls to behave in "proper manner".

Is it time now to pressurise boys?

**Member 2**

Yavatmal

Farmers suicide reasons

History repeats itself explain

Explain Unity in diversity (it was written on the calendar on the wall )

Which book did you read recently

**Member 3**

History is written by the winners , what's your advise to the losers?

Tell us about current economic scenario in India

Corona impact on economy

Is Fiscal deficit under control?

Are you aware of the recent debate on real fiscal deficit numbers being suppressed

**Member 4**

Tell us about Mihan project

Name 5 problems before india

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**  
**Electrical Engg, watching movies, Political science and IR**  
**Panel- Sujata Mehta Mam**

**CH- 1.** Brief introduction

2. Did you pursue any job after graduation?

3. Did you appear for any campus placement?

4. Why do you want to join civil services?

5. so you stayed in sangli for 4 years. Tell me about sugar plantation in sangli district?

**MI-** asked questions on International Relations

1. Is Indian diplomacy successful in dealing with Pakistan challenge?

2. Role of China?
3. who becomes President if both president and vice president are not available?
4. Talked about Constitution and role of scientific temper and asked me that which unscientific things we do in our life?

**M2-** 1. What is single most imp factor responsible for climate change?( I talked about Humans , role of fossil fuels)

2. Asked about Look east to Act East policy transformation in Indian foreign policy?
3. what is Indo Pacific?
4. Should india go for participating in Indo pacific- is that in India's interest ( because primarily the fight is between USA and China..Why should India get involved?.) Subsequent questions

**M3-** 1.You talked about Policy formulation and implementation in Government?. What is the process?

2. Role of Bureaucrats, politicians , and Public in it?
3. What is the role of Standing committee in policy formulation?
4. Role of Chairman in Rajya sabha?
5. Why we consider women as second class citizens ? What's your solution?
6. Dont you think Women are suppressed even in Educated sections of our society?What's your take on that?
7. Killing of Jamal khashgoggi and Iran commander..What is more important - Human rights or National interest? What about mutilation of soldiers body on borderline?

**M4-** Talked about Electricity sector and consequences of fossil fuels and how we are going for renewable energy.

1. How India aims to achieve this transition?.
2. What are the technical challenges in connecting standalone solar/ wind sources to grid ?
3. Talked about smart grid , green energy corridor and smart metering and subsequent questions.
4. How smart meter works? How it will help in reducing losses?

**Chairman-** do you want to ask anything or anything you prepared and we didn't ask u?

I talked about my hobbies - watching movies.

1. Which two movies you watched recently?
2. what type of movies do you watch generally, what kind of genre?
3. Diff between Art films and commercial films.
4. Can mainstream directors produce art films and become successful?
5. Have you watched Article 15? What was it about? Was it based on real story?Should we show such movies? Are the authentic? Don't they portray our country in bad light?

Thank you so much..Your Interview is over.Overall the board was very cordial and supportive.

**Background-** computer science engineering

**Optional - literature of Sanskrit**

**Hobbies-** dog caring

**Other activities-** aso in MSDE

**Board-** TCA Anant sir - chairman

**2 male and 2 female members**

**Chairman sir:**

How do u care about dogs? What different u do for street dogs, why does dogs bark unnecessarily?

**MI:** Can you please explain official language policy. Can we have sanskrit as official language .

U have taken sanskrit optional after computer science. Can you please name some of the scholars?  
 Why students don't want to study sanskrit. What's wrong with our education system.  
 Can u please tell what all steps you would take to ensure that there be no malnutrition .

**M2:**

U are from Delhi and Delhi has been constantly facing issue of very high air pollution. Stubble burning is one of the cause, do u think that government has taken enough steps to deal with stubble burning or do u think that something more should be done?

In other countries stubble is used for various purposes,can you name any such use.

Do you think some legal framework should also be made.

**M3:**

please tell us about uav. What has been the role of drdo in that . Do we have sufficient technology to deal with aerial attacks?

Why there is jobless growth in India

Why 80 percent of our engineers don't find jobs

What should we change in our education system.

How do we relate skill and employment.

**M4:**

She asked 3 ques which I have never even heard of.

Then she asked about conventional wars. Do we have more of direct wars or are we moving towards other means of war.

**Chairman then asked me :** what is ultra vires.

Am not able to recollect. He said ok no issues . Your interview is over. Thankyou. I thanked everyone

Overall chairman was continuously smiling and very cool.

**Optional- PSIR**

**Graduation- Civil engineering**

**Mentioned helping out father in his shop.**

**Hobbies - reading books and GIS mapping**

**Chairman (TCA Anand)**

**Chairman :**

-Your hobby is reading. Which book did you read recently?

-What is it about?

-Your other hobby is GIS mapping. What is it about? How did it become your hobby?

**Member I:**

-What are the principles of store management?

-BS4 vs BS6

-When does it come into force? what will happen to the BS 4 vehicles that are running in the roads now?

-What are the techniques used for earthquake resilient buildings?

-there is a special type of Steel that used for earthquake resistant buildings. do you know about it?

-How to measure tensile strength?

-What is nirvik?

**Member 3:**

-What is Pradhanmantri awas Yojana? Why is it important? (Also asked about specific provisions regarding the scheme)

-What are the problems in it? What are the latest techniques that we are looking to imbibe in it?

-That's a specific definition of affordable housing. Do you know that?

**Member 3:**

-You have read books on anthropology. How differently did Adivasis of India and aborigines of Australia fare when they came into contact with mainlanders?

-What is a time zone? What is India's? How many time zones does USA have? Do you need another one?

**Member 4:**

-Have you been to a village? Have you attended any gram sabha/Panchayat meetings? What are the differences between both? Why are they important?

My assessment of the interview: Interview was good and cordial. I didn't get any challenging questions at all. Some were fact based of which some I didn't know. But broadly, it was a good conversation and at no point was I put under any kind of pressure.

**Background: B.E biomedical optional: PSIR**  
**hobbies: writing letters to editor of newspaper**  
**Date of Interview: 20/2/2020 FN**  
**Board name: Bhonsle sir**

After entering chairman explained about interview process and read it aloud. And he spoke about best practices in Tamil Nadu government

**CM**

1. What are your qualities apart from good student?
2. How many letters published till now?
3. Which letter you wanted to get published but it is not? (here I mentioned tnpsc scam and spoke need for self employment)
4. How can we address problems in farm products procurement and distribution?
5. What parameters you look for while implementing model you suggested?
6. What farm products famous in your district (jackfruit)

**M1** (can't able to understand his English)

1. He said some quote and ask me to explain. I can't recollect
2. What is your view on lavish wedding
3. Why rich blaming system after using the system to become rich

**M2**

1. Governance index
2. Why Tamil Nadu is best in index
3. Is really your state well in health and education

**M3**

1. How to address rural poverty
2. You speaking on economic aspect give some other factors
3. What is patriarchy
4. Is students union necessary for colleges

**M4**

1. why u opt for civil service rather opt for self employment ( i mentioned i have backup idea of jackfruit processing)
2. if i give u 10 lakh what business idea u have. asked me to use paper and pen to explain model
3. cancer status in TN
4. TB status
5. MDR TB

**CM**

1. Ur business model is good how u address intermediaries
  2. what products can be form from jack fruits
- He ended by saying i like jackfruit. what is ur plan after interview asked to visit upsc museum if u want to pass the exam.  
Board was very cordial. And made me comfortable throughout.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**  
**IFS Interview 2019**  
**Board : Manoj Soni**

**CM:**

- 1) Is ur native village or town
- 2) u didn't get any placement
- 3) Tell me thirukural on forest
- 4) Novel wat u r reading last

**M2**

- 5) tell me something abt chola dynasty
  - 6) climate change impact in Southern plateau
  - 7) govt efforts to tackle climate change
  - 8) tn efforts
  - 9) role of women in forest management
  - 10) y v need to protect wildlife
  - 11) step to mitigate drought
- Is this first interview

**M3:**

- 10) do u eat grass
- 11) is tiger eat grass
- 12) human eat both y tiger not
- 13) wat is Iran us tension
- 14) role of Saudi
- 15) objective of namami ganga project

**M4:**

- 16) Growing potted plants abt hobby
- 17) Wat pots prefer
- 18) Hw long u do
- 19) Wat plants u take care
- 20) As dfo wat u will do
- 21) Is plants need affection

22) what is flagship species

**IFoS 2019**

**Background**

**13th Feb; Forenoon session; Soni Sir**

**Mechanical engineer; optional - agriculture and geology**

**CM**

While reading DAF, xyz is meaning of your name, here is you who write diary at a time when even writing is disappearing...

1. When you started writing?
2. What was trigger to start?
3. Tell me by introspecting, if you have second chance which thing you will do in different way than you did earlier.?
4. How was the rainfall in Maharashtra this year?
5. How was it in your village, district?

**M1**

1. What is clean energy?
2. What is solar potential of India?
3. Why India has large solar energy potential?
4. Is India tropical or sub tropical?
5. What is India's Geo thermal potential?
6. What is biodiversity?
7. What is species diversity?
8. What is ecosystem diversity?
9. What are the areas having large ecosystem diversity- globally and in India?
10. What is habitat diversity?
11. Which types of forest does Maharashtra have??
12. What are the types of deciduous forest?
13. Where they are present?
14. what is dominant species of dry deciduous?
15. Which is the dominant species in dry deciduous?

**M2**

1. What promote you to donate blood?
2. Isn't it harmful?
3. What are the benefits of donating blood?
4. Suppose there is a mutilated animal, how will you know weather it was attempt of poaching or conflict between animals?
5. What will you do?

**M3**

1. What is the meaning of name of your father?
2. Weather he was god ?
3. Was it from your region?
4. What do you know about Buddhist culture?
5. By observing Ajanta caves can you tell that how was that society?



6. Suppose you are going with your driver, and you saw there is accident has took place, what will you do?
7. When you were at home last time?
8. Does ambulance come to your village?
9. What are the challenges of health sector in your locality?
10. As a engineer how will you help SDM to ensure attendance of doctors and stock of essential medicine?
11. Have you saw Municipal sewage treatment plant?
12. In which company did you worked?
13. How effluent treatment plant in company is different from Municipal STP?
14. How company was disposing sludge and treated water?
15. How they were reducing toxicity of sludge?

**CM**

Thank you, our interview is over.

**Date- 17/02/2020, Forenoon, First to go**  
**Board- Bassi sir**  
**Duration- approx 30 min**  
**Basic info-**  
**1. Political Science graduation and optional**  
**2. Working in EPFO**  
**3. Hobbies: Film, TV series and Teaching**

After entering the chamber wished the CP and lady member and then other 3 members. CP asked to seat.

**CP-** (Called me by my father's name. Politely told my correct name.) You like to watch TV series. Any specific genre or everything?(Told everything)

Still u will have some favorite, right?

Tell me your favorite TV series? (Game of Thrones)

Okay. Give me an introduction to Game of Thrones. What is it about?

(Gave brief introduction)

I want you to speak for 2 minutes on Game of Thrones.

Why those kingdom are fighting among themselves?

What msg we get from this line of thought of fighting among ourselves.(Told United we stand and divided we fall)

**MI:**

So, u r working in EPFO. Tell me how u decide the interest rates.

You have studied in Pune. Do u know about NDA?

What is the role of NDA in our nation building?

What do u think is the advantage of training cadres of all three forces together?

You have studied IR. Tell me what is our relationship with Afghanistan?

How it is different from other countries?

(Told we are more focused on development of Afg while others are more interested in their strategic interest. Bassi sir smiled)

Do we have our troops in Afg?

Should we sent our troops thr?

What is our official policy about sending troops in Afg?

**M2 (lady member):**

Have you heard about merging of banks?

Which are the banks been merged?

What is your view about this bank merging? Is it good or bad?

Have you heard about Bank Nationalisation?

When did it happen? What exactly was done in nationalisation?

**M3:**

You have done certificate course in women and development. Tell me about the course, its duration, syllabus and what you learnt?

Tell from independence till now how do you see development of women in the country in various fields like social, economical and political etc.

So you have studied PSIR. Tell me about UNSC.

There are some countries which are demanding changes in UNSC. Can you name them?

Why they are demanding the changes?

Okay tell me why India is demanding seat in UNSC and whether India deserves it? I want your view on this not yes or no answer.

**M4:**

So you like teaching. What is the age group of children you teach?

You have studied Marathi in your school. Suppose you have to teach Marathi to non-Marathi how will you teach them? What methods you will adopt?

You watch TV series also. Tell me about OTT platforms.

Tell me advantage and disadvantage of platforms like Netflix?

How should we regulate them? (I told about censorship)

So, how censorship can be imposed?

How do the producers of films and TV series earn money by releasing their content on Netflix.

Suppose you are travelling in a car with your family. You are passing by a small village where people are protesting for some demands. You come across them, they are angry. How will you handle the situation? What will you tell them.

**CP:**

Have you heard about BRI?

Tell me about it. (Fumbled here. So I asked for some time and started again.)

We were hearing about it a lot last year now we are not hearing about it much. What were the reasons then and what are the reasons now?

Is China backing the initiative?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

(Overall very cordial interview. Had a good feeling at the end. Hoping for the best now)

Thank you Mahesh Bhagwat sir and all the seniors and friends for helping with the preparation.

**Date : 17th Feb 2020**

**Board : sujata mehta**

**Background : electronics, worked as software engineer**

**Chairman :**

I. tell me about your education and job experience.

2. Why did you leave the job? Said something like private mai development opportunity is less and all.
3. So, why do you think development opportunities are less in private sector. - said private sector is pro profit and serve certain categories of people
4. So, don't you think private sector has no role? - said , no and gave other side of argument.
5. Why private sector is needed?
5. Private empanelment in ayushman Bharat - what is your opinion? Should we involve private sector or not?
6. Private sector good in district level hospitals? - said yes
7. Why are they good? - said that they help in phc, new tech and all.
8. So private sector has more tech than govt? Said, not so , but they supplement.
9. Private sector promotion regarding some more questions.

**M1:**

1. what did you do as a software engineer?
2. Border security
3. Why electronic sector is not improving vis a vis China or USA?
4. What is to be done?
5. Electric vehicle related 3-4 questions. What is being done. What are the challenges, what is govt doing and all
6. Questions related to Malabar coast ( from Karnataka)
7. What is konkan railways, it's impacts?
8. Ports that are being developed in konkan coast
9. Sagarmala
10. Some factual question specific to Mangalore- said, I don't know

**M2 :**

1. apart from cricket, why other games are not much developed or popular? What is the issues in sports sector in India? What is to be done?
2. Public administration - perception of not enough responsive, corruption and all... Why do you think so?  
What is to be done?
3. How to bring changes in administration?
4. How to use technology in administration?

**M3 :**

1. Hobby related - 2 things you learnt being part of those?
2. Again hobby related - some question. Why, what and all
3. How do you use electronics in day to day administration
4. Work related questions - 3-4 questions on role and all

**M4 :**

1. Among bill gates, Steve jobs and mark zukerberg - who do you think brought disruptive changes?  
It is a personal question - choose one.
2. MSME sector changes in budget.
3. As a DM, how do you improve MSME - hypothetical situation

**Chairman :**

1. Corporate tax rate reduction related.
2. Why is the govt doing it? Govt doesn't unlimited resources, still wants to undergo tax revenue.. why why why?(literally) Why are they doing it?
3. NGO - what is the need? Is it because of administration deficiency?

4. Social media - end to end encryption related.
  5. What is block chain technology.
  6. Is there anything left out which you think we should ask?
- Thank you.

**State: Andhra Pradesh**  
**Optional: Mathematics**  
**Hobbies: Cycling, Badminton, Programming**  
**Sports: Tennis**  
**Education: Computer Science Eng (IIT Madras)**  
**Job: Software engineer**  
**Board: Sujata Mehta madam**

**Chairperson:**

- 0) Is this you? (pointing out the photo)
- 1) Introduce Yourself.
- 2) Why did you quit your job for attempting Civil Service?
- 3) Don't you enjoy your job in IT sector?
- 4) What is the condition of Indian IT sector? Compare with developed nations (US).
- 5) Despite having IITs, why is Indian IT sector still very nascent stage?
- 6) What is your work in the company?
- 7) You worked on e-Learning apps. Is anyone using them? Which sections of the society are using them?
- 8) Are these Apps free or paid?

**M1: (Completely on IR)**

- 1) UN vs. Multilateral organizations - strengthening which one is better?
- 2) SAARC vs. ASEAN - differences
- 3) 2 more Qs

**M2: (Completely Opinion based Qs - none were from CA)**

- 1) What should be the priorities of a young civil servant placed at a responsible position in lower level, say District Magistrate/ Collector?
- 2) Should Betting (in sports & in general) be regulated - opinion?
- 3) Media is invading privacy (individuals, institutions) - what should be done?
- 4) 1 more Qs

**M3: (Completely on Sports + Social media Q)**

- 1) Recently, a Badminton player got a national 2) award, who & what is that award? Mary Komb got award, what is that?
- 3) Who received Bharat Ratna recently?
- 4) A female Hockey player received an International award recently, what is it?
- 5) Why sports other than Tennis, Cricket, Badminton are not gaining popularity?
- 6) Social media - opinion (Good/Bad)?
- 7) 1 follow-up Ques on Social Media.

**M4: (Completely on Computer Science)**

- 1) Moore's law
- 2) What are the problems/limitations by increasing the transistors?
- 3) If there is a limitation on the number of transistors, then how can we gain computational speed?

4) Super computers - applications, what is China doing, etc

**Chairperson:**

1) AP 3 capitals - opinion.

2) Is there anything you want to discuss with us?

Thank you. Your Interview is over.

Cordial board. Went smoothly.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**  
**PSIR, Civil engineering IIT Guwahati, JNV**  
**Chair- Smita maharaj madam**

**CM**

1. Why JNV, IITs quality is not replicated in all other educational institutions.

2. Is it only political will that is lacking in changing education system.

And some follow up questions.

**M1**

1. What is anti defection law and why it is news always

2. JNVs have something on lines of ek bhara shreshtha bhara, what is that.

**M2**

1. What is issue in SCS and indias stand in it. Role of US.

**M3.**

1. Architect and civil engineer. Who should get priority in building construction.

2. Do you think Corona virus is a biological weapon by China.

**M4.**

1. Are international bodies- UN, WTO losing relevance !? What's there future.

2. Politics is art of possible. What's your view on this.

**M5**

1. Did you visit all NE states.

2. What are some issues faced by NE states- individual.

**CM**

1. Is changing parties after elections legal, ethical.

2. How would you categorise a society developed. Tell indicators.

3. In civil services you will face issues. What are they. How will you deal them.

**Qualification: Mechanical engineer**

**Work: 1) associate engineer in Robert Bosch**

**2) Asst engineer in water resources department**

**Board: TCA ananth**

**Optional: Kannada literature**

**C:** tell me what kind of work you do in your department

**C:** is it based on dam maintenance kind of work or any other allied irrigation work

**C:** sugar cane farmers are facing problems, and it is water consuming crop, so tell me why we should we grow sugar cane inspite of all this problem

**MI:** tell me efficiency of thermal power plant

**M1:** why it is not possible to increase efficiency

**M1:** what is critical pressure in thermal plants

**M1:** contribution of agriculture is very less to gdp, tell me why we are not possible to increase contribution

**M1:** what is institutional credit and priority sector lending ( he was not agreeing with whatever I was telling and he is kept on countering my viewpoints)

**M2:** you are already working in govt department then why u want to join civil services now

**M2:** in which sector u want to work n tell me why

**M2:** tell me some schemes which have convergence of all these objectives you have mentioned

**M3:** brexit and it's impact on EU and reasons for brexit

**M3:** did UK join brexit earlier whole hearted

**M3:** opinion about ASEAN

**M3:** regional grouping is better or bilateral relations are better for our country

**M3:** why quality of engineers is not up to mark as per industry standard

**M4:** tell me about samagra shiksha abhiyan and how it is helpful to increase quality of primary education

**M4:** tell me at least 5 reasons for farmers suicide

**M4:** there is repeated drought and floods in India, tell me how a network of canals can help to solve these problems

**M4:** some more questions followed I can't remember

**Date 17 feb**

**Board bhoshle sir**

**Background BDS, working in EPFO, swimming as hobby**

### **Chairman**

After his cheerful greet n welcome, discussion on provisions of ICC ( DAF) ,Issues faced by women, innovative role played by me, harrasment of male employees etc

### **M1**

Discussion on money laundering,

Hawala ,how to curb what can you do more on it,some more follow on q

### **M2**

Why anthropology

Why dentistry

Plight of dentists

What can be done to improve on it

Some counterquestion on it

### **M3**

Some more q on dentistry

Q on national integration related to language a barrier or not

Was india a nation before Britishers came some follow on q on this

### **M4**

Provisions of recent ammendment in medical instruments

Panel provisions to check suitability of a instrument

Q on criminal justice system

Q on provisions of EPFO to punish defaulters

**Chairman**

Q on organ transplantation and women issues why women are more donors n less recipients

Innovative steps taken in office

Q on delhi education model

Last was what are your plans after this interview

Overall a cordial board

**Board : Sujata Mehta maam**

**Forenoon : Last to go**

**Mechanical engineering, table tennis and job in honda cars**

**Chairman**

You're an engineer what drove you to civil services?

Why is it that the people in rural areas tend more towards civil services and people from urban areas have inclination more towards the other fields ? What shapes their choices?

If you had to choose one sector in civil services which would you choose ?

**M1**

Let's talk about jhabua ? There is a royal head even today. Do you think they have not done enough for the people of jhabua ?

What are the reasons for its backwardness?

**M3**

I will continue with TT. If a junior player comes to you for advise what advise would you give him?

As a mechanical engineer where do you see car industry 5 years from now ?

There has been changes in our culture due to various factors.

Have you heard of phoolan devi. She killed 18 people. Is killing right in your opinion ?

**M4**

Do you know about nirbhaya fund ?

Pocso?

Mid day meal scheme ?

Issues in higher education sector?

Does your college has any link up with the industries.

Do you know about naxalism ?

There is a unique characteristic associated to it in india . Do you know that ?

**M5**

Name some female parliamentarians?

If I had to buy a car which one would you suggest under 10 lakh?

As a female you chose mechanical, but women usually go for other branches like circuit branches.

Some questions I am unable to recall.

**Treant Protector**  
**Anthropology**  
**Kerala**  
**Smita nagaraj ma'am board**

**Chairperson:**

Have you read Tagore's book Geetanjali?

Why? It's an easy read?

Okay often with Tagore and other leaders we see that there are lots of debates about them and criticism as well about them. What do you think of this?

Okay but Hitler and Stalin were alive when it happened. What about dead people?

Okay let's do critical analysis in real life? Take any scheme analysis and criticism?

Okay but premiums will be capped. What else?

Why Government is focused on secondary and tertiary care then?

Then isn't it okay to focus on secondary and tertiary and not primary?

How to solve excessive testing and unnecessary procedures in private hospitals?

Why do we get happy when we see Indian names in Fortune 500 companies? They're not Indian citizens?

So why do they leave?

**M1**

Have you heard of Geetanjali Express? (Related to Tagore - daf)

Where does it run from?

Andaman is strategic location why?

Till where does nation's boundary extend?

Have you heard of nautical miles? Till what extent nautical miles is territory?

Why do you read books on human evolution?

Why so many migrants from Kerala in Gulf countries?

So they are skilled?

What state has highest literacy?

How much?

Lowest?

Why still wife beating and domestic violence is high after so much education?

What is criteria of literacy in India?

**M2**

Do you believe in Adam and Eve?

Why not?

Kochi port trust? Tell something about it

Have you seen it?

Kochi and Ernakulam difference?

Jaipur founder?

What other contribution of Sawal Jai Singh?

Mirza Ahmad contribution?

Administrative issues that may arise from PM Jay?

Funding issue would be the biggest problem no?

What do you see when you see a mountain or rock face? (Hobby)



**M3**

Sports why bad in India despite large population, indigenous games, talent availability?

And measures to improve?

How to manage funding balancing between various sectors like health education defence infrastructure?

**M4**

Have you read Tony josephs latest book?

Why not mountaineering? (Hobby)

You mentioned Tax terrorism. Whom does it effect- payers or non payers?

Vivaad se vishwas scheme. is it fair to give amnesty when others have paid tax on time?

What is fatf?

What is grey list?

What action taken by countries on grey list and black list entities?

**Chairperson**

Interference in west asia by USA, what is your take?

Western interference in libya under what clause?

West asia outlook?

**B. Tech, Electrical engineering, worked in Qualcomm**

**optional : Philosophy**

**Hobbies: Playing acoustic drums**

**Interview date : 17/02/2020, Afternoon session**

**Total time: 29minutes**

**Panel : TCA Anant**

**CM :**

Chairman started reading my DAF....u have done Btech from xyz....then u've worked in Qualcomm...

1. What is Qualcomm? What does it do?

2. What is internet of things?

3. Why is it a future technology? Every technology is evolving, when would u say that it has arisen?

4. What is 5g?

5. What did you do in the 5g project?

**M2 :**

1. So u are from Delhi..what would be the advantages if delhi is given full statehood?

2. Aadhaar case and privacy at supreme court verdict? Could u elaborate on that..what was the verdict?

3. What is the diff between sagarmala and bharatmala?

4. What other initiatives do you think will help India achieve \$5tn economy?

**M3:**

1. So u've done electrical engineering. Tell me how is hydroelectricity produced?

2. What about run-off the river projects?

3. What is the megawatt rating of a hydro plant?

3. What is the max amount of power that a hydro power plant generates? You know about max capacity hydropower plant in India or the world?

4. What is mini hydro? Do you know the diff between mini hydro and large hydro in terms of MW ?

5. What is the FUNCTIONAL (said it 2 times) difference between mini hydro and large hydro?

6. Can electricity be stored??. (I said no, but only converted to some other form).....then what do we do if we generate excess electricity, what do we do with it?
7. Ok let's come to electronics...I have two questions..what is the difference between GSM and CDMA?
8. Is the CDMA technology in use anywhere? Where is it maximum used?
9. Has India used CDMA technology at any point?
10. U have been in Qualcomm which is a very big company..why did you leave your job.? You must be getting a very high pay...
11. You know what is the AGR issue? What exactly is AGR? in one line..tell me what is the controversy? 1999 revenue sharing model..what was before it? So if a telecom company has no profit, it did not have to pay charges to govt ? But presently all telecom companies are in losses, how to revive them?

**M4.:**

1. U play acoustic drums? So can you tell me what is the difference of frequency/vibration to a listener when he listens to a string instrument and a percussion instrument?
2. You are from Delhi and u have done electrical engineering as well, we are pushing for electric vehicles and we also have CNG vehicles. Can you do a comparison between them?
3. You like philosophy also? Which philosopher do you like the most? Why?
4. Have u heard about dashnami order which Adi shankara had established? What is it?
5. Do you know the story of how he went to the Himalayas?
6. Who is your favourite in Western philosophy? Why?
7. Have u heard of ..... (some psychologist name).
8. Cyber crimes and security threats are increasing nowadays. We also have an IT Act..u must have read about the act... Do you think our IT Act has enough provisions to tackle these issues of future?
9. So you are saying that the laws of Macaulay were also sufficient enough?
10. You chose philosophy as optional despite doing electrical engineering. Can you tell why so many engineers dread taking their own subjects?

**M5:**

1. U have been involved in "social- development projects". could u tell about it? What did you do? Were they implemented in Delhi? What were those projects? What was the target communities?
2. Have u heard about SHGs in rural India? What is their significance?
3. Suppose u are a district head. What would be your priority areas for women of rural areas? Tell us what comes immediately to your mind...just 3 points..

**Chairman:** okay Thank you. You may go now.

**State; Karnataka**

**Optional; PSIR**

**Graduation; mechanical engg**

**Board; PK Joshi**

**Ch:**

1. Question on hometown, places where I studied.
2. Why cleaning Ganga is not successful? What should be the measures?
3. What are the causes of underground water pollution?

**MI:**

1. How India should balance between USA,China, Russia?

2. US Iran conflict? What are India's interest ? What stand should India take?
3. India's Refugee policy. And what is the significance of giving asylum to Dalai Lama?
4. Role of G-20, BRICS,SCO.? Why formed?
4. Question on cyber technology. Advantages and disadvantages.
5. Difference between electrical vehicles and IC engine vehicles

**M2:**

1. Questions about nutrition , why immunization of girls is low? Measures to improve.
2. Water crisis in Bengaluru, and BBMP role in handling real estate business.
3. Skewed development in Karnataka . Inequality

**M3:**

1. How to improve engg research india? What will you do if you are secretary R&D?
2. Is mechanical engg becoming redundant? Why other fields such as electronics growing faster?
3. How is India's foreign policy working in present situation? Any measures to improve it .

**M4:**

1. Asked person of my name,said I don't know.
2. Asked about ' karanji' ( word was in my DAF) , said don't know.
3. Karnataka politics. Caste politics in Karnataka
4. Any important politician from home district? Contributions.
5. Question on QUAD.

**Maithili Literature****Playing cricket, Interacting with people****Jharkhand****AFHQ, 2017****Bhosale Sir Board (35 mins)****Chairman :-**

You seem familiar?( I had given my interview last year in the same board and had got very low marks)

So, you got the service? ( No Sir, I was selected in 2017 CSE, last year I couldn't qualify in the final list)

So, you know the rules of the game so shall I start bombarding you?

The place where you sit is place where you stand (pointing towards my chair ) , what do you understand by this?

What do you understand by geopolitics in terms of the above quote?

What do you understand by responsive and accountable health care?

Social determinants of health?

**M1:-**

Tell me about shreya Singhal case?

Tell me exactly what SC said?

Why was it( section 66A) unconstitutional?

Tell me exactly why SC said that it is unconstitutional?

**M2:-**

Tell me geographical advantage of India?

Tell me the advantage in relation to Pakistan?

**M3:-**

Tell me about contribution of Vidyapati?

Role of literature ?

Apart from social aspect any other point?

Isn't it important for human existence?

What is existentialism?

What is required for human existence?

**M4 ( Lady Member ):-**

Tell me what is RK Mission ( Daf based )?

What is it's Motto?

Places associated with Vivekananda and Ramakrishna Paramhansa?

What is importance of Chicago conference?

What did you learn while graduating from the school?

**Chairman :-**

What is difference between urgent work and important work ,tell me based on your work experience in govt sector?

