

Interview Transcripts 2022

For
CSE 2023



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.

Anything about academy IGP course?

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. For any suggestions, you can write to us at ravi@forumias.com We wish you the best, Your Team@ForumIAS

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The Board Member

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	Name	Date from which holding the post	Date of Retirement	Brief Introduction
Chairman	Dr. ManojSoni	16/05/2023 (FN)	15/05/2029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scholar of Political Science with specialisation in International Relations Studies. Received awards for his exemplary leadership in empowering disadvantaged section of society with IT literacy.
Member	Ms. Shri Bidyut Behari Swain	01/01/2023 (FN)	04/09/2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined in 1988 in the Gujarat Cadre. Served as an Additional Secretary in Department of Commerce in charge of Special Economic Zones, Trade negotiations of India with CIS Countries, Export Insurance. Served as a Secretary in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
Member	Sh. Rajiv Nayan Choubey	01/02/2019 (FN)	27/01/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post graduate in Physics Master's Degree in Social Policy & Planning Joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1981 and was allotted to the Tamil Nadu Cadre Principal Advisor in the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, as Development Commissioner (Handlooms) and as Director General of Hydrocarbon Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, was instrumental in drafting the New Civil Aviation Policy
Member	Sh. Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)	18/07/2022 (FN)	26/03/2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi. Chief Statistician of India (CSI) and Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) During his tenure as CSI, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) revised the Indian System of National Accounts to base year 2011-12 along with the series of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI); the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) Introduced a new regular survey on Employment;
Member	Dr. Dinesh Dasa	29/09/2023 (FN)	28/09/2029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Info not available at present
Member	Ms. Suman Sharma	25/05/2023 (FN)	24/05/2029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Graduate (Bronze Medalist) in Organic Chemistry from Meerut University. M.B.A. degree from University of Hull, United Kingdom. An Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer of 1990 batch.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Served as Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India, a CPSE under Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.• During her stint as Managing Director, SECI, the company witnessed significant growth and also achieved the 'Mini Ratna' status.
Member	Ms. Preeti Sudan	29/11/2022 (FN)	29/04/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An IAS Officer of 1983 batch from Andhra Pradesh cadre,• Retired as Union Health Secretary in July, 2020.• Served in Women & Child Development and Defence Ministries.• Her notable contributions include initiation of two major flagship programmes of the country i.e. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Ayushman Bharat.• Also, served as a Consultant with World Bank.

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M Sathiyavathy Board

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Date of Interview: 03/05/2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy Ma'am

Home State: Kerala

Background: Physics

Optional: Philosophy

Keywords asked: Climate change, Coir, Planting trees, Law awareness, Telescope.

Chairman

1. What have you done after graduation ?
2. Tell me about coir industry in Kerala.
3. Explain the process of coir making?
4. How many tonnes of coir you process?
5. Law is not effective always. Why? Is law futile?
6. Which is good - afforestation or no deforestation?
7. Famous philosopher from kerala?
8. Have you been to Kalady?

Member 1

1. Explain how a telescope works.
2. Which is the famous telescope that is in news.
3. Life is more in Mesozoic era. How this life is lost?
4. Explain the origin of earth?
5. US dollar is a global reserve currency. Why Indian rupee is not?
6. Which other currency can assume the post?
7. Why then Yuan is not assuming the post?
8. Do China has rule of law?
9. Is fairness of law is a part of rule of law?

Member 2

1. What is digital divide?
2. Which sections of India is a part of this divide? How to solve it?
3. How poverty can be eliminated in India?
4. Tell me about India's position in global hunger index.
5. Recent scheme of government of India in covid times to reduce hunger?

Member 3

1. Coconut is a Kalpavriksha. How different parts of it can be used.
2. Schemes of government of Kerala for increasing agriculture.
3. Any schemes of central government?
4. What is art?
5. How temperature rise is an immediate threat?

Member 4

1. Law causing social change or social change influencing law. Which is the correct way?
2. What is philosophy?
3. Can you call all people who preaches their religious ideologies as philosophers?
4. If no, why? How can something be a philosophy?
5. Your service preference?
6. Why IAS?

(2)

Date of Interview: 1/05/23 forenoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy mam

Optional: PSIR

College: IIT- BHU

Profession (if any): ex IOCL

Hobbies: sitcoms, cricket

DAF keywords: Jhunjhunu, Varanasi, Rajasthan, mess manager

Chairman

1. It's been 5 years since you left the job, how are you financially sustaining yourself
2. Didn't you join the content developer job like many students do
3. Do you think it's rights to make content or teach by someone who himself has not cleared the exam
4. What reforms would you like in civil service exam
5. What is role of ethics in administration

Member 1

1. Do you have been to Benaras after graduation
2. Did you see any changes
3. What can administration do to sustain cleanliness
4. Impact of Ukraine crisis on India
5. Do we have any oil deal with Ukraine
6. What schemes are there for skill development and what we can do further

Member 2

1. Tell what Jhunjhunu is famous for
2. Opinion on Agnipath
3. How unemployed youth would feel about it
4. ODOP from Jhunjhunu
5. Why IPL is so much successful
6. What is single most benefit of IPL

Member 3

1. GST collection is increasing, what are the reasons
2. What problems you faced as mess manager
3. Importance of MSMEs in Indian economy
4. Future of Indian oil corporation is dark?

Member 4

1. Rajasthan is called as BIMARU state, what are reasons for poor development
2. Share of different sectors in Rajasthan economy
3. It's said that India is land of contradictions , on one hand we are 5th largest economy and on other hand so many poors , how do you see it
4. It's said that one direct employment create 10 indirect employment , how is it true for automobile sector

Your experience in interview: 1st interview, less factual and more analytical, cordial
Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- make you familiar with process, help in overcoming nervousness, sometimes point out some areas of improvement that you can work upon
 O2O with Ravindraan sir, Bassi sir was encouraging

(3)

Date of interview: May 2, 2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy mam

Home state: Kerala

Optional: Geography

DAF keywords: Delhi, e waste

Chairman

1. (not smiling at all, was disinterested throughout the interview)
2. Are you from Delhi?
3. How long you were in Delhi? Do you remember much?
4. Which part of kerala are you from?

5. Padmanabha Swami temple has so much treasure. It's being wasted being locked in vaults.
6. In your opinion what should be done? (Cross questions)

Member 1

1. You have done a project on e-waste what is it?
2. If you have to create a waste management system in your district what would it be?
3. What about reducing the amount of waste generated?
4. Consider a place where people do not have any laptop, smart phones or internet. How can they get online government services?

Member 2

1. We have seen 2 cases one in Nirbhaya where a person was convicted after years another case in Hyderabad where a person who raped a girl was encountered. Which one of the methodology was better and why?
2. Debt of kerala vs debt of srilanka? Will kerala see such a dire situation in future?
3. What kerala should do to not face the situation of srilanka
4. India's population is growing but it has reached TFR of 2.1, don't you think it
5. will lead to issues later on?
6. Kerala has high sex ratio. How will you utilise the experience of kerala to improve sex ratio in a state for eg Haryana where sex ratio is low?

Member 3

1. Was green revolution really green? (Repeated the question again as my answer was not on point)
2. "Kerala government has not done enough for tourism" what is your opinion if I give you the statement.
3. What more can be done for tourism?
4. What will you do if you are appointed in a water scarce district?
5. Why literacy rate is high in kerala?

Member 4

1. FTAs – should we have with individual nations or with multilateral grouping.
2. Which one is beneficial?
3. Why certain developed countries, even though we have trade surplus, have issues with indian exports?
4. Which country left an economic union recently?
(Picked up from my answer from previous member) Don't you think Kerala should be following on the lines of Maldives for High end tourism?
5. There are a lot of expatriates from Kerala in middle East but you don't see many people

visiting kerala as tourists. What can we do about it?

6. What was the reason?
7. What is the difference between earthquake and tsunami?
8. What is Richter scale? What does is the difference between 1 and 2 values on Richter scale?

Board was cordial. Chairwoman grilled me. Rest of the interaction was conversation mode. I might have missed out on a few questions.

Utility of mocks- helped to correct posture and mannerism.

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Date of Interview: 2nd May

Board: M Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional: Sociology

DAF: Economics (H), budget Traveling (other things not asked)

Chairman

1. What is budget traveling?
2. Discussion on difference between backpackers and budget travellers.
3. 1 celebrity and place where you would go. (Mansarovar yatra with sadguru ji)
4. Why mansarovar
5. Why with sadguru
6. Discussion of 'guru ji' culture and issues associated with that

Member 1

1. What qualities you have that made you miss Bhopal.
2. What are the ethical questions asked in the competition.
3. China India relation
4. Israel protest

Member 2

1. SEZ are different countries in a country
Why?
2. What are policy measure required for business
License Raj
3. Regulation and inspection shall be there or not
4. Road accidents – why , solutions

Member 3

1. Miss World vs miss universe.

2. Women register less cases because of police behaviour – why less cases are registered and what are the solutions.
3. Chanderi vs maheshwari saree

Member 4

1. Indian thinkers of sociology ,their books
2. Sanskritisation
3. Any caste that faced sanskritisation
4. Why not ips
5. (I might be forgetting few questions)

Mocks- chanakya mandal parivar, chahal, vajirao are good. O2O session with Utkarsh sir, Ravindran sir and Khan sir has been very fruitful.

Themes largely repeated from the mocks as well as few questions.

Interview experience – poker faced members, can't really predict anything. However, no cross questions or grilling. It felt like a conversation and not an q&a round.

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Date of Interview: 2nd May, Forenoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional: PSIR

College: IIT Hyderabad (Civil Engineering

Home State: Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh

Hobbies: Cooking (that's only asked)

Chairman

1. Cooking
2. East up cuisine
3. What u cook
4. For whom u cook? In hostel?
5. Azamgarh famous for?
6. Black clay pottery Features?
7. ODOP how it promotes export?
8. How it benefit local community?

Member 1

1. Do u think there is culture of impunity in Uttar Pradesh? judiciary role?
2. How judicial delay can be solved?
3. Role of technology?

4. DNA fingerprinting?

Member 2

1. How world can agree to act against climate change?
2. Sri Lanka's importance for India
3. You are good at cooking, how good you are at cooking stories (with a smile)?
(Can't recall all Q's.)

Member 3

1. Purvanchal separate state, status and future?
2. Why it shouldn't be done?
3. Problems in Real Estate and Infrastructure in India.
4. How can be solved?

Member 4

1. Political leaders in UP using harsh language in Assembly and in public. Your view.
2. What's the reason.
3. What is green building?
4. give me an example. How that building is green.
5. Your service preference?

Your experience in interview-

Mam had started walking inside the room after asking questions.
Other members going to washroom. Tried avoiding being nervous.
Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-KSG, NextIAS, Vajirao & Reddy
One to one with Khan sir and Ravindran sir (both compulsory).

(6)

Date of Interview: 02-05-2023

Slot: morning session, 1st to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Hobbies: cricket

Optional: Sociology

Graduation: Btech IT

Post graduation: MA in sociology

Keywords: manual scavenging essay, Prayagraj, taught students in an NGO, (girl candidate)

Chairman

Read the daf aloud.

1. So what have you been doing since post grad?
2. what did you do in the NGO?
3. what are your learnings? (I gave 2 learnings and she herself added 1 point and asked to elaborate on that)
4. what level of cricket have you played? What was your parents reaction when you started playing?

Member 1

1. Under A 142 SC said divorce can be given immediately. What is your view?
2. being a student of sociology, how does it affect the institution of family?
3. solutions to manual scavenging?
4. innovations in teaching that will make classes more immersive?

Member 2

1. Why shift to humanities background after a technical graduation?
2. Use of sociology in administration?
3. (i said participative decision making) But administration also requires quick decision making. How to tackle that?
4. What are your views on women reservation bill?

Member 3

1. what is disruptive technology? Give example
2. AI regulation? Should it be blanket or not?
3. Problem of criminalisation of politics, give a solution which does not exist as of now.
4. some reforms in election process to make it more participative and free of corruption.

Member 4

1. you may have some idea about taxation. So how is faceless technology helpful?
2. How will it ensure that there is no tax evasion? (I was still thinking when she explained the whole process herself and asked if she could further go into that front, i said sorry ma'am, i have limited knowledge of the subject)
3. Manual scavenging is issue of past, how do you view it in the context of increasing number of toilets formed under Swachh Bharat abhiyan.? Solutions to it?
4. You said women reservation bill should be brought but we see the concept of sarpanch pati in panchayats. Do you think same will be emulated at parliament level?
5. How will you increase women LFPR ?

Overall experience: the board was very cordial, they did not cut through my answers and were very keenly listening. It was a question answer session and not a discussion.

Utility of mocks: Gave almost 10-11 mocks. Helps in confidence building and many questions were repeated as the themes were quite common to my daf.

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Optional: PSIR
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Date of Interview: 01/05/23

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Architect, Worked in Switzerland, belongs to Srinagar J&K,

Hobby: travelling, IFS preference

Afternoon session, 2nd to go

Chairman

1. What have you been doing since graduation?
2. Why are you shifting careers?
3. What will you do if you don't get through?
4. Where all have you travelled?
5. In which state in India is the status of women the best?
6. What is the difference between matrilineal and matriarchal society?

Member 1

1. What crisis was srilanka faced with recently?
2. Has it been solved?
3. What is India doing to solve it?
4. How can presidency of G20 help in economic development of India?
5. What is the significance of G20 presidency?

Member 2

1. How will you as an administrator help establish normalcy in Kashmir?
2. What is the main issue in Kashmir?
3. What is the role of diplomats in the governance sector today?
4. With such resource crunch do you think diplomats today can counter major economies?
5. Do you think the movie Kashmir files helps in the healing process or creates sectarian divide?

Member 3

1. Don't you think IAS can help in serving the nation better than IFS?
2. The grassroots present us with the actual problems, how will you solve them sitting in foreign capitals? Don't you want to go to the tehsils instead
3. What is the state of Pakistan' economy?
4. Why can't we see eye to eye with Pak?
5. Who is your woman role model?
6. Should prostitution be legalized?

Member 4

1. What can J&K learn from Switzerland in terms of tourism development?
2. How can we increase the number of foreign tourists?
3. Today is labour day but female labour force participation is very low – how will you tackle this?
4. Do you think women should be given reservation in Parliament?

Cordial board, good experience.

All the best to all!

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Date of Interview: 1st May 2023, Afternoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Graduation: Bsc Nautical Science (Merchant Navy)

Optional: Sociology

Home state: Bihar

Home District: Bhagalpur

Duration: Around 25-30 mins

Hobby: composing songs and cricket enthusiast.

Attempt: 2nd

Pretext: This is my second interview and was relieved that H'ble T C A Anant has retired this year (who ruined my PT last year). Hoped not to get Soni sir and Chaubey sir but to my disappointment, a candidate told me outside upsc bhavan that both are sitting today for PT.

Fortunately, It was H'ble M Satyawati ma'am who came to my rescue.

Chairman

Read my DAF aloud and mentioned my achievements.

1. What is Nautical Science
2. What is this hobby of composing songs
3. Why are u quitting Merchant navy provided it is such a high paying job?
4. Who is the beneficiary of Russia Ukraine war

Member 1

Quite serious looking man

1. Does Indian IPC applies in open seas if crime is done there
2. Can an Indian person be tried for murder in high seas.
3. India failed to give justice in case of Enrica lexie
4. Why is Bhagalpur famous
5. Odop of Bhagalpur
6. Is tassar silk exported?
7. hydrogen sulphide incident of today's news... How would u tackle it as an administrator.
8. What is difference between Territorial waters and EEZ.

Member 2

1. (he had put a black colour cream on his lower lip, don't know why but he was cool enough)
2. Do u consider Bihar as a poor state
3. Schemes of bihar government.
4. What is Digital Parliament (only qstn where I said NO)
5. What is most important event of your life.
6. What is Munger famous for?

Member 3

1. Does Bounty of war leads to more conflict.
2. India's progress in crude oil and refineries.
3. Why more issue of corruption in Developing States
4. How to check corruption.
5. How to increase solar energy potential.

Member 4

(lady member)

1. How communication takes place on ship?

2. What are Submarine cables?
3. How to improve social Security in informal sectors, what has been done.
4. Why violence against women in bihar?
5. What will u opt, auction for minerals or administrative allotment?

Chairwoman: okay Yash, ur interview is over. All the best.

My experience: Peon outside told me not to wear mask. Satyawati ma'am welcomed me with a pleasant smile. She went to washroom in the middle of the interview and came back in around two minutes. She was smiling occasionally and looked lively and fresh. (again much better than Anant sir). The aura of the room was very positive. Ma'am had a picture of H'ble president on her back which enhanced the atmosphere of the room. Members were neither too cordial nor too hostile. There were occasional smiles on their faces and they seemed more or less satisfied with my answers. My performance was just like any other mock, articulation was fine, had smile throughout, sprinkled few facts in between but here in upsc, we don't get reviews , so the guessing game is on now.

Utility of mocks: There was hardly any mock left in the market which I had not given. Count it above 35 (including one to one and online mocks) as I had more than 3 months to prepare for PT. I found Next IAS, Vision IAS, Chahal Academy, Vajirao and reddy as the closest to actual upsc interview. Mocks genuinely helped me to expand my question bank and improve mannerism.

I have gained immensely from this online community of aspirants. Had based my entire preparation on online sources. Sharing my transcript is like giving back to the community.

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Date of Interview: 11/04/2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy ma'am

Home State: Kerala

Education: Mathematics

Optional: Malayalam literature

Keywords from DAF -

Geometric art, Environment Club, Flood, Geometric chart, Solo walking, Health quiz.

Chairman

1. You are a mathematics graduate, then why did you choose Malayalam literature as optional?
2. You are from Palakkad district, have you ever visited Attappady? what are the issues in the Attappady region?
3. How are the govt policies working there?

4. How can you improve the health indicators of the attappady region?
5. Why are you supporting millet cultivation in that area? Are alternative supply options like PDS available there?
6. What is geometric chart competition? And what did you draw in the competition?
7. What were the activities done by your college flood rehabilitation committee?, What are the reasons for floods in Kerala?
8. If you are posted as DM, what initiatives you would take to tackle floods?

Member 1

1. How Pablo Picasso and the geometric arts are connected?
2. Mention some cubism works of Pablo Picasso
3. Can you name a few works by Leonardo Davincci
4. Is there any connection between geometric art and peasants?
5. What's the meaning of your name?
6. How global warming impacts Kerala?
7. Why Kerala is known as God's own country, Do you know who coined the name?

Member 2

1. Can you draw any geometric art now, using the paper and pencil in front of you?
2. What is the area of the rhombus?
3. Why there is poor industrial development in Kerala?
4. How to resolve the issue of high labour wage in kerala?
5. What are the 3 factors of industrial development in a region?
6. If you are posted as DM in a less industrially developed district, how can you make that area into a industrially developed one.
7. What are the major industrial areas of kerala? Which regions of kerala you would prefer for industrial development?

Member 3

1. How Gulf migration influenced Kerala and what's the current scenario?
2. If Gulf countries stop providing jobs for Indians, specific to Kerala, how can you deal with that situation, assuming you are part of the govt?
3. How 6G will help in India's growth?
4. what is solo walking? why do you like this?

Member 4

1. Why herbal plants are very important for Kerala?
2. Can you name a few herbal parks in Kerala?
3. Why covid-19 spreading rate was high in Kerala?
4. What's the history of Travancore?

Chairperson-Okay thank you, All the best.

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Date of Interview: 12th April(Forenoon)- 5th to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional: Mathematics

4th Attempt, 1st CSE Interview (Earlier attended IFOS interview)

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

DAF KEY WORDS - Best Interpersonal Skills Award, Head of Clg Tech Fest, IEEE Publication on Transmission Lines(EEE Grad),Narrative Essay Writing and Reading Non fiction (Hobbies)

Duration - 25 min (12 pm - 12:25pm)

Chairman

The chairperson has read my DAF completely stressing upon my hobbies and extra curricular activities.

1. What have you been doing since your Graduation?
2. Did you attend coaching classes?
3. What was your IEEE Publication about? Can you explain in detail?
4. Is this applicable anywhere?
5. Why didn't you scale this publication to industrial level or got it patented?
6. For what were you awarded the Best Interpersonal Skills Award?
7. Follow up question asking me to explain the detailed criteria of award?
8. Follow up on how the interpersonal skills can be used in Administration?

