

# **INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS**

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## Dear Friends,

ForumIAS has been helping students in their CSE preparation for the past one decade. In this series, we have been coming up with a compilation of interview transcripts of last CSE interviews shared with us by the past year candidates. Students can utilize this compilation in following ways:

1. Understand and frame questions that are possible from their DAF like hobbies, states, cadre preferences, service preferences, job experience etc. for preparation.
2. Get to know the flow of questions as the interview progresses.
3. Specific or broad areas generally focused by various interview boards.
4. Develop temperament for the big day by reading about experiences of others.

As an academy, we have had some of our students scoring the highest marks in the Personality Test consistently every year. In CSE 2020, Apala Mishra secured Rank 9 with 215 marks in the Personality Test, which is among the highest scores in the Personality Test that year. Similarly, our IGP students Ashutosh Kumar (Rank 77) and Kiran P B (Rank 100) scored 206 marks in interview in CSE 2021.

So, what are the main themes covered in the compilation?

1. Information about Chairman of various interview boards.
2. Interview transcripts of many students.
3. Students perspective and experience of their interviews.
4. A compilation of questions from the mock interviews conducted in ForumIAS.

ForumIAS is also coming up with a series of orientation sessions and initiatives like group mocks and panel mocks for the candidates.

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We hope that you find the Interview Transcripts compilation useful. The PDF is being released so that you can search relevant keywords such as city/state/hobby etc. and see the kind of questions that have been asked before.

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We wish you the best,

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## As on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

|          | Name                    | Date from which folding the post | Date of Retirement | Brief Introduction  |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Chairman | Dr. Manoj Soni          | 05/04/2022 (FN)                  | 27/06/2023         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He has served three terms as Vice-Chancellor., including two consecutive terms as Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, and one term as Vice-Chancellor of The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.</li> <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</li> <li>• with IT literacy.</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</li> <li>• – 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</li> <li>• in the year 2011</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> <li>• Completed her Masters in Political Science from</li> <li>• Jawaharlal Nehru University</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,</li> <li>• Ministry of Civil Aviation, was instrumental in drafting the New Civil Aviation Policy</li> </ul>  |

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|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| 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</li> <li>• 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 | 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</li> <li>• 1982 (AGMUT Cadre).</li> </ul>  |
| Member | Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.) | 18/07/2022 (FN) | 26/03/2027 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• His career spans over four decades in the Indian Army.</li> <li>• In recognition of his service of the most exceptional order, the officer was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal on Republic Day 2021.</li> </ul>  |

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## Bharat Bhushan Vyas Board

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir  
**Background:** Biology  
**Hobbies:** Reading fiction, yoga  
**Home State:** Delhi

### Chairman

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

1. Ukraine crisis: implications for India.
2. Should Russia-china axis worrying us?
3. Something about Electron Microscopy

(2)

**Date of Interview:** 5th April, Afternoon session  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir  
**Optional:** Anthropology  
**Background:** IIT Kanpur  
**Home State:** Haryana  
**Hobbies:** Watching football, fantasy premier league and sketching

### Chairman

1. What have you been doing since 2019 Eye in the sky: what is it

2. Geostationary Geosynchronous: which type of satellite would you put in these orbits  
Drones,
3. Drones used where previously (Armenia Azerbaijan) Swarming of drones
4. Why anthropology: is it because it's easy
5. A quote regarding strength of diversity: your views on it

#### Member 1

1. Nationalism is it good or not- some derived questions which I can't recall
2. Nationalism and it's impact on humanity
3. Climate change: relation to Russia-Ukraine (I had referred to it so some question asking for my views- something like how humanity is progressing)
4. Problems in Haryana- one problem which has in recent times improved

#### Member 2

1. NCC: what did you learn
2. NHFS: what are some data points you can recollect
3. Sex ratio data, any Haryana specific you can recall?
4. 1-2 factual stuff, can't recall

#### Member 3

1. Some aerospace related factual stuff
2. Asked what my first preference is IAS or IPS
3. What would you as an administrator do for women in a backward district: a couple of follow up questions
4. Hydrogen: green blue difference (Nitin Gadkari reference)

#### Member 4

1. **Chandigarh:** what decision would you take Water scarcity in Delhi and
2. Haryana: your solution Linking of rivers and resolution of disputes
3. Questions then revolved around these topics, but there initially was a gap between what he wanted to ask and what he asked, so created some confusion  
While leaving:
4. There is so much pollution and fog during winters in Delhi, what technology has been used to allow landing?

(3)

**Date of Interview:** 5th April

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Hobby:** Teaching

**Home State:** Delhi

**Background:** B.tech CSE

### Chairman

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

1. Can you name 2 GOI programme I which NSS has played prominent role?
2. Do you know about youth mobilization by NSS for election participation ?
3. Har ghar nal se jal – which scheme is this ?
4. Has it been successful ?
5. What can you do to make it successful?

### Member 4

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

(4)

**Board:** Bharat Bhusan Vyas sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** B.tech: Mechanical engineering

**Home State:** Haryana (GGN)

**Work ex:** taxation department



### Chairman

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

### Member 1

(Gave a long monologue abt tribals in India)

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

### Member 2

(was constantly staring at my hand and shoes the whole time.. .probably a psychologist...



1. Asked about economic effect of Ukraine-Russia war on India?
2. Some counter questions regarding crude oil price from Russia w.r.t. other sources of crude oil of India

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

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

**Chairman:** Interview is over

1. My Experience and observations: Surprised as NO question asked on Hobbies, Home state, IPS as first choice ...
2. Overall board was cordial and chairman tried to make the atmosphere peaceful initially.

3. My observation is that the DAF was not read properly (or at all) because as soon as the previous candidate left I was called in (within seconds) ... asked about where i work.. and questions started from there and revolved around job and then basic optional knowledge(sociology)
4. Main observation: "A lot of Supplementary Questions were asked based on the answers i gave"

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**Date of Interview:** 12/4/22, AN

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** IITB: Aerospace engg with minor Humanities and social sciences

### Chairman

1. Vyas sir (VS) : U r from IITB aerospace with minor in HSS.
2. Me: Yes sir (smiling)
3. VS: Do aerospace graduates have good opportunities
4. A: Yes sir the opportunities are rising these days (smiling) VS: Ok tell me abt open skies treaty
5. A: sir open skies Treaty is among countries to allow monitoring of military activities He was waiting to hear more. I was waiting for him to ask follow up
6. Vyas sir: Ok, tell more. U want me to ask question i guess. So any country came out of the treaty? Me: Yes sir. Russia and US came out
7. VS: yes yes. Good. So What may be repurcussion of it?
8. Me: Sir, it signals the end of peace divided that is said to have prevailed after end of cold war. It also shows geopolitical flux that is happening
9. VS: Ok ok.. So i read in the newspaper today or yesterday. We are signing some Spatial awareness treaty with US. It is interesting. Tell me about it
10. Me: Sir I have limited knowledge about it sir however I think it is to have coop on position of various spacecrafts, satellites and space objects. Helps to collaborate on space missions and also for dealing with what some are calling space as 5th arena....
11. VS: ..he interrupted and asked
12. We also signed some more treaties recently with US. What is that and why we r signing all these Me: Sir India recently signed BECA...
13. VS: Yes yes.. u got me right. I was thinking abt it.. so tell..
14. Me: Sir these treaties on positions help both nations through interoperability and coordination for join projects and reduced bureaucratic hurdle.
15. VS: Ok..I read in some paper ... EU wants to make FTA with India Why now?
16. Me: Sir FTA is called BTIA sir bilateral trade and invt agreement. Sir due to WTO becoming
17. dysfunctional and not working as desired, countries are going for sub regional trade pacts like TPP RCEP. EU wants to increase its market sir so does India. (Could have talked abt brexit..missed it)
18. VS: Is it also cos we have FTA with Aus and UAE now, EU wants to have one

19. Me: Sir that could be one of the reasons sir but FTA btw India and EU has been long coming. VS: yes yes they were negotiating for long
20. VS: Ok final question from me. Informalisation of Indian economy- How, Good or bad, steps taken by India
21. Me: Sir India is said to be 85-93% informal. It means these companies aren't registered with factories act and other such acts. It has both adv and disadv sir. Adv: less compliance cost disadv: less social sec for workers. We are taking steps to reduce sir. Esp after ES talked abt Dwarfism- we focused on reducing incentives that keep them dwarf and also easing doing biz and recently labour laws liberalised sir.
22. VS: Ok ..pointed to next member

### Member 1

1. M1: what are the objectives of setting up Niti ayog
2. Me: Sir NITI ayog was formed to replace PC.. its objectives are ..firstly promoting coop fed in our fed sys; then providing direction to the nation through agenda and strategy documents; sir in a way it signals shift towards indicative planning
3. M1: What r successes of NITI
4. Me: Sir, in coop fed- it is promoting competitive fed sir- ranking sys like health indices for states and today in newspaper i read sir about energy index which gujarat topped sir. ( yeah a bit mixed up.. coop and competitive but i felt i conveyed the point well enuf). Secondly it gave 3 yr action agenda and 7yr strategy doc and finally sir it has imp role in TADP (aspiration dist)
5. M1: We had 5 yr plan what is need for 7 yr and 3yr. 5yr is good.. it is linked to government tenure of 5 yrs
6. Me: Sir 7 yrs and 3yrs give more flexibility to govt and states. 7 year gives medium term vision and 3 yr gives Short term targets. Considering these plans are not linked to funding unlike in PC, it is better this way than 5 yr sir.
7. M1: Do u know abt TBML (some money laundering related) Me: Sir I know abt ML but i dont know abt that sir. Sorry sir. M1: Do u know about IPRs
8. Me: Yes sir
9. M1: How many IPRs are there, What are all there and who regulates in India. What they do
10. Me: Sir I will try to list them sir. Patents, GI, trade secret, trade marks, Copyright, and sir plant varieties also sir.
11. Took a pause and tried to tell who regulates. Couldn't recall.. said..sir I am not able to recall sir. M1: Ok. So in intl trade who ensures these patents are adhered to.
12. Me: Sir WTO does it under TRIPS... interrupted
13. M1: No not that.. who checks if a nike product is not counterfeit? Me: Sir I dont know sir. Sorry.
14. M1: So do u know how many counterfeit products come to India Me: Sorry sir. I am not aware of it.
15. He asked next member to take over.

## Member 2

1. M2: randomly started with bank fraud. No connection with my daf
2. M2: Do U use debit cards? Me: yes sir
3. M2: Were u defrauded ever
4. Me: smiling.. sir fortunately no sir.
5. M2: Do u know anyone defrauded?
6. Me: sir my parents told me abt their friends being victims M2: Did they recover money-  
Me: Mostly no sir
7. M2: How to improve awareness on digital frauds esp in senior citizens who r more vulnerable and in other marginal sections. And what grievance redressal is available for the victims
8. Me: sir need for awarenes creation:- RBI creating awarenss through its sms regularly. But more can be done sir like using panchayats and SHGs more for awarenss creation in elderly in rural areas sir. Govt is also implementing Vittiya Sakshatkaran Abhiyan where clg students go to villages and educate sir.
9. (felt that i lost a bit of presence of mind here as i didnt answer redressal mech available..forgot the second part of ques asked)
10. M2: What are redressal available for someone defrauded
11. Me: Sir there is banking ombudsman( he was not satisfied) sir there is also CERT In.. (sir said it is institutional structure but what is available for people
12. Me: Sir i am not aware sir, probably some cyber police are there but i am not sure sir.  
M2: Ok so u know abt AI, how much is it impacting our lives and how much will it impact Me: Sir it is already impacting us atleast in cities.. we have personal asst like Google and
13. Amazons products like Alexa sir. Also e comm companies use AI for microtargetting their products sir. So AI will be part of our lives sir. There is need for balance between regulation and innovation to get best benefits sir
14. M2: Will networked homes lead to security threat?
15. Me: Sir IoT that is internet of things gives us netowrked homes and Yes sir it creates security threat but we can use AI here to reduce threat
16. M2: U know abt localisation? Me: Sir I am reminded about RBI norms for data localisation where it asked payment companies to store data in India only sir
17. M2: Ok u worked in Media ( related stuff in my daf- online learning platform, he wanted to ask abt social media)
18. Me: Yes sir
19. M2: Shud media be regulated? Me: Sir Media is crucial for democracy so it shud be regulated sir but self regulation needed.
20. M2: Any self regulation now? Me: Sir there is PCI M2: What abt social media
21. Me: Sir GoI has brought IT intermediary rules sir. As per it social media companies must have one resident official to be held accountable for regulation sir.
22. Ok..next member

## Member 3

1. M3: all Q about aerospace and related defense sector

2. M3: What r defense corridors
3. Me: Sir, Govt in recent budgets talked abt defense corridors..we r establishing two of them.. defense corridors aim at creating complete supply chain sys for easy defense production sir. We are getting them in UP and TN sir
4. M3: . What is India doing in jet fighters
5. Me: Sir India has recently put in LCA Tejas sir and are working on AMCA which is 5th generation... Sorry sir 5.5 generation aircraft sir.
6. M3: How r US Israel superior from our jet fighters
7. Me: Sir i was talking to a frnd of mine in aero industry ( he started looking more interested).. he said aero is a first come first capture market. Once a tech comes it captures whole market and new compabies must focus on next level technology. This is making it harder for India. Others are Superior in speed, range, endurance etc sir. But Tejas and AMCA are comparable to Rafale and F35 s sir.
8. M3: U talked abt generations of fighter jets, and we have 4 generation 5 gen in mobile wifi etc.. u know what is i7 in computers
9. Me: no sir I donno
10. M3: it is also generation of tech (I knew that...but. thought he was expecting me to explain like a hardware engg)
11. M3: What is this generation in various technologies.. ehat does it represent
12. Me: Sir it reps upgrade in tech sir.. for ex 4Gvs 5G- latency, bandwidth and num of ppl who can use 5g under one cell tower will be more sir. So generation represents tech upgrade, efficiency and better user experience sir
13. M3: Do u Know abt any budget provisions for defense sector? -
14. Me: pause for a while and said..Sir i am not able to recall budget provisions byt i have been reading recently abiut govt efforts to prohibit import of some technology in defense.. we are keeping them in negative import list sir so that defense indigenisation is promoted.(Budget actually had similar things.. when i checked after coming back)
15. (he seemed interested in what i was speaking on the whole)

#### Member 5 (Shortest time taken)

1. M5: u have HSS minor..Shud Humanities be taught to engineering students. How it helps
2. Me: Mam it shud be surely taught mam. Even our NEP talks about multidisciplinary approach in education and also easy exit options to change streams. I read a quote mam about tech: Tech without humanity is a sin. That way Humanities can make tech more humane mam

#### Member 4

1. M4: Thats ok..one aspect is humane tech but How it improved ur mental faculties
2. Me: After longer pause... Mam while tech and engg focuses on logical thinking and innovation, humanities has more emphasis on experiential learning and empirical studies mam.. we talk to people and their problems. And in Psir we read abt political philosophy..it also expanded my horizons mam
3. M4: 7 pillars of Gati shakti Me: Sorry mam I dont know

4. M4: Ok forget pillars u know what Gati shakti is?
5. Me: Yes mam. It aims at ensuring coord among various ministries and dept for better infra projects completion.
6. M4: Which infra?
7. Me: Mam infra like ports roads and even digital infra.. M4: Railways.. this that... Also...
8. Me: Yes mam. Thank u mam
9. Done ..over to chairman

**Chairman:** Thank u. All the best for ur future Me: Standing up. Thank u sir. Thank u mam..... etc

1. Overall i was smiling most of time with Chairman asking. He was happy that I was answering what he expected like BECA, status of EU Ind FTA.
2. Other members werent very cordial.. so i didnt smile much too.
3. Dealt with M3 very well. He looked impressed. M4 mam i think i used quote on tech well. M2 except bank fraud ques ..did well
4. M1: Except NITI ayog related questions didnt answer other 2-3 questions at all. Probably the least impressed
5. Except at 2 places didnt fumble while speaking. Confidence through out. Flow of answers well. My Voice was loud enuf.
6. Had to speak a bit faster cos they werent giving me much space to talk. It felt like a rapid fire QnA. Tried my best to give my views where possible as they were not at all asking me my opinions except 2-3 questions.
7. Felt i showed depth in aerospace and psir.
8. Chairman was barely looking at me after his turn. He was doing something in his book/ phone
9. On the whole: No hints on how my PT went from the panel. But I felt good after PT. Now over to UPSC.

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Economics

**Hobby:** Writing Hindi Couplets and Following Cricket

**Background:** MA Economics

### Chairman

1. View on one border one force
2. Challenges in border guarding
3. Technologies that we can use in border guarding
4. smart fencing

### Member 1

1. When & where first radio broadcast
2. When printing press came to india
3. Your couplet writing style is similar to whom Kabir, mira, Bihari



4. Compare yourself with above poets
5. Whom do you read, name the writers
6. Why poetry more famous than prose
7. How poetry captures the prevalent situation
8. Poet seems to be in anguish (in the verse that I had recited). Why?
9. Why Bangladeshi immigrants come to India? How can we stop them?

### Member 2

1. What are the qualities that I have as Commando and what qualities will prove to be useful as a civil servant?
2. Elements of Good governance?
3. How Bangladesh improved HDI score?
4. Why can we not have FTA with China and resolve border dispute?

### Member 3

1. Something special that Sikkim have done in last 5 yrs?
2. Organic farming in Sikkim vs Sri Lanka
3. Are women more empowered in Sikkim?
4. Does Swachha Bharat Mission ends at ODF or there is more to it?

### Member 4

1. What are learnings post 26/11?
2. What is kamikaze?
3. What are drone regulations?
4. Methods of killing drones?
5. What was PL 480? Bank nationalisation and recent de-nationalisation? and its success?

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Background:** [b.com](https://b.com) (H)

**Optional:** Commerce & Accountancy

**Home State:** Delhi

**Work experience:** under Training in BHEL (Finance Division)

### Chairman

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

8. Is AUKUS formation to counter China in Indo-Pacific.

#### Member 1

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

#### Member 2

1. Ballot vs EVM. Which is better for India? Few questions on VVPAT.
2. Difference and similarities between yoga and meditation (part of my hobby).
3. Privatisation of PSUs

#### Member 3

1. Continued with NPAs, shifted to ARCs. Counter question on utility of ARCs.
2. Why RBI wants to maintain liquidity. Tools of doing that.
3. Why to appoint women independent candidates on company boards.
4. Why RBI is reluctant to legalise cryptocurrency.
5. Has India lagged in taking advantage of CDM

#### Member 4

1. Societal Patriarchy. Examples you have seen.
2. Similarities in SL and Pak issues in news. How it will impact India.
3. Role of communication in policy making- planning and implementation.

**Chairman:** What are Principles of Natural Justice.

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

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**Date of Interview:** 8th April

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home state:** Kerala

**Background:** English Literature

**Hobbies:** sudoku, food history

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

1. Is the novel a moral fable?
2. Can you tell us how the form of novel changed?
3. What is innovation?
4. What is India's rank in Global Innovation Index?
5. What is blue economy?



6. What are blue flag beaches?
7. Have you heard of Passage to India? How does Forster describe India?
8. What are biosphere reserves? Can you name some?

#### Member 1:

1. if we compare women of Kerala, women of Sri Lanka, women of Pakistan and women of R K Lakshman's novel, can you draw some similarities and differences? (Wasn't able to answer well and got a bit flustered so I said "sorry sir I don't think I have been able to do justice to your question at the moment. Chairman sir very cordially replied that don't give up try and say whatever you know we are just trying to have a conversation. So I answered somewhat, was even prompted to think along certain lines in this question)
2. Should stray cows be allowed to roam around freely on roads?
3. Think of the counter view to this argument.
4. Is every woman in Kerala empowered?
5. Can you say why despite education all women in Kerala are not empowered?

#### Member 2

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

#### Member 3

1. Tell us a little about why panchayati raj is effective in Kerala?
2. What is the exact model of panchayat in Kerala called?
3. When is the next presidential election in India?
4. What kind of person would you like to see elected as a president?
5. What are your views on disinvestment?
6. What are the features of pm awas Yojana?
7. Added that women are main beneficiaries.
8. Have you heard about recent UNHRC news. When it was formed and why?

#### Member 4

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

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

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

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**Date of Interview:** 7th April  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas  
**Optional:** Sociology  
**Home State:** Madhya Pradesh  
**Background:** Commerce  
**Hobby:** Mandala Art and Upcycling waste

### Chairman

I was the very last one for the day, he asked so you are the last one today, u must be tired.. and smiled. said to pull mask to the chin, and therefore I gave Interview with face shield on. Repeated all details of my background from my DAF and asked why i left my job.?

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

I m unable to recall a few more ques

### Member 3

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

There were some more ques..

**Member 4**

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

**Chairman**

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

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April, Afternoon

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** B.Tech(CS) + MBA

**Employee:** (if any)- investment banking, software engineer

**Hobbies:** Basketball, marathon, mandala painting, poetry writing

**Chairman**

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

**Member 1**

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

**Member 2**

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

**Member 3**

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

**Member 4**

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

**Chairman**

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

**(11)****Date of Interview:** 8/4/2022**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas**Optional:** law

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

**Chairman:**

1. sir started with question that I have seen you earlier.
2. I will ask some quick questions from you.

**Member 1**

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

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

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

### Member 5

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

Some questions I am not able to recall

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

**Advice** – prepare for worst keep calm and have confidence we can do it

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**Date of interview:** 07/04/2022, 2nd half

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** LAW

**Background:** B.sc, LL.B, LL.M

**Employee:** (if any)- IRPS

**Hobbies:** backpack traveling and cooking

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

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

since very less time to prepare so i needed the confidence to face uncertain questions.

mocks helped me boost confidence. (since they went good.) can be other way for some.

mannerism and crystallization of my content.

### Chairman

1. asked about my services where I am and then began

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

1. how long have you stayed in kanpur (birthplace)? since i have 6-7 address of different states in my DAF. I ANSWERED in totality 8-9 months. then no follow up question on it.
2. as a DM what steps and for which section of people will you work to ensure human rights in your district.
3. (I emphasized on sanitation workers ,homeless and destitutes. )
4. last question. – Why can we not tax farmers? and solution for the same.
5. 2-3 more questions i cannot recall them all.

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

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

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**Date of Interview:** 12/04/2022

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Background:** Chemical Engineering

**Work ex:** Working in NABARD

### Chairperson

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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



**Member 4**

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

**(14)****Date of interview:** 12/04/2022**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas**Optional:** PSIR**Home State:** Bhojpur Bihar**Background:** B.E civil engineering**Employee:** (if any)- Previously in a construction firm,**Service:** IRTS**Hobbies:** Post Independence Indian Military history, Debating

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

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

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

**Chairman**

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

**Member 1**

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

**Member 2**

1. Why civil engineering projects take lot of time to complete
2. What's the difference in technology of bullet trains of China and Japan



3. Why are we going for Japanese technology and not Chinese
4. What's levitation? Is it being used in India

### Member 3

1. Since you have worked in construction sector, do you think new technologies have led to reduction in job
2. What about the job prospect of Civil Engineers now a days
3. How is Micro processors used in Civil engineering
4. What do you mean by Smart building construction
5. Have you heard about ECBC. What does it say?

### Member 4

1. Newer technology leads to unemployment. Do you agree
2. Then how to increase employment in that case.
3. What's your thoughts on Gini coefficient and rising inequality.
4. Do you think that it is impacting India also.

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

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**Date of Interview:** 12th Afternoon

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Background:** [B.COM](http://B.COM), CA

**Work:** Deloitte, IFSCA, IA&AS

**Hobbies:** Football and Meditation

### Chairman

1. Tell about ....
2. Defense procurements changes in last three years
3. Indo Japan relations
4. How Ifsca as a regulator is different
5. Three things happened in Indirect taxes
6. Why leave ifsca and join iaas?

### Member 1

1. How Gst is different from earlier regime?
2. What is SeZ Online portal?
3. What is ICISA?
4. What's your service preference
5. How would you use your CA expertise in administration

### Member 2

1. How international audit done by cag?
2. Which UN agencies are audited by CAG?

3. Unique key word of Gst, Vat, Excise? (Gst- supply of goods and services)
4. How export refunds are processed
5. How Bullion trade is affecting investment in country?

### Member 3

1. Automation taking jobs in Accounting?
2. Can cryptocurrency replace Traditional mode of currency
3. What are different Accounting software
4. Declining financial health of States and Srilanka crisis, how does India's financial health doing?

### Member 4

1. How faceless assessment reduce role of Ca?
2. Can there be a possibility where role of CA can be made zero?
3. What 3 areas that are not addressed in this budget?
4. What 5 areas we should focus in budget?
5. Expenditure on Defense?
6. Does India's foreign policy is in convergence with Vasudev Kutumbkum?

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**Date of Interview:** 13/04/22

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Chemistry

**Background:** B.Tech Mechanical

**Service:** IFS

### Chairman

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

1. Problems of multiple courses by colleges recently?

2. Administrative issues?
3. Technological improvements required to assess forest cover more accurately?
4. Did any of your college batchmates do startup? Did they succeed?
5. Why some startups succeed? Is it because of college factor? What is your opinion?
6. Why industries are needed in India?
7. What perception people generally have about big industrial houses?

### Member 3

1. High pendency in courts. What type of cases should not go to SC?
2. Your opinion on changing capital of our country given Delhi has lot of pollution etc?
3. Your top 3 service preferences?
4. GST?
5. What about states who will suffer revenue losses?
6. Heard of Land ports authority of India?
7. Role of Integrated Check posts?
8. What is your opinion on development of border road infra as people say Chinese will use it to enter our territory?

### Member 4

1. You do Mobile photography and watch F1. Will mobiles replace DSLRs?
2. There are many aggregators like Make my trip etc. Any sector where you think aggregators must be there?

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**Date of Interview:** 11th April, Afternoon

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Background:** BITS Pilani

**Work ex:** 2yrs in Samsung

### Chairman

1. What are supercomputers
2. What is national supercomputing mission
3. Is China at war with itself
4. What is economic problems that China is facing
5. What is sovereign credit rating
6. What is 2 front war
7. What is diplomacy
8. What is 2+2 diplomacy
9. What is HDI. Who introduced it and how is India's performance in hdi

### Member 1

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

2. What are our major IT exports
3. What can we do to further to encourage startups
4. Why startup culture in bits pilani
5. What is machine learning
6. Do you think we have achieved women empowerment
7. What is women empowerment

### Member 2

1. What are Q LED and Neo Q LED TVs
2. What is happening in Yemen
3. What happened in Sudan
4. What was Arab spring
5. What is big data
6. Which tree smuggled in pushpa movie. Where is it found and its CITES status

### Member 3

1. ICC in Samsung and its details.
2. What is national interest
3. How is present crisis in Sri Lanka going to affect India
4. How will relations between India and Pak change due to events going on there
5. What is national interest

### Member 4

1. What are new mobile phone technologies of Samsung
2. Why Samsung grew but companies like Nokia and BlackBerry failed
3. What are the harmful effects of radiations on human body

### Chairman -

What are water harvesting structures in Rajasthan  
Interview over

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**Date of Interview: 13th April, 2022 forenoon session (4th to go)**

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** civil engineer

**Home State:** Chandigarh

1st attempt, no work experience

### Chairman

1. related to SCO and why was in news
2. why not go with civil engineering only
3. when decided you want to go for civil services exam?
4. civil infra projects in news

5. highway vs State Highway vs expressway difference
6. nomenclature change of highways
7. infiltration issue pb
8. one border one force meaning and why needed

### Members

1. stubble burning in pb reasons , solns( some counter ques)
2. swachch Bharat related
3. why since 70 yrs India still facing basic development issues
4. civil engineering new innovation- roads , construction field
5. talked about plastic roads so asked to explain the process
6. generalist vs specialist question
7. u want to do specialisation in which fields
8. Chandigarh issue
9. soln of chd prblm
10. crr and slr meaning
11. meaning of fintech companies
12. No ques on hobbies , optional, achievement, sports , apart from sco no ques on IR
13. Belonged to Chd – but all questions related to Punjab
14. (They were saying so you are from pb tell us this)

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

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**Date of Interview:** 13-4-2022, forenoon

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Psychology

**Background:** BSc(non med)

**Hobbies:** ghanta kuch ni puchha yahan se

### Chairman:

1. What are you doing since 2018?
2. Provisions about mental health in India
3. universal health
4. Why name shift from dispensaries to wellness centres
5. Euthanasia and morality

### Member 1

1. Interest areas of psychology
2. Teach me a topic ( emotional intelligence) considering i am a 9th standard student.
3. 498Abb\_
4. If you are DM what will you plan for women empowerment. Few followups  
(i had longest discussion with her approximately 10 12 minutes)

**Member 2**

1. Bhim, UPI
2. Privacy issue and what can i do today
3. What will i do if today i become victim of cyber fraud ( i said i will Google it, i don't know why did they laugh
4. Opium , ncb and some similar body
5. Ethics paper reforms
6. I had good discussion with him but i can't recall other questions

**Member 3**

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

Some other questions i can't recall

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

**Member 4**

1. said I will ask you one question
2. 5 eco reforms done by govt last year.

**Chairman**

1. said thank you and we wish really good for you.
2. Then lady asked : why are girls wearing this collar blouse . Has any mock person suggested you? I told my case .
3. Some member asked me about weather forecasting and el nino. I did a factual blunder there.
4. Utility of mocks : my mocks used to be very subjective and different from each other. I had same kind of feeling there. I don't know the difference between marking scheme of mocks and upsc so fingers crossed.
5. All the best everyone. Just one advice be yourself. If you realise you went on a wrong path ( like i did with euthanasia) just ask the person sir/ madam i guess i lost my track , if you permit can i rephrase. It will be beneficial in two ways:
  - your calm and confidence will be maintained.
  - they can see your real self ( what they are actually looking for)

Take it like any other day. Dont do this nonsense of D day. You will get mentally burdened by your own baggage of this auspicious occasion.

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** sociology

**Background:** B.tech electrical engineering

**Hobby:** Blog writing

**Work experience:** working in a power sector PSU

### Chairman

1. Has unbundling of power sector been successful?
2. Tell me about DART technology
3. Tell me about GSSL technology
4. Tell me some new technologies and their effectiveness in agriculture
5. Is resource utilisation related to sustainable development

### Member 1

1. Is our district administrative mechanism good? What are the issues and how can they be resolved?
2. Tell me some developmental initiatives of up govt
3. How would you invite industry in your district

### Member 2

1. Why not IPS?
2. What is the public image of IPS
3. What role has movies played in image of police
4. What blogs do you write?
5. Tell me 2 points from your latest blog
6. What is India's role in Afghanistan

### Member 3

1. What is grid balancing
2. What role does hydro power play in grid balancing
3. How many power exchanges are in India. Have you ever visited them?
4. What is the issue in India software industry
5. Can you tell me about the software value addition policy of govt announced in 2019
6. Does India have design capabilities?

### Member 4

1. Has indian foreign policy for the neighborhood been successful?
2. Is India's relationship with Pakistan good?
3. Is India's relationship with China good?
4. What are the 3 main grassroots level challenges in India
5. How will you solve health related issues
6. Should there be a SLP mechanism for public sector

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

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Background:** B.tech- Information and Technology

**Hobbies:** Coding in c++ and java, playing and watching sports

**Optional:** Sanskrit

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

### Chairman

1. You are from Sainik School ,three things you learnt from there ?
2. when and why Sainik Schools were formed ?
3. did they fail in your case(cross question) ?
4. India Israel Relations (bouncer ,as it was not in news)
5. SANSKRIT SHLOKA yatna bharate,tatna bharate (Optional subject)
6. told me to be specific (3 agriculture and 3 defence sectors) – Cross Question
7. What is Black Hole and why it is named so ?
8. Difference between Java and C++ ?
9. why we use AC and not DC for transmission or inverter ?

### Member 1

1. IMF report on why poverty was below 1% ?
2. what is NAI TALIM ?
3. why some cities are good at IT(pune bangalore) ?
4. what would you do to improve the IT industries at other cities and states ?

### Member 2

1. what is difference between IMF and World Bank ?
2. what is Marshal Plan(after WW – 2) ?
3. tell us something about textile industry ?
4. What is EIA ?
5. what is dhvani sidhant in sanskrit literature ?

### Member 3

1. Sanskrit shloka (didn't remember)
2. tell us about banabhatt ?
3. is kadambari solely work of banabhatt ?
4. He corrected me and told the story for 2 minutes(shloka which was asked earlier)?
5. Compare Sanskrit and other languages of its age?
6. cross Question – is it a dead language?
7. tell us about other languages?

### Member 4

1. About Labour Reforms, which states have done good and to what extent?
2. what are the achievements in material science?
3. what is the GDP of India?
4. Distribution of GDP sector wise?
5. How wealth is created by loans?

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

1. Ty seniors and mentors
2. Best of luck fellow aspirants



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**Date of Interview:** 13 april**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas**Optional:** PSIR**Hobbies:** Budget Travelling , Cardio Workout , contribution to father's Business.**Chairman**

1. Do you think globalisation is irrelevant ?
2. You must be following the foreign ministers recent meeting so what is the his statement during US meeting and what stand India has taken ?
3. How the meeting will affect India and europe relations ?
4. Due date for Presidential election ? How president is elected ? How MLA vote value is calculated ? which state has the highest and lowest value ?

**Member 1**

1. which agency violates human rights in India ? ( based on my DAF) Do you know about police and human rights violation ? How police violates human rights ?
2. Supreme court guidelines on Custodial violence and human rights abuse ?
3. Do you feel safe during travel or how u manage your security during travelling ? (based on budget travelling hobby)
4. So you think women feel insecure during travel , why they feel insecure ? what measures are required?
5. Do you watch any OTT platform ?
6. difference between netflix and bollywood movies ?
7. what three steps you will take for digital India ?

**Member 2**

1. which women ias ips inspired you ? ( i said smitha sabarwal , then follow up on her work )
2. How you will implement her ideals in your district ? ( I told him it depends upon the district in which i will be posted but if you allow me i can tell about my home district , he permitted then next follow up on water security)
3. water condition in india ? how much drinking water is available to one individual?

**Member 3**

1. do you think electricity subsidy should be given to all farmers free of cost or it should be given selectively ?
2. what is the rational for giving electricity subsidy ?
3. what do you understand by sufism?
4. commonality between sufism and hinduism ?
5. what miranda house means to you ? ( it is my college)
6. what are stress asset ? Particularly asked about NPA and when it is declared NPA ?

#### Member 4

1. You do cardio workout , so do you use any tracking device like fitbit ?
2. what is ur blood sugar level ?
3. what is your pulses rate ? what is standard pulses rate for adults
4. do you know eco and ecg ?
5. what you do in your fathers business ? what u have learned ? ( mentioned in DAF)
6. what should be done for bidding – technical or financial ?
7. What problem you have faced in GST and direct taxation and what reforms you will suggest?
8. Name some border forces of india ? ( i forgot assam riffles so he added , politely thanked him )

#### Chairman

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

#### Experience

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

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**Date of Interview:** 11 April 2022

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Optional:** Economics

**Home state:** Punjab

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

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

#### Chairperson:

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

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

#### Member 1

1. Why not IIT etc and humanities instead
2. Do you watch movies? Last movie seen and few follow ups on that

3. Name any economist that inspired you and why so?

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

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

**Chairperson:** Interview is over, you can go.

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Optional:** Physics

**Background:** Btech in Engineering Physics from IIT Delhi

**Hobby:** Student mentoring, Blogging, Covid cashrelief fundraiser

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

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

### Chairman

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

### Member 1

1. Who runs elections for local bodies?
2. Whats difference between state election commission and Central election commission?

3. Places within 100 kms radius of Gorakhpur?
4. What's so special about saint Kabir?
5. Saint Kabir's famous couplet

### Member 2

1. She asked regarding Japanese encephalitis case in Gorakhpur? If it is related to geography, then how can we address it? What actions have been taken to address that?
2. How did you do COVID cash relief fundraiser?
3. How did you raise it?
4. Don't you think there is misuse of crowdfunding platforms? What platform was used?

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

1. You worked in Germany, What is happening in Germany and Sweden regarding recent conflict in Russia-Ukraine?
2. Can you recall a measure which was?
3. What is power to act (could not listen to her properly)?
4. What's so unique about Leh?
5. What did you do in Leh and how did you go there? What was approach?
6. What is circular economy?
7. Suppose you are an administrator, what will be your 3 priority areas?

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

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**Date of Interview:** 25 April, afternoon  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir  
**Optional:** Hindi literature  
**Background:** BA Hons political science, DU  
**Hobbies:** short films, quiz, cricket

### Chairman

1. एक नॉर्मल बातचीत की तरह लगा
2. कोई क्रॉस क्वेश्चन नहीं
3. बिल्कुल ग्रिल नहीं किया
4. बाकी नंबर देंगे तो पता चलेगा
5. 2019 से क्या कर रहे हो

6. कुरुक्षेत्र पर एक प्रश्न (ऑप्शनल)
7. सूरदास पर एक प्रश्न (ऑप्शनल)
8. राजस्व घाटा, राजकोषीय घाटा ,
9. अनुच्छेद जो हिंदी से संबंधित
10. अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं के लिए संविधान में प्रावधान
11. शक्ति व प्राधिकार

#### Member 1

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

#### Member 2 (इंटरव्यू का बेस्ट पार्ट)

1. शॉर्ट फिल्म क्या हैं?
2. लास्ट कौन सी देखी ?
3. आस्कर में नॉमिनेटेड शॉर्ट फिल्म ? सुझाव दिया की आपको ये जरूर देखनी चाहिए
4. तमिलनाडु में आईएस बना दिया जाए तो कैसे मैनेज करेंगे आप तो हिंदी से हैं ?
5. तमिल में रामायण का अनुवाद ?
6. क्रिकेट कौन सा देखते हो ?
7. लास्ट आईपीएल कंट्रोवर्सी (ऋषभ पंत वाली )
8. प्रशासन में अगर ऊपर से आदेश आता जिसके लिए कोई नियम , कानून नहीं तो क्या करोगे ?

#### Member 3 (पंजाबी अंकल )

1. गबन पर एक प्रश्न (सॉरी कहा )
2. गबन की फिर एक प्रश्न

#### Member 4

1. 2+2
2. icds में निजता सुरक्षा
3. नई शिक्षा नीति में क्रिटिकल थिंकिंग
4. ऑब्जेक्टिव टेस्ट से कैसे क्रिटिकल टेस्टिंग कर पाएंगे ( upsc प्रीलिम्स के प्रश्नों का उदाहरण दिया )

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**Date of Interview:** 26/04/2022

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir

**Optional:** Geography

**Working:** IMD

**Hobbies:** Sudoku, Chess, meditation

1. what is IMD currently doing for weather forecasting and what are we going to do in future to further strengthen it

2. Difference bw Cyclone, hurricane aur tornadoes?
3. What is IMD doing for disaster management?
4. What is flash drought?
5. what is El-nino?

### Member 1

1. U seem to have so many hobbies like ..kya ap ise recreation k liye hi krte hai ki professional level pr bhi khelte hai
2. Chess ke kuch opening moves k bare me btaiye aur ap kya jyada prefer krte hai
3. Pichli bar kb world chess championship hui thi ...use kisne jita aur india se agr koi tha to unka nam btaye?
4. Tell me some event during ur job when u did some societal welfare and felt satisfied.

**Member 2** (seemed dissatisfied with few of my answers... Several cross questions followed during the conversation)

1. Mirzapur web series ayi thi...did u see it?
2. How far does it depict the reality of ur district
3. As per human rights commission, UP registers 50% of total human rights violation in India...what do u think are the reasons for this....some discussion on this and some cross questions

**Member 3** (an old lady member...very cordial)

1. My father was also in weather dept. During Bhopal gas tragedy, he was deputed to the area...what do u think may have been the reasons for deputing weather official during that disaster
2. There's one lady who's famous as weather woman...can u tell me her name(didn't know)
3. The person who founded wordle has very interesting story...are u aware of it(didnt know)
4. variations of wordle
5. Variations in Sudoku and what are some championships

### Member 4

1. what issues arise due to illegal buildings?
2. What do u think of bulldozer policy of UP govt
3. Suppose u r made administrator of an area where u have to take actions against some illegal encroachments...what aspects will u keep in mind
4. questions were asked mostly in hindi and chairman seemed quite involved throughout the interview except some occasions
5. Overall the board was very cordial.

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

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas Sir  
**Background:** BA Political Science, Economics, English literature.  
**Optional:** Hindi literature  
**Hobby:** HIIT, small scale farming experiments  
**Service:** IDAS  
**Utility of mock:** to boost confidence and communication. Nothing more...!(attended 5-6)

**Chairman**

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

1. Why Hindi literature?
2. Tell me about jaishankar parsad's play? What is unique in them?
3. Social contribution of Kabir
4. Tell me about Nagarjuna?
5. Situation of hunger India?
6. What is food security, food safety, food fortification?
7. Govt initiative in these area?
8. You are DM in remote area of Rajasthan? What local measures do you take to curb malnutrition?

**Member 1**

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

**Member 2**

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

**Member 3**

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

**Member 4**

1. Why in IDAS from IRTS?
2. How did you managed study with job?

3. why filled IA&AS?
4. Constitution provision regarding CAG?
5. power of CAG?
6. Is there any role of CAG in local bodies?

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

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Hindi Literature

**Background:** Mechanical Engineering

**Home State:** Chhattisgarh

**Hobbies:** Cooking Chhattisgarhi dishes, watching web series.

### Chairperson

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

1. District related
2. Maharashtra aur kuchh states me urban local bodies election kyu nhi ho raha hai.
3. What is Parallel cinema.



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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas  
**Home State:** Madhya Pradesh  
**Hobbies:** Cricket, Cooking  
**Optional:** history  
**Interview Experience:** board was very cordial ,

**Chairman**

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

**Member 2**

1. मालवा का मध्यकालीन और आधुनिक इतिहास में महत्व
2. मांडू के आसपास के स्थल
3. धार के सरस्वती मंदिर का विवाद
4. सेडिशन से आप क्या समझते हैं सेडिशन से रिलेटेड कोर्ट केसेस और कुछ लोग सेडिशन का विरोध क्यों करते हैं
5. सेडिशन और विचार एवं अभिव्यक्ति की स्वतंत्रता में संबंध
6. आपका नाम गणेश जी है और फोटो में गणेश जी की सूंड दाएं तरफ होती है उसका क्या मतलब होता है और जब बाएं तरफ होती है उसका क्या मतलब होता है

**Member 3**

1. आईपीआर रिलेटेड इश्यूज
2. patent होना चाहिए या नहीं
3. यूटिलिटी पेटेंट क्या होता है
4. भारत के लिए ऐसा कहा जाता है कि भारत कार्बन उत्सर्जन करता ना होकर का कार्बन शमनकर्ता है क्या आप ऐसा मानते हैं
5. भारत का प्रति व्यक्ति कार्बन उत्सर्जन
6. कार्बन इंटेन्सिटी क्या होती है

**Member 4**

1. सीएजी के तहत जो लेखांकन प्रारूप होते हैं वह कैसे तय होते हैं
2. एक आम व्यक्ति सूचना के अधिकार के तहत लेखांकन रिकॉर्ड मांगता है तो क्या आप पूर्ण रूप में उपलब्ध करवाते हैं
3. यदि आप भारत के वित्त मंत्री हो तो मार्च रस को कैसे कम करेंगे
4. ट्रांसफर एंटी समझते हैं से आप क्या समझते हैं और एकाउंटिंग में कैसे उपयोग होती है

**Member 5**

1. राजस्थान के महिला संबंधी सूचकांक
2. पिपलांत्री गांव की केस स्टडी
3. आप राजस्थान के मीणा समुदाय से हैं और आप विवाहित हैं अगर आपकी पत्नी आपके ससुर से उनकी पैतृक संपत्ति में हिस्सा मांगती हैं तो सुप्रीम कोर्ट की क्या गाइडलाइन है और आपके ससुर और आपके साले की क्या प्रतिक्रिया होगी  
( इसके जवाब में मुस्कुराते हुए चेयरमैन सर ने कहा आप बहुत डिप्लोमेटिक पर्सन हैं )  
(चेयरमैन सर ने कहा गणेश जी आपका इंटरव्यू पूरा हो चुका है आप जा सकते हैं आपको हमारी तरफ से बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं और आपका नाम इतना पवित्र है कि हमारा दिन ही शुभ हो गया)

**(30)****Date of Interview:** 27 April, forenoon session**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas**Optional:** Mathematics**Background:** Civil engineer iit delhi, MA economics**Hobbies:** Budhia kabaddi, kabaddi, Watching short films**Home State:** Bihar

Second interview

**Chairperson**

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

**Member 1**

1. blast proof building and earthquake proof building major difference
2. what happened in world trade centre
3. what has been done to prevent this type of disaster
4. 2 neighbouring countries whose relations with india was in news
5. india srikanka relations

**Member 2**

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

**Member 3**

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

**Member 4**

1. name two economist from india along with contributions
  - a. Critically analyse the theory of amartya sen -Capability approach
2. how will you build your team only knowing project and time for completion?
3. what do you mean by leader?
4. are today's politicians can be called leader?
5. why didn't you join politics?

**Chairperson** again

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

Some of questions i am unable to recall

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**Date of Interview:** 18th Apr, 22

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Profession** (if any)-Computer Engineer

Your experience in interview-Nothing from Hobbies, Extra Curricular or Graduation

Subject

Utility of mocks (if any)-

**Chairman**

1. What was the best thing about your company.
2. Difference between culture in government and private sector?
3. What practices would you try to implement in the government offices?
4. What would you do if you do not agree with your boss in government on the direction the project is taking?
5. Why does the government want to promote more telecom companies?

**Member 1**

1. Which party is in power in country?
2. How many parties in NDA?
3. How many seats does BJP have in Lok Sabha?
4. Which are the major parties that get donations through electoral bonds? Name top 5?

**Member 2**

1. Question on Electoral bonds?
2. Why does government companies become profitable as they are sold? Who are to blame, the political executive or the bureaucracy?

**Member 3**

1. Silver Line project
2. Center State relations

**Member 4**

1. History of Article 370
2. Which laws were applicable in India and not in J&K
3. What 4 subjects were transferred to India?
4. What was the controversy around removal of Article 370

**(32)****Date of Interview:** 11/04/22 forenoon session last to go**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas**Optional:** History**Background:** computer engineering**Hobbies:** tabla, chess, blockchain technology**Chairperson**

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

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

**Member 1**

1. does police have a negative perception?
2. are women able to approach police easily? why not?
3. what has government done about it? what will you do about it?
4. do you use social media? how do they earn even if they don't charge you anything?
5. any other source of income apart from advertisement?(wanted to hear use of data)
6. what can be done for data privacy?

7. is internet safe?
8. have you ever faced any ethical dilemma?
9. tell me one application of blockchain in administration that you would like to implement

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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

### Member 4

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

### chairperson

thankyou. your interview is over.

**overall** board was cordial. questions were starting by asking facts or definition and then going into discussion over those concepts. many rapid fire type questions were also asked. mainly revolved around DAF. Some contemporary issues were asked not much of current affairs.

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

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**Date of Interview:** 26-04-22

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Optional:** History

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

**अनुभव:** बोर्ड बहुत ही सहज और supportive था यह question answer से ज़्यादा एक discussion के जैसे था। daf और विशेषकर इतिहास पर ही पूरा interview based था

**Hobby** से बहुत कम प्रश्न थे

### Chairman

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

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

1. लम्बा वक्तव्य जो आज कल का ट्रेंड है फिर प्रश्न कि इतिहास का पुनर्लेखन होना चाहिए या नहीं? मैं उत्तर दिया होना चाहिए
2. पिछले प्रश्न से जुड़ा क्यों होना चाहिए
3. प्रफ़ेशनल हिस्टोरीयन कौन होते हैं ( मेरे पिछले जवाब से जुड़ा )
4. किंतु प्रफ़ेशनल हिस्टोरीयन में भी वैचारिक झुकाव और सिलेक्टिव अप्रोच होती है
5. विभिन्न राज्यों के इतिहास के syllabuss में भिन्नता है क्या पूरे देश के syllabuss में एकरूपता होनी चाहिए ?
6. बच्चे इतने परिपक्व नहीं होते हैं अतः उन्हें कैसे संतुलित इतिहास पढ़ाया जाए अगर आप शिक्षा मंत्री हों तो आप इसके लिए क्या करेंगे
7. सोशल मीडिया से जुड़े हुए प्रश्न(hobby) ट्विटर का अधिग्रहण और इसका प्रभाव ?

### Member 4

1. गैप से जुड़े प्रश्न (हालाँकि पहले chairman sir ने पूछा था फिर भी )
  2. मूल अधिकार और निदेशक तत्वों में अंतर और इससे जुड़े सप्रीम कोर्ट के केस
  3. राष्ट्रपतीय व्यवस्था(presidential system) और संसदीय व्यवस्था(parliamentary system) में क्या अंतर है ? क्या हमें presidential system अपना लेना चाहिए?
- सबसे अंत में chairman sir ने कहा आपका इंटरव्यू खत्म हो चुका है आप जा सकते हैं नमस्ते।

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**Date of Interview:** 27 April  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir  
**Optional:** PSIR  
**Home State:** Rajasthan  
**Background:** petroleum engineering  
**Hobby:** Sports  
**Duration:** 30 minutes  
**Medium:** Hindi

**Chairperson**

1. Tell me 3 place from kota and nearby which you will suggest your friends to visit their
2. Various qns related to atomic energy
3. What is Heavy water
4. Why we use D<sub>2</sub>O
5. Which type of reaction take place in nuclear plant
6. Whether we import uranium or we have its reserve
7. Why are people talking about thorium
8. What is 3stage programme
9. Border related qns
10. Your district's border is known as international border or LoC or LAC
11. Why is it known as international border
12. Then what is LoC /LAC
13. What is smart fencing
14. Component of Smart fencing
15. Crude oil price related qns
16. What is current price of crude
17. Litres in One barrel
18. Then why it's price are high in India.
19. Why there is no uniform price across the state.
20. Why is it not under GST

**Member 1**

1. Qns related to China-Taiwan
2. What is opium war
3. What is mainland China and Taiwan issue
4. Who is leader of Taiwan at that time
5. Suppose China attack Taiwan, what will be the response of world community
6. SOCIAL issues of your District
7. And suppose you are DM how will you address these
8. What is khap panchayat ,
9. whether it is legal or not,
10. in which community it is prevalent
11. What step you will take to address issues related to khap panchayat

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

### Member 2

Asked me whether I read news paper or not

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

### Member 3

All qns are related to Student politics

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

### Member 4

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

**Chairperson** sir said Dhanyawad, ab aap ja skte ho

My experience in interview... found it purposeful conversation

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

All the best to remaining candidates.

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**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Optional:** PSIR

**Hobby:** Anapansati meditation

**Profession:** Bamboo cultivation

**Duration:** 35 min.

Entered the room...

Second shift( 2nd last to go)

Chairperson sitting on round table, respective 4 members were sitting at 4 corners with



safe distance. (2 male +2 lady members)  
Entered the room

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

1. (reading my daf... )
2. And asked after 2018 post job what we're you doing?
3. (he told me that during lunch he was going through an article)
4. tell me about manufacturing and service sector growth and why manufacturing growth is important?
5. Do you know something about Inner line permit?
6. what is financial inclusion
7. Few follow up(I stared with jandhan, upi, he asked me to say more innovative ways, then I talked about SHG, cooperative, dbt etc,. Seemed satisfied)
8. difference between financial literacy and financial inclusion.
9. asked my experience in startups.
10. your view on instant justice
11. Then he started on bamboo cultivation but stopped himself and said this area is interesting and Member 4 is very interested in this so I'll leave this up to him.

### Member 1

1. asked about my startups
2. what qualities should an entrepreneur must possess
3. what do you think (since you have worked on ground) to cater the startups which are failing? (I talked about need for district level incubation hub)
4. Russian recent ICBM test and it's significance
5. range of ICBM( I asked if I can take a guess, some how I was near)

### Member 2

1. difference between DPSP vs FR
2. significance of Writ
3. how to improve tourism in india. (On my answer he reaffirm my cluster based approach in the sector)
4. asked about surenam (told the location but follow up I said sorry)

### Member 3

(I guess she was from pune)

1. Do you know "Rahul theatre in pune?"
2. Where is it located?
3. Why it is unique? (She told me that when she used to go there it was only showing English movies, and asked me is it so? As I have watched 2-3 hindi movies also so u said that, she smiled and said it must be a thing of past)
4. why pune is important for defence? (Hq of southern command, lohegao airbase, AFMC, NDA, IMA)
5. why pune is industrial hub

6. punes education reform movement? ( I talked about bhide wada, she asked me where is it located, I answered Budhwar peth, she smiled)
7. do you thing pune is still education hub?
8. Punes agriculture university founding year(said sorry) some follow up q on this.

#### Member 4

1. do you know mohammad ali(no where related to my daf)
2. tell me 3 fighter who got famous after having fight with him? (I said sorry sir, he smiled and told me 3 names, and looked to member 2 and they were enjoying their nostalgia about 20-30 sec.)
3. tell me about pravasi bharti divas and it's significance.

#### Few follow ups

1. Indias and Africa how is indian foreign policy towards Africa)
2. talked about how Bamboo can be multiplied. (I told about 3 method of saplings)
3. what is Rizome? (Seeds wanted more technical but gave him practical example and he asked follow up q)
4. what is the shape of it? (I corelated with marathi musical instrument tutar)
5. how bamboo was the reason for disaster in northeast ( I was aware of 2004 flowering crisis)
6. asked about bamboo flowering.

Overall experience was good.

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

How much mocks help?

They do help to understand basic Aticate of interview.

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

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

Thank you.

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**Date of Interview:** 27th April, Forenoon session, 5th to go

**Board:** Bharat Bhuahsn Vyas sir

**Home State:** Bihar

**Background:** B.Tech, Electronics Engineering, IIIT D&M, Kancheepuram

**Work ex:** Teaching Physics for IIT JEE and NEET Exam

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

**Medium:** Hindi

#### Chairman

1. why civil services after six years of teaching?
2. what are nanoparticles?

3. Tell me some uses in different sectors.
4. Mandate of NIA, how it is different from CBI, ED, etc.?
5. Recent amendment in NIA act.
6. As a DM, what would be your preparation 4 months before flood and actions during flood?and follow up questions.

#### Member 1

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

#### Member 2

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

#### Member 3

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

#### Member 4

1. What is PIL?
2. How it started?
3. Gave long description of a case, Do you know about it?
4. utility and present status of PIL. and follow ups.
5. If you are given 100 cr., What would you do with it?

**Chairman Sir:** .... ji, Your interview is over.

Overall cordial board.

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**Date of Interview:** 2/may forenoon was second to go.

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Medical science

**Background:** Mamc delhi

**Profession:** (if any)-medical officer alwar.

**Hobbies:** Mandana tribal wall art and stitching clothes.

Your experience in interview-

Board was very cordial.

They all kept smiling and gave hint . Chairman sir made me very comfortable and was keen to listen without much cross questioning.

Utility of mocks (if any)-

To gain confidence

Experience to formulate and well structured answer .

( Somp mentorship was very helpful in developing overall knowledge base and to work on one's weakness.

Specially one on one session with puneet sir was very helpful )

### Chairman

1. What is SAM
2. CRITERIA
3. WHAT IS HEATWAVE.
4. STEPS TO TACLE HEATWAVE AS DM OF ALWAR.
5. Some cross questions on same.
6. Steps to combat desertification at national and international level.

### Member 1

1. Why civil services don't you think this is waste of resource.
2. Three strength and three weakness (thy all laughed)
3. How well india performed in tackling covid
4. Difference between India and us model to handle covid.
5. you love stitching tell me about honeycomb stitching.

### Member 2

1. Three places to visit alwar.
2. Famous sweet of alwar
3. How to prepare this.
4. Steps taken by gov to boost tiger number in sariska tiger reserve.
5. Yoga and international yoga day.
6. Do you advice yoga to your patients.
7. Two asana of yoga.

**Member 3**

1. IS your CHC turned into health and wellness center
2. diff between health and wellness.
3. 2019 event of deaths of children in muzaffarnagar.why
4. type of elderly care provided in your CHC
5. ncd and what steps.
6. ncd surveillance in your CHC.

**Member 4**

1. cop 26 what is it
2. outcome.
3. net zero and its meaning
4. revised renewable energy targets
5. green house gases and its effects on health.

One two question more but yaad nhi aa rahe.

Overall

Very nice experience.

First reaction.

Happy to interact with so much experienced persons.

Second thought numbness about ho gaya finally interview..

Baaki marks batayengy.

All the very best to all

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**Date of Interview:** May 2 April , forenoon session

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas sir

**Optional:** public administration

**Background:** BCom Hons

**College-** srcc

**Hobbies:** kinesics, cricket

**Experience-** pleasant . Board members coordinated and helped me to arrive at answers.

Very cooperative people. Duration: 28-30 minutes

**Chairman**

1. how do you feel sitting here?
2. How has indian economy recovered after 2 years of pandemic.
3. What is growth projection of indian economy
4. What is growth projection of other countries, world economy and its impact on India's growth
5. What is twin balance sheet problem
6. What is 4 balance sheet problem

**Member 1**

1. Some areas of country receives high rainfall and some suffer from drought. How to deal with problems
2. River interlinking is costly. Tell me other solutions
3. Can't recall other questions

**Member 2**

1. What did George Bernard Shaw said on cricket
2. Define bureaucracy.
3. What are characteristics of bureaucracy in monarchy and democracy
4. How is googly bowled. How is chinaman bowled. How are they different.
5. Define artificial intelligence

**Member 3**

1. Soft power diplomacy
2. How is yoga helping in soft power
3. When was first international yoga day celebrated.
4. What is meaning of word yoga
5. Free movement regime with which countries?
6. Does Nepal's free movement regime has any challenges or benefits for India.

**Member 4**

1. What has pandemic taught us?
2. How to make healthcare robust in India
3. What is resilient healthcare system
4. Preventive healthcare vs promotive healthcare
5. How to make health care resilient
6. If u are SDM in your district. Which first step will you take for the people.

**Chairman:** what is air quality index of Delhi today? I said I'm sorry don't know.

Your interview is over. I said namaste and thank you

Experience of mocks- it helped me to develop an approach to answer questions which was useful. Some questions were repeated.

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**Date of Interview:** 25th April 2022

**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas

**Optional:** Geography

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

**Hobbies:** umpiring cricket matches and kho- kho

**Duration:** almost 40 minutes

### Chairman

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

1. You joined in service? You recently entered into government and services, How are u feeling?
2. You have GEOGRAPHY as optional and M.A. in International Relations, what do understand by the term Geo-economics? How the current Russia-Ukraine conflict has changed world Geo-economics and especially how it helped India?
3. What do you understand by Geo-politics, explain how geopolitics changed in current crisis times?
4. Assam-Meghalaya Border dispute ( continuation of geo-politics discussion in India), basis of this dispute?

### Member 1: cool person in the board

1. Do you support UCC? and counter questions on UCC?
2. What two changes you want to bring in Guntur, that are not focused yet by government.
3. What is your personal opinion on Andhra three capital decision?
4. As a Chief Secretary of AP, How u will convince CM about your opinion on 3 capitals?