How will you do that in your district?

(Very pin pointed questions and they were probing me on number of points rather than elaboration and asking me to move on to the next point, they were looking for very specific words and number of points told by literally counting the number of points I spoke)

(Felt much better compared to last year due to preciseness in the questions)

**18th Feb- Forenoon****Background-**

**Civil Engineering (BIT Mesra), sociology, Work experience in Amazon, Uttar Pradesh Board- TCA Anant**

**CP-**

1. Reading from DAF, you graduated in 2015, what have you been doing since then?
2. What was your role in Amazon?
3. What is the public perception of Amazon and e commerce in general?
4. Isn't giving deep discounts a good thing?
5. What can be the benefits of e commerce?

**M1-**

1. Why did you switch to sociology as your optional?
2. Do you know sanskritization theory and who gave it?
3. Which castes have gone for it?
4. What process did they use to achieve it?
5. How have the Yadavs in UP done it?
6. What is the main obstacle to gender empowerment and how should we address it?

**M2-**

1. Why is the status of women better in marwari families?
2. What is the objective of Hindu succession act?
3. Should we bring in uniform civil code?
4. By not bringing UCC aren't we bring treated differently and some sections as super citizens? ?
5. Tell me a few progressive legislations in muslim community?

6. What is look east policy?

**M3-** (asked too many technical questions)

1. What are the main minerals of Jharkhand? (College in Jharkhand)
2. What percentage Fe content is needed to economically extract it from iron ore?
3. What is the difference between mechanized bricks and normal bricks?
4. What is the area of cement to steel in a RCC pillar?
5. What are the technologies used in prefabricated concrete?
6. Do you prefer centralisation of governance or decentralisation?

**M4-**

1. What is ISA? What is India's role in it?
2. What is FATF and its role?
3. What steps has pakistan recently taken to avoid blacklisting?
4. Tell me about China's debt diplomacy?
5. Which countries are impacted by it?

**Date of interview--19 Feb**

**Profile-**

**Home state - Bihar**

**B tech - IIT Roorkee, mechanical engineering**

**Optional-- mechanical engineering**

**Work ex- 2 years at Engineers India Limited.**

**Working for 2 years at Central Electricity**

**Hobby- watching football and studying tactics.**

**CP-**

1. What is your role at CEA.
2. When was IIT Roorkee established. When it was named Thomson college of engineering. When it was named university of Roorkee? When its name was changed to IIT Roorkee.
3. How would you use your knowledge of mechanical engineering in administration.
4. What is pert.
5. Name one tool which can be used to improve administration?

**M1**

1. What is honour killing.
2. Why does honour killing still exist.
3. What steps need to be taken to eradicate these.
4. Do you read books?
5. Why do people move abroad after engineering?
6. What difference do they feel after going abroad.

**M2**

1. Why have you always preferred government jobs compared to private jobs.
2. What if your current organisation is privatised.
3. Why government is privatising air India.
4. So do you think private sector optimally utilises the resources? Why jet Airways became bankrupt then.
5. Why everything is moving from mechanical to electrical like electrical trains, e vehicles etc.
6. What is role of mechanical engineering in power sector.

**M3**

1. Litchi caused so many deaths in bihar. What can be done?
2. Tell 2 best football players in contemporary world.
3. Who is better among Messi and Ronaldo.
4. Why do you think Messi is better.
5. Why India is not able to perform in hockey, football etc games.
6. Do you think private investment is required to promote these games?
7. What do you think about freebies culture in government. Is it good for economy?

**M4**

1. Why bihar is facing so many floods.
2. Kosi is called as curse as well as boon for bihar. Explain this sentence.
3. What steps can be taken to prevent floods in Kosi.
4. Have you heard of case in bhagalpur in which the accused were made blind by police?
5. Do you think it is correct method to punish convicts?

**Gujarat****Sociology Optional****Hobby - Reading and listening to verses of Kabir****Job : RBI Assistant (2 yrs) and Probationary Dy Collector Gujarat****P K Joshi Sir Board****CP : Why civil services?**

Ur preference of service?

Why not IAAS as 1st preference? (Due to B.Com background)

Profile of Assistant in RBI

NPAs - Volume and present status. Reasons (RBI work experience)

"Auditor is a watchdog not a bloodhound." Meaning and in which case was it used?

How knowledge of commerce will help in civil services?

**M1**

Problem of Unemployment - Real or Hype?

Reasons to support your argument

Educated Unemployment - Have you heard of it?

What is structural unemployment?

Recently RBI has imposed restrictions on 2 banks - which are they?

difference between the PSBs Pvt Banks and Coop banks?

**M2 (Lady Member) - Sociology and Gujarat**

Have you been to NE India?

Education is low - Reasons

Patriarchy - why does it still persists? Is it prevailing in lower class alone? Correlation between patriarchy and education?

What can be done to improve sex ratio?

Gujarat Wild Ass Sanctuary -

Sabarmati filled with Waters of Naramada - How far justified?

Why use funds for beautification of river front? Water used in river front can be used for irrigation?

What should be the priority?

**M3**

Why Audit frauds?

What actions can be taken?

Means to resource/fund projects in govt or Pvt companies?

If you are a DM, how will you use your knowledge of B.Com in improving the school?

**M4**

What is Ulat Bansi of Kabir? (Hobby)

Recite Kabir's Ulat Bansi

What was purpose of using it?

There is a song of Kabir Mann Lago Mero Yaar Fakiri Mein. Recite it for us.

Gandhi's Talisman What was it?

Gandhi's favorite bhajan - Vaishnav Jana to Tene Re Kahiye - Who wrote it and recite few lines

School infrastructure in govt schools is not up to the mark in Gujarat? Why?

Rakhiyal Why communally sensitive?

Why intermixing of religion not happening in Ahmedabad? Separate colonies for Hindus and Muslims?

Disturbed Areas Act - Have you heard about it? What is it?

As a Civil servant, ur preference - AC Cabin or Working in slums?

**CM**

Ur Interview is over. U can go now.

**Board - Dr. T C A Anant.**

**already in service - Indian Trade Service (ITS)**

**Most of the questions revolved around trade.**

**CM-**

you have done b tech. worked in companies as well. good. now in ITS. when did you join ?

which batch ?

how many months of training ? where are you posted now. what is the posting ? what work do you do ? What exactly the job profile of ITS.

**M1:**

what is FTA ?

what has been the status of fta of India with others? advantages and disadvantages?

is there fta with china ? no then why so much trade deficit ? with whom we have signed fta tell me the status of fta ?

how much is the trade deficit with Japan, south korea?

what is anti dumping duty? is there any law ? how is it being implemented? who implements it? tell me whole process. have we used anti dumping against any country ? yes, china. okay on which products? I said steel, is there any other product?

what is safeguard duty ? how antidumping is different from safeguard duty ?

Some computer technology question asked , unable to recall

**M2:**

Tell me details about Foreign Trade policy? i started explaining? countered with not chapterwise but recent developments in FTP?

(few economy and trade related questions but unable to recall and write here)

**M3 (Lady):**

Can you tell me about Indus Water treaty ?

What is Jaish e Mohammad?

How to tackle terrorism?

what is the difference between terrorism and extremism?

how many extremist factions in North east?

How to tackle them ?

Famous Rousseau's quote- we have history bit we have not learnt from history, something like that...can you comment about his statement in present context. whether it is relevant?

**M4 (Lady):**

Should we allow students to take part in politics in college and universities?

how will you tackle the agitated students? if you DM of that district and mob is violent what steps will you take ? What are the Gandhian principles that still hold ground in today's world and you will implement?

**CM:**

Interview is over. You can go.

**UPSC interview on 19th February, 2020. Afternoon session**

**I was the third person to be interviewed.**

**Board: P.K. Joshi sir**

**Time: (03:15 to 03:30).**

**Education: Aeronautical Engineering; Masters in Public Administration**

**Optional: Pub Ad**

**Hobbies: Running, Playing Sudoku, Chess**

**NCC "C" certificate**

**Air India work experience**

**Home state: Telangana**

The interview was more on my DAF based and less current affairs. Even current affairs was DAF based not something new.

**Chair:** So your name is XXXXXX

**Chair:** Please sit down

**Chair:** So, you have done aeronautical engineering and aerospace engineering.

**Chair:** so why didn't you go along in that sector?

**Chair:** So you did engineering and don't you think you are wasting public money? How could your engineering knowledge help in administration?

**Chair:** What is the difference between helicopter and aircraft?

Capital in Andhra, How did telangana benefit from bifurcation

Chair passed on the baton to MI sir.

**MI:** So you have done course on decentralisation?

**MI:** What is decentralisation? How do you see decentralisation when there is mergers and amalgamations in departments?

**MI:** There are mergers in departments, amalgamations in private sector. So in that situation how can you ensure decentralisation. Does that go against the concept of decentralisation?

**MI:** What is meant by globalisation?

**MI:** So, what are the negative impacts of globalisation in developing countries?



**M1:** Ok, that is the cultural part of it. How is the economy being impacted because of globalisation?

**M1:** So, if you are made to improve manufacturing sector, how would you do it?

**M1:** How would you identify the indigenous knowledge and manufacturing potential?

**M1:** How do you see the potential of Make in India scheme? Why do you think it achieved or failed in achieving its goal?

**M1:** What measures would you suggest?

Baton passed to M2 sir.

**M2:** What is XXXXX mean? Is it your father's name?

**M2:** So you have done NCC. Why didn't you join Airforce?

**M2:** So, you come from warangal district. there is a problem of Naxalism. How did the government resolved this problem?

**M2:** So you run marathons? do you run half marathon or full marathon?

**M2:** Why do certain tribes in Ethiopia win most marathons?

**M2:** Do you know about the lambadas in your state?

**M2:** tell me their lifestyle and their way of living?

**M2:** Is there any conflict between the other tribes and lambadas?

**M2:** Urdu poetry came from the Deccan region. Some of the finest urdu poetry and poets came from the Deccan region. Why do you think so?

**M2:** Why is the present urdu poetry not gaining such popularity that once it is recognised for?

Baton passed to M3 sir.

**M3:** Description about the irrigation project. asked me to name the project.

**M3:** Do you know about the Ivanka trump visit? (some description about Ivanka trump visit)

**M3:** Described about the road safety and increased fines on citizens. There is laxity on the part of the municipal authorities. How do you view this?

**M3:** Recently, there is a change in India map. Do we have any conflicts with the neighbouring nations?

**M3:** Who are razakars?

**M3:** Does playing sudoku gives happiness, or relaxedness or relieves stress?

Passed baton to M4 (mam)

**M4:** Running. Why isn't it popular?

Unable to recollect the questions asked by the M4 member. But mostly profile based questions.

**Optional: Sociology**

**Board : Prof. P.K Joshi**

**Date : 19/02/2020 Afternoon Session**

**\*Chairman\* :**

1) You have completed your Engineering in 2014 and working in Commercial Tax Dept, GoK.

Tell me about the nature of your work.

2) How your Engineering knowledge is helping in your present work?

3) Tell me about different softwares that you have used during your Engineering. Does any of it hold relevance in your present work?

4) If you are made the commissioner of Commercial Tax Dept of your state what measures would you take to double the GST collections in a specified period?

5) Tell me some unique features of your state Karnataka.

**\*Member 1\* :**

- 1) There is ongoing Rural to urban migration in India. What are the main reasons for this trend?
- 2) In China there are restrictions on Rural to Urban migration. Should such restrictions be introduced in India?
- 3) What are the problems of migrant poors?
- 4) As an administrator, what measures would you take to address these problems?
- 5) How to make cities safe for women?
- 6) Tell me about changing trends in Kannada film industry?
- 7) Have you watched any of Mr. Girish Kasaravalli's movies?
- 8) You seem to be soft-spoken. The work you do is enforcement activities including search and seizure which creates fear among people. How do you manage it?

**\*Member 2\* :**

- 1) Why is the Indian export slowing down? How can we boost the export in present economic scenario?
- 2) What are the problems with respect to manufacturing sector in India?
- 3) How to ensure the quality of manufactured products match the global standards?
- 4) You are working in Tax Department after holding Engineering degree. Are you satisfied with the work you are doing?
- 5) What motivated you to shift from Engineering stream to civil service?

**\*Member 3\* :**

- 1) So you're Mithun.  
What's the meaning of your name?  
Have you heard of a cattle in the north east named "Mithun"?
- 2) Imagine I'm a Jallikattu activist and you're Mithun (the cattle) , make a convincing argument against the sport.
- 3) Tell me about the philosophy and preachings of Sri Narayana Guru and Basavanna?
- 4) In the land of Basavanna, we have lately seen the murders of Gauri Lankesh and M.M Kalburgi. Is the intolerance growing in the state of Karnataka in particular and India in general?
- 5) How to promote positive ideological interaction in our society? Suggest some measures.

**\*Member 4\* :**

When we talk of Karnataka, one name that comes to my mind is that of Field Marshal Cariappa. He once stated that there is a need for military rule in India. What's your opinion on this?

**\*Chairman\* :** Thank you.

**Sainik School Goaplara (Assam), NIT Jamshedpur**

**State: Bihar**

**Work: Decision Scientist in Mu Sigma, Bengaluru for almost 2 years**

**Optional: Geography**

**Sports: Basketball**

**(Other details were not touched upon. NCC A certificate, debating, award during employment, etc fall in this category)**

**Board: PK Joshi**

Brief assessment: Extremely cordial board. I have heard negative reviews about the Board but I'd like to humbly disagree with those reviews. My experience suggests otherwise.

**C:** You did your schooling in Sainik School, then went to Guru Gobind Singh School, then NIT Jamshedpur and finally pursued a job in My Sigma in Bengaluru. Is that right?

**S:** Yes sir

**C:** so how often do you go to Bihar?

**S:** sir mostly during annual vacations.

**C:** so what was your job as a decision scientist?

**S:** sir it combines the profile of a business analyst and a data scientist. The idea is to solve business problems and take business decisions based on data rather than intuition.

**C:** Okay. So after 2015 you have been preparing. Where have you been living?

**S:** Sir I've been living in Patel Nagar in Delhi.

**C:** you've lived for a long time in Patel Nagar now. What are the issues in this area?

**S:** sir from the perspective of a student high rent is one issue. Apart from that there is an increased pressure on local infrastructure including transport infra. Also, bye laws are flouted frequently by coaching institutes and shops in the area as they run commercial operations in residential buildings.

**C:** okay. So if you get posted as SDM in this area how will you solve the problem?

**S:** Sir the first attempt would be at decongesting the area by spreading out the institutes a bit. Second, it is increasingly being realised that urban areas should actually see the coexistence of commercial and residential uses of buildings do as to reduce time spent on travel and reduce pollution. So I'd also like to tweak the bye laws a bit to accommodate that. At the same time I'll take due care that safety norms are not compromised.

**C:** You have studied in Sainik School. Then why did you not join armed forces?

**S:** Sir I have given both NDA and CDS exams. But I suffer from Eosinophilia and army does not allow entry of people suffering from it.

**C:** Okay. Pointed towards M2.

**M2:** So I see that you have lived a lot in eastern India. Born and brought up in Bihar. Then a lot in Jharkhand. Tell me why do you think there is an issue of development in eastern India while western parts like Gujarat and Maharashtra have developed well?

**S:** sir the reasons are multifarious. Historically while Bombay presidency did well Bihar and Odisha suffered during British rule. Second would be political where, say my state Bihar has suffered long duration of poor governance. And third would be social - caste divide continues to be deep which hampers development. When it becomes easy to garner votes based on caste identities developmental agenda takes a back seat.

**M2:** but these regions are resources-rich. And there are industries like Tata flourishing. Then why is the issue?

**S:** sir the industries in this region are capital intensive and not labour intensive. So compared to Punjab and Haryana where textile industry has generated a lot of jobs the steel industry hasn't done so in Jharkhand. An example is Jamshedpur itself. If you come to Jamshedpur you'll see a good standard of life but the same is not reflected in areas around the city. There's also the issue of what we can call quote-unquote resource curse. The region has largely been seen as one that can provide resources. The participation of tribals and their development hasn't been on agenda equally.

**M2:** I see you've lived a lot in Bihar and Jharkhand. Where would you say you're from?

**S:** Sir I'd say Bihar.

**M2:** okay. Tell me despite separation of Jharkhand why has it not flourished?

**S:** Sir Jharkhand was separated in the interest of tribal population. But the population of tribals in the state is still around 30-35% only. This has been coupled with a lot of political instability. In the first 9 years of formation Jharkhand saw 5 chief ministers.

becomes difficult to grow in these conditions.

**M2:** okay. So you have worked in analytics. Did that involve behaviour of people?

**S:** yes sir. Though it's a part of overall data analytics, nonetheless it's an important one.

**M2:** then tell me this - using this data when an advertisement company issues a misleading advertisement on TV that you can grow tall or become slim using some product, do you think that should be banned?

**S:** sir actually tv advertising does not involve analytics much. The profiling is done for cases where targeting can be done. For example if you open Facebook the advertisement shown to you depends on your age, gender, location, what time of the day you are, etc. Backend profiling is done for it. In case of tv such segregation can't be done. Nonetheless, as far as misleading advertisements are concerned, they amount to cheating people directly and thus should be banned whether on TV, or social media.

**M2:** okay. (Nodded towards chairman)

**M3 (lady):** So you are from Bihar. We see there are so many good officers coming out of poor states like Bihar. And yet the state hasn't done well. What do you think is the problem? Is public service irrelevant?

**S:** Ma'am public service is definitely relevant as it provides institutional memory, thus helping in policy formulation and execution. However, it's not sufficient. For example in my district there is a vacancy of 52 doctors in the district hospital but only 8 doctors are working. This is because the salary given to them is Rs 44,000 only - which is not attractive for them at all. In these situations a District Magistrate becomes helpless. So whole of the government will have to be improved.

**M3:** Okay. There was a recent policy in Bihar on prohibition. What is the status? Has it succeeded?

**S:** Ma'am initially the law has done well and people's, particularly women's, response was spectacular. But lately there have been many implementation issues. First, bootlegging is becoming common, second, trafficking of both liquor and drugs has increased lately, and third in the recent raids by Bihar police in their own police stations many policemen were caught using alcohol. There have been increasing reports of women complaining that now they're losing out even more as the liquor available in black market is more costly. So no income is left with the household.

**M3:** And what about the impact on Scheduled castes and tribes? There is an increasing number of them in the jails?

**S:** yes ma'am. They were employed in the alcohol industry in large numbers and have been rendered jobless due to the ban. Due to this many have been pushed into illegal manufacture and bootlegging. We actually need to liberalise the bail norms for them. (I realize I should have also talked about jobs for them, but I didn't)

**M3:** but then isn't it like creating a monster first and then trying to liberalise that? We are also spending a lot on the policing to enforce it.

**S:** ma'am the legislation continues to be for people's welfare. And that's what the state is for. So yes there have been losses. The state has lost rs 4000 crore per annum in revenue too. But such expenses have to be taken up if welfare of people is involved.

**M3:** but don't you think it should be left to people to decide what they or should not do? We are in a society that is increasingly becoming educated. It should be people's choice.

**S:** Ma'am ideally, yes. The prohibition law is definitely like a Victorian moral legislation imposed on people. However, we need to see the social context within which the law came. The biggest stakeholders - women - came out to vote for the incumbent CM in large numbers because he had announced prohibition. They continue to be the biggest stakeholders and they support the move.

**M3:** but the mentality of men hasn't changed. Gender issue remains.

**S:** ma'am it's like looking at means and ends. If I could take another analogy to explain. If one argues that guns shouldn't be banned in US to curb violence but the reliance should solely be on social cohesion, it doesn't make sense. Both the things have to be pursued in I.

**M3:** big smile. Passes the buck.

**M4:** You have lived in Bihar, Bengaluru and now Delhi. How have you seen these places change in last 5 years? May be you have not visited Bengaluru lately. But you can talk about Bihar and Delhi.

**S:** Sir I'll start from Bihar. There are small to large changes. For example in my own district there was a long standing demand for a flyover as a railway gate disrupted the traffic heavily on a daily basis. Now that has been constructed by the railway ministry. There have been other infrastructural developments as well. Some cities of Bihar have progressed really well. Patna has seen large infrastructural improvements. TCS has recently opened an office in Patna. This will be helpful for students from Bihar who go out in large numbers to other states to study. Many of them want to come back but lack of jobs in IT sector hampers that. This can improve in future. Coming to Bengaluru, I have not been there recently but I do have friends there with whom I talk. Sadly I have heard more negative news about the city. There is some positive work in expansion of metro. But multiple issues have cropped up. Traffic congestion, water stress and haphazard peri-urban development are some of them. I lived in whitefield which is at one edge of the city. And already a lot of construction was taking place beyond it which was not planned well. Also, Bengaluru has one of the best weathers of the country. But slowly that is also getting compromised. Coming to Delhi, my surrounding does look the same as it was. But I can vouch for one thing. My cook has two sons. And she tells me that while earlier she was embarrassed of the fact that they studied in government school now she feels proud that they study in government schools.

**M4:** So you mean to say that the quality of life has gone up. Why do you think so?

**S:** Sir the focus on health and education by the govt has been extensive. There are the two most fundamental pillars on which quality of life is based. There are some other debatable schemes too which are populist in nature. Free water, electricity, bus rides, etc for which people should actually pay. Yet they have also helped in bringing down the cost of living for the people.

**M4:** Okay. You also talked about water stress. What should be done for that?

**S:** Sir water is increasingly becoming scarce in the country. Even a state like Bihar that has large rivers flowing through it has become water stressed. To counter this we need both local dispersed as well as large projects. Small water harvesting structures can help a lot. This can improve local resource augmentation. Take Delhi for example. It's dependent on rivers from other states. But as their own needs increase the chances of conflict for water between states will increase. So Delhi needs to augment its resources but water harvesting is yet to become common here. At the same time for large areas like Bundelkhand we need canals and dams too. We cannot make this region green only through water harvesting. Also, we will have to change lifestyle to make it less water intensive. For example in USA hand sanitizers are quite common. But rely on water for everything. Such reliance has to reduce.

**M4:** Okay. Passed the buck. [he had kept smiling throughout the conversation with him]

**M1** (probably from NE, I found it a bit difficult to understand him): So how far is Khagaria from Motihari?

**S:** Sir Motihari is in North West Bihar while Khagaria is South east relative to center. So there is a good distance.

**M1:** Are you aware of a famous writer born in Motihari?

**S:** No sir (I am not aware of any writer anyway, so)

**M1:** He has written some famous books like...[names]..have you read any of them?

**S:** No sir I have not.

**MI:** His name is George (I'm not sure if this is the name he took). Okay, so you have written basketball. Recently a famous basketball personality died. He also had a blot on his career regarding issues related to women. Can you tell me something about him?

**S:** Yes sir. Kobe Bryant has died recently in a helicopter crash. As far as basketball is concerned he isy one of the undisputed legends. However, he does carry a blot of alleged sexual harassment in his career.

**MI:** Okay. You have lived in whitefield. There are issues of land grabbing there by powerful politicians of the state. If you are posted there as an administrator what will you do to tackle this?

**S:** Sir between political and permanent executives political executives hold an edge when it comes to power. But their accountability lies with people and they are afraid of people only. So I will try to bring it to the notice of the people as to who is grabbing land illegally. This can put pressure on them. Apart from that law also has to be enforced (I started thinking how to do that)....if I could take a moment to think...

**MI:** Sure, take your time.

**S:** Long pause

**MI:** It's okay. In my experience of 40 years as an administrator I have not found an answer to this question. I just thought you might have one.

[M4 started laughing, the whole Board started laughing and I laughed along]

**C:** Thank you. Your interview is over.

**Board: Smita Nagaraj Ma'am**

**Date: 21th February, 2020, Afternoon session**

**College: Assam University, Silchar, B.Tech(IT)**

**Optional: PSIR**

**Company: Huawei technology in Bangalore**

**Hobbies: technical blog writing + Walking everyday**

**Smita ma'am**

1. What are you doing currently ?
2. How is your working experience in Huawei ?
3. Why Huawei is in news ? Why so many allegations ?
4. What implication on 5G implementation in India ?
5. Which is more threat - state controlled company or individual owned company ?
6. Your personal experience regarding firewalls & security in Huawei & is it effective ?
7. In which field of civil services do you wish to work & your priorities ?

**Member -1:**

1. Law & order situation in UP ?
2. Why vacancy of DGP post or Chief secretary post ?
3. Police commissioner system in UP & its effectiveness ?
4. 2 top priority as Chief secretary of UP & counter question ?
5. Food processing sectors issue ?
6. Issue of fertilizers & pesticides in agriculture ?
7. US-Iran issue & implications on India ?

**Member-2:**

1. Tell me something about Agra apart from Taj Mahal ?
2. Any other things named as "Taj Mahal" ?

3. Blogging ? Recent post which you have written ?
4. 5G vs 4G technologies ?
5. Why telecom companies are in distress ? Can we still implement 5G technology in India ?
6. Difference b/w walking & jogging ?
7. As DM of Agra, how to stop harmful chemical use in vegetables ?
8. Tell few names of these chemicals ?

**Member-3:**

1. Theme of budget 2020-21 & its pillars ?
2. Why new tax regime & implications on revenue ?
3. FRBM Act & fiscal deficit targets ?
4. Is it good to breach these target or not & implications ?
5. FTAs - impacts on India ?
6. Huawei: meaning, logo & link with China ?
7. CEA mentioned few acts/policies which negatively impacted Indian economy, can you tell name of these acts

**Member-4:**

1. Issue in Assam ?
2. Whats is the problem of internet in Assam ?
3. Why current violence in Assam ?
4. Why so many frequent cases of gun fire & its implications & how to prevent such cases ?

**Smita ma'am:** your interview is over.

Mostly questions are from DAF & current affairs. Overall good experience

**Hometown : Churu, Rajasthan.**

**Background : Computer Science & Engineering, MNIT Jaipur.**

**Service Experience : Software Engineer with Samsung India Electronics Limited.**

**Optional : Geography**

**Hobby : Watching and playing Cricket, Teaching, Reading Non-fiction.**

**Interview Date : 19th feb 2020 (First to go in the Afternoon Session).**

**Interview Panel Chairperson : Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir.**

**Chairperson:**

1. Do you feel the weight of UPSC Chair ? (Pointing to my gentle sliding of Chair when offered the seat and smilingly saying you can push it harder too).
2. What were you doing after resigning your job ? (Asked while reading out my DAF information regarding graduation and service experience).
3. What is Census and how it is helpful in policy making ?  
->What is so special about this year's census? (1-2 follow up questions on my response).  
->Why is it conducted in phased wise manner and separate enumeration of houses & headcount of population?  
->Link between Census exercise and current NPR ?
4. What is SCO ? Do you think it is just an other multilateral organization without serving any important purpose for securing India's national interests ?  
(1-2 follow up questions with regard to China, Indo-pacific and IRC).

**Member I: (Almost all questions asked from Hobby Section)**

1. Question from Hobby section...(Reading Non-fiction)...which books you have read recently?

->Listed 2-3 books ( 'A Gentleman Spymaster : R N Kao' , '21Lessons for 21st Century', 'Everybody Loves a Good Drought').

2. Questions asked related to the book '21Lessons for 21st Century'

->What all lessons did you got from the book?

->Do you subscribe to author's point of view with regard to future scenarios discussed in the book?

->Various Schools of thought on Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology?

-> Is regulating AI in present time necessary to curtail future repercussions of this technology?

-> What is India doing to reap benefits of AI and other similar Industry 4.0 technologies?

3. What is Secularism concept ? Is mentioning the word 'Secular' makes our constitution secular in its spirit ? Are you aware of any debate on secularism in india ? What is your view on all this debate?

4. What is Institutional Memory? (Context : With reference to the book 'A Gentleman Spymaster: R N Kao').

-> 1-2 follow up questions about R.N.Kao and R&AW.

### Member 2 (Lady Member):

She also kept all discussion related to my hobby section, i.e. Teaching.

1. What all teaching experiences do you have till date ?

2. How do you adjust the teaching methodologies while switching from school level to college level students ?

3. Do you think that urban students require same kind of educational and teaching strategies as that of rural students?

4. Suppose you are a school principal in a rural locality, then what will be your priorities for betterment of education in that area?

5. How do you assess the Right to Education(RTE) Act with regard to its efficacy of fulfilling the objectives of the act ?

6. Did all your knowledge or information regarding teaching pedagogy in india comes from theoretical studies or some ground level experiences from rural, tribal and urban areas?

### Member 3:

1. You have Geography as your optional subject and Rajasthan as home state, then tell me the role of geography as the contributing factor in backwardness or non-development of Rajasthan?

2. Questions on Arawali Range...Its Climatic impact on Rajasthan, Illegal mining happening in Rajasthan and recent supreme court directives on this.

->Suppose you are the DM of a district that involves illegal mining under your jurisdictional area, what will be your priorities to curb the same?

3. Do you think that the MNCs have not contributed enough in growth and development of Indian economy in its manufacturing and services sector ?

(Context : Question generated out of conversation while discussing my service experience in Samsung India Electronics Limited).

4. Samsung's investment plans in next 4-5 years in india.

### Member 4:

1. Why you choose geography as your optional despite having technical background ?

2. What benefits geography offers to an administrator in governance and policy making ?

3. Simultaneous Elections of Lok Sabha and State Assemblies...Pro, Cons and your opinion on the issue.

-> 1-2 follow up questions on Elections and ECI.

4. Do you know about recent Locust Attack in India?

->Is Rajasthan suffering from this attack ?



->Which region of Rajasthan under attack ?

->Any suggestion to curb this?

**Chairperson :**

1. Have you heard about Green Crackers? Is such initiatives are sustainable in curbing air pollution in india?

2. Suppose you are the government nominee in Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), what will you recommend about the stance of policy rate cuts ?

-> 1-2 follow up questions about recent slowdown in economy, rise in inflation and issues in Monetary Policy transmission.

**Chairman :** Our conversation is going quite interesting but have to wind up due to time constraints. Your interview is over now.

Overall Experience:

-> 30-35 minutes interview...Very nice and pleasing experience.

-> BB Vyas Sir was quite cool, composed and interactive...Helped in maintaining my confidence and energy level throught out the conversation.

->Panel members asked questions from almost all sections...although 2 members heavily focussed on hobby section.

->Bottomline: Prepare your DAF quite diligently.