Member 1

(Interactive and Analysis based Questions)

1. What is Rights Based Governance?
2. Any Legislations in your mind that talks about Rights Based Governance?
3. After giving 3-4 examples, he reminded me of Right to Health Bill and asked whether it's feasible or not?(I thanked him after he reminded me of RTH)
4. Any personal experiences or observations on Rights Based Governance(Talked about AP Governance Model)
5. What is Evidence Based Policy Making?
6. Any examples of evidence based policy making? While i started the answer , he asked me a question linked to it.(Started telling about Social Audits and he interrupted)
7. Why were Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee awarded with the Nobel Prize?
8. Is Randomised Control Trials applicable only to medical sciences and not social sciences?(gave an example of Sewa pilot project of UBI in MP)
9. Which part of mathematics is used in the processing of financial transactions?(Was clueless and thought for a second and jus said Sorry)

Initial questions (forgot to add)

10. Why Guntur chilli is famous?
11. What is GI Tag?

Member 2

(Flash Mode – Mission Raftaar)

1. What is Brexit? What triggered the demand for Brexit? (Couldn't recollect the reasons for Brexit, so said Sorry)
2. Disadvantages to EU and UK after Brexit (Didn't find time to frame the answer ,so gave a small statement)
3. What is Northern Ireland Protocol? (Jus told about the protocol.. didn't go into details)
4. What is hard and soft border?
5. Any new framework under the Northern Ireland Protocol? (Forgot the name Windsor, but talked about it)
6. Lessons for South Asia from the EU trade and connectivity relations? (Again...less time to answer , so told about poor trade integration in South Asia)
7. What is soft diplomacy ?
8. Examples of it?
9. Are we right in helping turkey after their comments on Kashmir issue?
10. Why no help to Pak ?

Member 3

(He's chilling and grilling)

1. Explain Indo Nepal Treaty?
2. Why Nepal inclining towards China? (Cut my answer)
3. Why sudden discontent with India?
4. Largest Imported Item from India?
5. Who are Madhesis?
6. What should India do to promote good will and resolve issues?
7. What is fair trade policy and unfair trade policy? (No clue, so said sorry)

Member 4

(Low voice- Low Energy)

1. Applications of Genetic Engineering?
2. What is Stem Cell Therapy?
3. How are dead bodies identified and related to family? (Couldn't hear the question properly, so gave an average answer)
4. Which is best suited to supply electricity to a smaller area : A big generating plant or smaller plant?

Chairperson said Thankyou ,your interview is over.

Experience and Personal Observation:

1. I am pretty much satisfied with the way I started especially answering M1 and Chair person's questions.
2. M2 and M3 were in a flash mode and were cutting my answers after some 30 seconds and at the same time, dwelling on a single topic made me forget some key terms that i think would have diluted my answers.
3. M2 had a pleasing face with no expressions and was hearing patiently, but M3 was so serious and looked bit disinterested and at the same time animated. As questions were asked in quick pace, i found it difficult to format my questions and recollect exact terms (like customs union, Windsor agreement etc)
4. M4's voice was very much low and questions were vague to some extent, though i gave answers , didn't see any type of expression on his face. It kind of drained my energy as I had to put extra effort to listen to him and comprehend
5. Overall the interview went with a flow, didn't face too many opinion based and follow up questions, largely many questions were factual and demanded a short analysis with less time given for each question.
6. Said" Don't know" to almost 4 -5 questions, as i didn't even dare to ask them if i could guess as they were too vague and out of the radar.
7. The entire interview went with a flow and with quick pace, with less time to switch across diverse topics.

Mocks :

Chahal, Vajirao, Samkalp, Raus and Only Ias in Delhi

Analog IAS , Laexcellence and RC REDDY in Hyderabad

One to One sessions with Dr. Vivekananda Sir (Reflections IAS) in Hyderabad on multiple themes helped me a lot.

Utility of Mocks :

I think 40% of my questions in the PT were largely discussed in Mocks and O2O, like the publication question, Operation Dost and Pakistan, Indo Nepal issue though the mood in which questions were asked is different.

But i feel mocks are essential not for the sake of answering questions, but to adopt to crunch situations and maintain consistency in the projection of our personality in those situations.

Wishing good luck to the fellow aspirants.

I sincerely thank the community for doing such great service to the aspirants!!

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Date of interview: 11.04.2023**Board:** M Sathiyavathy ma'am**Optional:** English literature**Work experience:** Kerala Institute of Tourism and Travel Studies (Guest lecturer)

Relevant key words from DAF: Vivekananda, house captain, Research paper on Beauty as an Instrument of Racism, Subaltern studies, house captain at school, Voice Donation Project for Visually Challenged.

Chairman

1. Have you resigned from the job?
2. What is this Voice Donation Project?
3. What does Barrier Free India mean for the visually challenged?
4. What were you teaching at a tourism institute?
5. How can you teach English to someone in a tourist place to their benefit and to others in general too?

Member 1

1. You studied at a school named Vivekananda, what was Vivekananda's ideology?
2. What did you do as the house captain of your school?
3. What do you understand by Pan-India concept if you think of Kerala and West Bengal?
4. Have you been to Darjeeling? What is special about the place?
5. What are the major industries in Kerala? (Mentioned about IT sector)
6. What are IT companies doing in Kerala?
7. If you are posted as the DM of a village with gender inequality, what will you do?

Member 2

1. What was this paper on Beauty as an Instrument of Racism about?
2. Why is there a craze for football in Kerala?
3. Can oceans be used as a source of energy? (Mentioned tidal energy)
4. Who should take the initiative to install tidal energy?
5. What is your opinion on Sabarimala entry?

Chair: Have you made any attempts to enter Sabarimala?

Member 3

1. What was this subaltern studies conference about?
2. What were the major conclusions and follow-up activities?

Member 4

1. What is the difference between a tourist and a traveller?
2. When is World Tourism day?
3. What are the major issues faced by tourism industry after COVID?
4. What can be done to attract tourists after the pandemic? (He particularly asked about travel during the pandemic)
5. Both Kerala and Sri Lanka are dependent on tourism. Will Kerala face a situation similar to Lanka due to COVID?
6. What are the initiatives taken by your institute to address this?

Experience: It felt like more like a conversation. They were talking amongst themselves in between too.

Utility of one-on-one and mocks: As most of the questions were DAF based, they felt like a repetition of mock questions. One-on-ones can help to include some key words even within the limited scope of questions asked.

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Date of Interview: 11 April 2023, 4th to go

Board: M Sathiavathy Ma'am

Home State: Karnataka, nothing else asked

She read the entire DAF aloud. She considered my birthplace to be my place of residence so I corrected her. So she started with

Chairman

1. What Do you think about the names of cities changing? (mentioned progressive intent then should be allowed)
She interrupted that it is always mentioned with positive intent only follow ups with respect to chennai-Madras, prayagraj-Allahabad etc
2. Why did I leave my job?
3. Visveswaraya and his contributions (DAF)
Follow up – except for KA what other contributions

Member 1

1. Recent upheavels in high commissions and embassies. What is the importance of having such embassies(mentioned Vienna convention)
2. What is Vienna convention?
3. Follow up on what India did post attack on UK and was it right
4. Evergreening of patents
Some more i cannot recall

Member 2

1. Tell me something about bellary district (DAF)
2. Major steel plant set up there
Follow up on steel making process, where do we get iron ore from (mentioned stats and proces- I wasn't clear on what he wanted to listen here)
3. What is green energy?
4. What is the growth rate of India and where do we stand in terms of economy in the world
5. What is India doing so that we are drastically progressing?
(Mentioned DPI here)
6. He asked what is DPI?
7. Do you think people in rural areas know about UPI?(picked from last two answers)
8. How should we plan development of India?

Member 3

1. Inter state water dispute – Cauvery water- What is the issue and what are solutions
2. What do you think about NEP?
3. Southern states have issue with NEPs provision wrt Language- what is it
Follow up on what is your view
4. Asked about Social Dispute theory and social conflict (Sociology)

Member 4

1. Tipu Sultan – patriot or villain?
Long discussion on this- he asked in the end do you really think we should discuss about these leaders
2. Why do we have holiday on 14th April
Follow up – what was the major difference or conflict between Gandhi and Ambedkar
3. Basic structure doctrine and what is constitutes

CH: Thank you and All the best

Peer discussions and *peer group*- this helped me majorly

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Date of Interview: 10th April 2023 Afternoon session, third one to go.

Board: M Sathyavathy ma'am

Optional: Mathematics

Profession: district court assistant, drdo

Keywords: cryptography

Hobbies: no question

Greeted all the members, Sathiyavathy ma'am read aloud the DAF.

Chairman

1. So you have been working throughout?
2. Why didn't you do masters? Few counter ques
3. How to reduce pendency in courts?
4. Should vacations be abolished. Counter questions
5. are there frivolous cases causing pendency in courts?

Member 1

1. Tell me about use of cryptography in defence domain and what are latest developments
2. Quantum technology use in it. Are we lagging behind?

Member 2

1. Tell me about bodmas.
2. 4-5 theorems of algebra.
3. Your name importance.
4. Nalanda place and it's revival counter ques.
5. Relationship of places like rajgir, pavapuri, sasaram
6. What did you as a team lead in science Congress?
7. What is renewable energy? Are we moving towards it?
8. Shall we close all thermal plants. What should we do

Member 3

1. tell me about cryptocurrency.
2. is it legal in India.
3. Is it good for our country to have that.
4. Again tell how to reduce pendency in cases and why serious crimes conviction is so much low.

Member 4

1. When was G 20 formed and why.
2. Who were in its first meeting in India?
3. Why it's importance for India?
4. But some meeting didn't even got charter summary like finance, external affairs in the end?
Then what's the benefit?
Sathiyavathy ma'am said Thank you.

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Geography

Home state: Himachal Pradesh(District Kangra)

College: Electronics and communication engineering from NSIT, Delhi

Profession: State police services

Hobbies: Football, Wordle, Chess

Experience in interview:

Greeted all the members, Sathiyavathy ma'am read aloud the DAF.

Chairman

1. What have you been doing since 2019?
2. How is your training going?
3. Since when have you been under training?
4. What is this Wordle?
5. What is Kangra famous for?
6. Has Himachal been a part of British India, what is its political history?
7. Does Himachal have any international border?
8. How far is it from where you live?
9. How is the communication connectivity in Himachal Pradesh?
10. What is 5G?
11. A new vision document for 6G is released, what difference would it make?
12. Should we be pursuing such technologies even when our society doesn't even have the basic item required to access 5G (pointed her smartphone towards me).

Member 1

1. Your name is spelled differently than others with the same name. Why?
2. What is the major agricultural produce of Himachal Pradesh?
3. Does produce of Himachal Pradesh gets exported?
4. Are you aware of the logistics involved in the same?
5. What is the chain of logistics?
6. Do the farmers suffer in terms of income due to logistics lacunae?
7. What would you do as a DM to increase the income of farmers of your district?
8. Development vs Environment?
9. What tools would you use to tackle this dilemma?

Member 2

(can't recall the exact sequence and some of his questions)

1. What is a wafer?
2. What is it made of?
3. What is NCLT? What disputes? Who goes to NCLT?
4. Choose one sector of Himachal and one policy which you would like to change and tell me why and how.

5. Name one thing that Himachal exports out of state.

Member 3

1. Would you consider yourself as an Introvert or an extrovert?
2. What is Vijay Diwas?
3. Many people from Himachal were in Kargil War, name 4 PVC winners from Kargil War.
4. Are you aware of RIC grouping?
5. Have you heard of BRICS?
6. In light of tensions between India-China and Russia-Ukraine war, how do you see the future of BRICS?

Member 4

Monologue on how China has developed its border by community development programmes.

1. What is the status of the same in India?
2. What about the same in Himachal?
3. Do you think we should pursue such policy too?
4. Have you visited these border areas? What is the terrain there?
5. What is the major source of Revenue of Himachal?
6. Views on prohibition?(continued from excise duty)
7. Prohibition favours women. Agree or not? How?
8. How are states like Gujarat and Bihar managing their fiscal health with prohibition?(I said they are debt ridden)
9. Debt of Himachal?
10. Internal and external debt of India?

Ma'am pointed towards the member to end the conversation.

Sathiyavathy ma'am said Thank you.

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Date of Interview: 5 April 2023, Afternoon

Board: Smt. M. Sathiyavathy Mam

Home State: Telangana

DAF Keywords: IIT Roorkee, Geophysics, Seismology,

Hobbies: Travelling, Mentoring, Basketball

Chairman

1. Read the DAF out loud
2. Meaning of your name?
3. How are the two names connected?
4. What have you been doing since your graduation?

5. Didn't you think about doing any job?
6. What is the difference between geologist, geophysicist, hydrogeologist etc
7. Don't you think the holistic essence of knowledge is being forgotten, going for more and more specialisation?
8. But now everyone wants to go to a super speciality doctor. Just MBBS seems to be useful in today's world.
9. How will your knowledge in Geophysics help you in administration?

Member 1

1. What is the reason for earthquakes?
2. Ok, other than tectonic?
3. If we compare Himalayas and Alps, which region is more favorable for constructing Tunnels?
4. Ok, what about Himalayas, where is it safe to construct Tunnels?
5. What measures do we take in seismic retrofitting?
6. How do we do base isolation? What is the mechanism we use in this process?
7. Do we need a new States Reorganization Commission? Now that we have so many demands for new states?
8. What can be the criteria to create new states?
9. What were the reasons for Telangana state demand?
10. But now AP is saying that they are being neglected. What do you say now?
11. You are a DM. Incharge for building a housing society. The minister insists you to buy land from a particular company. What will you do?

Member 2

1. Is Delhi safe from seismic activity? Are we on a fault plane?
2. We felt the vibrations even from an earthquake so far in Afghanistan. Isn't it dangerous?
3. On what all factors does the impact of an earthquake depend on?
4. Russia-Ukraine war. Who is at fault in your opinion?
5. Now that Finland has joined NATO, what will be the implications of it?
6. Which places did you travel in recent times?
7. What all do you explore in a place?

Member 3

1. Your state Telangana is famous for Tobacco industry. Don't you think we should replace Tobacco cultivation by a different crop?
2. Which crops can we grow as an alternative in that areas?
3. Telangana is planning to grow oil palm. Can we replace Tobacco cultivation with Oil palm? Isn't it the same agro-climatic zone?

4. Any statistics which show Telangana has developed?
5. So, is dividing states the formula for progress?
6. But your state lost access to the coast now? That is a major loss, right?

Member 4

1. You have studied in Roorkee. Roorkee is the “City of?”
2. How much progress has India done in deep sea mining?
3. Why is our status in deep sea exploration limited?
4. Any mission that is looking after seismic profiling in the EEZ of India?
5. What is dead oil?
6. You said you went to places X and Y recently. What problems will you solve in those areas, if you were made the DM there?
7. How will you explain the colour purple to a blind person?

Experience: Cordial experience. Sometimes, cut answers midway. Not like grilling, but there was subsequent cross questioning. But otherwise good.

Said Sorry quite a few times, but the overall feel was positive.

Mocks: Gave about 6-7 mocks. Gave quite a few DAF based mocks as well. Helped in gaining fluency and also identify the words I am speaking frequently. So that, I can work on further expected questions in those areas.

Thanks to my friends and PT Extended family for being ever supportive

Wishing everyone All the Best

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Date of Interview: 6th April, Afternoon Session,
Board: Smt. M. Sathiyavathy Mam
Optional: Sociology
College: IIT Roorkee (B.Tech Civil Engineering)
Profession: IPS
Hobbies: Playing Fingerstyle guitar, Trekking, and Camping

Chairman

1. Mam read the whole DAF aloud.
2. What are you doing currently?
3. Why IAS after IPS?
4. Why are politicians more close to IPS Officers than IAS Officers?
5. So you agree with this view?
6. What is role of IAS if IPS Officers implement rule of law and schemes (based on my previous answer)

7. 3 problems faced at Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (DAF)

Member 1

1. What are Sanctions?
2. What are the economic and humanitarian impact of sanctions?
3. Are they backed by the UN?
4. Why do countries follow these sanctions?
5. Should India follow them?
6. Have you heard about Locke? What is the “state of nature” concept given by him? (I didn’t know, he explained)
7. Would sanctions lead to state of nature?

Member 2

1. The population of India- boon or bane?
2. So many schemes for skilling, but no awareness on ground level. How to resolve this as an administrator?

Member 3

1. Why are there so many services? Why don’t we just merge them into a single
2. Civil Service? Advantages and disadvantages of doing so.
3. What is Soil stabilization? How is it done?
4. What is RERA? Under which act?
5. What is G20?
6. Who will hold the presidency next? Who held the presidency previously?
7. Difference between Dacoity and Robbery?

Member 4

1. How do you overcome failures and criticisms in life?
2. India-Nepal relations and India-Bhutan relations- current scenario?
3. What’s going on between India and Bhutan? What can India do in this?
4. A question to probably check my presence of mind- “A farmer has 17 Cattle’s, and all but 9 died. How many cattle are left?” (I replied 8, he said are you sure and smiled, i recalled the question and apologized and said 9 will be left)

Overall, the interview was a mix bag for me. Some questions were asked from DAF, some from current events, and some actual “personality judging questions”. The board was very cordial (except for one member), but the members were frequently looking at the clock. Sathiyawathy mam was quite expressive, which made the environment less tense. I didn’t know the answer to a few questions. could’ve answered a few questions in a better way. Hope my marks disagree

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Date of Interview: 6th April 2023, 2nd to go in the forenoon session

Board: Smt. M. Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional: PSIR

DAF keywords - Face painting, football, ngo koshish, stone painting, robotics

Graduation - Electronics Engineering

Chairman

1. after reading the daf loudly-
2. What are you doing since 2020? (graduation)
3. What is this face painting? If u are given scenario to paint on sir's face (panelist sitting beside ma'am) then what will you paint?
4. What is stone painting? What kind of stones do u use? What did you paint on them?
5. Your service preference?
6. Who is the ultimate gainer of Russia-Ukraine war?
7. How is USA benefitting from the war?
8. Why do European nations follow what US does?
9. If you were in place of Zelensky what would you have done? - Negotiating with putin to stop the war.
10. Wouldn't that be against west's intentions?
11. So for u saving life of people is more important than saving territory?
12. So what kind of leader zelensky is if he is continuing the war?

Member 1

1. What is India's stand on Taliban led Afghan government?
2. What are the issues for India in dealing with Taliban led govt?
3. Why did US pull it's forces out of Afghanistan?
4. They did it I so much of hurry... Why?
5. Could there have been a better way to pull out their forces?
6. We are witnessing a growing closeness of India with US and greater alignment towards it.. Why is it so?

Member 2

1. What is Extradition? Does India have any extradition law? With which of the neighboring nations India have extradition treaty?
2. ICC ruling over Putin... Is it legally enforceable? In not then what's the point of such rulings?
3. Why ICC and not ICJ over such ruling?
4. How is it a ruling over a individual and not on whole country?

5. Why only the topmost leader of a country is targeted and not other officials?

Member 3

1. If you are given a scenario to formulate a team what kind of member would you choose- a fixer or the one who follows the rules?
2. But fixer can do the work easily and give result in a timely manner while rule based person might fail sometimes. Whom will you chose now?
3. If you are an IFS officer abroad, how will you manage a scenario where some of your nationals are arrested by another nation?
4. Indian Foreign trade policy components? What as an IFS officer would you do to increase trade among nations?

Member 4

1. Going back to the rules and regulations scenario- If a situation demands you to go beyond the rules for better public delivery of services... What will you do?
2. So you have done graduation in electronics engineering-tell me what is valence band and conduction band?
3. How does solar panel works?
4. What material is used in the production of solar panels?
5. What type of current we get as an out of solar panels?
6. How to convert that to AC?
7. How do we get electricity when there is no sunlight?... What if batteries are also not there then how would you electrify appliances at night?
8. Isn't there any other alternative to solar panels for night?
9. Have you heard of pumped hydrogen?
Now kind of rapid fire type by M4.
10. You know about ASEAN? Full form? How many nations in ASEAN? Is India a member?
11. G20? How much population it represent? GDP? Presidency of G20 (Troika).
12. Saying this question is just aise hi and won't impact your marks - which Indian movie has recently won Oscars? The documentary one? So do you know the name of the elephant in the movie?
13. You are wearing a double buttoned suit- which one is generally used to button the upper one or lower one... I said the upper one but I'm more comfortable with the lower one - asked because when I entered my lower one was buttoned.