### Member 2 asked questions more than 10 minutes

1. Why are there too much controversy over Umpire decisions in cricket, tell some recent controversies ( world cup final & IPL match Rishab Panth incident) was Panth wrong? How to correct it?
2. What are the differences between India and China approach in Africa?
3. How African countries thinking about India and China support and which one is good for African Countries?
4. Has WHO failed in COVID-19?
5. WHO also failed in vaccine distribution to African countries. What it has done for vaccine delivery to African countries? How WHO and other developed countries should correct it? (This Discussion went around 4-5 minutes over covax and GAVI)

### Member 3 The member with poker face the one who push into stress

1. I don't know much about cricket. Explain me how cricket plays and its basic rules. (I started my answer but after every two sentences he tried to confuse me and ask counter question on my previous statement like what is innings, what is test match, etc....basically he want to put me in stress zone)
2. Why after graduation you have two years gap before joining M.A. in JNU?
3. You played KHO-KHO INTER DISTRICT, I don't know much about KHO-KHO, Explain me how KHO-KHO plays and its rules (same scene repeated in his first question)
4. Baseball also similar to cricket, explain me its rules. ( Devudaa, ekkada konchem ekkuvu avutundi (inner voice in telugu ). Finally, I showed white flag by saying sorry sir, I don't know). Every one in room laughed 😊 loudly

### Member 4 : she waiting for her turn with long list of questions



1. Almost u have covered everything in Academics like B.Sc, M.A., M.Phil & Now Ph.D and also ur in account service, how ur research experience helps in account service perhaps in civil services.
2. National Hydrogen policy (I said sorry ma'am, I'm unable recall exact provisions and i will read about it). Still, if u feel comfort, I want to ask some question on this? ( Ma'am, I don't want to bluff, so I'm not comfortable on this area).

**Chairman** sir interrupted and said that he is pro in IR, with big smile on his face.

1. Falkland issue again came into NEWS. WHY? (TODAY NEWSPAPER)
2. What are ur service preferences? Why IFS FIRST? ( I said my academic background aligns mostly to IFS and I put my last 5 years of energy in IR as a part of my HIGHER EDUCATION and now by giving IFS AS FIRST choice, I'm searching for opportunity where I can utilise my knowledge of specialisation to protect country interest in foreign land and foreign policy and give back society in better manner and also it helps in my career growth) Member countered my answer by

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**Date of Interview:** 28 April 2022  
**Board:** Bharat Bhushan Vyas  
**Optional:** History  
**Home State:** Delhi  
**Background:** Civil Engg, MDU, Rohtak  
**Hobby:** playing cricket

I entered and greeted the board. Chairman asked me to sit . no intro asked or opening remarks. First one to go in afternoon session

**Chairman**

1. what is UAV ?
2. difference between UAV and drone ?
3. application of drones in civil engg
4. applications of drones in administration
5. Few more questions that i dont remember from chairman

**Member 1**

1. chipko movement? What was it ? Who led it ? What happened exactly in delhi similar to chipko movement ?
2. issue of encroachment and slums in delhi ? Causes and solutions?
3. how are trees taken care of while doing any construction in delhi ? There is a specific technique apart from transplantation.. What is it ?
4. which section is ur favorite in history.? one famous personality from history? Why?
5. personality from modern history famous for work towards environment? What exactly was done ?



6. what were you doing exactly after graduation ? A few follow ups on each question . few more questions that i dont remember .

#### Member 2

1. Space weaponisation? Which country is/are trying ? Are they allowed ?
2. Facial recognition technology? Applications in administration? How to balance right to privacy with it?
3. Few follow ups on each

#### Member 3

1. Purpose of showing tanks,missiles , ammunitions on republic day? Should we do this or not and why ?
2. I said yes.
3. Follow up questions on same like why should we show imported items too.?
4. which places in delhi u haven't visited ? Few follow ups(most detailed part of this members discussion)
5. impressive female personality from history ? I told from modern.. He said go back about 800 yrs ..

#### Member 4

1. various dance forms and some questions related to intricacies of dance forms that i dont remember.
2. Farm bills were rolled back? Why? Folow ups
3. What you would have done to gain support of farming community if u were a DM of a remote village ?
4. questions about a gap in my schooling.. Follow ups..
5. questions about my father's profession but stopped in between.. May be the time issue ..

**Chairman** said thank you .. U can go .

1. Cordial interview

Most members were smiling

Didnt feel like any grilling

Less based on knowledge and more on opinion based analysis

## Smita Nagraj Board

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**Date of Interview:** 5/04/22 9: am forenoon session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** history

**Background:** civil engineering from DTU, MA in modern history from JNU

**Hobbies:** Reading Travelling numismatics

### Chairman

1. why do you think about freebies
2. Should they be discontinued, or modified in any manner
3. Farmers and electricity
4. do freebies encourage individuals to not work, remain dependent on govt

### Member 1

1. how can civil engineering (graduation subject) help in civil services.
2. issues behind time and cost overruns
3. insisted on giving practical and on ground problems faced(follow up) rather than theoretical/bookish issues in civil engineering
4. difference and similarities in crisis going on in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

### Member 2

1. how can we keep the bureaucracy motivated?
2. (A number of follow up questions on similar lines)
3. Issues about bureaucracy,
4. Why the image is bad ? etc.

### Member 3

1. Don't remember specifically but questions related to application of civil engineering on problems in infrastructure
2. Why India's infra growth is shabby when compared to that of china.

### Member 4

1. Just asked about comparison between the response of indian and Canadian govt to protests in respective countries
2. Reasons behind why Canada is considered liberal and India is considered authoritarian
3. Were the measures used by Canada authoritarian or democratic ( follow up )
4. Experience- no hi hello no chit chat no questions related to daf( apart from grad subj- civil Engineering)
5. I felt the questions were really good, especially the ones related to infra and civil engineering. I wasn't able to satisfy the demands with respect to practical issues, a point that was raised twice during the interview. Not unnecessary grilling if a person could answer these questions he/she would definitely make a really good addition to services.

6. Mocks- focussed majorly on daf, and I felt the interview was of a whole another level- they knew what they knew what they were looking for.

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April, afternoon session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Maam

**Background:** IT

**Hobbies:** Reading books; Writer's head

### Chairman

1. Tell me something innovative that can happen with IT in the next 25-30 years.
2. Can blockchain be used safely for elections?
3. Why EVM issue is raised? Have we properly addressed It? What will you do to address it?
4. Why VVPATs aren't used and checked in every district?

### Member 1

1. Role as writer's head.
2. On what issues you wrote the play?
3. Talk about a recently read book.
4. What is appeasement in the context of WW2?
5. Similarities b/w WW2 & Russia-Ukraine war.
6. Why is the US not intervening?

### Member 2

1. Solutions for stubble burning
2. How can MSP be helpful?

### Member 3

1. Recent Birbhum incident from anthropological and economic angles.
2. What will you do as IAS, IPS, and IFS for cryptocurrency?

### Member 4

1. Difference between 4th and 5th Industrial Revolution.
2. What is IoT? How it can be used in civil services?

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**Date of Interview:** 6th April morning session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Physics

**Background:** IIT mandi CSE

**Work ex:** software engineer experience of 1 year

**Hobbies:** sci fi movies, jogging

### Chairman

1. What have you been doing these days?
2. Most important challenge that would come before IAS or IPS in coming years
3. Why less importance or respect for civil servants in developed nations where as in India they are given so importance?
4. Is reducing importance good?
5. Why violence against doctors whereas no such thing against civil servants even when they are incompetent?

### Member 1

1. Why still development lacking in NE even after attempts by govt.? What would you do to ensure development there?
2. Implications of China helping Sri Lanka more as compared to India?
3. Whats the issue in Myanmar? Why army overtook?
4. Neighbor with which we have best relations ( Bangladesh ) ? Why such good relations?
5. Why not such good relations with Pakistan?

### Member 2

1. Whats the agreement between Assam and Meghalaya?
2. Whats the difference between Taliban 1.0 and 2.0?
3. What are some different policies undertaken by them? (Opium ban )
4. How would Afghanistan survive economically as it has banned opium plantation?
5. What are some different policies w.r.t culture (wanted answer w.r.t Bamiyan Buddha, so gave a hint that it's related to Buddhism when I said I can't recall)

### Member 3

1. Demands in US for removal of police completely ?
2. What would happen if we do so in India?
3. Gun licenses are very liberal in US and there is no problem with it ? Why not do so in India as well
4. Why issue of stubble burning has become so prominent these days as Haryana Punjab farmers have been planting paddy since very long? Some cross questions on the same

### Member 4

1. Why AFSPA was in news?
2. Whats the issue of giving such powers to armed forces when police already have such powers?
3. ( can't recall other questions)
4. No questions from educational background, work experience, hobbies etc
5. Just one question from home state

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April, afternoon session**Board:** Smita Nagraj Maam**Background:** IT**Hobbies:** Reading books; Writer's head**Chairman**

1. Tell me something innovative that can happen with IT in the next 25-30 years.
2. Can blockchain be used safely for elections?
3. Why EVM issue is raised? Have we properly addressed It? What will you do to address it?
4. Why VVPATs aren't used and checked in every district?

**Member 1**

1. Role as writer's head.
2. On what issues you wrote the play?
3. Talk about a recently read book.
4. What is appeasement in the context of WW2?
5. Similarities b/w WW2 & Russia-Ukraine war.
6. Why is the US not intervening?

**Member 2**

1. Solutions for stubble burning
2. How can MSP be helpful?

**Member 3**

1. Recent Birbhum incident from anthropological and economic angles.
2. What will you do as IAS, IPS, and IFS for cryptocurrency?

**Member 4**

1. Difference between 4th and 5th Industrial Revolution.
2. What is IoT? How it can be used in civil services?

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**Date of Interview:** 6th April morning session**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am**Optional:** Physics**Background:** IIT mandi CSE**Work ex:** software engineer experience of 1 year**Hobbies:** sci fi movies, jogging**Chairman**

1. What have you been doing these days?
2. Most important challenge that would come before IAS or IPS in coming years

3. Why less importance or respect for civil servants in developed nations where as in India they are given so importance?
4. Is reducing importance good?
5. Why violence against doctors whereas no such thing against civil servants even when they are incompetent?

#### Member 1

1. Why still development lacking in NE even after attempts by govt.? What would you do to ensure development there?
2. Implications of China helping Sri Lanka more as compared to India?
3. Whats the issue in myanmar? Why army overtook?
4. Neighbor with which we have best relations ( Bangladesh ) ? Why such good relations?
5. Why not such good relations with pakistan?

#### Member 2

1. Whats the agreement between assam and meghalaya?
2. Whats the difference between Taliban 1.0 and 2.0?
3. What are some different policies undertaken by them? (Opium ban )
4. How would afghan survive economically as it has banned opium plantation?
5. What are some different policies w.r.t culture (wanted answer w.r.t bamiyan buddha, so gave a hint that its related to Buddhism when I said I can't recall)

#### Member 3

1. Demands in US for removal of police completely ?
2. What would happen if we do so in India?
3. Gun licenses are very liberal in US and there is no problem with it ? Why not do so in India as well
4. Why issue of stubble burning has become so prominent these days as haryana punjab farmers have been planting paddy since very long? Some cross questions on the same

#### Member 4

1. Why AFSPA was in news?
2. Whats the issue of giving such powers to armed forces when police already have such powers?
3. ( can't recall other questions)
4. No questions from educational background, work experience, hobbies etc
5. Just one question from home state

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**Date of Interview:** 7th april, afternoon 2nd last to go

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Background:** IIT Delhi

**Home State:** Delhi

**Hobby:** Cricket

### Chairman

1. what have you been doing since 2018?
2. you are from iit delhi, do you think inadequate attention is given to primary discipline(civil engg.), because of other activities that students do in college(extracurriculars)
3. while at iit, were you ever told about any civil engineer alumni like you know about other alumni at high positions in the world?
4. should we bring more cross disciplinary curriculum at iits?
5. what do you think are qualities of iitians that take them to high places?
6. Your best memory from iit days(non academic)?
7. you say the society respects iitians more, do you think it is right?

### Member 1

1. what do you know about cryptocurrency regulation?
2. is it right that government does not recognise crypto as legal and still wants to tax it?
3. what do you think about the central vista project?
4. what do you think about the criticisms of this project?

### Member 2

1. I see your daf- cricket team...difference between a team and a group?
2. what is a visible negative effect of freebies?
3. what do you understand by superpower?
4. what do you think can stop india from becoming a superpower?

### Member 3

1. (from earlier iit discussion reference) why do you think indians have to go abroad to become big ceo, etc?
2. in ukraine crisis, there is one sided narrative of the west visible everywhere... why do you think that is?(i mentioned internet companies)
3. why do you think they(internet compnies) tow the line of their government?
4. what can we do if tomorrow facebook decides to black out our media?

### Member 4

1. why was the farm bill issue?what was bad about it that the government rolled it back?was there something good about it?why only big farmers of punjab, haryana?

### Chairman

1. What can india learn from the sri lankan push to organic farming and it leading to an economic crisis?
2. do you think there was some motive behind banning the chemical fertilisers other than becoming an organic nation?
3. (continued from sri lanka)how can army be called in for internal security in india?
4. Thank you, you interview is over.

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**Date of Interview:** 6 april, Afternoon**Board:** Smita Nagraj**Optional:** Mathematics**Home state:** Bihar**Background:** B.tech Mechanical engineering**Hobby:** playing with kids and listening Bollywood songs**Chairman**

1. You have been preparing since 2018, what is your motivation behind it.
2. How muzaffar nagar shelterhome case came to light
3. Why TISS has to find this out, why state machinery failed to highlight that
4. Was it an isolated incident or u think it is happening in other parts of the country also

**Member 1**

1. What are the laws to protect children
2. What amendments u want in the law to prevent children's exploitation
3. What will u do for children if you become an Ias
4. What is ITER

**Member 2**

1. why Bihar has not progressed while state like Odisha even Jharkhand has done so
2. 3 follow up questions on my answer... Like ...is there rent seeking going on in the state which is why industries don't come up ,
3. How will you help develop your district if you were its DM

**Member 3**

1. Why North Korea and South Korea is in news
2. What can be done to eliminate their enmity
3. In how much time india Pakistan relationship will be normal, why it's so bad
4. Why research in India is so low
5. I have heard Pythagoras theorem was in fact invented in India first , have you also heard that
6. Why do u think we didn't get the credit for our own achievements in maths why Europeans took it.
7. You are mechanical engineer but you chose maths, I'm sure it's because maths is very scoring, right?
8. What's the use of maths in administration

**Member 4**

1. Why inland water trade is low in India and even abroad
2. (Ans.= In India it's due to lack of river interlinking, rivers are not perennial, adequate depth of water for freight movements is not found everywhere ,



3. Global scenario is not so as in China 47.5% of all trade occurs through inland water only and in Bangladesh too.)
4. What's the mechanism for solving interstate water dispute
5. Why Chandigarh is in news
6. What are the implications of giving Chandigarh to any one party
7. In your opinion which state (haryana or Punjab) should be given Chandigarh
8. What govt is doing to promote skill development

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**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Background:** Civil Engineering

**Hobbies:** Quizzing, Reading Books (did not ask)

President of Quizzing and Debating Society (Mentioned as there was a question by the chairman)

**Chairperson:**

1. You have a background in Debating and Quizzing. Do you think India is a Debating Society or a compliant society?

**Member 2**

2. What is your take on EV? Are they free of pollution?
3. I said something about coal.
4. Coal washing and coal pollution leads to hazards in these areas? Don't you think we should compensate these people?
5. Counter questions and helped me achieve the correct answer.

**Member 3**

1. What is your idea about Criminal Tribes? Certain neighbourhoods in USA are considered extremely dangerous from policing perspective? What can be done?

**Member 4**

2. What is longitudinal studies?
3. What is an ethnography? Can it be used to study people over long term?
4. Has India Nepal relations become hijacked by China's Influence?

**Member 5**

1. What can centre do to stop freebies by state?
2. All these scams, ILFS? What has RBI done for this? What about PMC bank?
3. No question on Civil or States, probably because my first preference was IFS. Mainly Current affairs. Lasted 25-30 minutes. Thanked them and exited.

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**Date of interview:** 5/04/22 9:am forenoon session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** History

**Background:** civil engineering from DTU, MA in modern history from JNU

**Hobbies:** reading, travelling, numismatic

Your experience in interview-

No hi hello or questions on personal info,

### Chairman

1. why do you think about freebies
2. -Should they be discontinued, or modified in any manner
3. -Farmers and electricity
4. do freebies encourage individuals to not work, remain dependent on govt

### Member 1

1. how can civil engineering (graduation subject) help in civil services.
2. issues behind time and cost overruns
3. insisted on giving practical and on ground problems faced(follow up) rather than theoretical/bookish issues in civil engineering
4. difference and similarities in crisis going on in Pakistan and Sri Lanka

### Member 2

1. how can we keep the bureaucracy motivated?
2. (A number of follow up questions on similar lines)
3. Issues about bureaucracy, I
4. Why the image is bad ?etc

### Member 3

1. Don't remember specifically but questions related to application of civil engineering on problems in infrastructure
2. Why India's infra growth is shabby when compared to that of china.

### Member 4

1. Just asked about comparison between the response of indian and Canadian govt to protests in respective countries
2. Reasons behind why Canada is considered liberal and India is considered authoritarian
3. Were the measures used by Canada authoritarian or democratic ( follow up )
4. Experience- no hi hello no chit chat no questions related to daf( apart from grad subj- civil Engineering)
5. I felt the questions were really good, especially the ones related to infra and civil engineering. I wasn't able to satisfy the demands with respect to practical issues, a point

that was raised twice during the interview. Not unnecessary grilling if a person could answer these questions he/she would definitely make a really good addition to services.

- Mocks- focussed majorly on daf, and I felt the interview was of a whole another level- they knew what they knew what they were looking for.

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**Date of interview:** 08.04.2022, Afternoon

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Background:** IIT Kharagpur

**Employee:** (if any)- workex as Model Risk Analyst at an investment bank

**Hobbies:** Chess, watching socially relevant movies

Your experience in interview- very cordial board, some interesting questions, some easy questions, very thoughtful IR questions.

### Chairperson

1. You have worked at Model Risk Analyst, how will that knowledge be useful for public administration?
2. Suppose I ask you to build a model to predict Russia Ukraine war. What will be the outcome of your model? (2-3 follow ups on this)
3. Do you know about game theory?
4. How can game theory be applied to look at Russia Ukraine crisis?
5. Why there is so much negative publicity for Russia right now but when western nations were involved in human rights violations in West Asia, there wasn't any hue n cry? (I mentioned psychological warfare in my answer)
6. Can you recall from your surroundings any instance of psychological warfare?

### Member 1

1. What are implications of social media on an individual, on national level and on international level?
2. Should social media be regulated?
3. What are the current provisions in India for regulation of social media?

### Member 2

1. There are some subjects in union, state and concurrent lists. Some states want a few subjects to be included in state list and vice versa. ( I said i can recall vice versa that water should be added to concurrent list)
2. Why water should be moved to concurrent list?
3. Tell me few provisions of Dam Safety Act.
4. What is interlinking of rivers and it's pros n cons?

### Member 3

1. What is the reason for establishing IITs/IIMs in each state?
2. Don't you have IIT/IIM brand is degrading because of it?

3. What are socially relevant movies? Aren't all movies socially relevant?
4. (\*Chairperson mam) So you only watch such kind of movies? What last movie did you watch?

#### Member 4

1. Some question on LIC, which i can't recall. (Not related to IPO though)
2. There is so much hue n cry over Russia in Ukraine, a European country. If Russia would have invaded any nation in West Asia, there wouldn't have been such hue n cry. What is your take on this?
3. Yesterday, Russia was removed from Human Rights council. Told me India's stand on it. What is your opinion on India's stand?
4. Thank you. Your interview is over

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| <b>Board:</b> Smita Nagraj<br><b>Optional:</b> geology<br><b>Hobby:</b> Mountaineering |
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#### Chairman: Question on name

1. Queue on Mount Everest – people deaths happening there – what drives them to climb mountain? (Hobby)
2. Do you think mountaineering sport is an example of white supremacy?
3. Why civil service?

#### Member 1: Explain your research project (daf)?

1. Did you use ISRO atlas ?
2. Why did you switch from Physics to environment studies?
3. How would you use your knowledge in administration?
4. Who appoint the liaison officer (mountaineering hobby)?

#### Member 2

1. Economic development vs sustainable development?
2. Follow up questions
3. Opinion on Fiscal deficit and subsidies?

#### Member 3

1. NEP scrapped Mphil. I think it is not justified. What do you think? (Daf – did mphil)
2. 70% research thesis in India in the library lying in dust. Why is it so? Do you think we can make our research productive? How?

#### Member 4

1. Which state has highest coal reserve in india (optional geology)?
2. Which state has highest Aluminium reserve?
3. Subsidies vs free distribution?

4. Conflict between north and south korea – two basic reasons?

### Chairman

1. Maximum height you climbed?
2. Did you use oxygen?
3. Some more questions on economy but not able to recall

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**Date of Interview:** 8th April, forenoon, 3rd to go

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Mechanical

**Home State:** Bihar

**Background:** B.tech IIT Roorkee Mechanical

**Work exp:** teaching physics

### Chairman

1. What are you doing nowadays?
2. Questions on my teaching physics and problems in schooling
3. Discussion on need to bring flexibility in school education and follow up questions
4. Why engineering students are opting for civil services and some follow up
5. Questions on robotics warfare( from my daf) and it's future
6. Application of robotics and concerns and ethical issues

### Member 1

1. Ukraine Russia crisis and its impact on BRICS.. follow up questions on BRICS and it's significance
2. Questions on Srilanka economic crisis and what can be done to bring the change in short term and long term..some follow up questions
3. Significance of Nepal for India and china and issues coming out of it
4. Border issues between India and china and some follow up
5. Questions on recent India Australia trade deal and its significance for India

### Member 3

1. Questions on my home state( Bihar) ..swot analysis of the liquor prohibition and some follow up questions which I don't exactly remember
2. Future of mechanical engineering due to recent tech dev and booming of electronics sector..some follow up questions ..

### Member 4 ( some grilling and cross-questions here)

1. He took the conversation from India and aus trade deal where I mentioned coal import..he asked why we are importing coal if we have lots of reserves
2. Problem in coal mining in India and steps taken

3. Questions on coal scam and supremely court judgment..it's impact on coal industry..steps taken..recent policy changes..here I was not much comfortable but he gave me some hints so I handled these

#### Member 4

1. Need for ministry of civil aviation and what reforms required..he gave me some hint
2. Need for an integrated ministry of transport.
3. Questions on multimodal transport and it's importance
4. P.S- member 4 was mainly observing and was sitting to me left..

**Chairman** said your interview is over

Overall it was a cordial interview and members gave sufficient hints..

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**Date of Interview:** 20/04/2022

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Gujarati literature

**Job experience:** Section officer in Revenue department (Gujarat Government)

#### Chairman

1. Responsibility of section officer
2. What is procedure for land revenue collection?
3. Why there are many issues in land revenue collection?
4. Different types of land revenues collected in Gujarat.
5. Does land revenue relevant today?

#### Member 1

1. Why there is no income tax on farmer?
2. Why is there less number Gujarati civil servant?
3. Why there is no pharmacy shop in rural area?
4. Views on mobile pharmacy.
5. Importance of jan aushadhi kendra
6. model of development other than Gujarat. ( Tamilnadu model)

#### Member 2

1. Difference between Kerala and tamilnadu model
2. Speciality of tamilnadu model
3. Your views on Art-19
4. Kashmir files as rught of expression
5. Where is Bhakhara nangal dam situated?

#### Member 3

1. Which another state ban alchohol?
2. You good marks in 10th, but not in 12th. Why there is so?

3. From Gujarati and bengali literature, which one you choose?
4. Give for and against argument of alcohol ban
5. Why is there more disputes in land? Give suggestions to reduce disputes.
6. Relationship between kyiv and lubin?
7. Why kyiv is important for Russia?

#### Member 4

1. Why Gujarati people are less in civil services?
2. Why Gujarati people are less in army?
3. Why Gujarati people are less in jawan category?
4. Why Gujarati people are less in defence but more in politics?
5. Why Gujarati people are less in business school?

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**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Public Administration

**Home State:** Bihar

**Background:** Btech + Mtech (EE) ,IIT KGP

#### Chairman

1. Why civil servants get more respect and recognition than scientists ?
2. Followup : there are two sections of ppl -elite and non-elite , whose perception would matter more for you ?
3. Why civil services ?
4. Should civil servant use social media ? Followup: One positive and negative regarding this ?
5. Should civil servant work anonymously?

#### Member 1

1. Should cbse course be copied to other state board?
2. Followup : Should we also take inspiration from other country?
3. Case study: you are DM and sitting in ur office with six subordinates , and a mob attacks your office , what will you do ?
4. Do you use social media ?

#### Member 2

1. What is NGT ?
2. Composition of NGT?
3. Do engineers also present in NGT panel?
4. What is shivalik range and where does this lie ?

#### Member 3

1. Why your name is famous?
2. Why your district is famous?



3. What is difference between gulf war and ukraine-russia war?
4. Despite having so many railway minister from your state, still why railways condition is not excellent in your state?
5. Famous personality from your college?
6. What is Panther group?
7. How different you found Bengaluru compared to ur home city, how you adjusted and managed your life in Bengaluru?

#### Member 4

1. What is green economy?
2. Why we are going for EV ?
3. Which country is leader in EV and why they are leading ?
4. What are steps take by government and challenges in going for EV ? What are solutions for that ?
5. Name some scientists and civil servant.
6. Do you think that civil servant plays significant role?

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**Date of Interview:** 21 April, Morning

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Mechanical Engineering

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Hobbies:** Gardening, had also mentioned cricket in sports

**Utility of Mocks** - As far as questions were concerned there was no such direct benefit but it gave me confidence. I had given 6 mocks.

#### Chairperson

1. What do you do? (Some more questions on my professional experience)
2. What are the initiatives that Rajasthan government has taken that can be implemented in other states?
3. What is sustainable mining?

#### Member 1

1. Asked question not from my district but from neighbouring district, prominent personalities from that district?
2. What are the issues that you will face if you are posted in Northeastern states?
3. Name of northeastern states, then asked about their capital.

#### Member 2

1. Your city is a very beautiful city, will you not miss your home if you become civil servant?
2. What is the utility of mechanical engineering in administration?
3. What are the recent developments in mechanical engineering?
4. Reasons for electric vehicles catching fire, how companies can prevent them?



**Member 3**

1. What are the problems because of Indira Gandhi Canal, have you visited any district where it is extended, what is the length of it?
2. Question on Jal Jeevan Mission, why are we providing water to every household and not at the community level and because of this will there be no problem of shortage of water because earlier people used to save water and own that, now they will relegate this responsibility to the government?
3. If you are given an opportunity, what is that one area where you will work?
4. Some other questions I cannot remember.

**Member 4**

1. What are the 2 positive and 2 negative aspects of Rajasthan?
2. What is Damodar valley?
3. IMF, why is it in news?
4. Other questions, I cannot remember.

**(16)****Date of Interview:** 21st April, Morning Session**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am**Optional:** Geography**Background:** BA, Geography, IPS.**Home state:** Maharashtra**Hobby:** Modern farming and Interaction with farmers. Football

Greeted them , they asked me to remove the mask.

**Chairman**

1. Have you joined training or not, which cadre you have been allocated to?
2. Why IAS after IPS ?
3. You have Maharashtra cadre for IPS , and if by chance you get Nagaland state , obviously you would opt for Maharashtra, right?(told them I am ready to serve anywhere, but they were not satisfied)
4. Then why you have kept Nagaland as your last option?
5. Leave your case , why candidates are apprehensive about Nagaland cadre .

**Member 1**

1. What do you know KPS Gill and Julio Ribeiro? (Couldn't recall about KPS Gill but answered about Ribeiro)
2. Ribeiro was of your cadre , so you know lot about him right?
3. Once Ribeiro has said "Bullet for Bullet".Comment on this.
4. How to deal with terrorism.

**Member 2**

1. What is mean by modern farms?

2. Why do you interact with farmers?
3. Do you give them any suggestions?
4. What are the issues of farmers in your area ?
5. Which variety of papaya do you cultivate?
6. Why farmers from Maharashtra participated less in number in Delhi farmers agitation?
7. Is horticulture a solution to farm distress?
8. Why did you opt Geography as an optional?

### Member 3

1. You were part of anti-ragging committee, what is mean by ragging?
2. I think ragging is good, what's your opinion?
3. Why ragging is high in Technical institutions?
4. What is area of Russia ? Of Africa ?
5. Asked one scheme but could not answer .
6. Today's development in Julian Assange case?
7. Which state has second highest GDP ?

### Member 4

1. Are you aware about developments in Nagaland?
2. Are Isaiak and Muivah same person or different? Are they alive? What's the present status?
3. What is difference between training of IPS and military training?
4. How come you have 1 star during training itself?
5. Any reforms in training?

### Member 2

1. In IIM entrance ..Written vs Interview weightage is 60:40 but UPSC has 87:13 ..what is your opinion
2. Should the weightage of interview be increased in UPSC ?
3. Why so many IPS wants to be an IAS ? Aren't They happy in their service?
4. Should we merge IAS and IPS ..So many candidates will get IAS post (grilled here)

### Chairman

1. As a SP of districts what steps you will take to control crime ?
2. What is Today's importance ? (civil services day )
3. What qualities civil servants should possess?
4. What is difference between Ethics and wrong?
5. Who is your role model, what qualities you have acquired from him ?
6. Your interview is over.

### Overall Experience:

1. Totally DAF based Interview.
2. Many questions on Police.

- Those who are already in the service should work on how to convince them that you are the right candidate for IAS.

Previous attempt it was very smooth interview but this attempt expectations were high that's why so many counter questions.

All the best to fellow candidates!

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**Date of Interview:** 26th April, Afternoon  
**Board:** Smita Nagraj  
**Optional:** Geography  
**Background:** BITS Pilani  
**Hobbies:** Cricket, Pet Caring, Calligraphy  
 Last to enter: 100% DAF based

### Chairman

- It's pretty late, you had lunch right? Do you want something to eat?
- You are from BITS, why is BITS producing so many entrepreneurs?
- Based on answer given: Negative fall outs of the same?
- IIT, NIT and BITS are producing engineers who don't want to work in the core sectors, what do think is the reason?

### Member 1

- A person from BITS was involved in active covid vaccine development, do you know him?
- Why are people going out of country to pursue higher education?
- Why do people choose North America rather than Nordic countries and Germany/France?
- Why do you want to move away from civil engineering to civil services and what is your preference?

### Member 2

- You talked about education and higher education, if you're posted in the department of education, what steps will you take to increase GER, under NEP 2020
- What's your take on education in regional languages?
- There's education and then there is skill based education, do you think skill based education is necessary?
- How can we develop skill based education?

### Member 3

- Why is Chhattisgarh lagging behind in terms of development?
- What is Chhattisgarh government doing for solving the naxal problem?
- What is the status of the naxal problem?
- What about tourism in Bastar?

5. Which industries are located in Chhattisgarh?

#### Member 4

1. What are problems occurring in urban areas today?
2. How will you solve the transportation problems in the country?
3. Based on answer given:
4. Do you think this option will be viable for people like high court judges?  
After answer she let out a laugh and said nice idea but I don't think this would be possible
5. What to do about waste management in the country? Do you know about any models?
6. What about slums? How do solve the problem?
7. But slums are essential for us, they are important for our daily lives, what do think about this?
8. Your interview is over now. Thank you
9. Utility of mocks (if any)- in order in which I took
10. IASBaba: excellent environment, improved sitting posture, confidence booster.
11. One on one with Mohan Sir: useful in terms of understanding psychology and needs of the interview.  
DAF based questionnaire
12. IASHub: didn't find it of much use, instead found what not to do in mocks through some mistakes made. Would not recommend to anyone.
13. Vision: DAF session and elocution useful but mocks not useful
14. Samkalp: Excellent support system, although didn't have a good mock experience but panels regular change so is subjective.
15. Unacademy: Excellent mock experience, some questions in the interview directly.
16. KSG: Khan Sir is, good mock experience, some questions directly in the real interview.  
Good confidence boosting experience.
17. Best mock experience, one members line of questioning replicated in the interview.  
Highly recommended

#### One on one experience:

Go for Mrunal Sir, Vinay Sir(insights), Shabbir Sir- all three helpful at different levels

Community:

Overall post mains phase: loved the experience, talking to people of highest stature, being judged by best minds.

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**Date of Interview:** 12 May 2022.. forenoon..

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Personality test time..** 12-12.30 approx.. 5th candidate out of total 6 to be interviewed by the board in the forenoon session...

#### Chairperson

1. Name.. double LL in your name.. was it added by you..?

2. How to curb corruption in customs....  
Your stand on sedition law.. should it be scrapped..

#### Member 1

1. You have worked in the postal department..  
How to improve functioning of the postal department.. couriers are thriving at its cost..  
measures needed..
2. 2 ways to highlight minimum government maximum governance..

#### Member 2

1. Jhumri tilaiya.. why is it famous.. what is the main occupation of the people there..
2. How currents influence the climate of a region.. example of any such current and the countries it influences..
3. UN role in Ukraine crisis..has it failed?

#### Member 3

1. Why has sedition law been paused.. should SC not declare it unconstitutional..is there any such provision in the constitution?  
Translation.. issues.. how would you translate a text/document..
2. How cultural differences affects translation...

#### Member 4

1. Locusts issue.. causes of rising incidents..  
India's declining ranking in the press freedom index..causes...
2. China and Russia coming closer.. implications for India and the world..  
Commonwealth countries.. benefits of the organisation..  
Why no FTA for commonwealth till date..
3. Then the chairperson said THANK YOU... I too thanked And left..😊😊😊

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**Date of Interview:** 22 April. Afternoon.. 1st one to go

**Board:** Smita Nagaraj mam

**Optional:** History

**Home State:** Uttarakhand

**College:** DU

**Hobbies:** cricket, jogging

#### Chairman

1. You were born in 2000.. How you look at previous century
2. 2 good things about 20 century and 2 bad about 21 century
3. History Repeats itself. Explain with example
4. Tell me history of uttarakhand
5. Who is ur fav cricketer and why
6. Is jogging a sport?

7. Who is Sunil mittal?
8. Why newly appointed army chief is from corps of engineers.. Is it a good choice?

### Members

1. China has banned all global social networking sites.. Is it good or bad?
2. India is lagging behind in these app because of absence of such policy... Is it right?
3. India is software superpower.. Why we are lagging behind.
4. How warfare is changing
5. What is cyber warfare.
6. One wish from God
7. Why you want to join civil services
8. Why Hitler's Holocaust is more criticized than Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombing?
9. Why nobody stopped USA
10. Who ordered nuclear attack
11. There were few more question ...

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**Date of Interview:** 28th April Afternoon

**Board:** Smita Nagaraj Ma'am

**Background:** Btech Computer Engineering, Technical University

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Optional:** History

**Profession:** Teaching

**Hobby:** Cooking

### Chairwoman

1. You worked in Rajasthan Electricity Department for 2 years then why did you leave the job.
2. Tell about Rajasthan Electricity Departments
3. Tell 5 better schemes of Delhi Education Department
4. What training is being given to the teachers by the department?
5. Will education become better only with smart classrooms?
6. Two scheme of Delhi state that you would like to implement in your district
7. what was your job in covid duty?

### Member 1

1. Why is the IT sector on the rise?
2. What is big data?
3. How will you do it with Big Data if you become the DM of a district?
4. Do KPO and BPO services come under IT enabled services?

### Member 2

1. why discoms are in loss?
2. Five ways to stop electricity theft

3. is Rajasthan a power surplus or Power deficit state?
4. Suggest measures to improve the condition of government schools of villages?
5. Don't you think SMC has a big role in this?

### Member 3

1. What changes have been seen in the children if schools are opened again after covid?
2. What measures are being taken by the teachers in your school to remove the bad behaviour or irritability of the children after covid?
3. How far has the learning power of children gone after Pandemic ?
4. what is the situation in rajasthan?

### Member 4

1. What do you like best about Delhi?
2. have you seen the war memorial?
3. do you like the traffic in Delhi?
4. Measures to improve healthcare system?
5. Do you give priority to infrastructure in health care or to doctors?
6. What will be the benefit of giving PPP mode to discoms?

**Overall** good experience ,Board was very cordial . Almost 95% Of interview from my DAF. It was more of conversation. Preparation of DAF helped me a lot and interview transcript is a very good source to open your mind in various dimensions.

Not a single question asked on current affairs, Optional and Hobby.

Utility of mock: Helpful like in gaining confidence, improving body language but question asked were different.

I would like to a special thank Sachin Jain Sir (Ensure IAS Delhi) for boosting my confidence. All The Best to all the candidates.

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**Date of Interview:** 28 April afternoon  
**Board:** Smita Nagraj mam  
**Optional:** Medical science  
**Home state:** Rajasthan  
**Medium:** Hindi  
**Profession:** Doctor  
 College- GMC Nagpur (mbbs), BJMC ahmedabad(MD), Delhi (currently working)  
 Your experience in interview- cordial board

### Chairman

1. If you want you can remove your mask
2. Vaccinated?
3. role of precautionary dose?
4. where are you working currently? location of hospital?
5. who was girdhari lal (my hospital named after him)



6. is it trust hospital- (i said no it is govt hospital under NDMC)
7. mam – then you are right candidate to ask about Delhi MCD merger what is your opinion?
8. don't you think it is against decentralisation?
9. Your salary come on time ?

### Member 1

1. many candidates are coming from your school what is special about your school?  
(nothing special, one candidate was from my school in the same board on previous day)
2. you have experience of 4 different states rajasthan, maharashtra, gujrat and delhi.. if you have to choose which one ?
3. i said rajasthan (my home state)
4. asked other than rajasthan- said maharashtra
5. why ? good memories
6. what memories?
7. how memories formed ?
8. then how we recall these memories?
9. tell me something about delhi you don't like? (air pollution, traffic congestion)
10. how to solve this? said promote public transport like metro..
11. she said Metro is already overcrowded
12. did you travel by metro ?
13. what is route ?
14. when we say that a place is better for residence what facilities should be there?

### Member 2

1. What is mohalla clinic ?
2. What is delhi health system?
3. Health Insurance based model?
4. tell 3 things in health where we need to focus?
5. how your medical knowledge will be useful in civil services?

### Member 3

1. india's stand on russia ukraine war?
2. delhi – center conflict why? and what are solutions?
3. what is raisina hill ? where exactly? what is raisina dialogue? issues discussed under it
4. delhi govt is giving 300 units free electricity what is your views on it?

### Member 4

1. what are models to predict covid wave ?
2. what is budget?
3. who is responsible for making budget?
4. You are working doctor.. suppose you come to finance dept how your knowledge will be helpful?



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**Date of Interview:** 27/04, Afternoon**Board:** Smita Nagraj Maam**Optional:** Anthropology**Profession:** MBBS**Hobbies:** Cricket, Running

Your experience in interview- Cordial board

Utility of mocks (if any)- Avoid Dristi,

Vajirao &amp; Reddy, Chanakya mandal, KSG and 1 to1 with Ayush sir (ForumIAS) was helpful

No gloves, face shield or mask

**Chairperson**

1. Monologue on health issues India is facing in last decade – If we look at health seeking behaviour of people in last 10 year, what changes do you see?
2. During covid, we have seen that diseases like TB were neglected. Tell me 2-3 areas, where we need to focus most.
3. If you get selected as an IAS, in which areas you would like to work except health.
4. Which tribal areas in India are lacking in development ?
5. Tribal issues?
6. Tribes lives in inaccessible, forest areas, how administration can reach there or overcome this ?

**Member 1**

1. Covid+monologue on mental health. Reason behind this, whats the solution?
2. Why did you left Hospital job after 7 months ?
3. What diseases were common to patients visiting your hospital?
4. Have you heard about allergen testing? Explain

**Member 2**

1. How PRIs are performing?
2. Economy of Rajasthan?
3. Rajasthan – tourist places and steps taken by govt to promote?
4. Contribution of tourism in Rajasthan GDP?
5. Where you have been working during covid.
6. What difficulties you faced during work as a medical officer in delhi?
7. You left job but if you go to the same hospital, do you think your hospital is ready for further covid waves?

**Member 3**

1. A monologue on rural development. Then question on economic integration.
2. cropping patterns in Rajasthan?
3. Monologue on freebies. Your view?
4. What about Delhi?

5. So you told us good about freebies, what's wrong with it?

#### Member 4

1. Status of education in India
2. Follow up question on dropping out of from schools?
3. How to reduce drop outs in schools?
4. MBBS seats are low compared to students appearing in exam. Reason and solution?
5. 3-4 questions I don't remember

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**Date of Interview:** 18.04.2022/ 3:00(3rd to go)

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** Philosophy

**Home State:** Bihar, serving in Tamil Nadu

**Background:** NIT Jamshedpur( Metallurgical and Materials Engineering)

IOFS( almost 4 years)

**Medium:** English

Last attempt, Second interview

#### Chairman

Remove your mask and be comfortable. So you have worked in Ordnance Factory and a part of Ordnance Factory Board. I said not anymore ma'am.

1. what's your PSU called? ( answered)
2. What's your take on corporatisation of Ordnance Factories? ( Answered in Positive)
3. Do you think private sector is ready to compete with you? ( yes, gave some examples, Ma'am was member of defence acquisition council)
4. What is crony capitalism?
5. Why do you think it's bad for India?
6. But developed countries encourage it, why?
7. Then India should also encourage it. ( answered in negative. Monopoly and cartelisation, customer loss)
8. Give example of telecoms sector and so many company closed and merged. Why? ( gave example of Jio and free pricing of data on trial rollout)
9. Then CCI should have done something. ( Nodded in positive)
10. What it should have done? ( Minimise basic pricing)

#### Member 1

1. Some GDP data.
2. Total budget expenditure( answered it wrong as per him)
3. Biggest source of revenue earning
4. Biggest destination of revenue expenditure
5. Data( said sorry a few times)
6. And some more data

7. Southern states contribute more still get less from central pool while northern states contribute less and get more. What's the reason? ( development and other factors)
8. Then it breeds inefficiency. I think we should stop it.( answered in negative as northern states need help to develop and centre can only provide)
9. What's one thing we can learn from Jamshedpur) my college was there. ( sanitation, planned development, urban governance etc)
10. Tell me two positive and two negative of river Ganga.( answered)
11. If you have to merge two states which ones will you merge and why? ( Andhra and Telangana, have reasons of Andhra asking for special status and low development and financial position)

### Member 2

1. Tell me about Namami Gange program.
2. What is being done under it.
3. What is MSP
4. When it is announced
5. Recent controversy over MSP and farm bill
6. It's still continuing ( answered in positive)

### Member 3

1. tell me about metaverse and NFT
2. But what's so special about NFT I can send the same message and have it ( he said that first SMS was sold for huge price) ( replied)
3. But why we want to spend so much over something so trivial.( replied as it's like owning a original monalisha and copy ones, the unique id means authentic NFT and it's a matter of pride for the owner like the painting)
4. Why blockchain is being criticised ( carbon emissions, anonymity leading to illegal activity and terror financing and ransom etc.)

### Member 4

1. you are from engineering background so I will ask questions from medical field. What will you suggest to increase the number of doctors in rural India.
2. There is govt program to lease space kf district hospitals to pvt players what do you think about it? ( I said good and bad both gave reasons)
3. Then some data(I said i am sorry sir)
4. ( these questions might be linked to DAF as my father runs a medicine shop)

### Chairman:

1. So you talked about metaverse, now tell me what do you think about multiverse? ( said have watched Spider-Man and Star Trek )
2. No No. not about movie. What if it's proved to exist.( I said means multiple personalities in multiple forms in multiple universes)
3. No. What will happen if the multiple universe theory proved?( said means our knowledge of origin and development or universe will prove to be wrong and then some

random things that came in mind after watching a lot of sci-fi movies and she listened for some one and half minutes)

4. Now your interview is over, you may go.
5. Overall I felt it was totally random and just 2-3 questions from DAF. Nothing or any relevance from DAF.

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**Date of Interview:** 27th April 2022

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Gujarat

**Background:** BE Mechanical

**Hobby:** interaction with children

1st to go in forenoon session

### Chairman

1. Ahmedabad iim logo issue.
2. What is it? And what it's status today?
3. Siddi sayaid zali.. Have you seen it? Its beautiful right?
4. How such question should be decided?
5. Voting 50%+1 ... What are it's disadvantages?
6. Majority is the sole criteria to decide on any questions? .... I replied..Along with rule of law ( Constitution)

### Member 1

1. What you have been doing along with preparation?
2. Difference between child after 2015?
3. Psychological impact of digital age on child?
4. How it will decline public morality?
5. Such child became parents, then what will be challenges?

### Member 2

1. Why not mtech after btech?
2. What's your preference?
3. What are economic achievements of Gujarat?
4. Agriculture challenges in Gujarat?

### Member 3

1. Mechanical 4 yrs and it's use in administration
2. Power sector... It's energy mix... Like coal then hydroelectricity...
3. What are energy needs of india?
4. Currently energy surplus or deficit?

**Member 4**

1. Gujarat... Why so much business success in Gujarat.. Qualities that led to business orientation of people of Gujarat
2. Raisina dialogue
3. Have you incident to work with police?
4. What is the view on police?
5. Your view on police?

**Chairman**

Thank you.. Your interview is over.. You can go..

Then asked me to show face by removing your mask.

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd May, Forenoon

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** IIT Roorkee

**Hobbies:** Fingerstyle Guitar, Trekking and Camping

I was the third person to go. The waiting room had a very informal and comforting vibe, with snacks, newspaper and other stuff. We were provided with Masks, Face shields and gloves- but the person assigned to call for our board asked us to only wear the mask (probably instruction by the Board, as some were asking candidates to wear everything). I was called and asked to wait outside the room until board calls me in.

**Chairperson** Asked me to remove my mask.

1. You've studied from a reputed college, why Indian colleges and universities do not rank good in International rankings- what are the criteria we lack upon?
2. Rank Roorkee amongst other IITs
3. (I told the NIRF Ranking- she said but why is it still called the best- I talked about the culture amongst Students and professors in Roorkee)
4. Do you think hierarchy is necessary or not in Institutions?
5. (I understood as hierarchy amongst different Institutions- IITs and others and gave answer as per this- she corrected that hierarchy amongst the college, student faculties etc.)
6. Will you ever disobey order above from hierarchy?
7. Which is more important- authority or rule of law?
8. (Went with rule of law- she added that law can be confusing and unclear at times- Give examples)
9. Confusion in Jahangirpuri Demolition? Why stay by Court if rule of law followed?
10. Which treks did you went on? Did you went solo or as part of a group?

**Member 1**

1. You took a quantum jump from Civil Engineering to Sociology, why so?

2. So you took a shortcut I will say.
3. (I disagreed that it was more of a strategic decision)
4. Andre Beteille and his contribution.
5. Utility of Andre Beteille as village coordinator at Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (DAF)

### Member 2

1. Asked when I participated in NCC? Any certification at NCC?
2. Trekking- What were the number of participants in your treks?
3. Difficulties as a trek leader- asked for an example
4. What if a member is injured in a trek- what will you do as a trek leader?
5. How technology can be used in such situations?
6. Asked about some Joint (civil Engineering- couldn't answer)
7. You are XI Jinping- what would be your priorities in today's Global scenario

### Member 3

1. Do you think Print media and electronic media pose a threat to National security?
2. How major is the problem of Fake news?
3. How to tackle it?

### Member 4

1. What is Eco-Oscar?
  2. (I said I don't know)
  3. Asked me about causes of Pollution in Delhi
  4. (As I answered- he said Eco-Oscar was recently awarded to a boy who provided solution for Stubble Burning)
  5. What is White Revolution?
  6. Who was V Kurien?
  7. Status of Milk production in India.
  8. (He asked me exact data- I didn't remember)
  9. How to increase the productivity of Cattles?
  10. What is artificial Insemination?
  11. (I wandered and talked about IVF- he corrected)
- Interview Over–

**Overall** good experience, the whole process was very comfortable. I believe I could've answered some questions in a better way, hope my Marks disagree 😊

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**Date of Interview:** 26th April afternoon session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj mam

**Optional:** Kannada literature

**Hobby:** Following drone technology

### Chairperson

1. Why civil services after engineering?
2. There is unemployment among engineers, but still why more people are entering engineering?
3. Is it a failure of the govt or the problem with the people?

### Member 1

1. Questions were mostly related to mechanical engineering(my graduation)
2. which is your favourite subject in mechanical engineering?(I said automobile engineering)
3. how would be the future of automobile Industry?
4. what are the challenges with e-vehicles?
5. why recently e vehicles are catching fire?
6. what technological solutions to be brought?

### Member 2

1. Who received jnanapeeth in kannada recently?
2. What is the speciality of his works?
3. What is he doing now?
4. what are recent developments happening in drone technology?
5. Do we have indigenously built drones?

### Member 3

1. what are the recent Infrastructure projects undertaken by the govt?
2. what is the difference between e-vehicle and a hybrid vehicle?
3. why are we not able to develop advanced battery technology. What challenges we have?
4. what is urban mining? (I said I don't know. He explained it to me and i thanked him)

### Member 4

1. you come from rural area, are you doing any community welfare activity in your village?
2. Tell me any one such thing you are proud of.
3. do you see any abandoned old age people in your village?
4. how are they being helped. What measures have been taken?
5. Few questions I'm not able to recall but most of the conversation was around these topics.

Experience-very good. The board was very much cordial. Chairperson intervened and helped me when I was not able to understand a question asked by one of the members. Utility of Mocks-Help us to get exposed to interview kind of environment. However questions asked in the interview may be entirely different from mocks. Thank us. All the best to everyone



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**Date of Interview:** 20 April  
**Board:** Smita Nagraj mam  
**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh  
**Optional:** Sociology  
**Hobbies:** guitar and martial art

**Chairperson**

1. how was your experience coaching female volleyball team ,what are the problems you faced
2. why do women sports needs to be promoted
3. what are the diffrence between gurls of school and college
4. how can we make engineering more favourable for women

**Member 1**

1. why india with such big population can not produce olympic medal?
2. do you follow i.p.l ,since cricket is doing so well without govt support should we remove govt support from others sports too?
3. what is ethical concern regarding artificial intelligence?

**Member 2**

1. what are infantry training in faizabad?
2. what are central vista project and what are concerns surrounding it?
3. why there is so much delay in judiciary and how technology can help?
4. what are forms of a.d.r. and which one you prefer?
5. what do you think about sidhu as a cricketer and politician?

**Member 3**

1. what are positive outcome of practicing martial art?
2. what is philosophy of karate?
3. what are the problems faceb by telecom sector and what govt did to remove it?
4. why monopoly is bad in telecom sector?

**Member 4**

1. we have already privatised airways ,should we also privatise railway?
2. private sector provides efficiency and capital while public sector takes care of poor but is always in loss ,how should we strike a balance

**Chairperson**-thankyou that would be all

Utility of mocks -helped to articulate answer and few question were also directly asked from there



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**Date of Interview:** 04/05/2022, afternoon 2nd to go**Board:** Smita Nagaraj**Optional:** Mechanical**Background:** iit Kharagpur**Profession** (if any)- ongc**Hobbies:** Hockey, table tennis

Your experience in interview- cordial, daf based question

Utility of mocks (if any) – manners, better expression of thought practice

**Chairman**

1. ping pong diplomacy?
2. why other sports should be promoted, why not focus on cricket only as funding better here?
3. why u didn't choose sports as career?
4. benefit of playing sport other than fitness.

**Member 1**

1. benefit and issue of rti, rti vs oia, should we have rti or not
2. judiciary cases pending reasons, solution

**Member 2**

1. farm laws, good or bad, benefit issues, eNAM
2. mtech project, application in public life

**Member 3**

1. health policy, imr and mmr, states which improved most, fund priority among women child hiv/tb patient etc
2. ongc assets india and world, calcutta basin should we stop exploration even if not finding oil

**Member 4**

1. ndma under which ministry, disaster management in ongc
2. un relevant or not as russia Ukraine happened
3. cw – thankyou
4. some more i not able to recall

Thankyou,

all the best for remaining candidates

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**Date of Interview:** 02 May, afternoon**Board:** Smita Nagaraj**Optional:** History

**Background:** Shri Ram College of Commerce

**Profession** (if any)- IRPS

**Hobby:** Book Reading

Utility of mocks (if any)- good for practice, idea of questions from Daf, minor fine tuning, Nothing More.

### Chairperson

1. Asked where are you posted these days, how many person with you in training. (just to let me get comfortable)
2. Named some reasons behind corruption. How will you solve these issues? (gave some points)
3. Is this not going on?
4. Which reason of corruption according to you is most important (said red tapism)
5. What is red tapism?
6. Have you faced corruption? (talked about my experience)

### Member 1

1. You belong to small town, how was your locality, rural or urban?
2. Why Patiyali is famous? (town in my district, birthplace of Amir Khusrau)
3. Despite being birthplace of Amir Khusrau, why it's not developed?
4. What are biofuels?
5. India grows and export a lot of rice. What is the problem in that, with respect to climate change?

### Member 2

1. India is growing economically, but is it not jobless growth?
2. What is the railway university that's coming in Vadodara?
3. Lot of South Asian and South East Asian countries have better socioeconomic indicators than India? How do you see this?

### Member 3

1. Do you follow table tennis, what was the incident between Manika Batra and her coach during Tokyo Olympics?
2. What is crony capitalism?
3. Work from home culture? What is its future, is it good?
4. What type of books you have read? (book reading my hobby)
5. What books you have read on history?
6. Why you opted for history, despite being commerce graduate?
7. Who are subaltern historians? Have you ever read any book written by subaltern historians?
8. Why IPL viewership is declining?

**Member 4**

1. What is the govt target for tuberculosis?
2. What are the problems in TB program?
3. How will you solve these issues?

**Chairperson** – your interview is over

It went for about 25 minutes. Plain and simple, few hiccups in between, rest fine. Nothing unusual except light went off once.

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**Date of Interview:** 6 May, afternoon session

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Background:** NIT-H

**Home State:** Himachal Pradesh

**Hobbies:** meditation, reading spiritual and self help books, journaling

**Chairman**

1. Recent Chandigarh issue controversy
2. What should be the stand for Chandigarh?
3. Monologue on centre state tussles going on. What is your opinion?
4. River sharing disputes between states. What can be done to ensure stability?
5. Migrants issue is present. What should the states who are receiving the migrants do about it?
6. What are some migrants scheme by Chandigarh?

**Member 1**

1. Which spiritual books you've read recently?
2. Reasons behind India's lagging semiconductor industry?
3. Taiwan is having the same due to robust power systems. What should India do? (I answered to create an ecosystem of electronics manufacturing)
4. Which kind of ecosystem do you mean?

**Member 2**

1. Why is Bangladesh better than India in parameters of HDI, per capita and others?
2. Is it due to the MFIs?
3. What are the schemes for the same MFIs? (Said not aware)

**Member 3**

1. What is Pandemic and epidemic?
2. If one continent not having any disease, is it still pandemic?
3. What are the key indicators in food? Like carbohydrates, etc?
4. Do you know about Isha foundation? What is its founder's name? (Since I wrote meditation as hobby)

5. What are the 2 programmes being run by Isha foundation?
6. Tell me something about them?

**Member 4** Says okay will ask some other questions ( started with some unconventional ones to check stability)

1. What are the issues with WHA?
2. What is kala azar?
3. Which state in India has highest cases of this disease?
4. Livestock smuggling? What are the schemes to stop it? (Wanted to know about an exact scheme, said not aware)

You can go now. Your interview is over

Utility of mocks- helped to a great extent. But the grilling factor and follow up questions were almost nil in actual interview.

Suggested mocks- KSG, Nextias, GsScore (took online), Drishti was also good (can choose panel 2), Chahal, Vajirao and Reddy

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**Date of Interview:** 5th May 2022 ( Forenoon Session), 4th to go

**Board:** Smita Nagraj

**Optional:** Economics

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Background:** B.S.-M.S. Economics, IITK

**Hobbies:** Ghoomar, Korean Drama, Diary Writing

Experience in Interview: It happened so fast, board was very cordial, didn't cross question, they were very observant, they even paused in between to check how I would react to that.

Utility of mocks: It made me confident, more articulate, I could think of various points.

### Chairperson

1. Why your graduation is called M.S. and not M.S.
2. Impact of recent rbi on industry and investment
3. ( At this point I fumbled, I made my arguments, she said no I'm asking this, then I explained more, but she was looking for something more specific, then she moved on)
4. Huge informal sector-> why they go for money from moneylenders
5. What can be done to improve this situation
6. Something on SHG since I Mentioned it

### Member 1

1. Did you consider IES?
2. Impact of this recent rbi decision on growth
3. Impact of RBI's move on Forex reserves and Indian currency
4. Is RBI indicating something with this recent move ?
5. (1-2 follow up questions)

6. Are redistributive justice and growth compatible?
7. Why rouble is booming inspite of Russian

### Member 2

1. Why korean drama
2. What is IITK Motorsports
3. Ukraine crisis
4. Status of Real Estate in China?
5. Do you know about one particular company which crashed in the real estate sector of China?
6. How do you see Chinese Economy?
7. Does a state-led economy like china can sustain itself?
8. Is a state-led economic system feasible for India?

### Member 3

1. What are issues in RJ?
2. impact of climate change on agri in RJ
3. Do you know about climate-resilience?
4. E.g., of Climate resilience
5. What can be done to improve health status in RJ
6. Subsequent questions on this like telemedicine

### Member 4

1. Why ASFA is implemented?
2. Recent changes in AFSA
3. Which areas it is removed
4. Which state has completely removed AFSA
5. Why AFSA only in N-E, not in other states?

I might be missing 1-2 questions here and there.

Closest mock to my PT was of Vajirao and Reddy, questions from mock didn't repeat except one.

All the very best to everyone!

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**Date of Interview:** 4th May 2022, Afternoon (1st one to go)

**Board:** Smita Nagaraj

**Background:** Computer Engineering

**Work:** ICAS

**Present posting:** Rural Development

**Hobbies:** Cooking, Cricket

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Chairman**

1. You took a deep breath while coming in?
2. You work at Krishi Bhawan?
3. There are delays in many schemes implementation?
4. Are u in favour of such delays?
5. What do you like about your service ?

**Member 1**

1. What is crony capitalism?
2. Reasons for water crisis in India?
3. How much % of water is used in Agriculture?
4. How can India be a developed nation?
5. By when can India be called a developed nation?

**Member 2**

1. Some items are not under GST? Name few.
2. Should Petrol be included in GST?
3. If you are given power to allocate resources, what will you choose between Defence and Education?
4. How much expenditure we do on education?

**Member 3**

1. Taking the defence vs education question. Make a choice out of the two.
2. Tell 5 main points of National Education Policy 2020?

**Member 4**

1. Why NE is not properly integrated with mainstream India?
2. There are also cases of racism against them?
3. Do you know about Hornbill festival?

**Chairman**

1. Are you under some project in your present posting?
2. What is the biggest challenge in it?
3. Is you graduation knowledge going to help solve these issues?

Thank You.

Thanked everyone and went out.

Can't recall few 1-2 more questions.

Utility of mocks : To gauge your self confidence and realising areas to cover.

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**Date of Interview:** 9 May

**Board:** Smita Nagraj Ma'am

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** B.tech (Industrial)

**Work Ex:** Part time at Agro based Startup, Internship at Food Park

**Hobbies:** Chess

Time: 40 min approx, last one to go

Utility of Mock – I believe it helps a lot. Even if we don't realise, our performance improves. Entered with mask only ( kept throughout the interview) , wished the members. Are u in Army? Said no madam. Then why are you are standing in attention position, relax and sit down?

### Chairman

1. You passed out in 2019 , yet u worked for 3 yrs without remuneration during college ( in a Start up ) – tell us something about it.
2. Your role in the Start up?
3. Explain business model?
4. What is it doing presently?
5. More follow up questions on it.
6. What are you doing at present?
7. Where were you more free – startup or family business?

### Member 1

1. You play Chess, what are your learning or positives of playing chess?
2. Any negative effect of playing chess?
3. How has covid affected your startup?

### Member 2

1. How will you use Supply Chain knowledge to address the disruptions of SC we have seen after Covid?
2. What is Gati Shakti?
3. How will it help us?
4. What changes you would suggest in it?

### Member 3

1. Food wastage is major problem – What to do to address it?
2. Vehical Scrappage – years and km dual condition what is it?
3. Is it justified, what's your opinion?
4. Why not followed for Armed forces vehicals?