I hope this will help to all those who are yet to go through the interview process or the near future aspirants.

P.S. : Sharing the interview transcript with delaying of 2-3 days because of certain other commitments.

**Chairman - P.K.joshi**

**Date - 17 feb , afternoon hrs - 4.05 - 4.35**

**Optional - Geography , BE mechanical**

**Hobbies - Watching Football and match analysis.**

**Extra curricular - Event for Acid attack victims , drought relief work - Paani foundation**

**Chairman -** Why did you choose mechanical engineering and then why the turn towards civil services ?

**C -** Do you think technical domain will help you in generalistic civil services ?

**C -** As a geography student tell me the difference between geography and geology ?

**C -** tell me about the evolution of himalayas and shiwaliks ?

**MI -** You are DM of the district. How will you address the case of mob lynching ?

**MI -** what are problems of vidarbha and marathwada ? Do you think separate vidarbha demad is the solution ?

**MI -** Swami vivekananda's quote about football . Do you know it ?

**MI -** What is India's rank currently in football ?

**M2 -** What is the meaning of your name ?

**M 2 -** You are from the technical background. What do you think are the necessary changes in make in India programe and skill development ?

**M2 -** As geography student tell me about the significance of Tibet and POK for India ?

**M2 -** Why Is India lacking in football and not cricket ?Can you name Some states known for football?

**M2 -** chappak movie ? What message it gave and why did it did not became successful ?

**M2** - Tell me about the contribution of Mahatma Phule and Shahu maharaj.

**M2-** Tell me something about Maharashtra - Karnataka border dispute.

**M 3** - What are the reasons for economic slowdown in our country ?

**M3** - how will you increase the investment in the economy ?

**M3** - Do you think corporate tax cuts has really lead to infusion of money in the economy ?

**M3-** Why are foreign countries reluctant to invest in Manufacturing sector ?

**M4** - You come from Karad. Tell me about karad in 3-4 lines.

**M4** - How will you stop the sale of acids ?

**M4** - Do you know Beed district ? What is it known for ?

Hint - lowest sex ratio . What do you think are the reasons ? How can the female foeticide be addressed ?

**M4** - Sugarcane is a water guzzling crop ? Why is it being promoted still ? Why is govt not moving away from sugarcane ?

Thankyou

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#### **Chairman-**

Very welcoming and greeted in telugu "Mr Reddy Kurchondi"

1. Came directly to point-Why do you want to join cs
2. Being mechanical engineer tata ashok leyland pays you lot of money why not that?
3. are you coming for that power dadagiri and all?
4. chalo if i dont give you car ,half of salary will you still serve?

#### **Member I**

1. What are we referring to when we say war targets and what do our forces target?
2. tell me about uav and manned vehicle difference
3. what are the strategies adopted by army at border
4. what are other applications of uav
5. tell me abt narayana junior clg and type of teaching there
6. did it help in your mechanical engg

**M2 (lady)** -she was facing chairman and looking behind to ask qstns

- 1 tell me about ne insurgency
- 2 forest rights act
- 3 no of tribals in telangana
- 4 what is vipassana(daf)

**M3-** cordial of everyone

- 1 what is trickle down economics
- 2 what is alternative theory
- 3 what is welfare economics
- 4 what must state adopt
- 5 what is karting
- 6 what exactly did you do
- 7 do you drive in an race

**M4** - his voice was very low could not even listen qstn

- 1 not able to listen said sorry sir i cant hear- he skipped the question
- 2 what is thermo couple

3 new development has come in painting tell me

**Chairman sir-** final authenticity check

1 what did you do as a traffic commando

2 tell me date time and year

He said Thank you- i was still in mood of interview did not leave-he told to leave politely?

Stopped me again , showed my photo and asked if it is me #bassithings

Overall board was cordial.

**DOI - 21st Feb Forenoon, Board- Smita Nagaraj Mam**

**Optional- PSIR**

**Education- B.A. Pol Science 2019 pass out, BHU Varanasi**

**Schooling- Sainik School and Military College**

**Home State - Bihar**

**Sports- Hockey, Boxing and Mountaineering**

**Had Won GOC UB Area Best in Leadership Trophy, Student Coordinator Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2019**

**Hobbies- Chess, Cross Country Running and trekking**

**CM-** You are 21 and graduated in 2019 only. Don't you think that you should do some research, gain some experience in a job and then appear for Civil Services?

What are the other ways except Civil Services and Defence Services through which you can serve the country?

What are qualities of a leader?

Your haircut is like a military personnel. In defence when a leader says right then subordinates move right and when he says left , subordinates move left. But it doesn't happen in Civils. How will you handle such situation?

There are people much more experienced than you and know tricks of the game. If they happen to your subordinates, what will be your approach? They may dupe you.

Why people don't want to work and how will you motivate them?

You said we should have rule of law not rule of men. In your home state,it doesn't seem to happen. Your views?

Your favourite leader?

- Dr Kalam

Why? What is Vision 2020?

Is it because he also wished to join Air Force initially?

- Had light moment and everyone burst into laughter

Last Question- Tell me difference between 'Tell leader' and 'Sell leader'?

**MI-**

What do you know about his academic records?

Should a person who has failed 10th exam be a role model for youngsters?

What is the condition of Indian economy?

What are green shoots which you just said?

Steps taken by Govt. and February monetary policy?

How to boost the growth?

What is constitutional scheme to manage financial relations between Centre and states?

Why states are unhappy?

Terms of reference of 15th Finance Commission?

Why southern states are protesting?

**M2:**

Continuing from leadership, what are types of leadership?

Let me explain it for you, if one type is autocratic leadership. What are others?

What kind of leader is Abiy Ahmed Ali?

- Said I am unable to recall his contributions.

What do you think about merger of overseas affairs ministry and MEA?

- probably based on my participation in PBD 2019

What was the impact of dissolution of USSR on Indian foreign policy?

Can Indian states also breakdown like USSR?

**M3:**

You have won Sword of Honour named after a Air Chief Marshal, who is the present Air Chief?

What is CDS?

To whom does he report directly PM or DM?

You have done your graduation from Varanasi, I think Swachh Bharat Mission was started from Varanasi. What has been the impact of SBM in Varanasi?

Ok now tell me it's impact all over the country?

China has been claiming rights over Arunachal Pradesh. Should we do the same for Tibet?

What do you know about South China Sea Dispute?

Countries involved and PCA ruling?

**M4:**

How many times India has won Gold medal (Hockey) in Olympics?

Years?

Last time?

Why not winning since then?

Your hopes for Olympics 2020?

What do you know about gol Ghar? ( Important place in Patna)

How far is it from Gandhi Maidan?

Counter- Tell me the exact distance??

- Said sorry Sir, I am unable to recall the exact distance

coming back to leadership. Let's assume that you have qualities of a leader but still you commit a mistake. How will you respond?

I am giving you a quote. Decipher this for us, " Now, we have guided missiles and misguided Men".

As a leader, how will you guide those misguided Men?

**Chairman Mam-** your interview is over. You may go. Our best wishes for your future endeavors.

I was third to go. Interview lasted for almost 35 minutes.

Overall Board was cordial.

My half of interview revolved around leadership. Chairman mam asked me lots of counter questions.

Some people call it grilling but I never felt so.

Had post vibes at last. Felt better than mocks.

**Board : Sujata mehta**  
**Degree: B.Sc Agriculture**  
**Optional: Political Science**  
**Work experience: Working in Agri department**  
**State: Tamilnadu**

**Chairman:**

- 1) Introduce yourself to the board
  - 2) Tel me about your work nature..
  - 3) What is E-Governance
  - 4) Do we have network connectivity all over India
- and follow up questions on Internet connectivity

**M1**

- 1) Differnce between presidential and parliamentary form of government which one is best for India
- 2) India is moving towards USA does it mean we r moving away from Russia
- 3) What is End of Ideology thesis and multipolarity
- 4) In what way social media helps the government
- 5) What about fake news
- 6) How will you address privacy

**M2**

- 1) Tell me the leadership qualities
- 2) You want to be a Leader or Boss
- 3) when a higher official puts pressure on you to do something which is against the law what will you do..
- 4) Communism or capitalism which one is best and why

**M3**

- 1) If you are a Tourism secretary how will you promote Tourism in the country
- 2) What is the controversy between periyar and Rajini
- 3) Asked about Cine stars entering politics and hero worship culture of India...
- 4) whether the present generation youth has come out of it or not
- 5) About GM crops and health impacts associated with that
- 6) Turkey and Malaysia speaking against India,What India should do?Whether India's reply is inadequate or we need to do more

**M4**

- 1) Tell me the Israel Model of Agriculture
- 2) Can we replicate the same in India
- 3) Climate smart agriculture and follow up questions on the same topic
- 4) Is cooperative farming possible in India
- 5) Whatever measures we take corruption prevails in the country...How we should address Corruption..

**Chairman:** You want us to ask any area

Thank you

Few questions I forgot

Overall cordial board ..

**Bassi Sir Board | Forenoon Session**  
**B Tech, IIT D, Chemical**

**M1**

- Is this your photo?
- why no moustache now?
- tell me about this CAA, why people are protesting?
- how will you handle protesters who are blocking a connecting road?

**M2**

- What chemical is used for cloud seeding?
- What is the problem of locust, which pesticide we use
- what is the problem of killing locust with pesticide
- which states are affected
- what is the long term solution ( was not prepared on this topics, things didnt go well )

**M3**

- what are challenges between India US relations ( i said sir 4 points - better military co-operation, IP laws of India, VISA rules for Indians, opening up farm sector of India, etc )
- which President according to you has been best for India ( i was going to say Obama, but read somewhere that it was Bush, Civil Nuclear Co-operation and all that, he seemed satisfied
- can you tell which all presidents have visited india, i said nixon, kennedy, clinton, bush, obama and now donald trump , not sure if i missed someone )
- what is the main dilemma before USA in promoting India in indo-pacific

**M4**

- what chemical is used as nerve gas, phosgene etc
- convention on use of chemical warfare
- is india signatory to it
- what will be impact of corona virus in trade and overall impact on Indian economy ( i said sir mobile, ac , medicines, will become expensive ) , he said what we can do, i said sir make in india
- what is the challenge before steel insutry form china, usa
- solar issue wrt usa and china ( mainly trade questions, i answered some, some i said i dont know )
- are subsidies good or bad

**C1**

- you read books, which book yu have read last
- tell me what you liked about the book
- last question, why you want to join IAS (was not convinced at all )

**Interview board- R N Choubey**

**date-24 Feb 20**

**optional -Anthropology**

**edu- B. Tech-CSE, MBA (business economics)**

**hobby- reading, trekking**

**job- pertains to agri trade**

**C-** tell me about yourself?

what is soil health card?

what is pmfby?

do you think it is successful? what is the need for soil health card?

dont remember I more question

**M1-lady-** what is precision agriculture? what is quantum computing? what did you not like in btech?  
what would you like to change?

**M2-** why did you take anthropology? what did anthropology teach you?

AGR-telcom? many counter questions

case study-what if your subordinate commits a mistake while writing a report which you forwarded to the senior. He presented the report and appreciated you. Later you come to know about it?

**M3-** issues of economy? why rural consumption demand is poor?

Trekking, its effect on environment and solution? which right is the most imp right as per you?

**M4-** immunity available to governor?

what is gvc? gvc in food products?

multiple state capitals-views?

2-3 questions i forgot that M2 and M4 asked.

Very cordial board esp the chairman

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Sujata Mehta Board, 19/02/20.**

**Chairman:** 1.Introduce yourself. 2.What you do in your free time. 3.My related questions like pre gst & post gst changes, challenges faced, experience, biggest challenge & how you tackled it.(no fact, figure or reform needed asked). In some replies she cross-questioned.

4. View on GM crops, cross question.(out of my hobby- vegetable farming)

**M1:-**1.Opinion on politicians revising their salaries by passing bills in Parliament while govt. servants get their salaries revised after a decade via. Pay commissions. ( bcz of my 6 years of govt. service).

2. lot of people come to delhi & create pressure on urban amenities & urban planning.(Cross questioned it upto 2 levels)

3. who is your favourite bureaucrat & why?

**M2.** 1.What you grow?

2. What is waste to energy concept?

3. How to tackle land fills problem? What is bioremediation & biominning?

**M3:** 1. How to serve in badminton?

2. As an Administrator, how will you promote badminton as a sport in India? (Cross questioned upto 2 levels)

3. As an administrator, how to promote female adolsence health? (Cross questioned it upto 2 levels) only current affairs baed applied ques.

**Chairman again:**

1. View on terminator seeds.some other questions ( not able to recall)

**M4:** 1. End of Inspector raj as claimed by various finance ministers, issues of tax assesses harassment .

2. What is operant conditioning? Who gave the concept?

3. What is your opinion on IQ? cross questioned.

4. Today, in new forms of communication, cases of espionage & surveillance is increasing. Comment

**Chairman:** Anything you want to ask or tell.

Your interview is over.

Disclaimer: Around 75-80 % of questions.

Observation: DAF based questions, more focus on experiences in my case.

**Board : Sujata Mehta**  
**Date: 18th Feb FN**  
**Optional : Economics**  
**Degree: BE (EEE) in PSG Tech, Coimbatore**  
**Work exp : Data Analyst for 1 year**  
**Hometown : Hyderabad**  
**Hobbies: Football and Running**

### CP

1. is this you in the photo
2. please briefly introduce yourself wrt your educational and professional background or work experience if any
3. you worked with a Data analytics firm right. So were most of your clients based out of India and did you work with multiple clients at the same time or you just associated with a single client alone at a time.
4. Could you please describe the project with each client
5. So what does data analyst do here and what's their role here and what algorithms and all you used.

**Me:"** (I didn't understand what she really wanted). Told what kind of data we take from customers and social media. (Wasn't satisfied with the answer. So she repeated the question again. ) So mentioned what kind of algorithm and model we chose and what do we with the data

6. Fair enough, tell me 2 applications where data analytics can be used in Public Sector.

**Me:** One, GST where govt is taking initiatives like setting up specialised wing. Second is health sector where we can understand gaps in rural areas and also collect imp data (like patient symptoms) to raise red flags before there is health crisis. ("Now since I mentioned rural, my whole interview veered towards rural areas especially other members")

7. That is all ok, but what's the point of all these data analytics if there is no data in rural areas since digital literacy is low.

**Me:** I agree with your point Mam. But govt is taking various initiatives like Bharatnet, digital India ("She didn't seem very happy mentioning govt programmes").

So I added- Mam, now we are witnessing that smartphone penetration is improving in rural areas. Also if we can make them understand the benefits of using internet by making them aware, then in near to medium term future, it is hoped that digital literacy would improve.

**CP:** She nodded.

### MI:

1. your hobby is Football, so which club do you support.
2. So, currently what is their standing in PL Table
3. Your optional is Economics. So is Ricardian theory of Rent relevant in today's world
4. who sets the interest rate.
5. is frequent repo rate reductions good for India.
6. In India there is no indigenous search engines, data storage is a problem. What can be done ?



**M2**

1. What are the factors that inhibit growth in rural areas. Do cultural and traditional factor play a role
2. Don't you think cultural factor play a major role in preventing growth in rural areas
3. why it is that education in rural areas is poor . What can be done especially for girl child?
4. (Mentioned pvt players can be roped in). So how would you encourage them?
5. Ok what measures would you take to bring in online education to rural areas.

**M3**

1. Given a choice, what would you choose a) set up higher education centres in rural areas or b) set up manufacturing with huge employment potential
2. Which field of education centres should be brought in and in what areas should the focus be on
3. So what are the main areas of manufacturing in CBE
4. So how are they doing now and what are the major challenges they face ?
5. What are the factors that inhibit leveraging benefits of demongraphic dividend

**M4**

1. What is Project Tiger
2. What is Social Forestry
3. You know there are some states where they give free power. Is it a good idea and why ?
4. What is Finance commission and what is their role
5. Tell me why AP got bifurcated.
6. Why are we focusing on select regional areas like Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bluru, Delhi. Why not focus on other areas since these are already developed

**CP.** : Is there any question or areas left out of daf that you think we should ask you ? Ok your interview is over.

Overall felt cordial. But kind of felt Grilling on certain topics and followed up questions based on some keywords in my answers.

**Satyawati Board :**

**Afternoon : 5th to go**

**IRS IT**

**Hobbies : Poetry , story writing etc**

**Chairperson :** Read out the DAF for almost 5 minutes, with me correcting in between.

**Chairperson :** Discussion on abolishing Taxation. With Cross questions.

**Member 1 :**

Have u heard of Malinowski?

Heard of redcliffe brown?

Why do we have ILP even today ? Why not integrate them.

Name a thinker of jurisprudence (that I don't remember)

**Member 2 :**

Do you remember anything of engineering?

Discussion on location of my village.

Tell me about your priorities in Jehanabad?

How will you ensure attendance of doctors?

Next preference?

What about law and order?

Don't you think you should keep it first. What about hero worship habit in Bihar?

**Member 3:**

Difference between murder and homicide.

Difference between dacoity and robbery.

Dacoity still being prevalent

Constitution and constitutionalism

China has constitutionalism or not.

**Member 4 :**

Tell me about dastangoi

Do you go to mushairas

What is different in dastangoi?

Origin of dastangoi

4R in water conservation

Give example of Reuse and recycling

Give it related to water.

**Interview Transcript CSE 2019**

**Board- Smita Nagraj**

**Date of Interview - 24.02.2020**

**MBBS,**

**Home state - Bihar**

**Optional- Anthropology**

**6th attempt, 4th interview**

**Medical officer for 8 yrs in Bihar**

**Currently in ICLS based on CSE 2016**

**CH-** How are you?

You still working as medical officer or left?

How do you like ICLS?

Big leap from medicine to ICLS..why did you decide to join civil service?

Bihar is lacking on most fronts. What is it that you think is not working for Bihar.

What are the 3 reasons according to you?

What is the one thing that you would say did improve at the PHC you were working at during your time there?

What would be one thing that you would have liked to work on to improve service based on your experience?

**M1-** Have you heard of IBC? What is it? How far do you think it has helped the Companies and the banks? Have you read a balance sheet?

Where is the share capital mentioned.. Asset side or liability side? What is it for the owners? (I kept saying it is a liability for the company, he kept asking what is it for the owners? In the end he said he wanted to here that the company was a separate legal entity and the BS was for the company and not the individual and said " you are the expert in the field so you should have said this")

**M2-** situation in China..why do you think China is not letting Indian Aircraft carry supplies to and evacuate its citizens from there?

Do you think situation is worsening or improving?

Mohalla clinic- your views about it..

Do you think this concept would help improve the situation in Bihar if implemented there?

**M3-** You worked 8 yrs as medical officer, then you joined this service, now you are appearing again..do you think its worth losing so many years of seniority for? ( Was grilled on this.. shared my personal reason then he said 'I understand your decision')...

Its not necessary you will get IAS..What if you get postal service or something like that? (He relented when I pointed out that I have filled IAS and IFS only)

**M4-** You have mentioned you sing..what kind of songs do you like to sing?

Which Raga would suit the situation of this interview?

On a serious note... ibc.. why do you think ibc was brought? What has been the performance?

Telecom sector.. your views.. is it going to impact economy? How?

**Ch-** continuing with telecom sector, is it something similar to what happened to aviation sector?

What should the government do? Should we be liberal? Or should we intervene or let them be?

Why shouldn't we leave them? New players will come and replace them, isn't it?

**Date of interview- 24.02.2020 (afternoon session).**

**Profile- Schooling in Kendriya Vidyalaya, B.Tech in VNIT, Nagpur (Civil engineering), worked in IOCL for 1.5 years, currently working in CWC (for last 4.5 years).**

**Hobbies- Cricket follower.**

**Chairman of board- Air Marshal Ajit Bhonsle sir**

### Chairman

Read out the DAF loudly and said- So, you have studied in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bhusawal, then went to VNIT and have now worked for 7 years.. you have a good profile..

1. So, we hear a lot that 70% of our cities are going to go dry by 2040.. by that time, availability will be 50% of demand.. So tell me the steps you would give for Water conservation in long term, medium term and short term approach

2. tell me features of jal mission.. I asked sir Jal Jeevan mission or jal Shakti mission?? He said jal Shakti..

3. Is the aim of govt to provide piped drinking water a pipe dream??

### Passed on to M-1 (lady member)

1. So migration is a lot in news .. What are your views??

2. So you feel that migration is necessary and good??

3. But what about pressure on resources??

4. Tell me some countries which have seen lot of migration in recent times..

5. Why we are stil not adopting rainwater harvesting on a large scale?

### M-2

1. Why do you want to join civil services??

2. So there's no diversity in your job?

3. What us preamble??

4. Preamble is a lot in news these days.. why??

5. What are the features that are in danger??

6. In which year secularism was added in preamble??

7. Any other words were added??

### M-3

1. What is V in VNIT??

2. Tell me something about Visvesvaraya..
3. So, he was awarded Bharat Ratna.. India's highest honour.. tell me name of one IAS officer who was awarded Bharat Ratna..
4. No one?? So you have lots of scope to serve as a civil engineer too , isn't it so??

**M-4**

1. So, you have studied political science.. tell me what's in communist manifesto and its author.. (only told Karl Marx and said don't know about its contents)
2. Tell me about Friedrich Engels.. (couldn't recall) :|
3. Tell me name of some communist countries in the world..
4. What is constitution??
5. So, a country cannot run if constitution is not there??
6. Yes.. Britain is running without a written constitution.. correct

**Chairman-**

So what do you plan to do after interview?? (Told him sir no plans as such.. wanted to watch highlights of today's day in India new Zealand but India already lost.. so, will watch India vs Bangladesh in women's world cup)..

Chairman smiled and said.. you may go.

Overall, board was cordial.. may have missed 1-2 questions..

**Graduation: Electronics and communication engineering**

**Optional: Pubad**

**Board: B S Bassi**

**Date: 19th Feb, 9 am, 1st person to go in**

**Duration: 35 mins.**

**Chairman:**

1. Why do you want to join civil services?
2. So, you read on Quora?
3. What was the last answer you read?
4. What is your assessment of same answer?
5. Tell me about day and night test match?
6. Why pink ball is used?
7. What are the security issues in day and night test match?
8. Why should government provide security? Is that because might is right?
9. what measures will you take if you were city commissioner?
- 10. What about people who work in night? How will they get entertainment?**

**M1:**

1. So, you're an electronics engineer? Tell me about awacs?
2. Tell me how does a radar function?
3. Do you remember formula of it?
4. Ok I will switch the topic, tell me how can we solve India-Pakistan problem?
5. What is fatf grey list?
6. Tell me what happens if a country is put in fatf grey list?

**M2:**

- 1) what are the technological advances in banking sector?
- 2) do you think there will be job losses because of it?

- 3) should banks shut down its branches then?
- 4) what are the advantages and disadvantages of social media?
- 5) don't you think fake news is a problem?
- 6) how can we solve the problem of fake news?
- 7) what government is doing in curbing fake news?

**M3:**

- 1) Tell me about west asian crisis.
- 2) what are the internal problems and external problems?
- 3) Why everyone wants to meddle in West Asia? Why there are so many players?
- 4) can you tell me what are the political changes that Europe is facing?
- 5) how to deal with refugees?

**M4:**

- 1) So, you follow cricket, tell me what are the technologies used in cricket?
- 2) how does bails flash? What is the technology used in it? How is it connected?
- 3) tell me various kinds of bulbs? Which one is most efficient?
- 4) what kind of bulbs does government distribute? What is the name of the scheme?
- 5) Tell me about latest micro controllers in the market?
- 6) which one did you learn in your college?

**Chairman:**

1. Have you heard about master led designer bulb?

Ok, your interview is over.

**24 Feb 2020**

**Board-Chaubey sir**

**Sports-basketball**

**Hobby-listening to punjabi music,drawing**

Ques 1. brief intro of educational qualification?

2. Should India side by USA vis-a-vis rising power of China?
3. Should we do like Japan, that get dependent on USA for our security needs?
4. What is encirclement?nd how its related to BRI?
5. What India should do to counter BRI?
6. Cause behind steady tension between India and pak?
7. favourite singer?
8. Why hanumangarh is called hanumangarh?
9. Places of tourist attraction and how will you put them on map?
10. Unfortunate incident in basketball?(kobe's death)
11. What do you do in drawing?
12. Difference between drawing and painting?
13. causes of pollution in Delhi and how to resolve them?
14. Causes of slowdown in India?
15. What is saving instinct?

(Overall the board was cordial)

**Graduation: mechanical engineering (IIT ROORKEE)**

**Optional: physics**

**Board: satyavathi**

**Home state: dhanbad(jharkhand)**

**Hobby: jogging, quora**

**Other: councillor with students affairs Council**

**Chairman:**

(She asked-is this you and then she read my biodata for the other members)

1. what you did as a councillor?
2. tell me your I contribution as a councillor
3. why do you read quora?
- 4.why read physics from quora?
5. wht is fit India movement
6. why so many people don't to any physical workout in India?
7. wht is the reasons for diabetes and subsequent questions?

**M1:** (asked most of the question from UP... But i don't have any connection with UP :P)

1. contribution of roorkee in the field of hydrology?
2. major crops of UP
3. Problems of sugarcane industry in UP
4. Reasons for bengal famine and year
5. Asked if I have heard about Hapur and why it is famous for?
6. What I read in physical education course of class 12th

**M2**

1. Issue of railway line shift in my home town and about Jharia coal fire
2. What is energy according to you as a mechanical engineer?
3. Can energy be destroyed?
4. Where is the energy from tubelight in this room going....isn't it getting destroyed?
5. Why did you switch from mechanical engineering to civil service and subsequent question on that?

**M3:** ( mostly factual questions)

1. You said IIT roorkee constructed ganga canal in 1847....was it a IIT that time? ( I said sorry sir... I take my words)
2. List the name of new IITs
3. 5 major contribution of chemistry to the humanity (my optional is physics :P)
4. Asked about coronavirus
5. List any 5 virus related diseases

**M4:**

1. Number of girls in your department
2. Why such a screwed ratio
3. What you will do as as individual
4. About short service commission in Indian Army issue and supreme Court recent verdict on it... Are you not disappointed with the delay? ( I mentioned it in my previous answer)

**Chairman:**

Thank you. Your interview is over

(Overall board was very cordial though they asked lot of factual questions to me)

**Bassi sir's board.**

**Date : 21/02/2020**

**Profile - IRAS**

**Previous work experience - Mechanical maintenance engineer in Steel Authority of India limited; enforcement officer in EPFO.**

**Graduation - Mechanical engineering**

**Hobbies - Rapping, Basketball**

**Optional - Geography**

**Chairman -**

Alok, so you have left EPFO to be an IRAS. You were in my board last year. Right?

(He recognized me).

Q. Basics of Accounting in layman terms.

Q. Compare mechanical engineering profile with IRAS.

Q. If you are happy in IRAS, why are you here?

**M1.** (For some reason he only and only asked defence related questions.)

Q. What is NSG? What is its function?

Q. Imagine that you are commander of a navy ship. You have to detect your enemies in aerial, surface and sub surface arena. What equipments will you use?

Q. After you have detected your enemy, what weapons will you use?

Q. Principle of jet engine.

Q. What happened in Indo-sino war 1962.

What was the outcome of the war.

Q. What happened to the occupation of land by China in North East?

**M2.**

Q. Tell me about the Salient features of forest rights act.

Q. Tell me some more features.

Q. What are EIA and SIA?

Q. What is DBT? Tell me a few schemes which use this.

Q. Tell me about land pooling.

**M3.**

Q. Tell me the origination of problems in Middle East. (talked about the three basic problems - kurds prob, Shia vs sunni, Muslims vs Jews)

Q. Don't tell me about generic problems of middle east. Tell me about the specific countries and their individual problems.

Q. What is happening in Syria?

Q. What is your assessment of Arab spring?

Q. What about Tunisia and Egypt?

**M4.**

Q. Define the working of a lift.

Q. Tell me about the Salient features of the lifts act that Maharashtra has recently passed.

Q. Difference between narrow, standard and meter gauge?

Q. Do different metros in a country have different width of gauge?

Q. Can we export our locos to USA?

Q. Tell me about the voltage of overhead lighting of stations.

Q. Name the locos that you are exporting to neighbouring countries.

Q. What kind of engine does petrol and diesel engine have?

Q. What kind of engine do E-vehicles have?

**Chairman -**

Q. Have you tried playing basketball for Indian railways basketball team?

Q. What teams have you played for?

Q. Recently, a mishap struck the basketball community. What was the tragedy?

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Overall impression - Hardly anything from DAF. No opinion based questions. No current affair asked. No optional.

Stress interview. More stressed than last year. There were barely any Questions where conversational approach could have been taken.

**Smita Nagraj board**

**Date 25 feb, morning slot, 5th in line**

**Home state punjab**

**Optional commerce**

**Hobbies puppetry, chess**

**Duration 40 mins**

**Chair**

Why no masters in commerce?

Three problems facing punjab? And solution

How to handle political pressure, administrative pressure in drugs?

Ground water crisis? Should we ban crops?

**M1**

Physical education? What did you learn?

Role of physical education in life?

Why punjab is being pulled back in sports?

Infrastructure was worse in other times? Like lala amarnath era, why still we are going down, despite better infrastructure?

**M2**

What types of chess you play?

Vishwanath anand?

Culture and civilization difference?

Indus Valley civilization, hall marks?

Sites?

What is, special about lothal?

**M3**

Privatization of railways, your opinion?

Types of puppetry in South East Asia?

No one watches it anymore, what is the future like?

**M4**

Mercantilism

Commodity trading

**IBC**

Rule of law? Which article?



How to increase investment

Ground water crisis, dichotomy, allow farmers to sow, ground water going down?

**Graduation: mechanical engineering (MNNIT ALLAHABAD)**

**Optional: mechanical engineering**

**Board: Air Marshal A. S. Bhonsle (Retd.)**

**Home state: UP**

**Hobby: Teaching**

**Job experience: RIL Raigad Maharashtra**

**Chairman:**

Made me comfortable.

1. why your name is Anurag not Swatantrata (DOB: 15th august)
2. Is your Bday really at 15th August ?
3. What is importance of Raigad? Related to administration issues?
4. How do you implement any policy in tribal peoples?
5. What have you learnt during your job?

