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INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS

(Part-1)



By ForumIAS

(From CSE 2020)

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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.

This compilation is dedicated to the vibrant community of IAS aspirants that ForumIAS strives to work for.

Always.

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The Board Members

As on 22th February 2021

	Name	Date from which holding the post	Date of Retirement	Brief Introduction
Chairman	Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kumar Joshi	07/08/2020 (AN)	04/04/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman, Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission. Director, National Institute of Educational Planning & Administration (NIEPA) Head & Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur (MP) He specializes in the field of Financial Management, Financial Control, Management Accounting, Taxation, Rural Development Management, Management in Panchayati Raj Institution & Khadi Gramodyog etc.
Member	Air Marshal A. S. Bhonsle (Retd.)	21/02/2017 (AN)	14/02/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioned into the Indian Air Force Has served in Office of Chief of HQ, Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and also as Deputy Chief of Joint Operations, Doctrines, Organization & Training Has participated in the Sri Lanka Indian Peace Keeping Force Operations, Siachin operations and Kargil operations Awarded with Vishishta Seva Medal in 2005 and Ati Vishishta Seva Medal in 2010.
Member	Ms. Sujata Mehta	21/02/2017 (AN)	29/03/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1980 after earning a Master of Philosophy degree in Political Science. Had deputation to the UN in Gaza and in New York Was Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
Member	Dr. Manoj Soni	28/06/2017 (FN)	27/06/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scholar of Political Science with specialisation in International Relations Studies Received awards for his exemplary leadership in empowering disadvantaged section of society with IT literacy.
Member	Ms. Smita Nagaraj	01/12/2017 (FN)	21/09/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1984 Completed her Masters in Political Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University
Member	Ms. M. Sathiyavathy	09/04/2018 (AN)	12/05/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Graduate & gold medalist in Mathematics from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1981 and there after the Indian Administrative Service in 1982 (AGMUT Cadre)
Member	Sh. Bharat Bhushan Vyas	13/12/2018 (AN)	14/11/2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cumulative experience of over thirty eight years - six in the banking sector and thirty two in the Government (joined Indian Administrative Service in 1986) Allotted to the Jammu & Kashmir Cadre Member Secretary of the 'Prime Minister's Special Task Force' to formulate "Jobs Plan" for the youth of J&K. 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". Given awards for conduct of elections in J&K in very challenging circumstances in 1996/1997. Recipient of the Chief Minister's Gold Medal for honesty, integrity and meritorious service in J&K in the year 2011
Member	Dr. T. C. A. Anant	14/01/2019 (FN)	02/01/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi. Chief Statistician of India (CSI) and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) 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) Introduced a new regular survey on Employment;
Member	Sh. Rajiv Nayan Choubey	01/02/2019 (FN)	27/01/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post graduate in Physics Master's Degree in Social Policy & Planning Joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1981 and was allotted to the Tamil Nadu Cadre Principal Advisor in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, as Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and as Director General of Hydrocarbon Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, was instrumental in drafting the New Civil Aviation Policy

Interview Transcript #1

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board:- Sujata Mehta Ma'am
Education:- Architecture and Urban planning
Optional:- Anthropology
Work exp:- Smart Cities Fellowship
Interests:- editor in college magazine, research and writing about road safety

Chairperson

1. Introduce yourself
2. What was your smart cities project about? What is your criticism of the project?
3. Why is India not ready to take on a net zero target?

M1 (lady member)

1. What is your view on regulations on social media content? Do you know the recent regulations?
2. What is your view on data localisation?
3. Will the new data laws stop innovation?

M2 (gentleman member, probably from academia)

1. Based on your knowledge of architecture, how will you bring people in a district together?
2. Based on your knowledge of anthropology, is it right for foreigners to come to India, click pictures of poor people and sell it?
3. When there is a conflict between implementing a law and interest of marginalized groups, what will you do?

M3 (gentleman member, could be a police officer)

1. As an architect, what steps can you take to make public spaces safer for women?
2. What steps will you take to make a building energy efficient in North India?
3. What is transit oriented development? Have you been part of such a project?

M4 (gentleman member, probably IAS)

1. Long question about how to handle traffic in small and medium towns.
2. Opinion question on whether traffic police are responsible for poor condition of roads
3. Telengana and Bhubaneswar have progressed in terms of water supply. Why are other states behind?

Chairperson

1. Anything else you want to tell us.
2. Don't you think you will miss the creativity and opportunities in urban planning if you shift to civil services?

Thank you. You may leave.

Interview Transcript #2

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Dr. Manoj Soni
Qualification: B. Tech. Mechanical Engineering
Experience: BHEL, EPFO
Interests: Yoga, Pranayama.
State: Haryana

Disclaimer: You'll have to put on the hand gloves and mask provided by them all the time till your interview is done. That may be a bit uncomfortable.

Chairman (C): Face shield is optional, Mask is not.

Me: (after putting the face shield on the table before me) Sir, I'm comfortable this way.

Chairman

Ok then. Tell us what makes you comfortable?

Do you think Pakistan is a very big problem for India? (kept pushing on it)

You were trained to become an Engineer. You worked at a higher salary. Why you want to go to a lower salary to join something for which you were not trained?

Member 1

Tell us about the issues with the electricity sector and what can be done.

Tell about UDAY and Saubhagya scheme.

Is Saubhagya scheme a success?

Why the Government is hailing it as success in its reports?

Member 2

If you are an SP and the crowd gets violent, what would you do?

Would you use water cannon?

Would you use Lathi charge?

Even if it's not controlled, would you order shooting?

Member 3

You have to organize say Olympics in Delhi, what are the things you'll do?

Would you also detain someone in advance whom you suspect may create trouble?

Suppose you know they have some information that may be useful, would you interrogate them to extract the information?

What are your service preferences? Why IAS as first choice?

Member 4

BHEL is also like a family, then why did you leave your family?

One of my friends says that the best way to deal with Pakistan is to build a permanent Iron Wall between India and Pakistan. What do you think?

You are from Haryana. What are the issues with women in Haryana?

Chairman: Thank you. Your interview is over.

Overall, the Board was cordial.