### Member 4

1. Food parks have not succeeded, why reasons?
2. Don't u think – raw material availablity, labour etc are also the reasons?
3. Why rouble is not falling despite sanctions
4. CPEC – India's stance,
5. What Infra projects are there in it

6. Status and why it is not successful?
7. Do u know any hydroelectric projects of CPEC?

### Chairman

1. You talked about debt trap diplomacy. If India has that amount of money as China, should we too do it?
2. But we are giving loan to countries even now. What's the difference.
3. I said something like India's aim while giving debt is primarily development of other nations , eg our neighborhood...
4. Madam laughed a little and said our neighbors would want to disagree with you on that.
5. Thank you your interview is over

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**Board:** Smita Nagraj  
**Home State:** Rajasthan  
**Background:** Electrical engineering  
**Optional:** Mathematics  
**Hobbies:** Watching Env doc, football

1. Tell something about aspirational districts of Rajasthan.
2. What are the parameters on the basis of which these districts have been classified as aspirational.
3. What's the progress on these indicators after inclusion into the program.
4. Few more qsn related to same topic.
5. Is literacy directly correlated with development.

### Member 1

1. Why maths is considered as tough subject.
2. What's the status of digitalisation in govt depts.
3. What are the challenges in digitalisation.
4. Which organisation certifies electrical appliances in India and globally.
5. We have so many schemes launched by center as well as states, how will you, as a dm, implement all of them ?

### Member 2

1. What's the status of sariska tiger reserve, how govt has rehabilitated tiger population in the park.( Home district)
2. What is the status of border road infrastructure in northern Border areas.

### Member 3

1. Can we achieve sdg by 2030?
2. Whats the status of net zero target, can we achieve it by 2070?
3. What are eco clubs?
4. What's the renewable energy target and present status?



**Member 4**

1. Which documentary did you watch recently.
2. Is India doing enough for environment?
3. Why we are not giving preference to environment?
4. How development threatens environment, explain in layman terms.
5. Few more qsns on environment
6. Might have missed a few questions, as it felt more like a conversation, board was as usual extremely cordial, they were continuously nodding and encouraging.
7. Most of the inv was environment centric, maybe due to hobby.
8. M4 wanted to ask more questions but Smita mam stopped her as they were running short on time.

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**Date of Interview:** 10 MAY**Board:** SMITHA NAGARAJ**Optional:** LAW**Profession:** (if any)- LAWYER IN SUPREME COURT and DELHI HC**Hobbies:** Reading Constitutional Law Judgements**Chairman**

1. Inquired about Law Firm Job in Corporate, Investment and Securities Law and reason why I left handsomely paid jobs.
2. Practicing independently or under a Senior Counsel?
3. Asked about the PIL filed for Persecuted Hindu Community from Pakistan living in Jaipur
4. Elicited view on Bulldozer Jurisprudence and what happened in Court No. 3, last day, where I was present.

**Member 1**

1. Judicial Activism – Positives and Negatives.
2. 5 Judgments where Activism harmed the balance of Separation of Powers.
3. Steps to Correct the same.
4. Questioned on the work of Child Welfare Committees, CARA and FIR filed against perpetrators of Crime against Minors.

**Member 2**

1. Steps to create conducive ecosystem for Children
2. As a DM measures to improve the Child rights.
3. Judicial Delays, Prison Reforms, ADR
4. Don't you think Executive showing laxity therefore so many PILs
5. Don't you think Judges are at fault hiding lack of efficiency in disposal of cases as independence of Judiciary.

**Member 3**

1. Opinion on Marital Rape and legislative intervention required.
2. Difference between Direct and Indirect Democracy
3. Tracing the evolution of Democracy.
4. Some more questions on Women rights.

**Member 4**

1. IBC and EoDB
2. Improving the Specific performance of Contracts.
3. Suitability of UCC
4. What about socially obnoxious practices in religions?
5. Issues with Fast Track Courts and reforms required.

Overall cordial boards. Checks the way one formulate their reply. My advice – Keep calm and composed, it's rewarding.

All the Best!

Your experience in interview-

Reflected mocks and little bit court grillings which my profession ably provides. Helped in controlling stress situations and formulate answers on feet.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Gave 9 Mocks. It guided in the choice and selections of appropriate words, phrases. Developed sitting etiquettes.

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**Date of Interview:** 02/05/2022 1:00 pm(Around 30 mins)  
**Board:** Smita Nagaraj  
**Optional:** Philosophy  
**Background:** Btech(EC ) From AMU, Worked in BEL, Currently in Indian Railway through ESE-2014  
**Hobbies:** Cooking, Watching F1 Racing, Aircraft Enthusiast

**Chairperson ( Around 8 min)**

1. Serving railways for long, why CS? Loss of engineer to railway? Discussion on this for 2-3 min
2. Need of Space exploration. Cross question 2-3 min
3. Mars colonization, need, in the end every celestial body will be doomed, the why to colonize. Discussion on this. Name few islands still colonized by states.
4. Whether we can colonize Mars? Answer in Yes or No only

**Member 1 (Around 4 mins)**

1. Why Formula 1 called as Formula 1?
2. Current F1 champion?
3. Defence warfare
4. What are offensive warfares?
5. Role of electronics in Aircraft. Discussion on electronics and avionics.

**Member 2** (Around 5-6 mins)

1. You have covered different unrelated fields in your life like BTech(ECE), Philosophy, defence, Railways, cooking, Aircraft, Formula 1. How and Why?
2. Why no F1 race in Noida circuit? I explained the entire issue. Why government want to tax F1 more, what could be done . Discussion related to tax and negotiation for 2 mins
3. What I do as aircraft enthusiast. Around 1 min
4. Asked me commissioning year of F17and C17? Said no to this.

**Member 3** (2-3 min)

1. He told that he will be asking from different domain and only 1 question.
2. Tamil Nadu VC appointment issue(Current working in TamilNadu state)
3. Discussion for 2-3 mins. He was satisfied.

**Member 4** (around 8-10 mins)

1. Started with Tamil nadu VC issue. Discussion for 2-3 min minutes. I explained with centre-state issue, NEET,CUET, Governor holding bill for presidential assent. I told everything very clearly but he was searching something else. He was not satisfied.
2. Asked me about my published paper on 4G, its relevance in 5G era. Its impact factor(I told not remember the impact factor)
3. Other journals with high impact factor. I told IEEE and IETE.
4. He mentioned nature and science and asked impact factor. I asked for a guess. My guess was almost the exact impact factor.
5. Why farmer status is very poor. Reasons and solutions.
6. Another technical name for post harvest. Said no(Ans. Is secondary Agriculture)
7. What is Apiculture? Asked him to make a guess. Bingo. What is Colony collapse disorder ?
8. Except agriculture question, more or less everything is from DAF or engineering.

**Chairman:** No further question, your interview is over.

Overall cordial board and interview was good. Chairperson and M4 was continuously responding , smiling and nodding. M1&M2, no expression but continuously making eye contact. M3 was not at all interested.

## R N Choubey Board

(1)

**Date of Interview:** 6 April Forenoon  
**Board:** R.N. Choubey  
**Optional:** Anthropology  
**Background:** NIT Bhopal  
**Hobbies:** Versification, Quora reading

### Chairman

1. about yourself background, job , qualification.
2. what are the leadership styles
3. what's the meaning of your name
4. do you think you have become dwij i.e. have you reached that stage
5. situation based – government has to sell natural resources – what should be the methodology. Follow up question on that
6. what was your job profile?(work ex). What did you worked on?

### Member 1

1. Tell me about MSP, what are the challenges in msp. What are the solutions.

### Member 2

1. Nanotechnology, it's use in drone.
2. Integrated missile guiding programme – started in, at what stage it is currently,

### Member 3

1. About solar vehicle, what are the challenges in industrial transition to electrical vehicle.
2. How company will come in profit
3. What are the changes you see in rto office, is there corruption prevailing in rto office.

### Member 4

1. how are India China relations?
2. galwan issue, how many rounds of talk, if you are made foreign minister how will you tackle China
3. AUKUS, is there any country which is not in favour of AUKUS
4. About quora reading (hobby)
5. About Versification (hobby)

Cordial board, no cross questioning. 2 members were speaking very slow so had difficulty in decoding questions. Very different from mocks, they wanted just to have conversation.

(2)

**Date of Interview:** 6th April, Afternoon  
**Board:** R.N. Choubey  
**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** Aerospace engineer

**Hobbies:** Football, mental health counseling

### Chairman

1. why India is doing good in aerospace, why not airplane.
2. Should your course be discontinued if no jobs.
3. Defence corridor location and purpose.
4. Few q related to Aerospace.

### Member 1

1. Why psir not other subject as Optional.
2. How food is related to culture, sdmc meat ban issue.
3. How to stop war in Russia and Ukraine.
4. 5imp global events of 2022.

### Member 2

1. Agroforestry.
2. Zero budget natural farming.
3. Organic farming.

### Member 3

1. How drone can be misused.
2. Why India is lagging in drone.
3. Has ISL been successful to uplift of Indian football..i said no..then follow up q was reasons.

### Member 4

1. Social legislation fails generally like child marriage, dowry.. reasons behind it.
2. 3social legislation of post independent India.
3. Your district imp features .why it is famous.
4. Naxal related issue in your district.
5. Depression related issue.

Very cordial board.. allowed me to remove mask, globes .

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**Date of Interview:** 06/04/2022

**Board:** RN Chaubey

**Optional:** commerce

**Home State:** Delhi

**Hobbies:** Theatre and caricaturing

### Chairperson

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min – cross questioned by asking what is your native and then spoke to me in Tamizh for 1 min.

2. Why do you want to do IAS since you have served in good institutions (I have 4 years of work ex)
3. Speak to us about police reforms or judicial reforms or administrative reforms
4. What are the directives of supreme court for police (I spoke about police reforms and sc directives)
5. Are there any reforms taken before this judgement (I said statewise changes have been taken e.g. police in Mumbai is empowered)

#### Member 1

1. Is the migration happening from rural areas to urban areas? Is it good for country?
2. What can we do to improve industry in rural areas? (I had answered that villages have to be developed)
3. How will you make industry to go to Village where there are so many problems?
4. Can you give some examples of successful industries in rural areas developed by tax breaks?

#### Member 2

1. Do you know about drone tech? Is India using it to full potential?
2. How can we use it to full potential?
3. What steps to ensure challenges of drone are mitigated?
4. What other country uses drone tech very well?
5. Do we have defence against drone attacks?
6. Are there any startups in drone sector? What use case?
7. Which state used drones in covid?

#### Member 3

1. Election commission of India vs state election commission differences?
2. Who conducts Vidhan Parishad election?
3. Why municipal elections sometimes do not happen 5 yearly?
4. Is Rajya Sabha important? Why?

#### Member 4

1. You do theatre – have you read ulysses? (Could not answer)
2. Have you read works of Grant? (Could not answer)
3. Habib tanveer? (Yes) what do you admire in him? Which state is he from (could not answer)
4. Indo us relations – comments
5. asked if indo Russian defence relations can be reduced keeping in mind the closeness with Us
6. any defence tech tfr from us to India ( did not know)
7. One question on Khushwant Singh wanted to do civil services because he felt the money was good. What is your opinion?

**Chairperson** – we enjoyed talking with you. Anything else you want to speak about? I said that we have covered my views on topics I would like to present my personality traits.

Talked about strengths.

Chairperson then asked about my weaknesses.

**Overall** – interview was very cordial and dynamic. I could have done better in some questions.

(4)

**Date of Interview:** April 6th, 2022

**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** Commerce

**Work exp:** Audit

**Hobbies:** Teaching, Travelling

### Chairman

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. Role of Chartered Accounts is in news. A new bill is being passed related to that. Can you tell us the provisions of that bill?
3. Another background based ques- A huge company is being run by a family. Though it is a public limited company but family takes the major decisions. Is that right? Should it continue and some cross questions related to this.
4. Should we have a law which should ban family members from being part of the decision making?
5. What do you learn from teaching children?
6. 1-2 more questions related to this.

### Member 1

1. Unfortunately, Corruption is so rampant in our country. How can technology help in eradicating that?
2. Can you quote some recent technological innovations that have helped people at large?
3. And some counter questions.
4. Cnt recall more questions from this member.

### Member 2

1. Do you know about super computers?
2. Can you trace its evolution?
3. Has India contributed in it or it is just relying on other countries?
4. What are India's contributions?
5. (This ques has no relevance to my background. It was a random one)
6. Have you heard of plastic pollution? What are we doing to control it?
7. What more can be done?
8. Some related cross questions.

**Member 3**

1. So you are interested in Education sector. Let me ask you questions on that.
2. Commercialization of Pvt schools. Heavy donations are demanded. Parents are not able to send their children to such schools despite the children being qualified.
3. What measures can you take to stop such practice?
4. Cross questions.
5. What is RTE? Has it helped? How?
6. There is a stark difference between urban schools and rural schools. How can you solve this.
7. Can CSR help in this? ( based on my reply)

**Member 4**

1. Tell me your service preferences. No counter ques on this.
2. Now Ill ask you about your hobbies.
3. Teaching and Travelling. They are quite general ones .
4. So what do you teach? Who do you teach and how it helps you?
5. How travelling helps you?
6. Tell me about India's space programme.
7. Name two missions which are about to be launched in the upcoming months/next year.
8. Yoga- soft power of India. 21st june and everything he talked abt how world has accepted it as an Intl day.
9. So is becoz of diplomacy or soft power?
10. Do you practice yoga?
11. Ill ask about your state now. Why is Haryana doing good in sports?
12. I answered and he apparently was satisfied with that.

**Chairman Sir**

1. We are done with asking al what we wanted to. We would love to hear you talk about anything, if you want. Or if you want to ask us anything, you can.
2. I talked about women empowerment.
3. Then Chairman asked me about Glass ceiling. Why is it a glass ceiling and not an iron ceiling or any other..?
4. I answered that.
5. interview was done.
6. It was an extremely pleasant experience. They even asked me to give marks to the board out of 100 based on my experience with them.
7. Everyone laughed at the end. I said thank you and moved out.

**(5)****Date of Interview:** April 7th,2022**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir**Optional:** PSIR**Background:** B.tech in computer science**Hobbies:** cricket, observing behavioural pattterns



### Chairman

1. be comfortable , you can remove your mask , and all those talks
2. introduce yourself
3. should we abolish rajya sabha and legislative councils
4. Some counter questions
5. difference between IPC , CrPC , evidence act
6. 420 under what, section 144 under what

### Member 1

1. what is offset clause
2. examples on success or failure of offset clause
3. what is make in india? examples on success
4. ease of doing business parameters

### Member 2

1. dont remember his questions

### Member 3

1. what is your preference
2. answer in one line qualities needed to excel in these services
3. what is happening in pakistan
4. can there be strategic implications of water as resource
5. is Indus water treaty not in favour of india

### Member 4

1. Situation in srilanka and follow up questions why , how , what can india do , what can be done further
2. How you see india doing in asia

**Chairman sir** – thank you, we are done, you want to talk on anything.

1. Talked about my hobby and told them I feel grateful for the opportunity and it was done

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**Date of Interview:** 7 April 2022 – Afternoon  
**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir  
**Optional:** History  
**Background:** B.Tech in Electrical Engineering  
**Employee:** Worked in an Edtech Company  
**Hobby:** Writing an opinion based Blog

### Chairman

1. Introduce yourself in brief.
2. Asked about my work experience and what I did on the job.

3. How I managed my team which worked in different subjects although (he told me) you must not be master in all the subjects.
4. How India got forex reserves (Sources)
5. What's the current forex reserve. – I said 'Not able to remember and then he told me to make a guess.
6. Who owns this Reserve?

#### Member 1

1. What is Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
2. Follow up Q. on it – Missile name, current status, why started
3. What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)
4. Two Follow up Q. – AI would bring unemployment

#### Member 2

1. What is a reserve forest:
2. Follow up Q. – percentage, Have I ever visited, Can we take roots of a tree (can't recall the name of the tree) from reserve forest.
3. Percentage of forest in India – current & target
4. Follow up Q. – How to increase it
5. Current Union Budget – Is it balanced or not? & Why?
6. Follow up Q. – Some Schemes, What provision taken with regard to Covid (not particularly mentioned in the COVID? My opinion on this.

#### Member 3

1. Is the Indian performance in the Tokyo Olympics satisfactory or not? My opinion on this.
2. Sell of Air India? My opinion on this?
3. Service priority? But no Q. on that.
4. One more Q. – not able to recall it.

#### Member 4

1. What provision was made in the recent election for 80 plus elders to vote?
2. NOTA – what it is, utility of it, situation based Q.
3. What I will write on my blog regarding 'Russia – Ukraine' war.

#### Chairman

1. We have asked whatever we wanted to. Would you like to tell us something?
2. Experience in PT – Good & Enjoyed it.
3. Utility of Mock – Helped in practicing to express me.

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**Date of Interview:** 6th April afternoon

**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Electrical

**Background:** IIT

**Profession:** (if any)- internship in korea

**Hobbies:** HAM radio, mentoring, art journaling

### Chairperson

1. Honesty is the best policy? Your views on this?
2. Educational background and work ex
3. How did you achieve good grades in college?
4. Using mobiles for voting? Possible challenges?
5. How to resolve said challenges?
6. Electoral bonds – what is the issue?
7. What is wrong with someone wanting to donate to political party and not make it public knowledge?
8. How is black money in electoral bond if no cash involved (i had mentioned black money so this question)

### Member 2

1. Elections happened in 5 states, new mechanism was used for handicapped voters, what was it?
2. Why still lagging in solar if India is tropical country
3. How to store renewable
4. Current issues in solar and wind
5. Future of solar and wind (something on these lines)

### Member 3

1. What did you do as coordinator of robotics club?
2. Follow up question on my projects
3. Nano tech relevance today
4. Any plant manufacturing nano products? (Didn't know)

### Member 4

1. What is biodiversity
2. Related acts
3. Species biodiversity in india
4. What is Biodiversity 2002 act?
5. Biodiversity hotspots in india?
6. Kasturirangan report?
7. Which plant was shut down post kasturi rangan report? (I didn't know)

### Member 5

1. Pakistan current issue? Did you read today's newspaper?
2. Impact of pakistan on usa, Russia, China and India
3. Cpec – what is India's stand
4. You went to korea, what did you observe there that you would like to emulate?

### Chairman

Anything you'd like to add? I spoke about my hobby (HAM radio)

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**Date of Interview:** April 6th, 2022

**Board:** R.N. Chaubey Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** Commerce

**Work exp:** Audit

**Hobbies:** Teaching, Travelling

### Chairman

1. What did you have in breakfast?
2. How did you come here?
3. Tell us about yourself.
4. Role of Chartered Accounts is in news. A new bill is being passed related to that. Can you tell us the provisions of that bill?
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**Date of Interview:** 8th April

**Board:** RN. Chaubey Sir

**Background:** BA. Political science

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home state:** Jharkhand

**Hobbies:** Cricket, Movies, Wordle

**Chairman**

1. What is e-governance? Where does it have scope for implementation?
2. Does India recognize Myanmar military regime?
3. What is the difference in diplomacy when a country is recognized/not?
4. Should India recognize Taliban government?
5. Is Taliban a legitimate government?
6. Does India recognize Taiwan?
7. Does India recognize Tibet?

**Member 1**

1. What are the different types of waste?
2. We have a seen in rise in which type of waste recently?
3. Why is the culture of recycling declining in India?
4. What provisions have been introduced to reduce plastic waste?
5. What are the provisions of the vehicle scrapping policy?

**Member 2**

1. Is Cricket a gender-neutral sport?
2. Which sport is gender-neutral?
3. Which country has successfully managed to land a lander on the far side of the moon?
4. 'Ab tera kya hoga kaliya' is a dialogue from which film?
5. Does the young generation still watch old films?

**Member 3**

1. What is a Chinaman?
2. How do you analyse India's position in the Ukraine war?
3. What is curfew?
4. What is the legal basis for implementing curfew?
5. What is the origin of the word 'curfew'?

**Member 4**

1. What is the position of India's drone programme?
2. Is India's drone capacity domestically produced or by imports?
3. What are the issues with using drones?
4. What are the counter-measures for drones?
5. What is the government policy towards drones

I'm forgetting some questions. Overall, a good interview(only marks will tell for sure). Sir will tell you to take your mask off. Good luck

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**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Hobby:** Vipassana, web series, and movies

**Background:** Mechanical Engineering

### Chairman

**chair-** told me to remove mask if dont have any symptoms

1. Introduce urself with ur background

**M1-** when should one start doing meditation? young age or old age?

**M2-** Why Nano car didn't take off in India?

**Some counter que.**

Rise of OTT and impact on movies.

**M3-1.** What is difference between strategy and policy?

2. Atmanirbhar Bharat context and que on what should be done to make India developed country?

**M4-** what's famous in ur district?

**origin of paithani Saree.**

**M5-** why there is rise in inequality in world?

Impact of technology on inequality.

Electric vehicles -challenges in India, how should we roll out EVs in India.

**Chair-** is there anything u want to discuss.

I talked about Vipassana.

Done!

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**Date of Interview:** 11/4/2022 F.N.

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** B.Tech ECE,

**Home State:** Puducherry

**Hobbies:** Badminton & Squash Nationals, Dairy writing

Masks & gloves can be removed after chairperson says

### Chairperson:

Explained the process.

Asked me what to call me as my name was longer. Then he himself explained the meaning of my name to the other board members.

1. Tell me about educational & work experience in a minute
2. Can SC amend the constitution?

### Member 1

1. Sports in India and are we lacking in it
2. Why cricket is more popular
3. Steps taken by govt to promote sports
4. How many hours you play everyday
5. French president election in Puducherry
6. How do people in India vote for it

**Member 2**

1. Tax to GDP ratio
2. How to improve tax revenue
3. Is it fair to tax the rich (since I mentioned wealth tax)
4. Is the revenue enough
5. Should we spend our revenue on defense or livelihood development as India is a poor country
6. How to improve defense budget
7. How to improve R&D culture in India

**Member 3**

1. CJI opinion about few govt not following judgements
2. Did u go outside in Nagpur
3. Gender neutral policy in college
4. How much will the infrastructure cost will be increased if we go for it
5. What can be an acceptable procedure according to you for gender identification

**Member 4**

1. NEP
2. What is the name of the chip which is in shortfall
3. How diary writing started
4. Three famous persons who maintained a memoir
5. What can we learn from 'My experiments with Truth'

**Chairperson:**

1. Anything you wish to discuss

Thank you

All the best for everyone

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**Date of Interview:** 8 April 2022

**Board:** RN. Choubey

(First makes the candidates comfortable by telling them it is a conversation and no need to be afraid as it is not a court interrogation. Offers removal of mask and gloves if not having covid symptoms.)

No question from hobby.

**Chairman**

1. Tell us something about you in 1 minute.
2. What are the benefits of GST ? (related to my service)
3. Do you think GST violates Indian constitution by restricting powers of state to impose taxes ?
4. What is black money ?
5. Ngo proposal to tax bank transactions only for tax collection. Your view ?



6. What is black money ?

(after asking questions he stood up and was walking around his chair listening to the answers.)

#### Member 1

1. What is contributing to global warming ?
2. Solutions ?
3. (Some follow up questions around it related to each sector)
4. some question related to RCP-Representative concentration pathway (global warming)

#### Member 2

1. What is sustainable development ?
2. How do PSUs ensure sustainable development?
3. What is CSR ?
4. Limits of CSR ?
5. Who ensures compliance of CSR ?

#### Member 3

1. difference between diplomacy and foreign policy ?
2. What is the importance of Australia for India ?
3. Chandrayaan 3 ? What lessons to be learnt from chandrayaan 2 ?

#### Member 4

1. Speak something on gap between India and Bharat (if you think it exists)
2. Do you think people in India are aware about the problems of people in Bharat ?

#### Chairperson

1. We are done. We have asked what we wanted to. Do you want to tell us something ?
- Interview over.

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**Date of Interview:** 13/04/22 Afternoon

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Home state:** Rajasthan

**Current state:** West Bengal

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** Tech ECE, PG Diploma in Rural Management,

**Work Ex:** Coal India Ltd.

#### Chairman

1. Tell us about yourself
2. Why do you want to join Civil Services when you already have a stable job
3. When was coal mining nationalised? The evolution of coal sector?
4. Has commercial coal production started in India?

5. As most of the coal reserves are in reserved forest areas, should we remove those reserves from our proven reserves

2-3 Counter questions on the last one

#### Member 1

1. Last line of preamble?
2. What do the words adopt, enact and give to ourselves mean in legal terms? Counter qs on this
3. What will you do as an administrator to stop child marriages on the upcoming Akshaya Tritiya? Counter qs on this
4. Why is Kota infamous?
5. Is parental pressure a factor in student suicides?

#### Member 2

1. What is SAARC and why is it ineffective?
2. SAFTA?
3. What policy should India pursue in its neighbourhood?
4. About India's permanent seat in UNSC?

#### Member 3

1. Which ruler was exiled to Kolkata?
2. What kind of travel vlogs do you watch?
3. What is one remote place you have travelled to?
4. What were your learnings from the above journey?
5. Why is Anand (city in Gujarat) famous for?
6. Evolution of coop movement in India. Recent steps of govt in this direction?
7. Why there is so much interference of coal mafia? What will you do to control them? Is the govt not controlling already?

#### Member 4

1. What is cryptocurrency?
2. What is the legal status. Can it be taxed?
3. Are we fulfilling the aspirations of tribals displaced due to mining? What will you do to fulfill them?

**Chairman:** Interview is over. Do you want to tell us anything else?

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**Board:** RN Choubey sir

**Background:** MBBS, MS

**Optional:** Medical Science

**Work experience:** AIIMS; Govt District Hospital

**Overall:** The board went out of its way to make it pleasant and relaxed. Hardly any interruptions but there were follow ups/cross questions. Largely stuck to the DAF keywords with a bit of polity and current affairs.

Mocks helped but didn't reflect the tone and tenor of the actual interview.

**Chairman:** We are friendly and are here to make you comfortable. Stay calm; you can remove the face mask if you have no Covid symptoms and even the gloves if you wish to.

1. Tell us in a minute about yourself, educational background and work experience.
2. You said you were working in the district hospital until before prelims – did you quit the job or you took a break?
3. I'm giving you three choices – judicial reforms, police reforms and electoral reforms. Pick any one. Tell about the problems that exist currently and what in your view must be done to address them.
4. He asked cross questions on the points I said.
5. What are electoral bonds? What is your view about them? Have they helped our electoral process?

#### Member 1

1. What is your view about Big Pharma? Is it clean/corrupt?
2. What can be done to address the problems you cited? If you were the Health Secretary, what would be your priorities
3. A lot of Indian medical students have returned from Ukraine. Do you think they should be rehabilitated? How about completion of their education?

#### Member 2

1. Why choose civil services when you're already a doctor?
2. You have worked for Covid. How do you rate India's performance in managing Covid? Give me both the good things and the other side. What can be done about the problems? How to be ready for the next pandemic?
3. India's pharma industry is not where it should be. What do you think are the reasons?

#### Member 3

1. What is Uniform Civil Code? What is your opinion about it?
2. Should we implement it or not?
3. There is a Special Marriage Act since so many years. Still it is not being used. So how will the society become ready for the reform/change to come from within, like you suggest?
4. Suppose marriage and inheritance laws are separated from each other and legislations are enacted under UCC for the same. What do you think about that?
5. Why not have a Common Civil Code when a Common Civil code can solve the problems?
6. Have you heard the term constitutional morality? What is your understanding of it?

**Member 4**

1. I see that you have won a lot of quiz competitions. You also mentioned APIs in your answer to the earlier panelist. Name any major company or big manufacturer of APIs in India.
2. Mini speech on India's success and failures on nutrition. What are the government schemes that you know which tackle malnutrition?
3. What about food fortification?
4. Questions on fortified rice. Can edible oils be used for fortification? Will that be useful?
5. You have mentioned reading popular science as one of your hobbies. What is popular science, is it science fiction or science magazine or science news articles?
6. What are the books you have read on it?

**Chairman:** Doctor, we have asked you all that we wanted to ask. Is there anything you want to tell us or want us to know?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, forenoon session, 3rd to go.

**Board:** RN. Choubey

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Background:** Doctor of pharmacy

**Home State:** Hyderabad, Telangana

Very cordial, make you feel comfortable and at ease.

**Chairman**

You may remove your mask, be at ease, we are like your friends and want to have conversation.

1. Tell us about yourself, your background, work experience and personality.
2. As you are a pharmacist, does Ayurveda medicine have pharmacopeia ?
3. What is ministry of ayush doing to promote ayurvedic pharmacopeia ?
4. Gave brief idea about power sector challenges in India and asked why is that the demand is high and there's no adequate power supply to address that demand ?
5. Some counter questions with respect to power sector.

**Member 1**

1. Tell me about covid management in India ?
2. What are these various models of covid management? India model, china model, Korea model ?
3. Which one is best model?
4. Why so?
5. Why is female labour force participation is less in India ?
6. What is the condition of FLFP in your state and city?
7. How to improve it ?
8. Are there any initiatives taken by Indian govt and Telangana govt for entrepreneurship ?

**Member 2**

1. So you are from Hyderabad , place of biryani and charminar (smiled)
2. Have you heard about euthanasia ?
3. What is it ? (I referred about Aruna shanbaug case)
4. What was the verdict of SC in that case ?
5. What is the difference between active and passive euthanasia ?
6. What is shayara Bano case ? What is your opinion ?
7. But parliament has nullified the SC verdict ....?
8. What are the percentage of people benefitting from Right to education act ?

**Member 3**

1. Do you know the commission for linguistic organization formed post-independence?
2. As it mentioned states to be divided on linguistic lines then why has Telangana been formed on developmental lines ?
3. What were the reasons for pharmaceutical industry to boom in India during 1970's ?
4. What made India to be pharmacy of the world ?
5. How does present ukrain crisis affecting the Indian pharmaceutical industry ?
6. You have a very interesting hobby – interacting with elderly people that's laudable.
7. Sir gave a brief idea on the affect of inflation affecting elderly savings.
8. Suggest some investment plans for elderly to save their savings from inflationary affect...

**Member 4**

1. Can you add Dr prefix to your name ?
2. What is your opinion on the debate of hippocratic oath to be changed to charaka oath ?
3. As you know generic drugs are cheap and affordable to masses, should government stop supply of brand drugs from market ?
4. 4.What is your opinion on surrogacy ?
5. Chairman interrupts and asks me whether there is provision for surrogate mother to visit the child ?
6. How are patents applied in India for drugs ?

**Chairman**

1. We are done from our side, if there is anything that you would like to say about any topic then you may and we will not ask any questions related to that.  
( I spoke about my another hobby)  
You may leave now.  
Duration of interview 32-35 mins

**(16)****Date of Interview:** 13/04/2022, forenoon**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir (same as last year, I was like history repeats itself...)**Optional:** PSIR**Background:** BSc, M.A.

**Service:** IPS (earlier IRS and AC in CISF)

**Hobbies:** Jogging and Amateur sports

The board was extremely cordial.

### Chairman

1. asked to introduce
2. Meanwhile, why you shifted from science to humanities (Stephen's to Tiss)
3. What are different styles of leadership (I was President of my college)
4. Which style is more suitable to Army?

### Member 1

1. In india police is colonial, we have direct entry of officers whereas in developed countries lower ranks rise up to become officers. Which one is better?
2. Which one should be adopted in india?
3. Should we pursue big infra rail projects like Bullet train and Silver line project ?  
(He asked have you heard about Silver line project, I said yes. He didn't ask further)

### Member 2

1. Dialogue works better or command?
2. Did dialogue worked in case of farm protest
3. Between representative democracy and dialogue Which one should get priority?
4. Both are complimentary or supplementary ?
5. Which FRs are available to foreigners?
6. What does equal protection of laws mean?
7. Who gave this statement " law is the command of the sovereign?"
8. What are three features of this theory?

### Member 4 (IR expert)

1. What is "Indo pacific"?
2. What is Quad?
3. How is Quad different from IORA?
4. In IORA is trade a priority or security?

### Member 4

1. What steps will you take for health of adolescent girls?
2. You have been to Sadhbhavna mission in j&k. Should military be involved in civil administration?
3. Does similar programme exist in North Eastern states?
4. What does competition commission of India do?
5. Can you give 2 examples of its work?

**Chairman-** if you want to say or ask something. Your interview is over.

I thanked all the members and came out happy.

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**Date of interview:** 12 April afternoon, 1st one to go

**Board:** RN. Choubey sir

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** B.tech ECE

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Service:** (if any)- Commercial Tax Officer UP government

**Hobbies:** Teaching underprivileged children, listening to retro Bollywood music

Your experience in interview- very cordial, no unnecessary grilling and very nice atmosphere

Utility of mocks (if any)- Took only one mock. Got to know shortcomings about my body posture and expression.

### Chairman

1. Explained about the process and told that it is not a police enquiry. Asked me to frankly tell if I don't know the answer to any question. He also said that the board wanted to have a purposeful conversation with me.
2. introduce yourself in short by telling your background and academic details.
3. You work in Tax department. Tell me if GST Act is unconstitutional as it takes away the power of states to levy and collect taxes?
4. then gave a long monologue about some study which stated that income tax be replaced by taxes on banking transaction and asked my views on it

### Member 1

(Seemed to have studied taxation a lot)

1. told some quote regarding taxation and asked if I knew who said it to which I told that I didn't
2. at least you would have heard this quote? ( Again I told that I have not heard it ever)
3. changed the question and again quoted something to which I again told that I've not heard but allowed me to explain its meaning
4. why are educational institutions not taxed in GST?
5. some counter questions on this
6. Again quoted some lines which were something like : "the only legitimate child is one which is born out of a legal wedlock and is the only legitimate heir". What do you think about it?

### Member 2

1. Quoted something and asked to explain (can't remember now)
2. What do you think of skill India?
3. Why we need skilling?
4. Do you think private sector needs to be included in this?
5. Will private sector involvement bring better results?
6. we are skilling people in India for world also. Is that a good strategy? Should we keep skilling them for foreign needs?



**Member 3**

1. You have Geography optional, that's interesting. Tell me if India and China can ever become friends?
2. If territorial issues are solved then do you see them becoming friends?
3. but what about Sphere of influence? Won't that become an issue even if other issues are ironed out?
4. do you think Indo-China border issues will be resolved in next 100 years?

**Member 4**

1. what do you mean by underprivileged children?
2. do you know about a Nobel laureate who works for underprivileged children ( about Kailash Satyarthi ji)
3. what kind of children does hi work for?
4. what is the name of his organisation?
5. how did you make sure that children didn't drop out of school(DAF based)
6. What are the issues with Land Acquisition in India?
7. What are the features of Land Acquisition Act (LARR)?
8. How is the amended LARR better than previous Act?

**Chairman :**

1. We enjoyed talking to you. Anything which you want to tell us?
2. I said sir I have mentioned about Bollywood retro music in my DAF.
3. He said that he doesn't want to ask anything but if I want to tell I can go ahead. I told that when I'm not in good mood I listen to songs of 60s and 70s and feel better.
4. He said that he was pleased to know that and other members also smiled on this

**(18)****Board:** RN Choubey sir**Background:** MBBS, MS**Optional:** Medical Science**Work experience:** AIIMS; Govt District Hospital

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**Chairman:** Doctor, we have asked you all that we wanted to ask. Is there anything you want to tell us or want us to know?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

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**Date of Interview:** 13 April 2022  
**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir  
**Optional:** Sociology  
**Work experience:** in Training phase of Group A service

**Chairperson**

1. give intro in 1 minute, asked about my service and its future prospects, companies act 2013

**Member 1**

1. reasons for children begging in streets of cities, what threats they face, administration faces which challenges to rehabilitate them, asked about pvtgs, their history and examples

**Member 2**

1. definition of society in terms of gender, parameters for assigning a gender, forced marriage concept, advice to woman of contemporary Indian society

**Member 3**

1. asked about target of 5 trillion dollar economy, is it achievable and many counter questions, 5th industrial revolution, demographic dividend

**Member 4**

1. questions on swachh bharat mission and its problems, issues in waste management and about landfills, counter questions on recycling of waste, as a future administrator what will you do to improve female adolescent health

**Chairperson**

1. questions on badminton (my hobby) and its performance in Olympics
2. Some questions on relevance of bhagwad gita in administration
3. Then it got over

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**Date of Interview:** (13th April 2022)  
**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir  
**Optional:** Civil engineering  
**Service:** IFS  
**Background:** NIT  
**Attempt:** 3rd attempt 3rd interview

**Chairman**

Started with typical choubey sir style... Asked me to be comfortable... if you don't know something you can say no etc etc... told me to remove mask if I don't have any COVID symptoms

**Chairman:**

1. Tell me about yourself ?
2. If you are posted in a naxalite affected area as an IPS. You are in a remote location where some naxalite have gathered and you have orders to nab everyone. No one should escape. When you go to a suspected naxalite gathering, suddenly one woman starts running. She is carrying a child. You appeal but she does not stop. Will you shoot at her or not?
3. Suppose if she does not have that child. Then what will you do? Fire or not?

**Member 1**

1. Questions on food inflation: causes etc (it was on first page of IE newspaper)
2. Commodity price volatility e.g onions : discussion, causes, infra problems etc
3. Which state produces onions the most?
4. Hindi language : should we make it national language?

**Member 2 :** sequence of questions can not remember ( almost all are related to current affairs)

1. Media trials : what? Does it affect judicial decisions or process?
2. NGO and foreign funding : what to do? Tell me one NGO which has been hugely successful?
3. RTI and impact : successful or not?
4. Labour codes : why govt brought them? Why delay in implementation then?

**Member 3**

1. Employment : unemployment reasons? youth why not employable? Main problem : lack of jobs or unemployability? For educational reforms which is more suitable ; private sector or government sector?

**Member 4**

1. One factual question can't remember
2. Man animal conflict and pressure on land (open ended statement)
3. As a nation are we moving from reading books ( listening to audiobooks : my hobby)
4. Nayi roshni scheme?

**Chairman:** we had a great time talking to you. This is your time if you want to share something.

Mocks: didn't give this time.

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**Date of Interview:** 06/04/2022

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Attempt:** 5th attempt, 2nd interview

**Chairman:**

1. sked about sharing education and work background.
2. Further asked about nature of my work.

**Member 1:** (All random questions, neither of them were related to my DAF)

1. People are visiting mountains for recreation and tourism. They create so much waste and put pressure on local ecology. How should we change such irresponsible behaviour?
2. Students till class 5th should be taught only 5 languages and nothing else: Hindi, English, Local language, Maths and Computer programming. What do you say?
3. Which is the most pressing problem of our nation today?

**Member 2:** (Again all random questions)

1. Tell me why India is trying to become defense exporter when we ourselves are top importer of defense products?
2. Have you heard about GeM? Has it truly helped MSMEs in our country?

**Member 3**

1. What do you know about land reforms?
2. Is Green revolution a success?
3. Tell me features of recent land acquisition programs of government?

**Member 4**

1. Impact of Political and constitutional crisis in Pakistan on India?
2. Asked about my service preferences? Then asked me about three qualities of an IFS officer.
3. Asked about mindfulness meditation, What is different in this kind of meditation? Has it helped you in real life?
4. If you won 1 crore rs right now, what would you do?

**Chairman:** Do you want to talk about anything?

**Experience:** Extremely cordial board. They gave me ample amount of time to frame my answers. They were smiling and nodding throughout the interview.  
All the best to everyone.

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**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Economics

**Background:** Ess

**Attempt:** First attempt

**Chairperson**

1. Introduce yourself in a minute
2. Opinion on CAA and Farm Laws..follow up questions on the same

**Member 1**

1. state of the economy/is it recovering/have efforts succeeded + follow up questions
2. Plastic pollution
3. EVs & pollution abatement

**Member 2**

1. JJM - what is it
2. Millets - why they must be encouraged
3. Women empowerment schemes

**Member 3**

1. Service pref
2. Quad and AUKUS - are they complementary
3. Highlights of today's paper
4. Things you'd do as a civil servant

**Member 4**

1. Do we need civil services
2. What's good/what's bad
3. Two or three follow up questions on civil services that I am unable to recall
4. Chairperson winded up asking if I have anything to ask or tell the board.
5. Overall the board was extremely cordial. Very conversational and non combative.

**(23)****Date of Interview:** 18/04/22**Board:** RN Choubey**Background:** In service**Hobbies:** Non fiction books, Poem writing**Work experience:** ITC Cigarette**Chairman**

1. Tell us about yourself.
2. Choose one amongst Police reform electoral reform and judicial reforms.
3. Speak about it what has been done till now.
4. What future reforms you propose for it.

**Member 1**

1. What is called dollar town of India which is in Karnataka.
2. What's trade balance do we have. What's the export and import value of goods and service that we have.
3. Value of service export and service import
4. What act CBI is governed through? Why some state oppose it? What is general consent? Do we need to have a seperate act for CBI?

**Member 2**

1. What you did in ITC?
2. Is ITC diversifying good? Share value is almost constant. How?
3. Tell me the renewable energy scenario in India and World.
4. How do you change the attitude of the police? Isn't it a long drawn process?
5. Which book you read recently? What is it about.

**Member 3**

1. Have you read 'why do we sleep' book?
2. Say three good and bad things about "small states bring development"
3. Tell me the instrument that this artists use. Multiple musical personality recalled.
4. Tell me who wrote Clash of civilizations?
5. Who wrote Argumentative Indian?
6. Who wrote accidental prime minister?
7. Tell me new development on technologies you have seen recently
8. Whether social media is good or bad?

**Member 4**

1. Karnataka is said to be "one state many nations". Do you concur? What is causing problems in it? apart from tourism angle. How to solve it?
2. What's the role of DM and Police in this
3. Srilanka crisis. Explain. Why it happened. Does "welfarism" as a theory work? Does India has similar future like Sri Lanka meltdown?

**Chairman**

1. Do you have anything to ask us?

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**Date of Interview:** 18th April, forenoon**Board:** RN Choubey**Optional:** Maithili**Background:** IIT Bombay**Hobby:** Cricket**Service:** IRS(IT), AFHQ, ICICI Lombard**Chairman**

1. Tell me about your self and your process experience
2. Tell me different styles of leadership

**Member 1**

1. What is faceless assessment?
2. Do you agree with it?
3. Is everything good about faceless assessment?
4. What did you learn in your insurance job?

**Member 2**

1. Tell me about Ramkrishna Mission
2. What did you do at Afhq?
3. Any digital changes in defense that you brought?

**Member 3**

1. Tell me names of 2 gurus of Ramkrishna Paramhans
2. Name of tribal University in India and where it is, since you are from Jharkhand?
3. What is nuclear fission and fusion?
4. What is work of solar photovoltaic cell?
5. Tell me about grand slams in Tennis and few more Q on it ( my hobby is cricket, didn't get the point of this q)

**Member 4**

1. Tell me about literature of maithili?
2. You have been in leadership roles , give an example where you lead from front?

**(25)****Date of Interview:** 18th april afternoon session**Board:** RN Choubey Sir**Optional:** PSIR**Home State:** Maharashtra**Background:** Btech Mechanical, Commodities Trader for 2 years (Maharashtra)**Hobbies:** Reading Non-Fiction Books, Playing Contract Bridge

Utility of mocks: Helped a lot. Not in the sense of line of questioning but Mannerisms and handling tricky questions.

**Chairman:** We are nice people. Just here to have a conversation. If you don't understand any question you can ask again. It's okay if you don't know - tell that and we can move to next topic. One can't know everything.

**Chairman:**

1. Tell me about yourself in one minute.
2. Accrual accounting or cash accounting which one is there in India? (Random)
3. Air India disinvestment. Whether correct or wrong? Where should government be invested.

**Member 1**

1. One body above ICAI and tell about in brief (NFRA)
2. Again questions on disinvestment - private sector and public sector, should government be in education and health sector or not?

Missing few questions

**Member 2**

1. You were commodities trader. Commodity market is booming so what are you doing here?
2. You know Rakesh Jhunjhunwala? He must be your role model?
3. Again on disinvestment – Don't you think private sector adds efficiency?
4. You have PSIR. French presidential election – process?
5. What do you think will be impact on NATO if Marine Le pen is elected?
6. What are your hobbies apart from Commodities trading? (Reading books)
7. What was the latest book that you read? Tell in brief about it.

**Member 3**

1. So you have mechanical background. What is cryogenic engine?
2. Temperature in cryogenic engine
3. You play chess. What is Elo rating?
4. Criterion to become grandmaster
5. Tell me which are 4 parts of criminal justice system?
6. Tell me about contribution of Vikram Sarabhai and Homi Bhabha
7. Have heard about UDAN scheme – long form, how is it working?

**Member 4**

1. Your district is backward. In Maharashtra it is seen that Bombay and nearby region is forward. Vidarbha and Marathwada backward. What are the reasons? Do you think it should be bifurcated or trifurcated?
2. Don't you think we have done everything in 70 years. Still they are backward!
3. Irrigation scam is also very famous. How will it reach general population?
4. Have you heard about Ketanji Brown? (First Black woman appointed in US SC)
5. In India as well representation of women in judiciary is very less. Don't you think we should have affirmative action?

**Chairman:** Do you want to share anything more?

Your interview is over.

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**Date of Interview:** 12.04.2022 AN

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Home State:** Tamil Nadu

**Background:** Mechanical Engg

**Chairman**

1. Tell us about you, your education and work experience in 2 mins.
2. Disadvantages for private sector in PPP partnership?
3. Reorganization of states in the context of AP and TS?
4. Can states be bifurcated if more demands are there?



**Member 1**

1. Role of Homemakers
2. Can we legalise monetary benefits for home makers?
3. Follow up questions on Care economy.
4. What is Professional ethics?
5. Question on Article 13- Can customs and usage be evidences before law?
6. Your view on CBCS and NEP 2020?

**Member 2**

1. National electronics policy 2019- current status?
2. Follow up question – Why achievement is low?
3. Provisions of PLI scheme? Time period?
4. What can be done after 6-8 years, how to be competitive?
5. Defence industrial corridors – why no significant investment?

**Member 3**

1. Tell me few Tamil ancient literature
2. Current literature from Tamil
3. Caste conflicts in TN
4. What are the reasons for caste conflicts?
5. What steps you will take to solve such conflicts?

**Member 4**

1. What is offroading?
2. Why adventure sports demand is low in india?
3. Economic crisis in Srilanka – What is the reaction among people in Tamilnadu?
4. Why TN movie stars end up in politics and what is the current trend?
5. F1 race in TN?
6. Follow up question on F1 race.
7. Controversial role of Governors and opinions on resolving the deadlock between elected govt and Governors.
8. Talked about Jallikattu and asked about other traditional sports involving bulls.

**Chairman:** Do you want to ask or share something?

Your interview is over.

Couldn't recollect a few questions.

Overall the board was very cordial.

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**Board:** RN. Choubey sir

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Background:** B.Tech (M.E) IIT Bombay

**Home State:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

**Hobbies:** Playing cricket

### Chairman

1. Amit..Tell me about theoretical mathematics? And what are its real life applications?
2. What ethics you learnt in mechanical engineering that can help you in civil services
3. what are the challenges to India from its neighbouring country?
4. Do you think UN is becoming irrelevant because it is not able to stop any wars?
5. Why IITian don't join DRDO?
6. Why there is regional inequality in Uttar Pradesh?

### Member 1

1. Have you heard of intelligent design theory ? What's it?
2. What are the problems faced by sugarcane farmers in Uttar Pradesh?
3. what are the challenges to India from its neighbouring country?
4. How do you analyse India's position in Ukraine?
5. What is reverse swing in cricket?

### Member 2

1. Do ou know about game theory?
2. How can game theory be applied to look at Russia Ukraine crisis?
3. Tell me some handicrafts products of eastern UP.
4. If there is a conflict between central and state government order and you are an IAS, Whose order will you follow.
5. Cricket is your hobby. Should India play cricket with Pakistan?

### Member 3

1. What's your opinion on the current budget ?
2. Do you think it's growth oriented ?
3. What is the current growth rate of agriculture?
4. Have you heard of dream budget?
5. Why education is poor in rural areas. and What measures would you take to bring in online education to rural areas?

### Member 4

1. Amit .. You have very good academic record from childhood to graduation. So your parents must be loving you very much.
2. Ans – ma'am I think even with poor academic record my parents would love me because I am their child. Academic record and parents love need not be necessarily related.
3. Yes you right but they must be happy with your academic performance
4. Ans- Yes ma'am
5. Are your parents happy with you now?
6. Ans- Yes ma'am
7. Why
8. Ans- I am facing the board of upsc interview my father and sister is waiting outside with smiles and excitement all over.

### Chairman

1. Amit do you feel that there are any other areas where you want to be questioned?  
Ans- I said, Sir I have studied mathematics for long time in my life and I would be comfortable in answering more questions from that area.
2. But we have already asked questions from that part.  
So your interview is over.  
I said thank you to everyone gracefully and left the room.

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**Date of Interview:** 19.04.22

**Board:** RN Choubey sir

**Session:** Noon( 3rd to go)

### Chairman:

We are very friendly people. This is an interaction basically where we try to extract the best and even if possible learn something from you. Sir said if u dont understand the question properly ask us to repeat and if you dont know the answer tell u dont know( he was very particular here).

### Chairman

1. Briefly tell me ur grad subject and word exp
2. Any plan B
3. How does RBI print money(on what basis)
4. What is cryptocurrency
5. Why dont we make it a global currency
6. What happens if it is made a global currency

### Member 1

1. Tell me about renewable energy
2. Isn't the transition to it costly
3. How will u attract investment in India as a diplomat
4. What is UN global compact

### Member 3

1. Tell me about Shankaracharya
2. Does India need a P5 membership?
3. QUAD
4. BIMSTEC

### Member 3

1. Tell me about the issues among food aggregators (gig economy)
2. Is climate change real
3. Kerala floods
4. Mitigation measures

5. Name a film critic and where and why u vary with him citing a movies as an example( hobby- watching movies)
6. Social media( had mentioned social media in the previous answer)

#### Member 4

1. Lic IPO and issues around it
2. % of FDI allowed in insurance sector
3. Fdi vs fii
4. Recent census based delimitation and issues around it
5. J n K delimitation

CP was walking around the room while I was talking with the other members. He knew what was going to be the last question, because the moment j n k question was asked he came and sat down.

**Chairman:** Your interview is over. If you want to share something please do. I spoke for a few moments and left.

**Overall** a very cordial board. Nowhere related to the mocks I gave. But que were random as no ques came from my daf or grad subject.

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**Date of Interview:** 20th April afternoon session

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** DU and JNU

**Hobbies:** Travelling and Movies

#### Chairperson

1. Introduce yourself
2. Features which green revolution 2.0 and economic reforms 2.0 should have
3. (Counter questions on this)
4. Millets and crop diversification. How millets cultivation will help small farmers ?
5. Are economic laws and policies gender neutral ?

#### Member 1

1. Founder of Bihar school of yoga ?
2. where all travelled in recent times ?
3. What did you like about Assam and Meghalaya
4. Where is North Eastern Police Academy situated ?
5. What is brexit ? Which do PMs resigned over it ?
6. Quote – “Eat in silence. Work in silence. Because God loved silence”. Meaning and appropriateness?

#### Member 2

1. Questions regarding JNU. Why recent incidents?

2. Who all are alumni of JNU?
3. Suggest reforms in JNU?

### Member 3

1. Parasite movie – what message it conveyed?
2. Who were the parasite in this movie?
3. Freebies good or bad ?

### Member 4

1. Contractual labours? What should be done for them ?
2. Is UN successful in achieving its objectives ?
3. What can India do for reforms in UN ?
4. What should be done for making Hindi as official language of UN ?

**Chairperson** – Anything you want to discuss?

Board was cordial. They give sufficient time to answer. Mocks helped me to generate confidence and questions and many were asked in actual interview also.

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**Date of Interview:** 20 April Afternoon session  
**Board:** RN Choubey Sir  
**Background:** BE Mechanical  
**Hobbies:** walking, yoga  
**Utility of mock** – Experience of facing interview panel

### Chairman

1. Introduce yourself.
2. What did you eat.
3. Internship experience
4. Criteria to bifurcate states.
5. Economic viability to bifurcate states

### Member 1

1. If I do all wrong things in life and die in Kashi will I get Moksha.
2. What is karma yoga, bhakti yoga, Gyan yoga
3. What is Raja yoga
4. Who was Paramhansa yogananda
5. What did he do in west?
6. What kind of Yogi was Mahatma Gandhi?
7. What is the first shloka of Isha upanishad.

I have not written anything about spirituality or meditation in my DAF. Totally random stuff.

**Member 2**

1. Pollution in your city? How to curb it.
2. Why thermal power plant is not following guidelines
3. Why pollution in mining areas?
4. Role of parliamentary committees?
5. Kind of committees?
6. What is public account committee.
7. Comparison with the US Senate and parliamentary committee of India.
8. Why you go for walking (hobby).

**Member 3**

1. What is balance sheet.
2. Profit and loss account of company
3. Emission balance sheet of company?
4. What is net zero?
5. What steps should be taken to reach net zero.
6. Do you watch Netflix? Any recent event related to it.
7. Don't know why he asked about balance sheet and profit loss. No relation with DAF.

**Member 4**

1. What is automation?
2. Will it affect employment
3. Cross questions related to it.
4. New mines are following regulations but the old mines are not following. What's your take(Picked up from my answer to M2)
5. Russia Ukraine war. Whether stand of India is good?

**Chairman** – Anything you want to tell us.

Board was very cordial.

My advice : Don't get afraid from random questions but have some general understanding of major issues.

All the best.

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**Date of interview:** 20th April, morning session

**Board:** RN. Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Profession:** (if any)- Lecturer (1 yr)

**Hobbies:** Playing Dhol-tasha, watching fitness Vlogs

- Your experience in interview- board was cordial, no mask no shield ( intro by sir on the same lines, to stay calm and accept anything you dont know). Nothing specifically from daf.

➤ Utility of mocks (if any)- benefits in managing nerves, greetings, staying calm.... questions quite different in original interview, but 4-5 can be given.  
( interview happened in more of a conversation manner, so not able to recall many cross questions.)

### Chairman

1. Intro and then no questions, directly asked other member to start. ( sir stood up and started taking a walk around the room)

### Member 1

1. Writ petitions
  2. Difference between HC and SC writs
  3. Dr Ambedkar had called some provision as soul of our constitution, name it.
  4. Articles related to services( which I couldn't tell exact ones he wanted, said sorry sir cannot recall)
  5. Views on KGF 2 ( random)
  6. What about violence and society?
  7. What are your views on vulgarity and nudity?
- (Few more questions, cannot recall)

### Member 2

1. Many cooperatives in maharashtra, your views?
2. What are their problems?
3. Drinking Water crises especially in western Maharashtra? ( couldn't find much,asked her that i am not aware of specific drinking water scarcity issue in that region, so may i provide probable reasons - permitted )
4. Question on pakistan, what can be the future course?
5. Some progress has been done recently with pakistan, you know? ( had no idea, said sorry I am not aware of the event)

### Member 3

1. Significance of Ayushman bharat, what new?
2. Why so many people in AIIMS?
3. What to do? Shouldn't it be only for specialist care?
4. What are your views on parenting style? ( west vs India)
5. why Indian better ( had a conversation about how our family structure is different, had few more exchange and laughs)

### Member 4

1. Russia ukraine, west has issues with us, elaborate it?
2. Are we correct?
3. Finance minister has said something in US, do you know? (Wanted crypto, i said something else)

4. You are a mechanical engineer, why is manufacturing sector lagging than services, what to do?
5. You said earlier about regulation of content, but we do have censor?
6. Do you mean OTT? Should we regulate it all?
7. What other methods you think are viable?

### Chairman

we are done, you want to say something?

so I asked permission to speak about local cuisine of Ahmednagar and its part in tourism development. Told them that everyone visits temples but are not aware of these places. Requested them if they visit Shirdi someday please visit those food joints(Hurda Party) .it helps to boost farmer's income and will be a nice experience for them as well.

Chairman : We keep learning about new things from young people like you, thank you, we shall visit.

Over.

No idea how it went, but questions were very random. Only convergence was maharashtra related and sociology, that too society part.

( thank you transcripts team, your work has made our life easy as well, reading transcripts does help

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, afternoon session

**Board:** RN Choubey sir

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Background:** IIT Roorkee

**Profession-** 2 years of experience in private sector

**Experience-** cordial board. Enjoyed the conversation.

**Utility of mocks-** To understand your shortcomings and work on them

### Chairman

1. tell me about yourself
2. What did you do in your job
3. What is AI.
4. Is thermostat an example of ai?
5. Is finance commission a constitutional body?
6. What are its function?
7. Why do we share revenue with states?

### Member 1

1. what do you understand by min government and max governance?
2. Should we remove the government?
3. Or do we increase the government?
4. Should liberal studies be introduced in IITs?
5. Some more discussion on liberal studies.



**Member 2**

1. Law vs morality ?
2. Relation between law and morality?
3. Are international laws based on morality?
4. Why are countries not adhering to international law?
5. Few other questions wrt Russia Ukraine crises.

**Member 3**

1. Why initially state was named Uttaranchal ?
2. Why was it changed to uttarakhand ?
3. Tagline of uttarakhand tourism ?
4. How many tourists visit uttarakhand ?
5. Which states in India receive maximum tourists?
6. How would you boost tourism in uttarakhand?

**Member 4**

1. Shall women from uttarakhand join army? ( since a lot of young men from uttarakhand join army)
2. What problems will they face?
3. What should we do to remove these problems?
4. Social movements like chipko movement are not successful now. Why?
5. Digitization vs digitalization?

**Chairman**

Anything you would like to tell us?

You are free to go now.

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**Date of Interview:** 20th April, Afternoon, last person to go.

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Chemistry

**Background:** IIT Delhi

**Profession** (if any)- CAPF AC

**Hobbies:** Endurance exercises

**Chairman:** Asked me to remove the mask if I dont have any covid symptoms, I politely said that the positivity rate for Covid in Delhi is around 7%, if you allow me, I will keep it as it is, for which he readily agreed to.

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min, he cut short in between as I said I got recently selected as Assistant Commandant(which is not yet updated in DAF2) He congratulated me.
2. Covid fight, how do you rate The Center's and State's performance on the scale of 10.
3. What steps did the Center and States taken to fight Covid?
4. Demonetisation=> was it a right/wrong step? Rate it on the scale of 10 => Follow up questions

5. What is Black Money?
6. Let's say gambling is banned, and you earn some money out of it, and you pay taxes on this income, will it be considered black money?

#### Member 1

1. CAPF force preference order and reason behind the way I've chosen?
2. What about the order I've chosen for Civil services?
3. Do you know why Germany is in news today? (apparently Hitler's birthday)
4. Why did WW2 started?
5. How did Hitler die?
6. if WW3 comes, which side should India take?=> follow up questions.
7. Why aren't we becoming UNSC permanent member?
8. Why China is opposing?

#### Member 2

1. IMF/WB Differences?
2. Boris Johnson visit, why is he coming now, what's on the agenda?
3. Hockey=> status now? Is it bouncing back?
4. Why Odisha is promoting Hockey?
5. Marathon Distance?

#### Member 3

1. What is Subordinate Legislation?
2. Pearl Harbor incident?
3. Capital Punishment=> should we continue or not?

#### Member 4

1. 2008 Financial crisis=> why did it occur?
2. Do we get similar crisis if we continue with similar populist policies?
3. Green Building=> what components needed?
4. Nuclear power=> is a green energy? why aren't we able to harness it?
5. What are the steps we are taking to harness it?
6. Make in India=> Atmanirbhar Bharat=> initiatives taken?
7. NGOs regulation on foreign funds? is it good or not?
8. Amnesty international issue=> Aakar Patel, why did authorities blocked him from going abroad=> can it be done?

**Chairman:** We're done young man, Do you have anything to say? I pointed out the quality of sanitisers provided at UPSC, said that they might be of duplicate quality and not suitable for regular use=> given the spelling mistakes and the caution given on the bottle

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**Date of Interview:** 21st April 2022

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Hobbies:** Theatre, Tennis

**Mock:** Good for habit. Not much help in content.

### Chairman

1. Introduce yourself in 1 min
2. What is function of RBI?
3. There is a brick wall under load. From where we can remove the brick work so that wall will not fall.
4. WHAT IS METHOD ACTING?

### Member 1

1. Challenges in jharkhand
2. Why Jharkhand is unable to achieve its potential despite being resource rich after bifurcation?
3. What can be done in jharkhand for socio-economic development?
4. Issues of naxalism.
5. There is an issue regarding MICA mining in jharkhand.