**M1:**

1. Should college name be on the name of any person?
2. On which basis you decide to name the college?
3. "Leadership Is The Ability To Get Extraordinary Achievement From Ordinary People" What is your views on this.
4. Why people from technical background are coming to this general job? What are benefits?

**M2**

1. On which field Dronacharya Award is given? To whom it is given?
2. Who was Dronacharya? What is difference between Dronacharya Award and Arjuna Award?
3. Why are we doing poor in Olympic?
4. Recent happening in Khelo India.

**M3**

1. What are the problems in education sectors?
2. what will you do as DM to address these problems?
3. How do you address the issue of vacancies of Teacher?

**M4**

1. Why economy is slowdown?
2. Why low rural consumption?
3. Why agriculture is slow growth?

**Chairman:**

Why trade is not happening between India and Pakistan while there are political issues in other asian countries like China-Taiwan and China Japan but still economical trade is happening in good way?

What will you do after this?

Thank you. Your interview is over

(Overall board was very cordial though they asked mainly opinion based questions)

**Board Smita Nagraj Ma'am**  
**Hobbies- chess and swimming**  
**Service – IRS C&CE**  
**Optional- Sociology**  
**State- Haryana**

**CP –**

1. how are you feeling?
2. you are already in service. Has the name of the service been changed?
3. you are from Haryana. Tell 3 areas in which you want to work in next 10years?
4. Education what are the issues in education?
5. what do you mean by shift from quantitative parameters to the qualitative parameters?
6. what are the differences in rural and urban areas in terms of school education?
7. can we give the subject of education to the Gram Sabhas? What advantages they have?
8. what are the challenges faced by the Gram Sabhas in Haryana?
9. Are Khaap Panchayats challenging to the authority of Gram Sabhas.
10. have Khaaps changed their approach in the past. What kind of good work they are doing?
11. should we start skill development from the School Education?
12. it is already happening. Why People do not want to go for skill Education?

Madam passes the buck to the 1st member-

**M1-**

1. drug consumption is increasing in Haryana. What should be done?
2. should we band the drugs?
3. why not legalise it if many western countries have done it?
4. many drugs are used for medicinal purposes. Then why not legalise them?
5. in India people have been consuming Bhang and Ghanjha during many festivals? Then why can't we allow them legally. He tried his best to convince me about legalising the drugs.

**M2-**

1. whether euthanasia is right?
2. what ethical issues are involved
3. What is Supreme court stand on it?

**M3-**

1. who is responsible for monetary policy?
2. what is CRR and SLR?
3. why they are used by the RBI?
4. slow down is happening. What kind of policy should be adopted by the RBI?
5. who signs on currency notes?
6. why finance secretary signs only on rupees 1 note. Any logic.
7. what is meant by bank guarantee?
8. what is legal tender?

**M4-**

1. A lot of Protest are going on what are legal provisions which allows protest. What are the restrictions?
2. why protests are important for a democracy?

**CP Ma'am-** your interview is over, Thank you.

Mostly from Service, Haryana and Current Affairs, no questions from Hobbies and optional.

**Interview Date - 25th February**  
**Board - M. Sathiyavati**  
**Background- B.E Civil**  
**Optional - Sociology**  
**Hobby - Steet Photography**  
**Interest - Travelling, Mentoring**  
**Born - Bihar, Home State - Jharkhand**  
**Interview Duration - 20 minutes**

**Chairperson-**

1. What is street photography?
2. What did you do in your work?
3. Who were your clients?
4. What have you been doing since 2018?
5. Are you not interested in Consulting anymore?

**Member 1**

1. What is the problem with Indian Financial Sector?
2. Associate Durkheim's Suicide with Farmer Suicide
3. Is Classeless Society a Utopian Idea?

**Member 2**

1. Why is Saharsa famous?
2. Are you aware about any new major plant coming up there?
3. When did you last go to your birth place?
4. How will the creation of plant benefit the region?

**Member 3**

1. You are interested in travelling, where all have you travelled?
2. You mentioned that street photography can communicate a story. How can story telling benefit administration?
3. Any more benefit?

**Member 4**

1. Your interest in mentoring. Can you tell me what is that?
2. How is it different from coaching?
3. Is Mentoring always one to one or can it be in large group too?
4. What is the difference between coaching and tutoring?

Overall Experience- DAF Based. Board was okay.

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**Board : Satyavati madam**

**25 Feb, Afternoon, 1st to go**

**Background :**

**B. Tech in Electronics Engg, from Sultanpur (UP), hometown Allahabad, hobbies included Teaching underprivileged children, reading hindi poetry, optional Geography.**

**Work ex : 1.5 years in an MNC dealing with mobile chipsets.**

**Chairperson (CP):**

Is this your photo? I nodded yes.

She kept reading aloud my DAF including my school subjects, college, job, hobbies, etc.

**CP :**

# what were you doing for 9 months before joining your job? (Politely told that it was campus placement with late joining date)

# what were you doing since 2016 after resigning?

# what do you think is the reason that government schools are not able to teach children properly?

# where were you teaching underprivileged children?

# what changes did you bring to make them understand concepts better?

# did you try to change teaching methodology of the school teachers as well by talking to those teachers?

# what is this bal shree award (mentioned in achievement at the school level)? In which category did you participate?

# why did you get child scientist award(mentioned in DAF)? What projects did you make in school?

**M1 :**

# Why are glaciers melting? Its impact on rivers.

# Apart from high debt, what are the reasons that farmer suicides happen in our country? (Used the word natural calamity once which was interjected later by Member 3)

# If you are DM of a district, what measures will you take to improve water table and reduce water wastage?

# How are fold mountains formed?

# Are Himalayas young or old mountains?

**M2 :**

# For how many years did you teach those underprivileged children in your college days?

# Name the villages whose children came to study there. Were they rural villages?

# Did the DM and District Education Officer know about your initiative?

# If you are made SDM/DM in Sultanpur, what will be your 1st two priorities?

**M3 :**

# How far has Ganga become clean? Or it is still in the same pathetic condition?

# Name the things for which Allahabad is known for?

# What is kumbh? When does Mahakumbh takes place?

# You told national calamity while replying to M1 (I politely told that it was natural calamity, not national calamity)

# Ok, so what is a natural calamity? Is there any empirical number to classify calamities?

# Name the legislation that deals with calamities (I told NDMA)

# In which year was this act passed?

# How to deal with natural disasters administratively?

**M4 (lady member):**

# What do you understand by work-life balance? How will you achieve it in your life?

# Do you think Parenting has become difficult now compared to yesteryears? Why do you think so?

Chairperson nodded M1 to ask again

**M1 :**

so your optional is Sociology? CP interjected and I told that it was geography (He left both and moved to Economics ;-))

# Why did government need to bring IBC?

# What are the provisions of Emergency? Tell me article numbers related to it.

# How to stop Australian bushfires?

# How far the RTI Act has been able to improve transparency in Governance?

# "Swachh Bharat, Sundar Bharat, Swasth bharat".... How far in your opinion these things have been achieved?

CP nodded that your interview is over.

**Extc 2015**

**Optional -Maths**

**Hobbies- bodybuilding,cycling**

**Board -Dr Manoj Soni**

**Chairman –**

What inspired you to follow bodybuilding ?

Tell me about Anna Hazare

Then questions on has bureaucracy failed in Maharashtra ?should we promote more people like Anna Hazare to do work ?or bureaucracy should be reformed ?-Followed discussion on it

**M1-** Explain about Sugarcane cultivation and problems in Maharashtra

Explain about PMFBY nad issues

Gst and its issues has it been successful?

**M2 –** Rose valley and Sharda act –(i said i am not able to recall )

If your DM of an earthquake prone region amd there is an earthquake ,what would you do ?

Judicial activism and issues

**M3-** Brief intro about Bhima-Koregaon and then asekd botcentercentre and the state are fighting over its investigation What should be done ?

**M4-** Expalin Dpsp amd literally she asked me to name a few

Then same about Fundamental duties

If your Dm of a village on which areas you would work ,if you have 1 crore budget ?

Your interview is over

Thank you.

**Optional : Public Admin**

**Hobbies : Reading Classics, Diary Writing, Chess**

**Rajasthan Home State**

**Smita Nagaraj Board**

**Chairperson**

# What is the last classic you have read?

(said three books i recently read ), did not look convinced

# Have you read Shakespeare , Jane Eyre, Charles Dickens ( i said yes i have read Charles Dickens )

# Tell me what happens in the first chapter of tale of two cities ) ( i told, fumbling a little , was a little nervous by this time )

**M1**

# What can be impact of corona virus on indian economy?

# what can we do to prepare for it?

# how is it different from MERS and SARS ( i said sir mortality is much less, but it is much more infectious )

# is it airborne? ( no sir, spread from human to human contact )

**M2**

# What is the baisc problems beofr rajahsthan?

# why is Jaipur called Pink city? Is it still the case ?

# which states of india have been suffering from locust problem?

# what is challenge in fighting locusts

**M3**

# so how did you pick up hobby of writing diaries?

# these days many people write diary online, do you write online or in diary ? what are the advantages of online / offline

# What is FATF grey list? how many lists does it maintain? which other countries are on the list? what action Pakistan has taken so that not to be on blacklist ( few more questions on this which i dont remember )

# tell me problems of agriculture sector? how can we solve it?

**Ch :** why do you want to join Civil Services?

One last question, you write diary, will you allow me to read your diary (smiling)

your interview is over.

(I got up and thought of pushing the chair inside, but could not move it, was nervous , then came out)

**Chairman: Ajit Bhonsle**

**Date of interview: 17th Feb 2020**

**Graduation:**

**BA in Journalism, Psychology and English Literature**

**Hobbies:**

**Singing (light music)**

**Freestyle dancing**

**Anchoring**

**Interest areas:**

**Public speaking**

**Creative writing**

**(Mentioned as most questions were on DAF)**

**CH:**

Read out highlights in my DAF, appreciation then gave me a disclaimer on personality test.

1. How do you explain 'Journalism', and 'Good Journalist' to a 10 year old?
2. The 10 year old has still not understood, can you simplify further
3. A note on Devadasi system, what measures have been taken to eradicate this social evil?
4. So are you referring to Sudha Murthy and her initiatives?
5. What are the other contributions of Infosys Foundation to the society?

**MI:**

1. Are there any regulations for social media?
2. In your opinion should there be regulations? We also have freedom of speech; so what is your take?
3. How can we regulate?
4. How can we curb fake news?
5. Have you heard of 'Broken window'? What is it?

**M2:**

(completely on hobbies and interest areas)

1. When and where was your last public speaking?
2. What did you speak?
3. So who is an achiever according to you? (follow up Q)
4. I see that you write poetry, what else do you write?
5. In which language do you usually write?
6. Can you narrate one of the poems which is close to your heart ?  
(I narrated a Kannada poem and translated the theme in English)

**M3:**

1. Is there an objective reporting in Journalism today?
2. Most of the media houses are owned by political parties and they take sides, what is your opinion on this?
3. Will you be an objective reporter when you go out and narrate the personality test to your friends, family etc?
4. Tell us about Sudha Murthy's writings, what genre does she write?

**M4**

1. There are many allegations against NGOs, they indulge in anti-national activities... Is there a need of NGOs in society?

(I said Yes..need to regulate...)

2. Why do you think so?

3. How is India doing in 'Ease of doing business'? What has been done to improve the ranking?

4. Who is your favorite Journalist/ Anchor?

(I intentionally mentioned Kannada journalists)

5. Do you also follow English news channels?

(Yes Sir, but mostly I read English newspapers)

**CH:**

1. You are a singer, have opted Kan lit; What is the connect between Kannada literature and Carnatic music?

2. Why is Carnatic music popular than Kannada literature ?

3. What is a freestyle dance?

4. Quoted a dancer (dont remember the name and exact quotation, it was roughly like this)

"I danced, danced, danced, danced and still the dance remained"

What do you understand by this statement?

5. Quoted a report on delay in infrastructure projects, mentioned some data related to same..

Why do you think the infrastructure projects are getting stalled? In terms with cost and time...

(A lengthy question)

6. What are your plans for the day, after the interview?

suggested me to visit National War Memorial and said your interview is over.

On the whole interview was cordial and enjoyed giving it.

**Board : BB Vyas**

**Date : Feb 25**

**Chairman :**

Why did you take Political Science?

Principles of Natural Justice

Afghanistan elections - implications on USA, India?

Afghanistan Peace talks implications on Pakistan & India

What are the changes in the types of Jobs & skills IT sector is going to see in next 2-3 years? What type of skills should be developed?

**M1 (Lady) :**

Your role in Flipkart

How did technology help there?

Were you not happy with your job there?



**M2 :**

Job seekers vs Job creators

What is govt doing for Job creators?

Any State led initiatives?

**M3 (Lady) :**

Human Rights Organisations politics and follow up questions...

Hyderabad encounter opinion

**M4 :**

Uber cup in badminton. Individual or Team competition?

4 Grand slams in Tennis.

AP 3 capitals - pros & cons, rough geographical idea of the 3 capitals.

Naxalism in AP & Telangana. How was it tackled?

**Chairman :**

Constitutional provisions for state bifurcation, creation.

What are the 5 steps involved in process of state bifurcation?

**Panel: Manoj Soni sir**

**Date: 25 Feb 2020**

**Last to go, around 5.10 pm**

**Chairman:**

1) You daf is happening, why u didn't join capf?

2) what are u doing now

3) what is the role of icls officer

4) where was your training

5) how to boost economy, steps by government.

**M1:** 1) civil service rules

2) protection for civil servants

3) disciplinary action against civil servants, provisions, acts for same

4) penalties for civil servants

5) which movies u watch( hobby)

6) parasite, learnings

7) why Bollywood movies don't win oscar.

**M2:** j n k sp, 2 inspectors with you and 15 civilian staff. 2000 people crowd waiting to lynch you all. 2

options a) wait for help, follow rules

B) tie one local to jeep and go through the crowd

**M3:** 1) public life index( didn't know)

2) parameters to count standard of living

3) Melania trump dress designer for yesterday s event( no idea)

4) what type of dress and colors, uniqueness

5) which old western movies u saw

**M4:** 1) which marathi movies went to oscar

2) why they didn't win oscar

3) 3 problems of Maharashtra

4) if u are chief secretary, how u will solve it, targets for them and whether you will achieve it, surety to achieve, etc.

**Mechanical engineering, geo optional**  
**Solving sudoku, photography**  
**Rajasthan**  
**Board- Smita Nagraj ma'am**

1. What were you doing from past few years?
2. What motivated you to come for this service?
3. Backward or aspirational rajasthan?
4. Backward regions of Rajasthan?
5. Compare development of South rajasthan and south east rajasthan?
6. What are good administration things in rajasthan?
- 7 coaching industry kota?
8. Geopolitical significance of siachin glacier
9. bosphorus strait and Istanbul ? Geopolitical issues wrt turkey?
10. Link history and geography of UK? It has any link with brexit?
11. History and geography linkage of US?
12. What if USA didn't have 2 coasts? Then also it would emerge as great power?
13. Malacca strait and importance?
14. India's image wrt freeness in shipping has grown? What was the trigger point?
15. Santhara vs euthanasia? Your personal stand on it?

**25/02/2020**

**Mech engg/Job at TAFE/Hobbies: Organic farming enthusiast and learning postmodern paintings.**

**Chairman: RN Choubey sir.**

**Transcript:**

CHAIRMAN A very smiling and attractive personality with great aura...

1. Hello vishnu I have to tell few things. We would like to enjoy our conversation with you and we will be very friendly to you. If you dont know any particular thing please do tell it so that we can move to next topic. Shall we start?

2. Please tell me abt ur academic and professional background.

3. Why did you resign the job?

4. Do u have a plan B if you dont clear civil services?

**Me:** I want to join NGO specifically the NGO called Teach for India. In recent times I'm thinking to start a consultancy service for job creation. Since I believe for India to become developed country we need job intensive growth I'm interested in doing so.

5. Okay, who will be the client of your consultancy services? Sir, govt....

Okay, Nice idea.

**MEMBER 1:**

1. You are from Mechanical background what is your analysis of current auto sector slowdown?

I said my analysis and used a word CYCLICAL

2. What do you mean by cyclical? (One I said what is cyclical he noted down something in his paper) ((Meanwhile chairman stood up, left his seat, went behind is seat, and become more relaxed))

3. Do you see so many aircrafts flying in the sky everyday? Yes sir.

4. Who controls them especially the safety? Its controlled by DGCA using Air Navigatiin System (ANS) with help of GAGAN software.

5. What is full form of GAGAN? Dont remember sir.

6. Who developed it? Govt in collaboration with I guess ISRO sir I'm not sure. ((Very very cordially, Chairman intervned and said it's okay  
Vishnu lets move on)

7. Okay, our aviation industry is not doing much well.. long sentences.. what do you think?  
((Before I answered, Chairman intervned to suggest me.. first of all do you agree with him that our aviation sector is not doing well? ))))

Before lpg reforms it was not doing well after 1991 pvt players entered and brought competitiveness. Yet our full potential is not reached so govt came with UDAN scheme.

8. No I'm not asking about air transport, I'm asking about airplane manufacturing.  
((Chairmsn as usual intervned to help me and asked the member to clarify whether he is taking abt airways or airplane production.))

9. Yes I'm asking abt aircraft production. First of all, do we produce aircraft???  
Yes sir at HAL for defence purposes but we dont produce for civilian purposes. And of course sir to a greater extent I agree that in terms of manufacturing we are not doing well.

10. Okay what is the impact of electric vehicle plan on the auto industry?

I said, it will make the cars costly sir blah blah

11. No im asking abt how will it affect the assembly lines production systems etc.

I said yes we need to restructure assy line and reskill our employees, mahindra spent 1.3 lakh crore for it for instance.

Chairman asked next question taking lead from e-vehicles. How e-vechile is an improvement over cars with IC engines?

Former will lead to no emissions and helps us overcome air pollution unlike latter in which emissions are high.

Where from ecars get electricity? Sir from battery.

Where from battery gets electricity? Sir charging infra

Where from chargers get elect? Sir power plants.

So aren't these power plants using coal are emitting air pollutants? Then why should we go for ecars? Sir for that reason govt is expanding our renewable energy basket and we are doing well in solar and wind power

So shall I say unless we are successful in renewable energy there is no use of ecars? While to larger extent its logical there is an advantage of ecars even if we assume we get electricity from coal power plants only.. the emissions from IC engines are very high and difficult to manage.

He was satisfied.

### Member 3:

1. You are a mech engineer and why did u choose psir?

2. Have you read western political thought?

3. Do you think Plato has talked about communism?

4. How is it different from karl Marx's communism??

5. Have you heard about social contract?

6. What is the difference between SC of Hobbes Locke and Rousseau?

7. Did Hobbes recognize right to property?

(((He wanted to ask some more question. But chairman finished it and ask the next member to take over.)))

**Member 4:**

1. Its fascinating to see as a Mech eng u have so much interest in Political science.
2. What is exactly Marxs idea and how he differs from others?
3. Do you know his dialectical materialism and how it is different from Hegels dialectics of ideas?
4. For next question with so much enthusiasm he open his mouth, but Chairman intervned and said we have tested all those theoretical knowledge in Mains so let's ask something else.
5. U said abt UDAN how its diff from previous policies? Sir dont know exactly what was the previous policy.
6. Now chairman asked me,, it's okay tell some features of UDAN?
7. The member now said, these airline companies dont upkeep their promises made under UDAN to give subsidized seats to passengers what do you think? Govt needs to monitor sir. He said yes it shld monitor and review also.
8. Your hobby is organic farming. Where did this organic farming start in India and what's happening? In ancient times it existed. Now sikkim fully org. Then spread to almost all states. Like? TN Andhra UP.  
(((Chairman intervned. Started talking in Tamil. Where org farming is done in TN?.... he is from TN cadre))

**Member 5:**

1. Abt TPM, it's a project in my company
2. You worked in tractors company. Mahindra brought driverless tractors. What's ur view?? Any tech in agri is good. But its mostly costly. We need more custom hiring centres.
3. What is Industrial Revolution 4.0?
4. Is India prepared for it?
5. What is going to be its impact on India?

**Chairman:**

We are giving opportunity to all to talk abt something which we did not ask. Do you wanna tell something? I said abt a kind of painting am learning right now and the values it teaches us and how I found it to be relevant to civil services.

He gave a bright smile. Said some positive words and said int is over.

**Observations:**

1. Chairman has been much helpful and ultra cordial person whose introduction helped me to be more cool and cheerful.
2. He ensured the interview is a conversation rather than a quest answer session. Ultimately cordial and converse. He dint follow any transitional patterns. He was very chill and dignified and made the entire interaction cool.
3. Some members weren't specific abt their questions and so they corrected me as to what they are exactly asking and so I answered to it then.

Overall it was a great experience. I would suggest you all to just be yourself and more positive. They take extra efforts to keep us cool. Some board dont try to be cordial but I feel only important factor in interview is to be confident smiling and positive and dont have any expectations. Good luck to candidates in line.????

**Board : Satyavati madam**

**26th Feb, morning , 5th to go**

**Background : Commerce from DU, Masters in Sociology**

**Hobbies : Recycling household waste, spend time with elderly people**

**Work experience : 1 year family business (sweets shop)**

**Chairperson (CP) :** Is this your photo? I nodded yes. She kept reading aloud my DAF including my school subjects college and hobbies etc.

**CP :**

# what were you doing after your graduation? (business)

# what is the age for older people as per WHO for health and other benefits

# As you were working at your family sweets business, can you tell me why there is so much diabetes patients in india?

# Why you want to become IAS?

# how do you recycle household waste?

**M1 :**

# Jaipur's famous sweet shop other than yours?

# why is it famous?

# what are the major problems of slums?

# have you visited them and worked for them?

# what is the reason for slum building?

# why migration.. ?

**M2 :**

# What water harvesting techniques you would use as a DM in Rajasthan?

# three techniques for forest conservation?

# value added tax

# input tax credit

# some economic law was asked but was unable to recall

# Karl Marx - dialectical materialism

**M3 :**

#As a DM, how will you apply your hobby of recycling household waste? (as I had given the modal to govt. of India, which I explained)

# Is it practical to apply this modal?

# what is Rajasthan famous for?

# why Hawa Mahal is so popular?

# As Swachh Bharat Mission is going on but still it is not clean. Why?

# why Sawai is used before the names of the kings in Rajasthan?

**M4 :**

# As a sociology student, what changes will you do in district?

# How will you empower women multi dimensionally.

# what will you do for education sector in rural areas?

# is manual scavenging still practiced in Rajasthan?

# dowry

# child marriage

# literacy rate

# You will not do anything for the senior citizens in rural areas as this is your hobby? ( I explained)

# what is social movement? why?

# name three social movements

(followed up questions on social movement)

Overall chairman and board was cordial but M4 was grilling. not able to recall 3-4 questions.

**Degree: mech engg**

**Optional: history**

**Extra curri: NSS**

**chairman bassi sir**

**30 to 35 minutes**

**board was cordial**

**Chairman:**

What is process cost

How many cars in world

No of electrical vehicles

say there is growth of 30% annual and electric vehicles are 25 million.

So long then how will we convert normal cars fleet to electric fleet?

What is difference between normal car and electric car.

How to reduce pollution?

**Lady member:**

What is nss? Is it popular? What you gained? How to make it more popular?

British came as traders but became rulers how?

Member3: on what principle does AC works?

what is principle of cooling.

Why has real estate sector down from last 7-8 yrs

Member4: why so many states have lost in afghanistan.

Was american attack on iraq good. Opinion

(Pressed to give opinion)

**Member5:** what is special in maharashtra today( it was shiv jayanti).

Tell me two points about nasik

Name all 12 jyotirlingas

**Chairman:**

Tell me importance of western ghats to India.

How are biodiversity hotspots selected

Who were first invaders to India.

Thank you.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board - Nagraj Madam Panel**

**Chairwoman:**

Q. Akshay, you are working as a tutor at Unique Institute. What is it?

Q. You have completed mechanical engineering and having a work experience with MNC. Don't you feel it's something different than expected?

- Q. Which subject you teach?
- Q. When did you study Geography?
- Q. Have u read some standard books?
- Q. There is a thing like shortcut to crack an examination.What are those tricks in the Geography you believe?
- Q. As a geographer which problem can b solved with geographical knowledge?
- Q. How to ensure development of tribals?
- Q. Arnt we taking effective measures ?

**Member2:**

- Q. You are geographer,so do you know what our former PM Nehru had said to laid down development policy for tribals?
- Q. What are the problems of the tribals?
- Q. what should we do then?
- Q. How to involve tribe in the developmental scheme?
- Q. Do you know ethnobotany?
- Q. What it is?
- Q. can it b use for tribal development?
- Q. Upto which standard we should give them education in native language?

**Member3**

- Q. How soil is affected by vegetation?
- Q. You mentioned about Carbon in the soil.How much is the carbon percentage in soil?
- Q. is carbon present inside the soil or not
- Q. What do you think ,the impact of Climate change on India particularly forest and soil?
- Q. Soil erosion is there but what about dry region?
- Q. what will be the impact on The himalaya?
- Q. What is Hotspot?
- Q. Why they are known as hotspot?
- Q. Which are hotspots in India?
- Q. Tell me the regions most affected by the CC

**Member4**

- Q. Akshay,are you from Jalna?
- Q. Have you heard about Lonar Lake?
- Q. Where is it?
- Q. What is the geological significance of ir?
- Q. You are a native of Marathwada.Have you heard anouts Razakars?
- Q. Who were they?what they did?and how marathwada got freedom?
- Q. was marathwada a part od a Nizam ruler?
- Q. So when it got freedom?
- Q. Exact date
- Q. What was then with the marathwada between 1948 to 1960 when Maharashtra formed?
- Q. You mentioned poem and shayari as hobby.What is the origin of word Shayari? (language)
- Q. what do you mean by shayari?
- Q. What is sher?

Difference between sher shayari and ghazal

**Chairwomen:**

- Q. So Akshay have you mentioned shayari just as it sounds good as it is mainly related with urdu poetry?

Q. So again back to tribals

Do you know the language of few tribals? How to preserve them?

Q. Do you know any project to preserve and conserve languages?

Ok Thank You.

**24 Feb 2020**

**Ajit Bhonsle sir's board**

**BTech in electronics and communication**

**Firmware engineer ( Past experience)**

**C:** Made me comfortable by reading out my DAF and appreciating various things I have done in life.

1. You are from Delhi. Recently Delhi elections happened. I happen to watch a ted talk of Ms. Atishi.

Tell me what all stakeholders are involved in school infrastructure?

2. Do you think a poor person sending his child to school considers infrastructure?

3. What is mentoring facility provided by Delhi government in schools?

4. How are teachers involved in this mentoring?

**MI :**

- Why sociology after electronics and communication?

- Compare India and Japan.

- Have you heard of 7 sisters?

- What are the reasons for derogatory words used for north east people and what can we do to bridge this gap?

- Do you have any north east friend?

- Heard of Bhupen Hazarika?

- What was his contribution in social sector?

**M2:**

- Tell me different models of sanitation under Sulabh international?

- Explain your project?

- What was your learning from the project?

**M3:**

- Tell me 3 issues you will address in Delhi given a charge?

- Follow up questions on all 3 with precise steps to be taken.

- Is protest good?

**M4:**

- Why GER in Higher education so low? Steps to be taken?

- How to encourage sports among women?

- How to balance sports and studies?

**C:**

- Trump is here. Govt soon will come up with press release saying that visit was very successful and give 3-4 points to substantiate it.

- You tell me what can be those 3-4 points?

- What is blue dot network?

- What are different defence agreements.

- What is BECA?

- What are threats associated with sharing geospatial information?



Your interview is over. Now tell me your plans immediately after this and some light chit chat on that.

Overall, positive and cordial interview. More opinion based and less factual questions.

**28th feb, morning session**

**Board: Manoj Soni**

**2nd to go. Optional: Philosophy**

**Graduation: Mechanical engineering**

**Already in service: CSE 2018 \_135\_IPS**

**Chair:**

1. Hello Alok, so are you in training or leave ?
2. So, are you not satisfied with ips?
3. Career progression, dynamism, ground work, scope, are bookish terms, tell me something that is real ?
4. And power and prestige? That isnt the case ?
5. You know that ias has greater prestige and power, so why dont you accept that?
6. You are saying to your interview board that you have not experienced it ?Are you sure ?
7. You are already an ips.You must have read about power differences. Why cant you accept it that ias is more powerful and prestigious?
8. A person should learn from his mistakes as well as from mistakes of others. Do you agree ?
9. Some more questions related to police.

**M1:**

1. What is the difference between gi and patent ?
2. So the concept is same or different?
3. How is it different?
4. Why wages of women are less compared to men in a district. Does equal pay for equal work not apply to this ? Have you seen a wage list ?
5. what would you do to empower women and ensure they get same wage ?
6. Why philosophy after Mechanical engineering?
7. Who is J krishnamurthy?
8. Do you know Gandhi's favourite bhajan ?

**M2:**

1. Asked about 3 unheard names of philosophers. What have you read in philosophy?
2. These are all part of syllabus? Anything else.
3. What are three threats to security of india? Arrange them in order.
4. Why Lwe exists there in jharkhand ?
5. What is aspirational district programme? What is the benefit? What does govt do ?
6. Is police corrupt?
7. Have you ever gone to a police station to file a complaint?
8. What is people perception of police ?
9. How will you improve as sp?
10. What is community policing? How is it effective?

**M3:**

1. What is moral dilemma?
2. Explain it with an example .

3. Dont you think when you leave ips for ias you face such a dilemma ?
4. Justify your action of leaving ips for ias.
5. Which cadre did you get ? Which choice it was ?
6. Why Gujarat ?
7. What did your seniors say ?
8. But you want to become an ias ? So why think of commisionerate system. How is it better ? Will it slove the issue of tussle of power ?
9. Any negatives about Gujarat cadre?
10. Tell me at least one. Kept on insisting
11. Is our patent regime good ?