Chairperson- Your interview is over.

The board was very cordial and smiling. Never felt like talking to some officials taking the interview. It was more kind of like conversation with your elders.

Recommended mocks- KSG, Chahal but original one is totally different from these mocks.

Discussion with my friend circle and our own mini mocks almost daily helped me a lot.

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Board: Smt. M. Sathiyavathy Mam**Date of Interview:** 6 April 2023, Forenoon, 5th to go**Optional:** Commerce & Accountancy**DAF keywords:** SRCCFinancial literacy campaign, Women Empowerment wing, Hindi Sahitya Sabha
Delhi, Goa, Handicrafts Dept, Textile Ministry**Chairman**

1. Why did you leave job
2. Who is considered to be a financial literate person (DAF)
3. Where should Sen. Citizens invest?
4. Why states are moving back to OPS?
5. As Finance Secretary, what would be your suggestion for the OPS and NPS?
6. How NPS works?

Member 1

1. Why do we have different CA, CS, other positions and not one?
2. Earlier name of Ministry of Corp Affairs
3. Significant steps taken for corporate lately
4. Decision regarding Independent Directors in recent past?
5. What is MCA 21?

Member 2

1. Other sector to be tapped into for Goa govt other than tourism
2. Major revenue sources of Goa Govt
3. What is GeM
4. Should audit be performed before or after completion of accounts
5. Factors to be considered while accessing a proposal of any sector before approving it

Member 3

1. What is anti dumping
2. What is safeguard duty
3. How can we ensure domestic production and export of solar cells, considering China is a dominant player in terms of imposition of duties?
4. Where is cashew grown

Member 4

1. Functions of RBI in terms of managing economy
2. QUAD vs AUKUS and China angle associated

3. Challenges posed by China to India
4. Issue in South China Sea

Chairman: Thank you, all the best

Utility of mocks: Help you in facing the board with the mannerism needed.

Can't say which one is the closest, the arrangements are quite different in the real PT

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Date of Interview: 24th March, Morning, Last to go

Board: Smt. M. Sathiyavathy Mam

Optional: Commerce & Accountancy

Professional qualification: CA & CFA

Work Experience: Audit and Taxation at a CA Firm

Home state: Madhya Pradesh (nothing asked)

Daf Keywords: Played hockey at states level, Volunteer for organ donation awareness, Leadership positions (Treasurer at Student Council in college, Head Boy of School), Interests cooking

First impression: Lovely grand room, big round table with flowers kept in the middle, Chairperson mam sitting right opposite to me with framed portrait of all previous UPSC chairpersons on the wall behind, Yellow lights made the room bright

Chairman

1. Read the whole DAF, asked me what am I doing since 2019?
Post this overall discussion revolved around Old Pension Scheme and New Pension Theme
2. She said as you are CA I'll like to talk about OPS and NPS. Tell me which of them is better for govt and which is better for govt servant Next she said how can we make NPS more attractive
(I answered we can followed middle path suggested by Andhra Pradesh govt covered and explained it in detail)
She then cross questioned that it might lead to fiscal burden with the state. I re-explained my case. She countered with another set of issues again, said giving you one more chance I covered other wayouts for which she was only partially satisfied. After exhausting all my options I thought its better to hit a circuit breaker so that we can discuss something else. Once I said I'll have to read more on it. She said okay keep reading, keep learning and passed on to M1
3. All this might sound like an argument here but it was in a normal conversational tone.
4. (I guess Madam has served as Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment. This is no way mean that we have to dig profiles of member in detail)

Member 1

Said I'll talk to you on International Relations

Big monologue before each question, made me wonder what he gonna ask ultimately

1. USA entered Iraq, Afghanistan and now indirectly supports Ukraine via NATO. Tell me what will the next front where USA will confront? And why does USA choose to do all this confrontations?
2. Monologue around Taliban. Then asked how US withdrawal and Taliban rule will affect India?
3. Asked what is the political as well as strategic reason behind bifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir.
4. Told that there is a train which is expected to start by Dec 2023 and will go till Baramulla, so tell me how it will benefit the overall region. I told sir I'm not completely aware about it. So he said it's a train which will connect Baramulla thru Srinagar. So I gave my take.

Member 2

1. What is the status of GST in India?
2. Chartered Accountants have got a lot of work due to GST. So do you really think it has reduced the compliance burden or has it increased it further?
3. What is GSTN? Which company runs it?
4. Tell me sth about your cooking, what do you cook? (After I told them chairperson mam started smiling)
5. Started talking about organ donation. Told me to highlight issues and solutions (in the middle mam of his question mam gestured to pass it on)

Member 3

Covered e-commerce overall, the discussion was generic so will try to cover its gist only

1. Asked the status of ecommerce?
2. Said what about international trade?
3. Then said issues like grievance handling are prominent
4. Tried to draw some links with WTO etc (seemed like he had some experience in working with the WTO)

Member 4

Lady member (right next to me)

1. How to improve organ utilisation? (later added that we do not where exactly we will die so that's an issue)
2. Asked me how to promote hockey in the backdrop of popularity of cricket?
3. How will you use your optional/work ex in administration?
4. What were your lessons as a leader and its application in civil services?

5. Final question, as you have been a leader. Let me give you a situation that you are in the phase on India's freedom struggle in 1900s, now tell what will you do as a leader there?
Post this chairperson said your interview is over, All the best!

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Date of Interview: 23rd March Afternoon

Board: M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

Daf keywords: Quora, Ph.D., MPhil, Diamond ECOWAS, peacekeeping climate change, Africa

Chairman

1. Why IAS, why not teaching
2. findings of your mphil research
(Discussion on findings, which involved Africa in climate negotiations, 100billion usd finance)

Member 1

1. On what issues do you write on Quora
2. what is project udan in your daf
3. why Indian peacekeeping efforts not giving returns in terms of military partnerships
(Discussion on this)
4. Top contributors
5. What is India doing to increase defence cooperation with these countries
6. India China different approach in Africa

Member 2

1. recent IPCC report
2. what are the new timelines for climate agenda in the report
3. climate finance, what's the progress?
Discussion on this
4. what developing countries are doing since developed countries not fulfilling responsibility
5. What is ESG

Member 3

1. why ECOWAS peacekeeping not working
2. why not AU peacekeeping
3. ECOWAS issues
4. why South Sudan not improving despite resources
5. your service preferences

6. why diamond mining decreasing in Panna
7. As Panna DM how will you improve diamond mining status

Member 4

1. What is swajiland in Africa
2. What is gender gap , how is it calculated
3. self help groups and their role in women empowerment
4. HDI , and states with HDI , how is it calculated

Thank you

Thanks To PT extended family and telegram community and kaptan bhaiya for full Sumport.

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Date of Interview: 23 March 2023

Board: M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Home state: Haryana

Job profile: Indian corporate law service

Working state: Tamilnadu

Relevant keywords in daf- department of women and development in college, ngo for slum education children

Chairman

1. Chairperson clarified about service and training periods, then she asked why preferred cadre is different than that of home state.

Member 1

2. Why to give education to slum people when ultimately unemployment is there (hinting towards skilling)
3. What is the number of people residing in slums (I knew percentage so told only that)
4. Social issues in Rajasthan related to women (preferred cadre)
5. How will you solve these issues as DM ... (I earlier mentioned child marriage, poor women literacy)
6. **new** scheme of Haryana where women can go for grievance redressal (I said sorry)

Member 2

1. 1.definition of slum sociologically
2. what are the challenges of women in slum different from other women
3. I talked about menstrual hygiene so she asked further on it for scheme for the same.
4. Role of dept of women and development in your college

Member 3

1. **name** of karnal...why so
2. mgnrega scheme should be dismantled
3. How to reduce cost of millets for urban consumers and reason for the same.
4. What challenges did you face after got selection and came for training.

Member 4

1. Sociological difference between north and south society
2. Dravidian model of governance
3. CSR
4. Why then govt should do welfare when corporate sector is also doing
Chairperson then said thankyou and everybody greeted.

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Date of Interview: 23/03/23, Session – Forenoon

Board: M. Sathiyavathy Ma'am

(one female member + 3 male members)

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttarakhand

Background: Mathematics

Time Duration: 29 minutes

I was third to go

DAF keywords – Haridwar, Non fiction books, Cricket, Quiz

Chairman

Ma'am read aloud the whole DAF, other members were taking note of the same.

1. What are you doing after graduation? Are you working?
2. You are from UK,tell me after Joshimath issue what will be the impact on tourism?
3. How will you promote tourism in Uttarakhand?
4. How will you bring change when even educated people throw rappers and garbage after eating something like chocolate?
5. How many districts in your state?
6. What is ODOP?
(I also mentioned about One district two product of Uttarakhand)
7. Tell me five districts and ten products of UK?

Member 1

1. How Mathematics can be used in cybersecurity like forensic etc?
2. Today is world meteorological day and asked a question

(Could not comprehend)

3. What is New pension scheme?

Member 2

1. Why PSIR after mathematics?
2. Tell me the tourism potential of UK?(long discussion on this)
3. Tell me what all places/ districts have you visited in Uttarakhand?
4. Chardham yatra Yojana and ensuing widening of roads what will be its impact?
5. How people will go to Badrinath when Joshimath's road are badly impacted and broken?

Member 3

1. Who is (asked me the name of some quizmaster)?
2. Have you read this book(asked me some book whose name I don't remember now)
3. Tell me name of five Indian mathematicians of prominence currently working in India?
4. Any mathematician of India you know?
5. Who is Manjul Bhargava?
(Follow up from previous question)
6. He is famous for what and any book written by him?
7. What is Karmakar theory?
8. What is Ramanujam number?
9. Tell me what is special about it?
10. Why Ramanujam died so young and what he used to do?
11. Have you watched the movie based on his life?
12. You read non fiction books, which books have you read recently?(told him three books)
13. Any other book from IR/ foreign affairs?(told him I am primarily interested in IR)
14. Have you watched the movie " A beautiful mind"?(follow up from above as I told him about book by Sylvia Nasser)
15. What was John Nash famous for?(told about Nash equilibrium, game theory and Nobel prize in economics)
16. He was suffering from some disease, why mathematicians suffer from such diseases and become crazy (everyone in board was very curious and chairperson ma'am even interjected me)
17. Tell me some contemporary issues other than IR/ foreign affairs?
18. You follow budget ,tell me the size of budget of Delhi?
19. Tell me the size of budget of Union government?
20. How much has been the allocation for Science?
21. Tell me how recent bank failure will impact India?

Member 4

1. What are the exact reasons for SVB failure, give me four reasons? (carry forward from M3's last question)
2. There is global body for payment to transfer funds? Do you know about it?
3. What India is doing for making payment in local currency? (Like in case of buying oil from Russia?)
4. Tell me about the relationship of India with Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka in one- one line.

Ok your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 21 March, Afternoon session, 5th to go

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Optional: Medical Science

College: Government Medical College and Hospital, Chandigarh

Keywords: MBBS, Horology (wrist watches), blog writing, sports- basketball, athletics, Chandigarh

Chairman

1. CM: You're a doctor, what extra would Civil services provide you with?
2. CM: So you said dynamic. What do you understand by dynamic?
3. Medical services are also dynamic, you see new patients, different signs and symptoms, different diagnosis?
4. When did your internship end? (July 2022). What are you doing since then?
5. Okay I'll give you a scenario, you are the DM and in your area there's a village that has no infrastructure. It has no schools, roads or a PHC/Hospital. You have funds for only one project. Which out of the three will you work upon?

Member 1

1. So Dr, I'll pick up on the dynamic thread as stated by you and chairperson Ma'am. You're an athlete, played basketball, high jump, running, so why not the armed forces? You will

have cases of trauma, gunshot victims, high altitude, daily different challenge?

2. So before evolving- army, after evolving upsc? He clarified that he meant it as just a light hearted statement
3. You do blog writing? On what do you write?
4. What type of writing on wrist watches you do?

Member 2

1. Smiling throughout, encouraging
2. Horology? That's the first time I'm seeing this, very interesting.
3. Smartwatches- will they end the mechanical watch segment?
4. Monologue on digitisation age and Swiss watchmakers embracing smartwatch culture by sir
5. Mortality number in India due to Covid? Different agencies give different numbers. You can give your own number.
Just a guess? Okay we will not press you on the exact number.
6. M1 aptly mentioned you are an athlete. So name a sport which has multiple sports assessed within it in the Olympics?
7. So who won the gold medal in Olympics in Decathlon?

Member 3

1. Has India been successful in tackling Covid? How?
2. Indo-Pak relations and role Punjab can play in them.
3. What is Covid diplomacy?
4. What is basketball diplomacy?

Member 4

1. Why Covid spread and cases more in urban areas than rural areas?
2. Any role of antigen in forming immunity in rural population?
3. NHM or NRHM as it is called, has it been successful?
4. Has our family planning been successful?
5. Chandigarh- should cities be planned like this? Is this a good model?
6. **Chairman:** Anybody wants to ask more questions?

Thank you, All the best

Utility of mocks- Good for motivation and facing the fear of unknown. The real interview was very pleasant with almost no grilling as compared to mocks. No current affairs asked. Everyone (including me) was smiling throughout and it was a relaxed atmosphere.

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Date of Interview: 22 March, forenoon session, 5th to go

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Optional: Geography

Background: Civil Engineering

Hobbies: Teaching, following cricket

Your experience in Interview: Very much cordial board. They all welcomed me with a smile. They were listening and not interrupting in between, very much different from the mocks.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any): Mocks are helpful in developing confidence to speak in front of 4-5 people and preparing some questions. Some questions got repeated from mocks.

Chairman

Madam read out the DAF loudly and started asking.

1. What are you doing since 2020
2. Not applied for placements?
3. You are geography student, what are the deviations observed on the map while represent
4. ing spherical earth on 2-d maps Tell iconic civil engineering structures in india in recent times and challenges in their construction
5. Foundation of Taj Mahal?
6. Relation between civil engineering and geography
7. Why you didn't opted for police (short height)
8. Which areas of science are you interested in?
9. Who won the Nobel prize in physics? Anyone in recent past?
10. Any husband wife have won recently in any field? Their name and contributions?
11. What do you teach? Who and do you teach?
12. Who is your role model in ethical and moral behaviour?
13. Why cricket is so much prominent? Why other sports not able to gain popularity?
14. who will provide funding to other sports?

Member 2

1. When is world water day celebrated?
2. why is it celebrated?
3. Which is the largest freshwater lake in the world?
4. Yesterday there was earthquake in delhi? Did you felt the shocks?
5. What would be the first precautionary step in case of earthquake?
6. How will you link geography with technology?

Member 3

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Member 4

1. what's the meaning of your name?
2. You were talking about iconic buildings, have you heard about a tunnel which was recently constructed? (Atal tunnel)
3. What is it's length?
4. What is famous about you district?

Chairperson: Your interview is over.

One thing I would like to say is UPSC interview is altogether different experience, very much different from mocks.

All the best everyone.

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Date of Interview: 20/3/23 – Afternoon session

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Home State: Tamil Nadu

Optional: PSIR

Relevant DAF keywords: Ceramic technology, Project on Sustainable energy

Chairman

1. Why civil services despite such unique graduation subject
2. About my college project for sustainable energy development
3. Few follow up on its feasibility and current status
4. Why TN govt opposes NEET?
5. Is it justified? And some more discussion on this
6. What's your personal opinion?
7. What is famous about your home district?

Member 1

1. Again on why civil services
2. What will you do first if posted in rural interior area ?
3. What about tha data ? How will you collect them ?
4. Monologue on Gender issue. What's your opinion on Gender equal society? When can India

achieve it ?

5. Let's start from your family. How gender sensitive/ inclusive is your family?
6. How do you think one should choose their career?
7. For what reasons/qualities you think ,you were selected as President of your College association?

Member 2

1. How did you develop team spirit, is it through sports that you played or inborn ?
2. Discussion on Sustainable energy and new areas to be explored linked to my project
3. Areas of Ceramic application especially in Construction sector and other areas too

Member 3

1. What is Black, Grey and Green hydrogen?
2. What is India's Panchamrit goals ? Especially Renewable energy target
3. How are we performing in this regard?
4. What is TN's contribution to Renewable energy and it's potentials?
5. Which areas of Sustainable energy we should be focusing?
6. Asked about a unique engineering structure in my home district

Member 4

1. Monologue on India not promoting R&D. Asked for three suggestions to improve R&D as a policy maker ?
2. What should be India's approach to Lithium ?
3. One more question on brain drain in India
4. Why chose PSIR despite being from Engineering background?

Overall Cordial board. Mostly DAF-based interview as Chairperson reads the keywords in DAF after you enter the room.

Utility of mocks: Improves confidence and can predict some DAF based questions. Samkalp and Shankar IAS both were relevant in my case. One to one with my friend was very useful. Thanks to the community. All the best to fellow aspirants! Thanks to Kaptaan and team.

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Date of Interview: 16th March afternoon

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Chairman

1. Read the DAF aloud.
2. What is Mandala Art?

3. State reorganization – Compare the states formation and success of CG,
4. Jharkhand, Uttarakhand.
5. Should we divide UP? Reasons.
6. If you are President of Russia, what will you do to stop the war?

Member 1

1. Tell me the salient features of NEP.
2. Why restructure into 5+3+3+4?
3. Why credit system? What is the purpose?
4. Why the need of multidisciplinary education?

Member 2

1. Teachers are not able to control students, how police will be able to control citizens?
2. Police face a lot of probs today, what lessons do you draw as young police?
3. Is LWE under control in CG? If yes, what were the reasons for this?

Member 3

1. Old Age homes increasing? Why? Your opinion.
2. Forest area in Hyderabad, around NPA?
3. What you have learnt in NPA Training? How it has changed you?

Member 4

1. Challenges faced in tribal development.
2. Should we place all tribals residing in pockets of forest area in one place like tribal village and go for development rather than going for individual tribals in isolated areas?
3. Do you support such a move?

Chairman

Ok, your interview is done. Thank you.

Utility of mocks –

Not much. Can be given for confidence building and practice.

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Date of interview: 17 March 2023, Afternoon Session, 1st to Go

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Keywords from DAF: Gambia, West Africa, Mumbai,

Background: Electrical Engineering, Suryanamaskar

Optional: Sociology

Chairman

1. Where are you from? Africa?
2. How you were born there? Job profession of father?
3. Tell something on watching grp
4. Walchand involved in defense?
5. Make in India and defence. Are we successful? Why are we lagging behind?
6. What to do for r&d

Member 1

1. So you do Yoga (told her I do suryanamaskar in particular)
2. Benefit of yoga Should all do yoga ?
3. Assume yu are sociologist. Now how yu r going to study and what yu r going to study in gambia Theory of sociology which defines social change?
4. Role of swami vivekanand in young population
His birthday

Member 2

1. Urban issues of Mumbai
2. Why are there so many fire hazards and urban flooding in Mumbai
3. Why PPL are silent on this?
4. Ele engg ->
5. Why AC used in transmission and not DC?
6. But fir hvdc ka concept kyu introduce Kiya?
7. What is e ATv? (Daf)
8. Why ev not popular in Mumbai?
9. How to incentivise it?
10. Battery swappage kyu nahi kr rahe ?
11. Battery ko retrofit kr sakte ? Kaise? What is HEV

Member 3

1. Tell about Family as a unit in Indian context
2. Live in vs marriage - your opinion
3. Prominent Theorists after Gramsci (from prev ques)

Member 4

1. When yu started preparing for civil services?
2. Acha so in sangli, did yur clg students contribute for covid relief during 2nd wave?
3. In yur clg yu were only one, so did you do any contribution? (Told him could not go out due to covid restrictions)

4. You know 12 names of suryas ?
5. Tell me any one thing on assam
6. In child's marriage arrests, are PeopLe of one community targeted?
7. What is shree Anna ?
8. Where in maha it is grown?
9. Do you eat it ? Taste acha lagta kya ?