Interview Transcript #3

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board- Ajit S. Bhonsle sir
Education- BTech and MTech electrical engineering
Job-lecturer govt polytechnic
Optional-sociology
State - Haryana

Chairman

1. Man is social animal. Explain
2. Only human social or any other animal.
3. Tell me about bees there organization and working.

Member 1

1. Which subject do you teach in college.
2. Renewable energy resources
3. Wind energy grid connection.
4. Geothermal in haryana. transmission and distribution losses, commercial losses in transmission system.
5. How to reduce these losses.

Member 2

1. bhashan partiyogita topic(daf)
2. What is Stage fever?
3. Anomy
4. Anomic suicide.
5. Modernization and its consequences.

Member 3

1. Bad effect of eucliptus.
2. From where this plant came.
3. Its impact on soil health.
4. You have done m.tech in 2015 and got a job in 2017, what are doing in between.
5. Oil bond
6. What is difference between simple oil and power oil?
7. What is hybrid vehicle its benefit?
8. Cost of solar plant , wind plant, geothermal plant.
9. How you select a site for solar plant.
10. What is mppt.

Member 4

1. Why sociology after electrical engg.
2. Why you shift job from JE pwd to lecturer in govt college.
3. Problem of agriculture in haryana.
4. Why do you grow only rice not pulses.
5. Status of pulses in india.
6. Why stubble burning in haryana. What are other ways farmer manage stubble remaining.
7. Why govt not taking strict action on those farmer.

8. How electrical Engineer you solve this problem.

Chairman

1. Why farmers till their pulse before sowing rice.
2. Why rice remaining are not decomposable.
3. Why rice remaining can't used for fodder of animals.

Interview Transcript #4

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Profile: Btech in Engineering, Physics from IIT Delhi

Optional: Physics

Hobby: Student mentoring, Blogging, Covid cashrelief fundraiser

Work experience: Milaan Foundation (India Fellow social leadership program)

Summer research internships at University of Saarland and Leibniz institute in Germany

Chairman (M1)

1. What is milaan foundation and what did you do there?
2. Don't you think you wasted Investment in IIT course given its very specialized course? (Don't give any theoretical answer like you will use experience in administration)
3. Who was Thomas Kuhn?
4. What is Higgs boson and why is it called God particle?
5. Use of Higgs boson particle

Member 2

1. What's your opinion on corona virus as bioweapon?
2. What is Crispr CAS9 and it's implications on coronavirus issue
3. So many lies are being spread in the world, how do you address it?
4. What is linkage between quantum physics and AI?

Member 3

1. You mentioned about Hindi medium, Till what class, were you in Hindi medium?
2. What's your view on regional language courses and discussed on it thereon?
3. What's controversy on western part of India?

Member 4

1. What does govt do for underprivileged section (I mentioned it)
2. Are underprivileged section getting benefits of govt. Program on ground?
3. Did everyone get govt. Job as per up govt. Has suggested?
4. What would you do if you are made DM and will you give govt. Job to these people?

Member 5

1. Tell about your project in Germany and how you got it?
2. Can you recall an Indian who made it big after studying in Germany?
3. What is namami gange project and how can we use clean water for agriculture?
4. Why is UP poor despite so many PM? What is it that is going right for UP? What do you see it's future in?
5. Tell about Palestine issue

Interview Transcript #5

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir
State: Jharkhand
Area: Dhanbad

Chairman

1. What have you been doing since your post graduation?
2. How are India's relations with Russia?
3. What are the other nations from where we purchase weapons
4. What are the major weapons which we have acquired in the last few months
5. Major developments in missile
6. What are Rudram and python missiles
7. What is DRDO doing in missiles and other defence areas
8. Why is Brahmos called Brahmos
9. What is HSTDV
10. What is contempt of court
11. Any recent case of contempt of court
12. What were major outcomes of COP25 in Madrid
13. Any positive outcome of COP25(since I argued that it failed majorly)
14. What is differentiated banking

Member 1

1. Why is Dhanbad famous and what are its challenges?
2. What are the recent things in news?

Member 2

1. What are futures
2. Some question related to mutual funds which I didn't understand then and don't recall
3. What are hedge funds
4. What are derivatives
5. Are they based on liquid or illiquid assets
6. What will you do to prevent coal fires if made DM of Dhanbad
7. Should we revive our PSUs like HEC to boost mfg
8. Do investigative agencies have autonomy? If not how do we ensure they have it

Member 3

1. Why is Kirori Mal College called so Was it founded by Indians or foreigners Debate for and against the motion that Indian economy has been doing well in the last 5 years
2. Can a judge cause contempt of court

Member 4

1. How are India Russia relations changing based on dynamics of other nations
Is inequality a problem for a liberal democracy like India
2. How can you tackle inequality

Chairman

1. Who was the chief guest for this republic day
2. Who was the chief guest last year
3. What is the rationale behind selecting a chief guest

Interview Transcript #6

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Board: Manoj Sony Sir

Qualification: BSc, MBA (Finance), CAIIB.

Optional: Public Administration

State: Maharashtra.

Work Experience: 5 year + experience and last assignment was Assistant Manager in Public Sector Bank. Now fully preparing for civil services.

Hobby: DIY, Quora and Teaching.

Chairman

1. Tell me about yourself in 40 seconds?
2. Why did you leave your public sector bank?
3. Wasn't it possible to prepare with public sector bank job.
4. What did you learn from your two year stay in Tamilnadu while working in bank?
5. Civil Services is of lot of uncertainty. Do you have any plan B?
6. Being from humble background how did I contribute to your Society. Especially in Taluka or District?

Members

1. Why do you want to become IAS?
2. You are science graduate and you can use your science knowledge for administration?
3. You got two now national level prizes for optimizing banking operation? What was it about? (I just told topic and asked do he want me to explain in details. He asked me to explain). I explained my work.
4. What learning from of Shivaji Maharaj can be useful in present governance system?
5. Why higher cases of COVID in NAGPUR?
6. Do you know a writer who writes on Shivaji Maharaj? (I did not remember. I said I am not able to remember his name.)
7. What is Afghanistan issue? How do you see India's role in it?
8. Why banks are making lot of NPA (told them in policy issue and operational issues format)
9. Should governments go for privatization of bank?
10. Why NPA is lower in Private bank and higher in Public sector bank.
11. How do you see banking after 10 years when privatization and merger is going on?
12. Why Videocon group has failed (it was continuous question to IBC reference in one of my answer)
13. Asked me to explain DIY (Hobby). What innovations I did in It. He asked can you explain them. (I told one. He asked me one more)
14. He said will it be right to call them DIY? (as per my understanding there are part of DIY. But sir, if other name available please suggest me. He smiled)
15. How we are performing in Disaster management and what we can learn for future? (I mentioned DM in one of answer related to Diversity of work of IAS

Interview Transcript #7

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board:- Manoj Soni
Education:- B.tech in Mechanical Engg. MNNIT Allahabad
Work ex:- Tata Motors, New Delhi
Optional:- Philosophy
State:- Uttar Pradesh

Chairman

Asked to remove mask to verify photo.