**M4:**

1. What is provisional patenting ?
2. Are provisional applications allowed ?
3. Is there a legal provision to that ?
4. What sort of applications did you work on ?
5. Your hobby is watching ted ed. What was the latest video you watched.
6. Questions on the video 3-4 questions on vaccination of small pox(video)

**Chair :** Thank you. Your interview is over.

**Optional: Mech Engg**

**Background: IIT-KGP Dual Degree Mech Engg.**

**Resident: Prayagraj, UP**

**Work-ex: ONGC**

**Hobby: Blogging, Evening Running**

**Board: Sathiyavathy Ma'am**

**Date: 27 Feb, 2020**

**Chairman**

- 1) Is it your pic?
- 2) Read out aloud my DAF
- 3) Learnings taken out of Germany, Japan, Hong Kong experiences (from DAF)
- 4) Bullet train feasibility in India
- 5) Difference of bullet train with Train18

**M1**

- 1) Hong Kong vs China issue
- 2) How to improve IAS working from your Japan experience
- 3) Reasons of high divorces, suicides in Japan and how to address
- 4) Where do we mf bullet trains in Japan?
- 5) Who was somebody famous by the same name( i.e. Kobe above answered)?

**M2**

- 1) Olympic marathon runner in news(UK based), his coach's name(coz I knew the runner -\_- ) and issue
- 2) Why evening running?
- 3) What is Samsung Bot air and AI skin(had coauthored a robotics research paper)

**M3**

- 1) Difference between IC engines and turbine

- 2) About Aircraft jet engines. Why no IC engines in aircraft?
- 3) Diesel-Electric locomotives and diesel locomotives

**M4**

- 1) What is balanced development?
- 2) What are MDGs and SDGs?
- 3) India's achievement of SDGs
- 4) SDG monitoring authority, criteria
- 5) Questions on NITI Aayog
- 6) What are 5Ps?

P.S. Interview was super smooth. Felt like a breeze. Still clocked 30-35 mins.  
Might be missing some ques and might have mixed ques btw members.

**Hobbies : listening and singing telugu folk songs Extra activities : Conducted blood donation camps State : Telangana..**

**Graduation: Electrical and electronics engineering**

**Optional : Anthropology**

**Sports : Kabaddi**

**Board : Mr. Manoj Soni**

**Chairman**

1. What is the most interesting thing happened in your life recently.
2. What has driven you to take up blood donation camps?
3. why do u like to listen to folk songs? Is it for entertainment or as a source to know about the folk culture
4. Have u heard of Pathalgadi movement?
5. What is the reason that suddenly led to the movement?

**Member 1**

1. Anthropology.. What do u know about harappan civilisation?
2. Any other important site belonging to this civilization and it's uniqueness?
3. There is lot of talk on crimes against women.. What will be your priority if have given authority... She means to ask whether it is ur first priority or so and why??
4. U r SDM and wife of DM complained to you of dowry harassment and domestic violence.. What will u do, keeping in mind ur reputation, ACR report is with DM...

**Member 2**

1. What is uday and how far it is effective in achieving its targets??
2. What is one important reform in power sector to tackle discom crisis
3. Why are some states like Gujarat have least AT and C losses, but states like TN has high losses

**Member 3**

1. Any other contemporary civilization of Harappa in Mexico ?
2. What is the language they used?
3. In shopping malls and so, lot of data like phone numbers are collected?? What are the legal provisions for data protection
4. What should be done for data privacy and security

**Member 4**

1. What is the status of India in international kabaddi
2. Why is the criteria for kabaddi to become part of Olympics
3. Difference between judicial activism and overreach....

4. Examples of both..
5. There is lot of talk on aspirational districts... How many and which districts from your state are nominated..
6. What outcomes are witnessed in aspirational district

**Chairman Manoj Soni**

**Candidate name -**

**Optional - sociology**

**Hobby - mentoring in civil services, watching movies especially thrillers, having conversations**

**State - Kerala**

**CM**

Why is Kerala called gods own country ?

What were u doing till now

ur a teacher ,so tell me what advice would u give students

5 social problems faced by the world

Biggest social problem faced by India

Counter questions on that

**Member 1**

Ur a mechanical engineer tell me what do u know about Tesla

What sports do u play

Tell me the skills needed for a cricket player

Do u think cricket is a game of chance or skill?

So u think there is no element of chance in that?

Have u heard of games called flush, poker ?

Which is the latest movie u watched

What award did parasite won?

Whats the speciality that u felt that it won Oscars

**Member 2**

Have u heard of bharatiya vidhya Bhavan?

Who was it's founder

What is the contributions of km munshi?

Do u think the phones we have is a threat to privacy and should be done away with ?

Do u think there are issues in orphanages in Kerala ?

There has been incidents of children trafficking to Kerala .what do u have to say about it ?

**Member 3**

What is afsipa?

Where all it is primarily enforced ?

Do u think there is a military excess taking place in North east ?

Suppose ur a DM of Andaman nicobar islands and there is virus spreading among the centinlaese. but the government policy is not to go and government is not responding.they are dying and ur on the ground zero with the cure .what will u do?

So what do u think about the human shield being used in Kashmir to save lives .it was the same thing there as well?

**Member 4**

Tell me what are the ethics of a teacher ?

Dont u think ur imposing ur philosophy when u tell the students to never back down from their dreams ?

So what do u think about the Hyderabad incident and there u saw nirbhaya case where one guy was left scot free .what do u think we should do.?

They are using the loopholes in the law and delaying justice .still u think we should allow them?

**Chairman :** Thank you

Your interview is over

**Board : Manoj soni sir**

**Date : 26/02/2020**

**Pub Administration**

**Exp: Bank and Audit**

**Chairman**

- 1) What is the nature of your work?
- 2) What are the problems of administration?
- 3) How to tackle them?
- 4) What is the root cause for all of these problems?
- 5) Do you think Family as institution failed in India?
- 6) what we can do to improve the position?

**M1**

- 1) As a DM how will you tackle those issues?
- 2) Tell me about India and Nepal relations?
- 3) Have u watched recent ayushman khurana movie?
- 4) which movie u watched and what is the essence of the story?

**M2**

1) In your team one person works well but takes bribe at home and there is no evidence but u received a complaint.

Another person does not work at all. What will you do in both the cases?

**M3**

- 1) What are the guidelines for audit in CAG?
- 2) What is performance audit?
- 3) What performance do u measure in social welfare department?
- 4) Why Banks merger?
- 5) Large banks with pan India presence or small banks with technology which is better?

**M4**

- 1) What are the provisions for civil services disciplinary actions?
- 2) What are the articles under constitution with respect to civil services?
- 3) Explain 311?
- 4) Why Micro financial institutions are now not performing well?
- 5) Why they are charging High interest rates?
- 6) How to make them viable?
- 7) How govt procurement process can be made more efficient?
- 8) Some GeM provisions?

Thank you

**Graduation- B. Tech, EE**  
**Optional- PSIR**  
**Sport- Boxing (National level)**  
**Hobby- weight training**  
**Home district-Ahmedabad,Gujarat.**  
**Board- Smita Nagaraj ma'am**  
**Date-20-02-2020**  
**Afternoon slot**

**CP-**

- 1) Pulkit, will you be one of those 7 million who'll be attending President Trump's event?
- 2) As an IFS officer, how would you look at such an extravagant visit with a headache for you to arrange for such a large audience? What's there for India to gain from it?
- 3) Who're our hostile neighbours and how're we dealing with them?
- 4) Doesn't India also have a deep state?

**M1:**

- 1) India-Myanmar relation and impact on it due to China factor?
- 2) Your favourite boxer?
- 3) Why boxing isn't doing well in India?
- 4) UN's relevance?
- 5) What was UN World Humanitarian summit certification program about?( I was awarded a certificate under this program)

**M2:**

- 1) GSP?
- 2) Mammalapuram's significance?
- 3) Boxing's weight categories; mary kom's weight category? your weight category?
- 5) is Boxing a sport of violence?
- 6) Is there a dichotomy between India claiming the status of a global power and simultaneously wanting to retain its 'developing' tag under WTO?
- 7) Which are developing countries?
- 8) Is Nepal and India same in the level of development?

**M3:**

- 1) What is the definition of a developed country?
- 2) By when India should become a developed country?
- 3) Share of renewable energy in India's energy mix?
- 4) share of renewable energy in Gujarat's energy mix? which is the dominant renewable energy source in Gujarat?
- 5) What will be the impact if we increase wind energy in the grid to almost half of the grid capacity?
- 6) is electricity the cleanest form of energy?
- 7) As an SDM, how would you reduce Ahmedabad's air pollution?
- 8) what is the difference between weight training and weight lifting?

**M4:**

- 1) What has the US done by re-classifying India as a developed country? Will it impact India? How are we going to deal with it?

- 2) What is mid-day meal scheme ? As a DM, what will you do to ensure food quality under it?
- 3) If you're a DM and your subordinate reports to you that in a cattle fair, a mass selling of cows is being observed. What would you do?
- 4) How can you dilute sulphuric acid? Do we add water to acid or acid to water?
- 5) 1 major port of Gujarat?
- 6) Who was behind Kandla port's development?
- 7) Why was Kandla port established?

**CW:**

- 1) Have you lived in a village? What difference did you feel in terms of amenities?
- 2) What difference could you see in social terms?
- 3) Is Dalit youth's attitude changing to such (discriminatory) social structures in villages?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

**Chairperson: Smita Nagraj madam**  
**Interview Date: 25 February 2020**  
**Hobbies: Spending time with pet, Badminton:**  
**Graduation : B. Tech (IT)**  
**Optional: Sociology**

**Chairperson:**

- Q. What are you doing right now?
- Q. You have mentioned quite a different hobby of spending time with pet and badminton, why so?
- Q. It seems quite different at your age to involve in such things?
- Q. How much time you use phone?
- Q. Recently there is something going on in telecom sector. Do you know?
- Q. What are the issues with 5G spectrum, what is that?
- Q. Why US is asking India not let Huawei to participate?
- Q. What should India do?
- Q. Why Indian companies are not able to participate in 5G as you said?
- Q. What is this AGR you are talking about?
- Q. Why the companies are not agreeing to pay?
- Q. What should the government do?
- Q. Why should government help these companies?
- Q. Is there any body which can assure free competition in India?
- Q. What has the Competition Commission of India said on this?

**Member 1:**

- Q. Which dog do you have? (some light moment on it)
- Q. What is majoritarianism? Is it there in India?
- Q. The democracies where there is no majoritarianism?
- Q. Isn't Brexit due to majoritarianism?
- Q. Isn't this majoritarianism that Scotland not allowed to be separated?

**Member 2:**

- Q. We have a goal of \$5 trillion economy. Is it realistic?
- Q. But efforts have been done in past also, so what's new now?
- Q. There is reduced demand and lack of participation by private sector, so how could economy expand?

Q. What has been the maximum growth rate till now and can we jump from that to 15%?

**Member 3:**

Q. You have said to mam that there are nominal and realised profits. Explain to me what are these terms?

Q. When the company earns the profits it is all it's, but when losses then why should government bear them?

Q. If you would be telecom secretary, what would you do?

Q. What can we do if Jio reduces prices in unfair manner?

**Member 4:**

Q. What is data localisation and why do we need that? Tell me in 3 lines.

Q. The spectrum that would be bidder, is that new or old one, is it shared....?( many questions within a single question)

Q. There are different kinds of frequency bands like S,L,Ka,Ku,etc. So what is the frequency of these bands?

**Chairperson:** Your interview is over

Interview revolved around 2/3 issues and depth discussions on those issues with cross questioning.

**Optional : PSIR**

**Interests: world war 2 museums visit and movies related to it**

**Board: MANOJ SONI SIR**

**Date: 26-02-2020**

**Chairman**

1. It seems like you stayed about 5.5 years with cognizant . It is too long for a person to stay and seems you are happy .. then why change

2. What is your vision for 2047 as india is going to celebrate 100 years of independence ( I brought in international great power in answer)

3. so ,asked to reach great power for india, pak and China are dragging us . So which one is your priority ?

4. With respect to india policy towards China , one are where you want change ?

**Member 1**

5. Do you think UN is working as envisaged ?

6. What do you think of Jamal khasoggi episode ?

7. what do you think of common man perspective of telangana formation and it really benefitted

8. If you become secretary and got room , would you place gandhis portrait ( I said without any doubt)

9. Then he asked why and it seems Gandhi is not relevant today ( I countered that he is more relevant today then that time and it is we how don't much about Gandhi rather than question of his relevance )

10. Then what should be done to make Gandhism more popular ?

**Member 2**

11. Let's assume you are head of department and 10 people under you . 1000s of people surrounded and about to kill

3 options :

- a) Take one as hostage and use him to make a passage
- b) Do nothing and pray to god by remaining inside



- c) Fire at people . What will you choose ?
12. There is bullying happening to you . How will you respond ??
13. If there is prejudiced boss on you .
- 3 options
- do nothing and carry on with work
  - Don't do work as anyway not being recognised
  - Make it public issue .

14. Have your ever been angry before ??  
What did you do

**Member 3:**

15. Now if you are angry because your subordinates are not working . How will you respond ?
16. If you are in ifs ,and all people around you are speaking Chinese and keeping you aside , how will you respond ?

Member 4:

17. Now let's see if you become ias , what are your priorities for Warangal ?
18. Why this different interest of wars .What you learned from ww2 museums visit ?
19. What is INA AND CONTRIBUTION
20. Told me to visit battle of Imphal, Kohima and said I will love it
21. How ww-2 affected Indian society ?

That is it, it's been pleasure taking to you . Have a pleasant evening  
They took about 35-40 mins in total

**Satyawati Madam board**  
**NIT Warangal**  
**Rajasthan**  
**Electrical and electronics Engineering**  
**PSIR**

Mam read out the DAF

**Madame:**

So u lived in warangal  
What is the status of naxalism there  
Why it has come down there and not in other states like CG, Odisha  
What are steps taken at Center and state level.

**M1**

Some pol sci questions which I never heard : politely said NO  
Measures which can be taken to boost Tourism in Rajasthan

**M2**

So you belong to Chittorgarh, what is it famous for ?  
Why did they commit Jauhar ?  
How many times Jauhar happened ?  
You have studied electrical and electronics engineering , what subject you like most ?  
I said all  
He asked, how do we get electricity ?  
Why this three stages ? Why cant we can directly generate and use it ?  
Why voltage is step up , then down , then down ?

Why cant we transmit at low voltage ?  
 Why voltages always like 33, 132 KV etc ?  
 Why only multiple of 11 ?

**M3**

Couple of questions I m not able to recollect right now ?  
 Why India pulled out of RCEP ?

**M4**

What do you mean by the term " thinking out of the box " ?  
 Have you ever thought out of the box in your life ?  
 Share it.

Tell me something about Locust ?

Two women centric problems of society and how can you solve them ?

### Chemistry Hons

#### Cricket diary writing

Chairperson (RN choubey 28 Morng)

#### Chairperson

What is trade deficit

Current status

Cryptocurrency

Can i buy potato with bitcoins( no sir but u can buy products from international commerce sites which accept when asked where I can use?)

**M1**

How will u motivate students to pursue chemistry( small class every day chemistry intermediate class future and career options college students research facilities)

How to double income of women in village( agro processing traditional craft)

What changes u propose in school education policy( yahan i did mistake by saying I ll focus to get students to school and then ensure they are retained)

**M2**

Anne Frank?

History of world Bank and imf( did not knw)

Un mandate ( I answered peaceful coexistence of nations)

He said in easy language( I said world War dobara na ho)

Un peacekeeping maintains peace or enforces peace( I said I m confm about maintenance only)

**M3**

Totalisation agreement after some lines about us india current affairs ( heard for frst time?)

Delhi air pollution reasons

Delhi govt steps

Odd even success or failure

Airshed and watershed

Which form of cricket u like and why?

Why test cricket is losing popularity

**M4**

Andaman tribes which can SENSE earthquake ... I said I dnt knw which tribes who are able to predict then he corrected and said sense

Why I left chemistry and chose anthro

When cell phone came to india... No idea why he asked  
 What use is my 1.5 year job in chennai in administration  
 Last question of the day

Iska answers aap log bhi share karo-

I will put in ur mouth and close it... What do you understand by it. This was question when I answered that I learnt patience from job

**Chairperson**

Ur interview is over

**Interview date 28 Feb afternoon**

**Smitha Nagaraj board**

**Last to go**

**20-25 mins duration**

**Pub ad...hobbies telecom technologies...working as business analyst in IT sectors  
 telecom domain**

**Ch:** you're working in your company since long, is it from starting or joined later?

What have been your experience there?

Why want to join here?

Why is ability to study and gain domain knowledge important?

Which sector would you like to work and how your job will help?

If you're posted in UP how will you improve education using technology?

**M1:** is your company listed in India?

How would you launch the IPO in India?

Follow-up questions on it.

**M2:** how does AI and Robotics impact several sectors.

Will it lead to job losses only?

**M3:** Aadhar issues?

SC judgement on it.

**M4:** UBI, what are its benefits.

Do you support it or not?

Timing of your marathon?

He said mine was better , I said you're my role model, everyone laughed.

Business Analyst , what do you do?

Are credit rating agencies credible?

Major fall of institution due to failure of rating agencies.

Are they reliable?

How would you suggest me to buy a stock?

Invisible hand theory? What is it? Do we really have it?

**Ch:** thank you

I said thanku.

She said thanku again and asked me to leave through eyebrow movement.

**Chairperson: Ajit Shankar Rao Bhonsle**  
**Interview Date: 28 February 2020**  
**Duration: 30-35 minutes**  
**Graduation : B.Tech Biotechnology from VIT Vellore**  
**Work experience: IBM India Pvt Ltd**  
**Optional: Botany**  
**Hobbies: 1. Solo Travelling 2. Shayari 3. Meeting and interacting with new people**  
**Home State: Dhanbad, Jharkhand**

Chairman asked me to be comfortable and wished good luck. Read about my graduation positively and told me to speak in Hindi or English as per my choice and told me that I can take my time to think and can also write on paper and explain.

**Chairman:**

1. How did you adjust in South Indian culture and place?
2. Tell me the difference between women folks of Vellore and Dhanbad.
3. You published a research paper on extro and introvert. What were the conclusions?
4. Do you think south Indians do not learn language easily?

**M1:**

1. Do you think medical tourism is less developed in India? How can we make it better?
2. How can we fight back social media evils regarding terrorism or riots?
3. What are the new technologies and solution to fight technologies used by Naxals and terrorists?

**M2:**

1. Tell me the difference between FR and DPSP.
2. Tell me some DPSP.
3. Why we are taking such long time to implement DPSP?
4. Is monarchy a problem for British finances? Why does not Britain do away with this? What is Commonwealth?

**M3:**

1. Tell me about Jharkhand economy?
2. What can government do to develop Jharkhand?
3. Tell me status of Panchayats in Jharkhand?
4. What can we do to do away with Mukhiya Pati culture?

**M4:**

1. Differences among ISRO, DRDO and HAL?
2. Was Chandrayaan 2 a failure?

**Chairman:** Okay thank you. What are your plans for today after you go back home?  
 Okay best of luck.

**Date of Interview - 28/02/2020**  
**Smt Smita Nagraj panel**  
**BTech & MS in Civil Engg**  
**Optional - Maths**  
**Working at NABARD**  
**Hobbies - dancing, cooking (no questions asked on hobbies)**

**CP**

1. How is your work in NABARD?
2. Do we need NABARD? Are other institutions not sufficient?
3. Gov also has specialised staff, monitoring personnel, etc.? As you have mentioned tribal development, Govt is also working in this area? Why NABARD then?

**M1**

1. Ministry of Rural Development and NABARD are working together for a govt scheme. Which one is it?
2. What is NABARDs role in PM Awas Yojana?
3. Do you know about Parliamentary committees? Name some of them, their purpose and issues.

**M2**

1. Which prize is given for people working in Maths below a certain age? Do you know who got it recently?
2. Since you have been in Mumbai, what is the bloodbath in the market? What are reasons for falling stock market in past 6 months?
3. What is SENSEX? how is it calculated? Can you name some more famous indices internationally?

**M3**

1. Some questions on lending and development activities of NABARD
2. What is RTI Act? What was the recent amendment? What are its issues? What is CEC and what are its issues?

**M4**

1. Why did you not pursue a career in transportation engineering after having such qualification?
2. Name some modern technologies in transportation.
3. What is hyperloop and hypersonic travel? Where is it being planned in India?
4. What are the issues with having autonomous vehicles in India?
5. What is maglev? Where has it been commercialized?

**CP**

1. What is your opinion on 3 capitals for Andhra Pradesh?
2. What about having executive & legislature in one place and judiciary in one place?
3. What about some reports on buying of land with insider information?

Interview is over

**Manoj Soni Sir board**

**Date: 28-02-2020 (Afternoon)**

**Hobbies: Rubiks cube, Sudoku, Jogging**

**B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering**

**Optional: Mechanical Engineering**

**Chairman:**

1. Write the figure of 5 trillion.
2. What is gdp.
3. What is this 5 trillion dollar economy.
4. How to achieve it.
5. What can an individual do to make it happen.
6. How to give boost to Manufacturing
7. What will infrastructure do if no goods are to be transferred.

**M1:**

1. What is LOC and international border
2. Why is the present status like this?
3. Why haven't our army got it back?
4. Security issues in north east?
5. Should NCC be made compulsory to inculcate feelings of pride, love for the country?

**M2 :**

1. Demonetisation--adv, disadv
2. Why banks being merged
3. Job losses in banks
4. HACCP

**M3 :**

1. Sir creek
2. Why privatisation in BPCL
3. Provisions of Bodo accord and its impact
4. HDI dimensions and parameters
5. Difference between nationalism and patriotism
6. Extreme form of which is bad?
7. Technology harms humanity too. Iran shot down Ukraine bound plane.

**M4 :**

1. Man animal conflict. How to manage it?
  2. Wildlife corridors.
- No questions from hobby, birth place, jobs, Mechanical engineering, etc.

**Aspirant I9****28/2/2020 (A/N)****BB Vyas Sir Board****Background****Graduation: Mech engg, IIT Delhi****Native place: Hyderabad, Telangana****Indian Postal Service****Hobbies : Ted talks and Cricket****Optional : Mathematics****Chairperson**

1. So you worked for HUL? ( I said that I did and intern and currently working in IPoS)
2. Quickly give me 3 most important initiatives going on in the Postal Department.
3. What is the use of IPPB? Is it necessary? Whats the purpose?
4. Tell me the impact of trade war between USA and China on India and the world.
5. Can you name some specific products/sectors ?
6. Why was Huawei Chief was arrested? Do we need to worry about 5G?
7. What are green crackers? How are they different from normal crackers?

**M1**

1. Which areas of ted talks you watch generally?
2. Can you tell me about a talk that you liked? (related to education)
3. Can that model be replicated in our country. What measures need to be taken?

4. Do you know Jack Ma?

He is concentrating on education now. Can you tell me what are his plans in this sector?

5. There have been great mathematicians in our country. So tell me what scientific literature has India produced that benefitted the world?

### M2

1. You are from IIT Delhi. Tell me what is Spic Macay?

2. What is difference between ADHD and dyslexia?

3. What is your evaluation of Bretton Woods institutions working so far ?

4. Can you tell me what is Sridharacharya equation? ( He gave an hint that it was related to solution of quadratic equations)

### M3

1. What is the project on rural artisans that you did? (DAF based)

2. So have you heard of Kala Kumbh?

3. What qualities do you think make you more suitable for civil services than an engineering career?

4. What are your service preferences?

5. Can you suggest me 5 places of interest in Hyderabad that you want us to visit?

### M4

1. Can you tell me how country benefitted from Demonetization?

2. But all the notes have been returned! They have even introduced 2000 notes. Wont it be easier to store black money? I don't understand the logic behind the move.

3. In what way people of Kashmir got affected with internet shutdown? Tell me positive and negative both.

Dont you think trade also got affected?

4. Can you tell me what is the maximum runs a batsmen can score in a T20 match hypothetically (no extras counted :)?

### M2

Last question. You were talking about black money. Can you tell me the how to identify the black money notes. Can we identify that by the colour of the notes? What is this white and black money?

Ok your interview is over!

### MARS

**Date of Interview - 28/02/2020**

**Smt Smita Nagraj panel**

**BTech & MS in Civil Engg**

**Optional - Maths**

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**4th to go 12:07 pm.**

**Chairman : Bhonsle Sir**

May I come in ; Chairman Sir paused looked at me for a sec and asked me to come in.

I greeted all. Then Chairman Sir said I will ask you very difficult questions that you will not be able to answer ( of course he was joking) I laughed also, then he said no no I will ask you good questions. Don't worry then very cordially he explained to me about the interview made me comfortable he also said here we all member talk in Hindi English both you are also free to use Hindi English mix as you like. Wish me best of luck and started.

Chairman Sir reads out DAF loudly then appreciated my academics and asked about my job profile.

What do you like in music, which songs. (DAF)

IT in music. (DAF hobby)

Advantage of technology in other fields and what do you think is the most important benefit so far.

Told him, he asked further on this and then passed on.

**M1 (Lady)**

What is a district

Policy made at district level?

Roles of central and state govt in policy formulation...?? Who won noble in economics from India??

Work of Abhijeet Banerjee and Sen.

**M2**

Dish famous in Bhopal (DAF)

How to make aloo gobhi sabzi (DAF)



What about tadka of ginger ?? I smiled yes Sir that too, he said there is no taste without ginger and laughing , then the chairman said thank you to the member and directed towards next member to ask questions.

Also he asked about election freebies in the beginning and pros and cons and what do you prefer.

And if you will work as ECI what will you do to prevent it ??

**M3** (All DAF questions)

Geography is such a interesting subject, Why people are no longer taking geography??

Why ranking of universities bad in India. 3 reasons.

Difference between science and arts.

What do students learn in arts.

Why have you taken science in graduation. And not pursued arts then ? Then he looked further and said ok you pursued arts too, why ????

**M4**

What do you mean by Good governance??? (DAF)

Why we call India a Federalism with unitary biasness?? (DAF)

**Chairman Sir**

Why we talk about learning outcomes when even brain of children is not developed., no proper nutrition, I answered.

Who are these children you are talking about?? I answered

Chairman Sir talked about Finland and learning outcome report.also he discussed many insights on education system (DAF) he said we can discuss with you for days and days on this. But now we have to end this discussion. Thank you :)

Amazing experience it was very very very cordial board. I felt like it was a conversation we were having at home. Hail UPSC board !!! :)

End 12:48 pm.

**Interview date : 28 Feb – Forenoon (6th to go, afternoon session candidates started coming in while I was still waiting)**

**Board : R N Choubey Sir**

**Optional : PSIR**

**Work experience : Software engineer in Cisco**

**Hobby : Painting**

**Chairman :** ( Briefed me on the interview process )

- 1) So, are you still working for Cisco ?
- 2) So, you did your preparation while working ?
- 3) What's your role in Cisco ?
- 4) Are those applications for internal use or does it have other clients ?
- 5) Do you get to work on a lot of projects ?
- 6) What is Machine learning ?
- 7) How will the machine be able to understand data ?
- 8) Can you give examples of those algorithms

**M1 :**

- 1) How will you increase the use of digital payments in rural areas ?
- 2) What are the pros and cons of it ?
- 3) As you work for a corporate, do you think it's easier to promote diversity in India than globally ?

**M2 :**

- 1) 15 years back , Cisco was alleged of using data that passed through its switches and routers?
- 2) Do you think it's possible ?
- 3) So , do you think that Huawei can do it through 5G network?
- 4) I find it interesting that you have topped school in Hindi in board exams. How many were there in the class ?  
(Just wanted to know if it's not like the joke where someone comes first in race when only 2 participated)
- 5) So you can speak in Hindi ?
- 6) What made you to choose Hindi over Tamil as 2nd language ?
- 7) What is infinity ?

**Chairman :**

- 1) What is infinity minus infinity ?

**M3 :**

- 1) Do you think Judiciary is going beyond its limits ?
- 2) Doesn't it interfere in the works of executive and legislative?
- 3) Don't you think its biting more than it can chew ?  
(I am assuming Judiciary related questions were because my Father is a Lawyer)

**M4 :**

- 1) Are you hungry ?  
(But we are , so we would like to finish it faster.)  
(So I will ask you all rapid fire questions and you have to answer likewise.)
- 2) Do you know who started this all ?
- 3) Do you know who started it all ? It started in television. No I mean rapid fire questions.
- 4) What is money order ?
- 5) How do they send money ?
- 6) Does it still exist ?
- 7) I see a very unique approach by you to mix 2 forms of painting ? Do you do it that way ?  
(I am not asking about all 3 , just 2 forms)
- 8) In Delhi, when you go around in buses you can see women not buying tickets. They are just given pink tickets to know the count. Do you think such freebies are necessary ?
- 9) On the eve of Delhi elections Arvind Kejriwal announced that its costing the government 140 crores and they are planning to extend it to all school students irrespective of gender. Do you think a developing country like India can afford such deficit?

**Chairman :** Your interview is over. We had a good conversation. We wish you a wonderful future.

**Date:** 28/02

**Board:** Air Marshal Bhosle sir

**Optional:** law

**Chairman:**

- Have you read the book 10 judgements that changed india?  
Can you guess the cases mentioned in it?  
What is the biggest criticism of keshavnanda bharti judgement?  
A question on judges accountability-is it justified in an elected democracy?

**M1:**

Relationship between law and governance

Advantages and disadvantages of a law background for a career in the government

**M2:**

Areas and countries you would focus on if you were the petroleum secretary, few follow up questions on that

**M3:**

Problems in sports administration in india-how to improve

Lack of autonomy of higher education-how to improve

**M4:**

Opinion on more colleges, more unemployment

Vision for new India

Opinion on rising divorce rates

Importance of 21st feb

**Chairman:**

Impact of interlinking of rivers

A few follow up questions on that

Very cordial board. Made me feel very comfortable. Might have missed a few questions that I can't remember.

**Date : 21/02**

**Board: Bassi Sir**

**Optional: PSIR**

**IFS (2nd preference, hence the questions)**

**Edu. Quali: Grad in Journalism, Masters in Pol.Science, Mphil.in Diplomacy and Disarmament**

**No question from hobbies section.**

**Chairperson :**

1. After Graduation you thought Journalism is not important and UPSC wasn't your central concern.

2. What is the state of polarity/balance of power in the world now ?

3. Which socio-pol arrangement would you prefer at world level.

4. Socio-pol arrangement at state level. ( I said democracy, equality and justice)

5. Follow up: then what about countries who have dictatorship.

6. Do you think borders of nations should be redrawn (I said it is up-to the states, how they manage it)

7. Catalonia issue (400 years old history) I didn't know, told what I knew.

**M-1:**

1. What is perception management?

2. Positives and negatives of Perception management at the time of Balakot strike

3. Role of Air Force and the nature of Balakot strike (for latter I said, Pre-emptive)

4. Gallantry Awards

5. Use of Diplomacy at the time of war and peace

**M-2**

1. (Pol. Science) Social Contract theory and who gave it?

