BOARD - SUJATA MEHTA MAM

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Afternoob

- > Introduce yourself
- > Is climate change real? Is it happening in your village? Tell me some of ur observations?
- What measures we should take to deal with climate change particularly in agriculture?
- Ans abt climate resilient crops
- Then do you think moving from sugarcane to millet will be profitable for farmer?

M1:

- Abhijit, As administer what u want do?
- ➤ Ans-community based empowerment –explain
- What else u will do?
- Ans- education understand individual need of student- outcome based approach
- M is it possible to give different treatment to each student?
- A yes explained Delhi model
- M what u will do for land record?
- A explained digitalization and other technology
- **M** is it possible to understand soil pattern with the help of geo tagging?

M2:

- Do u think we have island of excellence in education in terms of iit and iims?
- do you think there is difference between this institutions and other normal colleges?

A- explained

- M- south Korea do not have iit still good in technology?why so?
- **M-** how many countries in the world has federation type polity?

M3:

- Why cold waves in USA?
- > Do u know abt ocean currents? Tell me abt that
- What steps we should take for job creation?
- Do u know abt Kartarpur corridor? Why is it in news?
- What is pH of this water showing glass of water?what is relation between pH and temperature?
- What is carbon footprint?
- What is carbon sequestration?

- Many students are not working in their graduation subject? Many of them also coming in civil services? Why so? Don't you think is it failure of our education system?
- > Do you think parents are pressuring their children to pursue engineering?
- If 13 yr child come to u and I want to do engineering what u will suggest him?



Thank you!

2. Optional Philosophy

Very cordial board, allowed very less time for each answer, I am a little verbose so felt as if I was cut down everytime. If she knew what I meant, or if i knew the answer then she would ask another question, not much time given to explain.

Not many counter questions were asked . No questions which I was fearing like Naming of Cities, or Mob Lynching or any controversial questions

Chairman:

- Tell me something about yourself
- ➤ Why CS?
- Why IFS as first preference?
- > Tell me why Iran's nuclear program is not supported by India
- Tell me should India join BRI
- ➤ Why or Why not?
- Afghanistan Peace Process
- ➤ Good And Bad Taliban USA and India perspective on Afghanistan
- Our nvestments in Afghanistan

M1:

- What is the reason for agrarian distress. Told (Same question asked in Forum mock)
- Why MSP is increasing and farmer is not getting benefit
- Problem with government not able to uptake food grains
- > Is UBI a solution to this
- What will you do as a DM to solve this problem

M2:

- Can I ask some questions from your optional?
- Asked Which is your favourite political thinker (I said something)
- What do you think was the ideal of Gandhi?
- Some questions on Gita (Not in my syllabus)
- Why is Political Science called Science (said that most social sciences try to ...blah blah)
- Then I said Sir my optional is Philosophy not Pol Sc.
- The member was a little surprised, then he said ok

M3:

- You wrote about diary writing as hobby, how did you get it?
- Do you write it online or on computer.
- Are you aware of a famous personality who was caught for corruption because he had written about it in his personal diary (didnt know)
- ➤ Ills of DW
- Benefits, (Told, how it can help in conflict resolution)

M4:



- You are CS Engineer, tell me why you chose Philosophy (said something, dont remember)
- Why do you think CS is not a subject in UPSC (didnt know , UPSC knows)
- ➤ In the long run, what is more important, Roads or Internet?
- ➤ Why?
- Okay, in modern times what is more important, roads or Internet
- Why are companies offering free service such as Whatsapp and Facbook, How do they make money?
- What is Net Neutrality? What is official government policy? Your personal view (Went for sometime, Had prepared it)

Chairman:

- Long Question, Not able to reacll right now..went on for some 2-3 minutes.
- > Is there anything you would like to discuss with us, or we have left out?

Said No, Thank you Ma'am.

Stood up Quickly and Chair made some noise, said Sorry Ma'am.. and came out as quickly as I could.