1. So 'my name', How is life?
2. So you left your job in TML after a couple of years to prepare for civil services, are you also giving other exams?
3. Why philosophy as optional, was it due to interest or a tactical decision?
4. Name six schools of Indian philosophy i.e. saddarshana, in order. Name various Vedantic schools.
5. After more than 70 yeras of independence has India been able to fully utilize its soft power?

Member 1

1. Meaning of name.
2. Tata leader who inspired you most. What was most prominent leadership lesson you learnt from him?
3. What strategies would you follow to promote soft power in abroad?

Member 2

1. Does your interest extends to sociopolitical philosophy also?
2. What is the relation between democracy and socialism? Have read book titled 'democratic socialism'(also mentioned writers but I am not able to recall)?
3. What is the relation between FR and DPSP? What happens if conflict arises? Name the judgements related to it in order.
4. How EVs benefit in reducing carbon emissions?

Member 3

1. Why the EV market is not picking up?
2. Continuing with Constitution, what provisions for Power devolution between centre and state? What happens in case of conflict?
3. What are various environmental protection laws in India?
4. What is the forest cover in India? What's the trend, by how much it has increased?

Member 4

1. What do you like to read? Favourite biographies. What other writers do you read? What about poets? So you like purist poems?
2. You are also interested in philosophies of other nations. Which ones? What about Sartre? Have you read philosophical books like that by ayn rand?
3. In what groups of people you can classify the population in Gorakhpur? What about for someone in the development office?
4. In reference to your statement on diaspora, what do you think are reasons for attacks on Indians in African continent?

Interview Transcript #8

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Board:- Manoj Soni

Education: Electronics Engg.

State: Kerala

Hobby: football

Chairman

1. Meaning of my name
2. Have you heard of Azeem o shan Shahansha song?
3. Seen film jodha akbar?
4. You studied in Mahatma Gandhi University. Tell me why Mahatma Gandhi is great?
5. Is Gandhian Economic model practical? Why, why not?
6. Tell me three things that u can do practical with Gandhian economic model?
7. Define yourself
8. What qualities you have that take you to greatness?
9. Name 5 areas of your interest? (most of the questions asked by board members revolved around these interests areas of mine)

Member 1

1. Medals for India in Olympics?
2. Why india weak in sports?
3. What's the relation of sports with education?
4. You studied electronics and communication Engg. Is Social media good or bad?
5. What's the issue going on now regarding privacy?
6. Explain pegasus controversy
7. If transparency is a necessity in public affairs, why issues?

Member 2

1. Why is Kerala good in education?
2. Why people moving to gulf if its that good?
3. Impact on tourism due to Covid
4. What shd be done to improve tourism sector
5. Kovalam resort condition
6. You studied in Jawahar Navodaya vidyalaya. What are it's positives?

Member 3

1. Why 'Bin Latheef' in name!
2. Explain the social development indicators of Kerala.
3. Why then people moving to gulf?
4. How can kerala's economy be made better?
5. What you will do as an ifs officer to make the situation of NRIs better?
6. Even small and poor countries like Ghana plays football? Why is football not getting momentum in India?

Member 4

1. Why your profile says that you are an educator? (educator at kerala state civil service academy mentioned in DAF). What you have to do in Kerala State civil service academy?
2. Why you didnt work as engineer? Why turned into civil service?
3. What's ur father and mother doing?
4. Favourite football club? (said FC Barcelona)
5. Why arsenal in decline? (seems member is Arsenal fan)
6. Why keralites not joining army ?
7. Why spice trade from Malabar declining?

Interview Transcript #9

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Board: Air Marshall Ajit Bhonsle Sir

Academics: B Tech in Computer Science from IIT Hyderabad

Optional: Political Science

Work Experience: Worked for 2 years as Software Engineer at Flipkart

Chairman

1. Read my DAF out loud – IIT, Flipkart, Hobbies, etc
2. “You must be very popular in college”
3. Who was your best friend in college?
4. If we call and ask him to tell good things about you, what would he say?
5. What are bad things about your friend?
6. What is the most important thing in communication?

Member 1

1. How has India’s journey been in EODB? What are our challenges?
2. Mention few factors of EODB
3. Have you invested your money anywhere? How did you invest and where? [Along with other things, I mentioned cryptocurrency here]
4. Differences between shares and mutual funds

Member 2

1. You worked at Flipkart, how did e-commerce revolutionise the marketplace?
2. Aren’t these big companies a threat to retail stores?
3. You mentioned investing in cryptocurrencies, what is RBI/Govt doing in regulating cryptocurrencies?
4. What are the pros and cons of investing in cryptocurrencies?

Member 3

1. She Corrected my answer on regulation of cryptocurrencies*
2. How did covid 2nd wave affect us?
3. You are from Warangal, why was Warangal in news recently?
4. How does a site get recognised as UNESCO World Heritage Site?
5. What is the other site that got this status along with Ramappa?
6. Who is “Covidiot”?

Member 4

1. You studied Computer Science, what is Quantum Computing?
2. How does Quantum computing affect encryption technology?
3. What is the difference between Gandhi and Marx? (one more follow up question on this topic)

Interview Transcript #10

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Air Marshal Bhonsle
Education: Btech ECE
State: Uttarakhand
Optional: History
Hobbies: Cooking and movies.
Work-ex: IT Sector and currently in govt job (ASO)

Chairman

1. What do you know about Dholpur House? Why are there so many houses in Delhi like Hyderabad
2. house, bikaner house.
3. Do you cook by watching YouTube videos?
4. Which movie watched recently?
5. Justice Bhandari's article something reg india not doing enough for its daughters. where not doing enough.