### Member 2

1. Israel is nuclear state. Why is it against the Iran's nuclear enrichment?
2. Will US intervene if china attacks Taiwan?
3. Which last tournament you watched in tennis?
4. Who beat whom?
5. Daniel medvedev is banned from Wimbledon, what's your take on this.

### Member 3

1. Whether America is just targeting Russia and not looking to end the war?
2. Why HEC is not performing at its potential?
3. UN has failed to achieve its goals?

### Member 4

1. WHO is a failure in pandemic. What you think?
2. What steps are needed in jharkhand to improve socio-economic development?
3. What is difference between CGST, SGST, IGST?

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**Date of Interview:** (21-04-22), 4th slot

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Sociology

**Hobbies:** palmistry, abstract painting, badminton.

**Attempt:** 1st attempt

**Work exp-** 9 months (Saint Gobain glass India).

Utility of mocks- helps you to have a formal conduct in interview, mannerism etc. Few

questions were there in mock as well. Overall helped in framing answers in a better manner

**Chairman-** remove mask, going to be friendly chat, nothing like police inquiry, don't worry.

1. introduce yourself in 1 minute.
2. Does saint Gobain manufacture sound proof glasses?
3. your role in Saint Gobain .
4. smart cities concept and give example.

#### Member 1

1. do we need more UT's? Considering better infra in UT
2. why Punjab, haryana are against migrants coming in their states and taking up jobs?

#### Member 2

1. is russia's power increasing due to invasion of Ukraine?
2. if nato expands and get Belarus and Ukraine under it, what would be implications for russia?
3. tell about covid-19 philosophically?
4. why Buddhism declined in India?
5. is palmistry an exact science?

#### Member 3

1. tell about India's space sector initiatives (name related)
2. impact of sanctions on USA?
3. what is double glass which is used to cut sound ?
4. how A/C bills come down by usage of different glasses?

#### Member 4

1. why branded meds if generic meds are there. Few cross questions here.
2. why undertrial prisoners in prisons?
3. do you believe in life after death?
4. significance of Saint Gobain logo?

We have asked many questions, now do you want to share with us something?

Some other questions by chairman and member 1 were there unable to recall.

Overall good experience, very cordial board.

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**Date of Interview:** 18th April 2022, Last one to go in afternoon session.

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Home state:** Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

**Optional:** PSIR

**Hobbies:** Volleyball and Badminton

**Work Ex:** 5 years as Simulator Engineer

**Background:** B.Tech: Mechanical Engineering from NIT Hamirpur

Asked me if I have any COVID symptoms and asked me to relax and enjoy the conversation.

### Chairman

1. Opinion based question.
2. Regarding the case of corruption where I am an IAS officer, who has to sanctioned a project worth 100 crores. There has been delay of 1 months and supplier says that he has already paid to your boss and is ready to pay you too. Supplier is L1 bidder what will you do ?

### Member 1

1. What do you see in a law made by Parliament to understand it's intent and purpose.
2. Asked about Right to recall and when it should be done and why?
3. Is there any minimum number of votes required to win the election.

### Member 2. Question related to my work experience.

1. My role as simulator engineer.
2. How it will help in Administration?
3. Why you left job?

### Member 3

1. Top three country that won Medal in Volleyball Olympics.
2. AS officer who won Badminton medal last year, his name and where he is posted at present.
3. Indian who recently won Medal in All England Open championship.
4. Who else won it in the past.
5. Is uniform civil code mentioned in constitution.
6. What is the difference between CAG and Attorney General of India.
7. Beruberi case

### Member 4

1. Asked about Social Audit , and who conducts it. Asked about its impact.
2. Relation between Kyoto and Varanasi why called twin City and progress made so far.
3. Namami Ganga and relation between then Solid waste management
4. Any relation between Namami Ganga and Sewage treatment plant?
5. In the end asked about if I want to talk about any thing.
6. Forgot to carry mask in the end. Chairman sir asked me to take.
7. I thanked him and took the mask and left the room happily.
8. Overall it was a wonderful experience.

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**Date of Interview:** 18/04/22 Forenoon

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** NITW CSE

**Hobbies:** Chess, NSS, Volunteering for stray animal rescue and rehabilitation, Repurposing and Upcycling

**Chairman:**

1. He recognised me.... Due to my nomenclature and some questions like what went wrong
2. Briefly introduce yourself in one minute
3. 2 points that you don't agree with Mr. Gandhi
4. Gave a long monologue on Gandhi's
5. Self sustainable villages model.... Do you agree with it?
6. Relevance at present time?
7. What are your views on bifurcation of states and what are the "objective" criterias to determine if a state should be bifurcated or not apart from language(culture) etc. ?
8. What's the negative side of this?
9. Who decides whether demarcating a state be it on linguistic lines could go against national interest?

**Member 1**

1. 5 indian origin ceos
2. Twitter issue
3. Elon musk.... What happens if he takes over?
4. Is it good for India or bad?
5. Gave a monologue on IT sector and some stats....
6. How can an agricultural area transform into an IT based area? What govt can do to increase IT services?

**Member 2**

1. You talked about interdependence.....he gave a monologue of 4-5 minutes and asked something....and again he told that he would rephrase his question and asked me something unrelated to the above monologue... I'm unable to recall.... It's something related to green energy
2. Ukraine Russia crisis.... What are its implications on the seas that border this region from North to South?
3. What happened recently in the black Sea and role of Turkey?
4. Tell me a random topic that I should ask you questions from..... Except your DAF....

**Member 3**

1. Except the 1st question and chess one, nothing related to my daf.... and most of them, I had a smiling face and repeated "I do not know Sir" in a loop...
2. What is the motto of your college?
3. What do you mean by ..... Some sloka...and which organisation has this? Later when I googled it, found it was of IIT KGP....not related to me in any way....

4. Panch pandavs.... Agnyathavasa... What roles did each of them assume during this time? .... Again some random question
5. 5 cities in ukraine from east to west?... Don't even know why this topic popped up suddenly
6. What are the seas that Russia is trying to dominate?
7. You play chess... Elo rating system? Why and How it is given?
8. Who is ELO?
9. Who is Harnaaz Sandhu?
10. Difference between miss world and miss universe?
11. What is common between miss world Manushi Chhillar and miss world xxxxx(I don't even remember) ? ..... All these questions are in no way related to my Daf

#### Member 4

1. Issue of stray cattle..... What can we do?
2. How to fund it?
3. Do you think people will be interested?
4. How to increase the level of compassion in people? Not only towards stray animals but towards humans as well.... Something like this.... I couldn't remember

#### Chairman:

Thank you... Anything you need to say?

**My experience:** As usual very cordial board....questions were not difficult but a little bit strange and some questions made me feel like I ran into a quiz competition... Got a feeling that M3 asked random questions wantedly.... Even he was laughing while asking the questions

Utility of Mocks: Katta Meetha.....

Mocks were like DCEU.... Original pt is like MCU

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**Date of Interview:** 22nd April 2022, Third one to go.

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Home state:** Kerala

**Background:** B.tech: Computer Science Engineering

**Work Ex:** Tata Elxsi

**Hobbies:** Bharatanatyam, Reading classics, Backpacking

Asked me if I have any COVID symptoms and asked me to relax and enjoy the conversation.

#### Chairman

1. Introduce yourself, academic background and work experience.
2. Is Nam relevant? Is it irrelevant for India?
3. Technology for Green Revolution 2.0 that I would suggest.



**Member 1**

1. One city in Tamil Nadu with maximum textile exports ( He quoted the exact figure )
2. I said Tirur-Coimbatore.
3. Nehru Gandhi what kind of relation?
4. 2 instances of ideological difference between them.

**Member 2**

1. How to improve women empowerment in Kerala further?
2. Why Kerala performing poorly in Industrialisation, regarding recent shut downs of industries?
3. Hindi as official language what is your opinion.
4. What are MSMEs and what is their contribution to India?

**Member 3**

1. You are from the land of Shankaracharya, what is the difference between advaita, vishista advaita and dvaita philosophy?
2. Bharatanatyam needs 3 elements, can a dancer do well with 2 of these alone?
3. Proponents of Bharatanatyam
4. Mental health issues and how to solve them in my opinion.

**Member 4**

1. When was Brexit?
2. Can Britain form a trade union with any other countries now that it was out of EU?
3. Any books on Partition that you have read or you know, and what is your insights on partition from the book?
4. I replied Train to Pakistan but I hadn't read the book.
5. Recently a female SC judge gave a verdict on women empowerment, what was it about?
6. I said I don't recollect the news. She tried to get the answer she wanted from me by asking how to solve women empowerment. I said few points and she said that's exactly what the judge had talked about.
7. There were few more questions, I am unable to recollect them.
8. In the end chairman asked if I want to talk about any thing.
9. I said No, Nothing Sir.

Overall it was a wonderful experience.

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**Date of Interview:** 20th April 2022

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Marathi literature

**Background:** E&Tc Engineering SPPU

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Hobbies:** Reading Marathi fiction, Keeping a gratitude journal (Nothing was asked from here)

**Interests:** Being ascribed to Differently abled persons



**Service: IDAS**

**Chairperson:** Similar sentences that he uses to make candidate comfortable

1. What do you do as a scribe?
2. Do you only tell the question or help in reaching to the answer?
3. Parliamentary form of govt v Presidential form( Which country has presidential form of govt)
4. Should India shift to Presidential form of govt?

#### **Member 1**

1. Your name reminds me of a famous personality in Singing competition. Who was she?  
Do you like her songs?
2. Utility of IPTAFS going forward(was there in DAF)
3. What is the duty of your service
4. Merger of the services? Your opinion?

#### **Member 2**

1. Why Africa called as Dark continent?(Did not know)
2. Why France has 12 time zones but India only has one? Why so?
3. Varkari Sampradaya and its work in Maharashtra

#### **Member 3**

1. Efficiency of SLA is going down drastically. Should we mandate minimum number of days that SLA should meet?
2. Should we adopt Right to recall in case of candidates who change the parties post election?
3. Do you watch sports? ( I said cricket occassionally)
4. What is the mechanism in Tennis while doing service or something related to that which I did not know

#### **Member 4**

1. Usage of Smartphones increased a lot. How we can control BigTech?
2. Govt also use FB to get opinion about the people..so who will be the impartial controller in such cases?  
May be missing some questions here..

**Chairperson:** we are done with the discussion and is there anything that you want to tell? ( I told that my service is IDAS and related discussion).

Wished all the members thanks for such an enriching experience which I will be grateful for. I felt that it was very smooth experience and no grilling. But have to wait for the marks to know whether the board really appreciated the conversation the same way as I think. I want to thank Mahesh Bhagwat Sir and all the mentors for their constant support. Preparation for DAF helped me to be confident at that moment. Therefore I think that

though it may happen that not many questions asked from DAF but strong preparation on DAF helps to maintain the confidence throughout the conversation.

All the Best to all the candidates:)

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**Date of Interview:** 22/04/2022

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Background:** civil engineering

**Optional:** Sociology

### Chairman

1. Started with usual Chaubey sir greeting, asked If I had any symptoms of covid and to remove mask and gloves if comfortable
2. He asked the member on his left to start the proceedings

### Member 1

1. What is spectrum auction and what issues do tsp have
2. Sociological view on youth and their sleeping cycles
3. Changes in institute of Indian marriage in last two centuries

### Member 2

1. Are india china relations thawing ?
2. What is AYUSH and why WHO chief was in India
3. What do u mean by data is the new oil

### Member 3

1. Will china take control of POK via CPEC?
2. What does secularism mean to you?
3. If I am conducting an iftar party by withdrawing money out of consolidated fund of India what will be your view on that ?

### Member 4

1. Why Punjab and (Ludhiana) facing agriculture stagnation and what should be done to revive industry.
2. Why Indian football is not growing as expected
3. Who is your favourite cricketer and favourite football player.

### Chairman

Now we have asked the questions, if you wish to ask us anything.

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**Date of Interview:** 27 April,

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Background:** Geography honours

**Optional:** Maithili literature

**Hobbies:** web series, short film , kitchen gardening, kabaddi

**Mock utility** – just for practice

**Experience** – board was supporting but not a single question from daf.

### Chairman

1. Tell me three judicial reform
2. impact of digitalisation in judiciary
3. constitutional provisions of higher judiciary judge recruitment
4. collegium system is against the constitutional principal
5. can judiciary amend the constitution?
6. isn't it against natural justice?

### Member 1 ( his question were not clear )

1. sedition and freedom of expression
2. data of Indian diaspora ( sorry )
3. how foreign ministry evacuate Indian diaspora
4. is there any law rule regulation related it ( again sorry)
5. indias stand on israel and palestine and change in it
6. does relation with palestine impact our relation with israel

### Member 2

1. use of technology in governance
2. what is e governance and how can you use it in administration
3. government e market place and issue related with it
4. why we are doing research in Antarctica
5. isn't it a wastage of resource, we can take research data from other country
6. privatisation of air india

### Member 3

1. No one will win the war. What is the meaning of s jaishankar statement ?
2. jaishankar statement on indo Pacific meaning and context ( today newspaper)
3. during earthquake which agency will work
4. head of ddma and ndma
5. Digital divide
6. should we use less digital technology in governance to make more equitable for poor class

### Member 4

1. Gender neutrality
2. How can we make schooling gender neutral
3. value chain and supply chain meaning
4. now we have DBT , so should we stop pds system

Forgotten few questions

Interview was not on expected line at all. Not a single question from daf.

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**Date of Interview:** 27th April, afternoon session 2nd to go on

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** PSIR

**Medium:** Hindi

**Background:** JNU

**Home State:** Jharkhand

**Experience-** chaubey sir started and ended the interview with smile on his face . Board was very cordial. Board asked all questions in english because i wrote mains in english but they said that i can ask them to frame the questions in hindi if i dont understand them.

Sir asked me to remove masks . I put on my lap. He asked me to put it on table.

### Chairman

1. Is there any prospect of green revolution 2.0 in india
2. There were cross questions.
3. He started walking in the room but was listening carefully. He intervened thrice.

### Member 1

1. Why outmigration from jharkhand despite having so much resources?
2. Why naxalism in jharkhand?
3. Bihar banned alcohol. What jharkhand should as it has similar problems?
4. How much money jharkhand get from centre ( both gst and FC)?

### Member 2

1. How will you use IoT in health sector?
2. Some more question from him i cant remember now

### Member 3

1. you come to delhi from jharkhand because there are weaknesses in unversities there. Tell me three weakness?
2. Question on kashmiri pandits.
3. Terrorist orgs in kashmir.
4. Number of killings in kashmir since abrogation of article 370
5. Is there decline in terrorist attack in j&k?
6. Highest org to deal with cyber attack in india
7. Taliban came in power. Is there any effect on kashmir?

### Member 4

1. Is judiciary independent?
2. Constitutional provision to make judiciary independent?

3. What is collegium system
4. Is judiciary really independent?
5. What is ppp? Sectors where being applied?
6. What is gift city?

Choubey sir ended with his classic style -you did excellent. Do you want us to ask anything else?

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**Date of interview:** 26 April forenoon

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** Law

**Hobbies:** Cricket

**Home State:** Madhya Pradesh

**Your experience in interview:** As usual Chaubey sir very cordial and always smiling

**Utility of mocks (if any)**– I recommend Samkalp and vajirao, SOMP sessions and specially one to one guidance by Punit Yadav sir had direct questions.

**Medium of Interview-** Hindi

### Chairman

1. You can remove mask if not having COVID symptoms and you can refuse any question you don't know.
2. Introduce yourself in one minute about your academics and work experience.
3. What are Principles of natural justice and from where it has its origin.

### Member 1

1. Tell us something about Devi Ahilya Bai Holker (dof)
2. What is the process to nominate any tribe into Schedule Tribe ?
3. PESA act – what and why ?
4. Why kabirpanth is famous in malwa region ?

### Member 2

1. Why NITI Aayog formed ?
2. Isn't our ministries have expertise?
3. What provisions we have for rural banking ?
4. What is NABARD ? What it does ?
5. What about Post office ?
6. Choose any one institutions from bank, NABARD and post office which is best suited for rural banking.
7. Should we dismantle other institutions then ?
8. Any best international practice for pollution control and solid waste management?

### Member 3

1. What is swing bowling?

2. What is difference between act and statute ?
3. Malnutrition and follow up led to mid day meal and it's issues etc.
4. UCC and views on it.

#### Member 4

1. 3 provisions you want to include in UCC ?
2. On what provision do we need consensus ?

Some questions I cannot recall

**Chairman** – we have asked what we wanted to ask. Anything that you want us to ask you ?  
I said Indore is cleanest city so want to talk on this.

**Duration:** 28-30 min

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd to go on 28th april, Forenoon session

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Hindi literature

**Hobbies:** Playing Piano, Nature traveling

**Medium:** Hindi

**Working Experience:** Home Ministry

**Interview experience:** Board was cordial but questions were random.

**Mock utility:** remember Meme( Expectations v/s Reality)

chaubey sir started and ended the interview.

Sir asked me to remove masks.

#### Chairman

1. What is your job profile
2. Give me some examples related to Minimum government maximum governance.
3. Which chemicals in Sanitizer ( bcs samne sanitizer rakha tha.) – I answered – Alcohol based ... Wo meko bole aur batao aur chemicals – I was like
4. Abhi maine kya factory khol rakhi hai kya sanitizer ki)
5. There were many cross questions.
6. How many layers in your mask.

#### Member 1

(Wo khi chal diye, 1-2 min wapas aae)

1. Have u heard about Malnutrition – ( I was – ab ise kaun nahi janta)
2. Why we need balanced diet– we can use suppliments, tablets, steroids ( tumko kisne roka hai use Karo aur abhi labour aur farmer log kidhar se layega ye sb....)
3. Mid – day mil scheme & what are provisions in UP, Bihar, Maharashtra
4. Food fortification?
5. How much edible oil do we export?

**Member 2**

1. What's the difference between piano & harmonium ( my hobby was playing piano)
2. Which harmones released when u playing piano ( I was thinking – Ye kuch jyada andar ki baat nh ho rahi?)
3. Which physical changes you feel after piano( मदहोशी )
4. Cooperative federalism?
5. Delhi legislation handicapped?
6. Constitutional provisions for Delhi ? ( I was only able to recall 69th amendment)
7. Recent Supreme court verdict regarding Delhi legislative.
8. We should handover all power to central government ( तो केजरी जॉब छोड़ दे फिर)

**Member 3**

1. Vally of Flower kidhar hai ?
2. Suddenly shifted to Forest fire ( Flower, fire – I was thinking about Pushpa😊)
3. Recent case of forest fire and reasons?
4. Why CAG?
5. Why FC
6. Why SFC
7. Digital devide
8. Steps for digital inclusion

**Member 4**

1. Again Piano par sawal( ab ye hobby kabhi nahi fill karunga)
2. Tell me about सुर?
3. How many सुर?
4. Difference between Bollywood & classical music सुर?
5. Okay Tell me high pitch Bollywood songs( Simple hai bedu Apna A R Rahmaan bhai h na – Maa tujhe salam.....etc)
6. Your UP govt changing Name for example Prayagraj ( हां तो करने दो ना अपने को क्या?)
7. Changing Name is solution?
8. Historical importance of Bithoor.
9. Kerala Saint – Social reforms, recently modi ji speech .

**Chairman**

1. Mera ho gya – tere ko kuch bolna hai hamse.
2. I shared my view points about physical fitness (Fit India movement) and Influence of Westernization on Nutrition and Physical Activity.
3. Bola tum sanghars Karo ham tumhare sath hai.....
4. Aur Alvida....

**(45)****Date of Interview:** 25 April 2022 Afternoon 2nd last to go**Board:** RN Choubey sir

**Background:** B.A Economics  
**Optional:** Anthropology  
**Home State:** Maharashtra  
**Experience:** worked in Public sector Bank  
**Hobby:** 1 Teaching @ school level  
 2 Counselling

Board was cordial,  
 No face shield  
 Asked if no covid symptoms then can remove the mask ,  
 intro by sir on the same lines, to stay calm and accept anything you dont know honestly  
 Nothing specifically from DAF  
 – Utility of mocks (if any)- benefits in managing nerves, greetings, staying calm....  
 questions quite different in original interview

### Chairman

1. introduce yourself in 1 minute
2. You left the job ...did your friends or anyone else stopped you from resigning ?
3. How you convinced them ?
4. What is DBT ? What is it's utility and benefits?
5. Why we should give food through PDS , can't we directly transfer money as per market rate to people's account? Why so much efforts and cost to govt. and FCI?

### Member 1

1. You are from Maharashtra? How Bhakti movement influenced society ?
2. Two saints you like?( Tukaram & Dyneshwar)
3. Tell about the Tukaram Maharaj's contribution.
4. Guru Nanak vs sant tukaram vs sant kabir comparison ?
5. Two women Social Reformers from Maharashtra who worked for women ? ( I answered Savitribai Phule and Ramabai Ranade)
6. Savatribai Phule and Ramabai Ranade difference in their work
7. Guru Nanak was fond of Tukaram Maharaj's work. What do you think?

### Member 2

1. you told some qualities of saints. in which mordern indian leader you find those qualities ( I said Mahatma Gandhiji)
2. Can Gandhiji be called 'Kabir Of Modern Time'
3. Which is the southern most point of India and its strategic importance?
4. What is Niti aayog's EV policy ?
5. What is battery swapping ?
6. What are the problems in EV expansion?
7. Why EVs are catching fire?
8. What is debt trap in general and in current context?
9. Why is China is upset with QUAD ?



**Member 3**

1. Which are investigating agencies for financial crimes?
2. Difference between ED & CBI
3. Why two diffnt agencies? CBI can investigate the cases which ED investigates then why shouldn't we merge them ?
4. (I answered but not seemed to be satisfied hence asking again and again)
5. Diffnce between competition commission of india and consumer forum
6. if ultimate aim of both is to protect end consumer then why two seperate agencies ?
7. Should we merge them ?

**Member 4**

1. What is the difference between gender equality and gender equity ?
2. What are the provisions of New education policy regarding education in vernacular language?
3. What are the difficulties in implementing those provisions ?
4. What should we do to bring parity in vernacular education? and related cross questions
5. What are different economic regulators in country?
6. What are their functions?
7. Why so many multiple agencies , shall we merge them in one umbrella agency?

**Chairman** told me that it's over from their end if you want to share something you can.

I told about my district – as it is an aspirational district and it's progress under Delta ranking and recently PM mentioned it in his man ki baat

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**Date of Interview:** 27/04/2022 & noon

**Board:** RN CHOUBEY

**Home State:** Uttarakhand

**Background:** B.sc, M.A in economics (Questions asked from economics )

**Hobbies:** playing table tennis -playing badminton {no question from here )

**Experience:** Good

Utility of mocks – exploring DaF dimension.

mains in English, Interview in Hindi

2nd interview

**Chairperson**

COVID ke symptoms nhi h to ap mask utaar skte . ( mask Uttar Diya tha )

We are friendly . You have to be relax here .

1. Tell us about yourself in 1 minute about your education , work experience etc.
2. He asked about school where I was a table tennis coach during my college days (I mentioned in daf & intro )
3. What were the two challenges you faced in giving table tennis coaching to children as a coach . (I replied Ki table tennis Ki technicality ko explain krna , craze km h table tennis ka school children me , practice k like parents se negotiate krna )

4. Fiscal deficit revenue deficit trade deficit
5. Current account convertibility.( me – sorry sir )
6. Foreign exchange reserve- kitna h .
7. RBI kha rkhta h foreign exchange reserves ko etc ( sorry sir )

### Member 1

1. Cooperative societies – its acT,: further discussion on it .
2. Quad is like NATO ( I replied Quad is not like a military alliance & mentioned China in indo pacific )
3. Countries sharing resources chahte h , (I said China sharing nhi Chatha h – 9 dash line claim)
4. China ka Indian Ocean pe influence ( replied ports development etc)
5. RBI governor ko kon appoint Krte h . ( sorry sir not able recall committee )
6. Rbi governor ko independent authority bana dena chahiye .

(I replied ki power ek me concentrate nhi kr skte h , accountability ensure Krne k liye distribute krni chahiye members me . )

- 7 retirement age ko 60 se 65 krne ki baat hoti h aajkl . Kya krna chahiye ?

I replied – life expectancy increase Ho rahi h aur medical infrastructure me improvement bhi ho raha . Retirement Age increase kr skte h

Then chairman interrupted & asked – jo youth h unke liye jobs & opportunities ki kmi bhi ho jgy or vo Iskaa virod bhi krnge

I replied , sir ye transition phase tk hoga or fr normal Ho Jayaga .

### Member 2

1. NGT act
2. Green economy
3. RBI kya cooperatives banks ko regulate krta h ?
4. I replied ki after defaulting of some cooperative banks rbi ne guidelines Banayi h regulate k liye .
5. Cooperative ministry ka kaam kya hoga .
6. Cooperative me kamiya (negatives)
7. What is public sector undertaking( PSU)

I replied about 50% presence & managerial task in govt .

To PSU ko govt. hi kyu own kre

I again said others shareholder ke are in share km hote h .

I mentioned about privatization by govt .

### Member 3

1. Supreme curt ka judgment jo uttarakhand & himanchal pr dharm sansad ( today's newspaper se tha)
2. Uttarkhand me haridwar district me DM h or dharm sansad pe hate speech hoti h or ap vhi h to ap us vkt kya krnge ( I replied jab extreme hate speech hogi to speaker ko shut down kr denge )

3. Public gusa Ho jygi vhaa pe isse , Ho skta h pattar Baji kre ( I replied hate speech ko rokna jaruri h varna chain of hate speech bnne lgti h )
4. Haal me ese chain of hate crimes/ violence hue h ?
5. ( I replied – sir India me stability h lkin ese Ho rhe h Kuch hate crimes/violence ko control Karne Ki jarurat h )
6. Scientific temper nowadays reducing ? Long some lines said by him .
7. I replied phle ke comparison me scientific temper Bada h education & all .
8. Apne gain (village) ka example Diya Ki vha pe lkin Abhi bhi log jhadbhuk pe viswas rakhte h Bismar hone me ; education se youth me jhadbhuk pe viswas km hua ; scientific temper develop aur hoga education & health infrastructure Me improvement hone se )
9. Uttarakhand me police ka investigation system sbse alg h purée India se or world se .
10. Pardon sir ,  
Then member explained Ki PatwAri investigation krte h etc  
I replied sir Han phle PatwAri Krte honge lkin ab mere gaon pe thana h or investigation ka Kaam vohi Krte h .

#### Member 4

1. LIC ipo , government kyu offer kr rahi h  
( I replied insurance market m govt ka interference km Ho , competitive market Bne , strategic sector & non strategic sector etc,,,,,...
2. LIC to bs 3.7 % hi h market me isse kya hi hoga .  
Replied – govt regulation ache se kr paaygi , or private sector bdega .  
( I think mene question got interpret kr Diya yaha pe .)
3. Rural stress Sunne me Aata h ye kya h (Without my reply) he continued and asked about agricultural stress & mentioned about farmer suicide .  
I replied – farmers suicide low income & agriculture me loan lete h moneylenders & banks se ; income achi nhi Ho Pati to debt hota h & virtuous cycle bnta
4. Asked about solution of above problem  
I replied – post harvest facilities , insurance Ho crops ka , bank credit , cold storages
5. post harvest se kya Meaning h .  
I replied – grading kr paye farmers or market available Ho Jesse ki local traders se bache farmers.
6. Farmers ke paas to jgh hi nhi h grading k liye  
I replied – ki infrastructure develop & govt. 22000 rural market develop kr rahi h .  
Member asked that ki tumne farming ki h ?  
I replied sir ki phle or Bachpn me ki thi .
7. Farmers producer organization ( FPO) Kese alg h cooperative societies se .  
I replied – alg to h , lkin me isme ache se aware nhi hu . Sorry sir !
8. National education policy 2020 – vocational training ko school me kese include kr skte h  
I replied – ITI & poly technique ki thrh  
Member – ye to phle se h  
I replied – sorry sir , muje ispe pdhne ki jarurat h .

**Chairperson** – We have asked you most of the questions . If you want to ask anything etc....  
Me -taken a pause & said that thank you for giving me opportunity .

Kbhi Uttarakhand aaye to Uttarakhand ki dishes or cuisines try kijiya . Jesé Gahad ,  
kalabatt , Mandua etc ab export bhi hone laga h ..

Suddenly member-3 interrupted & said that ki haldwani ki vo Mithai bhi to popular h , knsi  
h .

I replied with smile – Baal methaai .

Member 3 said – haan with different energy & smiled .

Chairman – Baal mithai achi dish h .( in a lower tone)

✓ Chairman – you are free now . Your interview is over

Thanks to each member & came out of the room

Overall experience – chairman was so cordial even interrupted in other member questions to  
explain question .

Mocks utility – Vajirao & reddy's mock is good .

I have given less mocks this year .

Drishti is no value addition .

Chahal is average .

Ksg is also good .

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**Date of Interview:** 25 April, Afternoon

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Home State:** Bihar

**Background:** BA hons from DU in geography

**Optional:** geography

**Hobby:** hindi gane sunna

**Chairperson**

1. if u don't have any covid symptoms you can remove mask..
2. We are friendly people we are nice people and want some conversation with u.. Don't panic... If u want you can give interview in English.. I have written main in english.. Interview was in hindi..
3. I opted hindi..
4. Why india is promoting electric vehicle? ? I said to reduce carbon emissions and oil import bill
5. Don't u think we are transferring pollution from vehicle to thermal power plant as electricity is produced from coal in India?
6. I said yes sir... But govt is promoting solar and wind for electricity. . And in future we run EV with that energy and then emission will decrease
7. Vo to future ki bat hai Aaj to nhi ho raha Aaj EV ku?
8. Me- india me EV technology new hai.. It will take time to develop.. We need infrastructure... So govt is promoting from today...

**Member 1**

1. Criminal laws in India?
2. Why crimes are rising despite laws?
3. Difference between songs of 1980s and 2020s?
4. New technology in music industry?
5. Measure to control crimes?

**Member 2**

1. India share longest border with which country?
2. Difference between mixed agriculture and composite agriculture?
3. What is agriculture diversification?
4. Why we need it?
5. Why diversification did not happen in India?
6. Why rice and wheat only?

**Member 3**

1. Why not retirement age for politicians as it is for bureaucrats?
2. Electoral reform needed in India?
3. Centre should have absolute power of law and order... Your opinion?
4. Some counter question?
5. States are dependent on centre for revenue.. Your opinion?

**Member 4**

1. Why crude oil prices are rising in India?
2. Why not rising in neighborhood country?
3. How to dispose lithium battery?
4. Could not recall other questions..

**Chairman**

We have asked all from outside.. Do u want to say something.. We will not ask questions from that

I tell about Bihar and it's recent economic growth..

Your interview is over.. Aapse bat karke achha lga.. U may go now...

I thanked all and left the room..

Time- 35-36 minutes.

Utility of mocks... Helped in confidence building and acquire communication skills.. Best of luck to all

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**Date of Interview:** 02.05.2022, 4th to go

**Board:** Rajiv Nayan Chaubey

**Background:** ICLS(OT) , GST -STO, BOB officer, Software Engg job.

**Home State:** Gujarat

Majority of questions were DAF based

### Chairman

1. Asked me to remove my mask if no covid symptoms
2. Introduce yourself in 1 minute.
3. are Naxalites Terrorists?
4. Should there be bifurcation of states?
5. Views on bifurcation of Vidarbha from Maha., Bundelkhand from UP-MP and J&k

### Member 1

1. Recent changes in the Corporate governance in 2-3 years and are they successful?
2. Evaluate the tax rate reduction in Corporate Tax.
3. What problems are the small traders facing in terms of GST return filings?
4. Issues with card data stored when making online payment.

### Member 2

1. Asked about 5 year gap in my profile. What were you doing in that period?
2. Divide Gujarat in different zones and tell me something about it.
3. Are Cooperatives in Gujarat successful? if so why ?
4. What can other states learn from this?
5. Wont it lead to monopolization if too much successful?
6. Have water issues in Gujarat been solved?
7. Status of desalination in Gujarat?

### Member 3

1. What is IndAS ? why introduced?
2. GST collections low in states and their power to tax has been taken away. If you are the finance minister of the state then what will you do to generate more revenue?
3. How does RBI control inflation? Does it have an inflation target?
4. What is the current stance of RBI and why ?

### Member 4

1. There is GPS, Google earth of USA. Should all countries have their own system for their interest ?
2. Chairman interrupted and asked what is the name of India's navigation system and its range?
3. Continues – Too many people are making FPO under section 8 of companies act compared to the Society registration act. How will it affect the Society act?
4. What is the status of Data servers in India? Do we have less resource or less servers?

**Chairman,** Would you like to share anything, regarding the interview or in general?  
I said thank you and left the room.

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**Date of Interview:** 02/05/2022, Afternoon Session

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Chemistry

**Background:** Materials & Metallurgy Btech, Masters

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Work:** JSPL, Tata Designs

### Chairperson

1. Introduce urself in a minute
2. Love Jihad
3. Against parents wish, should be stopped?
4. Religious conversion in it?
5. Livein relationship, your views?
6. issues like rights, treatment in comparison to marriage?
7. isnt livin destabilising Marriage as social institution?
8. Child born out of livein?

### Member 1

1. Carbon footprint reduction in steel new technologies?
2. Hydrogen mission limitations?
3. Song where whistling is used?

### Member 2

1. God particle
2. Application for Higgs Boson
3. Govt measures led to increase in drinking water and Electricity supply at home?  
Schemes of state government?
4. Electricity distribution, source wise in india?
5. Is Nuclear Energy Green Energy?

### Member 3

1. So many govt adds in Newspaper, isn't it wastage of money?
2. 2 walls, 1 demolition United world other's construction dividing nations? Which are they
3. Migrants, shall we restrict them?

### Member 4

1. What are transducers?
2. What are piezoelectric?
3. Tell ur project? Applications?
4. Green steel
5. Methods to reduce carbon emissions from steel sector
6. Biochar
7. Pyrolysis



**Chairman:**

Your interview is over,

Do you want to say something?

Choubey Sir extremely cordial, as usual intro. (we are good people n will b having interaction), but don't get trapped, he will test on multiple occassion.

1-2 didn't answer... said don't know

1-2 didn't have idea they guided or I asked for Guess...

**Utility of mock:**

1. removes fear
2. enables balance in answering analytical questions
3. helps to keep up the tempo even after not answering 1-2
4. questions will be different from mock n others transcript especially for work exp. people

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**Date of Interview:** May 04th, 22

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** IITB Electrical

**Hobbies:** Guitar, IoT

Your experience in interview- 90% DAF based, smiling but poker faces, some answers and eye contact could have had been better from my side. Got out feeling nice but no clue how i performed.

Chairman asked to take off mask if no COVID symptoms, i was experiencing sore throat so kept mask on

Utility of mocks (if any)-

Vajirao – formal setting, closest to real interview, fixing mannerisms and boosting confidence

KSG – average mock but can be done as morale booster

Samkalp – my experience was not great but other people have had good experience

**Chairman**

Asked to sit, told this is not a police interview, if you don't know something it's fine tell us and we will move on

1. Introduce yourself with your education and professional background
2. Mainstream of tribals and some followup questions

**Member 1**

1. What are EM waves
2. What is dual nature of partical
3. Who gave this concept (didn't know)
4. Which equation describes dual nature of partical (couldn't recall)
5. Chairman asked here have you heard quote 'god does not play dice'



**Member 2**

1. India's stance in Ukraine Russia war
2. Why IMF and RBI give different projections
3. Fuel as part of GST and counter
4. Inflation target, has MPC failed in its objective to reign in inflation
5. IoT and privacy concerns as IOT is about collecting almost all data

**Member 3** questions on entrepreneurship and electrical (DAF)

1. How to find which students are entrepreneurial
2. Govt steps to promote entrepreneurship
3. Every student is an entrepreneur and every entrepreneur is a student, what is wrong with this statement
4. If family wants you to take up a job and you want to do a start up, what will you choose?
5. What is bioelectricity
6. What is tree charger (didn't know)

**Member 4** guitar and drones (DAF)

1. Resonance in guitar and follow up questions
2. Security and administrative dimensions of drones
3. Can we detect drones
4. Can you tell any recent events where drone attacks happened

**Chairman:** all right, this is all we wanted to ask, is there anything you would like to say  
Mentioned how music helped me in personal growth and more appreciation of our culture.  
Chairman said indeed music can lead to catharsis, your interview is over, all the best.

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**Date of Interview:** 5 May 2022**Board:** RN Chaubey**Home State:** Telangana**Background:** (IIT Roorkee, Geophysics)**Optional:** Nothing**Hobbies:** Nothing at all (was very hopeful here)**Utility of Mocks:** Helpful in framing answer quickly, and for experience of a formal setup

Interview- Mostly Graduation based (Felt too technical to my liking)

**Chairman**

1. Introduce yourself
2. What 2 things you can think of from PPP
3. What is Purchasing Power Parity
4. What is Dollar to INR in PPP
5. What are the issues faced by Private sector in PPP
6. Is changing to Revenue Sharing model bad ?

**Member 1**

1. What are the issues Telangana facing after Separation?
2. Was SRC wrong in clubbing Telangana and AP on language basis? (Some more Qs about TS. Don't remember)
3. What is Zero gravity?
4. Which place has Zero gravity on earth?

**Member 2**

1. National Institute of Hydrology in IIT Roorkee came up with a new model for ground water rejuvenation. Tell me the specifics of it.
2. What is Namami Gange?
3. What are the 12 parameters in Namami Gange Program?
4. Some other IIT Roorkee initiative
5. What is the most sophisticated equipment we use in Earthquake analysis now?

**Member 3**

1. Can we use Geology and Geophysics in identifying Net crop sown, Cropping patterns etc
2. How do you do it?
3. Which softwares do we use?
4. How much time does the processing and analysis take ?
5. How to expedite that?
6. Which country is using mining data to good use? What is the status of India in it?
7. What are the differences between NBFC and SFB, who regulates them?

**Member 4**

1. How does gravity change when we go deep into the earth?
2. What happens when we go to high altitude?
3. Does mass change with place?
4. What is the Inflation today?
5. What are the measures to control inflation?
6. How does increasing repo rate control inflation?

**Chairman-** Thank you. Would you like to share anything?

Best Wishes to everyone

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**Date of Interview:** 5th May afternoon

**Board:** RN CHOUBEY

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Home State:** Andhra Pradesh

**Background:** State University college in Andhra (JNTUK) Electrical background

**Profession:** Working in PSU ONGC

**Hobbies:** Not asked

Your experience in interview- Felt like one of the mock interview  
Utility of mocks- Few questions asked in mocks

**Chairman:** Explained the process only, no questions from chairman

**Member 1**

1. Disaster management in offshore (Job related)
2. KG basin present and future prospects (company related)
3. What is new oil
4. Why data is called new oil
5. Issue between ONGC and RIL in KG basin

**Member 2**

1. Electrode used in ECG and EEG device (Electrical background)
2. Future of Electrical and electronics field
3. Percentage of bio-methane/bio gas blending in Natural gas

**Member 3**

1. Transformers importing from foreign countries why domestically not producing (Electrical)
2. AP bifurcation –Did Andhra people go back to AP from Telangana after bifurcation
3. Why GOI prevented ONGC in acquiring PawanHans shares?

**Member 4**

1. Favourite subject in optional (optional maths)
2. Application of ODE
3. Asked about Work experience
4. How graduation knowledge helps in discharging duties
5. Internal security issues of INDIA
6. LWE in Andhra Pradesh and measures taken by state govt

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**Date of Interview:** 06 May (Afternoon session)

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Home State:** Jammu and Kashmir

**Background:** Delhi Technological University (DTU)

**Hobbies:** Budget travelling and trekking, watching documentaries on himalayas, Reading thrillers

**Chairman**

1. Introduce yourself to the board members
2. There has been no revolution in agriculture after Green Revolution. Suppose there is Green Revolution 2.0 , which one technology would be used .. (rambled something about Drones, since I was stumped by the question)

3. What is a Smart City? (I mentioned that about my city being a smart city)
4. What are my observations about my city as a smart city

#### Member 1

1. Industry-academia linkage- what is the scenario in India
2. Types of drones
3. Who gives licence to drones
4. Size of drones used in Agri (Didn't know)
5. Asked about Digital Manufacturing
6. One more question was asked which I was unable to understand and didnt answer (At this point Chaubey sir said, it's okay, we are not testing your knowledge, you are not supposed to know everything)

#### Member 2

1. Tributaries of Indus
2. Which tributaries flows to Pakistan
3. What is the arrangement of water sharing ? Can India use all the water for itself
4. PM Modi said blood and Water can not flow together, so will India stop supply of water to pakistan in likelihood of a war?
5. Is there any water sharing dispute between India and Bangladesh? How is India tackling that?
6. Rohingya Issues- what is the policy of myanmar, Bangladesh and India
7. Why did rohingys flee from the country
8. Role of myanmar military
9. Nobel laureate from myanmar? What was her response towards this?
10. What should prevail- Essential religious practices or Social reforms
11. Sabarimala Case- what is your opinion

#### Member 3

1. So you are into trekking, what route have to trkcked to? (Basically wanted to know the areas where I have trekked)
2. Which pass is there in Manali?
3. Name of the tunnel there
4. What are Electromagnetic waves
5. Do they need a medium to pass
6. Sequence of Elctromagnetic spectrum(arrange in increasing order of frequency or wavelength)
7. Which wave has lowest frequency
8. Which wave has more frequency- X ray or Gamma
9. What are meteorites

#### Member 4

1. So you like reading thrillers, name some authors
2. What do you like the most about thrillers

3. You organised industrial tour, which plant did you visit?
4. Was it a thermal or a hydro power plant?
5. Did you go through the details of how the plant works or just walked around?
6. Finance minister said that after making a UT, J&K 's financial status has improved. Do you agree? (I said yes)
7. How has the situation improved ?
8. Fiscal policy purpose (I began answering and mid way realised that i began talking about inflation rather than fiscal targets, all the members including me laughed at that time, so I continued from the start and rectified my answer)
9. During Covid-19, govt was unable to pay GST compensation on time, did the govt agree to NITI ayog's suggestions regarding GST compensation to the states?
10. What changes did you see in education in Jammu and education in Delhi?
11. So you have done Electronics, why do you think India missed the bus?

I might have missed a few questions.

Your experience in interview- Very Cordial board which helped me in relaxing.

I was a scared candidate in all the mocks, my second last mock (at KSG) scared the S\*\*t out of me.. But today I was calm and confident. Smiled throughout.

Utility of mocks (if any)- Helped in pointing out flaws in body language, which I rectified today. I tried to implement all the feedback that I had received .

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**Date of Interview:** May 6, Morning session.

**Board:** RN Choubey Sir

**Optional:** Physics

**Background:** IISER

**Hobby:** Trekking

Your experience in Interview - Pleasant and calm interaction, seemed they were eager to hear my thoughts!

Utility of mocks (if any) - thinking on your feet, daf coverage and formal setup interaction.

### Chairperson

1. Made comfortable and said not everyone can answer all questions so it's ok to not know answers to some questions.
2. Tell me about yourself.
3. Your weaknesses?
4. Few years back, few SC judges complained against CJI.. Are you aware about it?
5. What do you think about live-in relationship?
6. Is it diluting family structure?
7. What about the child between them? Is it unfavorable for the child?

### Member 1

1. Why not enough IISERs?
2. Faculty-student ratio at iiser?

3. Did you publish research paper in thesis? Why not?
4. Why not enough nobel prize winners in India?

#### Member 2

1. Is research as career option neglected in India? Is it necessary?
2. Why more focus on technology than science?
3. Who is only Indian in physics to win nobel in physics, excluding indian origin
4. What is role of poland in Russia-ukraine crisis? (poland in daf)
5. Has Ukraine announced it not joining nato before this crisis?
6. Name the European countries who have shown eagerness to join nato recently.

#### Member 3

1. What treks have you undertaken?
2. What is electromagnetic induction?
3. Who discovered it?
4. Who formulated the whole theory?
5. What it tells and represents?
6. What act provides for lokpal and its functions?

#### Member 4

1. What factors influence budgetary allocation to various sectors?
2. Does manifestos of political parties influence it?
3. How wine is made and processes involved? (district based)
4. Electric steel in india? (district based)
5. Your views on world as global village?

**Chairman** – We've asked everything we had to ask, would you like to talk/tell us about something?

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**Date of Interview:** 09-05-22 afternoon, 3rd to go

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Background:** MBBS, Chhattisgarh

**Home state:** Rajasthan

**Hobbies:** no question asked from this section

#### Chairman

1. basics -you can remove mask, friendly people, say no if you don't know
2. Asked me to introduce myself, tell us about your education, work experience
3. Begin with case study
4. you are joint secretary in pwd and A 100cr tender has been passed through bidding after one month the bidder who got tender came to you and asked you to sign the tender, it's been 1 month... you if want I can offer you something, I gave 5 crores to your senior

5. Follow up questions
6. consider that you know that your senior is very corrupt person but you didn't find any evidences against him, investigation came clean
7. Again follow up from answer
8. you got two advices from your seniors, one that pass the tender as you didn't found any evidence 2nd investigate again and find out corruption and also the bidder is saying that madam it's your department which is delaying project from last one month that's why I am offering you something
9. ok unfortunately if you don't get selected in civil services what will you do ( I said sir next attempt)
10. ok if you don't selected in next attempt then what will you do

### Member 1

1. spoke very slowly...had difficulty in even understanding what she was saying..
2. What EU countries are doing in Russia In Ukraine war
3. what America did in Russia Ukraine conflict
4. Don't you thin America is supplying bombs on one hand and on other hand talking about climate change...It is democracy...isn't it
5. asked one more question..couldn't understand... wanted to ask her to repeat..but next member started asking in meantime

### Member 2

1. stay healthy, stay fit what does it mean
2. case study - if I am a prisoner in Tigar jail and I came to you opd with fake complaint of bodyache and asking for you to transfer me outside in some higher hospital what will you do... these kind of situations are very common there ( my work experience- Tihar jail hospital-junior resident)
3. Asked 2-3 questions can not recall

### Member 3

1. what is famous in churu (my home district)
2. asked about condition of undertrails in tihar jail and solutions about it

### Member 4

1. case study -if you are DM in chhattisgarh's any naxalite affected district...what will you do
2. Ok unfortunately I you don't get selected in civil services and you get posting as medical officer in chhattisgarh... will you go there
3. Few more question... I can not recall
4. In last chairperson asked if you want to share something
5. I said thank you

**Chairperson...**God bless you...you are free now



Mock experience- good for confidence boosting and experience of talking with senior people, 1-2 questions directly from mock... compared to mocks... the board was very cordial...

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**Date of Interview:** 9 May 2022 forenoon

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Geography

**Hobbies:** yoga, meditation, books

**Background:** B.Tech ECE

NCC, Project related to CAD

As soon as you enter UPSC office, you will be required to submit electronic gadgets. Then digital signature will be taken and you will be sent to allotted group. There u will need to fill up some forms and wait for your turn. Plenty of newspapers and snacks available.

I was the last one to go in my group.

Entered at around 12:45 pm.

### Chairman

1. Feel free to remove your mask and gloves if u hv no covid symptoms. we are friendly people and don't expect you to know everything. Just say no if you don't know.
2. Introduce yourself to the board.
3. I will tell u a statement. Throw light on it. 'We should abolish rajya sabha and legislative councils'.
4. (couple of follow up ques. as I used the term revisionary chamber)

### Member 1

1. name of recent cyclone
2. process of naming cyclones
3. why did u enter this field? What future do you see for yourself?
4. 3 changes if u r made in-charge of district.
5. What have been steps taken to reduce dependence on foss fuels?
6. (since I said cbm, methane hydrates also in unconventional sources) why not increase focus on solar itself? since India has huge potential for it. ( I said we need a balance as solar also needs land availability)
7. What have been steps taken to reduce dependence on foss fuels?
8. (since I said cbm, methane hydrates also in unconventional sources) why not increase focus on solar itself? since India has huge potential for it. ( I said we need a balance as solar also needs land availability)

### Member 2

1. u mentioned pranayaam in ur hobby... tell me name of recent doctor who spoke about benefits of pranayaam.
2. what is the immediate and long term benefit of pranayaam.



3. what is the actual physiological function which takes place inside body while doing pranayam?
4. 1-2 more ques. which I don't remember.

### Member 3

1. which books did u read recently. Why?
2. To which wing of NCC u belonged.
3. U mentioned quizzing...tell me names of 2 American states which r perfectly rectangular.
4. Why was NCC established?
5. Is it still fulfilling its aim?
6. what is the difference between 5G, 4G, 3G?
7. Is it only about the speed?
8. U r Electronics engineer. Why this recent thrust on chips and not before?

### Member 4

1. good afternoon...
2. are you nervous?
3. (based on my project) What is coronary artery disease?
4. ques. related to hardware device of project...(I said my project was based on software)
5. Compared to world average, has India got more or less CAD patients.
6. (based on my ans) too high or higher than the world.
7. what is meant by packaging of semiconductors and why it is so important?

**Chairperson-** we have whatever we wanted...now it's your turn. you may speak about anything you like.

overall- 25 min(I am somewhat scared since it was short😊) but extremely pleasant experience. really boosted confidence level. 🙌 🙌

utility of mocks- none was like actual. Vajirao and Reddy was close though. KSG, Rau's..my personal experience wasn't so good though opinions may differ. Don't take any advice very seriously. UPSC people know what they want.

Thank you to channel UPSC interview updates. you guys are working really hard and for a good cause. 🙌🙌🙌

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**Date of Interview:** May 11th

**Board:** RN. Choubey

**Optional:** Sociology

**Hobbies:** Meditation, trekking, green mobility, NGO and Civil society

### Chairman

1. You're already in service, are you excited to join it ? ( Said yes)
2. Then let's stop the interview and you can join that then. (Laughed)

3. Case study on corruption in your department, where senior has taken a bribe, what will you do?

#### Member 1

1. On what basis did you decide where to trek
2. Which is the highest peak you have trekked to ?
3. Why so much regional inequality in India ? ( Fumbled here and mentioned corruption is jharkhand for some reason)
4. Then asked why is there corruption in jharkhand
5. How will you ensure there is none

#### Member 2

1. Why do you meditate
2. What will you tell school children to convince them to meditate
3. Should math be compulsory?
4. What does an ngo do?
5. What work did you do ?

#### Member 3

1. Why so much inequity in India
2. What is government doing about it
3. Which IPS officer in Maharashtra was involved in corruption case against the home minister?
4. If career is also important to you how will you ensure that you are not corrupt ?

#### Member 4

1. What is the future of green mobility? (daf)
2. Are we doing anything to achieve it
3. What is a civil society
4. What is the vision of the civil society you have worked at?
5. Some species in western ghats that is killing other species can you name it ?

Thank you

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**Date of Interview:** 11/05/2022 afternoon

**Board:** RN Choubey

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Home State:** Kerala

Your experience in interview- it wasn't very cordial like mentioned in transcripts. There was no grilling. But panel seemed quite disinterested

Utility of mocks (if any)- mocks are helpful in obtaining experience

#### Chairman

1. I had symptoms of cold which I conveyed. Hence was asked to keep mask on.

2. Brief intro
3. question on name
4. 2 different meanings for ppp. what are they. India's exchange rate in ppp terms
5. Can history be rewritten. many counter questions on that

### Member 1

1. Use of anthropology in sports
2. What is anthropometry
3. SMART Policing
4. Monologue on Gold smuggling case in Kerala. Who would you say is responsible.

### Member 2

1. What is state food commission 2. NFSA act. Means to address if someone is denied food under NFSA
2. Best tourist place in Kerala.
3. What is special about Kozhikode
4. What is CERT

### Member 3

1. Recent RBI announcement. Questions on repo
2. Why women not given permanent commission earlier
3. Padmanabhsamy temple treasure
4. Anthropology and archeology

### Member 4

1. Kerala's employment issues
2. How can we prevent future pandemics
3. Kerala floods . Reason

Several other questions. Mostly factual and not conversational except for chairman. Mostly expression less board. Can't fathom how it went down.

## TCA Anant Board

(1)

**Date of Interview:** 6th April, Forenoon,

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Delhi

### **Chairman**

1. can remove mask and face shield if you want and feel comfortable
2. All the questions related to my college
3. Who established, when established, what makes it one of the top colleges

### **Member 1**

1. suppose a person from tamil nadu comes to your place of residence. Which all places would you take him?
2. there is system of VIP entry in temples. your views on that.
3. People having black money donating it in temples. Should the temples accept it or not?
4. What are the instruments required for doing hand embroidery (hobby)?

### **Member 2**

1. Do you like walking alone or in a group (hobby)?
2. What is the longest distance you have walked at a stretch?
3. Why are you leaving maths and coming to civil services(background+optional)?
4. You could serve the nation by being a scientist too
5. What are your service preference?
6. What do see is there for your growth in IFS?
7. The world order post second world war and where does India stand. What all we have achieved and what are the area to be worked upon?
8. How will you promote relations between countries?
9. Difference between and what do you understand by tangible and intangible cultural heritage?

### **Member 3**

1. AI and Deep learning
2. Cloud processing
3. Data centres in India and their significance
4. Issue of standardisation in India
5. You have lived all your life in Delhi. How would you manage if posted in say far north or southern India?
6. You have sudoku as a hobby so tell us why Wordle is becoming so popular?
7. How should we use simplicity in day to day administration?

#### Member 4

1. Have you ever done some sort of public service by volunteering or interning?
2. Why are slums in Delhi?
3. Issues with slums?
4. How would you deal with problems of slum localities if made incharge of that?
5. Benefits of Delhi metro and its significance for Delhi.
6. The questions mostly revolved around my DAF. No current affairs questions. Only M3 asked questions related to emerging technologies which he said are related to maths since maths form all the basis of computing.

(2)

**Date of Interview:** 7 April forenoon.

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Background:** B.Tech Mechanical, IIT Roorkee

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Employee:** currently working as district social welfare officer (development) in a district of UP

#### Chairman

1. remove shield and mask if you wish to, I declined as I did not wish to reveal facial expressions while answering.
2. Tell something about your current job
3. what have you learnt till now tell the schemes that you are implementing which are performing best and worst reasons for above

#### Member 1

1. problems you are facing in job
2. how would you improve beneficiary identification (follow up from previous reply)

#### Member 2

1. Tell us about Formula 1 (hobby)
2. qualities of drivers
3. how would it help in administration

#### Member 3

1. What is your view on All India Judicial Service
2. why it has not materialised yet
3. Tell your service preference – told first three
4. Tell more – told next five
5. Why IRS (IT) above IRS (C&IT)
6. Any latest developments in income tax ? – told about faceless assessment
7. How faceless assessment happens ?
8. counter on above

9. you have good academic credentials, why civil service

#### Member 4

1. (started speaking in Hindi since official language of UP is Hindi) – you have to invite all
2. gram pradhans in ur district for a meeting. Tell me exactly what will you write – Told him 2-
3. 3 sentences in hindi language that I would write.
4. what places would you take me to in your district
5. counter on above
6. new technologies with respect to vehicles in India (from hobby and education background)
7. what about tesla ? (Later he told he is asking about driverless cars)
8. Is your post insignificant ? (I told chairman earlier that my current post was lying vacant
9. since many years)

**Chairman** – thank you. You can go now.

Remarks : DAF based. Some random questions in between by M3.

(3)

**Date of Interview:** 7 April

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Background:** BA(H) Economics.

**Home State:** Delhi

**Hobbies:** Painting Madhubani, miniatures; reading historical fiction and non fiction

#### Chairman

1. first I must congratulate you. You're the youngest candidate we have met, first attempt you've managed
2. Why no post grad?
3. So you have written you paint madhubani? You make them yourself? Tell us about madhubani and what is special about it?
4. You like reading historical fiction. Tell us one book you've read recently and name author.

#### Member 1

1. so you've lived in south delhi and have had your schooling here. Have you noticed any slums? What are the problems of slums?
2. As an administrator how would you fix these?
3. What about waste management? What is to be done?
4. Tell us what has impressed you the most about Swatch Bharat Abhiyan?

#### Member 2

1. so you've done economics. Can you tell me whether we should stop urbanization?
2. What is percentage of urbanization?

3. Do you know any govt schemes, like PURA? tell us about it.
4. What about Smart City programme?
5. What are the number of smart cities selected in the programme?
6. What about the public sector? Tell us about its history in post independent India.
7. Is disinvestment good? Govt is very passionately pursuing the policy, what is your opinion?

### Member 3

1. I won't ask you any economics. I am interested in your hobbies. Textile history – how did
2. you develop this interest and how do you read about it?
3. Explain indian textile history, for how long has India been involved in the textile industry?
4. Tell me about any of your favorite textile/ embroidery.
5. Do you think textile sector is still very important to India? How?
6. What are the sector's problems that you may want to work on as an administrator?
7. What about art history? Who's your favourite painter?

### Member 4

1. what is the difference between kanjeevaram and banarasi?
2. Is some level of NPA in the economy tolerable? I.e should we tolerate some NPAs?
3. Farm laws withdrawn – do you think it was right to introduce?
4. Constitutionally, according to the 7th schedule?

**Chairman:** your interview is over. You may go

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**Date of Interview:** 6th April, afternoon  
**Board:** TCA Anant  
**Background:** Civil engineering  
**Optional:** PSIR  
**Home State:** Delhi  
**Hobbies:** Reflective writing, Guru dutt movies

### Chairman

1. Why you decided to join civil services?
2. Why not engg services? Or have you given engg services also?
3. Why specific guru dutt?
4. If you have to recommend me one Guru dutt movie, what would that be? Other movies?

### Member 1

1. What comes to your mind when you hear civil engg?
2. Why people have negative perception of PWD?

3. You are police officer, What will you do if a group of students block road?
4. What other steps will you take if you know that they have done criminal offence?
5. As a engg, how will you tackle corruption in govt dept?
6. What steps govt has taken to tackle private builder in regions of Noida and ncr?

### Member 2

1. What is the meaning of your name?
2. Which is more important, economic power or military power.
3. Why North Korea is not powerful despite huge military power?
4. What are the three areas you want to work on?
5. Why women empowerment was still not achieved?
6. What will you do if an influential person harasses women in a locality?
7. What can be done at level of family (by govt) to achieve women empowerment given family is a personal sphere? What interventions can be made to ensure women equality in level of family.

### Member 3

1. How can we build disaster resilient structure?
2. New technology in Civil Engineering construction methods?
3. On what technology Pmay houses build?
4. What steps government has taken to make sewage treatment plant in cities?

### Member 4

1. You talked about rural development tell me What are panchayati raj?
2. what steps govt has taken to empower panchayats in India?
3. Your take on merging of municipalities in delhi?
4. What administrative inefficiencies were there?
5. Is it right to have only one municipality for whole of delhi?

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**Date of Interview:** 8 April

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Background:** B.tech

**Optional:** PSIR

**Chairperson:** (Read some parts from DAF)

1. Tell us about your hobby
2. What is blockchain?
3. Explain to me as a layman
4. What are it's applications?

### Member 1

1. Tell us about your project
2. Why don't we see disabled people in mainstream?



3. Do you know what are green buildings?  
(Counter questions)

#### Member 2

1. What are your service preferences?
2. Why civil services from Btech?
3. How will you use technology in administration?
4. Mgnrega Scheme  
(Counter question)
5. How to promote startups
6. DU FYUP program

#### Member 3

1. Why PSIR?
2. Role of social media?
3. How to make it safer?
4. Use of technology in diplomacy?

#### Member 4

1. What will be the effect of UP elections on Presidential elections?
2. What are the other constitutional implications  
(Counter questions)
3. Reasons for new Parliament?

#### Chairperson:

1. How are members of Rajya Sabha elected?
  2. How many seats does UP has in Rajya Sabha
- Thank you

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**Date of Interview:** 7th April, Afternoon session  
**Board:** TCA Anant  
**Home State:** Delhi  
**Optional:** Economics  
**Hobbies:** Watching Bollywood movies, practicing yoga

#### Chairman

1. Why 2nd Masters?
2. Describe Srilanka crisis and lessons from it for India.

#### Member 1

1. Describe areas where work is needed for ensuring child rights.
2. Also what can be done to ensure their good health.
3. How to tackle child labour when families forced to push their children into it due to

poverty?