CP - Thank You Interview is over

Experience - Moderate. Overall Cordial board

Mocks - all mocks (irrespective of scores and feedback) benefited in sense they helped in developing question bank

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Date of Interview: 17 March 2023

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am, Afternoon Session, 2nd to Go

Optional: Anthropology

Keywords from DAF: NIT Allahabad, Playing Percussion Instruments, Writing Blogs on Quora, Aligarh Muslim University

Chairman

1. read out the DAF for other members
2. Quora is getting very popular, what is the name of your blog? (Chai Biskut)
3. Why this name?
4. But why not Biscuit and why Biskut?
5. So you add Chai to this Biskut? (Related to the name of my Blog) (and she laughed)
6. Why did you leave your job in 2020, it paid you well.
7. Why Anthropology and not Mechanical Engineering?
8. Have you studied Archaeological Anthropology?
9. Have you ever visited an excavated site?
10. Why do you want to visit Rakhigarhi?
11. What do you know about Keeladi Excavations?

Member 1

1. Have you read Tribal Anthropology well?
2. What is a tribe?
3. Process of listing an area as Scheduled Area?
4. What are Guidelines in this regard? Are there any guidelines?
5. Do you think this recommendation by State Government or Governor is often Politically Motivated?
6. What is the Indigenous issue related to tribes?

7. Who are Indigenous people of India?
8. How to identify groups as tribals? Any Supreme Court Rulings?
9. What did SC say in Niyamgiri Case?

Member 2

1. What is happening in Indian Education System?
2. Do you think having the name of language in name of University (Like Telugu University) correct?
3. What if a tribe having ST status marries a non tribal, will the child be still given ST status? (some questions I cant recall)

Member 3

1. Bansi Bhaiyya Chronicles (I talked about it in Blog Answer), are you a person who observes a lot of people and happenings around you?
2. why do you like observing human lives and why do you write about them
3. Tell me three things you learned from Bansi Bhaiyya Chronicles Story that you have written.
4. Bureaucrats are given rules and regulations to follow, what is the importance of Emotional Competency and Values if rules are already given?
5. How to eliminate Human Biases in taking effective Decisions?

Member 4

1. Which Instruments do you play?
2. Do you think traditional Tribal Knowledge is relevant in Medicine?
3. Any initiative of Government of India?
4. Any examples that you have read?
5. Name a tribe from Nilgiris
6. How much Tribal Population in UP?
7. Any tribe near Aligarh?
8. What is significance of culture interactions and Social cohesion of different groups in Universities like AMU?

Thank you, All the best.

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Date of Interview: 17/03/2023

Board: M. Sathiyavathy ma'am.

Optional: Sociology

Background: Mechanical Engineering

Home State: Karnataka

Chairman

Read DAF loudly and asked what I was doing since graduation

- 1) When are you joining “commercial tax officer “?
- 2) Why it is still called as “ Commercial Tax” even after GST in place ?
- 3) What did you do in “Namma Team”? (Volunteered in Namma Team during covid second wave)
- 4) How many cases you handled per day?
- 5) Who is CNR Rao? His role in ISRO?
- 6) Who is UR Rao?

Member 1

1. components of any society which helps to analyse it?
2. what is caste? Its role in politics and society?
3. LGBTQs ? SC judgement?
4. SC and Women- deprivation and various scheme to uplift?
5. Make in India scheme
6. what is Smart city?
7. Is Bengaluru covered under Smart city mission?
8. is Bengaluru really smart city? Any developments in this regard?

Member 2

1. Economic reforms or LPG Reforms ,1991- social devide and social cohesion?
2. Problems of Nuclear Family in cities?
3. Feminist movement- main Objectives
4. How you got interest in Volunteering for Campaign on “combating plastic waste”?
5. Regional Imbalance in Karnataka
6. sir M Visheshwarayya contributions?
7. sir M Vishweshwayya contribution outside Karnataka?

Member 3

1. How will you motivate youths for “Volunteering”?
2. How Mechanical Engineering will help you in Daily Life and In Administration
3. In Which Ministry mechanical engineers are more suitable? Name any 3?
4. Why Russia-Ukrain war? India’s stand?
5. Bengaluru-Mysore Expressway (recently inaugurated)- its Advantages and Concerns?
6. Have you travelled to Mysore? Travelling time between Bengaluru and Mysore? Which one is better- road or railway?
7. How much time now it may take to reach mysore through experssaway ?

Member 4

1. What is Electrical and Hybrid Vehicles?
2. Any Vehicle , which uses only compressed Air and no fuels?
3. which one is best for “Mass transportation “?
4. Pitch for Investment in Karnataka (apart from IT)?
5. Pitch for Investments in Belagavi?
6. Belagavi border dispute- what is the current status
7. Which mode is more “cost effective “? Air, Train or Roadway?

Chairman:

All the best

Forgot some Questions

Board was very cordial (smiling faces)

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Date of Interview: 13-03-23

Board: M Sathyavathy ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Chairman

1. what's this gratitude diary ?
2. Why do you write it ?
3. Why are you becoming a philosopher at such a young age ?
4. Is there any gratitude for you today in this interview ?

Member 1

1. Apart from paying gratitude , what other intrapersonal skills should civil servant have ?
2. Why should India focus on internationalisation of rupee ?
3. What time frame do you suggest for achieving this internationalisation of rupee?
4. Some questions on school and college

Member 2

1. What social issues have you read ?
2. what is social fact and who introduced it ?
3. Ways for youth to contribute to voluntary services?
4. What benefit voluntary public services will serve ?
5. What social issues you have encountered in your family ?

Member 3

1. What is aspirational district programme ?
2. What apart from 3Cs in programme that makes it unique?
3. Why movement in Shaheen bagh and why it die out ?
4. Is there any under current left ?
5. Any fundamental duty that you want to enforce ?
6. Tell me any other duty apart from fundamental duties ?
7. One argument for and one against UCC
8. Should UCC be enforced

Member 4

1. How can we enhance social inclusion ?
2. Challenges posed by technology in urban areas ?
3. How can we effectively enforce policies ?
4. Can we make different policies for different sections

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Date of Interview: 13/03/2023

Board: M Sathyavathy ma'am

Optional: English literature

Background: economics

Hobbies: budget travel, Surya namaskar, sudarshan kriya

Majorly daf based questions

Chairman

1. what are you doing since graduation
2. why English literature
3. you travel, places you travelled to
4. does travel and tourism pollute culture
5. what about foreigners in Goa
6. Rajasthan and it's culture
7. only foreigners get influenced or we are influences as well

Member 1

1. what are the trends in contemporary Indian literature
2. Hindi is official language or national
3. can it be made national language
4. can it be made link language
5. NEP and language provisions

6. how can we achieve linguistic richness
7. different in literature and language in official purposes
8. use of translation

Member 2

1. MV Vilas
2. can be it made cheaper for people, How will you do it as tourism secretary
romance language kya hai (pata nahi)
3. Russia Ukraine conflict, are global forums like UNO irrelevant now

Member 3

1. digitalization of public finance and it's benefits
2. can everybody do Yoga, elderly can't so what can be done in that case
3. motivation, is it only monetary
4. how to promote feeling of belongingness among employees to motivate them

Member 4

1. law or enforcement
2. why women children continue to face crimes, what needs to be done
3. is social reform needed
4. people taking law in their hands for quick justice, what are your views
5. block chain in governance
6. crypto what is India doing to control crypto

Thank you, your interview is over.

Mocks - just to remove nervousness.

O2O seemed deeper and more helpful to me.

Special thanks to Utkarsh Sir SOMP and my peers for daily discussions! Both of this helped me majorly in how to think and get into a habit of discussion

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Date of Interview: 13/03/23(fourth in morning)

Board: M Sathyavathy ma'am

Optional: Chemistry

Home State: Bihar

Background: Chemical engineering, IIT BHU

Work experience: IOCL, Reliance

Hobbies: cricket, movies

Other keywords - Ram Krishna mission, Cultural festival

Duration: 25 min approx

Chairman

1. What are u doing since leaving ur job?
2. Why u resigned from IOCL?
3. How u are sustaining ur preparation financially?
4. Are u doing other activities like freelancing or content development in coaching institutes?
5. What is windfall tax(grilling on it why how where how is benefiting....)
6. What is this prayer hall incharge?(daf related)
7. Should prayer be allowed in school (slight grilling on issues)?

Member 1

1. Again some question on prayer (can't recall)
2. Are we utilising this demographic dividend?
3. What is this average age of India and how we get it?what it shows
4. Do u think population is an asset or liability?
5. How we are using it or what steps we are taking?
6. Unemployment rate presently and your views?

Member 2

1. Special about BHU?
2. How is Swami Vivekananda birthday celebrated?
3. How is it celebrated in ur school?
4. Budget special features?
5. Youth aspects of budget ?

Member 3

1. Steps India is taking to reduce crude import?
2. What is present status of ethanol blending and new targets?
3. Problem in renewable energy integration in grid?
4. How can we reduce fluctuations if RE is integrated in grid?
5. What is International solar alliance (grilling on it?)
6. Progress in geothermal energy?

Member 4

1. lithium reserve in J&K?
2. What other festival are held in college other than cultural?
3. Is sports not part of our culture (grilling on it)?
4. Technologies which India can export in chemical sector?

Chairman

All the best...ur interview is over

Totally based on DAFs and from keywords I used in answer

Mocks utility - Give for practice n getting different questions...I don't have the distinction of good and bad board

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Date of interview: 13 March

Board: M Sathyavathy ma'am

Optional: Itihaas gawah hai

College: Padharo mhare des

Profession (if any): dukh dard kasht peeda. Yahi humara profession hai

Hobbies: Queen's Gambit, Rock On

Your experience in interview- board was extremely cordial. Initially, when I entered there were 4 members, another ma'am joined in the middle of the interview. Interview was 70% from DAF.

Ma'am wished good morning, I wished the others as well. She read out the DAF loudly.

Chairman

You're from West Bengal or Rajasthan? Then why did you go to Rajasthan for graduation

1. There was a common entrance test in 2014 also? (There was. It was recently extended to all Central Universities)
2. Do you still play chess (Yes ma'am with a huge smile on my face. I try to play everyday.)
3. What is rapid chess? How does it differ from classical chess?
4. What is the time control? (Classical chess sometimes has 1.5 hours time control for games. Said that). 1.5 hours for every move?
5. Green Hydrogen Mission? What are the problems you can identify as a chemist?
6. And what are the benefits of it? (Ma'am didn't seem satisfied by my answer)
7. Why are we focusing so much on it?
Passed on to member 1

Member 1

What does the NCC do? (Said don't know the specifics ma'am)

1. But you were in NCC no? (I wasn't. CP ma'am glared at her for a good minute after this)
2. Acha tell me the full form of NCC. (Mental dialogue: Are ma'am dur dur tak naata nahi hai mera NCC se)
3. You've heard of NSS? What do they do? (Sorry ma'am)
4. They were there in your university? (No. They began in the year I passed out.)
5. What was the story you wrote for which you won the prize? (Asked permission if I could

narrate the story. She said tell in 3 lines. Bataya maine 3 line jitna ho saka).

6. What else did you do in the literary club? What other clubs were you a part of?
7. You play the guitar? What sort of guitar? Do you sing also? (Said no with a wide smile)
8. So you generally accompany others? (Said mostly yes but I have also performed solo once or twice)

Member 2

(Sir. Maine galti se ma'am bol diya inko. Thankfully he didn't hear)

1. You spoke about hydrogen mission. Why are we coming out with a plan for renewable energy?
2. Agriculture in your state is mostly rice related. What problems do you have in rice cultivation
3. Do you know of soil productivity (he said something else but the essence was the same. I said I don't know exactly but if you allow me I would like to try)
4. Gave a monologue about 3 rice crops then asked me to explain. Bataya bhai generic baate.
5. Tell me about the cheetah mission.
6. But what are the benefits of it?
7. But tigers and panthers can also do the same thing. Why are we not introducing them? (I said habitat is different for them. Plus cheetahs were there in the areas we are reintroducing them)
Said there are some more reasons. Look them up.

Member 3

(he was to my exact left but he was speaking so low that I couldn't hear him on 2 occasions)

1. Do you think history is biased?
2. But history is fact based. Why is it biased then? (Said sir it depends on the historian's perspective as well as the new information we unearth from time to time)
3. Do you think history is dead?
4. Why should we save our museums? (I mistakenly heard should instead of why. He corrected me. Said that they are a repository of our culture. Even my interest in history began when I visited the Indian museum in Kolkata)
Two or three more questions. All were history related.

Member 4

1. I'll give a situation. You are the CEO of the municipality of a city. Industries there need skilled workers, but people of the area are not willing to let migrant workers come in. How would you balance the need of all stakeholders? Take a minute and answer. (Essence of the question was this. He spoke for nearly a minute)

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Date of Interview: 15th Feb, afternoon, 2nd to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Chemical engineering (Iit Guwahati)

Optional: Mathematics

Work ex: reliance ind limited

Interview medium: Hindi (mains in English) 4th attempt, 1st interview

Hobbies: playing cricket, watching mediaeval themed period drama

Asked permission to enter, wished good afternoon maam& sirs, maam asked to take seat and remove mask & put in pocket

Read out whole daf as usual including graduation, hobbies & achievement sections

Chairman

1. What is STF(daf)?
2. What are you doing since 2018? And how are you sustaining yourself?
3. What is mediaeval themed period drama? (daf)
4. Why only mediaeval themed, you don't like ancient themed?

Member 1

1. High percentage of MSME informal, what is difference between formal and informal?
2. Don't you think than it is not good both for employees and govt?
3. Recent change in defn of MSME, what is new limit for micro industries.
4. Do you think it will be disadvantage for very micro unit (enhance limit) as all incentives will be captured by medium industries?
5. What can be done for micro industries promotion?
6. How can we provide more credit to micro unit when banks are avoiding and PSL targets go unfilled.
7. What is mudra scheme, how many categories under this? Is it collateral free or not? Who pays bank when loan not repaid.
8. EoDB reforms mostly were taken by centre, what steps can be taken by states.

Member 2

1. What is macmohan line & why china is not accepting it?(answer wasn't convincing)
2. Companies discriminating between new and old it's?
Do you think it's justified?
3. Why recent layoffs by IT sector companies ? (Said cyclical process, covid lockdown- hiring , global slowdown-layoff)
4. But then why is Microsoft & others investing million \$ in some startup? (Said new technological development/shift , new skill demand)

5. So then reason is this and slowdown/recession? (Said both reasons true)
6. Is single currency domination (\$) of intn trade and exchange good or bad ? Why its bad?

Member 3

1. What do you understand by digital divide?
2. Did you heard about digiyatra regarding airports management? (Said sorry sir)
3. Do you know what's is digi locker ?
4. How to promote digital service among rural areas.? Follow up question ,What are you saying will take long time, how can we promote quickly ? Do you know about common service centre and what they do?
5. What was your role in reliance? Which unit?
6. How many petroleum basins are in india from where crude oil is produced?
7. How many field under private sector and where ?
8. Why are we not self sufficient in crude oil prodn (said there is not much crude in india)
9. Have we explored whole india ? Are we currently exploring? Are foreign companies also involved? Why not?
10. Are we importing crude oil or petroleum products?
11. Can we import Russian crude , process and sell petroleum products? Is it allowed? Can they be sanctioned?

Member 4

1. Gave one situation. Your interview group have 6 people. Suppose you are leader of this group, and post interview want to visit some place in delhi but with one condition where ever you go, will go together. Suppose 4 wants to go for movie and 2 for some garden.
2. How will you convince, which side you will choose , what if both don't convinced, so you will force your decision, (long counter arguments , Finally said sir right know i can't thing anything other than this) Okay

Chairperson: okay * , your interview is over , you can go , all the best.

Duration: around 25-27 min

My Experience: went better than my most mocks, went smooth (atleast mere ko to esa hi feel hua)

Mock utility: gave 9-10 mocks, better for improving answer articulation, shed hesitancy, right speed, Other than that not much utility because mock environment don't match with final interview, focus in mock is more on different types of questions and daf coverage and flow/ backup questions is missing.

Still nearest to upsc environment was Chahal academy, worst exp(for me)- Next ias, chankya mandal (here problem was me)

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Date of Interview: 7th February 2022, 5th to go
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Home state: Kerala
Background: BSc Hons. Chemistry from Delhi University
Hobbies: Cooking, Academic Mentoring
 Sathyavati Mam read the whole DAF

Chairman

1. What do mean by Academic mentoring
2. What all things you do in academic mentoring
3. You have cooking as your hobby, have you watched movie The great Indian Kitchen. I said yes
4. What is the message of the movie
5. What have you done after your graduation?
6. What is the difference between Matrilineal and Matriarchal society?

Member 1

1. Opinion about Sabarimala issue
2. Why you argue like that?
3. What have you achieved through academic mentoring? Follow up questions
4. What is the experience in Delhi? What all you have learned from living here? (Since my graduation from Delhi University)
5. Should India help Pakistan in its financial crisis?
6. Why you think so?
7. How did India helped Sri Lanka in its crisis? Follow up questions

Member 2

1. Some questions from basic chemistry
2. How Insulin helps in treating diabetic patients
3. Another mechanism of how insulin works
4. Can we apply same mechanism in treating Blood Pressure

Member 3

1. When you get into service which areas would you like to focus in your home state
2. New tourism developed by Magician in Kerala and follow up questions

Member 4

1. Allocations for different sectors in Latest budget and follow up questions
2. What are the issues faced by the fishing industry in Kerala. Follow up questions
3. Variety of fishes find in kerala back waters

Chairman : Thank you. Your interview is over

Some questions i am unable to recollect

Overall the board was cordial

Utility of mocks: building up confidence to face the board

All the very best dear friends.

Be confident and calm.

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: BSC

Optional: HINDI LITERATURE

Home State: RAJASTHAN

work experience: Education department, BLO

Hobby: mentoring, yoga and meditation, and poetry

Chairman

1. Tell me what is your life story
2. when you decided to join civil services
3. what is your work experience
4. how are you sustaining yourself during preparation?
5. Election works and full form of vvpvt?
6. Remote evm ko lekar kya problems h?

Member 1

1. open Universities and education system
2. Physics optional kyu nhi liya?
3. Practical exam kaise hote h? explain (related to work experience)
4. Police me constable bharti karwana hai , Mukhyamantri ko kya letter likhoge?
5. bacho pr parents ka pressure bhut h.ese me mentoring ka kya importance h?(related to hobby)

Member 2

1. govt inflation ko km kaise karti hai?
2. GDP me India 5th badi economy hai, but ye khus hone ki bat nhi h?

3. millennium trilima (ye question economic survey ka h)

Member 3

1. bricks nation and why India China dispute?
2. Russia ukraine solutions
(Mene kha anuched 51 and sahir Ludhianvi)
3. Police se logon ko dar kyu lagta hai? Solution kya h?
4. Why u not join Indian army?

Member 4

1. Rajbhasa hindi ko nationalize kr den kya? Tamil kashi sangham?
2. millets ka production km kyu hota h.(is time psycologist ghoor ke dekh rhe the?)
3. Ops and nps me se kya acha hai? (Mene bola SPS yani sustainable pension scheme)
4. Then satyawati mam said thank you your interview is over
all the best beta
(Ek Maa Ke Ban Kar Aaye The
Har Maa Ke Ho Jaayenge)

Experience - Daf based tha mainly and board was cordial .

Utility of mocks - Helps in building confidence and handling qus outrightly.

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: PSIR

Duration: 20-25 minutes

Background: Civil engineering from an IIT

Hobbies: Football, Non-Fiction, Fitness.

Chairman

1. *Skipped her favourite question cause I graduated in 2022 only.*
2. Why didn't you work as a civil engineer?
3. Did you not apply for the placements?
4. Do core firms visit your campus?
5. Tell me about the technologies that were used in Qatar World cup?
6. Did you go to Qatar?
7. Why are so many bad things happening in sports? (Very open ended question, wasn't ready for it but learnt from the question for the rest of my interview)
8. Is our media getting less ethical everyday?
9. Something about money in sports?
10. When did you start your preparation?

11. Something about my marks in final year and UPSC preparation.

Member 1

1. How did you start your preparation?
2. How did you cover political science in such a small time?
3. Do you get time to read books while being in college and also preparing?
4. Tell me about the books you've read.
5. What is Abhijeet Banerjee's methodology?
6. So it's something about facts, do you favour facts or intuition?
7. Will you never trust your intuition then?
8. What is fitness for you?
9. Difference between fitness and health?
10. Do you have like a childhood dream to become a civil servant?