Member 1

1. Why you left private sector job?
2. Difference between private sector and public sector?
3. what are your views on lateral entry? will it change the government work culture?

Member 2

1. You are an ece engineer what will happen to the world when we remove plank's constant?
2. What are different schools of historiography?
3. What was Marxist school's view on 1857 revolt? do u agree with their view?

Member 3

1. What is limited at the end of a pvt company's name?
2. What is a listed company? Differences bw private sector and public sector?
3. What is your view regarding privatisation?
4. which indian psu did not perform well after privatisation?

Member 4

1. Need of independent directors in pvt companies?
2. Who was Jim Corbett?
3. Why tigers become man-eaters?
4. Chamoli disaster happened? why such disasters are happening? so shall we stop all the development works in backward hill areas? how to prevent such disasters?

Chairman:

What is Mission Karmayogi? what is the difference between rule-based and role based models?
Can the cloudburst be controlled using Doppler radars?

Interview Transcript #11

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Board: Satyawati mam

Hobby: Quilling

State: Kerala

Chairman

1. Why was your Start-up called that?
2. Explain the gap in your DAF
3. Three places that you worked on? What role? Work ex?
4. Health care – Kerala, mp: which one is better?

Member 1

1. Is Economics an exact science?
2. What is the economic scenario post covid? What was it last year?
3. Is the figure of de-growth right, because informal I'd not really a part of calculation?
4. What is a strategic alliance that has recently been news?
5. Which country will hold influence in Afg? Who will hold power?
6. How India shall solve the Taliban issue of islamic radicalisation?

Member 2

1. Start-ups, why rising in Banglore and not in Mumbai?
2. Is Existence of mentorship a growth factor?
3. Railways privatisation – what advantage?
4. But if is still mired with delays and bad service, who will pay more?
5. How to better manage privatisation?
6. Why do airports have carpet, when so hard to clean?
7. What is Quilling? (Hobby)

Member 3

1. Why stock market so erratic?
2. What has SEBI done to avoid scam?
3. Why is stock market so bullish with the current economic situation?
4. Do you think alpha, beta gives good perspective of stock market happening s?

Member 4

1. Farmers protesting, why?
2. What to do then? (don't make MSP statutory)

Interview Transcript #12

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Sujata Mehta
Education: BSc IT
State: Rajasthan
Work-Ex: In food business since last 10 years
Manager at RBI past six months

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. Tell me something about your business.
3. Why do you want to join civil services leaving ur business
4. Why corona cases are rising in Maharashtra

Members

1. What should be done to propel economy
2. What measure have government taken
3. LPG reforms
4. Rbi functions
5. Rbi government controversy
6. Historical importance of pali district.(My home town)
7. Mumbai corona model
8. Monetary policy and fiscal policy.

Some counter questions were der ..mostly it was on economy business and RBI

Interview Transcript #13

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Manoj Soni Sir
Graduation: BTech, Material Science, and Engineering IIT Kanpur
Optional: PSIR
Hobbies: Listening Talks on Advaita Vedanta and Reading Non-Fiction Books
State: Uttar Pradesh

Chairman

1. What's going on in life?
2. Advaita Vedanta – Philosophy of Shankara, Right! Very unusual for a young person!
3. Your graduation subject is a very specialised subject with high demand, why do you want to join services?
4. Which of the following subject are you most comfortable with – PSIR, Agriculture, Forestry etc. – follow up on IR!
5. So, there is a concept called Thucydides trap in IR, have you heard of it? What is it?
6. Do you think this was applicable to India-China Relationship in recent times?

Member 1

1. After IIT, Why IAS? Don't you think it's a waste of a seat!
2. You are a sports person, volleyball! You Run Marathon too! What is the best timing? Do you run regularly!
3. What do you think of Odd even scheme, do you think it worked well!

4. Why is zomato IPO getting oversubscribed! Don't you think it's a risky thing?
5. Why did you change your school after 10th (JNV Ballia to JNV Pondicherry).

Wanted to ask few more, I guess! But Soni Sir reminded him of time!

Member 2

1. Have you heard of Max Muller? Translated Upanishads!
2. What do you think of disinvestment by government? Some areas where we shouldn't disinvest?
3. Does genetics have to play some role in sports? Why do you think we aren't doing well? Offer some solutions.
4. Are you following olympics! What happened in today's match!

Member 3

1. Have you heard of Badrayana? What does shankara has to do with him?
2. Have you heard the name of Plato! What's the name of his book? What is he talking about?
3. Brahma Satyam, Jagat Mithya! Tell your interpretation of it!
4. Russia, France and Israel – Indian Relationship[1]A follow-up question on – Economic Dimension of the relationship!

Member 4

1. Why IAS, IPS over IFS when you have good knowledge of IR?
2. You didn't work after graduation, didn't you ever think of it!
3. What are the similarities between Machiavelli and Chankya?
4. Why do people put Machiavelli ahead of Kautilya?

Chairman: Best wishes, your interview is over.

Interview Transcript #14

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir
Optional: Economics

Chairman

1. Niti Ayog freight policy – have you read about it?
2. India at OECD about global minimum corporate tax
3. follow up question on Treaty Shopping
4. CAD comment.
5. 3 TOP INTERNAL SECURITY CHALLENGES OF INDIA

Member 1

1. GDP IS DROPPING/ SLOWDOWN- WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?
2. 5 trillion dollar economy, when will we achieve and at what rate
3. Stock market boom despite lockdown.

Member 2

1. What is Resistance training?
2. K-DRAMAS and their reflection of the society
3. (was asked about gender discrimination also)
4. Why is K-pop so much out there/ why is the following so high?

Member 3

1. Energy policy in India -Why is India not doing Renewable energy?
2. Difference between nuclear fission and fusion

3. AI/ blockchain, what are these technologies?

Member 4

1. Afghan Peace process, is us troop pullout valid?
2. What India should do?
3. Aspirational youth and Depressed Youth of India
4. IPS- WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT THE NAXAL SITUATION?
5. IAS- HOW WILL YOU TACKLE MALNUTRITION?
6. One word answer: How will you fix the civil service structure esp police, how to make it more responsive?