3. Kishore

19/02/2019 AN, first to go

Background IIT KGP dual degree

Working Bosch: Data scientist

Chairman:

- Do you watch movies?
- What movies on Financial Crisis (masters in Financial Engineering)
- > Do you think depiction of quants is right?
- Do you think Finance field is not contributing to society enough?
- Why is your patent in Japan?
- Is this how Bosch operates in India?
- What is this hobby? (Trading strategies)
- Do you get paid for it?

M1:

- Parliamentary democracy or presidential for rapid development?
- Opinion on prohibition?
- Is E-commerce good for country?

M2:

- Evergreening of patents?
- > W
- Obstacles for India's Transition to knowledge economy
- ➤ How will it happen if young minds are not interested in R&D? They are going to abroad or



civil services?

M3:

- Opinion on freebies? (In a condescending tone..making people lazy)
- > India -USA relationship on all fronts

M4:

- What about growing inequality?
- Socialist model or Free-market?
- ▶ CP
- > Anything else you want to discuss?

Thank you, your interview is over.

Board is super cordial compared to mocks. No lighter moments though. 32 mins said the attender at gate.

4. Name: Deepak Dev Viswan

From: Trivandrum

Graduation: Btech ECE

Optional: sociology

Session: FN: 3rd to go

Interview time: 40 to 45 mins (very cordial)

Chairman:

- Introduce yourself telling ur educational background and work experience if any .
- > Explain the work exposure in BYJU's. Explain your designation and role which u do daily, weekly, monthly etc.
- Why do u need politicians heading the sports administration? Do we need that? Y not sportspersons.?
- khelo India programme! Why do we need it?
- give a rough figure of expatriates from Kerala.
- what does ur state govt do to solve the problems of expatriate community?
- > heard of silent valley? Explain it . give its features and environmental significance.
- > How your state govt is dealing with agencies which provide illegal visas and fradulent activities?

M1:

- u r coming from a state with high literacy? How can make use of this in a state with low literacy like Bihar?
- what are the challenges in administration if u are appointed in a state where people are very politically conscious but very illiterate?
- if u are appointed in a tribal area, what will u do to enhance their trust?



ttribal needs and their problems

M2:

- why vizhinjam international port could not be completed in time?
- what are the problems in carrying out the work of vizhinjam port? Is there any labour issue?
- do u think there is enough cooperation from govt in completing the project?
- what is the response of the community living near construction areas.? Do they support the project?
- ➤ There are lot of women issues in your state. Explain the sabarimala issue in simple note? Why such a problem? How to solve the issue.
- ➤ He asked the Rafael issue? (sujatha mam interfered and told him not to ask that.. and she switched to next member)
- Kerala flood

M3:

- What is special area games programme launched 3 years back?
- > sports administration.
- waste management .
- what is circular economy?
- who are rohingyas? Should we accept them? Why or why not?

M4:

- Lot of issues in pak border. How can we solve the issue?
- can we do a 'give and take 'policy? in pak.
- bull do we need to have talks with them? Give a full hand possible solution. .

Chairman:

- do u want to discuss something else.(I mentioned educational system in india)
- > any changes in education sector?
- > TSR subramaniam committee and kasturirangan committees ,recommendations ? What's your view on it ?
- No detentions police and scraping of it? Why?
- pratham and aser report.
- primary and upper primary education status
- Indian educational service? And its need?

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Chandan Kumar(Bihar)

ECE

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND IR



- City bank is planning to lay off BPO jobs...next may be knowledge processing--is India ready?
- > Why India lags in R&D in field like qunatum physics-
- Should 6 month service be made compulsory to fill gaps in teaching, paramedics.
- Do you think teaching is still respectable job- no body wants to join

M1:

Case: At district level of you see some people coming and crowd is violent ...counter questions

M2:

- Bahubali's in bihar- why people support
- Minimum government maximum governance
- Is Bihar following it...did you find any such change

M3:

- ➤ How the central government is organised?
- Given an opportunity as SDO to teach in village schools as you are a role model...would u do it or not...why?