4. Do you know an Indian who has done considerable work for children?
5. Do you know about Mid Day meal? What are its objectives?

### Member 2

1. What needs to be done for construction workers?
2. What can be done in the current situation in many states where construction workers' cess remains underutilized?
3. What can be done by the states?
4. You talked about performance appraisal.
5. Told about an article in newspaper about forceful retirement of senior bureaucrats to ensure new talent gets opportunities? Is that viable? Views on it?

### Member 3

1. Which genre of movies do you watch?
2. Should there be censorship for movies, OTT alike? Who has primary responsibility to regulate content for children, parents or state? Should there be self regulation or enforcement?
4. Tell me your service preferences.
5. Difference between hard and soft power.
6. Why India was called country of snake charmers?
7. What did India do to strengthen its soft power?

### Member 4

1. Asked names of difficult asanas that i can do.
2. How many poses in Suryanamaskar?
3. What is Hatha yoga?
4. Told about a video of a boy practicing for army selection. Asked, is it good? Will it inspire people?
5. Do you know anything on army recruitment recently?
6. What is FCRA? Recent news on it related to NGOs ( I had mentioned about NGOs in an earlier answer).
7. Told about a recent CBI report saying about corruption among bureaucrats. Why do you want to join service then?

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**Date of Interview:** 8th April

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Bihar

**Background:** Mechanical Engineering from VIT Vellore

**Hobbies:** Blogging, Watching football

This was my 2nd Interview and also, the 2nd with COVID protocols in place. I entered the room and greeted all. Chairman asked me to sit and started reading out loud my DAF.

### Chairman

1. C: You worked as programmer analyst. Briefly tell me about your job.  
A: Explained
2. C: Why did you leave your job?  
A: Explained
3. C: So, you like blogging. What do you blog about?  
Me: My emotions, educational write-ups and about football.
4. C: What was your last blog?  
Me: Wrote about the impact of Russia-Ukraine conflict on the future of English Premier League.
5. (At this point, he seemed interested to know more)
6. C: Explain what you wrote.  
Me: Explained the links of oligarchs like Roman Abramovich with Putin administration and future of Chelsea football club.

### Member 1

1. M1 delivers a long monologue about the dichotomy between environment conservation and economic growth and asks my opinion.  
Me: Agreed with him. Told about the need to reform GDP accounting and also, how we have framework of EIA to take care of this dichotomy.
2. M1: What is NGT?  
Me: Explained
3. M1: India is doing so much for environment conservation. What are our targets?  
Me: Explained using Panchamrit.
4. M1: So, government is doing a lot. What do you do for environment conservation?  
Me: Mentioned the use of grey water in garden, public transport.

### Member 2

1. M2 delivers a long monologue on how we have so many legislations for women yet the ground realities are different. Linked it with Bihar. Now, asks my opinion on corrective measures.  
Me: (Not verbatim just main points) Need social reforms. Legislations work in top bottom approach. Mentioned 37% women in Bihar justify beating up by husband as correct. Could recall this figure from NFHS-5
2. M2: What else?  
Me: Education -> rational outlook
3. M2: We already have so many schools and enrolment. Do you really think it's a valid measure?  
Me: Explained the disconnect between current measures focusing on enrollment rates (literacy) vs education

4. M2: What else?

Me: Talked about duplicity of institutions leading to confusion, constabulary force lacking soft skills so women fear to file cases- give them training etc.

5. M2: Difference between FR and DPSP

Me: Explained

### Member 3

1. M3: You are from small town in Bihar and went to Vellore for studies. How did you travel- train or flight?

Me: Train

2. M3: Mention the states that came your way in the journey

Me: Mentioned

3. M3: Why migration is happening? Why Bihar is still backward?

Me: explained

4. M3: Monologue on how food is different in North and South India. Asked if food is integrating factor?

Me: Explained + mentioned Chicken Chintamani which is still my favourite. Connects me with the culture.

5. M3: You worked in Kolkata and love football. Give one distinguishing aspect of football culture there.

Me: Mentioned East Bengal and Mohun Bagan rivalry. Also, my experience from a local match I had watched.

6. M3: About PSIR. Describe the world order after Post world War 2.

Me: Explained

7. M3: What about world institutions? What is their status?

Me: Talked about UNSC reforms, WTO status etc.

8. M3: Should we reform them or leave them as they are?

Me: Explained the need for multilateralism

### Member 4

1. Probably the toughest part of my interview

2. Pointed out my answer to M1 on how I use greywater and mentions how my college was also using in-situ treatment plant to do the same.

3. I agreed.

4. He seemed to know my college really well.

5. Then, talked about how an underpass was constructed to connect two parts of my college that led to disruption in the movement of railways.

6. M4: Do you think if it wasn't your college and some small college, permission would have been given for such project?

7. Me: explained how cost benefit analysis must be done for any project and benefits must outweigh the cost + other considerations like environment, feasibility of construction etc.

8. He didn't seem convinced. Moved on to next.

9. M4: Asked some difficult theory of Pareto?

Me: I had no clue. I passed.

10. M4: CBI vs NIA?

Me: Gave answer but he didn't seem convinced.

11. M4: Can CBI investigate cases in states?

Me: Explained using General consent

12. More follow up on same issue with respect to West Bengal.

13. M4: CBI's procedural details on how the treatment of cognizable offence is different from other types

Me: I said I don't know.

14. M4: Why should I read your blog? Why do you put up your personal emotions for public?

Me: explained.

15. M4: From your favourite area. What's scissor kick?

Me: Explained.

16. He then passed on to chairman. Chairman said your interview is over.

**Experience:** Felt like a purposeful conversation unlike mocks. Take mocks with a pinch of salt and do what you think is correct 😊

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**Date of interview:** 11.04.2022, forenoon

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Agriculture

**Background:** IIT Delhi

**Hobbies:** space documentaries, guitar

### Chairman

1. Why did you leave your job
2. Civil services except IAS are mostly limited to their domains so how will you find diversity there
3. What got you interested in space documentaries.
4. Where can I watch space documentary
5. What documentary would you recommend for me to watch

### Member 1

1. You have done production and industrial engineering.. so why are industries in India
2. backward, why are we losing out to China and what can we do about it
3. How to reach India's goal of carbon neutrality
4. What will you do for it.
5. Can Hydrogen be a substitute of coal
6. Green hydrogen
7. Blue hydrogen
8. Grey Hydrogen

### Member 2

1. Impact of Russia Ukraine on global energy transition.

2. Can India be the global superpower
3. You won dance competition.. what type of dance.
4. You also play guitar..what type of guitar..what do you play
5. What is more important- 'India for world' or 'India for india'

### Member 3

1. You told about theory of relativity.Explain in layman term.
2. Why does earth revolve around the sun as per general relativity.
3. What will happen if your daughter leaves earth in a space ship and comes back after a few years.
4. What areas do you want to work on.
5. What will do in agriculture
6. Usa is giving huge subsidies.. how can India compete.
7. IIT.. people go abroad. Get into bureaucracy. How Will India get engineers.

### Member 4

1. Do you think India needs more iit
2. What is special about iit
3. Difference between iit and other colleges
4. Difference between btech and be
5. Difference between engineering, technology and science.
6. Won't new iit dilute the image of old iit.

**Chairman:** your interview is over.

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**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** Civil engineering

**Work experience:** NHAI project

**Hobbies:** Kitchen gardening, listening to Sufi music, numismatics

### Chairman

1. Job-related ( civil engineer) related questions.
2. Numismatics (hobby ) , asked to explain, what unique thing you've learned out of it. So many questions followed.  
Take on college politics? Good or bad ( follow up questions on that )

### Panel Members

1. Again related to Numismatics . Asked about cryptocurrency and regulations. Also who issues coins in India?
3. Today it is motherhood day. I didn't know. So many questions related to that. Why it's celebrated ?
4. Type of vaccines that a child needs to take?

5. Pre natal and post natal care ?
6. Why civil service after civil engineering? Will it create a shortage of engineers ?
7. Why Kerala is underdeveloped compared to other South Indian states? Reasons and way forward
8. Asked me how to inculcate interest to learn maths ? Asked about Pythagoras theorem. How ancient Indians found the diameter of the Earth.
9. Asked questions on kitchen gardening? Like how was it done ,plants cultivated

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**Date of Interview:** April 11 Afternoon

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Background:** B.Tech Geoinformatics

**Hobbies:** Reading books, listening to Carnatic music

### Chairman

1. What is Geoinformatics? What areas of specialisation?
2. What have you been doing since graduation?
3. What kind of books do you read?
4. Tell me about your last book and follow up questions on that.

### Member 1

1. Can the problems of India-China border be solved by cartography? (Mentioned that cartography was one of the subjects in graduation)
2. What books of fiction have you read?
3. Any biography that has particularly influenced you?
4. Do you think we value house wife's contribution? (Follow up from the previous question)
5. If you are in govt, what would you do to change the perception towards house wife?
6. How do you see your learning curve from the entry through mid-career to the higher level in civil services?

### Member 2

1. If both parents are working, what happens to children's upbringing?
2. What do you think about having a system where mothers can take their children to workplace?
3. Today is safe motherhood day. Are you aware of it?
4. What do you know about safe motherhood?

### Member 3

1. He was very happy when I told member 1 that I liked Harry Potter. He shared his insight about JK Rowling 😊
2. What Indian authors have you read?
3. Don't you think Indian English literature needs to get world recognition for its style?
4. Why do you like Carnatic music? Do you play any instrument?

5. What do you think of Obamas in the American trajectories? Did they come at an inflection point? (Follow up on my mention of Becoming by Michelle Obama)
6. What do you think about Trump in one line?
7. Do you think Trump's election is a consequence of Obama's time?
8. Have you considered joining private sector?
9. Why didn't you consider NGOs? (Follow up on my answer)

#### Member 4

1. What is the problem with our bureaucracy?
2. Why don't policies work?
3. Do you think we need reforms in bureaucracy?

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

The board was extremely cordial. It was a purposeful conversation in every sense of it. Overall it was a very pleasant and enriching experience.

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April Forenoon session

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Telangana

**Background:** [B.com](https://www.b.com) honours

**Hobbies:** watching stand up comedy, Debates, Yoga, Self Introspection

#### Chairman

1. You are from Telangana.
2. Impact of bifurcation on both states.
3. Do u support the stand of making smaller states?
4. Other than administrative factors which have to be kept in mind while bifurcation.
5. Do u participate in Debates(hobby)
6. What is self Introspection. (hobby)

#### Member 1

1. How can we ensure growth of all regions in a state( in addition to bifurcation question)
2. America vs India.(Division of states based on geographical factors vs USA division of states)
3. Which model do you think is better?

#### Member 2

1. Lot of cultural identities in states..ex-Arunachal Pradesh tribes... How can we tackle this.
2. Self introspection in Accounting.
3. Women are bad in finances..Your take on it?



**Member 3**

1. How can we make India a five trillion economy?
2. Can we be completely self reliant without being dependent on other countries?
3. Difference between male and female minister (specially female finance minister).

**Member 4**

1. How does government tackle inflation?
2. How does Rbi tackle inflation?
3. Why does inflation take place?
4. Can inflation and growth go hand in hand?

Thank you.

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**Date of Interview:** 8th april

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Home State:** Delhi

**Background:** B.tech it previously data analyst currently mea aso

**Hobbies:** cricket and travelling

**Chairman**

1. why u chose maths as optional
2. why many students dont take it as optional
3. ur job as aso in mea
4. many questions on my current project

**Member 1**

1. issue of congestion and slum development in delhi
2. schemes related to above issue
3. rank - honesty, integrity and work orientation
4. reason for 3.

**Member 2**

1. how will u choose ur subordinate if u have 2 options (follow up of 3 and 4 of m1)
2. reason for choosing above
3. why travelling
4. where travelled last time
5. formulate plan for uttarakhand if made tourism minister

**Member 3**

1. farms bills. what why
2. do we need them. my views
3. constitutional aspect of farm bills
4. privatization good or bad. my views

5. what are strategic sectors

#### Member 4

1. is tourism policy failure
2. is ipl subjugating other sports
3. is ipl not producing fast bowlers

#### Chairman

1. why haldighati called haldighati
2. its historical significance
3. why war fought here
4. its economic significance
5. erisms and inculcating proper articulation.

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April 2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

A little detail of the day....I reached UPSC bhawan before the reporting time, obviously because "bilkul RICKS nahi lene ka re baba."

It was a hot day and I was sweating a lot,so i decided to sit in the car for almost an hour and half so that the suit will not be ruined before the interview.

Entry at 1 pm,then all electronic gadgets were submitted and we headed towards the waiting hall where my documents were verified..

Around an hour later after small formalities and paperwork,a list was circulated to our coordinator and we got to know it was TCA ANANT Sir's board.

Fast forward 4 hours...around 5.40pm,I was the last candidate in the waiting hall and then I was called by the peon to get ready for the interview...

I rushed to the washroom to get my clothes in a proper manner,washed the face, set the hair..

I was then asked to wear the gloves,mask and face shield that was provided earlier...

After around 10 minutes of waiting, I was called in.

I entered the room,there were 2lady members and 3 gents, I greeted the lady members first,then the chairman and then others.. they asked me to sit .

Even though I had practiced unbuttoning my coat a lots of times,but I fumbled in the hall, due to the rubber gloves on,the chairman sir sensed this anxiety and asked me to relax and not to Panic.

Sir asked me if I had any symptoms of COVID and after I said no,then he said I can remove the mask if I wanted.

Now the interview began

#### Chairman

1. So, your name is —, right.?

Me – explained the reason for my name being spelled with a B, instead of a V.

2. so, you have worked at my wish marketplace pvt Ltd for sometime,why did you leave?  
Me – answered (due to lack of time to focus on studies).
3. You have mentioned in your daf that you play Kabaddi,so tell me what are reasons for sports in general not being very popular in India, except cricket,and how can this problem be overcome?  
Me – answered (lack of funding and promotional aspects etc,better opportunity at school, infrastructure creation etc)
4. You have a very interesting hobby of Culinary tourism, what exactly is it?
5. How did you get interested in this hobby, which places have you been and what culinary skills have you witnessed...  
Me – answered both the questions decently and honestly, without any exaggeration.

### Member 1

1. Mr. ...., what's your service preference?  
Answered – IAS,IFS,IPS,IRS,IAAS.
2. Suppose you are heading the east Europe division at MEA,, what would be your response in handling the present Ukraine crisis..what would be your order of priority?  
Answered what I had prepared (evacuation,then energy security,then humanitarian assistance etc)
3. Good,,now tell us whether in the present geopolitical scenario, India should focus on it's neighborhood,or should aim beyond.?  
Me – Should focus beyond,as neighborhood is too small of an arena for rising aspirations of growing India.
4. What are the challenges to India from its neighbouring countries?  
Mentioned Chinese policy, Pakistani instability, srilankan crisis,rise of Bangladesh etc.
5. How is Bangladesh's rise a challenge to India?  
It's more of a guiding light rather than a challenge.
6. What's your view on Afghanistan situation and impact on India?  
Answered -central asian policy and chabahar project etc.
7. What's your opinion on trade deals.. should India focus on bilateral agreements or go for multilateral agreements?  
Answered – should be on case to case basis, depending on nature of trade and whether trade surplus or deficient.

### Member 2

1. In one of earlier questions, you answered that you have tried cuisine from Uttarakhand,tell me something about it..  
I could only answer about one peculiar dosh of bhang ki chutney, could not remember anything else at the moment (could have added a couple of more)
2. Anything else,apart from that?  
I can't remember anything else from Uttarakhand sir.
3. Do you eat non veg also,and have you tried the non veg cuisine of Delhi?  
Yes sir.

4. Which kebabs are your favourite?  
Shammi kabas sir
5. Since you have a Hobby of following culinary tourism, then tell me about the origin of Galouti kabab?  
I nailed the answer (thank you culinary programs on TV for that)
6. Good, now you are eligible to write culinary tourism as your hobby..  
Thankyou sir.

### Member 3

1. Have you spent your life in a rural setup or have you only lived in cities?  
Answered.
2. What is your opinion on civil society and NGOs?  
Answered as it was already prepared during mains preparation (also mentioned about FCRA Amendment, members seemed pretty impressed).
3. Should they be regulated or left alone?  
A well balanced answer (light but tight regulation).
4. Where did you work on that NGO..?  
I had worked with adore India NGO, so told about it
5. What should be the model of regulation?  
Mains type decent answer.
6. What was the kudankulam protest?  
Answered about the foreign funding angle in the protests.

### Member 4

1. Sorry I don't the exact questions asked by member 5, but all I know is that I didn't fumble in answering any questions, I kept a gentle smile and waited for every question to be finished completely before answering them...

### CHAIRMAN SIR

Thank you Mr .., your interview is over..

So, overall verdict – a better than expected and pleasant experience, EXTREMELY cordial board...hoping to get good marks...

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**Date of Interview:** 12/04/22 Afternoon session

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Optional:** Gujarati literature

**Home State:** Gujarat

**Background:** B. Tech in mechanical from svnit

**Work ex:** Energy analyst (Trading in oil)

**Hobby:** Volleyball

### Chairman

1. Chairman was very cordial asked me to remove mask

2. Started reading my daf and asked me about my job
3. What impacts oil prices
4. Asked about Brent oil and why it was benchmark
5. Asked about different oil like wti
6. About my role as welfare secretary in college (mentioned in daf)

#### Member 1

1. (He was a lot intrested in trading)
2. Lot of questions on trading
3. Impact of Ukraine war on oil prices
4. You like Playing TT( hobby)and volleyball ( mentioned in team sports) how they are different

#### Member 2

1. What is flexi fuel vehicle
2. Impact of ethanol blending on performance of engine
3. Why JNV were created (schooling in jnv)
4. How they are different from kV
5. How will new education policy benefit jnv
6. Few questions on coding ( mentioned in previous answer)
7. How jnv is different from state board school
8. Why Gujarati literature as optional

#### Member 3

1. Long story about Gujarat
2. Why there are few civil servants from Gujarat
3. Name few prominent civil servants from Gujarat
4. Role of hasmukh adhia
5. Again long story on diffrence between Gujarat and Nagaland
6. How will you improve administration in Nagaland
7. Issue about insurgency
8. How much investment has vibrant Gujarat brought
9. Which area is backward in Gujarat why so how can you improve
10. Why tribal areas are backward

#### Member 4

1. Relation between crude oil price and product price and few counter questions
2. Long story on oil prices
3. But why consumption is not declining
4. Why vehicle registration is increasing

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**Date of Interview:** 11/04/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Kerala

**Chairman:**

1. Your service preferences...3-4..
2. Why you want civil service...?
3. Why IPS is an all india service...?
4. Why only 3 all india services...?
5. What are the primary responsibilities of the police?
6. Why they need arms...?

**Member 1**

1. Water metro kerala
2. How kerala got good social indicators
3. How Romans managed number system without zero...?

**Member 2**

1. Srilanka problems..
2. Srilanka tourism sector
3. Kerala tourism
4. Srilanka kerala comparison
5. Agriculture issues in india...? Should agriculture be taxed in India...?

**Member 3**

1. Maternal mortality rate, infant mortality rate
2. What is Block chain technology..? Tell me about its applications....?
3. How you will use technology for improving government services
4. As an administrator how will u solve drop out of girls from schools..?

**Member 4**

1. Problems of industries in kerala
2. Remittance
3. Covid impact on economy
4. Gdp to tax ratio
5. Problems in tax collection
6. What will u do to increase tax collection in the country...?
7. What are the new initiatives of the income tax department..?

**Chairman:** anything you want to discuss...?

Interview is over...

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, afternoon

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** History

**Background:** Ece engineer, IIT Allahabad

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Hobbies:** Cricket, football, meditation

**Chairman:**

1. No intro directly read my bio and asked -Why left the job?
2. What exactly my job entailed?
3. Football and cricket – had similar trajectories but why cricket is now more famous?
4. My positions in cricket and football team?
5. Most important position according to me on football team?

**Member 2**

1. How are number impacting sports – role of data science?
2. Is data science relevant in governance in country like india?
3. You practically worked ‘ in ‘ US for 2.5 years..how was this virtual expereince for you?
4. Difference in work cultures that you feel?
5. Why is allahabad relevant in terms of civil services?

**Member 3**

1. Long monologue reagrding machines..overall is automation good?
2. Another long monologue..leading to factual questions..
3. Was burma ever part of india? When seperated?
4. How it was incorporated – timeline?
5. Why is gwalior important? What is it currently famous for other than scindhias?

**Member 4**

1. Do the terminologies of modern medieval and ancient vary with country or are they universally applicant?
2. 3 historical events as breakthrough events in indian history?
3. Why 1857 famous apart from revolt aspects?

**Member 5**

1. A megapark or facilty coming up in gwalior regarding disabled..do you know?
2. Why need of rights of person with disblities act when article 14,15 already there?
3. How on average disbled educational outcomes greater than able bodied students?
4. Why paralympics medal greater than olympics?
5. Name a paralampian administrator.
6. Why mainpuri famous?
7. Lack of experimental learning in schools..your views.
8. Are we doing something in this regard?
9. Is credit based exit entry system good?
10. Why interaction of different streams in education?
11. Is it practically possible for a person to be a musician and a mathematician at the same time?

**Overall** a very very cordial board. My suggestion would be to have a little relaxed mindset so as to let yourself think freely.

Due to paucity of time had given only 1 mock and hence cannot accurately comment on the effectiveness.

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**Date of Interview:** 12/04/2022 Afternoon

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Jharkhand

**Background:** B.E. Mechanical, BIT Mesra

**Hobby:** Football,

**Work Exp:** 32 months at Maruti Suzuki

### Chairperson:

1. Can take off the mask and the shield
2. Why you left Maruti Suzuki
3. Difference between petrol engine and diesel engine
4. Why Maruti discontinued diesel engines

### Member 1

1. Why want to join civil service after 3 years corporate experience
2. Difference in work profile in public and private sector
3. Why jharkhand is less developed
4. Scope of sustainable mining
5. Ways to reduce naxalism
6. Switch to renewal energy and its impact on naxal financing (reducing coal reduces rent seeking by naxals)
7. Why we want to phase down coal and not phase out (from my previous answer)

### Member 2

1. Impact of ethanol blending in petrol engine
2. Issues with 30percent ethanol blending
3. How Brazil is operating 100percent ethanol fuel
4. How ethanol will affect food security
5. Question on achievement award for engine durability (from daf)

### Member 3

1. Why psir
2. Impact of Russia Ukraine on India
3. How will world powers realignment take place (answered both in short term and long term)
4. Will a russia china India axis develop against west
5. Why India is a member of SCO, BRICS



6. Why USA actions in the past have not been scrutinised in the same way as Russia

#### Member 4

1. Why usa is worried of Russia, if it is a declining power
2. How to reconcile Quad and SCO membership for India (from my previous answer)
3. What can the solution of ending Russia ukraine war
4. Unique features of Japanese work culture (from daf)

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**Date of Interview:** 13.04.2022(Forenoon)

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** PSIR

**Background:** MNIT Jaipur

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Employee:** Software Engineer,

**Work exp:** Teaching social science, EPFO since 2017

**Hobbies:** Playing Badminton

Utility of Mocks- My interview was completely based on DAF, no outside question and this mocks were quite helpful, although questions asked were not same.

**Chairman-** Asked ro remove face mask, shield and read my DAF out loud .

1. What changes have you observed after joining EPFO
2. Gow would you ensure that establishments are complying as per the act
3. And some discussion around this.

#### Member 1

1. WTO- Mode 1, Mode 2, Mode 3 and Mode 4
2. History of NATO and how it is responsible for current situation.
3. Why did you taught Social Science after Software job
4. How did make it interesting for students

#### Member 2

1. You organised Ozone day in college, why it is celebrated.
2. What is Ozone gas
3. What are isotopes
4. What is Deuterium and its chemical formula
5. Difference between Drones and Robots

#### Member 3

1. You are from Rajasthan, what are socio-economic indicators in which Rajasthan is behind
2. Why Kerala is doing good
3. What measure you would take.

4. And some more discussion around it

#### Member 4

1. You have done so many things, but none of them are related to Electronics (Even your
2. Optional), how would you justify this.
3. One the major social evil of Rajasthan
4. What is government doing to restrict child marriages
5. What steps would you take

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, Afternoon ( Last one – of whole lot of 23)

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Economics

**Background:** NIT Jamshedpur (EEE)

**Employee:** worked in Business Consulting firm (17 months)

**Hobbies:** Watching Mahabharat, Listening to old songs

**Experience in interview** – Overall good, questions mostly on my DAF (hobbies mostly) and Economics

**Utility of mocks** – It depends on person to person, I enjoyed taking mocks and took 6. It boosted confidence overall.

#### Chairperson

1. What did your firm do?
2. What was your job profile and work ? and few counter questions for more clarity
3. Favorite singer from old songs?
4. Do you think in today's songs, music dominates?
5. Which Mahabharata do you like to watch ? – I said BR's Chopra and then counter question why?

#### Member 1 (most smiling person evert met )

1. Have you heard about Kundan Lal Saigal ?
2. In old movies, actor used to sing a lot with big piano. Why is this missing now ?
3. Comparative analysis on Cricket and movies ?
4. From Electrical and Electronics to Economics is a bold choice, why did you make it ?
5. Pandemic hit us hard , what do you think we could have done better ? – i pointed Migrant
6. suffering and how ONOR could have been upscaled quickly
7. But that is marginal change ? – I pointed how our barbell strategy helped economy to
8. achieve pre pandemic level quickly, so overall steps were taken by govt were good enough.

#### Member 2

1. Broad learnings from Mahabharata ?
2. Some factual ques -as which international author has written on Mahabharata ? – replied

3. negatively
4. How does RBI target inflation ?
5. Problem of excess liquidity ?
6. How RBI sucks excess liquidity ?
7. Does RBI manage currency also ?
8. Give me one component for boosting Indian economy ? – I said Consumption

### Member 3

1. Pension is gone now, why do you want to join govt services ?
2. Asked me about NPS (New Pension Scheme) and OPS in a very fudgy articulation, to which chairperson intervened and clearly articulated . – Honestly, the only question on which I had little knowledge, and thus couldn't satisfy the person.

### Member 4

1. What happened earlier – Ramayana or Mahabharata ? and she tried to confuse me deliberately however I repeated the response
2. Timeline of rise of Buddhism and Jainism ?
3. Which common family connects Islam and Christianity ?
4. What was Bhakti movement ? and asked me to elaborate on it
5. What is the difference between Public and Merit goods ?
6. Should we give Electricity free in Chattisgarh or New Delhi ? – I said, user fee should be levied and pointed out the issue of high tariff differential between consumers and industries
7. She countered by asking why do we give it free in New Delhi ? – I said that we target vulnerable sections and the free limit is upto 200 units only and hardly any well-off family can sustain within it
8. She came with a last blow – Electricity is in which list ? – I wasn't totally sure and didn't want to guess .
9. Interview gets over
10. So questions on DAF (Hobbies) and Economics

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, Forenoon Session

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** NIT Warangal, ECE

**Employee:** Ex Software, Currently in SEBI

**Hobbies:** Playing and Watching Cricket

Your experience in interview- it was very cordial, mostly analytical based questions were asked.

### Chairman

1. Read my DAF briefly and asked me to remove the mask.
2. Tell me what u do at SEBI

3. What are the tools or process you use in enforcement
4. What kind of violations sebi will normally penalise
5. Difference between disgorgement order and penalty
6. Famous insider case in USA? Tell the person's name
7. Will the act of Rajaratnam amount to insider
8. Who will be consider as insider

#### Member 1

1. Paytm share price fell from 2000 to 500, Why it fell in short span of time and What SEBI should have done in this?
2. Should SEBI has a say/role in valuation of a company.
3. Electronics communication technology in geographical advancement
4. Tell me three important technologies on which mobile was developed
5. What is cell in cellular technology

#### Member 2

1. You could have become stock broker and earn lot of money, why you want to come to civil services
2. Relevance of bureaucrats in the light of article of Duvvuri Subbarao about IAS.
3. What is your opinion on that article
4. What would have been India future if IAS, so called steel frame was not there since independence
5. Why technology still not able to solve various problems.
6. What should be done to increase morality in civil servants so that corruption will be curbed
7. Which company in Andhra dumped investors shares?
8. Stock market going up? Where as economy is not moving up, what do think, that is hampering the growth.

#### Member 3

1. Why you want to be IAS? Is it so that you can become chairman of SEBI
2. SEBI is giving more salary than civils, are you comfortable with that. in the light of technology isn't India moving towards Unitary system from Federal democracy.
3. What is the relevance of having offices(SEBI/ RBI/ federal govts) in various locations when all the services will be provided through internet or use of technology.

#### Member 4

1. Isn't it the regular intervention by sebi in the market hampering the growth of corporates
2. As your subject is geography, what is chicken neck and significance of it to india.
3. Then chairman said your interview is over.

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**Date of Interview:** 6 Apr, 9AM session**Board:** TCA Anant**Optional:** Anthropology**Background:** HBTU, Kanpur (Edible Oil Technology)**Employee:** (if any)- 1 year edible oil industry, data analytics freelance**Hobbies:** singing, watching football and tennis, meditation

Your experience in interview-

Entry: Cordial exchange of greetings, told to remove shield and mask

Given wheel wali chair so it was not a good start as the chair moved as I was sitting

**Chairman:** Reading my DAF, no introduction asked

1. What exactly was your engineering branch?
2. What does an edible oil engineer do?
3. Which oil is a good oil?
4. what are types of refining?
5. Is kacchi ghani a physically refined oil or just marketing?
6. What is famous about Varanasi (hometown)? Name some of them.
7. Is Olive oil the best edible oil?

**Member 1:** Mam was extremely cordial and always maintained eye -contact

1. Has Varanasi finally arrived in terms of development?
2. Completely motorizing the streets of varanasi, is it a good idea?
3. what are two pressing issues in Varanasi?
4. What is a GI tag?
5. Are patents and GI tag the same
6. what is a patent?
7. Name any other GI tag product from varanasi?
8. Is it given only for processed goods or agri products also included?
9. GI tags from UP? Is Bhadohi Carpet given GI tag?
10. Name some agri related GI tags from outside UP? (kadaknath chicken was my answer)

**Member 2**

1. you have been good at studies, so why edible oil in engineering?
2. You have worked in nellore, name one port in the city
3. Why do we eat palm oil a lot?
4. why coconut oil n kerala and mustard oil in north?
5. Is migration good? : I used a harsh word double edged sword in place of pros and cons (
6. Gave the push -pull factors )
7. Will you as migrant in Kerala cadre be called an asset?
8. which oils should we eat ( repetition, here I feel they were curious and interview went little bit about their interests and not mine)

**Member 3:** Reading my expressions all through the interview

1. spoke so slowly : What are the reasons of smog in Delhi?
2. how to fight stubble burning?
3. Use of fly ash? Who is the biggest buyer of fly ash?
4. what are its uses? Why not used in road making extensively?
5. How is mustard oil refined
6. Why chemical refining is avoided in this process?

**Member 4:** Maam was again cordial, added a Ji to my name..

1. Who are the vulnerable sections in society
2. what is government doing for disabled section
3. What is govt. Doing for ST women?
4. how an we improve our governance system?
5. Can we have better women- centric policies
6. have you learnt music professionally?
7. My honest answer: It was optional subject along with Drawing. As soon as I got the opportunity out of drawing, I took it but eventually performed in school and college
8. who is your fav singer and why?

**Chairman:** your interview is over. You may get up.

1. It was not on my strengths of opinion based questions but my weakness on graduation questions.
2. My English was very normal and I was feeling thirsty in the interview room due to that shield and mask thing.
3. Utility of mocks (if any)- Had given 1 mock...not much as they were focussed on CA but it was not asked in my interview
4. Now only result will tell as they make everyone comfortable in the interview room
5. This was my experience in my 1st interview in 3 attempts

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**Date of Interview:** 18/04/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Optional:** Gujarati Literature

**Home State:** Gujarat

**Attempt:** 6th attempt, 1st interview

**Background:** RBI and Police

**Chairman:** you can remove your mask and face shield and keep it on table. Read my DAF loud.

1. Tell me in brief about what you did after Graduation.
2. Tell us about your work profile at RBI
3. Your role in working with demonetised currency
4. You are in Police service for past four years. Tell us about what you did for the last four years

5. How was your experience in implementing Lockdown
6. What would you do now if you have to deal with migrant crises again

#### Member 1

1. Who issues the currency notes and why?
2. What can we do in terms of monetary policy to deal with current inflation
3. Which force guards the border in Gujarat
4. Which other forces are responsible for boarder guarding
5. Do you think we should have one common boarder guarding force?
6. How does recent developments in Pakistan affect India

#### Member 2

1. Why is China doing well in terms of economic growth
2. Who contributed to economic growth in China
3. Do you think China achieved growth on its own or other countries helped China for the same?
4. Do you think world is too dependent on China?

#### Member 3

1. What do you think about new education policy?
2. Did you select your graduation field by choice or you got it by the merit
3. Do you think students should be given a chance to change graduation subject
4. Why there are no Indian institute in Top 100 World institute ranking?
5. Give us one suggestion to improve the quality of education in engineering institute

#### Member 4

1. What can we do to fulfill the needs of energy in rural india
2. What do you think about digitalization and digital currency
3. What would you like to do on a daily basis for yourself

**Chairman:** smiled and said your interview is now over

**Experience:** cordial board. gave ample amount of time to frame my answers. No cross questions. Nothing from hobbies  
All the best to everyone.

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**Date of Interview:** 18.04.22

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Geography

**Home State:** Tamilnadu

**Background:** Computer science and engineering



### Chairperson

1. Enquired about my college. Asked questions on my hobby (calligraphy). How I started and what tools I m using. Interested in enquiring about various scripts and which I like .
2. Reason for choosing geography as a optional

### Member 1

1. Digital economy advantages and disadvantages
2. Follow up on digital economy effects on IT industry
3. Work from culture pros and cons
4. Dhoklam significance – geographic, Economic, strategic  
Sir creek – significance economic geography why india pak is disputing for a piece of land

### Member 2

1. Srilankan crisis – reasons
2. What lessons India can learn from the crisis
3. Food inflation in Srilanka

### Member 3

1. Reasons for gender imbalance in engineering
2. Impacts of this gender imbalance and followup
3. Reasons for tamilnadu opposing the central exams like neet and cuet
4. Solutions you suggest to make them adopt this model

### Member 4

1. Tamilnadu and Kerala comparisons geographical angle – why they differ in economy ,polity, employment
2. Why borders are more sacrosanct even today
3. One aspect you want in your organisation
4. Cordial board overall. Mostly daf based (graduation and optional )

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, 2022 Afternoon Session

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Optional:** Public Administration

**Hobbies:** Learning about Smartphones, Journaling, Badminton

**Background:** Civil Engineering

**Experience** – Board was Cordial, Lively and Members seem genuinely interested. No Face Shield. Entered the Cabin.

**Chairman** – Greeted, Asked to Sit. Asked to remove the Mask to get comfortable. Started Reading the DAF, Hometown, Graduation, College etc,

1. Asked about What is “Learning About Smartphones”?



2. We all use smartphones, What is that you do differently?
3. Analyze the Current Smartphone Market in India?
4. Suggest me a Phone.
5. If Not Apple, What Options do we have?
6. If Not Samsung, What else?
7. For Google Phones, There was some issue with a recent model, can you Highlight that?
8. Should I still buy the older model of Google Or Import New?
9. What is the review of Chinese Companies like Oneplus, Xiomi?

#### Member 1

1. You seem Technologist, What are the uses of Smartphones In Administration?
2. What do you mean by Journalling?
3. So, Tell me about two entries?
4. What differences have you documented between your Hometown and Delhi?
5. You have prepared after your graduation, Have you taken Coaching for this exam?
6. Whenever Results are declared, there are full page ads by these coachings, and it seems like
7. Every topper has gone to every coaching. How can that be possible?
8. Do you Play Badminton?
9. What do you think of Lakshya Sen?

#### Member 2

1. You are a Civil Engineer, How will you use knowledge of Civil Engineering in Administration?
2. Two Quotes – “Be the Change you want to see” and “One should Cope with his circumstances”, How would you interpret it? Choose one if you have to.
3. [Long Sentence about how India is diverse and Complex] What are issues Public Administration faces, and how will you solve it?

#### Member 3

1. What is the difference between Administration and Management?
2. Are these two different?
3. Private companies complain about their Management, How are there issues different from Public Administration? [To and Fro on this]
4. Recently, New technology of Bridge construction – Prefab Bridges are being used, What are the issues with it?

#### Member 4

1. What are the differences between iOS and Android?
2. Can an iPhone be hacked?
3. What are the day-to-day things which smartphones have changed in our lives? [To and Fro on this]
4. If we are becoming so dependent on Smartphones, what are the issues concerning it?

**Chairman** Concluded with “Thank you, Your Interview is over”

Utility of Mocks – Most of the Qns were from different Mocks. Mannerisms and Non Verbal Communication was better due to Mocks.

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**Date of Interview:** 20/4/22

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Optional:** law

**Work experience:** with an MP for a year

**Hobbies:** running, Hindi poetry writing, light music, mootng

**Chairman:**

1. Had experience of working with Parliament, asked about my experience
2. My learnings from above
3. Asked if private member bills can be named after people just as in US
4. Utility of the above move

**Member 1**

1. Let's talk about interface of law and technology, elaborated a bit of this and then asked about what would be issues in automated vehicles vis a vis law.
2. Stated some private member bill from the US and asked if I knew about it.
3. Asked about NEP.
4. NEP in higher education
5. Why legal education not in NEP

**Member 2**

1. AI and legal issues in it in future.
2. What are issues in AI and judiciary (didn't let me answer it by referring to previous question)
3. Define what is a war criminal and if Mr. Putin would qualify as a war criminal.
4. What are important things for writing a poem. (Writing Hindi poetry as my hobby)
5. Again asked on legal education and how NEP would help it.
6. Asked about legal issues in RERA, 2017

**Member 3**

1. Asked about running (my hobby)
2. How I would define running, how much did I run and how often did I run
3. Is CBI's functioning affecting federal structure – cross questions on its functioning.
4. Tell me chronology of events in Pakistan.
5. Do you think we can Pakistan is a robust democracy especially after its Supreme Court's judgment.

**Member 4**

1. Asked about formation of CBI

2. Asked on Sharda Act
3. What are aggravated offences
4. Status of herbal medicines in India, it's global share and prospects
5. China's share in herbal medicine.

**Overall** – bit of randomness in questions, but fine discussion. Most members were cordial.

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**Date of Interview:** 18 April; Forenoon session

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Background:** B Tech- Mechanical

**Optional:** Geography

**Home State:** Andhra Pradesh

**Hobbies:** Cricket, Cooking, Badminton

**My Experience** – Board was Cordial, Lively and Members seem genuinely interested. No follow up questions were asked. Gave ample amount of time on questions to think and respond. Much of the questions we're linked with Geography.  
No Face Shield. Entered the Cabin.

### Chairman

1. Greeted, Asked to Sit. Asked to remove the Mask to get comfortable. I politely told them, I am suffering from cold and sore throat.
2. Started reading the DAF out- Hometown, Graduation, College, Hobbies etc,
3. You have done Mechanical engineering for three years, so why did you prefer Civil services instead of Engineering Services.
4. Some counter questions
5. Follow up- There are many Engineering service jobs which give ample amount of self satisfaction same as civil services. Can you explain with detail?
6. What made you select Cooking as a hobby?

### Member 1

1. What is the Southern most point of India?
2. What is the significance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?
3. Tell me what is the present status of India's presence and footprint in Indian Ocean Region Comparative analysis of India and Chinese footprint in the Indian Ocean Region.
4. What are the reasons for high presence of China in the region?

### Member 2

1. With How many countries does India share its border with?
2. Follow up- Which country shares the longest border with India?
3. Many months back, US warship entered into India's maritime zone in Lakshadweep. Can you tell me what is the issue?
4. What laws govern maritime zones internationally?

5. On how many types of maritime zones the UNCLOS divides?
6. Difference between Territorial waters and the EEZ?

### Member 3

1. On one hand India has large demographic dividend and huge unemployment problems. On the other, India is pushing for Automation, Industry 4.0 etc, which reduces the role of manual labour. What is your opinion on this?
2. What steps did government take for Skill development?
3. So, Skill development of the masses is the way forward(for the First question)?
4. In UK, Prime Minister was criticised and penalised for the Party gate scandal. Why cannot this happen in India? Difference between India and UK police in handling this kind of situations?
5. Are Police in India incapable or the system is suffering with Systematic lapses?

### Member 4

1. As you're from Mechanical background I will ask you about Gun Barrel Technology? Why is India suffering with this technology? Are we lacking sufficient Mechanical/Functional technology or Metallurgical Technology?(Told- Im not aware of this sir; Sir felt betrayed after this, as i was listening enthusiastically for his long question)
2. India is well placed Geopolitical/Physical setting wise. Tell me some Strengths and Vulnerabilities of this unique physical setting?
3. Every country- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan are culturally, historically almost same. Then why cricket is well developed in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and not in Nepal and Bhutan?
4. You cook- So you might as well cook Tea. How many types of tea are there? Which is the best one? Which one will you make for us or recommend us?- I told Sir, I don't drink Tea and never made it. Everyone laughed out loud. Chairman interrupted- He is from South India, why would he drink tea, when they have coffee cultivations all around his neighbourhood?

**Chairman-** Thank You, Your interview is over. You may leave now.

Utility of mocks- They helped me in developing some confidence and also helped in getting prepared for the D-day. Mock after mock I have seen there is a change in how I answer the questions. I would say please don't get carried away even if they award you high or low in the mocks. Varied opinions and suggestions will be given, select ones in which you really feel there is a need for improvement. Go with your gut feeling!!

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**Date of Interview:** 20.04.2022

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Background:** Mechanical

**Optional:** Sociology

**Home State:** Tamilnadu

**Hobbies:** Watching science fiction and history movies, Blade runner

**Sports:** Boxing ( No single question asked from here)

Board was very cordial and they allowed enough time to think. 90 percent of questions DAF based.

Mock utility- Helped in practising the etiquettes inside the room and some questions asked in mock were also asked here. But vibe is completely different here.

### Chairperson

1. Read my name out loud.
2. After completing graduation what were you doing?
3. Mechanical background why socio
4. What you learn about society from sociology(From my answer)
5. What is patriarchy (From my answer)
6. Have you seen it in real life?
7. What about matriarchal society of Kerala? are they not true matriarchal?

### Member 1

1. Industrial Revolution 4.0
2. Gender and industrial revolution
3. Why less women in mech and ways gender inclusion can change mechanical engineering?
4. 5g is there any ill effects?
5. How do you convince people in setting up of 5g infra?
6. What are soonicorns
7. Why less number of unicorns in agriculture?

### Member 2

1. Have seen any movie about origin of universe?
2. Negatives of culture – especially in srilankan civil war
3. how agriculture significant for establishment of ancient civilizations?  
is ramu setu real?

### Member 3

1. Why socio if you like historical movies?
2. debt trap of China
3. what is BOP what is balance of trade
4. reasons for srilanka crisis
5. Role of tourism in it
6. Srilanka's refugee in India-What will you do as an administrator?
7. Caste- Changed or continuing?
8. Why were your percentage continuously decreasing from 10th?

**Member 4**

1. Reason for rural distress
2. Any other reasons?
3. Suicide in tamilnadu
4. As an Administrator how do you solve the problem
5. 1 or 2 questions might have missed. All the best everyone.

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**Date of Interview: Forenoon 19/04/2022****Board:** TCA Anant**Optional:** Management**Background:** MNNIT, IIMA**Work experience:** Microsoft**Chairman**

1. Tell me about your role at Microsoft.
2. What are the different types of cloud and what are the cloud offerings?
3. Why is government pushing for keeping India's data within the boundaries?
4. If you were responsible what framework/model would you use – public hosted cloud or private players like Amazon, Microsoft, etc?
5. Why do we need international Data Centres at all? Why can't we have it all in India?

**Member 1**

1. What do you know about PVTGs in Andaman and Nicobar islands?
2. Any government policy for them?
3. What do you recommend – should we bring Tribals into mainstream India or keep it separate?
4. How can you protect their culture and traditions?

**Member 2**

1. Name some PVTGs from mainland of India.
2. You come from a Private school, what's your opinion on the kind of fees they charge?
3. RTE's Mandate on reservation for economically disadvantaged in private school.
4. What's the classes this provision is applicable?

**Member 3**

1. Your optional is Management and you're working in the Private sector. Can you compare the working conditions at Public and Private institutions?
2. If you're a DM what changes/learnings will you apply from Private sector to Public sector?
3. What is your opinion on regulation of Crypto currency?
4. What would you recommend to the government?
5. Land, Labour and Law were the drivers in industry. Now there is Data as well. Can you tell me the importance of Data in Governance?

**Member 4:** (Director of IIT Delhi)

1. Why is it that Private institutions are not doing well in India? What's lacking and what needs to be done?
2. Apart from crypto currency where can we use blockchain?
3. How can we use it in healthcare?
4. What are the properties/characteristic of blockchain?

**Member 5**

1. Due to Russia Ukraine war, there was large scale disruption of communication. Do you
2. know any jugaad that Ukrainians did to maintain communication channels?
3. Why is there such high attrition in Private sector?
4. If you were posted in Rural India and you had to implement some schemes that requires
5. specialised talent, say an engineer, or an MBA like yourself. How would you attract such talent?
6. There are multiple schemes from government – DBT, E-Gov initiatives, rural development,
7. employment opportunities, etc. However they are all online. People at lower strata of society are confused. If you were an administrator, what would you do to help people. Which model would you recommend for the same?
8. What are the qualities of a good public speaker?

**(29)****Date of Interview:** 19/4/22**Board:** TCA Anant**Optional:** anthropology**Background:** Ek IIT hai**Chairman**

1. Indian stereotypes at US comedy shows
2. Some more questions on it.

**Member 1**

1. Radicalisation of Tribals in Central India and followup on this
2. Govt initiatives on tribals
3. Forest issues of tribals

**Member 2**

1. Shanghai Port shutout and impact on global crude prices
2. Ganga Pollution
3. What is problem and what more to be done
4. Left Wing Movement and it's implications
5. Coal mining and tribal impacts



### Member 3

1. Don't remember much of his questions
2. What can India learn from Sri Lanka
3. Automation vs job creation

### Member 4

1. Deep theory of physics ( had no clue)
2. How to make a college into IIT
3. Some question on LEO satellites and impact on astronomy( took 30-50 seconds but couldn't answer it)
4. City sustainability of Varanasi
5. What more can be done to enhance Varanasi.

### Your experience in interview-

1. Cordial board. I was the last candidate, they seemed exhausted. I tried to give wholesome answers in the question. 25-30 mins interview.
2. They seemed to be genuinely interested in what you are saying. Try to keep them engaged throughout.
3. Utility of mocks (if any)- gave 8 mocks. 5 without any preparation ( just went on with suit boot and blabbed)
4. Later 3 were proper mocks- online though.
5. Ravindran sir- is the most accurate guy in this coaching industry regarding interview. Gave one on One there- he told me to not change my personality any bit.
6. Khan Sir one on One- again very important for confidence and feel good purpose.
7. Some good mocks
8. KSG( did some intentional mistakes to get the feel)
9. Vajirao( good)
10. ( one of the best- they told me to smile. No matter what happens)
11. ( eye opener for me. They told me to be more humble and less flamboyant)- really helpful mock.
12. Last but not the least-
13. One on one with Kaptaan Bhaiya is helpful ( 2-3 days before actual interview). I would recommend everyone to just have a casual chat with him.
14. Baaki mocks ko dil pe mat lena. Practice ke liye dedo. Ki manners aa jaayein. Isse zyada koi utility nahi hai
15. Anant sir DAF ke bahar nahi jaate and he is very disinterested person.
16. Vo sawal bhi nahi puchte zyada.
17. Members hi puchte hain.
18. Also speak your heart out as to what you feel rather than having a cooked up answer for everything.
19. If you try to give up mains type answer, you may end up in negative end.
20. Keep calm and try to read 2-3 newspapers on the day of interview. Real interview is quite different. It's more of a dialogue and conversation



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**Date of Interview:** 22nd April**Board:** TCA Anant**Background:** Chartered Accountant**Home State:** Maharashtra**Hobby:** Playing cricket and watching football**Chairman:** asked me to remove mask and be comfortable

1. Your hobby is watching football? Do you play football? Why not?
2. You play cricket? Batsman or bowler? Which position you bat? Spinner or pacer?
3. Why cricket is more commercialised than football?
4. Even before IPL cricket was more commercialised? Reasons?

**Member 1**

1. War on terrorism?
2. Uyighur muslims? China's policy? Why?
3. Heard of Xinjiang? What imp. does Xingiang hold to China?
4. Sri lankan protest...Political crisis because of economic crisis or economic crisis bcoz of political crisis?
5. Why Sri Lanka has presidential system as compared to Indias parliamentary system?
6. Whther India can adopt Presidential system?
7. Maldives 'India Out' campaign? Why? Current govt's policy towards India?
8. China out policy in which country?

**Member 2**

1. Since you are from commerce background? Why IPS over IRS?
2. Accountancy bill? Your opinion?
3. Money laundering? Stages? Process? What is India doing to counter it?
4. FATF? How effective? Which countries in Black list and grey list?
5. INTERPOL? counter agency in India?

**Member 3**

1. Monologue on GST....issues in GST? What is rate rationalisation? Why not done yet?
2. Monologue on Automobile sector? Reason behind India's success?
3. Semiconductor industry....what learnings from automobile sector can we implement in semiconductor industry to make it successful? Raw material used in semiconductor?
4. Material used in conductor chip?

**Member 4**

1. Monologue on big4 accounting firms and how they follow different accounting standards globally but not in India....what are deficiencies in Indian accounting regulations?
2. Again long monologue on globalisation and now countries moving towards protectionism?

3. Your opinion?
4. Monologue on young generation moving towards consumerism, credit cards, computers etc....what do you think?
5. Where does your heart lie....global or made in India?
6. Drone Rules 2021...Don't you think we are restricting the development of drones industry by putting certain regulations on them? Your opinion?
7. Dollarisation of currencies? Issues?

**Chairman:**

Thank you. Your interview is over!!

2-3 questions not able to recall

Overall good experience...cordial board...few counter questions....members were nodding and encouraging throughout...Chairman not much expressive.

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**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Economics

**Background:** IRTS, IPS, B.TECH IT, Mumbai

**Chairperson**

1. Asked to remove mask and be comfortable.
2. Where you are posted now?
3. How many months you have done training?
4. Do assessment of IRMS
5. There are multiple institute of Railways what to do with multiple training institute of Railways?
6. How should be training of IRMS?

**Member 1**

1. Are you comfortable talking about China?
2. What is happening in xinjiang province?
3. Why China is doing so?
4. Asked some theory from IR I said I don't know.
5. If I say corruption is good for the economy what you will say?
6. How?
7. Have you heard Jugad? What is your opinion?
8. Why India is lagging in innovation?

**Member 2**

1. What is happening between Pakistan and Taliban ?
2. Is there any other reason? Because of which group it is happening?
3. What is difference between TTP and Taliban?
4. Deflation is not good for economy why? (My optional is economics)
5. And Why small inflation is good?

6. What should be ideal level of inflation?
7. What is twin deficit?
8. What are the reasons in Sri Lanka?
9. How much is trade and fiscal deficit in Sri Lanka?

### Member 3

1. What is your opinion on Indian Railways Privatisation?
2. Why complete privatisation is not good?
3. Why Britain model failed?
4. What about US model of Railway privatisation?
5. People are dropping from college and Starting startups. Is this culture good?
6. Why to idealize Bill Gates and Mark ?
7. What is India's ranking in innovation?
8. Have you heard of credit back scheme of NEP ?

### Member 4

1. You were in IRTS now IPS, both are man management services. Now railways have centralized services in IRMS, which model is better centralization of or decentralization? Give examples.
2. While corporatisation of Indian Railways ,what should be retained from British Indian railways?
3. Bombay is competing with other cities for economic growth, how knowledge economy can be used for the further economic growth of Bombay?
4. Why we change name of cities? (Mumbai became Bombay) what is purpose behind it?
5. What is difference between innovative and invention?

### Chairperson

Thank you

Experience

Board was quite cordial.

I have faced same panel in 2019. Last time sir didn't interact much, this time he interacted for first 5 minutes.

Utility of Mock

This is my third interview and no coaching can match UPSC.

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**Date of Interview:** 22/04/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Bsckground:** Electronics and Communication Engineering

**Optional:** Sociology

**Hobbies:** Pencil Sketching, Speed Cubing, Strategy Games

**Work experience:** Software Developer in TCS for 2 years

Currently undergoing training for IRS(IT)

The officials asked me not to wear the shield as I have specs. Chairman told me that I can remove my mask if I'm not comfort and I removed it. That was relieving for me.

### Chairman:

1. He read quickly about my graduation, TCS work experience and current posting in IRS(IT) and then asked when my training started, which year exam I cleared etc.
2. What is your opinion on Faceless Assessment (in Income Tax)? And, do you think that
3. Artificial Intelligence can completely replace the human element involved in the basic level of Income Tax?

### Member 1

1. What is Global Village?
2. To what extent the world is connected now according to you?
3. How connected is it in economic terms?
4. What changes will be brought into the world and how we interact by the concepts like Metaverse?
5. What are the diverse applications technologies like Artificial, Virtual Reality can have?

### Member 2

1. Explain the difference between Tax Avoidance and Tax Evasion? (Picked from the earlier answer to question related to Income Tax)
2. How serious is Income Tax Department regarding the issue of Money Laundering ?
3. Can you explain the steps involved in Money Laundering?

### Member 3

1. So, you've worked in IT sector. How is India faring in IT sector now? (I gave an answer which indicated that India is doing fairly good)
2. What is the current trade/export of india in IT (in monetary terms)?
3. Which are the other sectors in which India is doing as good as IT?
4. What about Biotechnology sector? There has been talks that India is doing fairly good is in this (I said it's not very advanced but now a lot of progress happening, BIRAC, DST etc.)
5. Then why is India called the 'Pharmacy of the World'?
6. Which other sectors have potential to progress in India? (I said sunrise sectors like Technical Textiles etc)
7. But already many countries like Bangladesh etc are overtaking in India in textile sector.
8. So what advantage India has regarding to Technical Textiles?
9. What are Technical Textiles /Define? Applications etc
10. Why isn't Jute now being used for such applications ?
11. There are many disruptions happening in the current world in technologies, for eg wearables like Apple watches etc. Does governments have any role to play with respect to such disruptions?

**Member 4**

1. Explain to me in non-technical terms without any use of jargons, what is Cloud Services (he continued like, "I'm very bad with technology and all so explain without any technical terms)
2. You've worked in TCS which is a company performing well with respect to welfare of the employees and society in general. Still, why many people are leaving the company? Why there is high level of attrition in TCS, Infosys etc.
3. What do you have to say about the "Decentralized Financing" that has been picking up lately? (I talked a lot about Micro Financial institutions, how it is needed for rural financing blah blah blah and after listening curiously to all of this, he said he meant about decentralization of financing with Blockchain Technology. )
4. Ok, coming to our Indian History, In ancient India, there is period known as the "Golden age" which was the Age of Mauryas. What uniqueness did that period have to be called so?

**Chairman:** Your Interview is over, You can go. (Usually Anant sir doesn't ask or say anything at the end)

1. Have tried to recollect everything, but may have missed some questions.
2. Started with my current posting in Income Tax. Many questions came from my work experience in TCS/IT Sector. Felt like many questions were related to Technology (AI, Metaverse, Virtual Reality etc). No other questions came from DAF or any specific current affairs (from what I understand atleast)
3. None of the members were wearing masks (unlike the last time I attended Interview in which I got the same Board) They were generally cordial.
4. All the best everyone. Perform well.

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**Date of Interview:** 22nd April Afternoon

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Optional:** Public Administration

**Background:** IITR

**Profession:** (if any)- Treebo, Cars24 – Business Strategy

**Hobbies:** Table Tennis, Quora, Data Analysis

Utility of mocks (if any)- Helpful like in drafting answers, improving body language and gaining confidence but questions asked were different.

**Chairperson:** Asked to remove mask and shield.

1. Questions regarding my integrated course, benefits and further followup from my answers.
  2. Why students from IIT pursue everything else than engineering.
  3. Are students in 12th mature enough to choose carrier or they be allowed to choose stream later.
  4. Benefits of electives in college course
- Sir, Speaks a bit slow – would advice to hear more carefully.

**Member 1**

1. Srilankan Crisis – my views
2. Culture of freebies – Srilankan and Indian
3. Should expenditure on education and health also called freebies
4. What is rent seeking (Political – Business)
5. Very tough to be convinced.

**Member 2**

1. How Cars24 improve customer experience
2. Is scrapping policy correct – Welfaristic and Economic angle
3. Changes, I would like to make in scrapping policy
4. Followup on above questions

**Member 3**

1. Should one do MBA
2. Steve Jobs, APJ Kalam,... didn't do MBA – still excellent managers – Should we scrap MBA to save time and money.
3. Difference between Engineers and Managers
4. Some more questions, I don't remember

**Member 4**

1. Questions regarding demographic dividend – India and Bihar
2. Why Bihar backward in improving Demographic Dividend.
3. MGNREGA – Issues in Bihar
4. UBI – Should we bring – Followup questions

**Chairperson:** You can go now, your interview is over.

**Overall,** Very cordial board, listened with patience and were supportive. Felt more like conversation than Questions and Answer session.

Good luck to all of you – 😊

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**Date of Interview:** 20/02/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Background:** IIT Madras and Chemical engg

**Chairman:**

1. Complemented for maintaining CGPA even after joining Engineering
2. Difference between Chemical engg at IIT Madras and Chemical engg at IIT Bombay
3. What is your favorite area in chem engg
4. What is fractional distillation
5. Which crude is important to India among WTI, Brent Crude
6. How can you relate Chemical engineering to environment

**Member 1**

1. Reasons for Dropout rate increasing from IITs
2. Reasons for suicides at IITs
3. Suggestions to reduce dropout rate and suicides at IITs
4. Why cannot IITs drop relative grading
5. Why private educational institutions are not as successful as IITs

**Member 2**

1. Difference between atmosphere on Earth, Venus, Mars
2. What is Nuclear Fission and Nuclear Fusion
3. Which reaction releases more energy
4. Reasons for Rural to Urban migration
5. What can be done to stop migration
6. Do you believe in God
7. Why do people believe in God and follow up questions

**Member 3**

1. Meaning of your name
2. Do you think AP bifurcation helped Telangana
3. How is Telangana's economy at present
4. Which sectors have shown higher rate of improvement
5. Which sectors still need some improvement
6. In what way the Bifurcation helped Telangana
7. What is PwBD 2016 Act
8. Are there any disadvantages of it

**Member 4**

1. What is QUAD and related questions
2. What is AUKUS and related questions
3. Difference between them
4. What does this tell about the US
5. How should India view AUKUS formation
6. What should be India's strategy in this regard

**Chairman:**

Thank you. Your interview is done

**Overall** the board made me feel comfortable with them. It was more of a conversation. Mocks were helpful to an extent by exposing different dimensions of questions. Expect some bouncers before facing the board which will help in tackling a new dimension well

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**Date of Interview:** 22/04/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant



**Optional:** Malayalam Literature.

**Home State:** Kerala

**Background:** Dual Degree Physics and MSc Astronomy

**Work exp:** teaching

**Chairman:** if you want you can remove both mask and shield. (i obliged)

1. Looked through my DAF, commented on interesting aspects of it
2. Asked about whether I went to Canada for PhD or MSc?
3. Tell me about your university in Canada.
4. Was your degree a stand alone Astronomy course ?
5. What were you doing after 2018?

**Member 1** (it was very difficult to understand her as her sound was feeble)

1. What is your understanding of reasons for poverty in india. (Had to ask her 2 times aanu couldn't register "poverty" from her feeble voice )
2. How is health and education affect poverty
3. Role of out of the pocket spending on increasing poverty.
4. Question on child wasting stunting etc and how it can be resolved.