Chairperson:

- "3 schemes"- differentiate- UDAY/ UJALA/ UJWALA

Interview Transcript #15

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Interview date: 20/08/2021
Board: Air Marshal Bhosale Sir
Background: Computer science,
Optional: PSIR
DAF included Smart India hackathon, Publishing a research paper, etc.

Chairperson

1. Why was Smart India hackathon about
2. How is it organised?
3. Which ministry gave you the problem statement
4. What was it
5. How did you win the price in the innovation category

Member 1

1. What if you are the head of an organisation and there are allegations of corruptions from your staff members how will you act in the situation?
2. Organisations that can be approached to tackle corruption in bureaucracy
3. How do you look at yourself as a leader
4. What would you like to inculcate in your team(qualities)
5. Name any scheme that has greatly affected the rural population in India(i talked about Swach Bharat Mission)

Member 2

1. What was the research paper about?
2. Was your AI Machine intelligent
3. How did you construct the algorithm
4. What is nano technology
5. Unit of nanotechnology
6. What are basic parts of a computer
7. Compare the basic parts of the computer to human body
8. Basic difference between human body's working and working of a computer
9. How do neurons work
10. How does current flow in a computer

Member 3

1. What is blockchain
2. Most important feature of blockchain

3. Is blockchain used in govt right now
4. You talked about Swachh Bharat Mission, what to do if no one is using the infrastructure

Member 4

1. Do you know any refugees from the Northeast
2. What is India's law with respect to refugees
3. Do you know about Chakma Refugees
4. Any idea how India is tackling Incoming afghans in India , are everyone getting preferred or only certain religions
5. What is man in the middle attack
6. Crypto firm that was recently hacked

Chairperson

Suppose you are India's representative to Kabul, what would be your topmost priority there
Will you return to India like the way current diplomats are returning
Suppose you are leading a team of 4 members who are on a mission to evacuate Individuals from Kabul, who will be those 4 members and how will you carry out the mission

Interview Transcript #16

Contributed by ForumIAS community member Date of Interview: 20 Aug 2021 Board: Air Marshal Bhonsle Sir Home State: Maharashtra, Pune. Education: Btech Computer Engi -2018, Nirma University Ahmedabad Optional: Anthropology Work ex-Oracle – GIFT city Gandhinagar Hobbies: Game dev, teaching

Chairman

1. So you graduated from Nirma. Tell me 5 qualities of Karsanbhai Patel?
2. Do they teach students these things?
3. Which is your one lifelong learning from your GIFT city's work experience?

Member 1

1. You did computers right.Tell me what is cryptography?
Then he talked 2 min about keys in cryptography etc and said leave it.
2. What will be the impact of quantum computing on cryptography?
I told about cryptography breaking and superposition
3. What is superposition?
4. Suppose you have 8 bits in quantum so how much possible 1/0 combination can be possible? I again said about superposition and said I don't know the exact no because it will be too much higher than 2 to power 8
Not satisfied.
5. What is Ct scan ? Full form
6. Which rays are used in it?
7. Tell me 3 uses of nuclear energy?

Member 2

1. What is big data?
2. Suppose as a DM you have to manage migrants labours data how will you form an accurate database? In one of the point I talked about feedback and missing links
3. How will you take feedbacks?
4. Now let's move on over data.
Women work force participation ratio in India is very low. Tell me laws for increasing that?

5. What is gift city?
6. What is so special about it?

Member 3

1. Where do we find naga tribe?
2. Do they found outside India also?
3. Recent constitutional amendment related to them
4. PM on this independence day said about collective power of small and marginal farmers what does he talking about exactly?
5. You mentioned nuclear isotopes for cancer earlier tell me law via which any hospital or clinic can use them?
6. What is the tech behind MRI?
7. One very special thing about Gift city? I mentioned one and he said no. He was expecting some special solid waste management there.

Member 4

1. What have you done about game development?
2. Why we need ease of doing business index?
3. So as you mentioned about 10 parameters let's talk about registration of property.
4. Why it is needed and it's importance?
5. Tell me 5 major problem India is facing?
6. Why cooperative movement was successful in areas like milk but not in land ?

Chairman sir

1. What will you do now?
I said that I will go and celebrate my friend's bday
2. Where?
3. Convey wishes from my side also. Your interview is over. Best of luck.

Interview Transcript #17

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Air Marshal Bhonsle
Education: BTech Computer Science, IRAS,
Optional: PSIR
Hobby: Chess

Chairman

1. What is anti chess?
2. What do you think is easier, chess or anti- chess?

Member 1

1. Tell 3 significant international events that happened in August
2. Tell 3 significant domestic events that happened in August
3. what accounting reforms railways is doing to improve public service delivery
4. what problems do MSMEs face in India?

Member 2

1. how is Internet governed?
2. what is DNS?
3. how many routes are there in DNS (don't remember this question exactly or what he wanted to ask, I said idk)
4. Does India has cyber security policy?
5. what is critical information infrastructure? who decides what would be included in that list?

Member 3

1. Recently PM announced 75 new Vande Bharat trains. Does it require new tracks or can it run on old ones? is railways budget deficit or surplus?
2. you are already in the services. Do you think civil services require reforms?

Member 4

1. It is said that white has an advantage in chess because of first move? Why is that?
2. what is Big Bang, black hole? how can we say that universe is expanding?
3. you studied CS. Should I ask you about database management?

Chairman

What are your plans for today?
Thank you. Your interview is over.

Interview Transcript #18

Contributed by ForumIAS community member Date of interview: 18th Aug. 2021 Board: Dr. TCA Anant sir Background: B Tech (Mechanical Engineering) Optional: PSIR Home State: Maharashtra

- DAF tags- Quizzing, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Head of an event, Calligraphy, Fighter jets

Chairman

1. Readout only educational qualifications from DAF.
2. What have you been doing since graduation (2018) ?
3. Other than preparation? What else?
4. Any community participation?
5. What did u do in Covid related works?
6. Why did u choose PSIR?

(M 4 interrupted. Chairman asked me to answer him)
Follow up questions on this

Member 1

1. What is 'The Argumentative Indian' concept ? Who gave this concept?
2. Is it good to be argumentative ?
3. Should civil servant be argumentative ?
4. Does it mean obstructionist ?
5. Do u support bifurcation of Maharashtra ? Asked me to justify my stand ?
6. Why Pune and Mumbai have higher covid cases ?