M4:

- ➤ e-SOP
- SHOULd media be self regulated or by govt?
- SHOULd media be regulated itself as freedom of S&E guaranteed
- If you are made SDM- what would you focus on...what is your general observation of people's problem
- Follow up question: will awareness make things better(I said people lack awareness about schemes, rights, career choices)

Chairman:

- Anything you would like us to ask?- yes...IR
- baton passed to member 4
- Should India talk to Taliban?

Thank you... interview over

6. Chirag Jain

Interview Date: 20/02/2019 AN, 3rd to go

- ➤ 1.would you like to introduce yourself? (just qualification and job experience)
- > 2. So you worked in Tata motors, Tell me why did Tata Nano failed?
- 3. What should be the strategy to market a car??
- 4. What is your opinion on celebrity endorsement?
- 5. What about endorsing harmful products like cold drinks?



- ➤ 6. Should they be held responsible if anything wrong happens with the product?
- > 7. Recently there was a news that some celebrities are paid for endorsing political party, what is your view on it?

M1:

- Do you read books other than academic (don't know why he asked, it was not my hobby)
- Do you read magazines?
- Should be move towards parliament form of government to presidential form of government?
- What are internal security issues in India?
- > 5. Do you think Pakistan is the biggest external security concern?

M2:

- Is agriculture distress real in India or fabricated by political parties?
- > 2.What are issues in agriculture?
- Though there is increase in food production in India, why agriculture growth not happening?
- What is MSP policy
- Is loan waiver a solution?
- 6.How technology can help agriculture?
- > 7.Should be allow GM crop?
- > 8. Why protest against it?
- 9. What is precision farming?
- ➤ 10.How is it practiced?

M3:

- What is social forestry?
- ➤ How is it done?
- Where all it can be done?
- ➤ Why J&K militancy?
- what options are available to move army convoy?

M4:

- Now a days private doctors are writing unnecessary test to the patients as a DM, how will you regulate it?
- What is telemedicine?
- can it be a solution to the rural healthcare in India?
- Do you know any success of it in India?
- In India our bureaucracy is very hierarchical, what are the issues because of it?
- ➤ How to improve it?
- Government has lots of departments and ministries which works in silos. How to improve such a situation?

- Did you have understanding of Indian polity before preparing for civil services?
- > Did you have humanities subjects in engineering?(told about open electives)
- Do you see a Gap? How to improve it?
- > There are lot of domestic violence cases in India, As an SP of district how will you tackle



such issue?

- Suppose a girl in being molested at road how will you react to it?
- Why such cases happens?(told about lack of values and patriarchal mindset)
- How to improve such situation? (told value education)
- > But in India schools are not able to provide basic education and learning outcomes are so low what can be done in such a condition?
- Do you want us to discuss anything? (said about world day of social justice)
- > Tell me about it?

Thank you. your interview is over.

(went for 30 mins. Board was very cordial though no lighter moment)

7. D.O.I: 20/02/2019

Background: PSIR ,Born at Tarapur Native in Satara ,Civil Engineer.

Chairman:

- Introduce yourself with your educational and professional background.
- ➤ How was it growing up in Tarapur ? Were there any concerns regarding harmful effects of staying near a nuclear power plant.
- There are various protests going on against nuclear power plants ?What do you think about it.
- ➤ What is your opinion regarding safety of nuclear power plants in India considering the nuclear disasters in the past ?
- What is Ayushman Bharat Program? What is the scope of PPP Model in Ayushman Bharat?

M1:

- What is your opinion regarding building statues of leaders?
- Opinion on SC's verdict on Dance Bars ?
- Why is sugar industry under stress?

M2:

- Do we need to provide exceptions in RTI Act?
- What are those eight exceptions?
- What is the role of NGOs in the Nation building?
- Should we allow foreign NGOs?
- ➤ How are foreign NGOs regulated?

M3:

- How we can make our Education sector more innovative?
- How exactly Atal Tinkering Lab works?
- ➤ What tools China is using to raise it's footprint in the world?
- Tell me one weakness of China?

M4.