Member 2

1. Let's talk about financial fitness, What's your take on the issue of freebies? and suggest me a solution.
2. What would you choose between free electricity, free food and a Health and wellness centre?
3. World is looking towards India but India lacks basic infrastructure, how do you see it? (Very open ended question again, without any closure..but I gave an elaborate answer learning from my previous mistake)
4. If you can become secretary of MoD or MoW&C what will you choose?

Member 3

1. Tell me something that stood out for you in "Pakistan: at the helm" (a book I mentioned earlier.)
2. Tell me things that you think general people won't know about Pakistan but you do.
3. What was Musharraf's role in Kargil?
4. What happened to Musharraf recently?
5. Is his body being brought back to Pakistan?
6. What is Gross happiness index and the country that introduced it?
7. What other growth indicators are there? (Agreed with me when I said GHI is about development and not growth. Suggested some other indicators too.)
8. Tell me some growth indicators then!
9. Difference between GDP and GNP?
10. What do you think is more for India?

Member 4

1. *Caught me smiling for no good reason*
2. You've lived in North East for FIVE years, right? I hope you know about the place. You do right??
3. Tell me about some of the development initiatives in NE?
4. What's happening under PM Devine? What are the projects?
5. Something apart from the bridges?
6. Two factual questions that I don't even remember smh
7. Many states in NE are going to polls, can you name some?
8. Nagaland too is going right?
9. What is Naga peace accord?
10. If the accord was entered into in 2015 why hasn't it been implemented yet?

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Date of Interview: 13th Feb, 2023 & forenoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Himachal Pradesh

Background: PEC University of Technology

Profession exp: Western Digital (Till 2021)

Hobby: Oil Painting

Chairman

1. Satyavathi Mam read out the DAF loudly and asked the following questions
2. What have you been doing since 2021
3. Why don't you want to continue in your technical forte
4. Explain us your patent
5. How long did it take for your patent to be granted
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Member 1

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2. Since governance is mostly based on technology now, do you prefer having generalists or tech specialists in the field
3. What made you go for civil services
4. You are from HP. Did you find Bangalore beautiful?
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Member 3

1. Does HP have border with any other country? Which country?
2. What is this border called?
3. Have both the countries agreed upon the border demarcation?
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Member 4

1. Have you opted for IPS?
2. Why do you think female candidates find IPS difficult?

3. Any female IPS officer you know who has worked in your distt.?
4. Where is Mallacan Strait? How is it important for China?
5. You must have gone through budget. How much fund is allocated this time to PMAY?
6. What does MISHTI stand for?
7. Also, tell some more schemes which are being run for alleviating poverty.

Experience: Board was very cordial. They were constantly nodding, instilling more confidence. Great experience overall which no mock can match.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Gave me confidence, helped me improve my non-verbal communication and some questions also got repeated

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Mathematics

Background: BSc(maths),MSc(maths)

Hobbies: reading biographies, watching movies on social issues, solving sudoku

Chairman

1. How you will make maths interesting for 10th class students
2. Who is your favourite Mathematician and why?
3. who is your ideal ?

4. what you will do after becoming civil servant so that you can become ideal of others

Member 1

1. why economic crisis in srilanka
2. Swift system
3. impact of US sanctions on Russian economy

Member 2

1. which biography you read recently and what you learnt from it
2. How can biopic on someone's life can help in solving social issues?
3. which movie you watch recently?

Member 3

1. there are so many industrialist from jhunjhunu then why rajasthan lacks behind in terms of industrial development
2. how can we increase our forex reserves and then long discussion on this

Member 4

1. tell me about IIT Delhi
2. what is god particle
3. what is deficit financing

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Date of Interview: 8 Feb 2023, afternoon session, fifth number to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: History

Background: MBBS

Home State: Rajasthan

Profession: Working as a doctor

Hobbies: movies, web series, travelling

Chairman

1. what is Industrial health
2. name of disease related to occupational health
3. what is ergonomic related disease
4. what occupational health related challenges faced by police due to prolong standing job
5. what is varicose vein(key words from previous question)
6. treatment of varicose vein
7. occupational health Safety code discuss

8. name of laws incorporated in it

Member 1

1. your job profile
2. why it is called temporary
3. what is medical tourism
4. benefits of India due to medical tourism
5. maximum kha se log aate hai means which country
6. efforts of government for increasing it
7. what major challenges face by medical tourist
8. case study to improve medical tourism
9. motive of India for g20 submit

Member 2

1. why corruption is more in beurocrates should examination system and interview is not efficient
2. case study to prevent corruption among your subordinates
3. 3 d technology in movies(I didn't know)

Member 3

1. why violence occurs on doctors
Is increasing
2. doctor abstenstism in phc and reason of it,
3. as a CMO how to solution this problem and discussion on issue related to it

Member 4

1. history written is accurate or not
2. how to overcome this problem
3. as a dm how you suggest for measures to taken for include local leaders in syllabus which was not included yet
4. reason for low female literacy in Rajasthan
5. female feticide in Rajasthan
6. water quality indicator as a doctor what should be check
7. in your area how to check these indicators

SATHIYAVATHY ma'am said thank you , your interview is over

Interview experience: overall 25 to 30 minutes , mostly questions were from DAF and opinion based

Utility of mock: boosted confidence and guide us which area should be focused

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Date of Interview: 16.02.23 Afternoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Computer Application

Optional: sociology

Home State: Gujarat

work experience: management in Airconditioner company for many years

Hobby: Garba

Chairman

1. Tell me what is your life story
2. when you decided to join civil services
3. what is your work experience
4. what are you doing since 2019
5. how are you sustaining your self during preparation?
6. how can we increase women participation in education, political and administration sphere ?
7. increasing women marriage age decision is good or not ?
8. how it will help to women ?
9. what is Total fertility rate ?
10. what is total replacement rate ?

Member 1

1. cyber crimes meaning
2. social crimes and cyber crimes linkages
3. how to prevent cyber crimes in india ?
4. Gujarat being a coastal state, what are resources of Gujarat

Member 2

1. what was the matter this year during garba festival (Navratri)
2. i said i am not aware about it
3. again he asked then u should remain aware about this
4. i again said sorry sir
5. Then he asked suppose during any festival in india if one religious group is restricted to perform or participate in another religious festival, is it good for society or not ?
but satyawati mam stopped him that leave this matter

Member 3

1. How can we promote small industries, MSMEs, Startups ?
2. how will you promote marketing ? bcz i mentioned marketing in previous answer

3. if any disease or pandemic situation happens again what will be your preventive steps ?
4. you are very inspirational personality and role model for many girls but tell me who is your role model ?

Member 4

1. you mentioned gujarat resources but you are missing one resource which is connected to Our national freedom struggle. i was thinking about 3-4 seconds then i smiled and i said Salt he said correct
2. which gas is being used in airconditioners ?
3. How it works in Acs ? then he said you are sociology student let me ask some questions about it
4. What is middle in middle ?
5. What is better Nature or nurture ? Then satyawati mam said thank you your interview is over all the best beta
It was lifetime oppportunity for me
great experience

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Date of Interview: 17 Feb 2023 afternoon, Session last lion to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Karnataka

Background: B.com (Rani channamma University belagavi)

Hobby: Reading k p poornachandra tejasvi books on hunting man eaters (translation of Kenneth Anderson's books)

Medium of interview- Hindi

asked questions in both Hindi and English

iss text ko padneke baad

bhool jaavoge rehnedo

Chairman

1. Do you want to interact in hindi ?
2. Why do you opted hindi asmedium of communication in personality Test?
3. why not your mother tongue?
4. Based on which region these books are written?(hobby)
5. whatever written in these books are just stories or based on real Experience?(in previous answer I referred these experience based books as stories)
6. Mam _Then don't call them as stories (I was like bhari galti Ho gayi sarkar) these books are written in Hindi or Kannada.
7. in the context of man animal

8. **Conflict.** who is aggressor? man or Tiger.

Member 1

1. There is rising law and order issue in Karnataka. What is your view?
2. Communal violence in coastal region of Karnataka. What can be done?
3. Why IT industry have strong presence in Karnataka?
4. Is environment may be a reason?
5. Application of information technology in maintaining law and order.

Member 2

1. Is it temple?(referring to my name)
2. Where this temple is located?
3. Who was father of k p poornachandra tejasvi? (daf) (answer is kuvempu)
4. Who was kuvempu?
5. What is the Philosophy of kuvempu ?
6. Vishwa maanav philosophy of kuvempu
7. Comparison between kuvempu and ravindranath Tagore.
8. Famous historical place in belagavi.
9. Who was kittur Rani channamma?
10. Comparison between Rani channamma and jhansi raani laxmibai.
11. Can you tell me the person who born on 15 August and died on 26 January?(related to previous question) (answer is sangolli rayanna)
12. Contribution of sangolli rayanna.(based on previous answer)
13. Tell me about coorg region of Karnataka.
14. Tell me any other famous personality of coorg region other than field marshal k m cariappa.(based on previous answer)

Member 3

1. What is corporate governance?
2. Can you tell me the name of the company which is recently in news related to Adani issue?
3. Our economy is strong. But why it is very much vulnerable to external aspects like Hindenburg report?
4. There is famous book called man eaters of
5. Who wrote that book? (based on previous answer)
6. Have you read that book?

Member 4

1. What is GDP and GNP?
2. comparison between Indian and American GDP and GNP .in both context which is more

and which is less?

3. What are the political and economical implications on china with respect to the economic crises in Sri Lanka and Pakistan?

Experience _very cordial

Mocks _ helps in reducing anxiety and don't take their feedback seriously if you feel there is scope for improvement then only work on that

One on one mock with Vinay sir helped.

All the best

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Date of Interview: 17 February, Afternoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

NIT Uttrakhand

NCC AIR WING

IPS hun

Chairman

1. NCC m kya kya sikha
 2. IPS ho but mention nhi kiya hai daf m (daf 1 k smay service alot nhi hui thi)
 3. Mirzapur ka tourism
 4. Carpet industry ki situation
 5. Bhadohi carpet aur mirzapur carpet me diff.
 6. Kaleen bhaiya kse hai (mirzapur web series)
 7. phle aur ab k kaleen production m kya diff. Hai
 8. E commerce aur digital payment(carpet aur msme se related)
 9. Insurgency kya hai and related issue
 10. Insurgents group in north east and kya kya step liya gya hai ise tackle krne k liye
 11. India Maldives relation
 12. Central paramilitary force, central armed force aur cpo m kya difference hai
 13. women nda cds aur other services m participate kr rhi hai kya kya changes lane chahiye unke liye like infra..
 14. questions on sardar patel , his contribution
 15. Light is the best policeman. Explain
 16. Ek BSF ki women border pr night m duty se mna kr deti hai kya kroge
 17. Question on commissionerate system aur agar Aap IAS bn gye to support kroge ise
- Mock kha dena chahiye – chahal ka panel thk tha
- Baki confidence k liye dena ho to de skte hai

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Date of Interview: 14 Feb 2023
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Optional: PSIR
Background: BA [Sociology, Economics, History]
Hobbies: Journaling [others didn't get asked]

Chairman

1. Mam read out Daf aloud.
2. What is journalling?
3. Isn't it same as diary writing? (I said journaling is issue specific and goes more in depth, diary is more time specific and records events, but broad nature is same)
4. But is there any restrain in diary writing, that prevents you from going into depth?
[laughed and said - So new things are getting invented.... Anyways]
5. Who was devi ahilya, why was she famous, her contributions. (My university)

Member 1

1. U did 12th with science stream, then why you switched to social science in graduation?
2. Asked about MN Srinivas. What is sanskritisation and westernisation.
3. How do you see the two in context of present changes in Indian society.
4. Why these two happens?
5. What among them is good or bad.
6. Adam smiths theory.
7. Free market in India post LPG?
8. What's is it's impact on Indian society? [member asked me to combine my knowledge of sociology and economics]
9. How role of caste is transforming? Is caste is being replaced by class?
10. Is this it a good indicator?
11. Post LPG - class differences increasing, how it is impacting today's society?

Member 2

1. Recent reports that chinas growth is slowing and it is ageing also, is it an opportunity for India, How?
2. G20 , How India can use its position to its advantage.
3. Russia ukraine war, what is the solution?
4. As an Indian what makes your heart swell with pride and what disappoints you?
5. What do you feel more, happy that India is better than pakistan or sad that India not doing better than china? [terms of percapita income, economy, stability etc]
6. China has grown rapidly, Is democracy of india hindering its growth?

7. But if we see parliamentary proceedings it feels like this only...what will u say?
8. What will be your priority if you are appointed as an administrator of an area? [member gave few options like health,education, infra]

Member 3

1. Reasons for pakistani wconomic crisis
2. Why bangladesh doing so good and pak not so good?
3. Reasons for sri lankan economic crisis.
4. Is pakistan going in the way of sri lanka
5. What is good for India - Disinvestment or privatisation
6. Difference between disinvestment and privatisation?

Member 4

1. Who all countries have helped sri lanka?
2. Has srilanka got IMF relief?
3. How has India helped srilanka ?
4. To what countries sri lanka owns its debt and in what order?
5. What is paris club
6. What is OECD
7. Bimstec, what is it, who all are members?
8. It BIMSTEC there to remove pakistan from regional cooperation?
9. What steps BIMSTEC has taken in area of cutoms and anti smuggling?

Chairperson said thankyou, all the best.

My understanding-

1. Very few facts asked, majority of questions were directed to know my opinion.
2. Board was very responsive, members were nodding and it appeared they wanted me to speak more and more (and reveal my personality).
3. No quesn from state, city, and pulwama etc.
4. Very smooth experience, and the chair they give us is very comfortable though:)

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Date of Interview: 30th Jan 2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Chem Eng, IIT

Hobby: Cricket, Interest in affairs of national and global importance

Chairman

1. What have you been doing since then? (any freelancing/teaching/..)

2. What and to whom do you teach?
3. What kind of general interest do you have in global affairs ?I mean if you get the newspaper which part of newspaper would you prefer reading(ans political news and also follow global economic issues)
4. Tell me what are the expectations from upcoming budget.
5. interrupted and said you are FM ,Now tell me what would be there in budget? (Some supplementary questions on economy and global shocks)

Member 1

1. since you mentioned about increasing capital expenditure don't you think that revenue expenditure would get reduced .
2. Do you still play cricket? Or just watch it.
- 3)do you think IPL has led to declination of Indian nationalism (from sports point of view)
3. Impact of money coming into IPL on players
4. What is green hydrogen mission (some supplementary questions)
5. electrolysis process (some follow up questions)

Member 2

1. tell me everything about GST (constitutional provisions, and structure, etc)
2. tell me composition of GST council
3. tell me about your district?
4. What is difference btw tax and non tax revenue with examples

Member 3

1. why Srilanka holds significance for India
2. tell me honestly out of all services which one you desire and which one you deserve (but you are more interested in economy (from earlier discussion))
3. situation based question
4. Two districts one with drug trafficking and another with communal disharmony (which district would you choose to work)

Member 4

1. you have got good percentile during JEE What advice would you give to your juniors preparing for the same?
2. What is BRS?
3. Chairman Ma'am interrupted What is TRS?
4. What would you do for development of your district?(specific to your district)
5. you mentioned about some mythological event had that taken place in your district ?

Utility of mocks: helps in building up confidence

O2O with Mr. Ravindran Sir was very useful

Others at Chanakya Mandal, Vajirao and Reddy and KSG all of them were helpful , Chahal Academy(a bit critical but feedback was helpful)

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Date of Interview: 14 Feb 2023, Last candidate to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: PSIR

Background: BA [Sociology, Economics, History]

Hobbies: Journaling [others didn't get asked]

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Date of Interview: 17/02/2023, Forenoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: B.Tech Electrical Engineering

Optional: Public Administration

Keywords in daf: NCC, Handball, Churu,

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Knowing own Ancestral Culture, Gindar Dance

Chairman

1. Loudly read Daf.. important keywords
2. What are you doing after resignation from Military Engineer services.
3. What is ancestral culture.
4. Any surprising but funny example from ancestral culture.
5. Then surprised first and after laugh loudly
6. Have you forget Electrical Engineering ?
7. Tell me about T & D losses.
8. Difference between AT & C losses and T & D losses.
9. Is it possible to supply power without wire?
10. Hurdles in wireless power supply.
11. What is corona loss.

Member 1

1. Difference between AC & DC in Layman terms.
2. Why AC is more dangerous than DC.
3. Why birds does not feel current on transmission lines.
4. How much solar capacity in India..
5. In percentage of total installed capacity
6. Why India is lacking in skill development.
7. How can improve skills

Member 2

1. Who is Governor of Rajasthan.
2. How much export from Rajasthan.
3. Name of products export from Rajasthan
4. MSME procurement policy.
5. Why china itself in debt in debt trap policy.

Member 3

1. Why Ethics and attitude important in civil services.
2. What is communication.
3. How can improve communication between officers and lower post staff.

4. What is role of technology in communication.
5. What is communication barrier.
6. Characteristics of a good communication.

Member 4

1. Can we say Rural Economy as Agriculture Economy.
2. Transient phase of economy.
3. Why cultural conflict occurs
4. How can improve conditions during cultural conflict.
5. 2 questions I am not able to recall.

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Date of Interview: 15th Feb 2023 afternoon 1st to go
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Background: computer science eng; dairy products processor
Optional: Hindi literature
Hobby: tuition and guiding students, Running

Chairman

1. 2019 se ab tk kya kr rhe ho?
2. milk processing ko lekr questions? (I mentioned in previous ans)
3. mp ki global investors summit
4. in sb jrurat kyo h
5. MOU in last investors summit
6. Up ki summit
7. costal states h jo bha kyo nhi hoti h

Member 1

1. questions related to dairy sector
2. business ko aage le kr jao
3. IIT k student n khud ka start up kia h dairy m aap bhi kr lo bo to successfull h
4. amul itna successful h?(i mentioned amul in previous ans)
5. india ko mfg ka hub bnana kyo h ?
6. kya hum esa kuch kr pa rhe h ?
7. msme m technology ka use ?

Member 2

1. Indian it industry or sillicon vally m difference
2. hum humare kya efforts kr skte h

3. brain drain ko rokne kya krna h?
4. aap computer science se ho or tuition other subjects kyo pdate ho?
5. emerging technologies and humans related some questions

Member 3

1. Myanmar k issue ko lekr grill kia bs
2. hindi literature kmzor kyo ho rha
3. some book jo abhi acchi h (previous ans m bola tha ki hindi bounce back kr rhi h)
4. Hindi jo h usme other languages k words bhi use kre kya jis se hindi or jyada aage ja ske
5. republic day pr chief guest kon
6. kyo aae the
7. india ko kya benefits is se

Member 4

1. Yours interview is over best of luck
 Very cordial board pta hi nhi chla kb Start kb khtm
 Sayad avg time fix rehta beech m mam n mere peeche ki clock ko dekhkr 2 bar isare kiye members ko ki time dekho
 Only Myanmar issue or hindi literature ko lekr grill krne try kia
 Mock se totally different hota h
 But mock dena chahiye agr sare batch m 1st jana pd jae to heart beat normal rehti h
 And 1 or 2 questions repeat ho skte h.

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Date of Interview: 15th Feb 2023, Forenoon Shift
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Background: B.A.(Psychology),M.A.(Hindi)
Optional: Hindi Literature
Home State: Madhya Pradesh
Hobbies: Watching Hindi Movies and Web series
Keywords in DAF: NCC(C Certificate), NSS, Scouts and Guides, Gwalior, Agriculture
 2) Talking or Interaction with friends

Chairman

1. Ma'am ne sawal English mai puchhe(lekin pehle puchh liya tha ki aap English mai comfortable to hai na Lekin mai yahan unke questions ka Hindi Translation bta raha hun)
2. Aapne Masters ke level pr Graduation ka subject kyon prefer/choose nahi kiya.
3. Aapko Civil Servant banne ki prerna kahan se mili aur kab mili.
4. 'Geriatric' ko WHO kaise define karta hai.
5. Big 5 Personality Traits kaunse hai.