Member 2

1. Long questions on Sugarcane, Sugar industry and diversion of water resources.
2. Current stats on farmers' suicide.
3. Suppose you are an officer in charge, how will you oppose strong sugar lobby, liquor barons ?
Any steps taken on this ?
4. What can be done in Marathwada?
5. Question on resource transfer.

Member 3

1. Very soft spoken, unable to hear her question.

2. Asked her politely to repeat the question. She removed her mask and asked me to remove my mask.
3. Afghan issue – Impact on India’s international standing, Impact on Pakistan’s standing.
4. Sudden withdrawal of USA from Afganistan ? Why so much hurry ? Is it fair to leave all armed vehicles, infrastructure ?
5. Do you think Biden is a weak president ?
6. On one hand many states are bringing population control policies/bills and on other hand we are allowing Refugees. What is the way forward ?

Member 4

Asked about my interest in fighter jets

1. Why India could not develop commercial aircrafts’ engine as many countries have done that eg Brazil- Embraer ?
2. What Boeing is doing in India ? Which parts of aircrafts are we producing right now?
3. Your first preference is IAS. Suppose you are SDM of your district for 6 months, what are your short term priorities ?
4. Quickly tell any 5 major much needed power sector reforms ?

Chairman-

Your Interview is over. You may leave now.

Interview Transcript #19

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Date of Interview: 18th August 2021

Board: Air Marshal Bhonsle Sir

Optional: – PSIR

State: Jharkhand

Relevant Profile: B.Tech (Avionics, IIST), MBA (IIM Bangalore), Management Consulting, Currently in a Startup, Ranchi (Jharkhand); ISRO project on Power Distribution Systems, University Cricket teams, National Model United Nations, Playing Tabla, Reading novels about Intelligence Agencies.

Chairperson:

1. You have a beautiful name, what does it mean? Who kept it? Do you think name is important? Does it reflect upon the person?
2. Is that so, if it’s not important, and only deeds and achievements are important, then would you like if parents would have named you Shakal, Mogambo or Shaitan Singh? Agreed that he is a war hero, but Shaitan Singh from name seems like a ‘Parakrami’ person, what about you?
3. Your grades were high in IIST, were you a topper there? I have visited that institute; it is a unique one. Tell me, how it has shaped you? What changes did you experience in yourself, studying there?
4. What position did you play in the cricket team of IIMB and IIST?
5. Give me a brief description of Tabla as an instrument? Have you learnt it professionally? Tell me about the origin of Tabla?

Member 1

1. Our PM talks about aspirations of Youth and achieving them in the next 25 years till our centenary celebrations of independence. Taking your own example, what are the aspirations of the youth of our country?
2. How will you create an ecosystem of entrepreneurship and innovation in our country?
3. What are the reasons for drug issue in the youth? What should we do as a society, as a family to tackle it? What is the government doing with its laws and agencies?

Member 2

1. Since your optional is PSIR, tell me, can a state government amend laws made by center on issues in the concurrent list?
2. Recently our PM chaired a meet in UNSC, what was it about? How many pillars given by him? Broad contours of the pillars?
3. What is the difference between Asia-Pacific and Indo-Pacific concepts?
4. Why do you only read novels about intelligence agencies, why not actual books written by former operatives? If you have read real books too, written by operatives, tell me their names and authors?
5. What is counter-intelligence? Which are the foreign intelligence agencies which have significant presence in our country? You have read their books, tell me at least a few from them? Ok, what is the full form of ISI? Why is it called Inter-Services Intelligence?
6. Haven't you read books by foreign intelligence agency operatives? Ok, so tell me two famous operations of Mossad?
7. As an MBA and a consultant, tell me, how should I decide which hybrid annuity product should I invest in from a range of products?

Member 3

1. Since you are from Ranchi, tell me why the great PSUs of Ranchi are in a state of decline?
2. Has Jharkhand benefitted from its separation from Bihar? Tell me from economic, cultural, political, LWE perspective?
3. What do you think about Vodafone Idea going under and Telecom market becoming a duopoly? What are its advantages and disadvantages? What will be its implications?
4. What was this National Model United Nations? Which country did you represent and what was the theme?

Member 4

1. I see that your grades were high in IIST, were you a topper there? (Exactly the same question as Chairperson Sir)
2. Why did Chandrayaan 2 lander fail to do a soft landing? But the flight was automated, why did we need constant monitoring of Altimeter data?
3. Tell me about your project in ISRO?
4. Tell me the difference between a Missile and a cannon? What about tracking in a missile? What about control and guidance systems in missile?
5. What taals did you learn in Tabla? Why only comfortable in Teen Taal and Kaharwa Taal? Why not Dadra, Jhaptal and Ek taal? But you have learnt it professionally, so you should be comfortable in all of them? (Full on grilling for 2 minutes).

Interview Transcript #20

Contributed by ForumIAS community member Date of Interview: 18/08/2021 Board: TCA Anant Sir Optional: Geography Background: Civil Engineering Home State: Bihar Job profile: L&T and Deputy Collector (UT)
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Chairman: (Remove your face shield and be relaxed)

1. So you have been to Bihar, Telangana and Delhi, any other place you have visited (I told about my current training which is undergoing in Maharajganj)
2. Two unique positives and negatives of Maharajganj.
3. How will you turn the negatives into positives?
4. Challenges you faced during your current tenure of training. How did you overcome?