- What do you know about Central Administrative Tribunal?
- > Do you think there is corruption in India?
- > Enlist names of few PSUs?

Chairman:

- What do you think about Simultaneous Elections?
- Do you want us to ask on any topic from your DAF?

Thank you.

8. Kirti Yadav:

22 february, forenoon

Chairman:

- > Would you like to introduce yourself giving your educational background?
- You seem to like civils services a lot.
- What do you like about it?
- You seem to take active interest in sports (badminton). Do you think sports is being encouraged enough for children?
- Do you think families has anything to do with discouraging sports?
- > Do you think some sports get more attention than others?
- > Generally sports bodies are headed by political leaders. Why do you think this is so?
- > Some reports and allegations claim that sport persons are not treated well and not properly accommodated during national and international events, but the high officials of sports are given royal treatment, what is your take on that?

M1:

- Bhuj earthquake, do you think the loss of life was huge because of poor implementation of building codes or poor disaster management?
- Do you think there is a scope of activism in bureaucracy?
- Are code of conduct and service rules hindrance for activism?

M2:

- What's the tourism scenario in india?
- Take on medical tourism
- > Take on developed countries doing clinical trials of medicines on poor people of india?

M3:

- Do you think strict hierarchy in civil services impede social innovation?
- Why a inspector of police is given more importance than a professor?
- Are virtual classrooms good for education system?

M4:

- Why tribals are getting attracted towards naxalism?
- Solutions/ approach in tackling naxalism



- Insurgency in northeast
- > Basic questions on rohingya issue

NOTE: because i mentioned tribals in one answer, follow up questions on that. I got nervous everytime i read unpredictable questions in transcripts, but trust me in the moment you answer it.

9. Aprajita:

Hobbies: jogging, meditation

Working in AFHQ CS

Last one to go in the afternoon session

Chairman:

- Where do you work in army HQ?
- you might be dealing with very sensitive data? What area do you deal?
- You might be remembering the incident where army jawan committed suicide... Bcs of abuse he faced in sahayak system... You work in army headquarters... What have you seen?
- Should army officers be allowed to use social media in the light of recent incidents of honeytrapping etc...
- Can biometric data be stolen.?
- How do you think it can be protected from being stolen?

M1:

- In Himachal, very less crime... If you get ips... How will you keep yourself busy?
- Didn't you think of any startup or algorithms during college? If any of your friends running a start up?
- Why pvt companies complain that engineers are not employable?
- Should colleges be built in remote locations?

M3:

- Uses of genetic engineering?
- Not able to remember other questions??

M4:

➤ If you are a chief secretary, which area will you fund? Education, agriculture and defence?

Follow up questions.

M5:

- You are working in army HQ. Have you seen any kind of conflict especially with respect to postings etc?
- Do you know what are statutory complaints?
- What is SPIC MACAY? (DAF Based)



➤ Is there a need of such programs in the present era of social media where everything is available online?

Chairman:

- Have you followed Padma awards?
- Do you want me to discuss which we have not covered

10. Anusha G

Education: CA

Hobbies: Kuchipudi n pencil Shading

State: AP n Telangana

Interview date: Feb 22

Chairman:

- Tell me about yourself only on education n job experience
- Why civil services after CA
- What is your opinion on kids imitating adults in the reality shows
- After my explanation, she asked me whether you are against or in favour of such shows
- Do you think India is ready for e- commerce.

M1:

- In the recent budget, whether Govt estimated more indirect tax revenue or direct taxes? (ldt > dt)
- > So, do you think it is the right proportion.
- What are the compliance burden people at large are facing in GST
- Should Govt use income tax or indirect tax as a tool to promote economy n generate revenue as well
- What are the direct tax reforms India should adapt?