2. Alwar Tourism Potential (Rajasthan Home State)
3. What is Responsible Journalism
4. POCSO act
5. Role of NC of Child Rights

**M-3**

1. Talk two minutes about Indian Foreign Trade (Fumbled of course)
2. Import basket, export basket
3. India's foreign reserves
4. Difference in monetary and fiscal policy.
5. Instruments of monetary policy and their rate ( I told repo rate)

**M-4**

1. What is Disaster Management ( was member of ECO club), types of disaster
2. Utilization of exit poll agencies in the social development.
3. Instruments of social media and which platform is used for mass communication the most.
4. For what Magsaysay award is given.
5. How electronic media is regulated?

**Chairperson :**

1. Is paid news regulated?
2. Should it be regulated?
3. Meaning of your name?

Interview over.

**Sujata Mehta Board**

**2nd March 2020; Afternoon Session, 1st to Go**

**Background: Bhagalpur, Bihar, NIT Rourkela, Ceramic Engineering(2016), Vedanta 2 years experience,**

**1st Attempt**

**Hobbies/Awards: Poetry Writing, Meditation, NCC, Street Play award**

**CP:**

1. Is this your photo (showing it)
2. Tell me about your education background.
3. What was your job profile at Vedanta?
4. Companies like Vedanta prefer to open plants in developing countries due to lax environmental regulations here. Do you agree?
5. Should Vedanta be given mining block (in Odisha)?
6. If we will do mining it will harm environment. Is't it sure. ( I said no, balance is possible)
7. Are you sure?
8. Why did you leave Vedanta?
9. Job diversity is not guaranteed if you get accounting job in civil service.

**MI** (lady, cheerful and smiling)

1. What is benefit of NCC experience.
2. Do you still benefit from that experience? How?
3. What kind of meditation you do.
4. You do it regularly? Group meditation?
5. What kind of poem do you write?

6. Can you tell some lines? (Before I could begin Chairman interrupted and told to pass to next member)

**M2** (Serious faced)

2-3 questions I forgot

1. If you are made director of public transport what steps would you take.

**M3** (Was smiling throughout along with me)

1. Bihar..what is new development after 15 years of dismal performance ( referring to Lalu Raj)

2. Do you think Rabri Devi..( hearing that Chairman interrupted and scolded the member for trying to raise political issue; meanwhile I continued to smile)

3. Cold War explain.

4. Which are famous poet.. Indian and Foreign ( I told 5-6 my favourite poets)

5. Your poetry comes under Which Rasa..( Nature and Spirituality.. said Shanta rasa but he didn't seem sure)

**M4** ( Serious faced but seemed very satisfied after hearing my answers)

1. What will you tell to you friend about your district if you want him to visit there?

2. What bhagalpuri silk production is declining? How to revive?

3. From the perspective of Ceramic Engineer what is scope in Bihar?

4. Bricks from top soil is eroding soil productivity. Your solution as Ceramic engineer.

**CP**

1-2 question I forgot

1. Do you think any area we have not covered or do you want us to ask questions on any area? ( I said current issues)

2. Police encounter is rising in certain states? Do you think it is right?

3. Why such things occur? ( Brought up Hyderabad issue and demand from public?)

4. Is judicial delay responsible? ( Concurred and elaborated)

5. High speed rail project.. tell 2 benefits and two harms. She interrupted few times during my answer.

She again asked anything more.. I thought better to get out than they decide to throw me out :)

I said no and She said your interview is over.

Overall Cordial board. But Chairman is very strict and runs the show like boss. Although she behaves with candidate very nicely. Difficult to judge your answer from her face as she maintains poker face.

**Board : ASR Bhonsle**

**Date: 28th Feb, 2020**

**Duration:20 to 25 minutes**

**Background : MA in Political Science**

**State : Kerala**

**Optional : Malayalam Literature**

**Chairman:** Reading out my profile and highlighted all the positives, made me comfortable.

Tell me why not go into politics after learning political science and why into civil services?

RTI is there for transparency and accountability - officers are not happy about it. What is your take?

**M1:** What is coffee club?

Which all countries are there?

What is the name for countries standing for reform?

What are the qualifications based on which India asking for reform(told few , among them India largest democracy)

Is russia a democracy?

Then, is democracy essential condition?

What we need to do then?

Aren't we trying to build consensus for the last 20 years. What else we could do?

**M2:** is communist manifesto is a dead document? Why?

Repeated the question(answer may not be satisfactory for him)

**M3 :** you have four year gap after ur MA ?

Is PhD good platform.for preparing for civil services?

Is that a problem of higher education?

What are others? (said about curriculum)

We have already have choice based credit system. So?

What are the 3 reforms you suggest?

**M4:** who is your favourite Indian Political Thinker? (Said Gandhi) Why?

What is gram swaraj?

Is that practical at the time of globalisation to have self sufficient village?

Do the countries having local self governments have higher level of peace?(based on earlier answer)

Chairman: What are your plans for today?

Counter questions made it bit tough for me.

**Date : 24-02-2020**

**Satyawati Ma'am Board**

**Hobbies : Macrame ; Learning Kathak**

**Social Service Activities under NSS**

**Optional : Electrical**

**State : Bihar**

### Chairman

Showed my photo. Is that you ?

Went through my DAF and members kept taking note of it

She Couldn't pronounce Schlumberger [Previous Job]. So I helped her there.

Then she asked what is this Macrame ?

**Me :** It is an art of making articles by tying knots . One can make pots plant hangers wall hangins. [They were not getting it.] SO I said you must have seen friendship band . So that's the most basic square knot .

Also Ma'am I learnt while interacting with lady security officer outside that she also makes articles.

[Chairman didn't get it . SO tohers explained it to her and then all laughed]'

You were earning so much and all. U will get half etc. SO why do you want to join Civil Services ?

**Me :** Due to difficult economic situations I had faced during my childhood monetary purpose was the primary goal. However when I got into high paying job I found that there was a lack of purpose within me. Civil Services ; on the other hand ; seemed like a career which both stable and challenging ; providing a platform to create great impact on public thru govt functioning

How did you come to know about Civil Services ?

**Me :** Ma'am being born in Bihar this is a common thing around. [All laughed] However I was not inclined initially and only during by job after interacting with colleagues I felt I can put my skills to better use in services

[And by saying skills to better use ; I landed in trouble ]

What are your skills that would make you a good administrator ?

**Me :** I am able to connect with people quickly ; which is required for a civil servant. Two as I have worked in teams ; I have realised it takes a team to get things done.

Ohh with just these two you feel you can become a good administrator ?

**Me :** Ma'am these came at the top of my mind now. If I were to add one more ; I would say I have problem solving bent of mine. I try not whining about problem but be part of solution

So What will do as DC in Bhagalpur ? [place of birth]

**Me :** Nutrition and Health [Especially Arsenic issue]; Education : Elementary is good but Higher Education not good ; Allied activities for farmers to check distress migration .

But What is Bhagalpur famous for ?

**Me :** Yes Ma'am Bhagalpuri Silk

What is it called ?

**Me :** Tassar Silk Yes Ma'am that can also be capitalised on. It has unique property that Silk worms are not killed when making silk.

What would you call such a silk /

**Me :** Non Violent Silk

**Ma'am :** Ahimsa Silk

Where do they get the cocoon from ?

**Me :** Ma'am now a days there are supplies from other states ; [She kept saying no no no ] . And Ma'am earlier and even now some procure cocoon from Adivasis

**Member I**

So you have done electrical engineering . Was it because of external force or your own choice ?

**Me :** Sir I didn't have much exposure then so I followed what my parents and sister advised.

So you chose electrical ?

**Me :** Sir actually I had got chemical engineering. But since I had good grades in first year ; I could switch to electrical

Have you heard of Synchronous Motor ? Tell me about it. [Also dunno why he said; its okay if you don't remember as you would have read long back ]

**Me :** Explained it

But why is it called synchronous ?

**Me :** Works on single speed

Asked about how to maintain voltage profile ?

**Me :** Synchronous Condenser ; capacitor banks ; thyristor controlled Capacitor Banks and Reactors

Have you heard of Thyristor or IGBT? Can you use that also to maintain voltage profile

[Then I realised he didn't listen to my answer earlier or I am talking too fast as I had already mentioned it]

**Me :** Yes Sir it can be used

We see service motive in you blah blah ; What do you think are 5 essential qualities of a Civil Servant ?

**Me :** problem Solver Solving an issue at hand with whatever resources at hand

Integrity

Ability to connect with people ; can say empathy

Objectivity ; taking decisions based on facts and not personal biases

### Political Neutrality

So you say integrity ty ; but there is general idea that corruption breeds efficiency. Businessman pay brobe to get things done. Don't you think we should moderate Integrity ?

**Me :** No Sir ; I don't think we should moderate integrity. [Quoted some example of how I didn't bribe for passport and still got it done by complaining to appropriate authority. Had I bribed I would have put my self on slippery slope and always vulnerable to corruption]

### Member 2

What is the relation between development and democracy ?

**Me:** Sir; there is two way relationship between development and democracy. When grassroot democracy is strengthened ; like Panchayats development will take place because being at local level they understand local issues better. Similarly; when women were politically empowered through reservtion ; for eg in Bihar 50% reservation was provided ; we saw women participating in large numbers in grassroot democracy.

But developed people don't participate in democracy. They rarely vote . Only people from Slums vote.

**Me :** yes Sir ; it has been seen that educated people come out in lower numbers to vote. It comes from their perception that voting will not change anything. It also shows their indifferent attitude towards the importance of voting as a civic duty and the change they can bring by excercising this power.

Have you been reading newspapers last few weeks ?

**Me :** yes Sir

What is the total food grain production of India ?

**Me :** Sir; I have been reading about Wheat production lately in newspapers ; which is around 145 million tonnes.I am not aware of entire food grain production

Ohh So we produce only wheat is it ? [Looked at chairman and gave a smirk ]

**Me :** Sorry Sir I don't know

### Member 3

So you mentioned about Women Empowerment. What are the two things you would like to work on as a DC ?

**Me :** Ma'am one nutrition and health and two family planning ; ensuring basic resproductive rights Okay so tell me two steps you would take in these areas ?

**Me :** Ma'am for nutrition in kids we have Mid Day Meal.....

Wait; Mid day meal is for school kids. Lets restrict ourselves to Women.

**Me :** Ma'am So we can strengthen mid day meal for Girl Child.[Lady member gave a smirk as I again started with Mid day Meal. Said something about SMS advisories to women about iron pills as many women are anaemic . Also mentioned about Post partum haemorrhage being one of the major reasons for Maternal mortality in Bihar ; so procuring equipment for that. This was the weakest point in my interview. I fumble a lot here . Said sorry while fumbling ; kept looking down]

Okay; So what two steps will you take for family planning ?

**Me :** Sensitizing Women about family planning. We can use children for same Eg in a village in Orissa Children were trained by administration to campaign against Child Marriage and this helped in reducing child marriage. So something on these lines can be tried.

Second ; I would also involve Men because they also need to understand the importance of ensuring reproductive rights fr Women. Eg In Maharastra there was Ghar dogache Abhiyan where Men were mobilised to ensure properties are registered in name of WWomen. [actually it was joint registration of property ; made a mistake here]

But what you are suggesting will take a long time for success /



**Me :** Yes Ma'am it will take long time. Like in NSS when we used to campaign about Family planning to women; they used to listen to us but when any male member would come they would just go in. After multiple trips we could ensure that some of them started taking contraceptives. So have you heard about Me too Movement .. Blah Blah What is it ? What do you think of it ? Was it successful ?

**Me :** Me too was a movement where women came out to talk about the sexual assault they faced on Social Media. It did lead to stepping down of some powerful personalities and some convictions as well. However it puts a larger question on Criminal Justice System. Why did these Women not come out earlier ? Why is there lack of trust ?..further Movement was not gender inclusive ; there is no mechanism to verify if the allegations are correct. Also it didn't include women from lower strata. So on these fronts movement was not successful.

[had discussed this with Prashant Sir while waiting for interview. So answered it confidently. Member seemed satisfied]

**Member 4**

So there is this principle of deterrence that eye for an eye and tooth for tooth. Have you heard of Bhagalpur Blindings case. Do you think it was correct ?

**Me :** No Sir I don't think it was correct as it perpetrates violence in society; that violence can be used to provide instant justice. However ; it also needs to be seen that it was failure of administration to punish crime that people supported such a violent act in such large number What is Dynamo ? What does it do in car ?

**Me :** Sir Not aware of it

You should know this you are from electrical engineering ?

**Me :** Sorry Sir

It charges battery in car [All laughed that I didn't know this ]

So have you heard of AIBP programme ?

**Me :** Yes Sir Accelerated Integrated Benefits Programme [He corrected that it is irrigation not integrated ]

So as a DC what would you do to ensure this programme is implemented effectively ? [Question was longer than this ....and I got lost; So I asked again Sir what is my position again. He said you are DC]

**Me :** Sir ; in Irrigation projects the biggest problem is convincing villagers to give their land. So explaining benefits of project to them will be first step. Second I would try to converge MNREGA in creating assets. Third ; My father once told me that while planning a project the places they decided for laying structures ; villagers already had some structure made at those places. So ; basically using traditional knowledge of villagers.

Okay Okay ; So have you heard of Food for work programme ?

**Me :** No Sir

You have worked in Thane and this programme was started in Thane; after which NREGA was started ; that's why I am asking you this ?

**Me :** No Sir Sorry I am not aware

So What was Chauri Chaura incident ?

**Me :** Chauri Chaura Sir was an attack by people on police station . [Before I could finish my answer; Chairman started tapping pencil. Member 4 said I was just checking if you know this as you are from Electrical background and I don't expect you to know this.]

**Chairman :** Smiled and said Thank you

**Me :** Bowed and said Thank you . Was totally perplexed after interview; didn't realise it was over.

Overall cordial board. Picked up questions from my answers. Some lows and some highs. Two members [One sir and one lady member] were little strict .

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Hobbies: reading and boxfit**

**Courses: political science hons and conflict transformation and peacebuilding**

### Chairperson

\* Good afternoon Shreya- we are having our tea and you are also welcome to have pakora with us- said no sir thankyou

\* so you've done political science from Kamala Nehru- tell me about Kamala nehru-

\* Oh beta you've prepared this hahahahaha (I nodded and replies yes sir- he laughed)

\* Who's this gentleman on the picture- pres kovind: gave some general idea

\* You don't know much more?

\* Okay, what is boxfit? (Hobby) You fit in a box hahaha- I gave the general idea- bassi sir did some back and forth about ability to beat people up

**M2:** what is this conflict transformation course? What did you learn?

\* How can you transform a conflict

\* What do you know about sedition

\* How should the state navigate cases of sedition

\* Tell me about the Karnataka case

\* SC judgements

\* What do you know about Indian navy? (Fumbled Here on)

\* Tell me about different kinds of ships of the navy and their differences

\* Some more questions I can't remember

**M3:** Lady member:

\* You've done political science, tell me about Plato

\* Tell me about republic

\* What is the idea behind philosopher king

\* Is India a patriarchal country?

\* No no, don't tell me in general- tell me about your experience

\* India's ranknon GI

\* What boooks have you read recently

\* Medical termination of pregnancy bill?

\* What do you understand by Human rights

**M4:** reason for conflict in the Middle East

\* Problems between Iran, Saudi and turkey

\* Problems that Europe faces as a continent

\* Some more IR related questions I can't remember

**M5:**

\* You had engineering drawing in 12th, tell me about a few objects that are similar from all sides or something around that- couldn't answer well: said i don't know

\* State that has been bifurcated into two recently?

\* What are it's capitals

\* Tell me what you know about shivlingas (this caught me off guard) couldn't place properly so said I don't know

Okay beta your interview is done. Is this your photo?: replied yes sir  
You didn't have your pakora? Have it later.

The board was cordial and nice. The lady member looked happy except my answer on Human rights was a little twisted to which she nodded in a disagreeing way.

**Date -24 Feb afternoon**

**State – UP (Azamgarh).**

**Graduation - BSc(maths,computer science,psychology)**

**PG - MSc(comp sc)**

**Hobbies- watching contemporary movies, playing cricket**

**Medium - हिन्दी(Hindi)**

**Board - Manoj Soni sir.**

**Chairman -**

1. are you still live in village?
2. name 3 innovation in computer science in past 10 years?
3. use of Artificial intelligence in administration?
4. name any example where gov has used AI?

**M1-**

1. what are the progress made in solar energy in india? what are the goals in solar energy?
2. What are the disadvantages of solar energy?
4. what is the unit of irradiance(solar power) ?
3. regionalism impacts nationalism in negative way and nationalism impacts global world negatively. Comment?
4. Do you think nationalism is bad because pm Modi had travelled somewhere and there people criticised him for stressing on nationalism.

**M2:**

1. tell me about contemporary movies, give example. which movie you have recently watched.
2. Coaching Institutes are money making institutions and they exploit civil service students. comment. (I had earlier said that i work part time in a coaching Institute)
4. two more questions(not remember).

**M3 -**

1. do you watch Hollywood movies too? tell me which movie you have recently watch in Hollywood.
2. Why indian movies don't get Oscar?
3. being very big state and due to administration Inaccessibility, UP should be divided. What do you think?
4. is e-governance reachable to all? despite this,UP is still backward in almost all indicators.
5. have you heard about one nation, one platform. (you are computer science student, what should it be, you can guess.)

**M4-**

1. do you remember psychology still, tell me the name of some psychologist you have study.
2. tell me about sigmond freud.
3. salvation of India lies in its village. (Quote of Gandhi ji) comment?
4. have you study any development model,Do you know the development model of Switzerland?
5. why Bollywood movies have too many songs?

6. tell me the name of a famous lyricist from allahabad who recently died.

**Ch** - okay, your interview is over, dhanyavaad, shubhkamnaayein, namaste.

**Manoj Soni sir board**

**B.TECH in CSE**

**1.5 years in Vizag steel plant**

**6 years in ONGC**

**First interview**

**Hobbies - diary writing and trekking**

**Chairman** - greeted and explained the process

**Chairman** - Started Reading DAF details like native place , company name .. said that it's good that you are here .. I have seen many students who either leave their job for CSE preparation or change their job always .. you did none of them .. you prepared along with your job and also stuck to ONGC .. That's good

**CM** - Tell me how did you manage

A: explained about my schedule and how I managed 2-3 hours on weekdays and utilised weekends in effective way also told them that I managed my leave well and took leave on Monday if necessary and clubbed it with weekends .. also said that my seniors are very supportive and I took 20 days leave before Mains and 5 days before interview

**CM** - ok that's nice .. I see that you are from IT and you are working in IT department of ONGC .. that's a good symphony .. I like it .. now why u want to break this

**CM** - Lets address the elephant in the room - does power excite you ?

**CM** - you are from champaran and Gandhi ji was associated with champaran .. let's discuss about him and then he asked is it practical to follow Gandhi ji ideas .. discussion on poverty , his economic ideas and materialism followed up .. 3-4 minutes discussion on this topic

Now he told other members to ask

**MI**- I see you are from PSIR .. tell me your view on general sulameani killing (no cross question)

- tell me about the Jamal karogi killing

- Ok I see you like trekking.. let's move to that area .. how frequently you trek

- Most difficult trek and details about its terrain

- I want you to send you to a 7 days Himalayan expedition and you won't get any Porter to carry any luggage .. take your time and plan your bag .. remember you have to carry this bag

- Discussion on the items followed

- Next question on hyderabad killing instant justice — (discussion became little bit uncomfortable)

- Suppose Nirbhaya is ur sister .. how will you react

- Cross question on that

- Chairman also asked follow up question on this

- there are many leather factories which are facing non tariff barrier .. how to approach this problem .. cross question on this

**Member 2**

- how do you rate ONGC .

- tell me one major problem ongc is facing

- Ok it seems you have prepared ONGC well let's move on from it

- what is ur view on sick psu .. I want your assessment .. where are we going wrong .. I don't want bookish answer .. I want ur observation and she specifically mentioned that I have to give 4 observation - questions and answer followed on this
- Next discussion on champaran
- I have visited champaran some time back and I am sorry to say I am disappointed with this .. what do you think is it because of political failure or bureaucratic apathy ?
- Question of development model of champaran and it's challenges

**Member 3**

- What is nudge theory
- Is it successful in changing behaviours of people
- Ur assessment of Swach BHARAT mission and role of nudge theory in this
- Name and Shane policy and is it right
- How to use it in other scheme
- Is champaran ODF free
- can you use IT knowledge and improve ODF status in champaran .. tell me ur plan of action
- Follow up question on this

**Member 4-**

- she asked about cooperatives (no idea why she asked — no link to daf )
- Problems of cooperatives specially PACS
- Any successful model of PACS and learning
- Problem of district cooperatives
- Use ur IT knowledge to make it right
- No follow up question
- In the end she said very good

Finally chairman

Thank you .. your interview is over .. have a nice day.

Duration - 30-35 mins

5th one to go in second half (around 4:40)

**2 March**

**Mechanical Engineer**

**Work- ITC Ltd(tobacco)**

**Hobbies - writing, Non fiction book**

**B S Bassi board**

**Chairman:**

1. (showing photo)Is it you?
2. Which book have you read recently?(Hobby)
3. Breif history of time , tell me about it?(linked to book)
4. Okay, forget the universe, Tell me the history of india?
5. Not the political , the continent history ?
6. How will the Indian continent end ?

**M1 (Lady)**

7. So you are a writer? Which language you write?(hobby)
8. recite the one you have recently written?
9. What was your role at ITC (work)

10. What's your opinion on Tobacco(work)
11. What's the global and National trend in Tobacco(work)

**M2**

12. What is recent Defence and aerospace development around you?(Banglore)
13. What is the future of entrepreneurship in these sectors?
14. What are the Challenges to MSME

**M3**

15. What is Oil diplomacy? How has it changed the world?
16. You spoke about Energy security of india? Tell me about it?
17. What are disruptive change in energy in last five years
18. How shale is extracted? Mechanism
19. Tell me about Regebrativ breaking?(mechanical engineering)
20. Tell me about Gandhian economics(Book I read)
21. Have you read small is beautiful?
22. Should we make the economy small or big ?

**M4**

23. you heard of its about need and not greed ?
24. How is it related to SDG? Tell me?
25. Recently niti has released National sdg report elaborate plesse?
26. What is Bhadravti famous for?(Karnataka)
27. Why was steel factory established?
28. Tell me about Raisina dialogue

**Chair**

29. Help me with current Syrian condition in two minutes(last six month)
- Okay your interviw is over. Thank you.

**Board: chaubey sir**  
**Degree: BE (e and c)**  
**Forenoon session, 1st one to go in.**  
**Optional Kannada literature.**

**Chairman** (based on engineering background- e and c branch)

1. tell me about your education and work experience
2. tell me about 2G spectrum.
3. How 5G technology is different from 4g.- frequency, speed, and applications.
4. what does 'g' stands for, in 1g,2g .

**M1**

1. Why did you choose Kannada literature as optional despite engineering degree.
2. what is literature?
3. what are the differences between prose and poetry ?
4. What is talinomics?( cooking hobby)

**M2**

1. What is CPEC?
2. Why is India opposing it?
3. what are its economic and military implications?
4. whom did you teach? (hobby teaching )

**M3**

1. What is cloning?
2. What are the issue associated with cloning?
- 3.why is cloning banned?
4. How tourism sector is doing?
5. What measures would you suggest to improve tourism?

**M4**

1. what is the name given to pok?
2. which are the countries showing interest in mediation?
3. Should India allow mediation?

**Chairman**

5. Would you like ask anything?
6. Is there any area that you expect questions?

Overall, the board was very cordial.

**Date- 03/03/2020**

**State- kerala( palakkad)**

**Graduation – B. Tech CSE**

**Hobbies - watching movies and travelling**

**Medium - malayalam**

**Optional - malayalam literature**

**Work experience - software engineer**

**Worked in chennai for 1 year**

**Worked in dubai for 2 yeras**

**Board :- bharath bhushan vyas sir**

**Chairman -**

1. so ashif, why did you left your job in dubai eventhough you had good salary?
2. Do you know how much salary a civil servent would get at the time of probation?
3. Tell me something about blue flag?
4. How does blue flag will promote tourism especially in Kerala beaches?
5. Why kerala is known as god's own country?
6. Tell me about the origin of Kerala in connected to the myth of parasuram?
7. Ayurveda is a main attraction of Kerala, name some of the herbs used in Ayurveda?

**M1-**

1. Your optional is Malayalam literature, tell me something about the poet Ulloor?
2. Is there any historical relevance to the poet Uloor other than his poems?
3. Why there are so many political murders happening in North Kerala? especially in Kannur. why is it only there?Is there any historical background for this?
4. Left wing extremism makes it road to Kerala do you agree with this?Do you support the police encounter action against the maoists?

**M2-**

1. What are the places having cultural importance in Palakkad?
2. Asked about place kalady and Shankaracharya?
3. What is the speciality of ഇഞ്ചി തൈര്?
4. Name some famous personalities from palakkad? Is vidhya balan is from palakkad?

5. Did you support the argument for the 50 percentage women reservation in administration?
6. Tell me something about st thomas? What is his relation with chennai?
7. Where in kerala the most ancient muslim mosque of indian subcontinent is located?

**M3-**

1. What are the differences between coastal regulation zone and ecologically sensitive area?
2. There are some issues between the fishermen of Kerala and the foreign flaged ships in Kerala coast. What are those and what is the reason for this?
3. What is EEZ?
4. What is the difference between mile and nautical mile?
5. Tell me two problems faced by your neighbouring States Karnataka and tamilnadu?
6. How can we classify tamilnadu, is it an industrial state or urbanized state?

**M4-**

1. What is the population of Indian diaspora in GCC countries?
2. What is the total population of Saudi Arabia and what percentage Indians in that?
3. What is the difference between gulf and middle East?
4. How many service preferences are there in UPSC form? Which one is your last preference?
5. Why IAS not IPS first?
6. Other than Kerala in which state would you like to settle?
7. What are the similarities between Kerala and north eastern States?
8. How many states are there in North East? name them?

Your interview is over

Duration - 35-40 mins

Last to go in fornoon session

No questions from hobbies and engineering background

The board was very cordial, made me feel very comfortable

**Board: chaubey sir**

**Degree: BE (ECE)**

**Work experience in Telecom networking.**

**Hobbies : Jogging, diary wirtting and playing Dollu, a double sided drum.**

**Optional Kannada literature.**

Very cordial board. Most of the question are from DAF and work experience related.

**Chairman**

1. Tell me about your education and work experience in one minute.
2. Contribution of Visvesvaraya (by college name)
3. What you learnt 2 things while working in company.
4. About company and products supplying.
5. Telecom sector challenges

**M1**

1. What things you write in Diary ?
2. Why diary wirtting ?
3. Are you fitness freak ? How long u do jogging daily ?
4. What are the other benefits of jogging than physical fitness.

**M2**

1. International yoga day and its influence on world.



2. How it helping India in interny arena.
3. BSNL issues, is privatisation can be solution for it ?
4. What more needs be do ?

**M3**

1. Explain about Dollu
2. Other percussion instruments
3. What needs to do for popularization of regional art forms

**M4**

1. Explain about cauvery water issue.
2. Is declaring rivers of country as national resources and having uniform solution?
3. What other things need to be do to solve water issue

**Chairman**

1. Would you like to ask anything? Is there any area that you expect questions?

**BS Bassi sir**  
**2nd March, Afternoon 5th to go**  
**Civil engineer**  
**IRS IT**  
**Chittorgarh, Rajasthan**

**Chairman**

Read out my service in Ropar(civil) and then IRS (DAF)

Why do you want to be an IAS from IRS...are you not happy with IRS

Is career imp to you or social service

If u have to choose one

You will have 34 yrs of service in IRS and 33 yrs in IAS.. you can reach at apex in this service why change?

Suppose you are made SDM of an district (not trainee) what would be the first three things you would do in the office?

**M1 lady member**

Why civil service after civil engineering?

Why civil engineering at first place?

You have graduated from Nirma University...tell us some background about it

Do u think smart phone is doing more distraction than its use?

What about youth? Do u think they are getting distracted by social media and all other such things?

**M2**

Extending the last question what are the security implications of social media

What is data localization

His third question was something i could not listen properly and said sorry sir... It was related to data localization

What were the socioeconomic changes that you observed during your stay in Punjab.

**M3**

Is drinking water availability is still an issue in Rajasthan

When in punjab did you visited Bhakra Nangal Dam

What is its capacity and why its famous

Which is the largest Dam in the World...do you know its power generation capacity

Can India have such type of Dam, what are the challenges.

**M4**

Green Revolution is both pain and gain. Explain it?

What is evergreen Revolution

What are the problems in bordering districts of Rajasthan due to Indira Gandhi Canal?

**Chairman**

Have u heard about Catalonia? Do you know any recent happenings in that issue?

Recent situation in Syria? Who is actually controlling Syria?

**Interview date 4 march 2020**

**Board- TCA ANANT SIR**

**profile- BA AND MA IN PSIR , home-Rajasthan**

**OPTIONAL- geography**

**Chairman-** 1. What are u doing after graduation.

2. what is development problem of your district and how to solve as dm

**M1-** lady member

1. why you choose geography optional , inspite of PSIR ,U did ma in this subject

2. hobbies movies- which type of movie do u like

3. what is role of social movie on society

**M2**

1. hobbies - playing cricket...bating or bowling , favourite cricketers

2. auto and telecom sector problem and solution

3. usa- taliban agreement and effect on india.

**M3-**

1. Movies based on cricket

2. English literature graduation subject- favourite indian writer

**M4-**

CAA issue and north east Bangladesh migration issue

Chairman -thank u your interview is over

Interview time 15 minutes....

**3rd March AN. first to go.**

**B.tech IIT Guwahati EEE**

**mathematics optional**

**Hobbies etc- vedic maths, AI, Vipassana**

**Intern in Canada, work ex at HP, IRAS, from Odisha.**

**Bassi Sir**

**Chairman**

1. Are you in icas service?

2. Have you Joined IRAS?

3. Experience at vadodara?

4. Hard experiences vs soft experiences

5. What you felt in your mind?

**M1**

1. Railway giving eol just after joining?
2. Experience of Canada
3. Your observation based on your experience?
4. Why didn't you continue research in Canada?