Member 1

1. Government denied to disclose certain information demanded by SC to be disclosed, your take on that.
2. Threat of Pegasus vis-a-vis national security.
3. Do you know about Saharsa district ? What problems will you take at first if you are made DM of Saharsa? (I answered Education and health)
4. What about flood? How flood impacts education ?
5. You are a Civil Engineer what solutions will you suggest (I gave structural and non structural solutions, stressed more on watershed management approach)

Member 2

1. You are a Civil Engineer and is talking about watershed management , you engineers only built dams like Tehri, how will you justify ?
2. How Nepal can be convinced to solve the problem of flood in Bihar (I mentioned in one of the solution the problem also lies in the upper riparian region like Nepal)
3. How is the economic trade between Bihar and Nepal, current status.
4. What is the unique name given to Bihar – Nepal relationship (Roti – Beti)
5. Explain this unique relationship .
6. Current status of Indo – Nepal relationship, who is the culprit?
7. How will you explain the attitude of SC during Covid 2nd Wave (Judicial restraint / judicial activism)

Member 3

1. Justify your stance with an example, how was it judicial restraint?
2. What is PNJ? Mention two major derivatives of PNJ.
3. Justice Hurried is.....fill & Justice Delayed is fill; now explain these two principles with examples from india.
4. You mentioned about undertrials, who are responsible and what is the current percentage of undertrials.
5. You mentioned about legal aids, so how as an SDM , you will ensure legal aids to those vulnerables and poor.
6. Has Judiciary and bureaucrats failed in providing free legal aids?
7. Why civil suites are delayed? (Mentioned of legal ethics for advocates and transfer of judges), what is the average disposal time of civil suites in India?

Member 4 (You can remove mask too)

1. Is virtual court meaningful, how to make it more accessible to poor.
2. What is eCourt system ?
3. What is the safety factor?
4. Safety factor in Tehri Dam vs Bhakra Nangal Dam.
5. Being selected in IFoS and For UP SDM, would you like to join DANIPS? (I opted for that too)
6. You talked about smaller dams earlier what is the criteria in MW to decide a smaller or larger dam?
7. I'm still not convinced that even after being a Civil Engineer, you are opposing larger dams. (I answered that Sir recently I have studied more Geography and I'm convinced by the arguments of geography over Civil Engineering... Everyone laughed)
8. Ok one last question... Any example of large projects which are showing unsustainability. (Answered about Three Gorges dam and slowing down of Earth's rotational speed and Koyana dam RIS)

Chairman

Ok, your interview is over.

Interview Transcript #21

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Date of Interview: 20/08/2021
Board: Smita Nagaraj
Optional: Political Science
Hobby: Gardening

Chairman

1. How are you feeling today?
2. What makes you a suitable candidate for the services?
3. What is going on in Afghanistan?
4. Tell me about the leadership of Afghanistan?
5. What is the relationship between northern alliances and the Taliban?

Member 1

1. Why government is not accommodating the opposition?
2. Why Indian space missions are failing?
3. Don't you think we are failing in our foreign policy?
4. Talk about yourself for 5 minutes.

Member 2

1. Why government is hiding numbers and manipulating the stats?
2. Why we don't settle our disputes with Pakistan with war?
3. What is the future of pok after recent changes?

Member 3

1. What makes a person dishonest?
2. What do you mean by honesty?
3. Why people don't accept reality?
4. How will you deal with dishonest people?

Member 4

1. What is the GDP of India in the first quarter of this financial year?
2. Why do we have different estimates for GDP growth?
3. Which vaccine will you advise your friends to take if you are the sp?
4. Why not phizer?
5. What is the difference between all major vaccines?
6. What would have been your course of action if you were in the place health secretary?

Chairman

1. Don't you think that the government is anti-farmer?
2. What do farmers think about the government?
3. Why china is a threat to Indian agriculture?
4. You may leave now.

Interview Transcript #22

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Date of Interview: 20/08/21
Board: Sujata Mehta madam
Graduation: Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Bangalore
Optional: Kannada literature
Work exp: Indian Navy officer
Home State: Karnataka
Hobbies: Practicing Hatha yoga, Calisthenics, watching Kannada dramas

Other DAF tags-Boat pulling competition gold medal in Navy, placement coordinator in College, Best outgoing student

Chairperson

1. Introduce yourself highlighting education qualification and work experience
2. Why do u think govt is hell bent on not giving compensation to cadets injured in armed forces? (from DAF) and some follow up questions..
3. Bangalore being a global city still suffers from traffic problems..why?(from DAF)
4. Bangalore is known for IT but social entrepreneurship is also on the rise..what's ur take on that?

Member 1

1. Tell me the famous food item from Davanagere and Belgaum (from DAF)
 2. If u want to bring Benne dosa under GI tag. Who has to apply for that?? (from DAF)
 3. Where do u watch drama in Bangalore? (from DAF)
 4. Founder of Ranga Shankara auditorium?
 5. What is the recent play that u have watched? (from DAF)
 6. Which group performed Nagamandala drama? What is the essence of that drama?
 7. Which is the other drama u have watched?
 8. Which group performed Tughlaq drama? who performed the role of Aziz? What is the importance of that drama? (from DAF)
- Appreciated well said for answers..

Member 2

1. How do you use electrical engineering knowledge in administration (tell specific example)
2. Tell me about the need for New Education Policy..
3. If you are an Education secretary..tell me how do u implement the philosophy of NEP?
4. Which is the highest ranked IIT?
5. Which is the highest ranked NIT?
6. Most populated state? what is the population of that state?
7. What is your opinion about privatisation of PSU's?
8. What is strategic sector?
9. If there is influx of migrants in your district, as a DM how do u manage it? some follow up questions..

Member 3

1. So u were a naval officer..tell me what did u learn from Navy?
2. Tell me 5-6 officer like qualities which are indispensable
3. What is the issue behind Hongkong protest? what is ur opinion about China's role in that?
4. Why do you think Russia is against other countries access to Arctic ocean?
5. Some long question about Antarctic Treaty..
6. Do you know which Union Territories have administrators and which have Lt governors?

Member 4

1. Davanagere was famous for Cotton Textiles..why is it declining now?
2. If you are a DM..what measures will you take to revive Cotton industry?

Chairperson

Do you feel we have left any more questions to be asked?

I said, Madam I feel the respected board would have assessed my personality by now, but if you insist I see the board has not asked about my other hobbies..

Chairperson said it's ok, other member has probed you on one hobby, we are fine...

Your interview is over and you can leave..

Thanked them and wished good day to all and left

Board was very cordial..I felt interview went on the lines of my DAF and some factual questions here and there...

Interview Transcript #23

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Date of Interview: 17.08.2021

Board: Sujata Mehta ma'am

Optional: zoology

Home State: Maharashtra

Chairman

1. Ask to introduce myself, my education, and work
2. What is your covid experience? And discussion..
3. Why zoonotic diseases are important nowadays?
4. Question on grievance redressal..types of grievance and women related issues in your district..(Not remembering few questions)

Member 1

1. Are you aware about municipal council of your area..?
2. What are the functions of urban local bodies?
3. What is the basic difference between state government and urban local bodies? And its governance.. problems..source of revenues.?