M2:

- What is Al
- Do you agree with the notion that AI causes job loss especially in India?
- Should v support n adopt Al

M3:

- By linking PAN n Aadhar, what benefits Govt would gain n what would people lose?
- Do u think PAN is mandatory to open a bank account (based on my answer to previous question)

M4:

In Indian express in the front page, there is an article on DM's using technology n article says such advance steps should be recognised. But using technology is touted as short cut



- to administration. Do u agree?
- What are the differences between Kuchipudi n Bharatanatyam?
- What do you mean by collaborative governance

Chairman:

- So Anusha, u said technology brings efficiency to administration.. does it also helps in bringing equity or in distribution to the people.
- Do you want to ask us anything?
- I was sitting quite here.
- Then she asked, is there any area, which you prepared well n which v didn't ask.
- I told them about state related issues.
- What is your personal opinion on division of the state? Are you happy with it?

11. Gowthaman IA&AS 2016

Chairman:

- So Gowthaman U r from IAAS and do you accept that your Audit report turned down one government?
- ➤ Is it a scam?
- ➤ How was the figure calculated in 2G report?
- How did such a big notional value become very nominal value afterwards
- What happened in coal audit report?
- ➤ Govt went for auctioning of spectrum after your report. Initially govt earned huge revenue, but in the recent auction govt was not able to mop up enough revenue. Why?
- ➤ How to fix price for the resource like spectrum, coal.
- > Despite good demand in market spectrum auction didn't fetch enough revenue. What is the benchmark to fix price?

M1:

- She asked about what am I doing now
- Audit of ur dept has changed over the period of time. What is the new type of audit that u r conducting now.
- Im expecting one particular word from u
- Yes, What is it?
- Despite all ur good recommendations why there is no much improvement in the ground.
- ➤ Ok lets move away from audit. PM is using 3 words to describe the relation between centre and state. Whats it?
- > Have u heard about Cooperative

Me: (Before she finishes) Mam Cooperative federalism

- No its cooperative competitive federalism. Whats is it Explain
- There is a structure put up for achieving this
- Niti ayog is old one, Tell New one
- What is it, Explain
- What is GST?
- How is it different from previous tax. Do u know the overview of it?



- > This and all is ok, But I'm expecting a particular word from u
- Ok leave it. Have u heard about Twin balance sheet issue?
- ➤ How to solve it?
- Do u know what is the timeframe to declare a asset as non performing
- But RBI action will solve only one side of the issue. How to solve the issue on the other side

M2:

Lets move on o totally different area. Tell me the border issues we have with china

Me: I started with Doklam Crisis

➤ M2: There are more big issues

Me: (I was thinking. Have no idea what is he expecting)

Chairman:

- Intervened and said take ur own time and use paper if u wanna gather points.
- ➤ I was scribbling LAC, ArP, Doklam in paper. Have no ide what to tell. Became all blank.

 Mam said if u r not comfortable III ask him to ask from some other area. I said Yes Mam.

M2:

- Tell what all news u read in newspaper toady, yesterday about inside outside
- > Tell me about Simultaneous election.
- > You know how much of money was spent in say last general election.
- > That is EC's spending figure. How much the parties are spending
- Yes it is about 30000 crore. Do you think that simultaneous election can be conducted with current constitution. Or else what need to be done?
- Why constitution amendment and what need to be amended
- Why RPA need to be amended
- Coming to ur subject electronics. Why did GSAT Fail.
- What would have gone wrong according to u, it is ur subject

M 3:

- ➤ U studied in john dewey school. Who is he what is his contribution
- Explain his thought and is he only philosopher or he is related to some other field also

Me: (Damn I prepared it during my first and second attempt why is he asking me now. I didn't revise this) I said I do not know the details and Im not comfortable is philosophy (Second time Mam intervened and asked him to change the topic)

Being the student of Public administration Explain what is constituent power

Me: (Couldn't understand the word and asked him to repeat three times and at last he wrote the word in paper and mam also pronounced the word by this time.) I said don't know

- Article 368 has the word constituent power.
- What are the limitations in amending the constitution
- Are they limitations. He was wondering



- How FR is a limitation
- > But rt to property was taken away through CA which is also a FR.