**Member 2**

1. Difference between astronomy and astrology. Is there any scientific basis for astrology?
2. You were in Canada. What can indian education systems learn from your university in Canada. ?
3. What are the contributions of Indians in Canada.
4. Is there a regional variation among indian diaspora there.

**Member 3**

1. You said indian education is not good (i hadn't said that ). Why is that ?( I said I didn't mean that. I just compared research output at masters level. And I apologised if I made any different impression )
2. When he started to confront me Chair intervened and asked not to pursue it
3. What are the parameters of QS ranking system
4. How can we make Mid day meal scheme better ?
5. Do you know about Japanese mid day meal system (he also explained it). Asked how it will have an impact on kids

**Member 4**

1. General comments on quantum mechanics and special relativity. Asked what is quantum mechanics and it's application in daily life.
2. How is space commercialisation impact astronomical observation
3. What can we do about it.
4. How can you make Malayalam universal language.
5. In a large picture what do you see in 30 years about application of science and technology in health sector.



6. Back to chair.
7. Thank you. Your interview is over.
8. I thanked them and came out.

**Generally**, I felt clumsy. I was trying to be very pleasant throughout. Even though I did answer almost all questions the confrontation with M3 made me uneasy. So didn't felt that great after interview.

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**Date of Interview:** 22 april afternoon 3rd to go

**Board:** TCA ANANT SIR

**Background:** [B.com](#) CA

**Optional:** commerce and accountancy

**Hobby:** Badminton

### Chairman

1. What were u doing after finishing CA
2. Not practising?
3. You mentioned badminton as your hobby. Anything else apart from it ?
4. Interested in reading ?
5. What is your judgement on srilankan crisis.
6. How much income tax contribute in srilankan revenue?

### Member 1

1. Have u visited Sawanriya ji ?
2. How far from your village ?
3. Who manages the affairs of the temple ?
4. Any social activities performed by the temple ?
5. Is it the responsibility of temple to do any such activities?
6. Any scheduled area in your district?
7. Reservations in such TSP area ? ( didnt know the answer)

### Member 2

1. Taking cue from my answer from temple questions one quote on river's fear. Asked to explain it. ( probably could not satisfy him)
2. What is your service preference ?
3. Why not IRS before IAS?
4. Follow up question on this.
5. What is balance of trade and balance of payment ?
6. Its impact on economy ?

### Member 3

1. Are you on social media ?
2. What is difference among facebook insta twitter linkedin ?

3. Social media bad because of excessive use or good for governance?
4. Ranking of India in start-ups ?
5. Why India does not have many startups in deep technology?
6. What is deep tech? (Couldn't answer)
7. What are the technologies you know about ?
8. What can be done to facilitate startups in deep technology?

#### Member 4

1. What is invisible costing ?
2. (he himself gave the example of costing of drugs and asked to explain it ? )
3. What are the challenges to the profession of CA due to coming of tech based services ?
4. (don't remember other questions from him ?

**Chairmen** sir said your interview is over. You may go now ?

Overall duration 25 to 30 minutes.

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**Date of Interview:** 26/04/22 Morning Session

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Background:** ECE

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Hobbies:** Gardening, Badminton, Current Nomics YouTube channel

**Profession:** Teaching

#### Chairman

1. What was ur role as a teacher in Unacademy n Chanakya IAS Academy
2. What u did in Covid Task Force
3. How Current Nomics youtube channel works: software etc
4. How u access students connected through YouTube

#### Member 1

1. Famous personality from tonk Rajasthan who died recently
2. Connection of tonk from Mahabharata era
3. Difference in Global, multinational, international
4. About UN Peacekeeping n if any role in Ukraine crisis
5. What is OPEC
6. UNO vs WHO significance

#### Member 2

1. Shortcomings of Ka band in communication
2. About Quantum technology how it works
3. About Syria crisis some recent issues
4. Role of houthi rebels in Yemen n issues related to Saudi Arabia

**Member 3**

1. How to authenticate YouTube channel which spread misinformation
2. Fundamental duties should be enforceable or not
3. Patriotism should be enforced legally or not
4. Domestic violence cases increasing or decreasing in India
5. How black money comes into system (stages)

**Member 4**

1. What is systematic fertilizers
2. Random question on famous mathematician book
3. Question on reverse engineering
4. Do we use reverse engineering in Aircraft making
5. What is g in 5g how g name given
6. 6g roll out in world
7. China's development in 5g

**Chairman:** Ur interview is over

Thanks

Missing some questions

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**Date of Interview:** 25/04/22 Afternoon, 2nd one to go

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Background:** Political science

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Hobbies:** Writing Hindi poetry, cooking North Indian cuisines (Only one question from hobbies)

**Utility of mock:** only for confidence n expression point of view

**Chairman**

1. Read my DAF and all formalities, Ask me to remove mask n be comfortable
2. Have you completed your Research, Topic of research?
3. What is SADC
4. Which countries belong to it
5. Other important regional forums in Africa
6. About Indian ocean council and it's affiliation to African Union
7. What is -ve foreign policies components of India vis-a- vis China?

**Member 1**

1. unique name, what is it's meaning
2. Madagascar has been in news w.r.t. India What was the exact issue
3. India's main cooperation with Seychelles
4. Cooking is your hobby, tell me recepie of pasta?

5. What if water is less as compared to appropriate proportion (I mentioned 2 point)
6. Tell me one more effect -Room filled with laughter
7. If you are made DM of Baliya then how'll you make plan for the disaster there( I did not mention Baliya anywhere)
8. How many phases of Disaster Management, What is your approach for every of them
9. Is it human centric approach?
10. wetland in news in UP, location?
11. 3 significance of wetland?
12. What is Ramsar?
13. Why is it popular?
14. Who is your inspiration
15. any other personality?
16. tell some quotation of... ji

### Member 2

1. What is brexit?
2. Reason behind it?
3. Who was the looser Britain or EU
4. What is OBOR
5. what is belt in it
6. what's objection of India
7. What is chabahar
8. it's significance for India
9. what apart from upsc stuff did you read recently
10. writer, theme, publisher

### Member 3

1. Importance of MPhil
2. how it's different from Phd
3. NEP-2020 why govt scrapped MPhil
4. Provision for Research in NEP-2020
5. what is centralisation and decentralisation,any examples
6. You study Africa. Chinese products are in high demand.why not so for india

### Member 4

1. What is Indo-pacific?
2. How is it different from previously term Asia Pacific difference in approaches of India-US regarding territorial definition?
3. What is 3 diff. B/w Quad and AUKUS

Interview Over

Experience of interview was very unique totally different from all the Mock ,85% IR and Africa based which was very smooth and without any grilling

Only one disappointment from board for didn't given any opportunity to face YouTube sorts like question

A special thanks to telegram community

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**Board:** TCA Anant  
**Optional:** Hindi literature  
**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh  
**Service:** IRS(it)

### Chairman

1. why Hindi lit after electronic engg
2. About my collage name
3. Some famous modern hindi lit writers
4. About chitra muddagal (followed question)

### Member 1

1. he already pereard his dairy and asking questions from that
2. Have u read book my experiment with treuth
3. Name of disease cause blood in teeth
4. Some island of arab sea and bay of bangal
5. Software cycle
6. Role as class representative

### Member 2

1. one major problem of up other than population
2. Reason for regional disparity in up apart from geographical reason
3. What labels on food items packet
4. Full form of fassai
5. Some woman related issues
6. Name of bilateral excises
7. What is khelo mahakumbh

### Member 3

1. use of electronics in administration
2. Some recent award in hindi lit
3. Has any foreigner got award in hindi lit
4. Why old songs(my hobby)
5. Why bollywood songs
6. Old vs new songs
7. Administration vs management

### Member 4

1. what is brain of electronics

2. Reasons for semiconductor scarcity
3. One product related to electronics also impacted by Ukraine Russia war(I said sorry)
4. Use of neon in electronics
5. Arab spring
6. 2,3 lines of ur any poetry (my hobby)

**Chairman** ok thank you u may go now

Some more questions related with previous questions

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**Date of Interview:** 29/04/2022 afternoon session. Last to go

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Optional:** Hindi Literature

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Background:** Rajasthan University

**Profession:** IDAS

**Hobbies:** poetry & cricket

Your experience in interview- Cordial & Calm

Utility of mocks (if any)- No Comparison

No mask or Face shield

**Chairman**

1. What are you doing now. What part of training you have completed so far.
2. What was your research topic?
3. What is urban morphology?
4. What you recommended about your study area.

**Member 1**

1. You are from the bordering district of punjab , haryana , and from corner of Rajasthan.
2. You are neither of them ( on lighter note).
3. Why there is so much issue in Hindi translation. Any suggestions?
4. Why we have FCI can't we procure through APMC and store that ?

**Member 2**

1. Tell about mountain ranges of JK
2. What are the Eastern and Western river in context of India and Pakistan .
3. Kaveri Dispute is related of which states. Why this dispute.
4. Who gets major share of kaveri water. (Sorry)
5. Dam Karnataka made on Kaveri. (Sorry)

**Member 3**

1. Have your heard about MedCity.. where is that sorry
2. Why Indian people prefer Imported goods.
3. Any suggestions to promote local products?

4. How will you deal with sexual harassment case at your workplace.
5. Course of action if the victim doesn't want to complain.

#### Member 4

1. His volume extremely low  
He said something which I figured out after coming out of UPSC.
2. What is URSA major URSA minor. He spelled it to. Sorry
3. Who is murugandam. Which morth indian good is similar to him. Sorry,,,asked to guess.  
I said may be vishnu .
4. What is hight tide. Spring tide. (Sorry) was not sure about spring tide .
5. Difference between western and eastern ghat.
6. What is OTT.how it benefited.
7. How it is beneficial for advertisers .

**Chairman** Your interview is over you can go.

**Experience:-** Achche log hai wo. Will ask you the questions from the domain you choose?  
Got good vibes.

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**Date of interview:** 26 th april

**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Optional:** Hindi literature

**Background:** agriculture

**Medium:** Hindi

**Hobbies:** NSS, desh ke mentor scheme .music and songs ,

**Chairman** – aap mask hata sakte he .

1. Desh ke mentor scheme me kab se kam kar rahe ho .
2. Desh ke mentor scheme me konsi class ke student hote he
3. Aapne ne kitne students ko guide kiya and kya guide kiya
4. NSS scheme me kitne saal kam karna padta he
5. NSS me tumhne kya sikha .
6. konse village me camp kiye unke name batao or vaha pe logo ko kya problem Hain .
7. NSS me kitne hours kam karna padta he .

#### Member 1

1. started with nss what is the motto of nss
2. nss me claping kese karte he teen bat karte he unhone hi bataya
3. agriculture extension kya role he and abhi farmers ke liye kya program chal rahe he
4. science ne agriculture ke liye kya kiya
5. ifco and seed corporation of india ka kya work hai .

#### Member 2

1. Cooperative federalism kya he and kya dikkat aa rahi he abhi isme govt ko

2. Niti aayog and yojana aayog difference
3. Defence me aatmanirbhar banne me kya dikkat aa rahi. He kya corporate house ko defence production dena kitan sahi he
4. Defence production or acquisition me negative list ke bare me concern he ki quality ka issue aayega uspe kya karna chahiye
5. Theater cammand kya hoti he kya role rahega inka

### Member 3

1. Rajasthan govt launch new helpline number for medical care .
2. Tamil Nadu ka musical instruments jisko gi tag mila latest
3. Stray dogs ke liye kya kar sakte ho as a DM
4. Hindi sahitya me likhe walo ka number kam ho raha he as DM kya karoge district me
5. Dowry nhi leni chahiye iske liye 10 th class ke bacho ko kya samjhhaoge

### Member 4 (I think agriculture expert)

1. Psuedomonas kya ?
2. Rhizospriliym kya he ?
3. Trichoderma virde ?
4. See weed ka agriculture me use ?
5. Doubling farmers income me kya dikkat he
6. Abhi agriculture me input cost sabse jyada kiski badh rahi he
7. Labour kyu nhi milti aajkal
8. Board was very cordial .

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**Date of Interview:** 26/04/2022 Afternoon Session

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Geography

**Background:** Civil Engineering

**Home State:** Bihar

**Work:** L&T and Deputy Collector (UT) (Currently Working as SDM Magh Mela)

**Duration:** approx 35 mints

**Medium:** Hindi

### Chairman ( Mask hatane ko bole aur comfortable hone ko bole)

1. DAF se 5-6 points padhne ke bad puchhe abhi kaha kaam kar rahe ho?
2. Magh mela me SDM kya karta hai?
3. Mela to khatam ho gaya, ab kya karoge aap?
4. Maharajganj me kitne time ke liye posted the aur kya kya kam kiye waha?
5. Maharajganj ka elaborated SWOT analysis kariye.

### Member 1

1. Magh Mela ka aitihasik praman kaha se milta hai aur kab se ye manaya jata raha hai?
2. Cartographer kaun hote hai?



3. Modern technologies se cartography me kya help mil sakti hai?
4. Magh mela se kaun Raja sabse jyada prachalit hua tha?
5. Sarkar kyun karati hai magh mela, sarkar ko development ke kam karne chahiye. Magh mela se development kaise ho sakta hai ?
6. Magh mela me temporary tent city kyu? Permanent settlement kyu nahi, duplication of work kam ho jayega.

### Member 2

1. 9 Dash line aur 11 dash line kya hai?
2. China PCA me Phillipines se ek island ka case haar gaya hai...kaun sa island hai wo?
3. China ke liye Indo-Pacific me kaun kaun se choke points hain?
4. Remote Sensing satellites kya krti hai?
5. Uska use aur technical functioning bataiye kaise kaam karta hai?
6. Magh mela jaisa UP ke 5 aur mahtvapurn melon ka naam bataiye.

### Member 3

1. Kitne din lagte hai mela ka pura arrangements karne me?
2. Itna jyada time kyu?...sara fabrications to ready rahta hoga bas ja kar set-up kar dena hota hoga to itna samay akhir kyun?
3. Maharajganj ka ODOP ke product ka naam bataiye.
4. Aap Pvt aur Govt dono jagah kaam kiye hai , ek brief comparison dijiye.
5. Aapke office me ek male adhikari ek mahila karmchari ko pareshan karta hai, aap kya karenge? Pura course of action samjhaiye.
7. Aap whistle blower kaise ban sakte hai ? Apka locus standi hi nahi hai?( Maine bola tha ki sare prayason ke baad bhi agar mahila karmchari taiyar nahi hoti hai complaint karne ke liye to mai whistle blower ki tarah act karunga)

### Member 4

1. Naam bahut wajani hai, kisne rakha hai?
2. Kinhi do personalities ke naam bataiye jo aapke anusar Karmveer kahe ja sakte hai.
3. Bhagwan Krishna to hinsa me vishwas rakhte the wahi Gandhi Ahimsa me aap dono ko
4. Karmveer kaise kah sakte hai?
5. Karmveer matlab Hinsak ya ahimsak , ek chuniye.
6. Bangaram Island kaha hai?
7. Magh mela se to bahut pradushan failta hoga?
8. Namami Gange ke 5 achievement aur present status ko samjhaiye.
9. Iska dusra kya naam hai?
10. Kitna outlay hai Namami Gange ka?
11. India OBOR se kyu naraj hai?

### Chairman

Aapka interview samapt ho gaya hai.

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd May, forenoon**Board:** TCA Anant**Optional:** Geography**Background:** Graduation Nit Durgapur**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh**Hobbies:** singing, listening to bollywood songs, watching bollywood movies

I was the 3rd person to go.

**Chairman** Gave my brief introduction to the members.

1. In last 10 years, what positive and negative changes you have observed in Kanpur? ( I gave 4 positive points and also mentioned about police commissionerate system?
2. How police commissionerate system has reduced crime against women and if it is that good then why it is not implemented in the whole country? What changes have you noticed after its implementation in kanpur?
3. What did you do in college in NSS?

**Member 1**

1. If you are given a chance to make a film city then what changes would you bring in terms of finances?(daf) tell me something about kanpur, its socio economic features, about society?(daf)
2. What 2 things you would do in your city(kanpur) to improve its economy? (Daf)
3. which newspaper do you read? What kind of news you follow? Tell me about a news item that you have read recently ? Then follow up questions on that news item.

**Member 2**

1. What is the future of EVs. And what other kinds of batteries are used?(daf)
2. which other city attracts you? Where would you like to serve as a DM other than kanpur?
3. Tell me something about that city .

**Member 3**

1. You have studied environmental education in your school. So, tell me about 5 short term measures that you will do to conserve atmosphere?
2. Tell me about 5 things in which women are better than man?

**Member 4**

1. Give some salient features of Automobile scrappage policy? (Daf)
2. Tell me about Lal Iml? Is this factory working or closed?( daf)
3. Give names of any music director and playback singer that has passed away recently? (Daf).
4. What do you think about the govt polices of giving freebies, free ration, free electricity. Are they good ?

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**Date of Interview:** 26 April 2022, 2 number to go  
**Board:** TCA Anant sir  
**Hobbies:** gardening and Teaching  
**Optional:** Sociology  
**Background:** graduation (Electrical) from IIT Bombay  
**Mock utilities:** not much except few basic suggestions

**Chairman**

1. why did you choose Sociology over electrical as an optional subject
2. How would Sociology help you in administration
3. Name any three Indian Sociologist
4. What was the contribution of M. N Srinivas
5. What is Sanskritisation and example of it
6. In modern era do you think people still following sanskritization

**Member 1**

1. it's seems that only Ukraine got massive hit by war and nothing happened to Russia ?
2. Other than economic sanction what else hardship russia is going through
3. What are the sociological changes happening post covid era
4. When did you last teach students
5. How does Sociologist helps police in cases related to domestic violence

**Member 2**

1. Name few important weapons Ukraine is using in this ongoing conflict Types of Electric vehicle?
2. Difference between regionalism , secessionism , separatism Is Jharkhand example of regionalism
3. What about south India language's issue ... How do you see it

**Member 3**

1. Why is there only few number of students opting for research field
2. Despite govt support still there is not enough students opting for research
3. Nps vs ops and why Rajasthan govt brought it and what is my take on it
4. Your opinion about freebies
5. What are the psychological implications of freebies
6. Mumbai floods reasons
7. Is flood in Mumbai have any kind of relationship with geographical location
8. What is Mumbai plan which is also happening first time in India
9. What do understand by "famous for being famous" phrase

**Member 3**

1. Tell us about APJ Kalam sir PURA scheme
2. Modalities of the PURA scheme

3. name few French traveller who are being used as source for Indian history
4. difference between architecture south and north Indian temple

**Chairman:** your interview is over

**Experience:** Very cordial board... asked few cross questions. Interview was mainly based on Optional/ IR/State/hobby/ few random questions. Overall good experience.

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd May 2022 Afternoon (5th person to go)  
**Board:** TCA Anant  
**Optional:** Anthropology  
**Background:** IIT Roorkee, Production and Industrial Engineering  
**Profession:** (if any) – Work experience of 9 months in Jindal Stainless Limited  
**Hobbies:** Trekking and Hiking(40% interview revolved here), Watching documentaries on Indian Tribes  
 Prize – Certificate of appreciation from the prime minister's office (My Initial 30% of the interview revolved here)

Your experience in interview- Very cordial board, smiling faces of all. DAF-based mostly. I did not notice the time. But I felt it went somewhere around 25 minutes. It was not very long I guess.

Utility of mocks (if any)- I found Vajirao and Reddy, KSG, Fortune IAS, and Chanakya Mandal good. But, the real interview is very different from mocks. It is as mentioned in the UPSC notification ie. directed and purposive conversation. No grilling and counter question. 1-2 layers of followup.

**Chairman**

1. Reading my DAF continuously for 1-2 minutes.
2. Which places did you trekked?
3. Where is Triund? How was it?
4. I believe most of the treks you have done in your college time. Are you still continuing trekking?
5. Tell me about your work where you got the certificate of appreciation from PMO? What you did there?
6. What did you learn from it?

**Member 1**

1. What values do you believe are important for a civil servant? (I replied Integrity, Honesty, Courage of conviction, Leadership, empathy)
2. Tell me an instance from your life where you have shown the courage of conviction? (I gave an instance from my trekking experience)
3. Suddenly, a member interrupted and asked me the height of that trek. I replied. And then he aid, ki zyada nhi tha with a smiling face 😊

**Member 2**

1. Do you know who prepares Tribal Atlas?
2. Who are your favourite anthropologist and why?
3. Nowadays a lot of pollution is there is Ghaziabad(my current district). If you have to give three recommendations to the DM of Ghaziabad, what will you give?
4. What are the preparation required before going for a trek?

**Member 3**

1. Do you know about the criminal justice system?
2. What are the main flaws in it as per you?

**Member 4**

1. In sleepy mode. Member 3 woke him up when his turn came :). He gave a long monologue on RBI and Govt. Difficult to understand what he saying. I asked him to repeat the question as well.
2. Recently, RBI said that bank mergers would have a disastrous effect onr financial inclusion.
3. What is your opinion?
4. Do you know which is the largest PSB and Private sector Bank?
5. Difference between social anthropology and sociology?

**Chairman**

Thank you Your interview is over.

Few more questions were there, but I am not able to recall.

All the best!

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**Board:** TCA Anant sir

**Optional:** PSIR

**Service:** IRAS

**Hobby:** Chess

**Background:** Computer Science

**Chairman**

1. What are you doing nowadays?
2. Opinion about IRMS

**Member 1**

1. Best and worst part of NEP? What are the language provisions in NEP?
2. As an Ambassador of Russia, how would you justify its action? Would you have started war if you were Putin?
3. What is quad? What's India's role?
4. Similarities between ww2 and current situation?

**Member 2**

1. How is your IRAS training? Why did you learn? How are you finding accounting?
2. Bullet train project, good or bad?
3. What is Hyperloop? How it works? Any project in India?
4. Favourite chess GM and why.

**Member 3**

1. Why Sanskrit in 11th-12th?
2. How to maintain integrity among civil servants? How to reduce corruption in railways? Are you aware of big reform railways had taken to reduce corruption?
3. Does NEP has ethics education?
4. How to tackle cyber crimes?

**Member 4**

1. Which software used in accounting and payments in railways? What about in other ministries?
2. Future of India China relations after last years clashes?
3. Which countries under debt trap diplomacy? How India should tackle it?
4. What is the labour and employment situation currently? Recent RBI report of COVID's impact on economy?

**(47)****Date of Interview:** 2nd may, Afternoon session**Board:** TCA Anant**Background:** IIT ROORKEE, Computer Science**Home State:** Rajasthan**Optional:** PSIR**Hobby:** Twitter, other(better not to mention:P)

Lady member saw me sweating and requested chairman to lower the AC temprature.

**Chairman**

There is lot of stigma in the society about the hobby that you have mentioned and I appreciate that you have mentioned it here. It requires courage and risk taking ability. What are the reasons for such stigmas?

**Member 1**

1. Some questions and counter questions on that particular hobby.
2. Why civil services
3. Ok you want legitimate authority but you can achieve it through other means also?
4. I said I have interest in the subjects which are in the upsc syllabus and I think it was the most convenient path for me.
5. Have you been at the position where you used the authority to change the ordinary people's lives?

6. I talked about position of leadership held in college
7. She interrupted and said I am asking about any position held after your college
8. I said no mam i was involved in civil services preparation so did not get time to involve in thisShe said “Ok thats a different discussion altogether”
9. Why twitter is in news recently?
10. Do you agree with Elon Musk free speech idea
11. Anonymous accounts on twitter and what are your views on authenticating them?

### Member 2

1. What is the similarity between Roorkee and Kota
2. Then I mentioned two similarity
3. He asked about any particular physical feature.I could not answer,so he helped me out.
4. Thanked him
5. Should Indians seek apology from Britain for the excesses committed by them during the colonial rule.
6. I said it would not result into any material benefits
7. So do you think that only material aspects matter for any country?
8. Do you remember any incidence where any country apologised for their past wrongdoings?

### Member 3

1. What are the tactical lessons that India can learn from Russia Ukraine war?
2. Suppose there is a water crisis in your district and women have started violent protest.What steps will you take?

### Member 4

1. Long monologue(length of gs4 case study) about Russian Ukraine war.
2. Lessons from the Ukraine war for USA and China?
3. Long monologue:India’s foreign policy particularly in neighbourhood was questioned a year ago.Our neighbour’s behaviour started getting passive but now things have
5. changed.What do you think are the reasons for this change?
6. Again long monologue on Ukraine’s aggressive posture during the war.
7. Is president Zelensky right in holding aggressive posture during the war?
8. Does this war opens a door for China to annex Taiwan?

**Chairman:** Your interview is over .You may leave now

### Experience:

Cordial board.No grilling.

Almost whole interview was opinion based .No factual questions.

Half of the interview was on DAF and other half was on optional.

Not much cross questioning

M3 and M4 were asking questions in low voice and I think that was intentional.

All the best



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**Date of Interview:** 4th May, 22**Board:** TCA Anant**Optional:** PSIR**College:** University of Delhi**Experience-** Everything happened so quickly that it was hardly an “experience”. Yes, I’m talking about the PT only!**Utility of Mocks-** Very crucial part of preparation. Many direct questions.**Chairman**

1. You’re from Montessori School. What is meant by Montessori School?
2. You led your school in Global Peace Conference. What was it?
3. What was your role in it?
4. Which year it was?
5. Anything special about that year that was discussed in the conference?

**Member 1**

1. Meaning of your name?
2. What is C&AG? Role?
3. But 10 years ago it was in so much news (I had said ki we need public debate on CAG reports)
4. What are the 3 reports? I didn’t know se he himself told
5. What do they do with CAG reports?
6. Which are some river water disputes in South?
7. Which state has border issues with neighbours?
8. Was it that NE state creation not well thought through?
9. What is housekeeping and strolling? (DAF)

**Member 2**

1. What is it in you that you were in leadership positions in school and college? It’s role in your being an officer later.
2. If you’re made Indian negotiator to solve Ukraine crisis what you’ll do?

**Member 3**

1. Essential qualities of civil servant?
2. Isn’t integrity important?
3. Hierarchy of values?

**Member 4**

1. Are NATO and EU interlinked?
2. Do they have a formal platform for interlinking?
3. Latest members of NATO?
4. Which countries what to become members?
5. Why Nordics want to become?



6. What is the issue of domestic violence in India?
7. How to solve it?

### Chairman

You can go!

Special thanks to Team PTT and all those LEGENDARY people with whom I got to interact in the post- mains phase.

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**Date of Interview:** 4th May 2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Attempt:** 1st attempt

**Optional:** Sociology

**Hobby:** No questions asked

**Leadership:** NSS project head

Meanwhile forgot to wish them 😊

Realised by looking at chairman's face so finally greeted good morning.

### Chairman

1. U can remove your mask if comfortable.( No face shield)
2. Read my daf
3. Questions about NSS experience
4. What was project about
5. Why not botany as optional
6. Plans for pg? (I said with sociology yes)
7. Asked wt u learnt from sociology (multiple perspectives) How?
8. Explained with example of suicide (personal vs sociological problem)
9. Follow up question

### Member 1 (talked very slowly n low volume)

1. Monologue on women's entry into permanent commission
2. Then asked factors which propelled it?
3. Benefits?
4. Should women be allowed in combat forces like artillery etc
5. Is there gender pay gap in army (I said I don't think so ..at same rank govt won't discriminate)
6. Monologue on Indian women hockey team (told him m not following sports but still)
7. Asked rank of team in world (replied don't know)
8. Asked to guess out of 10( told 2nd rank- obviously wrong)

### Member 2

1. Directly said u from science background saying interested in sociology, i don't think u r

2. honest, things are contradictory.(may be said intentionally ..may be to see my reaction) but I nodded and said ok sir .(bcz only a science student knows how easy is to study humanities after graduation in pure sciences😊)
3. Then asked elderly problems (NSS project)
4. I replied – problems with solutions
5. How women empowerment can be done
6. How GER will increase (follow up ques)
7. Less ques but bcz may be I didn't let him talk😊

### Member 3

1. Sweet smiling
2. Twitter controversy- pros n cons
3. Lfpr? Why low for women?
4. How to improve?
5. Particularly how in sawaimadhopur?( I feel i didn't do justice with the answer, bouncer ques but missed it)

### Member 4– talking in low volume

1. How to reduce dependence upon coal?
2. By what timeframe, will be able to phase out coal?( Follow up ques?
3. Tidal energy...Is India doing enough here?
4. Important tribal laws (while I was listing out, CM interfered)

### Chairman

Thank you

### Experience-

Good, cordial board except M2

Since beginning giving weird expressions n after every answer also like not satisfied (hence I think it was just to scare me considering my age)

No grilling

No cross questioning

Felt like Question answer session

Easier than mock

Felt like home there

Mocks- gave 7-8, really important, to avoid nervousness, to know expectations of board members, how to structure answer instantly, variety of possible questions but real interview is quite different.

Would recommend IAS hub mock, ksg, Shubhra Ranjan.

Note – The chair was office type with wheels n also high ,so practice with such chair , how to sit specially girls (bcz saree n lesser height)

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**Date of Interview:** 29/04/22**Board:** TCA Anant**Background:** B.Tech+ MBA**Hobbies:** Independent Cinema, Quizzing, Reading, Watching Food and Travel Shows**Chairman**

1. Did you complete your training in IIS ?
2. What are you currently doing in IDAS. When do you get your posting?
3. What is independent cinema
4. Give some examples
5. Does Kashmir Files qualify as an Independent Cinema
6. What steps have been taken to boost indigenisation in recent times?
7. Name some joint military exercises conducted by India.

**Member 1**

1. Do you cook? Tell us what basic things you cook?
2. What do we do when salt is less in a dish?
3. Why salt is not added afterwards?
4. Paper bags are sold as style statement in malls at the checkout counter. What is the logic?
5. Shouldn't people bring their own bags?
6. Why more cyclones on east coast?
7. Why do some women accept/ support domestic violence? What can be done?
8. What is emotional violence and violence generated from limitation of choices?
9. Difference digital books and hard copy ? Difference in reading them?

**Member 2**

1. Which form of algebra do we use in digital circuits ?
2. What is the difference?
3. Can you tell some Logic Gates?
4. What is XNOR gate?
5. Moores law ? Is it obsolete?
6. What is looking glass self theory
7. Is caste weakening or maintaining its hold?
8. Can product differentiation go on endlessly?
9. What are 4Ps of Marketing. Why do we need 7Ps?

**Member 3**

1. Where are the headquarters of Entrepreneurship Development Institute?
2. What is a consortium ?
3. What are SEZs?
4. Where does this concept originate. What form government support is given?
5. Connecting people is the slogan of which brand?

6. What is CRM? ( Customer Relationship Management)
7. What is window shopping? Why are people not buying from malls these days?
8. Have you worked on Unix and Microsoft? Explain Ctrl A, Ctrl B, Ctrl U shortcuts in MS Word and Unix ?

#### Member 4

1. What is DAP. Which category has first preference ?
2. What is strategic partnership route in defence procurement? Any recent procurement via this route?
3. which route was adopted in purchasing Rafael Jets?
4. Genesis of ISIS and Al-Qaeda
5. Which is more dangerous ?
6. Strategic Relevance of Gwadar and Chabahar Ports?

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd May 2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Jharkhand

**Background:** Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Hobbies:** Cricket; Movies, particularly social dramas

Forenoon. First to go.

The board was very cordial. And diverse too. I was asked to remove my mask and face shield if comfortable. Chairperson read out points out of my DAF.

#### Chairperson

1. What have you been doing since 2017?
2. So you play cricket? At what level?
3. And what do you do in cricket?
4. Which position do you like to bat at?
5. Is there a difference/ Can you briefly compare an opening batsman with a middle order batsman?
6. What social dramas have you watched lately?
7. You like to go to a theatre or watch on OTT?
8. Has the theatre business been impacted by OTT?

#### Member 1

1. We have had a new Chief of Army Staff recently. Can you name him?
2. If you are made the Chief of Army Staff, what would your three priority areas would be?
3. (Asked me to take 30s or jot down points if I wanted)
4. Can you elaborate on the China issue?
5. If you are given the role of a policy maker in infrastructure department, which one sector

6. would you pick for driving development in Jharkhand? Pick only one major sector and tell me why?
7. What about tourism in Jharkhand? Any avenues there?

### Member 2

1. So now let's shift you to a different role of policy making. There are a lot of issues in India currently. Pick any three and elaborate upon suggestions for improvement? (He then himself went on to say corruption, population, pollution)
2. Why India does not produce quality fast bowlers?
3. MS Dhoni is from Ranchi. How do people in Ranchi view him?

### Member 3

1. (Picked on from talks about energy in previous answer) Why is there a coal crisis in India currently?
2. What is the most efficient source of energy?
3. Status of forests in Jharkhand, has there been an increase or decrease?
4. If you are now a policy maker in Jharkhand, how would you increase the forest cover? And please don't tell we'll plant more trees.

### Member 4

1. (Talking very slowly, had to really strain to hear him properly)
2. If I say North-east, which one state comes to your mind?
3. Capital of undivided Assam? (Himself told it isn't Guwahati)
4. Long monologue on bifurcation of Assam, conflicts, etc. Finally, asked about the main reason behind such border issues.
5. Have you heard about NEC? (I hesitantly said North Eastern Council, don't know if he heard)
6. There is a DoNER. Why do we need DoNER if we already have the NEC?
7. Recently there was a conference of Hgh Court judges, presided by CJI. What particularly did CJI say about reforming the judiciary?
8. Reforms in the criminal law?
9. Long monologue again on justice and judiciary. Finally asked suggestion by the executive for reducing pendency in civil cases.

**Chairperson:** Your interview is now over. Is there anything you'd like us to ask that we haven't covered already?

The interview must have been around 25-30 minutes. Questions revolved around my DAF and current affairs. Largely conversational. (Pardon me for I am not able to recall all the questions.)

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**Date of interview:** 20/4/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Background:** Electronics and communication

**Hobbies:** yoga and greeting card making

**Optional:** Kannada literature

### Chairman

1. What were u doing after your graduation
2. What is 5G
3. Why huge infrastructure required
4. People are opposing installation of towers in their areas will they oppose 5G also
5. Why government is going for 5G

### Member 1

1. Which report talked about impact of radiation on human
2. Would online education replace offline education
3. What is higher education g e r
4. What are the latest technology available for this generation to use in governance
5. How do you use nano technology in governance
6. Is aadhar a matter of concern

### Member 2

1. In case of disruption of communication like in Ukraine how will you establish communication in such situation
2. How do you spread the Kannada language
3. Ch: what is 3 language policy

### Member 3

1. Which language do you use for your development.
2. In Karnataka there is some place is famous for hockey so why is so
3. Why did you take Kannada literature after doing electronic and communication.
4. Ask the question related to communication I don't remember
5. What is difference between growth and development
6. How do you measure development
7. What are the indicators for growth
8. How is SHG performing in India
9. How do you popularize shg
10. What are famous folk arts in Karnataka
11. What is unique about yakshagana
12. What is cyber some
13. Why other states are not able to adopt it..

### Member 4

1. Importance of communication in governance.
2. As a civil servant how do you communicate with your subordinate
3. Is there any arrangement for sharing of best practices among civil servants in India
4. During the communication why is it difficult for the other person to understand it.

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**Date of Interview:** 05/05 Aftn session; 1st to go**Board:** TCA Anant**Home State:** Telangana**Optional:** Geography**Hobbies:** Cricket, walking;**Background:** Suryapet; Aurobindo school; OU; JNU

\*V.much pleasant+Cordial+Smiling.

Ananth sir seem so chill Surfing through mobile; Smiling in between; Nodding

**Chairman**

1. Where have u grown up from childhood(Siddipet dist+Hyderabad)
2. Tell me geography of Siddipet
3. If u r a dm of Siddipet dist what will u do
4. You told Siddipet is semi arid how would u develop Aquaculture there

**Member 1**

1. U told cooperatives they r already dev'd there(i nodded yes sir)Do u also know shg's?
2. What r shg's
3. R they linked with Banks
4. Telangana Advantages and disadvantages in terms of geo after Bifur
5. Tell me philosophy of aurobindo
6. What is integral yoga and integral humanism
7. His contribution to National movement

**Member 2** (low voice;long monologues)

1. Deepest point on earth
2. Approx depth
3. Currents of South china sea
4. Covid effects on msme's
5. what r northern lights
6. why do u walk?
7. ur dad Also walks?

**Member 3** (madam;cheerful)

1. u talked about minerals of telangana do u know district mineral fund?
2. If there is a service called All India Infrastructure development service what will u do to improve infrastructure which particular crops of telangana need Cold storage facility
3. What r ur strengths and weaknesses
4. Qualities Of a public servant?

**Member 4**

1. Why geography as optional
2. Advantages of remote sensing?

3. Isro and Remote sensing links?
4. When u came to delhi for the first time what did u notice?
5. What places u visited here
6. what u like most about jama masjid describe more about its architecture
7. Do u know from where the rawmaterial came

### Mocks Utility:-

One to one with Ravindran sir+vinay sir+Sachin jain sr helped so much

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**Date of Interview:** 5th May Afternoon, 5th to go

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Optional:** Public Administration

**Background:** Metallurgical Engineering

**Service:** Indian Corporate Law Services 2019

1st preference IPS

### Chairperson

1. Asked me to remove the mask if you are okay with it
2. Read the Daf aloud
3. When you were selected.. have taken extension....
4. What is the role of ICLS..?
5. Do ministry of corporate affairs regulate ICAI..?
6. What is NFRA..?
7. Relation between NFRA & ICAI..?

### Member 1

1. How to contain the China.?
2. Apart from international pressure what are other ways to contain China.?
3. What is the perception of people about police.?
4. What you will do to improve people police relations.?
5. Best community policing models..?

### Member 2

1. Was Sikkim a part of India at the time of independence..?
2. River flowing through Sikkim..? Some more follow up questions in Sikkim Inner line permit..?
3. Difference between law and order and public order..?
4. Weightlifting questions

### Member 3

1. What are the qualities required for civil servants..?
2. Where did you exemplify these qualities..?



3. Relations between India EU..?
4. Which reforms would be wish to bring in policing..?
5. As a SP which technology will you use to improve policing in your city..?

#### Member 4

1. Rare earth metals, their significance..?
2. Why India lags behind in production of rare earth material..?
3. As you are public administration student can you guess what could be the syllabus of IIMs especially the management aspect..?
4. Which company influenced you the most..?
5. Duration 25-30 min..

Thank you so much Kaptan and other group admins for all the efforts you take for UPSC fraternity

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**Date of Interview:** 05 May AN

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Malayalam Literature

**Home State:** Kerala

**Background:** CET

**Hobbies:** Violin, badminton

Your experience in interview-Felt average..board was cordial..Some qns were lengthy..found it difficult to address the exact demand of the qn

Utility of mocks (if any)-Boosting confidence, Knowing our strengths and weakness

#### Chairman

1. Read out my name
2. What did you do in NSS
3. 2 3 follow up Qns
4. Why there is blood shortage in our country

#### Member 1

1. Opinion on sabarimala
2. Why there was huge protests
3. Reasons for communism in Kerala
4. Mention one communist leader
5. Then something about matriarchy in Kerala

#### Member 2

1. Asked about violin manufacturing company
2. State where matriarchy is present in North east
3. Asked the monetary figures of rbi report on COVID damage on economy
4. Are we showing signs of recovery

**Member 3**

1. Twitter controversy and opinion on social media
2. Status of women in Kerala
3. 2 more qns which I am not able to recollect

**Member 4**

1. Asked meaning of my name
2. Seaport near Trivandrum
3. Comparison of vizhinjam and hambantota
4. What measures should we take
5. Qn on states following Kerala on SDG index

**Chairman**

Thank you

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**Date of Interview:** 9th May

**Board:** TCA Anant Sir

**Hobby:** Journal Writing

**Background:** parliament internship, actuarial science, ntse, house captain;

**Chairman**

1. No masters?
2. How many papers of actuarial science?
3. what do they do?
4. Who regulates them in India?
5. Journal vs diary writing
6. What did you write about recently?
7. What did you write about during covid?
8. how covid affected society? Diff segments
9. What did you do in parliament?
10. What special things you saw in parliament library?
11. How is the original constitution diff?

**Member 1**

1. What is ntse? Is it same as junior science fellowship?
2. Impact of corona on digital economy?
3. India as a trading nation? Data on service sector?
4. What has been done for electronics sector?

**Member 2**

1. Why SRCC is a brand? What can other colleges learn?
2. Should we go away from exam based system?
3. Less number of seats is also in UPSC, should we do away with it?

4. What would you suggest to Upsc to change?
5. challenges you faced as house captain and what qualities do you think you still carry?

### Member 3

1. WHO data vs India's claim
2. Crypto – inevitable or risky?
3. CBDC
4. Has fintech really made a change in life of common people?

### Member 4

1. Insurance companies sell data? Is it bad?
2. Driverless cars. How will the insurance be paid?
3. Campus placements are there. Don't you think entrepreneurship should be improved?
4. Money vs wealth

**Utility of mocks:** you can learn mannerism; and some questions could be asked

Overall experience: no grilling, they were more interested in listening

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**Date of Interview:** 9 May Forenoon

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Work experience:** BPCL

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Sports:** Hockey

**Hobbies:** and interests: Hindi Thriller movies and Toastmasters International

### Chairman

1. What was your job role in BPCL?
2. Tell me about Ethanol Blending program, its current status. What do you think, does it need
3. any reforms?
4. How to increase Ethanol production and What are the issues in it?
5. Tell me about Toastmasters International, Competent Communicator, Competent
6. Leadership
7. What are the attitudes of a good public speaker?

### Member 1

1. You have chosen Mathematics as your optional after Engineering. Didn't you feel it tough to study Mathematics after engineering? Why Mathematics after engineering?
2. Any topic in Toastmasters International with which you kept the audience interested in your speech? Tell me about it.
3. What was Indian hockey team's performance in recent Olympics?
4. Why India is lagging in medals in Olympics and what can be done to improve the medal tally?

**Member 2**

1. Which Mathematician has impressed you? What was his/her contribution to Mathematics?
2. What have you learnt from him/her?
3. You said you have natural interest and aptitude in Mathematics. Are you inborn
4. Mathematician or a trained Mathematician?
5. Environment is an obstacle to Development. What is your view?

**Member 3**

1. BPCL's privatisation is in progress. Apart from Government's view on privatisation, what is your view: Should or shouldn't Profit making PSUs be privatized, or should their management be changed? (follow up from above) you are suggesting that PSUs be allowed to invest in foreign assets, but there is a demand to first invest in domestic assets/social infrastructure first rather than foreign assets, which one would you prefer?
2. How will you ensure the parity between investment in foreign assets and that in domestic assets? Don't you think government is already allowing PSUs to invest in foreign assets?

**Member 4**

1. What is the genesis of Coal Crisis? How is there poor management of coal supply? What should be done to avert such a crisis in future?
2. Can there be a DBT in power sector? If yes, why is not being implemented currently?
3. Can it avert the current crisis in power sector?
4. In which other sectors, can DBT be implemented?
5. Tell me 2 benefits of IPL.
6. Which others sports has benefited from tournament similar to IPL?

Chairman: Thank you. Your interview is over.

I could recall these many questions.

My experience in interview: Overall cordial board. More than 80% questions from DAF.

Utility of mocks: Some questions were directly from mocks. Overall they were a confidence booster.

Special thanks to CSPT-21 and Interview Transcripts 2021 groups and their admins for solving my queries and providing one stop source for all the transcripts! 🙏🙏

All the best 🍀

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**Date of Interview:** 10th May forenoon, 6th to go ( 8 candidates in first shift )

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Civil engineering

**Background:** IIT Bombay

**profession:** (if any)- Ola Cabs

**Hobbies:** Nature photography, Cooking

your experience in interview- Opinion based, more like a conversation, Many counter questions, almost no question from Civil engineering, 28-30 mins

Utility of mocks:

### Chairman

1. How cooking is your hobby?
2. explain nature photography?
3. Which camera and lens do you have?
4. Which lens is preferred for bird photography?

### Member 1

1. (Lambi mucho wale sir, bit aggressive )
2. Don't you think you have denied budding civil engineer a chance?
3. but you don't have practical experience?
4. Don't you think US hegemonic liberal order is root cause behind the chaos and disorder we see in the world today?
5. What lesson should India learn from the ukraine crisis? How should India engage with the USA?

### Member 2

1. Women safety issues in rajasthan?
2. How will you ensure safety of women tourist?
3. How to Elevate the status of women in rajasthan?
4. Name any two bird century in India?

### Member 3

1. Suppose your friend comes to you for advice on crypto? Is it legal in India ?
2. What are the reason for share market crash? Reason ? Implications on India?
3. Monologue on tension with china, huge trade and FDI restrictions and put three questions altogether? 1. Should we stop trading with china? 2. Should we ban Chinese investment? 3.
4. How shall we deal with china when there is tension on the border?
5. Then why did we ban Chinese app?
6. Can we trust china? Then how should we engage? How to resolve border issue ?

### Member 4

1. Water has been listed on the future market ? What are its implications?
2. What two things you do for water security?
3. What should india and you as a civil servant must do for water security?
4. Barmer ? What is the relation of vedanta to the barmer ? Changes brought by vedanta in Barmer?
5. Some time back there was flood in barmer, what are the causes? How is it different from flood in other parts of the country ( flood came in 2006, barmer has desert topography)

6. Problem of crude found in the barmer? What is the solution ?
7. What are famous vegetable dish in barmer region? What is so special about ker and sangri?
8. What is the problem in the infrastructure sector? Why are we lagging behind?
9. Suppose we have all timely clearance, money and no protest, why we are still lagging behind? ( He wanted me to say better project management)
10. Had many followup questions by all members

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**Date of Interview:** 5th April 2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Hobbies:** Theatre, Urdu Poetry, OTT

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

**Optional:** Statistics

**Background:** Graduate in Statistics from DU, PG in Statistics from IITB

Ex Associate Consultant KPMG

### Members

11. You have been into corporate why do you wish to join civil services?
12. Serving public is only possible for the first few jobs , not all services will be so close to public. How would you do it in those services?
13. What kept you busy since 2018 apart from preparation?
14. Tell us your preference of services in the DAF?
15. You chose IFS as second preference. How would you apply statistics in IFS?
16. What is India's stance on Ukraine crisis?
17. Why would the two parties accept India as a mediator?
18. Which are the countries mediating in the crisis presently?
19. Did you act or direct in theatre?
20. What are the two branches of culture?
21. What is the connection between tangible and intangible culture?
22. Your salary, academic record is excellent, you are over qualified for IAS. Why do you wish to join this? Is it for the glamour?
23. Everyone says we want to do public service. Why should we hire you? What is special in you?
24. Statistics can lead as well as mislead. What do you think about it? NCRB data is being misused any idea?
25. What is Moradabad famous for? Is the industry losing its strength? Is it causing some pollution?
26. Recite your favourite shayri couplet?
27. How will you use statistics in administration?
28. How will you ensure that data remains intact?
29. What is your opinion on the criminal procedure bill?
30. What do you think about Big Techs misusing the data?
31. How to protect the data from such Big Techs?

32. How did Cambridge Analytica “manipulate” elections in US? ( i used the word manipulation in this context)
33. Tell how will you ensure the well being of a backward place as a DM there?
34. Is there any scheme for housing in rural areas?
35. What is SECC? What is it used for?
36. What are the issues of women security? How will you prioritise these issues in order?
37. Do you know what is Panchayati raj? What do you think about it?
38. Overall okay experience. Questions were clear.

**Advice:** Read your DAF thoroughly and read only one Newspaper ( preferably IE) and revise the syllabus of polity, economy, environment on the topics you find floating in the daily news. For example, emergency in SL so read emergency provisions of India. IPCC report, so read Indias climate goals, difference between Adaptation Mitigation, Paris deal etc. RBI takes a stance, read the monetary policy tools. Connect the newspaper with Mains syllabus and brush up your knowledge with small bites of information. Also use data to substantiate your point .

Best of luck!

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**Date of Interview:** 29/04/2022

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** Agriculture

**Home State:** Maharashtra

### Chairman

meaning of ....

1. where ....flower is grown?
2. tell me about flower in detail
3. How many agroclimatic zones in Maharashtra?
4. tell me names
5. reasons for scarcity zone?
6. which crops grown under scarcity zone?
7. Which crops are grown in .... district?
8. Why sugarcane monocropping is predominant?

### Member 1

1. Why floriculture is famous in Maharashtra?
2. why Europeans are sending back Indian flowers?
3. difference between petty corruption and political corruption?
4. Women empowerment ? What are economic, social, political impacts?
5. in which state more women are breadwinners? Impacts?
6. meaning of Life



**Member 2**

1. famous book related to agriculture
2. which crop you can suggest for rabbi season?
3. Imadicloprid?
4. selective pesticide means ?
5. Humic acid chelation process?
6. purpose of neem coated urea?

**Member 3**

1. Green revolution starting year?
2. tell me about AGMARK
3. what do you understand about WTO – TRIPS and TRIMS
4. Critically evaluate MGNREGA?
5. tell me about corporate social responsibility?
6. what is the turnover limits for CSR?
7. What do you mean by technology transfer?

**Member 4**

1. Gulf cooperation council members?
2. what is purpose of GCC establishment and importance for India?
3. how much oil imported from gulf countries?
4. Yemen location?
5. UNCLOS means?
6. details about UNCLOS

**Chairman** – thank you,

Most of the questions were from areas discussed by Mahesh bhagvat sir. Thank you so much sir for your guidance

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**Date of Interview:** 09/05/2022 forenoon

**Board:** TCA Anant

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Background:** Jaipur -B.Sc ; masters in pol science from DU ( Ramjas College)

**Hobbies:** cycling, exploring new places and writing on contemporary International issues

**Experience** – cordial no cross questioning, smiling but middle of questions expression less

**Utility of mocks** – boosting confidence and articulation power. DRISHTI – poor level of questions ; unacademy was good, Byjus was worst especially “PP” affected confidence severely he scolded my soul out of my body, Sri ram ias food advices, vajiram

great....Frank rausen Pereira was supportive....good advices....one to one with Ravindran sir was most beneficial



### Chairman

1. Read out my daf, asked what you have written on international relations,
2. Told about my article on bharata first news letter – some questions on that, kautilya came up in international relations
3. Exploring new places – where do you like to explore mountains costs et
4. In delhi – separate road lane is being constructed, for urban mass transportation, what is its utility and why not popular in public
5. Pass on to the mam M.1

### Member 1

1. What is your favourite subject in B.Sc
2. What are your views on pakistan and Sri Lanka crisis- what India needs to do.
3. Not able to recall questions

### Member 2

1. You went to kerala- what is unique thing which make Kerala tourism unique and successful?
2. National park in Kerala?
3. What needs to be done to promote international tourism in India

### Member 3

1. questions on Pakistan- do India need to enagage with army
2. Challenges rajasthan faces being border state
3. Not able to recall more
4. Elements of kautilya's arthshastra in present foreign policy

### Member 4

1. India not favourable to cycling why?
2. What needs to be done?
3. Some property related question, answered it but not satisfied
4. Not able to recall other questions

**Overall** it went nice...answered all questions, butnot able to evaluate how it went... because of silent faces. Seems too fast.....too quick to call it as an experience....mainly daf based...no current issues

## M Sathyavathy Board

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**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Hobby:** Plogging

(Interview was on Round table... board members were very close.)

(Seems like round table conference)

### **Chairman**

1. mechanical engineering graduate then why anthropology?
2. What is aryan vs Dravidian debate and your opinion?
3. Then what about kezhadi excavation?
4. From where human came to india?
5. What is plogging? (Hobby based)
6. They Amazed to know new concept...

### **Member 1**

1. What are SDG?
2. Tell SDG in brief..
3. What are MDG and why sdg replaced them?
4. How olive ridley exactly reach on same coast each year for breeding? (Related to my hobby)
5. Whats mechanism in them(olive ridley)
6. How there conservation is done?

### **Member 2**

1. You are from state board.. is there need of various boards
2. What problems they create ....exact problem!?
3. What is spark plug and use? ( Due to mechanical engg. Background)
4. Archimedes principle...
5. Tell in in Laymans language...Archimedes principle  
(I explained using Glass in front of my table)

### **Member 3**

1. What is difference in Hydrogen based vehicle and electric vehicle?
2. Should india go for hydrogen first or electric first?

### **Member 4**

1. You make rangoli... Isnt it women special interest?
2. Festivals on which i draw rangoli...
3. Floral decor and nature type questions...
4. And interview was over...

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**Date of Interview:** 11th April  
**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am  
**Optional:** PSIR  
**Employee:** Indian Foreign Services  
**Home State:** Jharkhand  
**DAF:** Defence upbringing + Petroleum Engineering @ ISM Dhanbad + Work Ex in Schlumberger

**Chairman**

1. Why did you leave Schlumberger? What is your preference after IFS?
2. What is Green Hydrogen? Explain to us as if we are laymen.
3. Government's policy on green hydrogen? Is it enough, should we do more?
4. Where have you travelled?

**Member 1** (Very difficult to hear him)

1. Is Schlumberger a Norwegian company?
2. Have you been to a Rig?
3. Did you not attend any trainings with ONGC? (No I didn't)
4. He did not ask many questions, moved to next one quickly

**Member 2**

1. What is water injection?
2. Any news related to it? There was a CAG report on water injection losses at ONGC. How can they have avoided it?
3. What is fracking? Is it good for environment? Should we do it now?

**Member 3**

1. Did you try joining the Armed forces?
2. Explain this statement to me – "Stay away from the sails, close to the desk and you will rise up to be an admiral in the queen's navy".
3. How does India select its judges? Is collegium system good? Shouldn't we move to senate appointments like the US?
4. What is coal gasification?
5. Generalist vs Specialist? What's the debate? The PWD head should be IAS or Engineer? – wasn't convinced with answer for this. But overall very jovial conversation and back and forth with him.

**Member 4**

1. Chances of Nuclear war in Ukraine?
2. Why India not being allowed to purchase oil from Russia while Europe is? – corrected him politely with facts that India is actually buying oil.
3. What's flash point and fire point of petrol?
4. How do we measure viscosity?

5. What's the name and size of the area or Strategic Petroleum Reserve at Visakhapatnam (did my 10th there)?

**Overall:** board was very cordial. Most of the time they were nodding to show encouragement for the answers. Mocks remain useful only for fine tuning mannerisms and inculcating proper articulation.

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**Date of Interview:** 11/04/2022 AN  
**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am  
**Background:** Electrical engineering  
**Optional:** Geography  
**Hobbies:** Football, Spanish, Reading and following stoicism

### Chairman

1. What is STOICISM
2. How is stoicism different from other philosophies
3. How will stoicism help you become a good administrator?

### Member 1

1. In which continent and countries Spanish is most spoken?
2. Cross qn: Why is that so?
3. Difference between active and reactive power
4. Size of football field

### Member 2

1. Level of fluency in Spanish?
2. Have u heard the name of theagraja, the old bulky electrical book that used to be taught 20 yrs ago...( Not a qn but a discussion rather with other members).
3. A long monologue on his experience with philosophy, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar camp he attended.....then a tauntful qn related to stoicism.

### Member 3

1. Which education policy were we following until last yr.
2. Who ws the committee chairman of education policy.?
3. Three important elements of NEP.
4. A couple more qns.... can't recall

### Member 4

1. what are geosynchronous satellites? Thier relevance.
2. Major inventions in the field of electricity.
3. Who discovered electricity?
4. Mapping qns
5. How will u identify the lattitude of a place ?

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**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am**Optional:** Sociology**Background:** B.Tech Civil Engineering**Hobby:** Endurance cycling, Vipassana, Audiobooks**Chairman**

1. Read out my entire DAF, then asked:
2. you're related to startups, why is it that Indian startups are copied from the west?
3. What can we do to promote original startups.
4. What did your own startup do?

**Member 1**

1. What is Endurance cycling?
2. Where have you done Endurance cycling?
3. What did Leena AI do? ( my work ex) follow up questions on that
4. Have you used chatbots on banking websites
5. Do you think that AI can take over functioning of banks?
6. Do you think given the explosion of data and analytics, can such data be used for hacking and against our national interest?

**Member 2**

1. You worked at Netherlands leprosy relief foundation, what is it?
2. Which act regulated foreign donations in India?
3. Follow up on what changes were brought in recently, (FCRA Amendment act)
4. Controversy around it.
5. What is your take on concrete vs. steel buildings, which so you support?
6. Some more questions I don't remember.

**Member 3**

1. You're a Shot putter, what is the physics involved in it? Followed up on projectile motion.
2. What is the reason for seasons, followed up a little bit.
3. What is law of diminishing marginal utility?
4. He asked why drones are becoming so prevalent, and then the technological breakthroughs required for it.

**Member 4**

1. You're from Maharashtra, for which god is the song "Digambara, digambara..." ( did not know)
2. Then said you've studied Sanskrit in class 10, do you remember it ( I said no).
3. He went on to ask can you finish a shlok I tell you... "Vidya dadati vinayam", I said no, he asked the meaning, I deduced it.
4. Asked a few more I do not remember.

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**Date of Interview:** 11/04/2022 afternoon session**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am**Optional:** PSIR**Home State:** UP**Hobbies:** solving sudoku, diary writing and watching web series**Background:** M.Sc. (Chemistry)- IIT Delhi**Work Experience:** working in NTPC since 2016**Chairman:** Mam initially read about my educational details, hobby and work experience.

1. You are earning X/month and if you join civil service you will hardly get 80k/month are you aware of it?
2. Will you still leave and join civil service?
3. You have written sudoku as your hobby, how often you solve this sudoku do you do on daily basis? Do You solve it in newspaper? What are different levels in it? How much time you take to solve difficult sudoku?
4. You have mentioned about meritorious award. Why you were awarded this meritorious award?
5. What is your job profile in NTPC?
6. what are the areas in which NTPC is venturing now?  
(I also mentioned about NTPC school of business)
7. How can an industry give PG Diploma? Is it affiliated with some university or is it deemed university?
8. what do you think is it right for an industry like NTPC to venture into providing diploma also apart from its competency area?
9. You mentioned about NTPC moving towards solar plant. What are the challenges in establishing solar plant in India?

**Member 1**

1. So you treat water in NTPC. How you treat water?
2. He spoke some 4-5 lines on coal and ash content. Then asked what is NTPC doing to tackle and ensure ash content? What it is doing to deal with coal crisis?
3. So nowadays there is talk about privatisation of Discoms which are running on huge loss.
4. What is your opinion regarding this?
5. Have you heard about xyz fund? (I never heard of that name, so I said sorry sir I am unaware of it.. then he explained a bit about the fund and again asked can you now tell where these funds are utilised? Since I was unaware, I said sorry sir, I am unaware of this fund).
6. What do you mean by coordination?How do you co-ordinate with your subordinates?

**Member 2**

1. What is crime?
2. have you heard about IPC? What is it? Define it.

3. what is section 420?
4. Do you drive car? (I said No) then do you ride scooter? (I said Yes)..
5. What is the function of gear in scooter? How does it work?
6. So you have studied chemistry through out your life. And then you took PSIR and easily cleared mains several times. What does this prove?
7. (On my reply, he asked why those people with PSIR background who has studied the same subject for 4-5 years are not able to clear and you have been able to do?)
8. In recent olympics how many medals did India won? Can u name few winners?

### Member 3

1. So you watch webseries, what do you like in webseries? Which is the latest you have watched?
2. what is the reason behind Russia-ukraine conflict?
3. Do your plant use RO mechanism also? (I said No sir).... So you use only ion-exchange method? How this ion-exchange method works?
4. You told in one of the answer that there is lack of Li reserves and storage issue but nowadays grid connected solar plant are also there. Then what is the problem?
5. You told that NTPC is venturing into solar also. Why? And why it is moving from thermal to renewable?
6. Is it that NTPC is itself setting target or it is due to pressure from govt to all the PSUs to generate some minimum quantity of electricity through renewables?
7. what is the current order book of solar plant in NTPC?
8. Have you heard about blood diamond? To which area of the world it relates?