Member 2

1. Are you aware about Anganwadi workers..?
2. What kind of work they do..? During covid?
3. Poshan Abhiyan? (New additional features)
4. Some schemes(health) related to women and children.
(Not remembering few questions)

Member 3

1. As an SP you are appointed just month before..and you have to become a role model..everything in your district should be perfect..how will you do this?
2. To make swachh bharat Abhiyan successful in every corner of your district as a DM .tell me some 5-6 very important and innovative initiatives you will take..?

Member 4

1. There is some news about separation of Maharashtra..what is that..?

2. What is your view..?
3. Why cooperative societies once was flourished in maharashtra now in declining trend..?
Amravati is femous for what..?

Chairman

1. Do you aware about RTI?
2. Have you file any RTI or anybody you know they file??
3. Some questions related to science (may be about some project. Which I was not aware of)
4. Do you want us to ask questions on any topic? or want to say something??Your interview is over. Thank you

Interview Transcript #24

Contributed by ForumIAS community member

Date of Interview: 16-8-21

Board: Sujata Mehta Ma'am

Service: IPS,

Home State: Gujarat

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. Work organization at Samsung that you would like to implement in govt
3. You mentioned data driven, can you think of any govt data whose credibility has been questioned (I replied COVID deaths)
4. How was it redressed
5. You spoke of Covid deaths, do you know about hunger deaths? How are they measured?

Member 1

1. Methods for calculating unemployment
2. Why was unemployment data being contested
3. Again asked about specific controversy w.r.t. PLFS unemployment data
4. Which method would you pick if you were to design

Member 2

1. You are from Gujarat, tell about cooperative movement in Gujarat
2. Any other state which is famous for cooperatives
3. Recently Ministry of Co-operation was launched, its pros and cons
4. Constitutional validity of the move

Member 3

1. Indo-Pacific, Quad, expansionist China, Indo-US collaboration (asked many sub-questions together)
2. Gave out a statement from Shinzo Abe and asked me to elaborate: "The Pacific and the Indian Oceans are now bringing about a dynamic coupling as seas of freedom and of prosperity"
3. What is SLOC's and how to secure them?

Member 4

1. Causes of Drop out
2. NEP's specific details on dropout
3. What will you do to redress it
4. What motivates you to switch to IAS – tell 3 priorities for you and link them with solving dropouts

Chairman

1. Would you like us to ask on any other topic? (I replied Policing)
2. If you were an independent investigator in the Hyderabad encounter case than what would be your course of action
3. As a senior police officer what steps will you take in such a case

Interview Transcript #25

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Board: Manoj Soni sir
Optional: PSIR
Service: IPS

Went in, chairman sir seemed irritated for some reason or they have planned a Stress Interview beforehand...(he had come 1.5 hours late)

As soon as I sat and opened the buttons of my blazer, he said sarcastically: hope now you're finally comfortable

Chairman

1. Meaning of your name
2. Cow protection
3. Cattle population in India (Couldn't answer)
4. Contribution of animal husbandry in India's GDP (Couldn't answer)
5. Chairman remarked these are basics connected to your name you must know Same irritated look Now I'll ask you why IPS to IAS and you'll say diversity, challenges etc etc all usual stuff...you can't be having any different reason do you?
Literacy rates in Rajasthan, in India.
How is literacy measured?

Members

1. Basic Daf related ques on IR: Iran-USA, Pakistan, west Asia, ISA, etc
2. Policing reforms...some questions on hobby...difference between motivation and inspiration...mostly discussion on IR

Chairman

1. Who won the war of Mahabharata?
2. Was it an ethical win? Was it okay to cheat Drona and Deceive Karna etc etc
3. So only ends matter to you not means!
4. Why don't you accept the Pandavas we're unethical?Your interview is over.

Interview Transcript #26

Contributed by ForumIAS community member
Interview date: – 20 Aug 2021,
Board: Sujata Mehta
Optional: Sociology
Education: ECE graduation, MNNIT Ald
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
Hobbies: life Hacks, mediation, pranayama

Chairman

1. Give a brief intro including your education & employment background. Emphasised on asking “any” type of employment.
2. What kept you motivated for this exam?
3. Question on hobby – what is innovative life hacks? Any examples ?
4. Asked opinion on a case study related to hobby.
5. Types of hacking & whether hacking by nerds good? Even for good intentions?
6. What should government do?
7. Follow up Questions on Hackathon event by government ? Their Significance? Role of government vs big private companies?

Member 2

1. About problem of malnutrition in UP? Give figures.
2. What has government done ?
3. Details about Poshan Abhiyan? Changes in Poshan 2.0
4. Role of Aanganwadi, Asha etc.
5. What else government can do?
6. Follow up question on e Rupai ?

Member 3

1. Do you know about insurance? (Random question & follow up questions)
2. What are the different types of insurance?
3. Who regulate it?
4. Why do we need regulation of this sector?
5. What is the purpose of life insurance?
6. Gave a complicated long case study on life insurance- whether it is ethical or not to transfer a life insurance by a critically ill single person to someone else for money? Or can he auction it?

Member 4

1. What is cyber security framework in India?
Elaborate across different sectors – financial, defence, governance, etc. (Very long question & some follow ups)
2. Manifestation of Sagarmala Project.
3. About Blue Economy. What are the areas etc

Member 5

1. Tell me about Weber.
2. About his Bureaucracy. Why are the problems in it?
3. Contribution of Elton Mayo?
4. Difference between Weber’s model & Elton Mayo’s. Which one do you prefer?
5. Difference between group & team?
6. What is the “one” reason for school dropouts. How Nep will help in solving this issue.
7. How will sociology & engineering knowledge help you in civil services?

Chairman

Thankyou Anurag your Interview is over. Do you want us to ask anything else that you have prepared or interested. I took a pause & said thank you ma'am it was a great experience & I'm satisfied.

Total around 35-40 minutes.Very cordial & engaging members. Much better experience than mock interviews.

All the very best to everyone

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