6. Psychologist and Psychiatrist mai kya difference hai.
7. Kya Psychiatrist counselling nahi kar sakta.
8. Agar Psychiatrist bhi counselling kar sakta hai to Psychologist ki kya zarurat hai.
9. India mai Mental Health Problems teji se kyon badh raha hai aur ise kaise kam kiya ja sakta hai.
10. Mental Health Sector mai hum itne fail kyon hai aur Govt ko kya karna chahiye.
11. COVID ke time pr to hum ghar pr hi the aur ghar walo se proper communication bhi kar rahe the phir bhi mental health us time theek nahi thi.
12. Psychology ko aapne kyon apna optional subject nahi banaya.
13. Ek situation di aur answer puchha.

Member 1

(Sawalo ka medium Hindi rakha inhone)

1. Agnipath Scheme ka main objective kya hai.
2. NCC mai to hum pehle se itni achhi training de rahe hai phir Agnipath jaisi scheme ka kya auchitya hai.
3. NCC ke kya benefits hai.
4. Aap Defence mai kyon nahi gaye.
5. Aapko nahi lagta ki Agnipath Scheme se youth mai Defence ki or rujhan km ho jayega kyonki 4 saal ke liye kaun jaana chahega.
6. Agniveer ke liye after retirement kya provision hai.
7. Ab last sawal agar Agnipath Scheme itni hi achhi hai to kya hume ise Civil Services mai bhi laagu nahi kar deni chahiye.

Member 2

1. SDG ke baare mai suna hai aapne?Kya hote hai?
2. Hum aazadi ke 75 saal baad bhi Garibi khatam kyon nahi kar paye hai.
3. Kya aaj ke civil servants mai colonial mindset dekhne ko nahi milta.
4. Kayi logo ka manna hai ki aaj ke civil servants mai bhi colonial mindset badhta ja raha hai.aap kya mante hai?
5. Garibi ko khatam karne ke liye naya kya hona chahiye.
6. Kya 2001 ka Parliyamant Terrorist Attack Intelligence Bureau ki vifalta thi.
7. Uske baad humne Intelligence Bureau ke level pr kis prakar ke sudhar kiye hai.

Member 3

(English mai sawal puchhe)

1. NCC,NSS aur Scouts and Guides mai kya difference hai.
2. Aapko sabse adhik inme se kya pasand aaya ?
3. India mai kya compulsory military service ko lagu karna chahiye ?Jaise ki Israel aur Russia mai hai.
4. Indian Constitution mai compulsory military service se related koi provision hai kya.

5. NCC ko promote karne ke liye naya kya kya kiya gaya hai haal ke samay mai.
6. Kya NCC ko compulsory kar dena chahiye jaisa ki Indo-China War ke baad kiya gaya tha.
7. NCC ki sthapna ka uddeshy kya tha.
8. IB ke secret agents ke kaam koi pehchan nahi mil paati hum unhe kayi baar desh ka gaddar tak declare kar dete hai to kya aapko nahi lagta ki desh apne IB/RAW ke deshbhakt ke saath nyay nahi kar pata.
9. EOL kya hai aur kya competitive exams ki preparation ke liye EOL lena theek hai.
10. India,Israel aur Russia ki intelligence agencies ke kaamkaj ki shaili mai kya differences hai.

Member 4

1. Gwalior ka Indian Culture mai kya contribution raha hai.
2. Gwalior Gharana ke baare mai kuchh bataiye?Sangeet ka aisa mahan culture
3. Gwalior mai develop kaise aur kyon ho paya?Gwalior ke kuchh mahan sangeetkaro ke naam bataiye.
4. Gwalior mai Braj aur Bundeli culture ka mixture paya jaata hai?Kya aap is baat se sehmata hai?Agar sahmata hai to bataiye kaise?Example dijiye?
5. Aap abhi bata rahe the ki adhikariyon ko aapne karib se kaam karte hue dekha hai to bataiye ki adhikari ke kaamkaj ke tariko mai aisi kya kamiyan hai jo desh ko 2047 tak Viksit karne ke marg mai badhak hain aur inhe kaise dur kar sakte hai.
6. **Chairperson**-Aapka interview khatam hua.Sabhi ne All the Best Kiya.

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Date of Interview: 16/02/2023, morning, 2nd to go
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Optional: PSIR
College: NITP
Hobbies: listening to podcasts
Language: Hindi(no issue , you can speak in Hindi +English mix)
Duration: 25to 30 mins

Chairman

1. what kind of podcast/which podcast you last listened to/ multiple questions as I said true crime/question on aarushi talwar case(as I mentioned about it)
2. China plus 1 strategy then multiple questions on pli , comparison with Vietnam, India manufacturing strategy, apple/foxconn plant in TN
3. Why this cadre when you're from other state
4. How India's image has improved in last 10-15 years .. (economy growth+soft power, IT sector)
5. Is India back office of the world (currently)or manufacturing hub (mebbe in future)of the world?

Member 2

1. What makes you upset and what makes you happy
2. things about India which makes you angry
3. Again more questions on India manufacturing failure ...PLI... Vietnam comparison etc.
4. Why startups mostly in service sector and not in manufacturing sector

Member 3

1. Balloon technology (I compared it with satellites) then many questions..what are other uses apart from surveillance
2. My name is amartya...so asked a lot of questions about amartya sen...
3. Why so many suicides in IIT(3 suicides in last 2 days)..many questions

Member 4

1. Media role in covering crime
2. NIA/CBI/DRI/FIU/SFIO.. questions related to UAPA.. individual foreign terrorist..
3. Supreme court guidelines on crime coverage

Member 5

1. On The Argumentative Indians (book by amartya sen)
2. Freedom of speech
3. Reasonable restrictions in constitution
4. Why IT act, other laws are trying to suppress free speech
5. **Mocks**-gave 4, next ias ksg, chanakya ias, forum ias
Utility – not much...in fact I became tensed when they said you need to speak mostly in language (Hindi)which you have picked..don't use too many English words..but that doesn't happen in actual PT

(53)**Date of Interview:** 10 Feb , afternoon**Board:** M Sathiyavathy**Optional:** PSIR**Chairman**

1. Jan aushadhi k bare me jante ho...
2. Detail me bjatao iske bare me... investment pe Cross questions – expansion or Greenfield ko cover karta h... Turnover ya investment, kitni subsidy deti h sarkar ...
3. brand drug ko kyu lete h.... Generic kyu nahi...
4. General log chodke, qualified log kyu nahi lete , like me convince Karo muje.
5. API k liye China pe depend h Jo ki nukshaan vala ho sakta h... Kyo or kese sudhare ise...

6. IAS kyu banana h

Member 1

1. Gambia ka mamla , kya quality ka issue h ya India ko blame karne k liye h...
2. Expiry ese hi likhi jati h.. koi tuk bhi h ...
3. Leadership kya h..
4. Cholesterol drug ka mamla effective nahi fir bhi kyu lete h...market me kyu h..

Member 2

1. Bhutan ka India k neighbourhood first policy me role kya h...
2. relation k dimensions
3. China kyu har Desh me border issue banata h...kya policy h China ki

Member 3

1. Curruption se kaam fast jabki honesty se nahi to kya kare...
2. To kese kare...
3. Or yad nahi

Member 4

5. Kya sochke ias ki taraf rujan hua...koi role model
6. aapke 1 positive or 1 negative batao
7. Overthinking ka effect services me
8. Ramanyan, Mahabharat padha h, koi ni bhagvad Gita padha h to crux batao

Again Member 2

cricket ko lekr passionate ho, score batao aaj ka.. Chairman ne bola PTT dene aaya h aaj k score rehne do..

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Date of Interview: 10 Feb afternoon session,

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Msc (maths)

Working: Department of Posts

Hobby: nothing asked

Chairman

1. Do people mail these days, after coming of courier etc ?? (DAF)
2. PPF rate popularity of post office is low, vis a vis State Bank of India. Reason?? (DAF)
3. Cross questions too factual and deep
4. schemes for woman in budget

And then she said two other female members puchiye/sambhaliye inko jara, aapke domain

ke lag rhe hain

Member 1

1. What is IPPB? (DAF) many cross questions .
2. Compare discrimination of caste in ancient and present time. Many cross questions (DAF)
3. Questions on tribe, why some are backward, how to provide them benefits etc. Discussion moved towards Meena community etc. (DAF)

Member 2

1. Can Values like sympathy compassion be judged in a civil servant?
2. What is the loss if these values are not present?
3. How to judge these values post selection?

Member 3

1. What did you do as student editorial head of your college? (DAF)
2. How will you use your maths knowledge? (DAF)
3. Statistics data are generally false, how will you ensure data is correct? Some follow-up questions. (DAF)
4. How did you selected Candidates and articles? How you motivated them to submit articles? What was cover design etc. (DAF)
5. Your magazine publication would have not always been on time ?? Why? What did you do? (DAF)
6. Questions about my name

Member 4

1. What is social engineering? Did some castes benefitted from it ? Is it a right thing to do?
2. Do you know dating apps ? What's your opinion on that ? Is some kind of regulation needed ??
3. आप कौन सा app use करते हैं? (Maine kaha main nahi use krta, bole aap jhuth bol rhe hain, ultimately i said I'm committed to someone from past 7-8 years). He said okay, then no further discussion on this topic
4. What is going on in SRILANKA?
5. Is there any role of China also ?
6. Have you seen blood report?? What are various components in it ?? (Random)
7. Lipid profile test? (Random)

UTILITY OF MOCKS- Just to get well versed with the process.

Samkalp, Vajirao and Reddy, KSG were okay

One to one session with Kaptaan (4-5 questions matched) gave a kick start, with Dr Khan at KSG was also good.

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Date of Interview: 10/02/2023 afternoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Maithili literature

Service: IPS

Hobby: Hindi novel and short film

Chairman

1. what are you doing after 2018
2. you are already in IPS then why IAS
3. Don't you think law and order is important for development
4. Prakash Singh case
5. DGP recruitment process and your view on it
6. if state govt can select chief secretary then why not DGP ... discussion on this..

Member 1

1. important feature of maithili
2. favourite poet and reason
3. problem of present higher education system in India and how NEP will solve it
4. how much research in IIT happening
5. why people become criminal..tell me the psychology behind it.

Member 2

7. He talked about some dinkar line related with vidyapati which I don't know
8. if you r going for a interview and head constable stop you for any rule break..now you have two option either give him bribe or go to police station
9. what if you have to give 100 rupee bribe to save someone life
10. police investigation method

Member 3

1. how will you develop Bihar as chief secretary
2. asked about procurement and storage
3. Bihar people are going outside then who will work there
4. Bihar education system status and out migration

Member 4

1. How to control the politicisation of police
2. why state are not implementing and how to proceed further to solve this problem
3. Type of soil in Bihar and their cropping pattern
4. Factor responsible for rainfall

5. what is monsoon and it's mechanism
6. two type of monsoon

My experience: Most of the question is from daf . Board is co- operative and no grilling .

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Date of Interview: 09/02/2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Rajasthan

Optional: PSIR

Background: ECE

Hobbies: Founder Current Nomics YouTube Channel, Gardening , Badminton

Experience: Teaching

Chairman

1. Qn on cadre preferences (Why you Choose Gujarat over Rajasthan Cadre)
2. What are u doing recently and related questions

Member 1

1. Tell me some important things of budget
2. Why Hike in Capital Expenditure
3. What is multiplier effect
4. Advantages of capital expenditure
5. FRBM act and their provision
6. Fiscal deficit targets for 3 consecutive years

Member 2

1. What is 5g and it's benefits
2. 5g bands and their uses
3. Semiconductor industry in india
4. What is the scale of semiconductor in India (nano scale)
5. Compare it with other world countries
6. Issues in semiconductor industry

Member 3

1. What is disinvestment
2. India Disinvestemnt target for 2023
3. Give me examples of disinvestment
4. Questions on Air India

Member 4

1. Question on Ethics paper.
2. A person who is not moral but writing moral things in a paper. Is it happening or not
3. Parameters to access a candidate in Ethics paper like aptitude etc
4. What is Darwin theory
5. Reasons of infection in Lungs during covid

Member 5

1. Issues in PM awas yojana
2. How we can achieve target of 5 trillion dollar economy
3. Long monologue on Old age home and their opportunities ,challenges and solutions

Chairwoman: Thank you

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Date of Interview: 02/02/2023 (2nd last in afternoon)

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Sociology

Background: BSc (Hons)

Attempt: 1st

College: BHU

Time: 22 minutes

Highlights of DAF: Taught CBSE students while in college, reading old newspapers, NCC 'C' certificate, field survey on socio-economic conditions of sanitation workers of varanasi, singing contemporary bollywood songs, blood donation drive

Chairman

1. What are you doing since 2021 (graduation year)?
2. Were you paid for teaching?
3. What were your observations from the field survey?
4. Any particular unknown observation that can be useful to the administration? (She meant that govt was already aware of the findings I mentioned)
5. How did you survey the mental health of those sanitation workers?
6. Who helped you in that survey?
7. Did you publish it anywhere?
8. What are the conditions for blood donation?
9. Can you specify for both male & female?
10. Why only 350 ml blood is collected?

Member 1

1. What is the slogan of NCC? Of NSS?
2. Do you know about remote voting? What are the challenges?
3. If there are loopholes shouldn't we reject the concept of remote voting?

Member 2

1. What is the significance of drill in NCC?
2. You've only 84% in 12th board exams, why?
3. BHU was considered the best university in India, but today its quality has degraded. Your opinion.
4. How does geography of a place determine it's economy?

Member 3

1. How did teachers in rural areas teach during pandemic with no infrastructure?
2. You mentioned about budget, what was "unity mall" in yesterday's budget? (I'd quoted recent budget in previous answer)
3. How has cleanliness of Varanasi changed in recent years?
4. Compare sanitation and cleanliness of Dehradun (my hometown) and Varanasi.

Member 4

1. Why do you read old newspapers? What benefit does it serve?
2. Why do you sing only contemporary songs? Why not old?
3. You taught at an Institute called concept learning classes. How did you ensure "concept learning" of your students?
4. Everything was DAF based. I used lots of data, gave balanced & honest answers, responded everything except 2 factual questions. Rest I've no clue if Sathyavathi ma'am was impressed or not. Other members looked satisfied, they were nodding and smiling.

Utility of mocks:

Don't take them seriously (EASIER SAID THAN DONE). Just look at the overall feedback and areas to improve. I gave a hell lot of mocks, some were decent, some were horrible and some very factual. This interview at UPSC was very relaxed. Luckily I wasn't asked any difficult sociology/GS/graduation questions or any random current affairs question. In fact, I prepared so much for Uttarakhand that I can clear UKPCS now! But they didn't ask anything from Uttarakhand. That doesn't mean we should not prepare, it's just that you've to be ready for everything. I was told that teaching, NCC, blood donation are very generic things and they won't ask. But you can see so many questions were asked. So don't leave any part of DAF.

All the best! See you in LBSNAA.

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Date of Interview: 07/02/2023**Board:** M Sathiyavathy**Home State:** Maharashtra**Optional:** PSIR**Hobbies/Interest:** kho kho, watching recent movies, NMMS scholarship, Event Head in college**Experience:** Mechanical engineer, Auto industry experience**Chairman**

1. Which movies u watched recently?
2. Your opinion on Pathan movie controversy
3. Pakistan crisis: is it oppurtune time for india to capture Pakistan
4. Should we capture Pakistan?
5. Should we take it over if all ppl of pakistan vote for merger with India?
6. Discussion on economic burden of same

Member 2

1. Changes in auto industry to tackle climate change?
2. Battery related challenges
3. What infrastructure will u develop to address climate change, generate employment etc?
4. What Kolhapur is famous for?

Member 3

1. What is so special about kolhapuri chappal?
2. Have u watched Pathan?
3. Opinion: is the controversy created by film makers to promote movies?
4. Do ubremebr anything from engineering? Recent changes in engine technology
5. Why high covid cases in china? Why not in India?

Member 4

1. What are focus areas?
2. Do countries hv any commitments as part of G20?
3. Women led development: what program in G20 for that?

Member 5

5. Monologue on history (don't remember) ... Then asked Should we forget history and move ahead?
6. What are 4 basic forces in the world? (Technical question)

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Date of Interview: 7th Feb, forenoon
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Optional: Sociology
College: IIT Madras(chemical engineering)
Background: state civil service,
Home State: Bihar
 No questions from hobbies.

Chairman

1. what did you do before joining service?
2. Why did you take sociology?
3. What is your role in the department?
4. How much corruption is there in your department? (More follow up questions over this)

Member 1

1. What did you like in South India?
2. Tell me about heritage sites of Chennai?
3. What is government doing in electric vehicles domain?
4. What more can be done to promote green mobility?

Member 2

1. What do you know about monsoon?
2. How important is this for Indian agriculture ?
3. What can be done to conserve rainwater?
4. What are the measures in Indian context?
5. How many provinces were there at the time of independence?

Member 3

1. Why families are breaking down?
2. What values are responsible for breakdown?
3. What is the status of Delhi air pollution?
4. As an administrator what will you do check pollution in Delhi?
5. What steps can you take to tackle pollution using chemical engineering?
6. There is a famous sikh gurudwara in patna . What do you know about it?

Member 4

1. What is courage?
2. Are you courageous?

3. Give an example from your life.
4. What are electrons, protons made of?
5. What do you know about CAA?
6. What is the current status of CAA?
7. Experience: cordial board, felt like a normal conversation
Utility of mocks: for small things yet important such as- how to enter and wish members.
Mocks helps you get variety of questions.

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Date of Interview: 08/02/2023, Forenoon session, 4th to go
Board: M Sathiyavathy
Optional: Public Administration
Background: NITRR, Chemical Engg.
Hobby: Portrait Drawing
 Keywords- Certified nutrition and fitness consultant,
 Your experience in interview- It was a pleasing board, esp. conversation with

Chairman

1. Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- To gain confidence and reduce fear of speaking in front of eminent/experienced people.
2. enters the room, with pleasing and welcoming smile of board members esp the chairperson. Wished them and was asked to sit and remove mask.*
3. Sathyavathi Ma'am: Reads out the DAF loudly to everyone. (esp Highlights the fact that he is a Certified nutrition and fitness consultant.)
4. What have you been doing since graduation. (Mam's patent question)
5. You are a Certified nutrition and fitness consultant, so how do you go about it? What is your approach?
6. Suppose I come to you for consultation; considering my age what would be your approach?
7. What is this Keto Diet? Why is it popular? Do you recommend it?
8. What Is intermittent fasting? Is it the right way of dieting? Is it a good practice?
9. There is trend of food fortification, what is it?
10. Don't you think one size fits all approach regarding food fortification is causing harm to general health of public in long term? Is it the right approach? What do you suggest?

Member 1

1. You have mentioned that you like watching nutrition and fitness related videos. So you just like watching them or you yourself practice them?
2. What is your workout schedule like? How is the splits? What are the use of cables in the gym?

3. Since you told that you do strength training, how much weights can you lift?
4. Does it include cable exercises as well?
5. What is your BMI ?
6. Ok, so since you are a chemical engineer, can you tell me about the water that is being supplied, what are the quality parameters that is ensured?
7. Have you heard about the recent water pollution issues?(and certain technical details like bod, cod levels, trace metal levels etc)

Member 2

1. Have you heard about the Malnutrition issue in India?
2. Why do you think that present status is bad in India?
3. Suppose you a DM of an area, and there was a report published recently that because of low nutrition level of girls at the school level and its continuation till upper age, when they marry and bear child, there arises a lot of complications? So what would be your approach to handle this problem?
4. What steps would you follow?
5. Suppose you are a DM and going for a field visit, and suddenly you find that a child has fallen in a borewell and there's no one around. What would you do?
6. Whom would you contact (agencies)?

Member 3

1. So your optional is Public Administration. What do you think is the most relevant theory or model of administration that is suited to India and why?
2. Why was Max Weber's Bureaucratic model adopted? What does it offer vis a vis other models?
3. So in 2013 a separate paper of Ethics and Integrity was introduced, what was the reason behind it?
4. Is it a good idea to test ethics and morality through a written exam?
5. What purpose does it serve?