### Member 4

1. Who was founder of BHU?
2. He briefly spoke 4-5 lines about UN and how it failed to stop conflicts? What is the reason behind failure of UN to stop conflicts?
3. Do you think that "Might is Right" statement is valid? (I told sir if we see global scenario and IR then this statements stand valid. Then he jokingly also gave example how Might is right statement is valid in domestic politics also by citing examples of bahubali in UP)....

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4. Then again he told few lines about how natural resources are exploited and if we see most of the conflicts in the world they are due to exploitation of the natural resources.. Is it right?
5. And how can we solve it?

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**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Physics

**Hobbies:** Hindi Poetry and Teaching

#### Chairperson:

1. What is Quantum Tunnelling?
2. Why does it occur?
3. Where do we use it?
4. Upto what limit can we downsize electronics devices?
5. You are already in a well paying job, why do you want to join a job which is not so rewarding financially?

#### Member 1

1. Questions from my home town and work profile
2. Qualities of a good teacher?
3. On a cold evening, metals are comparably more colder than wood, why so?
4. Why does a symmetric top keep spinning?
5. (Conservation of angular momentum, he looked less satisfied wanted more)
6. Why were you awarded Hostel – Freshman of the year award (IITB)? What was

7. contribution? Did you direct the play?
8. Why did you leave research?

### Member 2

1. Have you read Kavi Jaishankar Prasad's Poem (said no)
2. What is .... (i said peotry came naturally to me, i am not aware of such details and technicalities)
3. He had to turn the page of his diary (probably i pissed him off, he wanted to ask more on poetry)
4. Changed tone, asked me what has been impact of demonetisation on Economy? ( i talked about digital economy etc)
5. Was it successful?
6. Do you think that it was a planned experiment and part of government's strategy to promote digital payments, may be they factored CBDC and bitcoin before hand?
7. What is hybrid warfare?
8. (Couldn't explain neatly, thoda hugga kiya hoon is ke answer mein)
9. What is a cyclotron?
10. Where is it used?
11. What is Kirchoff's law?
12. Can we use Kirchoff's law in Spirituality? (Every member including Chairperson stunned and laughed on this ques, my answer was yes and laughter intensified, my explanation, I think satisfied my yes, atleast i hope it did )

### Member 3

1. Many a times coaching institute's claim results which they don't produce (giving money and kind \*presents\* to students? Do you think it is wrong?
2. I said it is wrong but has become a marketing strategy. He said it is not marketing but a fraud. This coachings must be tried under relevant law. (I kept mum)
3. Long Monologue on how drama, media, cinema etc was used for promoting one culture and themes according to political parties. Alot more on the same subject. I hardly understood what the respected member was saying. I asked again. He asked me in one line if i was under some influence when i was making drama at IITB?

### Member 4

1. What is UPI? Examples of some apps built on UPI?
2. Who developed UPI?
3. Challenges it is facing?
4. Impact on payment industry?
5. What do you understand by expenditure reform?
6. What steps government has taken?
7. What is sunset clause?
8. Has government taken any reforms in procurement?
9. Do you know gem? I was like
10. He said if i have heard about GeM? (Gave me hint) i explained.

11. He asked me what is it's impact?

**Chairperson** said interview is over. (I felt garam kar k thanda chd diya)

Overall board was cordial. I was unable to hear what two of 4 members were saying, couldn't grasp the demand of questions they asked. I asked them to repeat twice or thrice i think.

Ma'am was helpful and smiling in between.

30% DAF + 40% Physics and 30% Contemporary issues.

Best wishes for those who have interviews in coming days.

(I wanted to recite one of my poem but didn't get any opportunity, instead they were asking me questions from types and forms of poetry as if it's not my hobby but subject of my Academic interests or my optional is literature)

P.S. i have withheld some questions which were based on personal profile like job, hometown etc. to maintain anonymity.

**Utility of mocks:** use them to cover DAF and get a fair set of questions, apart from this mocks have no utility, if you are confident and know how to calm your nerves, keep your answers short, give 2-3 mocks. I gave one at Rau (completely factual) and one at Samkalp (good informal discussion).

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**Date of Interview:** 12th April, Forenoon

**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Commerce & Accountancy

**Service:** Punjab PCS

**Work-ex:** Oyo, PwC

Asked to remove the face shield and to lower the mask for verification, and then mask remained on throughout the interview.

Chairperson read aloud my academic details, work-ex, hobbies, etc.

**Chairperson**

1. So aren't you practising CA now?
2. Oh, so you are in state services, which service?
3. Why did you receive this certificate of appreciation? (Awards: Certificate of Appreciation for my election work)
4. Since now you have ground experience of elections, tell me 3 major challenges in our elections? Some follow-up questions on each challenge Monologue on low voter participation. How to increase voter participation?
5. Isn't it true that every person needs some incentive to perform their duty? Follow-ups on my answer.

**Member 1**

1. We spend 2-3% of GDP on defence. Is it justified?

2. Since you have been through process if both state public service commission and upsc.
3. What's the difference between the two?
4. Who were the members of state psc?
5. Tell me top 5 ranks of army (Knew only 2)
6. Benefits of evm over ballot paper
7. What is VVPAT?
8. Why only Rs 1,2,5,10 denominated notes or coins. Why not 3 or 4 also?
9. Do you invest in stock market?
10. Intraday or Long term?
11. Is investment in stock market good?
12. Then why govt servants are not allowed to invest in stock market?

### Member 2

1. Difference between FIRR and EROR (Didn't know)
2. What is NPV
3. Since you have worked in PwC. Why was PwC involved in an issue that impacted its goodwill and what lessons can we draw from it?
4. Why did Oyo's business model face challenges?
5. Who wrote Vande Matram and what is the controversy surrounding it. (Didn't know)
6. Distance between my hometown and home district?

### Member 3

1. Don't remember
2. Impact of social media on students
3. Why students spend less time in sports?
4. What is self radicalization? (Didn't know)
5. What is Forensic Accounting? (Didn't know this but mentioned that I hv read about Forensic audit)
6. What are shell companies?
7. What is Round Tripping?
8. Why did you study so many subjects in Class 10?
9. What did you study in environment?

### Member 4

1. What is Performance Audit?
2. What is IndAS?
3. Applicability of IndAS
4. Three functions of ICAI
5. Supreme Audit Institutions (Didn't know)
6. What is NFRA and trigger point for setting it up
7. Recent amendments in ICAI act and concerns around it.
8. What is audit plan and its advantages?.

9. Cordial board, pleasant experience and some light moments as well. Towards the last leg,
10. members had started looking at the clock, interview lasted for ~35 mins.

**Utility of mocks** – Very helpful. 3-4 questions repeated. Helped in voice modulation, keeping answers crisp and in indentifying weak areas. One to one with Khan sir at the end was a booster.

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**Date of Interview:** 13/04/22 (afternoon session)

**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Commerce & accountancy

**Hobbies:** football, equestrianism, apiculture, endurance running, meditation, NCC

# whole interview on DAF and Optional, not a single question outside.

The Chairman read my whole prizes, sports, position of leadership and hobbies section aloud.

#### Chairman

1. What does piloting mean in NCC. (DAF)
2. What did do as an intern with Tribal area development commissioner, Rajasthan. (DAF)
3. What were your suggestions to the commissioner.
4. Were your suggestions accepted and appreciated.

#### Member 1

1. Explain to me what is heartfulness meditation (DAF)
2. How does GST help Exporters.
3. What is E-way bill and how is different from previous regime.
4. What are the different taxes applicable on purchase of a vehicle.

#### Member 2

1. What are the qualities of a leader.
2. What is the difference between Internal rate of return and Economic rate of return. (Optional)
3. What is Entrepreneurship. (DAF)
4. What are the three golden rules of Accounting.

#### Member 3

1. What is equestrianism.
2. What are the breeds that you have ridden.
3. How do you measure the height of the horse.
4. What was the height of your horse.
5. What are the different movements of horse riding and which is the most comfortable one.
6. Have you done tent pegging.

7. Why do these ashram gurus (godmen) even after renouncing the worldly desires live such lavish life, is it not immoral and if it why do you follow such movements.

#### Member 4

1. How has the mechanism to check the conduct of CAs changed over time after various scams like Satyam and IL&FS.
2. What are the different types of Audit.
3. What is professional scepticism.
4. What is disclosed in annual financial statements.
5. What is notes to accounts.
6. What is principle of conservatism in case of incomes.
7. What is the difference between profit and loss statement v/s income and expenses statement.
8. #After this the last member said very good interview # the chairman said "thank you, your interview is over" then exclaimed "oh! It has been 22 minutes only"
9. The i thanked and left the room.
10. Vajirao and reddy was closest to the real interview, but mocks do prepare one for adverse situation and hence must be done sufficiently.

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**Date of Interview:** 14 April 2022  
**Board:** M.Sathiyavathy Ma'am  
**Optional:** political science and international relations  
**Background:** B.A. political science  
**Home State:** Maharashtra  
**Hobby:** Meditation

#### Chairman

1. Seems your DAF looking very brief, Do you not play any sports? (i did not mention any sport since I did not played at college, state level)
2. What do you understand by sustainable rural development? (since I mentioned my interest area as following sustainable rural development and Governance)
3. What you have done as part of sustainable rural development?
4. What recently published IPCC report observed about climate change?
5. Do you know SDGs? What are they? What is their significance?

#### Member 1

1. Why and for what Ahmednagar is famous for ?
2. Is there any fort in your district? What was the significance of the fort of Ahmednagar in
3. Independence movement ?
4. Can you tell me names of Defence PSU and army establishment in your district?
5. Who was Sir Parshuram bhau ? (since my college name is sir parshuram bhau college and he was a ruler of a princely state )
6. During British rule many princely states were supportive of British, but it had serious ramifications for independence movement. What was those ramifications?

**Member 2**

1. What is sustainability and what do you considered it? ( i mentioned a term inter-generational equity)
2. Give example and explain it by articulating impact on future generations because of action of present generation .
3. What is zero budget farming ? Is it has any relevance with recent crisis in Srilanka?
4. Is there any impact of organic agriculture on India?
5. Is there any lesson that India should learn from srilankan crisis?

**Member 3**

1. In context of Afghanistan crisis, what are the ramifications on international relations?
2. Looking at unfolding situation in Ukraine, what are the implications on world order and on India specifically?
3. Do proportional representation system suitable for India?
4. Should we follow parliamentary system of government or should we move on presidential system? Which one is suitable for India to follow?
5. Which birds do you generally feed ? ( since I mentioned Bird feeding as my hobby)
6. What are advantages and disadvantage of feeding birds?

**Member 4**

1. What is the distance between two poles of kho-kho ? ( I told chairman mam that I played local sports like kho kho and other)
2. What is the webers theory of economy?
3. We have PDS ration shops in India, do we need to extend and expand the subsidised ration?
4. There is these debate that CO<sub>2</sub> is increasing in atmosphere leading to global warming , while it is also said that with CO<sub>2</sub> increase, there will be greener growth of plants, so CO<sub>2</sub> will get absorbed. Then, where is the climate change ?

**(11)****Date of Interview:** 13 April afternoon, went on 4th position**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am**Optional:** Sociology**Background:** B.Tech ECE**Employee:** (if any)- 8 years work experience in semiconductor industry**Hobbies:** played table tennis at state level; read about tech enabled solutions; cycling

Your experience in interview-it was average I felt that the chairperson and one member were disinterested in knowing me.

There were not much counter questions. they were not using my reply for the next question.

Felt like checking knowledge than personality

Utility of mocks (if any)



### Chairperson

1. Remove your face shield put it on your lap
2. Bring down your mask she confirmed my photo and then asked me to put up my mask
3. Again For five minutes sHe read my DAF loudly
4. The mask you are wearing, has three layes, can you tell me why?
5. It has a blue colour layer white colour layer, can you tell me why this colour difference?
6. We have another type of masks also like N 95 90 98 surgical marks. can you tell me the
7. differences?
8. why Ias
9. don't you think you are too late for this

### Member 1

1. What is the weight of TT ball
2. who is national champion in men
3. challenges in communication
4. your view on India's stand on Ukraine crisis

### Member 2

1. You read about tech enabled solution tell me some technical solution
2. I said I am reading about electric vehicle then he said that there is no technology in electric vehicle and he was not happy by my answer
3. then he asked to tell some other technology
4. I said Blockchain and its use cases but he was not happy
5. then he asked me about my job profile
6. then he asked me what my company do and
7. there was no counter question based on my answer
8. I threw word like virtual hardware electronic design but he asked nothing about them

### Member 3

1. He said you have done electronics and telecommunication so tell me the difference between GSM AND CDMA next HE ask me in what way we can communicate then he asked me about a department in Ministry of electronics then he asked me about the scheme in LWE for communication then he asked me about the scheme for communication in Northeast then he asked me about national optical Phiber program no counter question only one or two words reply

### Member 4

1. He has asked me how the optical transmission happens reason behind it?
2. optical transmission vs copper cable then he asked and counter question in this then
3. he asked me about carrom board( my DAF had no word even close to carrom board) but I said that I have not playedasked me whether TT ball can swing I said yes then he asked me tell me the mechanism I was not aware but in non technical language I tried to explain then he asked me about the Panchayati Raj system what is it then he asked me about more than I said that it is 3Tler system then he asked me to name all three level



then he asked me what happened in city what is the local body structure in City then he asked me about the function of municipal council then he asked me whether it can legislate In last he asked me “leaders are born not made” give me your review Suddenly chairperson says thank you

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**Date of Interview:** 18th april afternoon session

**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Sociology

**Home State:** Karnataka

**Background:** BBM, MBA

**Hobbies:** astrology and jogging

Almost all questions were from my DAF

#### Chairman:

1. Read out my daf loudly
2. What business are you into?
3. Do you sell genetically modified crops?( Business)
4. There was a recent issue with bt cotton . What was it? ( Pink bollworm)
5. Have the farmers stopped cultivating bt cotton? How are they managing then?
6. Why is only bt cotton approved and not other crops?
7. Should we allow genetically modified crops?
8. Your hobby is astrology? What do u do?
9. Is it a science?

#### Member 1

1. Give me two recent changes done due to which stock markets dropped? ( I said i dont know)
2. So many companies are spending huge money on marketing ? Is it needed? Why?
3. How do u stop Ill marketing?tell me from company's perspective?
4. What is brand value and why is it important?
5. How is climate change impacting western ghats? ( Karnataka)

#### Member 2

1. Why jogging as a hobby?
2. How many km do u run?
3. Do you run marathons?
4. Why after 7 years in business u wanna join civil service?

#### Member 3

1. I will want to talk about astrology ....is 18.04.2022 a good day for you?
2. What social changes have taken place after covid which are irreversible?( Sociology)
3. Give me 3 reasons why global financial crisis happened? ( Daf)

4. What is your plan b?

#### Member 4

1. Where do you procure fertilisers from?
2. What is NPK
3. How much percentage is suggested
4. Do we import fertilisers? How much?
5. Do we have subsidy on fertilisers?
6. Do u know about hampi? ( Karnataka?
7. Is it a world heritage site?( Today is world heritage day)
8. I think we are wasting money on protecting these sites? What's your opinion
9. If i have to make my house as whs? What should I do?
10. how are whs decided

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**Interview Duration: 25-30 min**

**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Economics

**Hobbies:** Football, Running, Data analytics

#### Chairman

1. Tell me what are you doing after graduation. Where are you working?
2. what's the selection process
3. why did you leave your job
4. why are you suitable for CS
5. Whats the administrative approach when you get posted to other states. Will your approach
6. change?

#### Member 1

1. why India despite having 1.3 billion population is not a sporting nation ?(daf)
2. what can you do as an admistrator to give sports an edge ?
3. how can electronics and Information & communication technology can help in
4. administration
5. other Work ex related questions

#### Member 2

1. what's the latest inflation rate (optional)
2. what can govt do
3. what is data protection act

#### Member 3

1. what are the sports attributes that can help in pub administration
2. why India has performed well in Paralympic but not so well in Olympics.

3. What could be the reason ?
4. do you know there was one ias officer who won the medal ? Who is he and why ?

#### Member 4

1. What's the difference between pace and speed of running (hobby)
2. I think marketing is the biggest obstacle in achieving growth in agriculture? Do you agree and why
3. what can be done for perishable items like vegetables
4. what was the recent agitation by farmers about ?
5. My interview was fully based on daf and 1-2 optional questions

**Utility of mocks:** Took around 5-6 mocks and found it useful purely for practice and to get into flow.

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**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am  
**Optional:** Commerce & Accounts  
**Background:** Chartered Accountancy  
**Home State:** Telangana  
**Hobbies:** Playing chess, Badminton, Watching movies

On entering, I have wished everyone Good morning. Immediately Chairman asked me to be seated. Can see a sense of hurry in her tone.

#### Chairman

Read out loud my DAF, stressing some key details. Other members are jotting points on the DAFs in front of them, maybe the questions or points they want to bring up.

..., You are from Chartered Accountancy background, have cost accountancy as well. You must have known the difference between direct tax revenues and indirect tax revenues of govt. So which one contribute more to the govt revenues?

So, if u r placed in finance ministry and tasked with a job to increase tax revenues, which one will u pick up direct or indirect?

What measures will u take up?

#### Member 1

1. ..., have seen the newspaper today?
2. Which newspaper do u follow?
3. Which article or news in today's newspaper in your opinion has made an impact? (I initiated with mentioning that Inflation and Supreme Court rejecting bail articles etc all are trivial matters which are very regular in news, so I said article on cryptocurrency has caught my eye, and then continued to tell about the key points of the article which is a critique on CBDC)
4. What is EBITDA
5. What is Depreciation, Amortization

**Member 2**

1. What includes foreign reserves of a country?
2. Latest updates with respect to India in forex.
3. Specifically in the last 2 months.
4. How to reduce import bill?
5. If you are placed in finance ministry and tasked with a job to zero out on imports, what will you do?
6. What constitutes our majority of import bill
7. Alternatives to fuel imports
8. Some questions around renewable energy

**Member 3**

1. ..., you are from Andhra, so tell me with respect to Andhra Telangana division, there has been perception that Telangana is deprived of development mainly because of poor educational facilities and medium of instruction is in Urdu. What are your views on that?
2. Lack of water resources, what would have been your suggestions at that time?
3. Lift irrigation system.
4. Do u know Rayalaseema, what constitutes it?
5. What is the importance of Cash flow statement?
6. By seeing a cash flow statement, how will you

**Member 4**

1. What are your services preferences
2. Why IAS
3. Why have picked up Chartered Accountancy?
4. Why preference to IAS if u r more suitable for IRS
5. What changes do u want to bring if selected as IAS

**Chairman** – Nice to meet you ..., your interview is over, u may leave.

Mocks experience – mocks stressed on my DAF and hobbies and haven't touched technical in CA background, here no question on hobbies.

Overall a good one

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**Date of Interview:** 13 April forenoon

**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Home State:** Delhi

**Background:** DTU (ECE)

**Hobbies:** mandala art, writing and illustrating poetry

Experience on D-Day

I was the third to go in, and two things happened before the interview. First, because of the discussion at waiting table, i got worried that mam never smiles and is super serious. Secondly, the guy before me came out with an expression as if he died inside. I entered with mixed emotions, wished all the members with a smile hidden behind two layers.

Madam asked me to sit, put the shield in my lap and take the mask down for verification. At this point I gave her a km long smile, she was forced to smile back at me, then asked me to put the mask back on.

### Chairperson

1. So there was a scandal related to your name, are you aware about it? – what happened –
2. who was responsible – what is happening now?
3. What do you mean by illustrating poetry?
4. What are your service preference? (IFS)
5. What is going around in our neighborhood?
6. How should india tackle this china problem you mention?
7. What can we do to promote our relationship, if you are let's say our foreign secy?  
(In the last discussion 2 other members were also giving their inputs)

### Member 1

1. (He had a big mask on and many of his words were inaudible)
2. Have you ever been employed? – any internship?
3. So you're from meerut, some communal violence happened there, why did it happen?
4. (Had to ask him twice)
5. Have you read recent world happiness report? – do you know where India stands?
6. What are the specialised agencies of UN?
7. There is a phrase in ur daf 'igniting young minds', which famous personality comes to your mind? – any other – go more ancient in history.
8. What was philosophy of swami vivekananda?
9. So why is Swami Vivekananda a youth icon, why does youth relate to him?

### Member 2

1. Are you from meerut or just born there?
2. Ok so you're from Delhi, tell me what are the reasons of Delhi's pollution within delhi?
3. The recent change of having a separate bus lane, will it be a solution, or the odd and even, or they are just propoganda?
4. What else can we do about pollution in Delhi?
5. So you're taking IFS, are you fluent in languages, what are the languages of UN?
6. If you get IFS, which language would you be taking for language training?

### Member 3

1. What have you been doing in the past 4-5 years? (Ps -I graduated just 3 years back)
2. Your college name Delhi technological University, so tell me what is technology?
3. Some put technology in their names ,some engineering, is there any difference?

4. So you were a bright science student, then an engineer, now you took philosophy in mains.
5. How will philosophy help in public services?
6. As an engineer tell me how has light bulb changed in many years?
7. We drink cold drink, water from straw. Explain the physics behind it?
8. Tell me Indian citizens, let me re-emphasise, citizens who got Nobel prize? – ok let me rephrase, you can also tell people of Indian origin – tell more – tell more- there was one related to peace- think more.

#### Member 4

1. What is the meaning of your name?
2. You did internship at delhi metro, How many phases have been developed? (I said I'm not aware)
3. Did you really did this internship or not? (I said no sir it was just an on paper one)
4. Ok so many countries resort to terrorism and other indirect means of warfare. Should india also resort to them?
5. What is hybrid warfare? – another example- give more example.
6. So you're interested in poetry, have you read 'some Hindi poem'? (I said no sir I don't read much) – so what you are saying is please move away from poetry, don't ask me questions here...(i said no sir I'm sorry I just don't read as extensively as I'd like, you may ask me about my writing)
7. Tell me what is embedded technology and it's application in medical?
8. Ok last question, you mentioned a term life's purpose (in vivekananda discussion) so what is your life's purpose?
9. Then madam smiled and nodded and interview was over. I wished all of them again and left

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**Date of Interview:** 20/04/2022 Afternoon Session

**Board:** M. Sathiyavathy

**Optional:** PSIR

**Duration :** 2 PM – 2.40 PM

**Interests :** contemporary foreign policy developments in India and issues of India's internal security.

I was asked to remove the shield but put the mask and gloves on. All members including Chairwoman were wearing mask.

#### Members

##### DAF based questions :

1. What is unique about you? (All members were smiling at me and I was nervous.)
2. Good academic credentials, why not research?
3. Why such poor state of private sector in your state?
4. People from your state faced mass exodus from Bengaluru. Any personal experience?

5. (Clarified that when it happened I was not residing there. Then I was asked if any experience during my stay)
6. What steps need to be taken to improve industrialisation in your state?
7. Possibilities of inland river transportation? Can it be a game changer?
8. Questions on status of insurgency in nine states of India, one by one and several questions followed.
9. Your views on India's stand on Russia-Ukraine war
10. Indo – Pacific vision of India
11. India's collaborations with Japan and Australia. This got extended to AUKUS, NATO, and China.
12. As an editor what are your top 5 priorities while selecting a piece for publication?
13. Bharat Ratna awardees from your state?
14. How to make North -East a homogeneous economic unit?
15. Why not IFS ? (Chairwoman put this question while I was answering questions on Indo – Pacific asked by another member.)
16. Few more factual questions related to DAF.

#### Current affairs :

1. Issues in civil aviation industry in India.
2. Two situation based questions (DC in home state and Secretary)
3. No questions from hobbies and job experience. Chairwoman kept nodding with a smile. I missed two factual questions. Overall it was a good experience.

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**Date of Interview:** (19th April) 35 minutes

**Board:** M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** PSIR

**Home state:** Maharashtra

**Hobbies:** Trekking, NGO, Sqay Khawankay

**Background:** B.Tech Electrical

#### Chairperson

1. If we utilise Hydropower potential of Arunachal Pradesh alone then also we can meet energy demands of whole India, then why India is not following this strategy ?
2. What are the environmental impacts of Hydro projects?
3. Tell us about the NGO in which you worked.
4. What was your contribution for the success of NGO ?
5. What is this Sqay Khawankay in which you participated at state level championship?
6. Why such indigenous games of India are not so popular ?

#### Member 1

1. What would you prefer gentleman – Beer or Wine ?
2. Your B'day is on 15th August & it is a dry day. Then how will you celebrate your B'day ?
3. What are advantages & Disadvantages of having B'day on 15th Aug ?



4. In Mumbai, you need to pay ₹100 for alcohol permit if you want to consume alcohol. If we make you the BMC commissioner, would you abolish this permit ?
5. BMC's budget is 40,000 Cr., ₹100 fee will not make any huge revenue difference, still you want to continue it ?
6. If you were the BMC commissioner, how differently could you have handled the Mumbai Covid compared to Mr. Iqbal Chahal ?
7. Tell us 3 Infrastructural bottlenecks of Mumbai and how can we address it.

### Member 2

1. Why cooperative movement got success in Maharashtra in sugarcane sector only? Why not other sectors?
2. Tell me the well known politician from Latur. Tell few more names.
3. How is condition of water in Latur now ?
4. Don't you think we should ban sugarcane cultivation in Latur district so as to reduce water wastage?
5. Deccan plateau is relatively stable region, then why Earthquake in Killari ?
6. Why so many casualties ? If same magnitude earthquake in other countries there are very low casualties.

### Member 3

1. What do you think about of EV? are they safe for environment ?
2. I will create an scenario, Electricity used for EV comes from coal so pollution, that electricity passes through transmission losses & conversion losses, so overall impact on efficiency and pollution....(long monologue) Now would you like to change your stand of previous answer ? Few Follow up questions.
3. If we increase the efficiency of IC engine of diesel vehicles so that they emit less pollutants, then would you like to change your stand ? Few Follow up questions.
4. You were chairperson of two college festivals, why your college had two festivals, why don't you merge them.
5. You were Cultural secretary in college, what were the major challenges & learnings from it ?

### Member 4

1. Does Russia Ukraine crisis provide apt time for India to invest in Semiconductor sector ?
2. Do you really think that India have capacity to be a semiconductor superpower ?
3. What steps has GOI taken ? And how far are we from that goal ?
4. So let's accept that. But along with semiconductor production some environmental concern also arises. Do you think we can tackle those concerns ?
5. What is happening between China & Japan in East China Sea ?
6. What is happening between China & other ASEAN countries in South China Sea?
7. How can these countries curb China's aggressive behaviour in that region ?
8. Do you know strait of Malacca ? What is it's significance ?
9. India have very unique advantage when it comes to strait of Malacca, can you tell that ?
10. What is India doing to maintain Free, Open & Inclusive Indo-Pacific ?

**Chairperson-** Your Interview is over. Thank you.

Not able to recollect few questions, board was very cordial, it was just like a candid discussion

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**Date of interview:** 21/04/2021

**Board:** M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** History

**Home State:** Madhya Pradesh

**College:** PGDAV college

**Hobbies:** Playing cricket, Singing and composing songs, acting and cooking.

### Chairman

1. Your experience in interview- None
2. Utility of mocks (if any)- Gave 6 mocks, and they mostly suggested that I need to study my home city(Bhopal) and home state( MP ) as I had a knowledge gap in that regard. Interestingly, almost 75% of the questions came from Bhopal and MP. So I would say their assesment was quite bang on. Mocks also helped me to get into habit of speaking and reduced hesitancy.

### Member 1

1. Read my DAF aloud.
2. What have you been doing since graduation?
3. Why didn't you pursue post graduation? (I mentioned that my backup plan is to be an entrepreneur)
4. Specific questions regarding my entrepreneur plans followed.
5. Why didn't you choose cricket as your career?
6. What kind of songs do you compose?

### Member 2

1. What has MP govt done to avoid a tragedy like bhopal gas tragedy in MP. What can you do as a collector, what learning did you get from bhopal gas tragedy?
2. What are the famous crops of MP? (I mentioned sharbati wheat)
3. What are its qualities?
4. Which protein makes it sweet?
5. Compare protein amount of wheat and rice and give protein amount in each.
6. How do you compose songs?
7. Can different music be applied to same lyrics?

### Member 3

1. What is the stray cattle issue, what can be done?
2. Problems of Bhopal?

**Member 4**

1. Where is Mandu situated?
2. Which airport can I take to reach Mandu?
3. Why is Mahakaleshwar famous, where is it situated?
4. Where is Bateshwar temple located?
5. What is the law and order situation in Bhopal?
6. Tell me which section covers murders?
7. When was MP split?
8. What is the naxal situation after split of MP, is there any improvement?

**Member 5**

1. Tell me about freedom struggle of MP?
2. Name the princely states in MP, who ruled them, tell me about their contribution to freedom struggle.

**Overview:**

I might be forgetting a couple of questions, the interview lasted around 25 minutes, but for me it felt that the interview was over in a flash.

Mock interviews are good for practice and give you an idea of topics to cover. But don't overdo them, take time to be able to implement the feedback given in mocks. The interview board was mixed, chairman mam was cordial and supportive, 2 members seemed slightly disinterested, 2 member seemed to test my patience by making me repeat things etc. Overall I felt the questions were mostly MP based and could have been more multi dimensional, but the pro was that the questions were relatively easy and relevant to my DAF. My only advice would be to stay calm and confident and believe in yourself throughout the duration of interview. One more advice, try to find atleast 5 minutes where you settle yourself before the interview, I didn't have that luxury as I was almost instantly called up after doing my document verification. All the very best!!

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**Date of Interview:** 19th April, 3pm

**Board:** M. Sathyavathy Ma'am

**Home State:** Maharashtra

**Background:** BA honours, MA, and JRF all In Geography from Delhi University.

**Optional:** Geography

**Hobbies:** Aquascaping and backpacking (Most of my interview was focussed here)

Etracurriculars- College Street Theatre and MUNs

Mocks- Helped in some critical questions (that actually came in the final interview) and in getting used to the required body language and confidence.

Experience in interview- Very conversational. All the questions were entirely from hobbies, extra curriculars and educational background/ Optional. Chairperson was very charming, smiling all the time. Wonderful experience altogether.

### Chairperson

1. Read my DAF aloud and asked me my first name.
2. What is this aquascaping? (My first hobby)
3. Do you have your own aquariums?
4. Do you do it commercially also?
5. And what about backpacking? What is it?
6. Where did you travel last? (I mentioned Chopta and explained its geographical position)
7. Which other states did you cover?
8. What were you doing since 2019?
9. What is Interlinking of rivers? What is your opinion on it? (i mentioned EIA, rehabilitation and Ken Betwa Project) (another critical answer that led to quarter of my interview- River based questions)
10. What are the issues involved in Ken Betwa Project? ( I supported it and mentioned about need for proper rehabilitation and wildlife relocation and minimum damage)
11. Are you sure wildlife can be relocated at this scale?

### Member 1

1. What is Chopta? A hillstation?
2. What makes Tungnath special? Tell me the story.
3. Where is it? In Kumaon or Garhwal?
4. Where are Garhwal and Kumaon in Uttarakhand?
5. Distance of Chopta from Dehradun. And of Kedarnath from Chopta.
6. Where is Chardham? In Garhwal or Kumaon?
7. What makes Chandrashila trek attractive to backpackers?
8. What issues did you face in the trek? What happens in low oxygen at high altitude?
9. What precautions?
10. What is a floodplain of a river? What activities will you prevent in a North Indian river floodplain
11. Why can't transmission lines be laid?
12. What were the issues involved with artificial embankments on Kosi floodplains? ( and A few more followup questions)

### Member 2

1. You have studied Geography throughout your education, why? (Asked from my response to what I had been doing since 2019)
2. Did you not fall in the engineering trap? Or get insecure that engineers are more successful these days? ( I mentioned about UPSC's report and the statistics that prove the opposite, they nodded in approval)
3. Does the lack of opportunities in Geography, if you dont qualify CSE, not frighten you?
4. Why did you join Streetplay team in college? What did you learn?
5. What issues do tourist places in India face (from my hobby)
6. As a policymaker, tell me the policies you will make for promoting Indian tourism sector for foreign 'backpackers' ( specifically backpackers)

**Member 3**

1. You mentioned about Environmental Impact Assessment. In that regard, what are IRR ( and some followup questions about very technical words that I had never heard about, so I said I have not read)
2. How is silting of reservoirs harmful?
3. How do we remove the silt? ( i mentioned dredging and was giving a general answer, he interrupted me and asked for specific technologies, so I apologised and said I dont know) You have many aquariums, open water leads to mosquito breeding. How do you prevent that?
4. What things will you be most passionate about when you come into the services?
5. Don't you think you could have done better if you went to those sectors directly?

**Member 4**

1. Have you visited abroad? ( I said no)
2. Which country would I like to visit the most (I said Egypt)
3. Why? ( I said architecture, mythology, history) What type and phase of architecture ( I said tombs, temples, sarcophagi and pyramids of the Old kingdom)
4. How were pyramids made? ( I mentioned a few theories)
5. Name a few pyramids, their years of construction and their makers?

**(20)****Date of Interview:** 22 April**Board:** M Sathiyavathy**Optional:** PSIR**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, friends, Jogging**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh**Background:** BA in psir, MA psir**Chairman:**

1. What is reviewing recreational pursuit
2. Is spending time with family and friends hobby
3. What is hobby  
(Seems disatisfied)
4. India pak chances of diallogue
5. Imapact of srilanka crisis

**Member 1**

1. What is middle east
2. What is debt trap ( want to know how it works exactly)
3. Israll palestine
4. Jogging pace

**Member 2**

1. Israel some tribe have vanished

2. Some tribe in India in northeast is becoming Jews
3. One nation one election

### Member 3

1. Event management what I did  
(other I am not able to recall)

### Member 4

1. Suppose DM organise an event in Hardoi
2. Why Hardoi famous (I said handloom)
3. What is loom
4. Difference between khadi and nylon
5. Many PMS from up then why backward

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**Board:** M Sathiyavathy

**Optional:** Law

**Hobbies:** Reading English Novels

### Chairman

1. What kind of books do you read?
2. Do you buy them in print or on Kindle?
3. 3 to x. Insert intense grilling moot court style for 5 minutes on whether election manifesto can be treated as a contract?
4. Answered in Negative. Asked to explain why. Cross questions on each element of contract formation.
5. Asked to act as her lawyer and present a case to court to still enforce it and to make sure she wins. Some cross questions. Joked how lawyers always ask for time and adjournment when I asked for a few seconds before presenting final arguments.

### Member 1

1. What are some examples of void and voidable contracts.
2. No I didn't like the example. Give me some other.
3. Why do we say police must maintain Law AND Order. Why two terms.
4. Define Public Order
5. Judiciary has craftily expanded its role since 1990s. Is Judiciary overstepping
6. React to my statement that judicial activism is due to failure of executive plus cross questions.

### Member 2

1. How can disputes in case of contract be solved?
2. Follow up: difference between arbitration and conciliation
3. Follow up: enforceability of conciliation award and 1 cross question
4. Any mechanism of ADR for MSME?

5. Replied but wanted to refer to Samadhan portal so he indicated about the same. Asked about it's working in detail. Sorry sir.
6. Share of industries in hometown. Which industries exist. Which will you introduce. How will you get money. (all asked in one breath- answered. Fumbled and used the term GDP for district. when I came to last question. Took a pause. He made a joke that money will come from somewhere. We will see)
7. Is there Mens Rea in contracts like criminal law.

### Member 3

1. Why is there liability of each member of a mob in case of riots
2. Offences affecting Public order
3. Answered 2/3. He kept saying No and asking for more. Till I stopped
4. Difference between President rule and Governor Rule
5. Maximum duration for Governor rule
6. Was repeal of 370 correct?
7. No. Governance perspective aside. Give me Constitutional perspective
8. ?? Was it a good decision.
9. Chairperson asked me to adjust my slipping mask
10. Article 35A
11. Why removed. Impact of removal.

### Member 4

1. Insert two minute rant on lack of punishment for judiciary. Use of contempt.
  2. Is Judiciary moving towards self destruction. React to this statement.
  3. Looooong Statement on Judicial appointment pattern disrupting separation of power and checks and balance. What's your opinion.
  4. What can be done
  5. Thank you. You may leave.
- One question on hobby. One on home district. Everything else quite legal.

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**Date of Interview:** 22/04/22  
**Board:** M Sathyavathy Ma'am  
**Bsckground:** Btech ECE  
**Work exp:** 2.5 years IT firm  
**Optional:** Geography  
**Home State:** Kerala  
**Hobbies:** sports (no Question)

### Chairperson

1. Remove faceshield and put on lap  
 Pull down mask for verification and asked to wear it throughout  
 Read out DAF aloud
2. You had decent job with good pay, why did you resign?



3. you studied in NIT Calicut, why 2 names Calicut and Kozhikode. Few Questions on history of names an air accident happened recently in kozhikode.what are reasons?
4. what is peculiarity of airport? (Used my hands to explain, other members were surprised)
5. what is use of black box? what is its colour?

### Member 1

1. explain smart wheelchair project you did in college? (Daf)
2. will it be useful for specially abled in buildings?
3. what measures to be taken to make buildings accessible?
4. does Kozhikode have a railway station?
5. Suppose you want to implement accessibility in railway station (which is under Union govt.), What steps will you take? ( Whenever I said a point, member kept on saying next what, a bit impatient here)
6. largest district in Kerala?
7. state capital of Kerala? Which temple there? What controversy behind temple and follow up
8. Thiruvananthapuram vs Bangalore (worked here) in terms of ease of living.?said Bangalore, mention 3 reasons( Specifically cautioned not to mention climate as factor) public transport vs private transport. (Follow up on my answer that public transport better in Bangalore) metro transport falls under which ministry? (Since I mentioned Bangalore metro)

### Member 2: (had to repeat most answers, as member did not hear)

1. Since you took geography optional, I will ask from there
2. which river flows through Badrinath shrine?(didn't know)
3. giving hint, he talked about recent disaster in Joshimath. What was it?
4. Which river ? It did not happen in Joshimath, which peak it took place? (Didn't know)
5. long monologue on Himalaya being young and fold mountains. Which are old mountains ?
6. relation of European discovery of India and kozhikode. Where did Vasco da gama land?
7. 4g vs 5g?
8. 5g uses ?how it heps in national security ?
9. what is NSS? (daf) and follow up questions

### Member 3

1. what is your service preference?
2. based on my answer, and issue of political violence in Kerala. Suppose you are posted as
3. DM, get orders to bulldoze to curb violence your action plan?
4. if not bulldoze, then what actions?
5. based on answer, those are soft mechanism, What else?
6. coming to ECE, how it helps in defence?
7. Indian PSU based on defence electronics? private company? Globally?

**Member 4**

1. pointing to earlier question, recently bulldoze issue happened . Are you aware?
2. what was reason for it? (Member hinted about delay of communication between judiciary and Mayor) in times of tech, are such delay acceptable? (Said no), coming from ECE background, what are solutions?
3. confirmed whether Amadeus software labs( job) is the company related to air ticketing.
4. Then asked randomly, what is unicorn? Asked stats about unicorn and follow up on Startups most startups are located in Bangalore, delhi (based on my answer). How to ensure startups come up in other areas? Few follow up
5. difference between cell and mobile phone.

**Chairperson:**

1. Interview over
2. Thank you .all the best
3. May be forgetting few questions
4. PS: board repeatedly asked to pull up mask.
5. This impacted flow of answers

**(23)****Date of Interview:** 20/04/22**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am**Optional:** Anthropology**Background:** NCC, Mechanical Engineering, Bhavna yog**Hobby:** Yoga**Work Experience:** Bajaj Auto Ltd., UPL Limited.**Utility of Mocks:** Interview etiquette, few themes repeated.**Chairman:** read whole DAF loudly.

1. Compare between Bajaj Auto Ltd. and UPL limited.
2. What was your role in BAJAJ Auto. Ltd.?
3. Why automobile sector did better than Fmcg sector in India?

**Member 1**

1. What is difference between petrol vehicle and electric vehicle.
2. Why you did NCC C, what was it's advantages?
3. Why petrol bike have too many parts than electric vehicle?
4. What is full name of Maulana Azad.?

**Member 2**

1. Work regarding internship
2. Why there is a crisis in semiconductor sector?
3. China plus one strategy
4. Stocks of internship company
5. Question regarding hometown

6. Question on Bhavna Yoga( hobby)
7. Electric vehicle issue – battery and charging infrastructure

### Member 3

1. Why Anthropology, favourite subject in it.
2. Application of Anthropology in administration (long question)
3. Digitalization- impact on future civil servants.(long question)

### Member 4

1. Why Four wheeler trend is rising over two wheelers?
2. Why India is lagging in research ?
3. Ma'am wished all the best.

Cordial Board, Overall good experience.

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**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Background:** MBBS

**Optional:** Medical Science

**Home State:** Haryana

**Job:** Railway

### Chairman

1. Wish me good morning before i do that
2. Tell me to remove mu face shield and put it in my lap
3. Ask me for removal of mask for photo identification
4. Read out all details from DAF
5. Ask me if I am comfortable if questions are asked in English
6. What initiative did you take for e governance (Daf)?
7. Are these initiatives already in Railways?
8. Are they implemented anywhere else in Railways?
9. Why do you think that new initiatives which are taken by one person are not replicated at other places?

### Member 1

1. In your opinion stand alone initiatives are good or there should be a system for taking innovations
2. What are hinderance in replicating new initiatives?
3. What should be done so that SOP can be made out of new initiatives?
4. What government is doing in this regards?

### Member 2

1. You are a doctor why you want to come to civil services?
2. Suppose you are Putin, when will you stop war?
3. What russia want to achieve in the war?

4. Tour of duty? He explained me and ask have you heard about that
5. What elon musk is so interested in twitter and crypto currency
6. Have you invested in cryptocurrency

### Member 3

1. Dont you think joining civil service after medicine is sort of brain drain.
2. How you use your knowledge of medicine in IAS.
3. Ques regarding progress made by india in nutrition?
4. What are schemes of nutrition improvement.
5. Food fortification
6. Your hobby regarding spending time with family and friends, do you think it is a hobby?

### Member 4

1. Status of poverty in India.
2. BPL and multidimensional poor
3. Another criteria
4. What are components of Multidimensional poverty index
5. Why health is there.
6. Why education is there.
7. Which sector you want to work other than health.
8. why manufacturing sector
9. Do you think automation leads to job loss
10. What is sustainable manufacturing
11. How to make manufacturing environment friendly.

**Chairman** madam Thank you very much.

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**Date of Interview:** 25th April, afternoon

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Management

**Background:** NIT Hamirpur (B.Tech), IIT Madras (MBA)

**Hobbies:** Swimming, cooking, DIY repairs, Home workout

**Your experience** in interview- 1st

Utility of mocks (if any)- Useful as my main interview based on DAF

Almost 80% of interview based on DAF and even other questions were derived from it. Hence use this transcript with caution.

### Chairperson

1. What is difference between safety and security with respect to Vizag?
2. Safety and security difference in respect to airplane?
3. What are green building?

4. What are green corridor?
5. Why you are leaving your better paying job for civil services?

### Member 2

1. What is red corridor?
2. Socio-economic similarity in these regions?
3. Should we do something or leave it as it is? Steps to undertake?
4. Budget- how will you tell someone how to read it?
5. What is primary deficit?
6. How much is it?
7. What is fiscal deficit of India? How much it should be?
8. Why is it so high?
9. What is India's debt to GDP ratio? How much it should be ?
10. What is debt to GDP ratio for US and Japan?
11. Then why should India keep it so low?
12. Why is US\$ the global currency?
13. What are threats to US\$ as global currency?
14. Can Indian rupee in future be the global currency?

### Member 3

1. What are cryptocurrencies? Can they be a global currency?
2. Can cryptocurrencies be hacked? Or is it individual broker issue?
3. What could be other alternatives to a global currency?

### Member 4

1. You did mechanical engineering then MBA? Didn't your engineering go to waste?
2. Do you think Indian engineers are of lower quality?
3. Why they are not so good?
4. What is McKinsey ethical – ( don't know) and Darknet?
5. Have used darknet?
6. If a cyberattack on Indian stock exchange by China, what will be its implications?
7. What triathlon you did and how is it different from Ironman triathlon?
8. What are your favorite swimming strokes?
9. What is difference between freestyle and crawl?

### Member 5

1. What is e-waste?
2. What is polluter pays principle?
3. You like cooking? What all dishes?
4. How does cooker help in cooking?
5. How you can maintain or improve nutrient of food by cooking?
6. You did engineering and MBA and now civil services, isn't it internal brain drain?
7. Will you use your existing knowledge and improve system or come here to learn?

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**Date of Interview:** 25/4/2022**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh**Hobby:** vipassana meditation**Background:** Engineering

Tech- Electronics and Communication, 2016

**Chairperson**

1. आप 2016 से क्या कर रहे हैं, आपकी मदद कौन करता है?
2. vipassana meditation बाकी meditation से कैसे अलग है?
3. vipassana के बारे में आपको कैसे पता चला?
4. web series को कैसे regulate किया जाता है?
5. क्या वेब series पर pre sensorship लगा देनी चाहिए या moive से हटा देनी चाहिए?

**Member 1**

1. आपको vipassana के बारे में कैसे पता चला?
2. vipassana से क्या लाभ हुआ, कुछ practice लाभ बताओ?
3. कब और कैसे करते हो vipassana?
4. webseries पर समय खराब नहीं होता और उससे पढ़ने और vipassana में disturb नहीं होता?
5. Engineering के बाद हिंदी साहित्य क्यों लिया?

**Member 2**

1. Afspa की क्या ज़रूरत है?
2. Afspa के हटाने से क्या लाभ और क्या नुकसान होंगे?
3. रूस- यूक्रेन में भारत का official stand क्या है?
4. क्या भारत का western countries के अलग रहना, future में कुछ चुनौतीपूर्ण हो सकता है?

**Member 3**

1. UP की तीन समस्याएँ?
2. UP का division होना चाहिए?
3. UP का विकास कैसे हो तथा कैसे पता चलता है कि up गरीब राज्य है?
4. local language में engineering की जानी चाहिए? New education policy में कुछ कहा गया है इस विषय में!!!

**Member 4**

1. Electronics policy के क्या फीचर हैं?
2. semiconductor crisis क्यों है तथा भारत में यह industry क्यों develop नहीं है?
3. India को electronics market develop करने के लिए क्या करना चाहिए?
4. semiconductor crisis से और कौन कौन से sector प्रभावित हो रहे हैं? इसका overall economy पर क्या प्रभाव है?

5. electronics policy बनाते समय आप क्या ध्यान में रखेंगे?
6. ज्यादातर सवालों पर कुछ और जुड़े हुए सवाल पूछे थे!! अंत में समय काफी हो गया था तो chair person ने qus नहीं पूछे!!!

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**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am  
**Home State:** Rajasthan  
**Optional:** PSIR

### Chairman

1. Read DAF aloud, Asked if any work ex, part time or otherwise?
2. Difference b/w Hindi and Hindustani. Example with a sentence and translation of the same.
3. What you did in slum areas (DAF)
4. What issues slum children face?
5. How did you try to address them?
6. How many hours you taught in slums?

### Member 1

1. Recently, proposal for mandatory explanation of veto in UNSC. India objected. Reason for the same.
2. Cryptocurrency? Non Fungible tokens?

### Member 2

1. China has no treaty with India with respect to water sharing. What impact can it have on India?
2. Any recent incident when China tried to use domination in this regard?

### Member 3

1. Relation b/w Jatropha and Raj?
2. Kathak – how long have you been learning?
3. Any ruler associated with Kathak?
4. His contribution
5. Teaching in slums – what changes needed among teachers?

### Member 4

1. Difference between political system in USA and India – relative advantages and disadvantages
2. Simultaneous elections – benefits, disadvantages?
3. Should India adopt simultaneous elections? Your take?

**Chairman:** Ok Thank you.



Board was very formal, Two members smiled, rest just observed. But experience was great, and enjoyable.

**Mocks' utility:** confidence and communication skills. That's it.

All the best!

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**Date of Interview:** 25 april, afternoon

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** SOCIOLOGY

**Background:** Biotechnology MNNIT, PRAYAGRAJ

**Hobby:** playing cricket

**Medium of interview:** HINDI

### Utility of mocks-

1. good to build confidence and have a formal conversation
2. Real was totally different, more cordial and no बकवास questions
3. Total interview time- Around 32 minutes

### Major themes of discussion-

1. Tribes and way of interaction
2. covid -19 and its socio economic, and environmental effects,
3. cricket popularity and impact on other sports,
4. digital currency, bitcoin etc.
5. vaccines,
6. child marriages and raising age of marriage,
7. WORK FROM HOME,
8. Ukraine- russia war

### Chairperson

1. We will ask questions in English and you can answer in hindi, if you want translator, we can arrange
2. Remove your face shield and mask, after seeing my beautiful, she told please wear 😊.

### Member 1

1. Have u attended mocks in coachings ?
2. What were coaching's focus areas where they emphasised
3. Have you ever visited south india or any place other than Uttar pradesh.
4. Have u visited a tribal place( as my optional is sociology)
5. Do you about an American Christian person was killed by a tribe in Andaman and Nicobar ( 2019 incident -The life and death of John Chau, the man who tried to convert his killers)
6. Name of that tribe
7. It was right to go there or not ?

8. Suppose you are DM of that area, and there is large scale spread of disease and their population is decreasing day by day, what you will do?
9. How will you communicate and build consensus, if they are not interacting.
10. How will you identify community leader, if they are not interacting? ( Tried to provoke)
11. Recently, girls' age of marriage has been improved, tell me its sociological impact.
12. How would it improve health and education?
13. Child marriages in your state, district and village

### Member 2

1. TOR term in defence, did you hear about it?
2. Difference in digital currency and Bitcoin
3. Difference in Bitcoin and Ethereum.
4. Who releases them
5. Who is controlling authority ?
6. Few questions on covid and its impact( not able to recall)

### Member 3

1. Continued with covid and social impact.
2. Difference in covaxin and covishield vaccines.
3. Why do covaxin claim to be more effective even for the upcoming variants of COVID - 19.
4. Why cricket is so popular in India ?
5. Why cricket is popular in rural India ?
6. Do you think, it is suppressing other games in india

### Member 4

1. Covid-19 impact on violence
2. Covid -19 impact of environment
3. What we learn from covid?
4. Do you think a small lockdown every year is necessary for Better environmental conditions?
5. I said yes, he asked but it would lead to disruption of industrial activities and it is not possible . How we can do it and why?
7. Suppose you are health secretary, what steps you would take to prevent such pandemic in
8. future ?

### Member 5

1. Continued with covid and its impact
2. Idea of work from home
3. WFH- POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE EFFECTS
4. Do you think , we should continue with WFH.
5. What is impact of Ukraine – russia war on India
6. What India can learn from Ukraine – russia crisis

7. As per you, what are top priorities area where India should be self reliant( last question)
8. Note- few counter questions i might have missed

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**Date of interview:** 27 april  
**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am  
**Optional:** Anthropology  
**Background:** MBBS  
**Home State:** Rajasthan  
**Profession** (if any)- Medical officer  
**Hobbies:** Jogging, badminton  
**Interview medium:** Hindi

### Chairman

1. Why gap of 2 years after graduation
2. Why civil services despite being in Noble profession
3. What kind of preventive care you give on PHC
4. why doctors are not willing to go to rural areas
5. What can be done?
6. Should Bond be compulsory after Graduation from Govt medical College
7. Doctors usually don't live in village even during posting to PHC, Do you live in that village?

### Member 1

1. Difference between targeted medicine and chemotherapy
2. How to calculate heart rate in joggers
3. Give me 3 reason to not to administer precaution dose of covid vaccine
4. How to make QUAD more effective
5. How to solve problem of water scarcity in district of western rajasthan

### Member 2

1. Do you play badminton
2. Who is emerging player now
3. What is his recent achievement
4. Which medal he won in England open
5. Who won medal in Tokyo Olympics in badminton
6. Tell me about player who won medals in para Olympics
7. Which other games you play
8. Tell me about Indian volleyball status

### Member 3

1. Whats famous in your district
2. Any recent incident of violence against doctors in rajasthan
3. Should we make law?

4. So how to wear this surgical mask properly?
5. What is the reason to have this side towards nose?
6. How will you use your knowledge of mbbs in civil services
7. Anthropology in administration

#### Member 4

1. Renewable energy possibilities in rajasthan and what role could be played by biofuel and tell me some source of biofuel in rajasthan
2. How to improve swacch bharat mission
3. Accountability of vetoing country in unga,
4. What should be India's stand
5. Should we conduct licencing exam like USA for doctors in india (to check skills)?
6. If you become civil servant , which areas will you focus most

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**Date of Interview:** 27 April morning session

**Board:** Ms. M. Sathiyavathy

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Optional:** History

**Background:** Bsc + MA (history )

TIME- 26\_28 mint

(Mask, gloves phn kar interview tha, face shield htw di thi )

#### Chairman

1. Jrf aap ne clear kiya hain PhD/ MPhil kar rhe ho ya ?
2. UG or PG me aapne gap kyon liya tha
3. 2018 k bad se kya kar rhe ho ?
4. aapki camel riding hobby hain
5. Ye kese aapki hobby ho gyi hain ?
6. Aapne horse riding ki hain ?
7. Camel riding or horse riding me kya main deference hain ?
8. Camel k aaj kal kya utilities hain ?
9. Camel milk me kya kya hota hain ?
10. Camel milk k medicine benefit kya hain
11. ( Second member ki or ishara krte hue , qsn kijiye )

#### Member 1

1. aap barmer se hain Barmer me refinery ki kya progress chal rhi hain ?
2. Barmer refinery k kya fayde hain ?
3. Es refinery me barmer k alawa bahri crude oil use hoga? Kha se aayega?
4. Rajasthan biofuels ki progress hain ?
5. Biofuels k kha Khan centre hain
6. Renewable energy of Rajasthan k bare m batahiye ?

**Member 2**

1. Qsn asked in English and qsn very long ( chairman mam , qsn nhi smjh me aa rha hain to anuvadak bualaun ? Yh UPSC ne aapke liye hi rakhe hain ? Bell bjagr , anuvadak ko bula kar bitha diya )
2. Corona me Indian doctor ne , medicine bevjah likh di thi ?kya aap mante hain
3. USA me medical me countie exam hote hain or India me doctor ki koi progress chek nhi
4. hoti? India ko kya krna chahiye ?
5. China me corona se konse City effected hain ?
6. China ki zero COVID policy kya hain ? Uske point batahiye ?
7. Quad Kya hain?
8. Quad k reform k 3 point btahiye ?
9. Jammu, Kashmir, laddakh 3no ko state banane chahiye? Some cross qsn

**Member 3**

1. Aapke district me only one river hain – Luni ? But irrigation me use nhi hoti ! Why?
2. Barmer me desert hi desert hain
3. Eska development kese ho skta hain ? Some cross qsn
4. Camel riding aapki hobby hain ! BSF kis border par use krti hain ?
5. Barmer – Pakistan border ki challenge kya hain ?
6. Barmer border me very less taskri hoti hain ? Punjab me bhaut jyada ! Esa kyon hota hain?

**Member 4** ( only women releted qsn and corss qsn )

1. Rajasthan ki women ki kya condition hain ?
2. MMR kya hoti hain ?
3. MMR full form?
4. Women status Rajasthan me low level par kyun hain ?
5. Ese improve krne k 3 upay bataiye ?
6. Aapko lgta hain women marrige age , 21 kar deni chahiye ?
7. Child marriage case esase or badh jayenge ?
8. To kya 21 se aage bhi badha skte hain ?
9. Thik hain ,Women empowerment ki 2 scheme bta dijiye

**Chairman**

(Aapka interview ho gya hain , aap aarm se ja skte hain , face shield bahr lga dijiye)

**Experience:-**

Mock helpful hain, specially DAF k prepration me

Fact and New information khin bar hamre knowledge se bahr se aa skti hain, Esme confidence k sath sorry bol skte hain

All the best 🍀

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**Date of Interview:** FN 29th April 2022**Board:** M Sathiyavathy**Home State:** Tamil Nadu**Optional:** PSIR**Service:** CRPF AC (T)**Background:** BE Civil**Hobby:** Basketball, Volunteering

(5th person to go – 25 to 30 mins)

Prior work experiences: Freelance CE consultant with specialization in RWH, Faculty at an IAS Academy.

Smt.Satyavati Madam board + 3 male members + 1 lady member

Greeted me the moment I entered the room. I wished her as well as other members. Went to sit immediately but then told sorry and unfastened my coat button , sat in the chair.

**Chairman** remove your mask.

1. Me: (After removing)Madam do I have the permission to place my mask on the table in front of me?
2. Ch: No wear the mask. I wanted to see your face.
3. Chairperson read my DAF to other members but didnt know that I am under training in CRPF so had to declare it. She asked why I didnt mention it in DAF , then She verified other files regarding my profile and said OK
4. Ch: What is volunteering? (my hobby) why did you take it up? What all have you done in volunteering?
5. Ch: After training you are likely to be posted in LWE areas , is knowing the local language important?
6. Ch: If language is important, why is that people of TN oppose learning Hindi?
7. Ch: You are in training , Do you know Hindi ?
8. (I said " I am learning now and before coming to Haryana for training I learnt only 1 sentence in Hindi ". I though she will ask me what that sentence is but she didnt. She just laughed for me knowing only 1 sentence)
9. Ch: Why is that 3 language policy not accepted in TN ?
10. (I said schools in TN teach Hindi on voluntary basis. The 3 language policy is slowly being accepted. Even the recent approval to establish JNV in TN , will help to learn Hindi on voluntary basis.)
11. Ch: So you mean to say TN government has accepted the 3 language formula ?
12. (Sorry Madam , I didnt mean it that way. If my words had given such conclusion I apologize for that. I meant in TN hindi is taught and learnt voluntarily.)
13. Ch: Let's leave it , why there is fall in no. of people from TN qualifying CSE AND CAPF exams, is language an issue ?
14. Ch: How did you know about CAPF exams?

### Member 1

1. M1: You know army is also used for internal security like CRPF but why there is high operational failure in CRPF , why is CRPF inefficient ?
2. M1: Though I appreciate your loyalty towards your organization , what is the difference between army working in JK and CRPF working in LW ?
3. M1: Have you heard about weaponization of water ? How is it possible ? Will India use it ?
4. M1: How can China use it against India ?
5. (Made a blunder by mentioning about 3 gorges dam for which he replied that the dam has no relation with weaponization. Then I apologized for my misinformation)
6. M1: If China uses it , where will it divert the water?
7. (I said I have to look into it )
8. M1: Take a guess.
9. (I was thinking , immediately he said the answer is not important)
10. M1: what are the latest developments in the field of civil engineering?
11. M1: Can you recollect the recent development done by IIT Madras?
12. ( I said about glass fibre reinforced panel building done in the year 2017 (recent))
13. M1: That's right. Thank you.

### Member 2

1. M2: You are from chennai. What problem you faced in Chennai recently?
2. M2: what's the reason and solution for water scarcity?
3. M2: can we go for desalination of seawater since India is surrounded by sea in all three directions ?
4. M2: What is the problem in desalination?
5. M2: Have you heard about river interlinking project , can that be done ?
6. M2: Name one process used in desalination?

### Member 3

1. M3: 1 country has launched Gross National Happiness , do you know ?
2. M3: What is GNH ?
3. (I said I need to look into it detailly)
4. M3: What is GNP , difference between GNP and GDP ?
5. M3: What is the current rate of Inflation ?
6. M3: Why Inflation is a important indicator?
7. M3: Does India need Inflation?
8. M3: Last question How to control Inflation?

### Member 4

1. M4: Like Black gold , what is digital gold ?
2. M4: Gov has huge amount of this gold. Can we monetize it ?
3. M4: What are your suggestions for data security ?
4. M4: Why cant the gov monetize it like google , facebook ?



5. M4: Can the data be shared among other government departments ?
6. M4: You being a sportsperson, how can we popularize basketball , kabbadi in India ?

### Chairman

Thank you

I wished the chairperson alone , fastened my coat button and walked out.