M4:

- Do u know kesavananda bharati case. What is the gist of the case
- Did they specify what constitute the basic structure in that judgement
- Tel few features which are basic structures of constitutuion
- What do u think is the role of media

Me: When I said media should act He intervened and said don't sa

- y what media should be, Say what role media is playing now. I was thinking what to tel. (Political biasedness of media, Fake news are running in my mind. But donno what to tell and how to handle counter question. Became blank)
- Lee kuan yew said if u r not controlling then they will control u. Should government control media

Chairman:

- Who should give the freedom to media when it is already ensured to them
- Me: Yes mam Constitution through Freedom of speech and expression ensure media freedom. There are reasonable restrictions to it which should to interpreted liberally by the govt.
- Chairman said thank you Gowthaman your interview is over. I stood up and said Mam Before leaving I would like to wish you all a Happy Civil Services day. All said Oh, Thank You. I said Thank You and left the room

12. Akshay

Profile- IPS, IIT D

Chairman:

- What is innovation
- Role of disruptive technologies in employment scenario
- 4th industrial revolution and strategy of India in skill building
- How can technology increase emloyment

M1:

- > Your views on fdi in single brand retail
- What is Isis. What is their mission
- When Gandhi Ji supported caliphate and why?
- Role of humour in policing

M2:

- Should orderly system be removed from police?
- What was new deal? How it helped us economy?
- Fiscal stimulus vs private investment? Which is better?



M3:

- Give 3 reforms for education sector
- What should be the role of iit in reforming higher education
- Role of industry and alumni in improving r&d
- > Role of funding for education sector

M4:

- Indian spending on space sector waste of money?
- > FDI in space sector?
- ➤ How space sector different from defence sector?

13. Yo Yo Choti Singh

Btech ECE

Haryana

Pub Adm

Online Knowledge Sharing And Learning Hobby

Chairman:

- ➤ Is that You? (Showing photo)
- ➤ Tell us about yourself?
- What are you doing since graduation?
- What is this hobby ?
- ➤ How to control crimes in online media?
- Stakeholders and their role?

(Some more questions on same..)

M1:

- Haryana sports performance good Why?
- Haryana many farmers not paying Electricity bills + flood irrigation why and what to do? (long discussions and counters)

(Very slow voice speaker. Difficult to understand. But managed)

M2:

- Brief history of Dera Sacha Sauda? (My district) Why so popular? Why Ram Rahim so popular wrt earlier gurus?
- Kashmir solution doctrines ? (Politely said doctrine don't know but solution i can tell) brief discussion on same .. What do u mean by kashmiriyat?
- What is Gujral Doctrine? Why it failed? (Little fumbled here..could have tackled better.. he said Don't theorise give me concrete points... then 2 3 points given)

M3:



- > Role of ICT in GG?
- What u learnt from Anna Hazare?
- Qualities of Good administrator ?
- Justice mentioned where in constitution? (preamble recited)
- Virtue is justice or ...gave 2 3 more terms ? I said Virtue is Justice sir. Which justice? I said combo of Social Economic and Political! (Satisfied)

M4:

- ➤ ECIL and BEL what's common in these electronics companies ? Make EVM sir.
- Can EVM be tempered? Tell me your view as electronics engineer? (Told well ..few counters.. handled easily)
- ➤ Dera violence situation u as DM what will u do? Don't tell me provisions tell me what will u do? (told 4 5 points)

Chairman:

- Sec 377 tell me progress on the issue ? Told British to Naz Foundation to SC recriminalization
- Any relevant Recent verdict? Talk on Right to Privacy judgement ...
- Hadiya case ur view ? What u think?
- You are DM. Few girls come. Complaints about new gender biased norms by college like Dress code for girls only etc Your course of action?
- You want to ask anything?

Thankyou. GET OUTTTT.;)

(2 3 small questions in between not recalling now)

OVERALL cordial board. Went smooth. Don't know how it went. Enjoyed it. Mam was observing throughout. Asked hell lot of questions in last and in start.

Hopefully will not fall below 170. Rest upsc or sujata tai maalik h. :)

Jai Hind. Finally feeling relaxed.