Member 4

1. Before coming to this room for the personality test, were you nervous?
2. What do you do to remove nervousness and feeling of anxiety?
3. How does breathing help in this? And Do you recommend it?
4. Ok so coming to the introduction of ethics paper in UPSC, don't you think that anybody can write answers for the questions asked? Are the candidates,
5. who are writing the paper, really ethical?
6. Don't you think people can write something and practice something else?
7. How does it ensure that people and good ethics and morality are getting in the system? And

is it so?

8. Ok so you must be knowing about GPS System. In no time it is able to provide
9. you exact information about locality. How does it happen?
10. Ok your interview is over, thankyou* (with smiles from sathyavathi mam)
11. stood up smiling and said thankyou to everyone in the room and left*

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Optional: Public Administration

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

First to go, morning session

Background: IRTS, Investment banking, Startup**Optional:** Economics**Hobby:** Sketching**Chairman**

1. Why did you join when you were making \$\$\$ before?
2. What was the favorite startup you have worked with?
3. What was the business model
4. Opinion on IRMS and Cross questions
5. Battery swapping failing why? (Daf) cross questions

Member 1

1. What kind of bulbs do you know? (Random)
2. What bulb is the best?
3. Some other questions can't recall

Member 2

1. If so leveraged then why were people buying it?
2. As a broker how will you convince me to buy it?
3. Cross questions
4. Since you liked startups, why couldn't you work in social sector through startups? Why this domain?
5. Couldn't you make a startup, sell it and keep working in diverse sectors?

Member 3

1. Are you nervous?
2. What did you do to manage the nervousness (I said deep breathing, so he said what type and I said Anulom-vilom and then he just laughed the entire time)
3. What is the diff between art and science
4. Is a history study a science or an art
5. Should policy making be done scientifically or humanities based
6. You do pencil sketching? Isn't it just copying?? I said it is but perspective is involved and

- depends on who is drawing, outcome will be diff
7. But he said it's still copying isn't it – I said sir it does involve some techniques like hatching which can again be innovative
 8. Said he doesn't think it's art cuz it's a copy.. – I said it is sir, but again copying
 10. is not entirely bad. He smiled.
 11. Which question would you like to answer – How does a plane fly or how does a refrigeration cycle work (out of syllabus for me cu no engineering background but I said Airplane)
 12. Went on to explain in the most basic and crude form. He said this was very basic but ok

Member 4

1. What is green hydrogen?
2. How will you incentivise the bottom of the pyramid to take it up?
3. What do you think will be RBI stance today ?
4. On in head we are promoting MSME and on the other we are increasing the credit interest?
5. Why are we doing this? Cross questions
6. Third interview with Sathyawati Ma'am. May God help me !

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Date of Interview: 6th Feb, Afternoon session (4th to go)

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Law

Background: National Law University, Lucknow

Profession (if any): Nope

Hobbies: Journaling, watching anime (no questions asked)

Your experience in interview- Based on what I had heard, I thought the board would be too cruel and would grill me a lot but nothing like that happened. They were smiling, asked me to be comfortable, offered me to have some water and were cordial.

Utility of mocks- Mocks did help me to gain confidence. It had reduced the fear of actual interview to a certain extent

Chairman

1. What have you been doing since 2020?
2. Why didn't you become a lawyer?
3. Should reservation be economic or social?
(Cross questions. Many.)

Member 1

1. NPAs are very high so what should we do to address that problem?

2. What are the reasons for the long time taken in the resolution process of corporate debtors?
3. Should appeals be allowed to the Supreme Court in resolution of such cases?
4. What is the future of arbitration in India?

Member 2

1. What do you think about India's stance wrt neighbouring nations?
2. Chinese infrastructure is better than NE. How should India prepare for clashes there?
3. Attacks by chinese malware on nuclear plants. How can we strengthen our systems?
4. What is your take on IT Rules, 2021?
5. How sound is the IPR laws regime?
6. The fees is very high and the time taken for filing of IPRs is too much. What are we doing to address this?

Member 3

1. What are your views on the Collegium system? What should be the way forward?
2. What is so different about Awadhi cuisine?
3. Is Pakistan's economic crisis like Sri Lanka's? Why?
4. Should India help Pakistan?

Member 4

1. Darwin's theory of evolution vs creation
2. What is gene?
3. What programs do we have wrt genes?
4. Which tool is used for gene editing?
5. What is fullform of CRISPR Cas9? Who invented it?

(I couldn't answer most of his questions however he seemed very chill and rexed and didn't mind me saying 'I don't know') **Thank you! You may leave now.**

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Date of Interview: 7th Feb afternoon session.

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Karnataka

Optional: PSIR

Background: Bsc agriculture

Hobbies: Kolar, cricket, gaming, fantasy cricket.

Chairman

1. When did kgf mines closed?
2. Now, what is the source of economy for Kolar district.

3. Why farmers in kolar throw tomatoes on road?
4. Sericulture-do you know about it? Tell me different varieties of Silkworms.
5. What is the special about Muga silk?

Member 2

1. Do you know about sun? What is it? what is the composition of sun?
2. How solar energy generated?
3. What is the means of transfer of energy from sun to planets.
4. Name the varieties of cow breeds.
5. What is sahiwal?

Member 3

1. Bt-Brinjal? what is it? concerns?
2. Organic agriculture is costly. what to do?

Member 4

4. what are your service preference.
5. What qualities IAS officer should have?
6. If an officer don't have compassion/empathy
7. Then what to do?
8. Do you know about NRC?What is it?what are the concerns?

Member 5

1. Karnataka cuisine-style of cooking how it is?
2. Name any few.
3. What is the marketing institute from your campus?
4. What is your solution to market failure?
and counter question on it.
5. Tell me any innovative measure which you have studied for ensuring market for farmers.
6. At last chairman said your interview is over.

When I was leaving the room ,one of the board member asked what is doosra? Can you bowl? I answered and said I can bowl googly and legbreak.Sir replied great!!

Over all the board was cordial.70% of questions on agriculture. No qn from hobbies and optional.

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Date of Interview: 6th February, Afternoon, 3rd to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Psychology

Background: Industrial Psychology, IGNOU

Your experience in interview: Average

Utility of mocks or O2O: Learn to listen to the question, similar questions

Chairman reads out my DAF

Chairman

1. What is Industrial Psychology?
2. The Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions, explain it in the context of industrial psychology?
3. Usually, master's degree is completed in 2 years, why are you taking more time?
4. Name the industries where this is most applied? (she wanted more industries, my answer was quite shallow, but she moved on when she understood that I couldn't recall)

Member 2

1. Why is the age of marriage increasing in India, is the institution of marriage still relevant in the Indian society, also why are divorces increasing?
2. What is your Plan B?

Member 3

1. What was your entrepreneurial venture? (Based on my Plan
2. What are the ways to promote women empowerment and women entrepreneurship?

Member 4

1. What is the status of women in Kerala? (Nudged about double burden, and I spoke about my MA research paper)
2. Based on the findings of your research, what ways can we overcome this issue about women?
3. What is the psychology of terrorism?
4. Can these techniques be applied for the good of the society? How?
5. What are skills needed for a civil servant from a psychology perspective?
6. How are e-commerce companies using psychology?

Member 5

1. I am giving you a situation, "In an industry, an accident occurred and an employee was injured. The employees with their rage and anger attacked the supervisor and injured him, what aspect of psychology is playing out here"? (I couldn't reach the specific answer at first, but she gave me a clue)
2. We have not condemned the Russia-Ukraine war, what are India's reasons for doing it? (I replied that indeed we have condemned, but we have abstained due to our strategic autonomy and self-interest; she wanted more points, but let me free when I couldn't recall)

3. M3 wanted to ask one more question
 - You mentioned that empathy and compassion are important traits in a civil servant, can it be assessed in an interview like this?
4. **Chairman:** Thank you, your interview is over
5. Good luck to all, be calm and be yourself

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Date of Interview: 6/2, Afternoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Geography

Home State: Bihar

Background: Hansraj College, DU

No questions on hobbies

Chairman

1. Didn't you think about doing PG?
2. What were you doing since 2021?
3. Since IFS is your first preference, who out of Putin, Erdogan and Trump is most important for India's interest?
4. Some counter questions from ma'am and other members.
5. How do you see the Russia-Ukraine war in near future? Any solutions.
Impact of war on agriculture and India's role.
6. Some counter questions.

Member 1

1. Talked about development schemes not working in Bihar and asked about the reasons.
Long discussion on this.
2. Discussion on money laundering.

Member 2

1. Asked about tiger reserves and some names.
2. Cheetah relocation.
3. Difference between cheetah and leopard.

Member 3

1. India-Nepal relations discussion
2. Problems faced by Bihar as a border state.
3. India-China border dispute and asked me for some solutions.
4. For some weird reason, she was asking me two part questions like cause and solutions and

when I started answering the cause part, she interrupted me in both and told me that she was asking for solutions.

Member 4

1. Read about what candidates say when asked for the reasons to join civil services and asked me do you have anything different to add.
2. Then, he went into physics because I had PCM in 12th and asked about uncertainty principle.
3. Member 1 asked about Hindustani vocal music as I had it as one of the subjects in 12th.(told them about my choice between physical education and HVM)
4. Then all laughed out on my answer and Sathiyavathi ma'am asked why not
5. Physical education and then what exercise I do for keeping myself fit. When I answered in the negative, she jokingly told me to start exercising because it would be a desk job.

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Date of Interview: 6th Feb

Session: Forenoon (last to go)

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: B.Tech Textile Technology, IIT Delhi.

Optional: Economics

Home State: Utter Pradesh

Hobbies: Mathura, Run for Laadli Half Marathon, Robotics, Football,

Keyword: Global Financial crisis, Infotainment shows.

WorkEx: 6 months Business Analyst @ Ola

Category: Visually Impaired (PwBD-2)

Chairman reads out DAF.

Chairman

1. What are you doing since 2019?
2. What did you do in your job?
3. Why did you not prepare along job?
4. What is Run For Laadli?
5. What is the status of women in UP?
6. First tell me about scene in Mathura.

Member 1

1. Why so many widows in Vrindavan? Why not somewhere else?
2. What would you as administrator do for widows in Vrindavan?
3. But will talking to widow's family work?

4. Are most of these widows Bengali? (Sorry sir)
5. So how do you show leadership?
6. How would you build consensus during communal violence? (I mentioned consensus formation in last answer).
7. But nowadays there is no leaders in violence. (I said religious leaders above).
8. I said nowadays there is a hidden leader which is social media and we need to check such instances.
9. You mentioned Eastern UP & Bundelkhand (I did in an answer), why are they relatively backward?
10. Is enough being done for these regions or are they just exhibition of poverty?

Member 2

1. What is Aspirational District Program?
2. Is it even working?
3. So you are a textile engineer, tell me about economics of textile sector of India.
4. Why small countries doing better than India in textiles?
5. Cross question on labour costs.
6. What can be done to lower labour costs in India?
7. I mentioned focusing PMKVY like schemes on textiles, to which chairman intervened and said isn't that already a part?

Member 3

1. Monologue on gender equality, what to do?
2. All that you said sounds good, but what to do realistically?
3. Monologue on family as the first place to bring a change for gender equality. Why so many crimes against women in UP which is increasing day by day?
4. You play football, what position?
5. What major events have happened regarding football in last 1 year?
6. Name the quarter finalists of FIFA WC. (Actually wanted semi-finalists)
7. Any thing else? (I said U17 women World Cup in India)
8. He replied you missed the great Pele died.

Member 4

1. You have economics optional. What is Development economics?
2. Name few economists working in this field?
3. What has India done on lines of development economics?
4. What is taught in Textile engineering in IITs?
5. Is anything taught on machinery and production?
6. Tell me about handloom sector in India.

7. How can you use what you learnt in engineering for handlooms?
8. Anything related to technology upgradation and machines for them?
9. **Member 3** Again
10. How would you distinguish a saree whether it is hand-woven or power loom? I
11. said uneven texture.
12. Again asked can you do it while a shopkeeper tries to sell it to you by claiming it as handwoven?
13. I said that will be very difficult for me.

They all had a chat around this topic and laughed.

Chairman asks what is the difference between fibre, filament, yarn and thread? Corrected me once, I said thank you.

Your interview is over thank you and all the best.

I hope this comprehensive transcript helps someone.

Utility of Mock: Builds confidence and gives directions of questions to prepare in DAF.

Suggestion: Be confident, humble and enthusiastic.

All the best everyone.

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Date of Interview: Feb 2, 2023, Afternoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Sociology

Background: NIT BTech ECE

Work exp: Software Engineer

Hobbies: Traveling, Watching vlogs, Football

Tamil Nadu & Kerala

Chair asked to remove mask. Read the DAF.

Chairman

1. What were you doing since 2020? (I worked till 2020)
2. What is your order of service preference?
3. What is your order of cadre preference? (Home state is not my first preference)
4. You don't want to work in your home state?
5. You know Tamil and Malayalam?
6. Tell me a few thirukurals (I said 2). Please explain those in English.
7. What kind of traveling do you like? (I said adventure such as trekking)
8. What is the difference between hiking, mountaineering, trekking?

Member 1

1. What is a primitive tribe?

2. What are the provisions for PVTGs in this year's budget?
3. What are the issues faced by migrant labourers? (Follow up questions)
4. What are water-borne diseases? (I said Cholera)
5. If you are posted as DM in a district where Cholera has widely spread, how will you handle it?
6. Have you heard of ORS? What is the home remedy alternative for ORS?

Member 2

1. What all are the steps that India took to address the issue of crisis in Sri Lanka recently? Why are we doing those? What more can be done?
2. Why is Football very popular in Kerala?
3. Which is your favorite team?
4. Which team did you support during the World Cup final?
5. What position do you play in football?

Member 3

1. What are the technical difficulties faced in communication through satellites?
2. It's often said future wars will happen in Space. Why it is so?
3. What is the issue regarding Rohingyas? What India should do to handle this scenario?

Member 4

1. What are the current applications and future applications of satellite imagery?
2. What is the difference between blog and vlog?
3. So you like travelling, where all have you been?
4. Utility of mocks : Some questions asked in mocks got repeated.

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Date of Interview: 3rd Feb

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: LLB

Optional: law

Home State: Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: watching legal web series and yoga

Work: Sports Authority of India

Chairman

Meaning of your name

1. She asked me about a south Indian actress with similar name (I didn't know)
2. Where have you been working and since when

3. Before work what were you doing (I said was in prep)
4. What is NGT and its work
Where does the appeal of NGT lies
5. Does constitution needs review
6. What are basic structures of our constitution
7. Is it in the original constitution or not (i said no, then she asked then how can you say they are basic structures)
8. Recent Laws that came out because of people's general will (i said RTI and triple talak law, she referred to 377 law)

Member 2

1. Is it justified to ban vehicles after 10/15 yrs on account of environment. Isn't it a burden on people. What can be alternatives
2. Which legal web series you are watching and which one is your favourite (hobby)
3. Favourite character

Member 3

1. Schemes related to children (daf based)
2. What's happening in Iran (they meant women suppression issue)
3. What do you mean by underprivileged (daf based - part of program to teach underprivileged children)
Follow up - do you think they are really underprivileged
4. What is your job profile
5. Difference between SAI and sports university

Member 4

1. Have you heard of housing act. How homelessness can be eradicated. can it be fully eradicated
2. As a law student what is your opinion on movie puspha
3. Why such movies are allowed (such illegal and violence based)
4. Compare planned city of Naya Raipur and Bhopal

Member 5

1. What is money laundering
2. What is the legal law for it(PMLA)
3. International body (FATF and follow up questions on consequences of being in the grey list and who is in black list and grey list)
4. Budget provisions in constitution
5. Parliamentary terms of adjournment sine die and prorogation differences

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Date of Interview: 3 February, Friday, 5th person to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Maharashtra

Background: Mechanical engineering

Hobbies: solo travel, learning new languages, visiting historical sites

Achievements: leadership experience, volunteering, sports, scholarship.

Work exp: HR consulting, SBI, ESIC , currently sebi grade A officer

Chairman

1. Asked me to sit down and read my daf aloud...this alone took about 2 mins..I
2. was smiling and nodding the whole time
3. Started with Adani and Hindenberg saga, the FPO, SEBI role in it, why sebi hasnt given an official statement yet, etc
4. Then asked me what 2 reforms I would suggest in ESIC (previous job)
5. Based on my reply, cross questioning and slight grilling

Member 1

1. You have done Mechanical engineering, right
2. Since Mech is an interdisciplinary field, what are the few areas that overlap with mech engg in practice
3. She went on about challenges of expanding Mumbai City since it's sandwiched between sea and western ghats
4. What are the possibilities in expanding the city towards the sea(I think she
5. wanted to hear about sea reclamation and hence I answered accordingly)
6. Examples worldwide where it has been done
7. Have you heard of NEOM of Saudi Arabia (I said no)
8. Floating islands anywhere (I said I don't know)

Member 2

1. What is black money
2. He went on about how black money has so much benefits , what do you think?
3. If I say that the development in last 10 years is due to black money only, what will you say?
4. When I replied demonetisation and its role in curbing black money, he asked...so do you think that the black money that has become white due to demonetization has been beneficial?

Member 3

1. Asked more about my work at SEBI, department, which areas handled

2. Asked about foreign funding sources in reit and invit
3. P notes as a mode of funding
4. Since it's used to launder money, what are the steps taken by sebi
5. Initiative in budget related to p notes (allowing them in gift city)
6. How is the flow of tainted funds that comes in through Depository receipts
7. and p notes controlled by sebi...is there any multilateral and bilateral mechanisms
8. Wanted to know about tax havens
9. What if an entity channels black money into India through p notes..how will you deal with it

Member 4

1. Israel Saudi rapprochement – reasons?
2. If India is exporting refined oil to usa and EU from crude sourced from Russia
3. and USA is opposing, then what should India do?
4. Went on about how news channels are spreading filth, then asked me the reasons and possible solutions

Your interview is done

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Date Interview: 3rd Feb, afternoon

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Punjab

Background: Electronics and communication.

Hobbies: Kitchen gardening, reusing plastic

Chairman

1. What have you doing since 2019 ?
2. What is Cancer express ?
3. Why so many cancer cases in Punjab ? And subsidiary discussion on that led to water table dropping and further to cropping pattern of Punjab.
4. Should government pass a law to stop rice plantation in Punjab. A discussion on this.
5. You are collector how will you convince farmers to not sow rice.

Member 1

1. Challenges of a border district and what will you do to solve them (in context of Punjab) ?
2. Gave a monologue on freebies. Then asked how will you convince chief minister that it is wrong. A bit counter questions on that. Can't recall anything else.

Member 2

1. What do you think about beauty pageants ? Counter questions
2. Had Tibet been independent of China would our border situation have been better?
3. Social problems of Assam.
4. Since I couldn't answer both the above questions then sir said you tell me which area you are comfortable. I said environment.
5. One general question on environment initiatives and one counter question on electric vehicles.

Member 3

1. What do you envision future of electronics etc.
2. Do you watch TV. I said no. From where do you get news then ?
3. Do you know Doshi ? Who was he trained under?
4. How are Punjab and Haryana sharing Chandigarh? It means no dispute between them ?
5. Recent Supreme Court judgement on Chandigarh.

Member 4

1. You are reusing plastic don't you know it is banned ? A few counter questions on this (I think many)
2. When was single used plastic banned ? Are you sure ?
3. Should ECI be given a role of censoring body for manifestos (in light of excessive freebies?)
4. What is G20 ? How is the president chosen ?
5. If India has become president in alphabetical order only then why so much pomp and show on it ?
6. Then finally chairperson said thankyou and all the best.
7. Your experience in interview-
8. Members were counter questioning a lot. Mostly on opinions.
9. Satyavati ma'am was nodding in between.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Practice mannerism and staying formal through out the interview.

But the variety and nature of questions in interview is quite different from mocks.

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Haryana

Optional: Agriculture

Attempt: 2nd

Background: Agriculture

Hobbies: shooting Ball, whittling,

Chairman

1. difference between whittling and sculpting
2. shooting Ball
3. tell me about agenda of meeting according to current scenario you will hold as agri secretary in GOI with VCs of agri universities
4. HR agri problems
5. whittling contribution in personality
6. palm oil cultivation concerns
7. Indian food self sufficient or not
8. Inflation vs hyper inflation
9. impact of currency printing by RBI
10. Board was expression less leaving 1 member who was chilled out

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Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: (2021)- humanities

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Punjab

Hobbies: Doodle art, jogging, Secretary, legal literacy club

Geog quiz contest Mun women safety and security

Chairman

1. What were you doing from 2021?
2. are you not planning to do post graduation?
3. discussion on edtech sector
4. (Bcoz of answer to the previous question)
5. why byjus growth declining?