**M2**

1. Assam. Benefits and challenges of Brahmaputra
2. Have you visited and seen the challenges of flooding in lower Brahmaputra area?
3. We are letting waters flow, but when China is building dams we are protesting. Explain the dichotomy.
4. How to use AI in transportation and security?

**M3**

1. How AI helps in intelligent traffic management?
2. Vipassana meditation. What have you learnt? Why at such young age? Would you consider yourself as a spiritual person?
3. How many times you went to Vipassana and where?
4. Views on merger of railway budget with general budget
5. What was your research paper about?

**M4**

1. Kalahandi district in Odisha. Challenges and solutions?
2. How resources of Kalahandi could be used?
3. Tribal issue and tribals protesting against industry in those areas? Solutions?
4. Importance of Vedic mathematics? How it's helpful?

**Board- R N Chaubey (4 march)**

**Graduation – IITD (Civil)**

**From Rajasthan**

**Medium - Hindi**

**Currently in IRAS**

**Chairman-** made me first comfortable.

You are already in IRAS. Why do u want to come to IAS?

Cash and accrual accounting?

Which is better?

What type of accounting is followed in IOCL and other PSUs??

**Member1-** PPP model, types of it, HAM

**Member2-** Asked some questions on Bollywood Music, miniature paintings of Rajasthan, Progress of make in India?

Blue revolution?

**Member 3-** defense budget issues like revenue expenditure is more? What should should we do??

What is non lapsable funds??

**Member 4-**

need of Logistic policy?

what should we include in that?

should we intervene in Afghanistan by our military power? What are stakes of India over there?

Components of samagra shiksha abhiyaan? SDG4?

**Chairman-**

Do you want to talk about something else which we missed out?  
Your interview is over. All the best.

**Optional: Political Science****Board: BS Bassi****Date: 05/03/2020****Chairperson**

What is this bike riding for a cause...?

What causes you have promoted...?

Which bike do you own... What is the capacity(cc) of the bike...?

What is your riders group name...?

Where do you assemble in the city...? Doesnt it create traffic problem for others...?

At what speed do you ride...?

40-50Kms in a 373cc bike...?

Oh ok when you are alone you ride 80-100kms...? What is the speed limit on highways...? Is that a highway or Express way in Bangalore...? Are there no highway patrol controlling speed there...?

What are the equipments used for riding...?

Why dont you wear a rider jacket...?

**Member 1 (Lady)**

You said women empowerment ( bike riding cause) what did you do...?

Dont you think that men should be made more aware than telling women what are the remedies...?

You told you went to Chikmagalur... Tel me about Chikmagalur...

Where does the coffee in chikmagalur came from...?

**Member 2**

International affairs related...

What are the concers that are faced in Indian ocean by Sri Lanka, and Maldives because of India...?

What challenges does India face from Maldives and Sri Lanka...?

What about Afghan issue... Do you think we must sell weapons to Afghanistan at present that India would become more close to Afghanistan as Russia became close to India by selling weapons...?

**Member 3**

What do you think about US presidential elections... Whether Republicans or Democrats who will be more favourable to India...?

Which one do you like bike riding or promoting social cause...?

If you are told to promote social cause by participating in Marathon can you do it...

Ans: No

How do you think you can create social awareness by riding bike... Does it have any impact how...?

**Member 4**

Why there is so much traffic in Bangalore...?

What are the remedies available...?

Why north karnataka has short rainfall...?

What are the latest technologies available in civil engineering so that we can build houses within short period of time...?

Is that available in India if so why not employed in India...

**Chairperson:**

Is this your photo... Thank you...

**Civil engg**  
**Engg services - civil optional**  
**MH**  
**Bassi sir**

**Chairman**

- How can you bring change as civil engg
- How can you bring changes as IES in cpwd

**M1**

- What is bridge it event (daf)
- You got into many PSU..Did you join any service ? (Daf)
- Tell me abt armori (DAF)

**M2**

- Highway or maritime development?
- Why increasing connectivity in With ASEAN

**M3**

- How will you ensure labour gets proper wages
- Can dbt an option
- How will I ensure in cpwd
- How can I contribute as civil in villages (again)

**M4**

- Tell me difference and 2 examples of - Strait; Esthemus (i dont know even the spelling and pronunciation) and Peninsula
- Tell me difference betn water conservation and water saving

**Chairman**

- Tell me about sudan.
- Tell me about President of India.

Is it your photo. Thank you.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**  
**05.03.2020 a/n**  
**board: R N Choubey**

**C:** which language u r comfortable hindi, English or mix.

**C:** tell me something about ur education and work experience?

**C:** postal department is not of much relevance today no one use letters nowadays also private companies are here then why so much of resources and work force.

**C:** but people are not using letters and technology is also here how to cut workforce by half or how much?

**C:** privatisation and disinvestment, it is good? according to u where and which psu v should disincentivise and which one not also why v should not look for profit.

**M1:** what is bipolar disorder? Is it same as manic depression disorder?

- M1:** what is new psychology? U heard of wundt how he contribute ?
- M1:** what is difference between growth and development?
- M1:** and now the difference between economic growth and economic development?
- M2:** what is the judgment of SC regarding cryptocurrencies please educate us?
- M2:** there is mentioning of proportionality also in judgment, what was it?
- M2:** tell us about IRDA and what are its functions.
- M2:** do it decide premium rate also?
- M2:** there is actuarial science in insurance sector, what is that and its functions?
- M3:** what is brexit, explain?
- M3:** what impacts would be there on eu and Britain on Brexit.
- M3:** how they are resolving the ireland issue?
- M3:** what is the framework they are working on to solve the matter.
- M3:** what is NATO also after trump visit in india what are the recent developments w.r.t. NATO.
- M4:** how we acquire land in India?
- M4:** full form of land act and also compare between land act 2013 and 1894?
- M4:** is it rt to acquire fertile land for infra dev?
- M4:** tell us something about online stalkers what is the psychology behind all this?
- M4:** what is the provision of organ trade in india, don't you think we should legalise it. What is ur view should we start allowing organ trade?
- C:** thanks anything you expected that we will ask but we didn't. Also that u want to tell us but unable to say as we didn't ask the same.
- C:** thanks it was nice talking to you ur interview is over.

**Board Prof TCA Anant**  
**Degree Btech ECE NIT Trichy**  
**Post Grad MBA IIM CALCUTTA**  
**Work Product Manager Samsung India Electronics**  
**Service : IRAS**  
**Hobby Movie reviewing Mobile photography Weight training**

### Chairman

Reads a synopsis of my DAF

What is your service pref?

Why IRS isn't IRAS better ?

Your hobby is Movie review

Tell me a movie that you reviewed

**M1**

You said Parasite has made Korean govt invest in housing for poor . Did any Indian movie have an impact like that?

Is there an actor in India trying to do socially relevant movie through comical approach ?

What did you do in Samsung

How did you develop product

What the National Electronics Policy

Why are start-ups in AI IoT struggling

**M2**

You are paid heavily in private why now civils

One of the subjects from your IIM is economics tell me what govt is doing to improve economy ?

Your hobby is weight training would you continue it after getting into service ?

Tell me about winners of Nobel prize in economics

**M3**

You are interested in Mobile photography . what is bokeh

Your second choice is IFS what is the belt road initiative

**M4**

What is City of Joy

Tell me novel prize winners from calcutta

Do You know Satyajit Ray

Tell me his movies

What is his contribution

Do you know Charlie Chaplin

Why Is he adored

What was indigo rebellion

what was permanent settlement

**Chairman**

Thank you Vivek. you can leave

**B. Tech (ECE)**

**Working in NABARD**

**Telangana**

**Board: P K Joshi**

**Hobbies: cricket, badminton, travelling**

**CH:** Gave a reading of DAF

1. What are you doing currently

2. What's ur role in NABARD

3. When did coins come into usage

4. What is money

5. If ur the dm of ur district which two problems you will solve?

**M1:** (grilled) -( questions on my grad degree)

1. What is fiscal deficit and how to bring it down?

2. What is frbm act?

3. What is the current budget target of fiscal deficit reduction?

4. What are India's major exports

5. With growing protectionism do you think india is losing on electronics manufacturing?

6. In the last 4 yrs did India's exports increase or decrease?

**M2:** (questions on my optional)

1. Why was India invaded from Northwest?

2. Why do South India has so many lofty temples? Why not in North India

3. Why do we read more about Magadha and North indian history during ancient phase? (Cross questions followed)

4. Greatness of Ashoka

**M3:** (random questions)

1. Data privacy

2. Difference between personal data and sensitive data?

3. Is data protection justified?

**M4:** (on hobbies)

1. Indian badminton players who won Olympic medals
2. What resulted after their victories in Olympics
3. Govt initiatives to promote sports
4. How will you develop Iepakshi Village?
5. Ur favorite historical figures and why?

**CH:** Thank you!

**Work ex SBI**

**IA & AS 2018**

**Pub ad optional**

**B. Tech+MBA**

**5th to go afternoon session**

**Approx 25 mins**

**Sujata Mehta Ma'am**

**Sujata Mehta Ma'am:** Is this you

Do you know about 3d printing what are it's medical uses

Are we focussing on it

Enough resources going towards it

Public vs private sector focus on 3d printing

You audit dept of biotechnology and raise objection if some research fails so what are your views on that

**M1:** Who is father of management

Management vs administration

Govt has no business to be in business

Failing psu should be closed and govt should restrict itself to Regulation only

Examples of bsnl air india hotel businesses and some counter questions

Recent changes in companies act 2 days back

**M2:** Is there any need of bullet train burden on general public justify it and some counter questions

Any alternative hyperloop Elon Musk

Pesticides alternative

Use of Information technology in irrigation

**M3:** Manga anime whats the difference how it is beneficial DAF

Traditional games DAF

Some other questions I'm not able to recall

**M4:** What are payment banks name some payment banks

How do they function who are their customers

How much loan do they give

Anything else we should ask you



**Board: Air Marshall Bhonsle sir**

**Background: MBBS, MS**

**IRMS**

**IRTS**

**Hobby: Spending time with kids, reading short moral stories to them.**

**Chairman:** Reading out my DAF aloud, you seem to be clearing every exam u appear in(probably he was checking my temperament) We wish you a good luck for the change of service that you are wishing for.

1. Tell me one "very short moral story".
2. The reasons for increasing rage against doctors
3. What are the advantages and problems in implementation of PMJAY?
4. Increasing share of private sector in Education also. How do you view it?
5. Despite health and education being equally important necessities of people, there is violence against doctors, but not against teachers. Why so?

**M1(Lady member):**

1. Can you tell any other country which has insurance based health care delivery system?
2. What is the difference between USA and India's Insurance based delivery system?
3. Are there any problems with US insurance system also?
4. What are the major malpractices in education in your state?
5. Malpractices in coaching institutes?

**M2.** 1.You have had Sanskrit in your intermediate, while you didn't have it in school. Why?

2. Why is the penetration of Sanskrit so less?
3. What will you do to promote Sanskrit language?
4. Medical education takes a long time to complete. Can we reduce the duration of the courses?
5. What can be done to address the dearth of doctors in rural India?

**M3.** 1. All 4 south Indian languages seem to have common origin. Do they also have some Sanskrit elements?

2. What are the contributions of Adi Shankaracharya?
3. Why do you think Hyderabad has not faced so much of problem when compared to Kashmir, both of them being integrated to India after initial resistance?
4. Do u know about panchsheel ?

**M4.** 1. What is your opinion on bridge course?

2. What is your opinion on foreign medical graduates?
3. What is the NEXT exam in NMC Act?
4. Are the private medical colleges that are cropping up leading to decline in quality of medical education?

**Chairman :** Ok thank you kiranmayi. Your interview is over. Just tell me, what questions your daughter will ask you in the story that you told?

What are your plans next?

Thank you.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**20/02/2020**

**TCA Anant Board**

**Geography Optional**

**Chairman sir:**

Why you left Job at Tata Motors?

You are from Koriya district in Chhattisgarh? How its name came about?

Was Korea a princely state once?

I said No. He said it was a princely state.

Then he asked about US killing general Sulemani.

**Member 2:**

Your father is in Coal India and You are from Mechanical Engineering.

Tell me what coal is found in India?

How much ash content in it?

What is Fuel supply agreement and its benefits?

What is Metallurgical Coal?

Can we convert normal coal to metallurgical coal?

What is efficiency of Ultra super critical power plant?

Do you know place called Kirandul in Chhattisgarh?

What are prudential norms (something like that) of RBI for banks to give loans?

What is Reverse Mortgage?

**Member 3:**

What PSUs are in Chhattisgarh?

Any CSR activities done by PSU?

What are the 5 qualities of Good administrator?

Don't you think the qualities you told are also the same qualities needed for being a politician? (He was laughing).

Explain the Statement "Administrators are made not born"

Tell me how can we control population growth?

Have you heard about UNCCD in Noida?

I said NO.

He asked what is desertification and how it happens?

**Member 4:**

Sir said about politics.

Tell me what Chanakya Said about Politics?

Can you compare Machivelli and Chanakya?

Said a statement of Plato and asked me to explain it.

Asked about how Multi tasking by people in Railways can improve its efficacy?

Asked full form of CSIR.

Asked how much of CSIR funds go in paying salaries to its employees.

How has India performed in R&D.

What is NPS and how economics of it works?

How important is Data becoming in our lives? Give examples.

**Member 5:**

What is Coronavirus and explain associated issues?

You are a DM how will you chart out plans to revamp health sector in your district.

Chairman sir again:

You said Ayushman Bharat is an Insurance scheme. How it is insurance scheme when premium is paid by the Government?

Thank you, Interview is over.

It lasted 25-30 mins.

**Date- 26 Feb**

**Optional - Geography**

**Schooling - JNV Allahabad**

**Education - BA MA (University of Allahabad) M.Phil and Pursuing PhD in Political Geography (JNU)**

**Hobbies - Hindi Theatre and Compering**

**Place- Allahabad**

**Board CP- M Satyavathi Ma'am**

**CP-**

Q1-What was the issue in JNU?

Q2-What was the new fee structure?

Q3- What would you do in dealing with the situation on this issue?

Q4- Why did you join JNU for research and not University of Allahabad?

Q5- What is Political Geography?

Q6- What is your research topic?

Q7- Explain Look East Policy and Act East Policy.

**M1**

Q1- Tell me any movement in history which shaped Indian Society/Constitution?

Q2- Difference between JNV and KV?

Q3- How is JNV entrance done?

Q4- Motto of JNV?

Q5- How Sainik Schools are different?

**M2**

Q1- 1857 is a Mutiny or War of independence?

Q2- Is food subsidy justified? What about the food wastage in cold storages?

Q3- Do you know Dicey?

Q4- What is Rule of Law?

Q5- What is the effect of WTO on MSMEs and Agriculture?

Q6- What was 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act?

Q7- What was Ashok Mehta committee related to?

Q8- Where is India's Mean Time Meridian?

Q9- How many time zones are there in India?

**M3**

Q1- Should anti national slogans be allowed in campuses? What is your take?

Q2- You are doing research and want to join civil services. Is it not contradictory?

Q3- Started asking another question on JNU and in between CP stopped him from asking any further questions.

**M4**

Q1- What is Justice?

Q2- What is economic justice?

Q3- What is Gandhian philosophy in our constitution?

Q4- What is the philosophy of Indian Constitution?

Q5- What are the pillars of Indian Culture?

**CP-** Thank you Kapil. You may go now.

Observations- Chair was very gentle and cordial. She paid full attention to me. She also stopped a member from asking any controversial question. Overall I think the board members were very good.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member  
IRTS Trainee**

**Chairperson:**

Reading daf out

Wat ws ur role in reliance.

What is this speed painting.

**Member1**

Which ngo u worked with?

What were the outcomes of ur projects

What are health related interventions of government.

What social changes would u do if made head of a state.

Why do we need civil society.

**Member2**

Broadgauge width and problems associated

Pocso

Ppp in railways

Khap panchayat

Monetary and fiscal policy

Which one do u think is better matriarchy or patriarchy

**Member 3**

Vishaka guidelines

Women reservation bill

Rcep why india opted out

Some conference on desertification

**Member 4**

IRMS

Cross subsidization...

Should we increase passenger fare.

Staff cost of railways.

Should we lay people off from railways

Lean manufacturing.

**TC Anant board****Pmrd, ifs, worked in it sector, bird watching, skill development**

1. asked about education qualification and work ex
2. where have u worked
3. is it naxal area
4. what is the work you have done.
5. why tribal land is grabbed
6. if indebtness is cause, one has to repay, so what's problem there
7. what are various acts regarding protection of land rights
8. are they implemented well

**Lady member**

1. asked about disha incident
2. is it correct to encounter
3. what is way ahead, what is deterrence
4. she asked about all india judicial service.
5. is it needed, will it bring transformation
6. what is stopping it.
7. what is procedure for appointment of judges at higher level
8. what is problem there

**Lady 2**

1. what is mission kakatiya
2. what is your work.
3. what kind of changes you brought.
4. what is tribal perception about naxals
5. are people with us or naxals, what is ground level perception.

**Male member**

1. what is erp
2. asked about a software that I haven't heard
3. what is bank rate
4. How are interest rates calculated
5. what is hypothecation
6. How do u differentiate between urban area, rural area, tribal area
7. what is tribal area.

**Male member 2**

1. india low in ease of doing, what can be done
2. low in transparency index, what can be done
3. What govt doing for financial inclusion.
4. what is pravasi bharat di was

Is it success?

5. He asked about some economic survey questions.

One lady member also asked about river water dispute.

Chairman said your interview is over. Humbly came out with smile on face??

**Optional : PSIR**  
**Prof. PK Joshi Board**  
**19th Feb 2020**

### Chairman

1. You passed out in 2016, what did you do from then?
2. Tell me about your work experience at SBI
3. Why did you shift from engineering to banking to civil services?
4. It is said, farmers are born in poverty, live in poverty and die in poverty. How can we change this?
5. Farm loan waiver - good or bad?
6. Should agriculture be taxed?
7. What did you do in hackathons? (Hobby based)

### M1

1. Tell me the significance of 21st Feb and why. ( She told me, it was international mother tongue day. I dint know this)
2. Banks often resort to harsh measures while dealing with loan defaulters. They even misbehave with farmers. What do you think?
3. Industrial workers are also losing their jobs. But why are only farmers doing suicides? Are they faint hearted?
4. What's your opinion on 3 capitals at AP
5. Polavaram project is leading to flooding in some villages in Orissa. What do people of your state think? Are they concerned?

(I messed this up a bit, and thus came the following question)

6. What is nationalism? ( Some discussion around this )

### M2

1. Do SWOT analysis of India
2. Is Indian youth contributing in industrial development
3. Chinese model vs Indian model of growth

### M3

1. Tell me the love story of Urvashi and Pururav
2. Do you know the reason for insurgency in Burundi?
3. Tell me about the difference between Asha worker and community health worker in Uganda
4. Difference in approach of India and Israel in tackling the issue of flight hijack.
5. Tell me about agricultural distress in Guntur.

### M4

1. Why is Middle East always in a crisis situation?
2. Should there be more private medical colleges? Problems?
3. Is social media marketing ethical?

Thank You. Your interview is over.

**Integrated M.Sc Physics (IIT Roorkee), 6th attempt, 2nd interview. Sociology.**  
**PK Joshi Sir board, 9AM 20th Feb, 1st one to go.**

### C:

1. Roorkee college, who established, timelines of university of Roorkee.

2. About 7-8 years of gap, is it not wastage of national resources?
3. Indian sociologists? MN Srinivas contribution?

**M1(lady)**

1. Any teacher that inspired you in school? Any books he recommended to you?
2. March 8 significance? How did it become women's Day? Is it okay to have ONE day for women?
3. Do women have equality in India? Historically?
4. Ramachandra guha's 50-50 comment on Indian democracy? Democracy status in India? Success? Penetrated enough?

**M2**

1. About my work (in vision IAS), what did you learn? How do implement that in administration?
2. Differences you observed between North and South India?
3. One thing you liked in North India that you would like to implement in South India?
4. Balance of payment? BoP in domestic? (I was clueless)

**M3**

1. About violence in Rayalaseema in 1970's? Bellary iron mafia? (I'm from kadapa district)
2. About godmen in Andhra and India? Are they comen? Why do they exist? Do you believe?
3. How did communists in Telengana lose influence post-independence?

**M4**

1. About Roorkee place? Canals?
2. About Nadal's performance at Wimbledon? (Tennis hobby)
3. Politicians are outcomes of society. What shall we do to transform society so that we can have clean politics?
4. If two 50ml liquids with pH of 5 and 7 are mixed, what's the resultant liquids pH?

Overall, there were several disappointing moments, exciting moments, fumbling, conviction etc

**Grad: Engg (E&C), MBA (Fin)**

**Work-ex: 5 years (Cisco, Crisil, Cognizant)**

**Optional: Management**

**Panel: A S Bhonsle**

**Chair:**

1. How would you control traffic - innovative ways (I started with tech and other initiatives. He asked me to talk about traffic control and not traffic mgt.). reference: Bangalore, & some startup that operates with shared workspace on a need basis apparently.

**M1:**

1. What would you do to address the situation of sports in India (I think it was at school level. Don't remember exactly. I spoke about giving equal importance to both studies and sports as part of the curriculum, incentivising parents and teachers...).
2. Learning from work-ex that I would implement in civil service (I talked about employee engagement, performance based incentives, autonomy and ownership of initiatives)
3. Ways how corporate and civil service are similar and different (that I would have to get accustomed to. Spoke about having to change my orientation from profit to service/Public)

**M2:**

1. Is IPL good? (said Yes, it brings talent and give opportunity to many)
2. What's the idea behind pink ball cricket? (said it is related to visibility and ability to play day night tests)

3. 3 traits you think a leader should have (Team player, leading by example, EQ. There was followup question to which I fumbled)

**M3:**

1. Interlinking of rivers - pros and cons

**M4:**

1. Sledging (IPL and players from diff nationalities playing together and its impact on their international games vis-a-vis sledging)

2. Is guitar part of English orchestra? Ref: guitar

Overall - good. Nice board, kept giving positive reinforcement as I went through my answers.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board - Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir**

**27th feb 2020 forenoon. 1st to go.**

**Chairman** - you are an electronics engineer 2014 passout then you joined EPFO in 2018. What were you doing from 2014 to 2018?

You are in job so how do u get time to study?

why did u chose public administration as optional? What is the criteria for coverage under EPFO?

How will EPFO ensure that an establishment complies as per the law?

How do we ensure transparency in procurement through GEM?

If you have to buy furniture for your office would you use GEM or private vendors?

what would you have done as delhi police commissioner during the recent riots?

would you have led from the front or only given orders from your office?

Would you have focussed on providing security for Trump or stopping delhi riots.

What is String of pearls? Name ports and bases of China .what is india doing to counter it?

**M1**- what is reverse mortgage?

What is repo rate.

Why is govt merging banks. Cross questions.

**M2**- Tell me 5 places in India you would promote for tourism if you are taking part in an international conference. Name one place with cultural significance for tourism showcasing indian heritage.

Where is Mundra port? which group holds it?

**M3**- what is the meaning of sitamarhi(my district) Why was sita named as sita?

Why are we not able to stop floods in north bihar? your district is at nepal border so what are the problems faced ?

what kind of history books do you read( my hobby)? Have You read Great Mughals?

Name a famous historian from bihar.

Do you know about Ramdhari Singh Dinkar?

Have you read his poems? Recite a few lines of his poem

**M4**- It is criticised that history writing in India is not fact based. Do you agree?

What is your opinion about the works of Jadunath Sarkar and RS Sharma?

Why was Rajgir famous?

Why is no indian institute in top 100 in higher education rankings worldwide?



**Contributed by ForumIAS community member  
03-03-2020, FORENOON SESSION,  
SRI SUJATHA MEHATHA MAM BOARD.**

**CM:**

1. Introduced your self.?
2. Why did you resign to Police constable job?
3. Is it your first attempt?
4. Tell me the relevance of vocational education today..? (DAF based)
5. what is your duty as a constable in coastal security police station..?

**M1:**

1. you got NCC "B" Certificate?
2. Tell me how it changed your personality?
3. Have you ever done Firing? And with what weapon?
4. Tell me ARMY HIERARCHY RANKS?
5. Do we need to make NCC compulsory?
6. Do we need to change NCC uniform?
7. How did you engage into counseling to HIV AND AIDS patients? (DAF)

**M2:**

1. What is the mental condition of HIV patient..?
2. Does HIV patients need Reservation in Government Jobs..?
3. CHAIR PERSON INTERVENED: Where have you worked as LAB TECHNICIAN.. In pathological lab or Hospital.?
4. Why ENGINEERING graduates are not having desired skills to catch up industrial jobs? (I am not an engineer)
5. Have you been trained in LATEST MEDICAL LAB TECHNIQUES..? What was your curriculum?

**M3:**

1. What do you feel about POLICE SYSTEM and it's image in today society?
2. why do police lacking SENSITIVITY towards vulnerable sections..?
3. Do police face resources crunch..?
4. why Law and Order is out of control in India (not in DELHI)

**M4:**

1. what is your opinion on ANDHRAPRADESH Telangana bifurcation..?
2. How Can Andhrapradesh use it's COASTAL AREA for revenue generation?
3. what about 15 th finance commission ?
4. what is 4th INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION as you mention ? (I talked about this while answering LATEST MEDICAL LAB TECHNIQUES ) what were REST OF THREE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION S..?
5. Is our country prepared for 4th industrial revolution.? Can we include ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE and CODING in school curriculum..?

**CM:**

1. Have you ever been to SEA PATROLLING or Humanitarian and disaster rescue duty?
  2. Is there anything you want to discuss ?
- Ok.. your interview is over.

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board: Air Marshal Bhosle sir**

**Chairman:** 1. what does Smruthik mean?

2. U look like a honest person, are you? I said yes sir. He asked, "How can u say dat"

3. What is self discipline (based on my response to previous question)

4. What kind of photography do u like (hobby) and related questions on photoshop etc

5. You look familiar to me, did u attend any interview of UPSC before? (Some discussion on my Asst commandant training in SSB)

**M1(Lady)-** 1. Discuss the problems of health care sector in India

2. What is aayushman Bharat scheme, its challenges

3. Comparison of US health insurance sector with that of India

4. What are the different types of health care

5. Where will India go if it faces problems in its Health sector (since i mentioned medical tourism in my previous questions)

**M2-** 1. relationship of India with the countries that split from USSR (he took 2-3 mins just to frame the question in detail)

**M3-** 1. why gender inequality exists in India (elaborate discussion on this)

2. What are the different ways of acquiring citizenship in India.

**M4-** 1. can India handle olympics, when do you think it can successfully conduct one

2. Gulmarg, sonmarg and pahalgaon (he just stopped with these three words).. I explained that they r hill stations and valleys in Kashmir and subsequent questions followed on Kashmir tourism and what can be done to improve it

3. India vs. Bharat. I get a feeling that I stay in India and not in Bharat. What exactly is the difference

Back to chairman- he elaborated on India's potential to conduct olympics. Brought back the self discipline aspect and linked it to India's growth potential

No questions from state, graduation, work experience or optional. It was just a cordial discussion

**Optional - Anthropology**

**Graduation - BAMS**

**PANEL- Vyas Sir**

**Morning session, 4th to go**

**Time-30mins**

**C-** what have you done after graduation? So your training had community health, so tell me what is Incidence and Prevalence of disease? What is elimination and eradication of disease? Which diseases have we eradicated? Tell me one more disease that we have eradicated(hint-Delivery related)

Tell me 5 diseases or causes due to which there is Neonatal mortality? What are the sticking points related to health or medical devices between Ind and USA? What is IPR? How will you formulate medical tourism policy?

**Lady Member-**

Among the 4 Vedas which is related to Ayurveda?

Difference between Ayurveda and Siddha? Principles of Siddha? Can Ayush practitioner practice Modern medicine? Why there is out of pocket expenditure? What should be done to reduce it?

**M2-**

Tell me what percentage of GDP is spent on Health? How much Out of pocket expenditure? You are from Maharashtra, so tell me what is Maharashtra 's contribution to Indias GDP?

Take the notepad and pen in front of you and write down 2 major problems India is facing and what percentage of GDP you will allot to solve it

**M3-** Tell me health issues of tribes in Melghat.? Difference between Allopathy and Modern Medicine? You have anthropology as optional and graduated from Ayurveda, so tell me which Surgical practice of ayurveda do tribes follow? Is Siravedhan scientific?

**M4-**

You have written Yoga as hobby, so i will ask you 2 asanas, tell me benefits of Bhujangasan and Shalabhasan?

India is Sun-soaked country but still people have Vitamin deficiency, which Vitamin is it? Tell me why doctors dont practise in rural areas? What should be done to tackle this? Tell me 3 qualities that a Civil Servant should have?

**C-** Should Allopathy syllabus include some part of Ayurveda or traditional medicine?

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Board: BB Vyas**

**Chairman**

Difference between major and minor minerals

Any change govt brought regarding these

Vizag bimstec event ?

Why bimstec is needed

Will asean fade away

Coal sector - changes made by India

Can we say so in road shows abroad (allowing private sector mining)

Impact of coal mining - asked for clarification- said on everything

**M1**

What would you do if not civil service

How is steel sector doing?

What is steel import duty?

Should voting be made mandatory

Argue regarding decreasing budget for a constituency if low voting turnout, mumbai example after 1993

Is metallurgy suitable for women? What kind of job opportunities are available for them?

**M2**

Meaning of dhatri

Why ias after ips? Why are you leaving IPS?

What are your top choices in services?

DB - rank in fortune 500

**M3**

why enginnering to IB to civil service?

waste of public money?

Should civil servants enter politics

dramatics vs drama and act

did u read anything on dramatics  
favourite play and its author

**M4**

which act amended least times amongst IPC, CrPC and IEA

malimath committee

smart policing full form

As a woman cop how will u address domestic violence

How to decrease corruption in Police

Andhra model of tackling Naxalism? Why was it so successful? Can it be replicated?