Review : Entire interview can be reduced to 7 themes: Hindi language , Internal security , Civil engineering , Water crisis , Inflation , Data governance , Basketball.

There were only follow up questions and felt could have done better in few questions.

I expected the chairperson to say atleast Interview is over and ask me if I to share anything.

Then came to know from others that such things does not happen in this board.

All the best 🙏😊👍👏

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**Date of interview:** 22 April  
**Board:** M Sathiyavathy mam  
**Optional:** Geography  
**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh  
**Background:** polymer science  
**Hobby:** Food vlogs  
 1st interview

Initially they messed up with the sheet of attendance after DV . It took 10 min to resolve , anyway -

I entered the room, greeted mam and the other 4 board member

Chairperson read the daf aloud. Asked to put down my mask and she was not able to match my current look with photograph. I had to explain.

### Chairperson

1. asked for clarification of hobby (food vlogs of Indian cuisine)
2. What is taught in the graduation
3. What are industrial application of polymers?
4. What are technical textile
5. Tell me some technical textile in the room.
6. How would u use your learning as president in administration(daf based)?

### Member 1

1. What step will you take as secretary of tourism to develop street food culture in India?
2. i told some stuff then he asked
3. tell me something related to infrastructure and other step
4. Is uttar pradesh uttam pradesh
5. 6 strength of uttar pradesh in bullet point
6. (Was cut short on 2nd point)
7. What are the infrastructure status of uttar pradesh?

### Member 2

1. Which is sarvottam pradesh ( based on my earlier answer)?
2. What polymer used in this room.
3. Up lokayukta ( i did not know much)
4. Few more question don't recall (sorry)

### Member 3 ( more concerned about home district)

1. Distance from Delhi
2. History of the district
3. What routes we may take
4. what are technical textile used in eastern uttar pradesh agriculture?
5. one or two more question. dont remember.

### Member 4

1. What step will u take in addressing crime issue if u are posted as ssp in your home district.
2. Tell me some proactive measure.
3. Who guards our border
4. When army is deployed
5. Tell me inert polymer( here tried trap me by saying I am not an expert update my
6. knowledge)
7. Is teflon an inert polymer , why is it so?
8. Which part of the complex hydrocarbon reacts?

### Utility of mocks – attended 6 mocks

Next ias – some question asked directly

Vajiram- help me in identifying my mistakes , here board motivated me alot

Won't name coaching- but demotivated alot ( although I resolve to bounce back)

Vajirao – back with confidence ( feeling good after this)

Ksg- confidence and body language improved exponentially

Drishti- just a final practice , some question were asked directly .

### One to one session

Raveendran sir- excellent boosted my confidence

Shabbir sir- anticipating question, and answer in conversational manner

Khan sir- ( met 2 days before interview) – helped in building confidence to peak.

### Learning

Prepare daf well ,even if, question are not asked u will feel confident

Mocks helpful in mannerism confidence build up , never to give wrong answer , broadening knowledge.

Take mock as learning rather than final judgement

Confidence in interview = comprehensive preparation of current affairs+ daf + sufficient number of mock ( number of mocks to be personally evaluated – don't go by coachings).

Thanks

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd may afternoon 1st to go  
**Board:** M. Sathiyavathy  
**OPTIONAL:** Zoology  
**Background:** Calcutta University  
**HOBBIES:** Singing Tagore songs, Diploma in Classical music, Tagore songs , Fine arts

YOUR EXPERIENCE IN INTERVIEW-very cordial board, very positive environment even in waiting room, all my nervousness and anxiety was gone after entering UPSC Bhawan  
 UTILITY OF MOCKS- Confidence building, pointing out my lackings habituation in handling tensed situations, tricky ques and grilling (one still can't get a good night sleep before actual interview)

### Chairperson

1. welcomed me and read out DAF aloud, graduation in 2020, future alternative plans if fail to crack UPSC? Higher studies? How can you pursue distant learning in science bcz you needa do practical experiments?
2. UGC new guidelines in dual course? How can PHYSICAL+PHYSICAL possible if 75% attendance required for a year?
3. Do support 75% mandatory attendance bcz in foreign countries it's not mandatory? (YES..)
4. Students don't pay attention and scribbles sitting at back bench so kya faida aise attendance ka?

### Member 1

1. Malnutrition, what can be done? Food fortification? Risks of it?
2. WHAT DO YOU PREFER LOVE MARRIAGE OR ARRANGE MARRIAGE? (Got uncomfortable and fumbled in the beginning☺)

### Member 2

1. Durga idol immersion stopped related communal controversy few years back..your opinion?
2. In zoology, physiology dissection of frog is unethical? Your opinion

### Member 3

1. What do you know about Naxal?
2. Jignesh Mevani (MLA Guj) related controversy?
3. Governor becoming political your opinion?
4. What will you do if in your district let's say in Malda Bangladeshi nationals coming illegally? Role of BSF still can't be stopped totally, so what more will you do?

**Chairman** proposal to divide West Bengal into smaller dist.s? Do you support?

Thank you. All the best T.

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd may( Afternoon session)**Board:** M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am**Home State:** Chhattisgarh**Background:** MBBS**Optional:** Medical science**Profession:** junior resident AIIMS Raipur, previously medical officer Sukma (c.g)**Hobbies:** Baking, jump rope**Medium:** English

Your experience in interview-

Cordial board, Felt like a round table conference. Took 5 minutes to internalize that i'm in actual upsc interview

They gave sufficient time to think & structure your answer.

Utility of mocks (if any)- helpful to present yourself in a formal setting..but their feedback should be taken with a pinch of salt.

**Chairperson:** Read my DAF aloud. Asked whether i have any covid related symptoms or not.

1. So after working for 2 years, Why did you resigned. What are u doing since then?
2. Difference between Alzheimers & dementia. Pathological difference also.
3. At what age, we can call some geriatric? Who decide it?
4. Then who is a Senior citizen.
5. What do u mean by Ergonomics.

**Member 1**

1. What sukma is famous for?
2. Have u met naxatile people.
3. Hobbies related-what is free style jump rope. Why did u start. Its benefits.
4. As a doctor, whats ur take on Generic medicines. Should we promote it or not.
5. Opinion on alternative medicine- ayurved, yoga, siddha, unani, homeopathy.

**Member 2**

1. Do you speak chhattisgarhi?
2. As you hv Worked in aiims, what is the status of aiims raipur?
3. How are Doctors in aiims?
4. Can u tell me about origin of naxalism.
5. Do u support their methods, Can violence be justified?
6. Why want to join IAS, when being a doctor is equally respectable?

**Member 3**

1. Status of Euthanasia in india & would you choose it for ur patient?
2. Your take on Ayush practitioners prescribing medicines?
3. Why naxalism still prevalent in Chhattisgarh.

4. What u will do as ias officer to decrease naxalism?
5. Should we allow Ayush practitioner to do surgery?

#### Member 4

1. What a about naxal surrender policy of the government.
2. Regulators of medical education. Why NMC replaced MCI.
3. Why Charak oath was in news. Your opinion on it.
4. bridge course for ayush practitioners?

**Overall**-Totally DAF based. Not able to answer 4-5 questions ( said sorry). But on a brighter side, got opportunity to give UPSC interview & its an achievement in itself.

All the best comrades. Be confident & positive.

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**Date of Interview:** 2nd May, Afternoon session

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy Ma'am

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Background:** Engineering Physics from IIT Delhi

**Hobbies:** Swimming, playing Badminton, listening to Rock Music

**Experience of Interview :** Overall a good interaction especially with M-4. Very cordial board. Questions asked from DAF & current affairs. Ma'am did not ask any last question and no personal questions asked in the interview.

**Utility of Mocks :** Beneficial for developing confidence, communication skills, mannerism and facing eminent people, some questions repeated in the real interview. However, real interview experience is very different (minimal cross questioning and no grilling).

Duration : 25 minutes

Masks and Gloves were mandated in board. Ma'am asked to bring mask down for verification and then asked me to wear it again. She started reading out DAF aloud for other members. Place of birth, optional, graduation subject, college, hobbies and achievements.

#### Chairperson

1. What are you doing since 2020? (Graduation year)
2. What do you understand by Engineering Physics? (Graduation)
3. First you study engineering or physics?
4. What is the difference b/w Science, Engineering and Technology?
5. Differentiate b/w Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Technology.

#### Member 1

1. Why you chose Mathematics optional?
2. Since, you like to swim, what is the difference b/w Swimming and Synchronised
3. Swimming?
4. Lucknow is known as the cultural capital of India. Can you tell me the reason why Lko

emerged as cultural hub since such pattern is not witnessed in other parts of Uttar Pradesh?

### Member 2

1. Do you know who is Boris Johnson?
2. Why was he in news?
3. Recently, he was fined by the local police. Why was he fined and what is your opinion on this issue?
4. Should UP be divided?

### Member 3

1. Consider that you are an advisor to the Chief Minister. What advice will you give for retaining manpower in UP?
2. How can industries be used for the same?

### Member 4

1. If you would like can we discuss upon the same issue as M-3 asked? (I said yes sir) What is the harm if people go out from UP to Tamil Nadu, Gujarat or other parts of country?
2. Should people have the right to freely move across states?
3. Recently, an emerging school of economics found out that global economy would flourish more had there been no borders between states. Do you agree with this?
4. What is the Belt and Road Initiative? I have never heard about it. Can you explain?
5. Why India not part of this huge infra drive and not leveraging the economic gain posed by CPEC?
6. What is Mau famous for? (place of birth)
7. You mentioned about the rich Awadh cuisine (mentioned with M-1). Give me some examples of the same. (I answered Kebabs, Biryani especially Dum Biryani).
8. What is special about Dum Biryani?
9. Recently some Electric Vehicles started catching fire. What impact does these incidents have on consumers and EV market and what can govt can do to tackle this?

### Chairperson

Thank you your interview is over

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**Date of Interview:** 6th May, forenoon session, last to go.

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy ma'am

**Background:** MBBS

**Home State:** Telangana

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Hobbies:** Vipassana meditation, watching documentaries on climate change, awareness campaigns on Reproductive and child health and child labour

**Duration:** 25 -30 mins

Utility of mocks – have given limited number, helped in holding nerves (final interview was a whole different game, nerves went out of control in the initial 5 mins), formal interaction setup.

Read out my name loudly and asked me if she was pronouncing it right. Read out my DAF loudly

“So, you’ve finished graduation in 2019 and you’re into this preparation since then!” I said Yes ma’am.

### Chairman

1. You’re a doctor already, why do you want to come into civil services, don’t you think you’re wasting a medical seat?
2. You’re interested in child labour, define child labour
3. Can you say something about 2016 amendment of Prohibition of child labour.
4. What is the age till which child is not supposed to work in hazardous industries?

### Member 1

1. Now that I know why you want to be a civil servant, give me 5 reasons why you should be a doctor. (CW – laughed and said that’s what she’s trying to avoid.. I said, ma’am I’m sorry but that’s the only answer I have 😊). She smiled
2. Are you aware of Red Sanders? What is it, in which part of the world is it found?
3. Can you tell me to which country does the smuggled product goes the most? What is it used for there? ( I said China and luxury items- musical instruments and expensive gifts) he added coffins and said they believe that souls of such bodies placed in such coffins go to heaven directly ( CW laughed and said really?)
4. Increasing conflict between patients and doctors on self treatment and Google based treatment, your take on the same?

### Member 2

1. Are you from Telangana or Andhra Pradesh?
2. Population of Telangana?
3. Do you see any chances of reunification of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh?
4. Why is diamond market of Hyderabad very famous?
5. He asked some random dam name and said tell me something about it. ( I said, I’m not aware and will read about it)
6. Naxalism status in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

### Member 3

1. You like watching climate change documentaries?
2. ( Erratic question framing) 😊😊 There’s a resolution in UN on climate change. What’s that resolution and did India accept or deny it? ( I said, I didn’t understand sir, can you be specific 😊😊)
3. He repeated the same vague question. ( I said, sorry sir it very difficult to comprehend the question. I’m sorry) 😊😊
4. What’s India’s promise to reduce emissions intensity.



5. India denied it, tell me the reason.

#### Member 4

1. What's your opinion on PM -JAY?
2. I'll say that there's an increase in C- sections in India after PM- JAY. What would you say?
3. As a doctor, how is Vipassana helpful to you and other doctors?
4. Food fortification and it's side effects.
5. When is Doctor's day celebrated and why? When's civil services day celebrated and why?
6. I don't remember a few questions.  
Ma'am said, your interview is over. You can leave now. All the best.  
Overall, a cordial board, questions seemed very superficial but relevant.
7. All the best guys! 😊

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**Date of Interview:** 9th May forenoon, 2nd to go.

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy ma'am

**Background:** ECE NITW

**Home State:** Andhra Pradesh

**Optional:** Anthropology

**Hobbies:** Travelling, Badminton, reading books on emerging technologies and social impact.

**Work ex:** SanDisk Bangalore (2014-16)

Micron Hyderabad (2020-present)

#### Chairperson

1. Read my daf out .. education, workex , hobbies
2. What is this reading books on emerging technologies and their social impact? What books did you read
3. Block chain, FM said anonymity is bigger problem ..do you agree with it
4. Different between bitcoin ethereum and cbdc
5. Why some countries adopted crypto as legal currency, why India didnt adopt it
6. Why gap between two jobs
7. How did you manage to get a job after a gap of ~4 years. (said I have good domain knowledge and it's a niche technology)
8. Which technology you work on.

#### Member 1

1. You are a DM and incharge of budgeting subsidies..how do your prioritise the allocation
2. Which areas will you spend more
3. So you think subsidies to industries are not beneficial
4. How do you plan when you are short on budget.

5. How do you improve connectivity to North east , apart from existing rcs schemes railways etc.
6. Don't you think we have problems like illegal immigration if we open a way via Bangladesh.

### Member 2

1. You are from vizag..tell me about vizag
2. Where are you staying these days (hyderabad)
3. Tell me about hyderabad
4. Recently there is an issue with contonment board and Telangana government
5. What did Telangana govt (CM and IT minister ) doing to improve IT in hyderabad
6. You stayed in Bangalore..where did you stay..how far is your office from there
7. Traffic problems in Bengaluru and reasons, solutions.
8. Connection of tippu sultan to Bengaluru
9. Beaches in Visakhapatnam.
10. 10.. What's famous about RK beach..
11. You have anthro optional, what's Indus valley civilization
12. What was the recent discovery
13. How Harappan cities inspired modern Indian cities.

### Member 3

1. Heatwave..who declares and criteria
2. Ukraine war and long term implications
3. What's GPS and it's Indian version

### Member 4

1. What's demographic dividend
  2. What's the skill development framework in India
  3. What types of skills are needed for India
  4. How India should plan its energy mix in next 20 years.
- (Some more questions i forgot)

### Chairperson

All the best , you may leave.

### Experience:

Board is cordial..no interruptions.. few members asked good questions, that need us to think apply and answer.

Overall average interview..didn't have major high points but didn't do any great blunders.

On hindsight ,Could have done much better in some questions.

For major part, board members thought I'm from Telangana and asked questions from there, which took me by surprise..i tried my best to answer them..but..i wish I got questions from Andhra (which I'm thoroughly prepared)

Baaki..fate will decide.

Utility of mocks..

Helps in developing ability to sustain a conversation for 30-35 minutes..body language , tone etc

Almost all my offline mocks , common feed back was i was dull, not enthusiastic and energetic..

I had a solid double biriyani yesterday night..and slept for a good 8 hours. 😊

Energy wise and confidence, atleast i believe I'm far better today.

I thank this group for thier selfless work to aspirant community. You guys are gold.

I wish all my fellow aspirants all the very best. 😊

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**Date of Interview:** 10th May

**Board:** M Sathiyavathy

**Hobby:** standup

**Optional:** Geography

**Home state:** Uttarakhand

### Chairman

1. Standup comedian recently arrested
2. Why arrested
3. Is Indian society becoming intolerant in recent times
4. Twitter- how will govt. Control absolute free speech
5. Social media regulations

### Member 1

1. Allahabad, importance ( clg from ALD)
2. Prominent organization in Allahabad
3. Atma nirbhar bharat – why?

### Member 2

1. Indian space missile program
2. Ballistic vs cruise missile ( could not remember)
3. Use of satellite in national security

### Member 3

1. Again discussion on atmanirbhar bharat
2. How to become
3. Why manufacturing not developed in india
4. Global supply chain disruption and imp of atma nirbhar bharat

### Member 4

1. Why issue of capital shifting in uttarakhand
2. Why recent env movements in uttarakhand have not been that prominent compared to chipko etc

3. Developmental deficit in uttarakhand , hill vs plains

4. Overall it was good experience

Mocks can be helpful if DAf based

Mask was up all the time

Thanks to the kaptaan community 😊

## Manoj Soni Board

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**Date of Interview:** 5/5/2022 Afternoon session (Last to go)

**Board:** Manoj Soni Sir

**Optional:** Sociology

**Background:** Mechanical engineering (No Single Question)

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

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

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

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

### **Chairman**

1. Greeted me and asked u waiting for long so what you were doing
2. Mentioned another Mechanical Engineering is there but didn't asked single question
3. Long monologue about crisis provide new opportunity and asked how world and India got new opportunity by covid 19 crisis
4. 5 trillion economy – Asked me write on paper with big letters and show everyone (then asked number of zero – Sambit Patra Style)
5. Whether india can achieve 5 trillion?
6. Current status?
7. Then steps taken?
8. Your favourite shayar?

### **Member 1**

1. What works you have done on local environmental and social issues?
2. Modus operandi of work?
3. Asked what I did in covid crisis at my village?
4. Role of grampanchayat in that ?
5. Devdasi system we discussed
6. Then asked to recite my Shayari.. (Everyone were happy after listening)
7. Where do I stay (Mostly in my village)

### **Member 2**

1. Again asked about environmental issues on which I work
2. Asked about net forest?
3. Carbon neutrality by 2070?what it mean?
4. Steps taken by India in this regard?
5. India's steps as vaccine Maitri bad or good?
6. How's india's relation with Sri Lanka?

7. How world responses to Pokharan II Test?
8. Sanctions on India for this?
9. PM during this period?

### Member 3

1. Asked hindi shayar who was English department head?
2. Black vs green water
3. Difference between community and society?
4. Durkheim theory regarding it?
5. Then about suicide theory and it's relation to above mentioned theory?
6. Five Social evils u wanted to remove from society?
7. (he added corruption to my list)

### Member 4

1. Started with vaccine Maitri asked vasudhaiva kutumbakam and from where we have taken this
2. Asked full quotation (few other lines are there)
3. Whether India followed it with the china?
4. Monologue on Ahimsa parmo dharma
5. Then asked whether we are following it or not?
6. Then asked somebody with knife attacking? Will you still follow?
7. Asked about there should be presidential democracy in India? My opinion?
8. What is Vishwakarma? It's Pouranic relation?
9. (Few questions asked by every panel **Member** lost at its place, so can't memorise)

### Chairman

Thank you. Your interview is over. Overall, the Board was cordial.

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**Date of Interview:** 5th may, forenoon session

**Board:** Manoj Soni

**Background:** IIT Delhi (Textile Technology), 2019

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Hobbies:** Music(singing, playing guitar,harmonica), Vipassana meditation, Street play(POR:

director of institute street play team), NSS volunteering

**Experience in interview:** board was cordial

mask was compulsory while face shield was optional

### Chairman

1. What do you know about...?(expecting the spiritual point of view), follow up questions on philosophy of buddhism.
2. Didn't you go for the college placements?

3. You are graduated from IIT Delhi. How and when did you decide choosing civil services?
4. did you get training for singing? do you sing bollywood songs?
5. Mention any government policy after independence which you think was not good for India.(my answer: national population policy with coercive measures including forced sterilisation)
6. Give 5 solutions in brief to control population.
7. Do you think India is a patriarchal society?

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

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



**Member 4**

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

**(3)****Date of Interview:** 6 May afternoon**Board:** Manoj soni**Home state:** Jharkhand**Optional:** Geography**Background:** Chemical engineering**Hobby:** Reading Books**Chairman**

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

**Member 1**

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

**Member 2**

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

**Member 3**

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

**Member 4**

1. Why the region is known as chhota nagpur
2. Area of chhota nagpur
3. Soft power of india

4. Things from jharkhand u want to promote at global level.
5. Recently studied book (hobby)
6. and its theme.

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**Board:** Manoj Soni

**Background:** B.sc(h)Physics

**Optional:** Sociology

**Hobbies:** Playing Cricket, Singing, Reading

### Chairman

1. Its interesting that a student of Physics also likes to sing.Are you an amateur singer or trained in hindustani classical?
2. Since you like to sing and read,are you aware of Romanticism(i said i am vaguely aware to which he said that means we should not discuss it further and i said yes)
3. Who won Nobel prize in Physics this year?
4. Nobel recepients from India( i started taking names without putting any honorary prefixes)
5. chair-you are a young citizen of this country don't you think you should call Rabindranath Tagore as Gurudev.( I apologized immediately and he said no problem)
6. You are a DM and a person from your district gets nobel prize for peace. What would you do?
7. a bit of cross questioning here

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

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

### Member 3

1. Tell me what is the issue with Lithium batteries
2. What are smart cities?

3. What has been the progress and have you been to any smart city?
4. what is the issue with NGOs regulation?
5. How would you defend government's position on the same?

#### Member 4

1. You are a DM of a district with carpet industry contributing close to 25 % of the local economy but it also employs child labour what would you do?
2. Your opinion on sedition law
3. definition of sedition
4. contribution of MN srinivas?
5. What is sanskritization?
6. Very pleasant experience, seemed like a purposeful conversation, no grilling.
7. Utility of mocks- very helpful in confidence building and in my case questions were repeated as well.

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**Date of Interview:** 6th May, forenoon, first to go.

**Board:** Manoj Soni

**Optional:** History

**Home State:** Rajasthan

**Profession:** (if any) – Lok Sabha

**Hobbies:** Cooking, Watching Movies

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

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

#### Chairman

1. Based in Delhi or Jaipur?
2. Present Work?
3. Most significant work or assignment you have done?
4. What difficulties faced by differently abled people in the society?
5. What govt have done for them? Are we treating them in good way? What have you done for their welfare in your life?
6. Are you a leader, manager or administrator?

#### Member 2

1. You like cooking? Have you seen Sharma ji ki Namkeen?
2. How did you develop interest in cooking?
3. Is cooking a hobby for you or a compulsion?
4. How cooking can be used in administration?
5. Have you heard about Piplantri village in Rajasthan? What special?
6. If made SDM in Rajasthan what would be your focus of work?

**Member 3**

1. Russia-Ukraine conflict, Impact on world?
2. Lemon prices are increasing? Why? Does heat play a role in this?
3. Govt mechanism to tackle price volatility in vegetables?
4. How to supply when production is low in country?
5. Oil prices increasing, impact on economy?
6. Act governing Police in India? Why such a law was needed then?
7. Is police administration good in our country? What reforms needed?

**Member 4**

1. History should be rewritten? Your views?
2. What is your view about the history that we study? Is it good? Do we need to revise it?
3. Five insurgent groups in Northeast India?
4. What is soft state?

**Member 5**

1. Difference between administrator, manager and leader?
2. Difference between leader and administrator?
3. Who is more useful – leader or manager?
4. How to develop the western part of Rajasthan?
5. Renewable energy potential in Rajasthan?
6. Power crisis – what govt has done to tackle it?
7. He kept insisting on one particular step, which I could not answer, so I replied that this is what I am recalling right now.
8. Republic vs Populist Govt? difference.
9. Is Taliban a Republic?

**Chairman**

1. You selected in CAPF? Why did you not join?
2. Interview over. You can go.
3. (Not remembering some questions)
4. All the best to candidates.

**(6)****Date of Interview:** 10 may, 7th to go**Board:** Manoj Soni**Background:** Chemical engg, IIT Delhi**Optional:** Mathematics**Hobbies:** Chess, Teaching & Mentoring, NSS**Mock utility :** etiquettes, courage to face big pipal, diverse questions from DAF. 2 question repeated here.

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

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

### Chairman

1. Remove your face shield, and mask. Showed me my photo, I want to confirm your identity.
2. Why no spectacles in photo?
3. What are 3 lists in the constitution. (Done, but forgot to mention sch 7th & 246 names□)
4. Name some entries. (Done, but only 1 for concurrent)
5. You did not mention, agriculture? (I said its in state list)
6. Tell me how centre passed farm laws, if agri is state subject? (I said entry in concurrent list like inter trade, not recalling exact entry sorry sir)
7. Ok, then how other 2 laws then? (Contract farming, same as above)
8. What if tussle between state and centre on concurrent? (Said article 254)
9. How did to make transition from chemical engg to maths, is it because of deep interest developed during college? (Told not college but class 10, and helped me in JEE also, wanted to say more but he diverted)

### Member 1

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

### Member 2

1. Compare west and India in health facilities and response to covid? (Casualties and budget)
2. No I am not talking about budget? Tell some other things. ( I tried)
3. How did India respond, elaborate? (Both positive and negatives given)
4. Why there is resistance to new medicines? (Testing procedure & safety)
5. What is vaccine diplomacy? (Layman explanation, but was expecting technical words)
6. Don't you think exporting vaccine at the time, when Indians were suffering is bad? (Said balancing the act)
7. Some questions & answer I don't remember, because I got distracted in between by Soni sir's look

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

### Member 3

1. What is mathematical model? (Explained with examples : weather forecast, taxation, covid)
2. If you made DM, how will you use it to solve social problems? (Son meta preference, stubble burning, water table – tried to take them to my home state, but they are smart)
3. You just said, karnal is rice bowl of India? But I know Chattisgarh is. (Tried to explain why)
4. If you are DM, how will you resolve tussle between state and centre on concurrent item? (Constitutional and legal guidance)
5. You will not consider local leaders? (I said will persuade in accordance with above)

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**Date of Interview:** 10/05/2022

**Board:** Manoj Soni

**Optional:** Mathematics

**Background:** Electrical engineering

**Home State:** Uttar Pradesh

### Chairman

1. Tell any 3 countries where you would like to stay
2. What is special about India? (Based on the above answer)
3. Tell about the geography of India, UP, north to south, east to west.
4. Why climate change? Why not weather change?

### Member 1

1. What you would have done in case you were the chief secy of a state and CM is calling you to another meeting while PM is coming? (WB case)
2. What to do if solar power increases in the grid? How to balance it?
3. What is the probability of WW3 in the present Ukraine crisis?
4. What is chicken neck India? Importance?
5. What to do to increase connectivity between India and the northeast region?
6. If an unfavorable party comes to Bangladesh, what to do?

### Member 2

1. How to apply maths in administration?
2. Tell any Sanskrit shloka? Where it is written?
3. Difference between statistics and mathematics?
4. Is the constitution book useful since had 100+ faults that had to be corrected?
5. Was constituent assembly representative enough?
6. What is deficit financing?

**Member 3**

1. So you mentioned Scandinavian in one question, do you know about Vikings?
2. Relation between liberty, equality, fraternity? Can democracy survive without these3?
3. What is an economic review before the budget?
4. Some questions cant remember..
5. Overall, cordial board, all the best comrades...!!

**(8)****Date of Interview:** 10.5.22**Board:** Manoj Soni**Optional:** PSIR**Hobbies:** books on India, travelling to rural areas.**Chairman**

1. You were waiting outside for 5 hours. What were you doing ? (I said i talked to people and tried to learn from their experience and learnings )
2. What did you learn?
3. BRI : does it excites you as a IR enthusiast or civil engineer ?
4. Why is china building BRI ?
5. Is there a possibility of collapse of chinese regime ?
6. India is often accused for carrying out covert operations in Baluchistan. Should india try to induce regime change in China ?
7. How India is countering BRI ?
8. Travelled to rural areas : why ?
9. What books on India have you read recently ?

**Member 1**

1. Challenges in rural areas ?
2. As a DM, how will you solve this ?
3. What is Srijan and Swadesh in your DAF ?
4. How is policymaking done ?

**Member 2**

1. I will give you name of 3 books, tell me the author and we will discuss one of them:  
letters from father to daughter, the wonder that was India and India won freedom.
2. Why is India won freedom controversial ?
3. India is having large deficit . You are posted in NITI aayog. What is your advise to bring down deficits ?

**Member 3**

1. You said 'property tax',how will it bring down india's fiscal deficit ?
2. What happened in Doklam ? Did india station its troops in Bhutanese territory ?
3. What's going on in Ladakh. Has China taken India's territory ?



**Member 4**

1. What is urban naxalism?
2. Reasons for urban naxalism?
3. How to prevent youths from subscribing to such ideology ?
4. Why Delhi provides such env. for Urban naxalism ?
5. Should sedition law be struck down ?

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**Date of Interview:** 11/05/2022**Board:** Manoj Soni**Optional:** Geography**Background:** B.Tech ECE, Worked in Wipro**Hobbies:** Reading Quora , Mentoring students , Watching Malayalam Political satire**Members**

1. What have you been doing since you passed college .?
2. So you left work to prepare for UPSC .?
3. How long have you been watching Malayalam political satire( DAF based -only one)
4. What is surgical strike ., where did India conduct surgical strike , why did India conduct surgical strike .?Why its called surgical strike .? Tell me exact year
5. Are you sure India conducted surgical strike in Myanmar .?
6. What is invasion .?Is Russia invading Ukraine ?
7. can surgical strike be called Invasion .?
8. Mentioned POK was considered to be Indian territory
9. Any other reason .?
10. Technology used in surgical strike.?
11. Why has India done Aerial strike , motive for it .?
12. Spirituality vs Religion.?
13. World bank report on countries having highest net worth -Name 5 ( i asked him if he meant GDP – he was not . Did not understand question)
14. What is data privacy ? Should it be absolute ..?
15. What can be done .?
16. Which is absolute authority according to constitution ? -Parliament or Supreme court or Executive
17. I went with check and balance system , with Supreme court being interpreter
18. **Member** helped me to reach answer -" We people of INDIA ....."
19. Kerala has huge migration to outside .... (long monologue ..) .Is Kerala model sustainable .?.
20. What has happened to remittance income ..?( meant COVID -19)
21. Any exact data ? Current status ..?
22. What is being done for this ..solution.?
23. Is there any neighbouring country who was impacted by fall in remittance ?
24. What is string of pearls .?

25. Was Hambantota a military strategy by china or merely financial investment .?
  26. What is SDG goals .? Name 5
  27. Do you think common target for all is good idea .?
  28. What is India current position..?
  29. Why statue of unity is called so .?
  30. Where is it located .?
  31. Is kevadia a district .?
  32. Seasons in India
  33. Why Land slides are happening in Himalaya (promoted for more and more reasons )
  34. Solutions
  35. Sustainable mining ..? can it be a solution for Landslides
  36. Technology used for Sustainable mining ..?( There was a long monologue on issues with use of dynamite before asking question)
  37. Some other questions I can not remember
- Overall: static topics , nothing from DAF , i did not feel any question related to current affairs were asked ( Sri Lanka was asked in 2 questions)
- Slightly Grilling experience

## Questions Based on Mock Interviews of ForumIAS

Here are some sample questions based on the Mock Interviews and DAF analysis conducted by ForumIAS.

### **A. State-Based Questions**

#### **1. Uttar Pradesh**

##### **Historical**

1. Which areas of Uttar Pradesh have remnants of the Harappan Civilization?
2. Kannauj was an important center during the 6th-7th centuries AD. What made it the choice of many kingdoms?
3. Which ruler contributed the most to the culture of Awadh region and UP as a whole?
4. What is Treaty of Allahabad?
5. Who founded the city of Agra?
6. What was the Meerut Conspiracy?
7. Do you think 1857 revolt was the first step towards Indian Independence?
8. When did Lucknow become the capital of UP?
9. Can you name some of the freedom fighters from the state of Uttar Pradesh?
10. Why is the Congress Session of 1916 important? Where in Uttar Pradesh did it take place?

##### **Cultural**

1. Which city of UP is known as Nath Nagri and why?
2. What is the history/mythology behind Kumbh mela in UP?
3. Tell us about some handicrafts of Eastern UP?
4. Can you name some famous exponent of the Banaras Gharana of Kathak?
5. Which places in Uttar Pradesh have links to the Ramayana? Where did Lord Rama stay during the exile?
6. Name a few historical monuments in UP that are listed on the UNESCO world heritage sites.
7. Have you read the Ramacharitamanas? Which language is it written in and by whom?
8. Where is the Lath Mar Holi celebrated? Why this tradition of beating with sticks?
9. What are some of the famous folk dances of UP?
10. What do you know about Nautanki? Themes?
11. Where is Sulhe-Kul festival celebrated? What do you mean by Sulhe-Kul?
12. Why is Sarnath famous? How many animals are found in the Ashokan Pillar?

##### **Political**

1. Is nationalism on the rise in UP? Is it good? What is nationalism? Where do you draw the line?
2. Comment on the role of extra-constitutional bodies like Khap Panchayats in UP?

3. Recent Vikas Dubey encounter was in news from Uttar Pradesh. Do you agree with the view that police displayed high handedness in this case?
4. What is the Commissionerate system? Which places in UP adopted this system? How is it going to help the police?
5. Compare the rule of SP/BSP vs the BJP.
6. How many divisions and districts are Uttar Pradesh divided in?
7. What was the reason for the bifurcation of UP in 2000? Do you think the administration is more streamlined?
8. What is your opinion on further division of the state?
9. Has the vision of 33% reservation for women in local bodies been achieved in Uttar Pradesh?
10. Do you agree that UP voters vote on the basis of caste?

### Economical

1. Tell us something about the Industrial Distribution in UP? Why such stark contrast between East or West?
2. What steps are needed to double the farmers income in UP?
3. Despite having good agro-climatic conditions, UP lags in horticultural production. What do you think are the factors behind this?
4. Uttar Pradesh figures low in tourist earnings even when the state is historically and culturally rich. Reasons? Some features of the Tourism Policy.
5. Recently Uttar Pradesh approved Defence Corridor. Can you throw some light on it?
6. UP aims to become 1 Trillion economy. Is it possible? What are the challenges?
7. Name major industrial centres of Uttar Pradesh?
8. Eastern UP lacks in economic development. What factors have led to this situation?
9. Uttar Pradesh has not been able to emerge as a Manufacturing and Export hub. What factors have led to this scenario?
10. Why Manufacturing and Service sector is not that much developed in UP except Noida and Ghaziabad?
11. Green revolution took place in western UP but it couldn't be transferred to whole state, why?
12. UP is an agriculturally rich state, yet farmers are in poor condition? What do you think are the factors behind this paradox?
13. MSME sector is one of the mainstays of the economy of UP. What steps have been taken to promote the small and medium scale industries?
14. UP has four regions, western UP, eastern UP, Bundelkhand and Awadh UP. Western UP is developed. Tell me measures to develop the other three regions?

### Social

1. We have seen some riots in Uttar Pradesh over last decade. What do you think are the factors that lead to such unfortunate incidents?
2. Explain current caste structure of UP? Why is there caste based violence in UP?
3. If you are working as an administrator in such area how will you prevent such atrocities?

4. We witness many incidents of women and sexual abuse in Uttar Pradesh. How do you think they can be tackled in long term? (Hathras and Unnao case)
5. Among all Indian states UP has the highest population. Is it demographic dividend or Burden?
6. What is status of dowry and female foeticide in your area? Are laws against Dowry enough? Why are they being misused? What are recent changes in Dowry law?
7. UP has the most number of anti-social elements and eve teasers. How can we address this issue? Do you think the anti-Romeo squads are a good measure?
8. How will you address the problem of female literacy in the state?

### Geographical and Environmental

1. With which countries does UP share its border?
2. With which states does UP share its border?
3. Uttar Pradesh has some of the most polluted cities wr.t. Air pollution. What steps are needed to curb this?
4. Which areas of UP get the maximum and the minimum amount of precipitation?
5. Which branch of the monsoon is responsible for rainfall in the state of UP?
6. What kind of forests are found in the Mirzapur and Sonbhadra region?
7. Why was the Chambal Sanctuary set up?
8. Why was the elephant safari banned at the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve? Any specific reason?
9. What are the reasons of decline in leather industries in Kanpur?
10. Taj Mahal is now being renovated/cleaned. What has led to the yellow stains on the monument?

### Miscellaneous

1. Ghaziabad is in the list of most polluted city in the world. What are the factors behind that?
2. If I want to travel to UP what places would you suggest?
3. Tell us about the problems your district is facing? As a DM how will you handle these problems?

## 2. Haryana

### Historical

1. The history of Haryana dates back to the Harappan age. Can you tell us a few Harappan sites found in Haryana?
2. What does Rakhigarhi tell us about the IVC?
3. Tell us something about the Kurukshetra?
4. Who were the Kurus?
5. What was the third battle of Panipat about? Did it have any religious undertones?
6. Which dynasties ruled over the present day Haryana?
7. Why is the Pushyabhuti dynasty significant? Where was their capital based?
8. Tell us about some leaders of Haryana who participated in the freedom movement?

## Cultural

1. Tell us something about the folk theatres in Haryana. Tell us cultural history of Haryana?
2. How is phulkari work done? Where did this art form originate?
3. Have you heard of Jathera? What is it about? Is it still practiced?
4. Where does the Surajkund Fair take place? Who started this festival and with what objective?
5. Why is Bhiwani known as Chota Kashi?
6. What is the Masani Fair known for?
7. Haryana has a flourishing film industry. Name any two movies.

## Political

When was Haryana formed? What was the reason of the split between Punjab and Haryana?

1. What do you know about the Rajiv-Longowal Accord?
2. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
3. How will you improve the law and order situation in Haryana if you are posted as an IPS in one of the district?
4. Haryana amended the 33% reservation for women criteria in local bodies election and increased it to 50%. Has Haryana achieved this target?
5. How many women MLAs are there in the State Vidhan Sabha?
6. What are the advantages/disadvantages of two states having the same capital?

## Economical

1. Farmers from both Haryana and Punjab have been protesting against the farm bills. Do you think it is justified?
2. What are the major problems of the farmers of Haryana?
3. Haryana is one of the states that has received a lot of investment? What is the reason?
4. Why Faridabad and Gurugram are highly developed as compared to the other areas?
5. Name a few manufacturing units in Gurugram? Reason for their development?
6. ISA is located in Haryana? How will renewable energy add to the economy of the state?
7. What is the reason for such a well-developed services sector in Haryana?
8. What is the Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana?
9. Dairy farming is an essential component of the rural economy? What are the main breeds of cow/buffalo in Haryana?
10. What steps have been taken by the state government to promote tourism in the state?

## Social

1. What is the reason behind such dismal performance in sex ratio of the state?
2. Tell us your opinion on the Khap Panchayats. How can they be regulated?
3. What is the reason of human trafficking prevalent in the state?
4. Haryana is shaping into a modern Takshila? Do you agree?
5. Unemployment and drug menace are major issues? Suggest one short term and one long term solution to handle the two problems?

6. Is there caste based violence in Haryana?
7. Reason for the demand for reservation by Jats?

### **Geographical and Environmental**

1. Haryana is surrounded by how many states?
2. Enlist the main geographical features of the state.
3. The Hathnikund Barrage is built upon which river? Benefits.
4. What is the controversy surrounding the Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal?
5. Which districts of Haryana fall under the Aravali range?
6. Are there any protected areas in Haryana? Name any two.
7. Where is the Vulture Conservation and Breeding Center? Has it achieved its objectives?
8. Gurugram becomes a gas chamber especially in winters. Specify any two reasons?

### **3. Delhi**

#### **Historical**

1. Point out historical importance of Delhi during the Indian National Movement?
2. Do you know about Khandawprasta and Indraprastha?
3. Chronologically enlist the dynasties that ruled over Delhi.
4. What is the characteristic of Delhi that made it the choice of a number of kingdoms as their capital?
5. Delhi was one of the centres during the Revolt of 1857. Who was the leader associated?
6. Do you know about the different names of Delhi since the ancient times till the present?
7. When did Delhi come under the rule of the Mughals?
8. When did the British shift their capital to Delhi and why?
9. Who established the city of Delhi? Tell us something about the Tomar dynasty.
10. Have you read about the Red Fort Trials?

#### **Cultural:**

1. Who is believed to have fashioned the Iron Pillar of Mehrauli? What makes it rust resistant?
2. Delhi emerged as one of centres of Sufi movement. What were the factors behind it?
3. Who was Khwaja Nizamuddin Auliya? Which sect of Sufi movement did he belong?
4. What is the architectural characteristic of Agrasen ki Baoli? When was it established?
5. Name the three world heritage sites found in Delhi.
6. What are the architectural features of Humayun's Tomb?
7. Give us some examples of modern architecture in Delhi.
8. Why is Chandni Chowk famous? Any particular art and craft?
9. Which festival in Delhi is especially known for showcasing the composite culture of Delhi?

#### **Political:**

1. What is the reason behind constant conflict between the Governor and the Chief Minister of Delhi?



2. What are your views on the politics of AAP? How is it different from the earlier Congress rule?
3. What has changed in Delhi after AAP came into power?
4. Tell us your opinion on The NCT of Delhi amendment bill 2020?
5. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
6. Do you think Delhi should be granted full statehood? What is the status of Delhi at present?
7. When did Delhi become a UT?

### **Economical:**

1. Delhi has become city of migrant people? Why?
2. What needs to be done to control immigration to Delhi?
3. Since industries were forced outside the city, what are the major sources of finance for Delhi?
4. We witness stark contrast of developed areas and slums in same districts of Delhi. Why?
5. What steps are needed to help vendors generate regular and gainful income in Delhi?
6. What steps have been taken by the state government for the promotion of the tourism sector?
7. Delhi has not been able to emerge as a manufacturing or export hub? Do you agree? Reasons.
8. How has Covid impacted the real estate industry of Delhi?

### **Social:**

1. Delhi witnessed horrific riots recently. What do you think triggered these riots?
2. If you were working as an administrator in such area, how would you prevent such violence?
3. Explain concept of Mohalla clinic and school development in AAP era?
4. What do you think about the Happiness Curriculum launched by the Delhi government?
5. Is freebies culture developing in Delhi in AAP era?
6. What has made farmers protest alive for long time?
7. What is the status of women in Delhi? Do you think women in your state are empowered?
8. Delhi is infamously called the rape capital of India? Why do you think there is no deterrence?
9. We witness many incidents of child sexual abuse and human trafficking in Delhi. How do you think they can be tackled in long term?
10. Delhi has one of the highest population density. Is it demographic dividend or Burden?

### **Geographical and Environmental:**

1. Delhi is surrounded by how many states?
2. From which monsoon branch does Delhi receive its rainfall?
3. Reason behind series of tremors/earthquakes in and around Delhi.
4. What makes Delhi prone to air pollution in winter?

5. Was Odd -Even policy of Delhi govt a success or failure?
6. What steps have been taken by Delhi Government for cleaning of river Yamuna?
7. Recently, there was news that the dwindling population of sparrows is rising? Reason? What led to their disappearance?
8. Can we use stubble in a productive way?

#### 4. Assam

##### Historical:

1. What do you know about the Varman dynasty? Where was their capital based?
2. Ahom dynasty ruled for almost 600 years in Assam. What was the reason of their decline?
3. When did the British took control over the areas of Assam and nearby region?
4. Do you know about the Treaty of Yandaboo?
5. Can you recall any leader from Assam who participated in the Revolt of 1857?
6. What was the impact of Partition of Bengal in 1905 over the areas of Assam?
7. Have you heard of the Nelli Massacre? What was the reason?
8. The Battle of Saraighat was in news recently. What do you know about it?
9. What is Ahom Revolt?

##### Cultural:

1. What is the difference between Bohag Bihu and Magh Bihu?
2. Have you heard about the Ambubachi Mela? It has a very progressive theme. Do you agree?
3. Who started the Ankia Naat? What languages are used in the plays of Ankia Naat?
4. Tell us about the Sattriya dance. Any one dancer in the contemporary times who performs this dance form.
5. What are the traditional costumes that females in Assam wear? What is the fabric they are made of?
6. Tell us about Kamakhya temple? How did Shaktism develop in the parts of Assam?
7. Traditional languages in Assam. One language which is included in the 8th Schedule.
8. Sarthaberri Bell metal craft has registered for a GI tag. What is its uniqueness?
9. Tell us about few UNESCO heritage sites in Assam.

##### Political:

1. Tell me about the Sixth Schedule areas in Assam?
2. How are the members of the Autonomous Councils elected/chosen?
3. When was the state of Assam created?
4. Who was the first CM of Assam?
5. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
6. What led to the Assam Accord? What re its provisions?
7. Tell us about ULFA and NDFB?
8. Tell us about NRC and politics over NRC?

9. What is the reservation policy in local self-government bodies in Assam? Is 33% reservation for women only on paper?
10. Assam had in 2012 brought in some changes in the local self-government norms. Can you tell me a few?
11. What was the recent Bodo Accord? Do you think this time there will be more lasting peace?
12. What is 125th constitutional amendment bill? What difference will it bring to 6th schedule states?
13. Do you think it is correct to organize political rallies in the middle of the pandemic?

### **Economical:**

1. Is Assam a poor state? Reasons. (Why is it a Part of BIMARU states?)
2. Why are Manufacturing and Service sectors not developed in Assam?
3. What steps have been taken by the state government for the promotion of tourism sector?
4. What type of industries are more suitable to the climate of Assam?
5. OIL recently acquired majority shares in the Numaligarh refinery. Why is there resentment against the decision?
6. What are the major problems faced by the Assam tea gardens?
7. What are the two main objectives of the North East Industrial Development Scheme?
8. Tell me something about the Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for the North-East.
9. Tell us about the recent state budget.
10. What were the steps taken to contain the pandemic? Mention some economic measures also.

### **Social:**

1. Migration of people is a major challenge Assam has been facing since the Partition. Do you think it has hampered the social unity and progress of the state?
2. What was the reason behind the violent lynchings that took place in Assam in 2020? there is violence in Assam?
3. Assam has an average literacy rate. Why then do you think the state has such a high maternal mortality rate?
4. What is your opinion on discrimination against north eastern people in mainland?
5. What is the issue of migration from Bangladesh?
6. What are the problems of the Bodo tribe? Enlist the features of the Bodo Peace Accord 2020.
7. Has the demography really changed in Assam post Partition of Pakistan? Do you have any statistics or it is just a political agenda?

### **Geographical and Environmental:**

1. Assam is surrounded by how many states/Countries?
2. Major Environmental issues faced by Assam?
3. Floods wreak havoc in Assam every year. What are the reasons for flood in Assam?
4. What are the steps taken by the government of the state to address the issue of floods?

5. Name any two national parks/wildlife sanctuaries of Assam.
6. Why is the Majuli island famous? Do you know about the Ro-Ro facility launched in the island?
7. Can you name a few species of plants having medicinal value in Assam?
8. Open cast mining was allowed in the Dehing Patkai hills last year. What will be the implications? How will you balance the economic development vis-a-vis protecting the biodiversity?

#### Miscellaneous:

1. If I want to travel to Assam what places would you suggest?
2. Tell us about the problems your district is facing? As a DM how will you handle these problems?
3. Tell us about Bhupen Hazarika?
4. What is your opinion on one horned Rhino poaching and what are solutions for it?

### 5. Jharkhand

#### Historical

1. Jharkhand has an ancient history dating to the Mesolithic period. Mention a few Mesolithic sites found in the present day Jharkhand?
2. The present day Jharkhand was a part of which of the Mahajanapadas?
3. What was the reason of conflict between the Magadha and Anga kingdom?
4. Chero rule in Jharkhand is important for many reasons. Mention two.
5. When did the British take control over the present day Jharkhand region?
6. What were the Chota Nagpur Territory States?
7. Why is Santhal rebellion one of the most important tribal movements in Indian history?
8. What was the reason of the rebellion by the Mundas?
9. Do you remember any session of the Congress that took place in Jharkhand?
10. Name a few Freedom fighters from Jharkhand who participated in Freedom struggle?

#### Cultural

1. Tell us something about the Copper Hoard Culture and which areas in Jharkhand was it prominent in?
2. What is the special characteristic of the Chhau dance?
3. What is the Karma festival? Why is it celebrated?
4. What do you know about the Sohrai paintings? Are they mural/miniature paintings?
5. Mention a few tribal handicrafts of Jharkhand.
6. What are the architectural features of the Jagannath Temple?

#### Political

1. What was the reason for the demand of a separate state of Jharkhand?
2. Why has Jharkhand not been able to maintain political stability?
3. When was the first time that the President's Rule was imposed in Jharkhand?

4. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
5. How was the Covid-19 response by the state government? Do you think state government could have done more?
6. Do you think that Jharkhand has developed/prospered after the bifurcation from Bihar?

### **Economical**

1. There was a recent amendment to increase commercial mining of coal. What is your opinion on it? Don't you think we should move away from a coal-based economy?
2. Jharkhand is a reservoir of minerals. Despite that, it suffers from poverty. Reasons?
3. What is the main source of income of the tribals in the state?
4. What are the major agricultural crops grown in Jharkhand?
5. What is the reason for the growth of major engineering industries in Jharkhand?
6. What is the purpose of the Multi Modal Terminal built at Sahibganj? Under which project it has been built?

### **Social**

1. Explain caste-based politics of Jharkhand?
2. What is the reason of insurgency even today?
3. Naxalism still threatens the social harmony of the state. How can we solve the problems of Naxalism?
4. What are the various problems of the Ho tribe of Jharkhand?
5. Why has the literacy rate of Jharkhand been so low even when the government has a number of schemes for education?
6. Out migration has increased in Jharkhand? What could be the reasons?
7. What is the reason for a high unemployment rate in Jharkhand?
8. In the past, many women have been lynched on the grounds of pursuing witchcraft. How do you think this problem can be addressed?
9. What is the slogan 'Jal, jungle, zameen'?
10. What are the various health problems that the tribals particularly face?

### **Geographical and Environmental**

1. Jharkhand is surrounded by how many states?
2. Are there any national parks in the state?
3. What are the major rivers flowing in Jharkhand?
4. What are the health hazards involved in the mining of mica?
5. Dhanbad is one of the most polluted cities. What could be the reasons?
6. There has been news of water contamination in Jharkhand. What is the major pollutant that is a silent killer?
7. What is the cause of the seasonal floods in Jharkhand?
8. What are the causes of the frequent forest fires in Jharkhand?
9. What kinds of forests are found in Jharkhand?

10. Rajmahal Hills are part of which plateau system? What is the climatic significance of Rajmahal Hills for Jharkhand?

### Miscellaneous

1. If I want to travel to Jharkhand what places would you suggest?
2. Tell us about the problems your district is facing? As a DM how will you handle these problems?

## 6. Maharashtra

### Historical

1. Name a few Chalcolithic sites belonging to the Jorwe culture?
2. When did the Satvahana kings rule over Maharashtra?
3. Chronologically enlist the dynasties ruling over the present day Maharashtra?
4. Point out historical importance of the region of Khandesh?
5. Why did the Maratha empire flourish mainly in the western and the Konkan parts of Maharashtra?
6. What were the consequences of the Third Anglo Maratha War?
7. Name a few leaders from Maharashtra who participated in the freedom struggle?
8. What were the reasons for the growth of revolutionary terrorism in Maharashtra?

### Cultural

1. Some features of architecture that evolved during the Yadava period?
2. Give a few examples of Gothic architecture in Mumbai?
3. Why do you think Marathi is not given the status of a classical language?
4. Tell us about Bahinabai Choudhary?
5. What is a special characteristic of the Lavani dance?
6. When did the Warkari sect emerge in Maharashtra? Who popularized it?
7. How is the Amravati school of architecture different from the Mathura School?
8. Which paintings in Maharashtra bear close resemblance to the rock engravings at Bhimbhetka?
9. Who built the Kailasnath Temple?
10. Name two cultural sites of Maharashtra enlisted in the UNESCO World Heritage sites

### Political

1. When did the present day Maharashtra gain statehood?
2. How many princely states formed part of the Bombay State?
3. What is the reason of disputes between Maharashtra and Karnataka?
4. What is your opinion on MVA government in Maharashtra?
5. So much money is spent on opinion and exit polls. There is no value in them except for entertainment purposes. What is your view?
6. What is the reason for Centre –state conflict in Maharashtra?
7. Tell us your opinion about intervention of central agencies in state matters?
8. Is 33% reservation for women in local governance bodies achieved in Maharashtra?



### Economical

1. Which cash crop is main pillar of agrarian economy of Maharashtra?
2. Name a few small-scale industries in Maharashtra.
3. What do you think is the reason for a flourishing industrial sector in Maharashtra?
4. What is the per capita income of Maharashtra? Compare it with all-India average.
5. Cotton textile industries are concentrated in which parts of Maharashtra and why?

### Social

1. Briefly tell us about the Bhima Koregaon violence?
2. What are various issues of women and children in Maharashtra?
3. How do you think the problems of sanitation in slums can be solved?
4. What are the features of the Shakti Act?
5. "Prostitution is not a criminal offence", the Bombay HC said. What are your views on the banning of prostitution?
6. What are the problems of the Mahar community?
7. How can the problem of drug trafficking be addressed in Maharashtra?
8. What are some of the prominent tribes of Maharashtra?

### Geographical and Environmental

1. Maharashtra is surrounded by how many states?
2. Pune is becoming gas chamber? Reasons.
3. Despite being a water intensive crop, why is sugarcane grown in the regions of Marathwada?
4. Which districts come under the Marathwada region?
5. What is the climatic significance of the Western Ghats?
6. What are your views on the cutting down of the Aarey forests? How can we strike a balance between economic growth and sustainable development?
7. What per
8. Where does the Godavari originate?
9. What is the name of the state butterfly of Maharashtra? Where is it found?
10. Name the two tiger reserves found in Maharashtra?

### Miscellaneous

1. If I want to travel to Maharashtra what places would you suggest?
2. Tell us about the problems your district is facing? As a DM how will you handle these problems?

### B. Optional Subjects

#### 1. PSIR

1. What is political science?
2. What is the difference between Politics and Political Science?
3. Why have you chosen Political Science as your optional?
4. What is Hobbes Leviathan?



5. How is Hobbes social contract different from Kant's social contract?
6. What is Kautilya's Saptang theory?
7. Do you see applications of Kautilya's Mandal theory in contemporary world?
8. Do you agree with concept of Civil Disobedience?
9. What do you understand by the statement "man is born free yet everywhere he is in chains"?
10. What do you understand by Marxism?
11. Does Marx subscribe to violence as means of revolution?
12. Why has Marxism failed to emerge across the world?
13. What are the major arguments given by feminism to justify their views?
14. What do you understand by 'group rights' w.r.t multiculturalism?
15. What was the significance of BSD in evolution of Indian Judiciary?
16. Do you think collegium system has outlived its utility?
17. How has coalition system evolved in India?
18. Critically analyze the role of pressure groups in India?
19. What have been the political fallout of Green Revolution in India?
20. Do you think Women's Movements weakened after Independence in India?
21. What do you understand by Functionalism and Neo-functionalism?
22. What do you understand by National interest? How do you think India's national interest is evolving?

## 2. Electrical Engineering

1. Why everything is moving from mechanical to electrical like e-train, e-vehicle?
2. Tell us difference between electrical vehicles and IC engine vehicle?
3. Why are you not interested in Electrical engineering and coming towards civil services?
4. What is the difference between Electrical and Electronics?
5. What is the opinion on power theft and its losses and always to tackle it?
6. What are the problems in Power Distribution sector? Explain about losses?
7. What is the block chain technology? And its application?
8. Why electricity is called flow of electron but not proton?
9. Talk about Power sector reform?
10. What is UDAY scheme?
11. What is energy self-sufficiency target date?
12. How much do you know about corona, tell us/
13. Tell us about AI in Electrical field?
14. What is Smart meters, tell us its benefits?
15. What is scenario of startup India?
16. Was Electrical engineering your choice or external force?
17. What is synchronous motor? Why it is called so?
18. What is dynamo? What are its applications?
19. What dynamo does in car?
20. How we get electricity?
21. Why voltage is step up, then down, then down?

22. Why can't we transmit at low voltage?
23. Why voltage is always multiple of 11?
24. As an electrical engineer, how will you design the transmission line?
25. Which motor is used for locomotives?
26. What is function of generator?
27. What is difference between under water and above water electric pump?
28. What is KUSUM scheme?
29. How solar pump will work?
30. What is your opinion on e-vehicle? Is India ready for it?
31. Do we have capacity to equip charging stations?
32. What is mechanism of hydro power projects?
33. Why HP and UK states are facing hydro power disasters more than actual benefits?
34. What are solutions to these problems?
35. How India can become energy self-sufficient?
36. What are renewable energy targets?
37. Is India ready to use 100% renewable energy?
38. How much years will it take?

### 3. Geology

1. Why did you choose geology as your subject on interest?
2. Who is known as father of geology? Can you throw some light?
3. Explain the internal structure of earth?
4. Why do we study the internal structure of asteroids? How can this be used to study internal structure of Earth?
5. What are meteorites? How are they different from planets?
6. What is the asteroid belt between inner and outer planets? How was it formed?
7. Why is it that outer planets lack terrestrial base?
8. What is the theory behind evolution of moon?
9. What is continental drift theory? What were its shortcomings?
10. How did plate tectonic theory overcome shortcomings of continental drift theory?
11. How are Fold Mountains formed? Does Himalayan chain contain any volcanic ranges?
12. Can you explain the formation of Hawaiian Islands?
13. Can you explain the process of Shale gas extraction? What are its negative impacts on environment?
14. Can you explain the difference in geomorphology of eastern and western coast of India?
15. How do the earth observation satellites work? What can be their applications in field of mining?
16. What is earthquake? How is Richter scale different from Mercalli scale?
17. Suppose this building were to be made Earthquake resilient, what changes would be you recommend?
18. What are the causes of increasing disasters in Himalayan states? What policy changes would you recommend for handling these issues?
19. How do we make infrastructure resilient to handle the Tsunami and Cyclones?

20. Can you explain the evidences given for seafloor spreading? How has it helped us enhance our knowledge of oceans?
21. What makes deserts have such sandy soils? Do you think desert soils are fertile?
22. Why are Indian soils so poor in Potash? What fertilizers are used to balance this?
23. What are the minerals linked to Cuddapah group of rocks? In which states of India do we find such rock groups?
24. What is Gondwana phase known for? What makes Indian coal have high ash content?
25. India has poor reserves of Oil and natural gas. What are the geomorphological reasons behind this?

#### 4. Agriculture

1. What are orchids? Where are they found? Are they found only in western Ghat? Are they epiphytic or Parasitic?
2. What is tissue culture? What are its advantages?
3. What is contribution of M. S. Swaminathan in Indian Agriculture?
4. Why farmer's suicides are happening? What solutions do you suggest to solve this problem?
5. Which is the dominant species in dry deciduous vegetation?
6. Why contribution of agriculture is very low in Indian GDP, tell me why we have been unable to increase contribution in India's GDP?
7. What are the Issues of fertilizers and fertilizer subsidy in India?
8. What are the problems of agriculture marketing? How do you think we can we solve it?
9. What is the effect of WTO on Agriculture?
10. Should Agriculture income be taxed? What are the benefits of taxing agriculture?
11. Don't you think that shifting from subsistence to commercial agriculture will lead to deforestation?
12. What are crops covered under operation green?
13. Why only Tomato, Onion and Potato? Why not other crops like cereals, pulses etc.? Why price instability is more in case of tomato, onion and potato?
14. Why second green revolution is not happening in India? What are the real challenges and solutions?
15. Can you tell us few important recommendations of Swaminathan committee?
16. Is there MSP for pulses too? How much MSP is there? Who decides MSP?
17. Why MSP has become major issue in Agriculture? What can be done to overcome this problem?
18. What is the status of Research and Development in Agriculture sector? Why no investment in Agriculture research?
19. Do you think after our experience with BT cotton we should still go ahead for GM crops?
20. Tell us about big announcement regarding agriculture in recent budget?
21. What do you know about farm bill? Why are farmers opposing it? Tell us about the controversies surrounding with the bill?
22. What is a Green House Gas? How is agriculture contributing to Global Warming?

23. What measures we should take to deal with climate change, particularly in agriculture?
24. Do you think moving from sugarcane to millets will be profitable for farmer?
25. Should agriculture be given industry status? How will that benefit agriculture segment?