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Optional: PSIR**

**Board: Sujata mam**

**Ch:-**

- 1) Introduce your yourself
- 2) did you always wanted to do engineering?
- 3) why civil services
- 4) does development means urbanisation??
- 5) is Maharashtra developed?
- 6) What is Dowry? What are your thoughts about it? How will You remove it?

**M1:-**

- 1) how will you solve social issues through smartphones?( DAF Related)
- 2) What did U learn through organising sports meet?
- 3) similarities between Nagpur and Delhi?
- 4) How are people in delhi different from Nagpur?

**M2:-**

- 1) As a DM how will u solve begging as a problem( follow up question from my ans to M2)
- 2) How will U use your civil engineering problem to solve rural problems
- 3) what will u do to increase farmers income?
- 4) Types of cement?
- 5) their speciality ( based on my answer)
- 6) precision agriculture?
- 7) Benefits of flyash bricks?

**M3:-**

- 1) What is brain drain?
- 2) how will u reduce it?
- 3) what is M35 Concrete?
- 4) what are smart cities? How many of them?

**M4:-**

- 1)which industries will You develop in Chhattisgarh?
- 2) why Industries are not getting developed?
- 3) If you are the Finance security and given ₹500cr how will u allocate it between security and development in C.G.?

**Chairman:-**

- 1) what is digital divide?

- 2) why it is there? How will u solve it?
  - 3) why lack of digital literacy even after 800 million phones
  - 4) why so many IITs and your opinion on it?
- Would u like to discuss any topic?
- Overall board was very cordial and interactive.
- There were some questions i am not able to recall them

**Contributed by ForumIAS community member**

**Optional: Anthro**

**Date: 02.03.2020**

**Chairman:**

Good Morning,

1. Monday morning and the first person in the list, How do you feel?
  2. So what are the advantages and disadvantages of being the first to come.
  3. So you chose anthropology after engineering, why?
  4. Cultural Relativism is a dear concept for Anthropology. So do you see any relevance if it today?
- And one more question I don't remember.
5. There is a major discussion on the 5Tn economy, what is it?
  6. What is the difference between GDP and GVA
  7. What are our major exports?

**Member 1:**

1. Can you recall any 3important happening in the last one year internationally?  
(I wasn't able to. )
2. Can you recall any important happenings in the last year nationally.
3. But chandrayaan was a failure.? (Based on the previous answer)
4. What are the 2qualities that a leader should not be having?
5. Tell me one leader in your personal life. And why is he/she a leader according to you.
6. You have such a long name, why is that so?

**Member 2**

1. Anthropology and tribals. Why is it essential.
2. Anthropology how is it relevant today?
3. So you're a technocrat. How do you think the philosophy of mahatma gandhi is relevant in today's technology.
4. Sophia the robot, how do you see the use of sophia in India.

**Member 3.**

1. You're from Telangana, (I corrected and said AP)
2. So what is the genesis of Naxalism in AP and Telangana.
3. How can be addressed.
4. You studied in Vellore, but there are very good colleges in Andhra Pradesh also, why is that so?

**Member 4.**

1. So you're a writer, and an avid reader. So have you heard of the Indus to Vaigai book? I said I haven't heard.
2. There was an article in the Hindu also and I think all the aspirants do read the hindu. I again said I am sorry ma'am I haven't come across it.
3. Then she explained me the basics of the book. And said the author is a civil Servant. So do you feel civil servants should write books?

4. Why do people write books in general?
5. Then why does Chetan Bhagat write a book?
6. You got this special achievers award in college, why is that given?
7. Do you know the trade share of india in the global trade?
- 8.. Why are there no prominent ports in the east coast and very busy ports in the west coast.
9. So, being an anthropology student, do you know how the British got Mumbai? I said I don't know.
10. So you swim? Recreational or competition? I said recreational and there were no further questions on it.
11. You have such a long name, What do your friends call you?

**Chairman.**

1. When is the national voter day celebrated.
2. Why do we need a special voters day?

Overall the board was very cordial.

**Interview Transcript**

**Place:- Palakkad, Kerala**

**Background :- B.Tech EC from Cochin University, M.Tech in RF and Microwave Engineering – IIT Kharagpur**

**Interest :- Music, History, Learning Languages**

**Optional :- History**

**Date :- 06/03/2020**

**Board :- TCA Anant Sir**

Entered, was greeted with a smile.

Chair read the DAF aloud.

**Chair:-** From Engineering to History how did that happen ?

**Member I :-** What is the deal about History, right winger and Left Wingers, what are they fighting about.

**M1 :-** Are you saying India didn't exist?

**M1 :-** How about Ashoka and Harsha and others ?

**M1 :-** Why so much emphasis on Medieval Indian History?

**M1 :-** So dearth of sources is the reason?

**M2 :-** So, you are from IIT Kharagpur, What was it before?

**M2 :-** Why is the place important?

**M2 :-** Who is the most important person w.r.t RF technology?

**M2 :-** It is J C Bose, where did he get this idea from? (Didn't Know)

**M2 :-** Where did this happen (Didn't know)

**M2 :-** Which is your favorite part of History ? (I said Medieval )

**M2 :-** Who is your favorite Historian? (I said Upinder Singh)

**M2 :-** Who is Upinder Singh ? I have not known her I am from DU as well? What is her contribution?

I said about she being daughter of Manmohan Singh. He accepted it. I spoke about her Feminism in History about, vedic period and Gargi and her debates..

**M2 :-** What is special about Vedic Period in 600 BCE if I say it was dominated by a Symbol Sign and Logic. (Had no clue )

**M2:-** Who is your favorite social reformer? (I said Basava)

**M2** :- Who is satyarthi. What was his contribution?

**M3** :- You are into Music, what sort of Music do you like? (I said about Carnatic Music and Rabindra Sangeet)

**M3** :- What is so special about Tagore? (Spoke about Sub Nationalism, Nationalism and internationalism)

**M3** :- How many languages do you speak. I said about 7 languages and they smiled, I also speak a bit of German, so question took a different tone from there.

**M3** :- What is the new technology which is implemented in the Tolls these days. (RFID)

**M3** :- What is the name given to that program (Was about FASTTAG, didn't recollect it then, though he gave a lot of clue)

**M3** :- Courts are having a lot of case pendencies, are lawyers taking court for a toll. ( I said yes, but I also criticized government a bit by not taking decisions and passing buck to the courts)

**Chair** :- Can you give an example (Spoke about many, like Kaveri issue, Homosexuality, Ayodhya issue all must have been a political solution and Judicial Solutions)

M4 was a lady

**M4** :- What is HAM Radio? Where is it used? What is the specialities? (Couldn't answer much, but they insisted and got busted a bit)

**M4** :- What about Nazi Germany , some of their dark period has made them what they are?

**M4** :- Have you visited Concentration camps?

**M4** :- What was the experiment he did on Twin babies (Didn't know much)

Chair said interview is over..

If you want to know the answer I can type it up in detail as well, Coz most question flowed from one to another.

They were very cordial over all, and I could smile through out the interview.

**4th March, 2020, Afternoon session**

**BB VYAS sir board**

**Optional geography**

**Mirzapur UTTAR PRADESH**

**Bsc physics (hons) - BHU**

**Hobbies- chess and meditation**

**Working as SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT in IMD**

**CM**

1. Mr. Maurya, what would be current temperature in delhi as per u(job related).

2. what is today's AQI of delhi

3. Which newspaper have u read today

4. three eye-catching news from front page

5. three throughout the newspaper- (I said corona virus, turkey syria problem related news and India's semis with england in women's t20).

6. What is the importance of khadi when everybody including me and u has started wearing western dresses (pointing towards my suit).

7. Diff bw intensity and magnitude of earthquake

8. How do we measure them

9. In how many earthquake zones India is divided

10. Delhi in which zone

11. What is vipassana ( a technique of meditation)
12. why everybody who teach meditation are so much obsessed with breathing ( he gave examples of baba ramdev and sri sri ravishankar)

**M1.**

1. Tell me three reasons why road accident happens in UP(I said lack of scientific design, rash driving and lack of awareness)
2. Don't u think corruption is granting license is one major problem..Then no followup question
3. since u have also studied maths tell me what is magic number
4. Why do we observe more cyclones in East coast of india than west coast
5. major challenge of mirzapur (my home district)follow up questions were- challenge of carpet industry, which european country alleged use of child labour in this industry.
6. Tell me some aasan to cure diabetes and back pain

**M2 (lady member)**

1. viswanathan anand and Spain citizenship issue
2. who came to india as cheif guest on26th january this year
3. What was criticism surrounding this
4. tell me current status of education in the country.
5. What are the challenges in school and college education
6. what is special about Caspian sea
7. is it salt water or fresh water

**M3**

1. Two challenges specific to UP - I said regional inqueality and law and order issue
2. Reasons for both
3. Solutions

**M4**

1. Tell about some more challenges of mirzapur
2. What will be your focus when u become DM of mirzapur.
3. How wil u promote tourism there?
4. Where is pipari dam
5. challenges of Brassware industry in mirzapur
6. why did it collapse in mirzapur but still flourishing in moradabad.

**CM:**

THANKU MAURYA JI, your interview is over.

Total time Around 35-38 minutes

I've missed some questions

There were total six members...One lady member joined later ..She sat towards my immediate Right and kept telling hindi meaning of english words which were used by members ( my interview medium was hindi) but didn't ask any question.

**Working in power sector**

**Board R N Choubey Sir**

**Optional Geography**

**Home State Bihar**

**College IIT BHU**

**Date of Interview 25th feb**

**Hobby Jogging, Reading non fiction books, Transcendental Meditation**



**CH**

Give a brief introduction of your academic and work career.

Why electron moves in current and not proton?

But why do current flow?

Do you use social media?

Do you think social media should be regulated?

Apart from Article 19(2) what are the provisions that are there to regulate social media?

Are the present laws sufficient to regulate social media?

How should we come up with new regulations?

**M1**

What do we spend on food or guns? Should we spend on welfare activities or defence?

You said defence can prevent loss of lives. Can you explain it how?

Why is there Hindu word in Benaras Hindu University?

How do you manage job and preparation?

For how long have you been doing Transcendental Meditation?

Have you learnt it from a guru?

**M2**

Have you heard of Bodo accord? What is it?

Is there any restrictions on entry into Assam?

What are Inner line Permit?

Which States are there in Inner Line Permit?

Whose permission is needed for Inner line permit?

Is there continuity or change in India's foreign policy?

What are the principles of foreign policy?

Have you heard of National Interest and national goals? What are they?

So it has turned more towards national interest?

Who controls Afghanistan?

**M3**

Do you watch movies?

Why is it named Oscar awards or Us Academy awards?

Are you aware of the south korean movie awarded Oscar this year?

Why do you want to join Civil Services after having experience in your field?

**CH**

You said IAS, wil you join if you get say xyz services?

**M4**

What are smart grid?

How will you design smart village? What according to you is smart village?

Being a technical person in your village what advice will you give to the electricity board to prevent thefts?

**CH**

Is there anything thay you wanted to speak but we havent asked you?

It could be anything.

All the best for your life.

**My interview ,6 march first half last one to go**

**Optional- Sociology**

**Graduation- b.tech in cse**

**Home state - UP**

### **Chairman**

- How Historical Ashoka and buddhism related to each other
- what are the basic difference between buddhism and jainism
- discussion over existence of soul.

### **Member 1**

- what is artificial intelligence?
- how it works?
- what do we need to develop artificial intelligence devices.
- Is there any country which is using artificial intelligence at large level.
- what is facial recognition ?
- Application of facial recognition

### **Member 2**

- you have throughout science background then why you have opted sociology as optional
- what is the use of WhatsApp
- Is it have any negatives ?
- Should there be regulation of rumors on WhatsApp?
- What is designer baby? And what is the mechanism behind it ?
- In future such babies will become normal.Is it good for society?

### **Member 3**

- what is holistic development of students.
- what government has done for slum development?
- what will you do for development of slum?
- Government is building house for slum dwellers however they are not sifting in those houses why?
- Is there any act related to slum development..

### **Member 4**

- What is human development index?
- What are its parameter and what is Indias rank in index
- How does company act strengthen governance aspect?
- What is insider trading?
- What is audit ?
- What is the gdp contribution of mineral sector in india?
- What is the recent development in coal sector?
- How would private participation help in coal mining sector?
- What is CBM ?
- What is IGPS ?

Chairman- in end

- Any thing you would like to tell us about your self or any suggestion.
  - Here i told about my current job under trainee Assistant Commissioner in State Department UP(that was not mention in the DAF) and suggested reform required in training for better implementation of upgst act and collection of revenue for development of society
- Then chairman your suggestions are good and now your interview is over all the best..

**Date -18/02/2020**

**GRADUATION - BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE**

**OPTIONAL- LAW**

**HOBBIES- JOGGING, FREESTYLE DANCING, MIMICKING BOLLYWOOD ARTIST BOARD - BHOSLE SIR (VERY CORDIAL)**

Cheerful welcome with smile chairman asked to bring chair more closer to desk.

Then started with praising my average marks and said surely these marks are earned through very hard work and appreciated my efforts to join ACBR(MY POST GRADUATION INSTITUTE) and also said u seems to be very cheerful person.

**CP-**

Q1. What Is Important For You In Constitution.(Optional Law)

Q2. What Is Constitution Morality (Leading Question)

Q3. What Is Governance A/Q To You Not Bookish Definition.

I- 2 Question I Am Forgetting

**MI(LADY MEMBER)**

Q1. What Is Status Of Cancer In India And World(I Have Organized Conference On Cancer)

Q2. How Can You Promote Biomedical Science In 9th Class Speak For 3 Minutes.(My Graduation And Post Graduation Is In Biomedical Science)

I Questions I Cant Remember.

**M2**

Q1 how Can We Increase Implementation Of Law

Q2 Do We Have Any Meachnism For People Participation In Law Making.

Q3 What Is Status Of Naxalism

Q4 Who Control Bastar Battlion

**M3**

Q1 What Will Keep You Motivated To Work After Becoming Civil Servant.

Q2 Why You Choose Law As Optional

Q3 What Is Genetic Diversity Of India.

Q4 What Is Genome Project Which Was Recently In News

**M4**

Q1 What Is Status Of Rural Health In India.

I More Question Which I Cant Remember.

**CH**

Q How Will You Double The Farmers Income.

Q Do Some Mimicry For Us As We Can Not Provide Music For Your Dance

(Whole Board Laughed)

Overall Good Personality Test More Questions Were Based On Opinion Rather Than Facts.

**Date 05/03/20, Forenoon (4th to go)**

**Board- BS Bassi**

**Rajasthan, Optional-Sociology**

**Background- BE in Electronics and communication engineering**

**Basketball (Nationals)**

**Volunteer in CRY- Child Rights organization**

**Calisthenics exercise, Listening Ghoomar songs**

**Chairman**

1. Do you sing?
2. Ok sing a song for us
3. So much scope in ECE then why civil services?now counter questions below
4. How would you use ECE in civil services?
5. It looks like you have prepared your answers, did you expect this question?
6. What have you prepared and what are you expecting from board?
7. Give me your opinion on transgender, not any court judgement.

Thank you

**M1(Lady)**

1. Rural people neither know about digital technology nor they know how to use it. Your view?
2. You belong to Bharatpur? Or any village ?
3. Are farmers in your village using digital technology?
4. How can you ensure as an administrator that they use it and get benefits?

Thank you

**M2**

1. How to use Artificial Intelligence in civil services?
2. Let me take you to China, tell me where china is using AI?
3. Speak for 3 minutes on telecom sector, challenges and solutions from your side.
4. Make me aware about what's going on in Afghanistan(3 minutes)
5. Is end of civil war in Syria near?

Thank you

**M3(psychologist approach) and longest time taker.**

1. As you said soil testing and marketing, tell me how ICT can be used in soil testing?
2. Benefits of soil testing?

As you said .....I said sorry sir I talked about soil monitoring ( here chairman nodded and smiled)

3. How soil marketing can help farmers?(then he explained)
4. Have you even been to KSCF office in jaipur? (There is no such office in jaipur..but it's in delhi , he was testing my honesty)
5. Do you think Kailash Satyarthi has done something good? Or is it just a hype?
6. Has government failed in protecting chil rights such that NGOs have to come forward?
7. Don't you think Kailash Satyarthi and others are becoming road blocker for government in implementing their laws and themselves interfering?

**Chairman**

Why government, NGO and others need to come forward for protecting child rights?

Thank you

**M3**

8. Your view on satyarthi's work.
9. Tell us where and how you worked for underprivileged children.

Thank you very much.

**M4 (Sociological approach)**

1. Difference between culture and civilization
2. What is inclusive culture?
3. What is "sanskar"? It's English term.
4. 3 things world can learn from india which can lead to peace, stability and development.

Thank you

**Chairman**

Showing me photo, Is this you?

Thank you

I said thank you sir But I didn't stand up

**Chairman**

Before you go, tell me meaning of your name.

Thank you

Lady member wished me all the best

Interview time 30-35 minutes

Very Cordial board.

Wish you all the best.

**Computer Engineering, MBA**

**Optional - Management**

**Home State - MP**

**Date - 06/03/2020**

**2nd to go**

**Board - Mr. TCA Anant**

**CHAIRMAN -**

- Read the daf out aloud
- So you belong to Mumbai?
- You were working in CRISIL. Why did you have to leave the job ?
- What was your role ?
- Which verticals
- What Risk Analysis did you people do?

**M1**

- You've done computer engineering. What is Turing test?
- What is state of economy ? Why is there a slowdown ?
- What is the Government doing in relation to this ?

**M2**

1. You have stayed in Kolkata for a long time. Have you visited some historic places there ?
2. There were rishis in ancient India that were related to mathematics (Long explanation). DO you have some idea about this? Can you name them and their contribution ?
3. What are your service preferences ?
4. What are the issues in administration according to you ?
5. CHAIRMAN - Why the name Red Tape? Where it comes from ?
6. How will you use computers to solve the problems in administration?
7. How administration can reach people through computers? What is the recent trend ?

**M3**

- You're a singer. What kind of songs do you sing?
- Who are your favourite singers ?
- Today morning it has been raining. Do you think climate change is upon us ?
- What are the causes for it ?
- You're into weight training. Why do you think people in India not taking it up ?
- Digital payments. Why is it not picking up in the country ?

**CHAIRMAN** - do you really think that people in rural India who now have a smartphone may not have a bank account ? Is it still true ?

**M4**

- You spoke of MSMEs - what specific provisions are there in this budget ?
- What do you do in rock band? Do you rap ?
- In credit rating do they only do a check on the financial health of the company or also other parameters?
- Tell me something about India - US trade. How is it going ?
- In defence were just buying from USA. How does it help us ?
- Data localization. What are your views ?
- CHAIRMAN - what exactly data localization means ?
- You have studied in Gwalior. Why Gwalior is lacking in industrial development ?

**CHAIRMAN** - Thank you

**06 march**

**PK JOSHI sir**

**Forenoon 5th to go**

**Optional - PSIR**

**Hobbies - Football , lawn tennis**

**Graduation - BE in mechanical**

**State - Rajasthan**

**Chairman**

Read my daf

Q1 why do you want to join already in services

Q2 you are from dausa (place of birth) tell me specific things about dausa

Q3 strengths and weaknesses of RAJASTHAN

Q4 abc analysis

Q5 SWAT analysis

**M1**

Q1 how it will affect us...in connectivity

Q2 brexit how it will impact india

Q3 importanceof bangladesh geostrategically

Q4 any disputes with bangladesh

**M2**

Q1 As a sports secretary of india what would you do

Q2 Asked about recent news in indian football regarding reliance.

Q3 lawn tennis..... recent news of sharapova

Q4 hobbes locke and Rousseau's theory

**M3**

Q1 diff between PVTG and normal tribes

Q2 should we do away with the benefits of tribes other than PVTG

Q3 recent internal decisions of india taken to international bodies

Q4 you talked about mob lynching...but that is only recent ...how can you generalise it and say it is a weakness

Q5 NAM ....its relevance today

Q6 what is the criteria of giving study leave in railways

**M4**

Q1 before donald trump we saw pakistan coming close to US ...how it affects us

Q2 how is pakistan able to take the issues to the UN

Q3 indian PM going abroad and addressing indian diaspora....your views on it

Q4 who founded BIT ...his fathers name

**CHAIRMAN**

OK Thank you.

more questions were asked specially by M4 ... can't remember now

**Date-25/02/2020**

**Afternoon session, 4th to go, 3:57**

**Manoj Soni Sir Board(2 lady members)**

**I:** May I come in Sir

**CH:** Yes come in (with a smile)

**I:** Good Afternoon sir, Good afternoon Mam, Good afternoon sir

**CH:** Please sit down

**I:** Thank you sir

**CH:** you worked with IBM for less than 2 years.

**I:** Yes Sir

**CH:** Currently you are living in Delhi?

**I-** Yes Sir

**CH:** Where?

**I:** Sir in west Patel Nagar, New delhi.

**CH:** Is cross border terrorism a threat to India?

**I:** Yes sir its a threat to our country as it is leading to loss of lives of our soldiers and civilians.

**CH:** I am asking is it a threat or not?

**I:** Yes sir its a threat

**CH:** Israel is also facing similar kind of problem, how they are managing?

**I:** Sir they are using thermal sensors, fencing, underground walls for better border management.

**CH** (Interrupted in between): But they are also doing some operations in neighbouring territory, do you think India need to learn from Israel and do the same.

**I:** Yes sir , we can do the same if there is an imminent threat to our soldiers life and innocent civilians and it is in our national interest as we did in Balakot. But there is a need to balance it with human rights.

**CH:** Human rights?

**I:** yes sir

**CH:** Do you think it is possible to segregate terrorists from civilian population. People like Hafeez saeed are living in isolated places?

**I:** Sir it is difficult but we can try to pinpoint because in case of Israel there are high civilian casualties.

**CH:** Okaya lets consider a scenario , there is threat to India from terrorists like Masood Azhar and you have three options on the table

1. Operation like US navy seal did in the case of Osama bin Laden.

2. Cyber Attack

### 3. Diplomatic pressure

You have to choose one option what will you choose as you are the deciding authority

**I:** Sir it depends on the type of threat and time we have.

**CH:** Its a very serious threat and going to occur by today's evening itself.

**I:** Sir i will go for operation in neighbouring territory to neutralize that threat.

**CH:** As US navy seal did.

**I:** Yes sir, because Diplomatic channels will take some time and cyber attack may not be very effective as they can have other plans .

**CH:** What will be the repercussions?

**I:** Sir people like Hafeez Saeed have huge popularity base in their country and any action against them will put huge pressure on pakistani govt. And thus Pakistan will raise this issue at international level and can also take action against India as they did post balakot.

**CH:** Do you not think its an act of aggression?

**I:** Yes sir its an act of aggression (with 1 sec pause) for Pakistan and other countries. But for me as an Indian citizen it is important to save the lives of our soldiers and innocent civilians.

**CH:** You are giving me a balanced answer.

Will not it lead to a war?

**I:** Sir it may lead to war but there can be intervention by major powers and international institutions like UN to diffuse the tensions or a localized war.

**CH:** Do we have any international treaty against such act of aggression.

**I:** Sorry sir I dont know.

**CH:** Do you not think your decision will lead to war

**I:** Sir it may lead to war but if it is in national interest and necessary to save the lives of our people then we need to take such decisions.

**MI**(Lady member):you worked with IBM.

**I:** Yes mam

**MI:** What is CSR?

**I:** Answered

**MI:** Why corporates are doing this?

**I:** Answered

**MI:** What corporates are getting? Followed by two more questions till i said that it will lead to a skilled workforce in future for corporates.

Then she noded yes skill development of people.

**MI:** you have played volleyball?

**I:** Yes mam

**MI:** What you have learnt?

**I:** Mam i have learnt various things

1. Team work as it requires performance by each team member to win a game.

2. Learning from others and taking decisions on the court.

3. To accept a defeat and to come back in the next game.

**MI:** means to accept weakness and to work on that.

**I:** Yes mam

**MI:** As a DM how will you make use of IT for better governance of a small city.

**I:** Mam IT can play an important role in governance

1. For making services accessible to the public

2. Small cities are facing with issues like congestion,infrastructural issues here we can make use of IT



3. To address issues like water pollution, energy efficiency we can make use of Internet of things, Artificial intelligence.

**M2:** suppose you are posted as a police officer in an area, where 5 youth has committed a brutal rape and murder of a girl. You have arrested all the accused but your senior is putting pressure on you to encounter all of them. What will you do?

**I** (After 3-4sec): Sir i will follow the rule of law and i will not do the encounter as it is against the rule of law. And i will try to convince my senior about the gravity of the situation

**M2:** But your senior is putting pressure on you.

**I:** Sir i owe to the constitution of my country and it is my duty to uphold its values and follow the due process of law. I will not follow the orders blindly i will try to convince him and if needed i will refer the matter to his senior.

**M2:** But there is hierarchy in bureaucracy and by informing your senior's senior you are violating this hierarchy.

**I:** Sir first i will try to convince him if he still pressurize me then only i will refer it to his senior.

**M2:** You are saying you will not do the encounter but when encounters happen people shower flowers on the police as happened in Telangana.

**I:** Sir it shows that people lack faith in CJS and that's why they celebrated such action. But such actions are not the solution we need to improve the overall CJS.

**M2:** Every day we read about rising crimes against women like murder, rape, molestation then what is the solution.

**I:** Sir there are two aspects w.r.t rising for such incidents

1. Reporting of such crimes has been increased and more people are registering their complaints.

2. There are issues with respect to law and order specially crimes against women and for that we need to improve the work culture of the CJS in order to restore the faith of the people in the state (M2 corrected me in the system), in the system, so that people have trust and sense of security while criminals have deterrence.

**M2:** Do you think anything has been improved in last 70 years.

**I** (with a smile): Yes sir

**M2:** you write diaries. How often you write.

**I:** Sir i used to write on daily basis.

**M2:** Is not it a boring task to write daily. As after spending whole day you have to write it.

**I** (with a smile): Sir initially when i started writing it was difficult to write on daily basis. But later it has helped me in improving my personality and in setting day to day targets and their follow up. Now i used to write on daily basis and after i do meditation for 15-20 minutes.

**M2:** Any famous diary entries?

**I:** Sir at international level we have diary of Anne Frank, Samule Peppy's.

And at national level diary of Mahatma Gandhi which he wrote after independence and diary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

**M2:** But Dr Kalam used to write memoirs.

**I:** Sir i have read his book wings of fire in which he mentioned that after day to day activities he used to write diary about his experience, learning etc.

**M3:** you are from Muzaffarpur which is famous for bad reasons.

**I:** Sir its Muzaffarnagar

**M3:** Yes yes its Muzaffarnagar.

**I:** Sir bad reason w.r.t to law and order

**M3:** Yes wrt law and order

**I:** yes sir there are issues wrt law and order in Muzaffarnagar and other parts of western UP.

**M3:** how will you measure governance of an area. What are the indicators?

**I:** Sir it can be measured through

1. Efficiency of public services.
2. Transparency and accountability wrt to delivery of services.

**M3:** You are telling me simple things, tell me something else.

**I:** Sir it can also be measured by the satisfaction level of beneficiaries of different schemes.

**M3:** By conducting survey.

**I:** Yes Sir (In mind report of various NPO's and international institutions, not able to recollect indicators of various reports by NITI aayog)

**M3:** Tell me some indicators for measuring governance.

**I:** Sir we can measure it with HDI index as it has bearing on public services and also with the help of Number of complaints registered and actions taken on them.

**M3:** Does small states have advantage with respect to governance.

**I:** Yes sir they have. But size is not the only criteria as we have states like TN having good governance.

**M3:** Tell me about small states what advantage they have.

**I:** Sir in a small state it is easy for senior officials to fix accountability of official at local level.

**M3** (added in my answer): and also for political leaders

**I:** Yes sir

**M3:** Any other

**I:** Sir advantage w.r.t allocation of funds.

-Followed by two more questions in one of them i tried to explain by giving example of Sonabhadra i.e even after having 7 major industries and 3 power plants it is still one of the most backward region and 40% population belonging to SC and ST have poor social indicators. But M3 was not satisfied and said that you are telling me unnecessary thing. It was followed by next question.

**M3:** Tell me what will be done to improve the governance and better development of state like UP in points 1 2 3.

**I:** Sir first is policy formulation for balanced regional development.

Second transparency and accountability in public services.

Thirdly apart from top down measures we need to empower people to improve governance.

**M3:** You are an IT guy tell me something w.r.t technology. Is it can be use.

**I** (With a smile): Yes sir it can be used and we are already using it ex-Common service centres for making services accessible to people. (give my village ex)

Secondly for making efficient use of resources and fixing accountability. ex-2 years back there was death of more than 50 children in Gorakhpur due to unavailability of oxygen cylinders. To prevent such incidents we can make use of AI for maintaining an online inventory of resources for fixing accountability.

Then he seems satisfied and pass to M4.

**M4** (lady member)- you have served as deputy head boy and you were also the part of security management team in your college. Recently there was an incident of molestation in Gargi college in Delhi. Are you aware about that.

**I:** Yes mam

**M4:** According to you what were the loopholes in security arrangement.

**I:** Mam there were many loopholes

First was issue wrt assessment about no. Of people attending cultural event.

**M4:** means more people attended.

**I:** Mam issue wrt to number as well as security staff for their handling. As in case of Gargi college large no. Of people entered the campus after overpowering the security staff.

**M4:** But if they have entered then how it is possible to monitor huge crowd in cultural events.

**I:** Mam we also faced with same issues during college fest and for that we 20 members (security management team) provided point of contact to the students.

**M4:** Like control room.

**I:** Mam control room was thre having participation from security guards and college administration. But we acted as point of contact at ground level.

**M4:** You were 20 how had you managed.

**I:** Mam we had members at fixed positions as well as in mobility to monitor activities and to convey the same to control room.

**M4:** But in such event it is difficult to monitor activities?

**I :** Mam for that we were briefed about some sensitive areas like Performance area, rehearsal area, events like DJ night and parking

**M4-** Like dark spots

**I:** Yes mam as such areas have sense of anonymity.

**M4:** But if crowd is doing misconduct with a girl then what to do?

**I-** Mam for that we were instructed overpower the person at the spot.

**M4** (interrupted)-means overpower physically

**I-** yes mam and to inform the security staff and in case of serious issue inform the college administration to handle the situation amd if needed call the police.