Member 1

1. drug issue in Punjab reasons
2. migration outside Punjab reasons
3. as dm how would you nudge farmers for crop diversification
4. rest questions I don't remember

Member 2

1. Bihar up migrants in Punjab
2. What are the demographic changes brought about by it – sociological analysis.
3. contribution of Punjab in India's history.
4. area being sown under different crops in punjab

5. rest questions I don't remember.(sorry for my short term memory)

Member 3

1. what do you know about South India?
2. rivers of South india-enumerate state wise
3. difference between women safety and women security
4. provisions of posh act

Member 4

1. Why "humanities" subjects called so?
2. What govt doing for drinking water security?
3. Why the contribution of househelps not included in GDP.?
4. Rest I don't remember

Chairman

activities under legal literacy club.

I mentioned several laws like pocso

So next ques – have you heard about posco.(Not pocso)

Interview guidance sessions with utkarsh sir at SOMP really helped .

Also one on one session with khan sir and vinay sir also helped a lot.

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Date of Interview: Feb 02

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Karnataka

Background: Mechanical Engg

Work: Sports Authority

Hobbies: Football, silk farming, documentaries

Chair asked to remove mask. Read the DAF.

Chairman

1. What doing since graduation?
2. What is your salary?
3. Ok gross salary?
4. What do you do in silk farming?
5. Which mulberry variety?
6. Which silkworm?
7. Difference between bivoltine, multi voltine?

8. Why bivoltine beneficial?

Member 1

1. How will you use sports in IR to build support for India in UN?
2. Among brics, which sport would you suggest?
3. As a Pol science student how do you look at budget?
4. Main principles of budget?

Member 2

1. Which documentaries you watch? Recent one?
(Cross questions)
2. Why adani withdrew fpo?
3. Why sino India relations at low?
4. What's wrong in having great power ambitions?
5. What issues if border is non demarcated?
6. Doesn't salami slicing happen at LoC?

Member 3

1. Why Mysore is a planned city?
2. Why Bangalore was planned but now in bad condition?
3. Issues in Bangalore metro?
4. Role of mech engineers in construction of tall structures?

Member 4

1. Killing silk worms is ethically wrong. Your opinion?
2. What budget has done to contain inflation?
3. How will it benefit the common man?
4. Why don't you just let the silk worm fly away. Then process it?
5. **Chairman**
6. But stain can be cleaned right?
7. Told ma'am bleach agents can't be used on silk as it dissolves. So difficult
8. Most of my interview went on my DAF I felt. Board was cordial. **Hope this helps other aspirants, just like the transcripts here helped me.**

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Date of Interview: 30/01/2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Electrical Engg, IIT Delhi

Home State: Haryana

Employee: Intel, Currently in IDAS

Hobbies: Reading Biographies, Meditation, Playing piano

Chairman

Satyavathi Mam read out the DAF loudly and asked the following questions :

Tell us about the recent reforms in Railway services?

Give me your personal opinion on Railway services merger?

Okay, so you prefer specialists, then why do we hire generalists?

Apart from DM, say health secretary, power secretary etc, who is better suited for that job?

But Vallabhai Patel once said that If we hire all specialists, they would be undecisive and only generalists are capable of acting decisively, Was he wrong?

Member 1

1. What is the difference between fine arts and conceptual arts?
2. Do you follow International relations?
3. Tell me the about Bangladesh?
4. Why do we make people fill all these, sports hobbies etc in DAF?
5. You are an IAS, if you suddenly get to know that you have to join one particular district within a month, What will you do first? (followed by What else twice)
6. Defence has the largest budget in country and is so important for the country, but you still want to join IAS, Which one do you think is more important?
7. If both are equally important, then why join IAS?

Member 2

1. You have lived in Bhopal, what did you like about the place?
2. Apart from people, anything else- architecture wise?
3. You have mentioned reading biographies as your hobby, Which ones have you read?
4. Why do you read biographies specifically?
5. Which biography did you find most impressive and Why?
6. Okay, What did you learn from Dalai Lama's biography?

Member 3

1. What is budget?
2. What about previous definition related to plan, non plan expenditure?
3. Why did we abandon planning commission?
4. So, how is planning done now?
5. Do we have a state budget as well? Are you sure?
6. What is climate change?
7. What is the main reason for it?

8. What is carbon sink?
9. Do you think artificial carbon capture is feasible?

Member 4

1. You have lived in Chandigarh, what did you like about the place?
2. Your interview is finished, you may go now.
3. This is my personal opinion, but according to me, thinking a lot about everything in your DAF helps a lot. Interview preparation should ideally be 10% reading, 90% thinking.

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Date of Interview: 1/02/2023 afternoon session.

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Biomedical science

Optional: law.

Profession: Deputy jailor.

Hobbies: feeding stray animals, mimicking Bollywood artists.

As usual start by ma'am reading daf to all members.

Chairman

1. Explain ur gap year
2. feeding stray is menace don't you think so.
Something continuous random question .
3. what is open jail. Do u promote it. What is critirea.
4. Cross question related to open jail only.

Member 1

1. movie based on jail he asked fortunately i have seen just 3 weeks ago. Do aankhey barah hath so he asked me to explain the content of movie that is based on open jail.
2. reformative steps related to jail.
3. kanjhawala case (i said sorry sir)

Member 2

1. some procedural law which i said dont know again.
2. Special status for convicted prison inmates.
3. Decriminalization of law to reduce burden in jail.

Member 3

1. molecular biology is future (biomedical science)
2. Ur review on India's stance on Russia Ukraine war.

Member 4

1. question related to traditional medicine.
2. Ayush homeopathy what is needed?
3. Some questions i am forgetting.
4. **Over all** cordial environment. Yes i said 3 4 times i don't know. Even fumbled in some question . However overall very good experience. Don't think about too much what u haven't done bcz u never know what question they might ask. Just control the controllables as said by Mahendra singh dhoni i.e daf in our case and 1 newspaper.
Thank you and all d best dosto.

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Date of Interview: 1st Feb, afternoon. 1st to go

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Home State: Odisha.

Optional: Psychology

Background: NIT RKL, Electrical Engg.

Employee: Linde India. Recently selected in OAS.

Hobbies: Volleyball, teaching, photography

Chairman

1. Since 5 yrs what are u doing.
2. Who do u teach?
3. What did u do in linde. What does it manufacture.
4. Difference between industrial and medical oxygen.

Member 1

1. KBK, Western odisha are backward. Why?
2. Improvement in malnutrition? How will u deal with disasters if posted in Balasore? What Rourkela is famous for?

Member 2

1. What's a lagoon, what's a delta. Major deltas in odisha. Famous Beach. Chandipur- what's the unique phenomena. Why?
2. What's a backwater. What sambalpur is famous for?

Member 3

1. how will u promote sports in backward region of Odisha?
2. Why the setback for India in hockey worldcup?

3. What other sports do u follow apart from Volleyball?
4. U will soon join as an OAS officer.
5. How do u look towards it.
6. What will be ur focus area of work?

Member 4

1. emotion- earlier research about different brain regions responsible for it.
2. What's the new trend?
3. Why is China so much interested in Askai chin?

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Date of Interview: 30 Jan 2023 Afternoon session

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Haryana, B.Sc. Physical Science, ICAS

Home State: Haryana

Optional: History

Hobbies: Reading fiction, cooking

Chairman

Read through the DAF.

1. 1.Should we merge all accounts services?
2. What services have been merged recently?
3. Has it been a good decision? (More counter questions)

Member 1

1. What are green house gases? Give examples.
2. You mention you were the School Gender Champion. What is that?
3. Don't you think only boys/men need to be gender sensitised?
4. What is Gender Gap Index?
5. How has the condition of women improved in India?

Member 2

1. What kind of fiction do you like to read?
2. What have you read recently? Who was the main character in that book?
3. What do you like to cook
4. What got you into Mediterranean cooking?

Member 3

1. problems and 5 things that are good about your district.

2. Given a choice between serving in a border district, and a naxal affected district, where would you choose to serve? (Counter questions on why not border district, don't you think drug smuggling is an important issue harming the youth?)
3. What is quantum entanglement?
4. Why is it being talked about recently?
5. What are scientists saying about time and space with respect to it?

Member 4

1. Give chronology of dynasties in India.
2. Give examples of surviving architectural monuments of these dynasties.

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Date of Interview: forenoon session, 30th January

Board: Satyawati mam

Optional: sociology

Background: Computer science engineering

Home state: Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: reading fiction, mindfulness meditation, badminton

Relevant keyword from daf: worked as a software developer in fintech,

Chairman

As I entered she started reading out details from summary sheet/daf

1. You are from computer science graduate, please explain me what is NFT?
2. You have lived in x, y, z places (places mentioned in daf) . Which is your favorite place and why ? 1-2 follow-up questions on this.
3. Since you are from IT background, can you tell me about the recent performance of IT industry and why declining?

Member 1

1. Explain what is mindfulness meditation?
2. Are there different types of meditation? How do they differ from mindfulness meditation?
3. She asked something on the lines - there are many famous practitioner like sadhguru (she took other names which I can't recall nor recognize) . What do they do ? Do you agree with their methodologies?
4. Both Delhi and Bangalore are metro cities and incidents take place even in Bangalore that imply it is not that safe for women? So why you think Delhi is more unsafe? (This was continuation of question regarding the place that i liked- i had mentioned safe public space as one of the factor in my previous answer)
5. Can you tell me few shortcomings about Bangalore?

Member 2

1. Few people say computers should not be included as engineering discipline. What do you think? Why ?
2. We hear a lot about AI, do you think AI can cause end of human civilisation?
3. Are there any laws/treaties to regulate AI ?
4. What is the trend of sex ratio in India? Is it increasing or decreasing? Why?
5. What can be done to improve sex ratio?

Member 3

1. What kind of fiction you like reading?
2. Book you read recently.
3. Long question which I can't remember exactly, but the gist was –How female lead development can happen?
4. If you are posted in district, how to ensure that schemes for women are executed efficiently? (This too was long question, but gist was mostly this)
5. If you are female police official, how to ensure that women who are underprivileged and exploited are heard and get justice?

Member 4

1. When you entered, you were nervous but after sometime you opened up , why did this happen?
2. You have lived in gujarat, can you talk or understand Gujarati? Can you speak a sentence in Gujarati?
3. District which share border with international territory, what additional challenges do such district face?
4. You would have read about Russia – Ukraine war. What are the challenges that Russia is facing?

Chairman

Your interview is over. Thank you

Note:

1. few questions were long, so I may not have remembered exact question
2. Not sure how useful it is going to be: but I was told in one mock that since you are female candidate, and if you happen to face a board who has female member- you might probably be questioned on women issues.

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Date of Interview: 30/01/2023

Board: M Sathiyavathy

Background: Btech metallurgy from NIT Trichy

Home State: Salem ,Tamil Nadu

Employee: Sidbi

Hobbies: Mandala painting / reading fiction books

Chairman

1. For female candidates (please remove your chain / earring/ ring) they are asking ur to remove all ornaments including watch.,
Satyavathi Mam read out the DAF loudly and asked the following questions :
2. What are you doing currently ?
3. why this gap of 3 years since your last job
4. What made you choose civil service ?
5. Civil service is not just about IAS,
6. there are other services also ?
7. You can do much better in your current job ,why this ?
8. Why didn't you go to Core ? Why IT ?
9. Didn't you appear for Gate exam ?
10. Tell about Dravidian model of development that Tamil Nadu is talking about ?
11. how is it different from other states ? Why call it Dravidian?
12. What makes TN one of the leading states in economic and social indicators in the country ?

Member 1

1. You become IAS and you are given a choice to choose between two districts – one where there is more communal tensions and another a border district with issues of drug and human trafficking- what would you choose ?
2. I chose border district siting few reasons.
3. Follow up question.but in case of choosing a communal violent district, if you bring communal harmony you can make a big difference.
4. I agreed to his point,yet chose to stay with border district as i felt the scope of development is more there.
5. Tell me the background of how Afghanistan evolved and what is the current relations of India with Afghanistan?
6. Tell me 5 interesting things about Salem ?
7. Tell me about mandala painting ?

Member 2

1. What lifestyle choices do you have ?
2. How will you lead your life in next decades ?
3. Will you be able to find the right partner who will agree with your way of life ?

4. Why don't you like a lavish lifestyle ? (But many prefer it ,why don't you ?)
5. Tell me some new materials used nowadays ?

Member 3

1. What schemes have Government brought for MSME's?
2. How is Mudra helping and how is it different ?
3. What do you know about semiconductors ?
4. What is opinion on Remote voting ?
5. Do you support it or not ?
6. What is it about ordinary residents and native residents ?

Member 4

1. What do you do in Sidbi ? (In your branch)
2. What are steps taken by Sidbi for antimoney laundering ?
3. **Chairman**
4. what do you know about account aggregators ?
5. follow up – it will be useful only if they voluntarily provide info..
What would you do if people conceal info and how can you check money laundering?

Smita Nagaraj Board,

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Date of Interview: 28-04-2023; forenoon: last to go

Board: Smita Nagaraj ma'am

DAF: blockchain, sociology, mental health

Chairman

1. Have you heard about the book "everybody loves a good drought"
2. who wrote it, what was it about
3. have you witnessed corruption in real life
4. why is there corruption when people seem so ethical in interviews
5. is it only institutional pressure
6. why rules are bad
7. should there be discretion in administration
8. what about discretion in this interview
9. how do we reduce that
10. what about bias
11. identify a bias you have
12. there is caste bias in even elite institutions, why is it there
13. have you seen it?

Member 1

1. You won scholarship from Google, what is crowdsourcing at Google
2. You were involved in mental health society, what did you do
3. how could you take preventive steps without counseling
4. opinion about fact check
5. opinion about name change
6. family and mental health

Member 2

1. reasons for delay in nuclear technology
(Talked about some specific term which I didn't know)
2. discussion on gig economy and social security
3. Gandhi's 7 sins and "politics w/o principle"

Member 3

1. crypto and other use cases of blockchain

2. insurance and how to improve this sector (I had mentioned ndhm and insurance in previous answer)
3. insurance and other sectors have monopoly also so what is the government doing

Member 4

1. discussion on crypto regulation (few follow up questions)

Experience: sahi tha.. 20-25 mins only because the board was running behind schedule.

Mocks: 5 including one to one; good ones were Chahal and Chanakya Mandal

Utility of mocks: helps get confidence

All the best to everyone 😊

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Date of Interview: 27/04/23

Board: Smita Nagraj

Slot: Afternoon, 2nd to go

Home State: Haryana

Optional: Mathematics

Hobby: JPMC, Chess, Coding

Duration: Around 25 minutes

Normal conversation. The questions may seem out of blue but were continuation based on my answer to previous question.

Chairman

1. Why JPMC
2. Why left so early?
3. Is government model of leadership at young age good? Isn't private better?
4. Private promote innovation, new ideas more than govt?
5. Are new ideas welcome in government?
6. Any 3 ideas you would work on?
7. In 2 of the ideas you mentioned, you won't have much power?
8. Why do people love collector system so much? It is colonial legacy
9. How do you want to be remembered as after 30-35 years?
10. Is there a Difference b/w constitutional and statutory morality?
11. What do you meant by constitutional and statutory morality

Member 1

1. React on the statement "Haryana is the most backward state"
2. Progress in Haryana only due to Delhi. It is backward?

3. Jind, Rohtak regions are backward? Why?
4. Due to think bureaucracy has failed us since haryana is backward. Something on these lines.
5. Haryana reservation in pvt jobs. Is it good or bad?
6. Maruti wants to leave Haryana. Haryana is backward?

Member 2

1. IMF vs WB. Are both same?
2. Why countries don't take loan from WB
3. Does IMF affect administrative authority also? (Something on these lines)
4. After ChatGPT, coding won't be required?
5. Is it good idea to promote chess in schools for creativity?
6. ChatGPT can beat humans in Chess and It kills creativity. Does chess promote creativity?
7. What is vedic mathematics
8. Govt promoting vedic maths. Modern vs vedic maths. What will you choose.

Member 3

1. Judicial decision making is slow. Monologue about same. How will you ensure quick decision?
2. Someone's wrong. You know about it. What will you do something ethical by law bending
3. You are against bulldozer?
4. Independent directors. Why are they there?
5. Have you heard about RTE? What are its features
6. Mentioned something but he again asked for features?

Member 4

1. Status of reservation in India?
2. Why 27% reservation to them?
3. Will you increase their reservation based on population?
4. Big firms like JP Morgan etc indulge in illegal activities. What action to take?
5. No big bank of size of JP Morgan in India Why?
6. Any investment bank from India?
7. Dollar denominated bonds offer low interest. Should government borrow in them
8. How rupee trade happens

Might be missing a few questions

Experience - Very similar to mocks given at Unacademy, Vajirao and Reddy, NextIAS, VisionIAS, KSG, Chahal IAS

O2O with Khan Sir was very good.

All the best.

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Date of Interview: 26 April
Board: Smita Nagraj maam
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Madhya Pradesh
Background: Electronics engineering
 Ecofriendly, Minimalistic life and related activities
 Volleyball
 Job in goldman sachs

Chairman

1. What do u under these related activities of envt
2. Do u think guilt is good way of motivating ppl to do something
3. What type of discrimination will u address thru such awareness And how u said ur father was frst to send girls
4. Are u sure

Member 1

1. Gs kyu chhoda?
2. Subsidise honi chaie edu at iit?
3. Educatuon system me dikkat hai kota me tutitim krna pada?
4. Iit as an exam sahi hai? Us ke toh ni hote ese exams

Member 2

1. Discrimination ki baat kr rhe the tum , or konse discrimination hai Office me face kia?
2. Jaha posted rhoge waha kya kroge apne office me discrimination ko address krne?
3. Konsa discrimination sabse pehle dikhega?
4. Dont u think girl child wala b hoga?
5. How to address malnutrition in girls
6. Do you think tech has biases
7. I thought ai biases bol rhe
8. Wo acces ka b puch rahe the
9. I said yes
10. He said kese kroge address?

Member 3

1. EWS reservation discrimination nhi tha kya dusro k liye?
2. Sports promotions kese kre

3. Sirf cricket chalta hai
4. Governor ka apptment kese hota
5. Kya governor control hota krta
6. Hai state govt ko?
7. Discretionary power hai unke pass?

Member 1

1. Solar pe kyu hai itna focus
 2. Why not on wind hydel
 3. I said i dont know
 4. Solar k disadvantage btao
 5. I forgot to mention grid stability
 6. Then he asked more
 7. What abt turning all to solar
 8. Then I remembered yes grid stability
 9. Green sources of energy kya hai
 10. Nuclear kese green hua? Clean hai?
 11. I said radioactive waste hota hai
 12. Then he asked something to which i said i will have to read that
 13. Asked u said india me racial biases nhi hai , south me jalar dekho
 14. I said sorry if i gave that impression
 15. I dont have data so i said i am not sure abt racial discrimination
- Might be missing some questions

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Date of Interview: 6th April

Board: Ms. Smita Nagraj

Hobby: Meditation

Details: IPS, ex-Indian Forest Service, , Gharial project

Chairman

1. Can country grow economically with its internal contradictions like racism in USA, caste system in India?
2. What are the various inclusive and redistributive justice policies of India?
3. Do you support basic income?
4. Would you prefer basic income or employment generation?

Member 1

1. What is going on with Twitter?

2. What is the issue with government subsidies, what are its drawbacks?
3. You know the selection procedure in UPSC is highly competitive, what are the ways through which those who could not make into the final list can still be utilised in government functioning?

Member 2

1. What is the current status of BIMARU States vis a vis their southern counterparts?
2. What is difference between Vipassana mediation vs mindful meditation vs transcendental meditation?(DAF)

Member 3

1. How to reduce elephant man conflict?
2. How to ensure symbiotic relationship between Tribals and wildlife?
3. What was Gharial project? (DAF)

Member 4

1. Who was responsible for project tiger? Why so much focus on tiger?
2. Should we actively intervene actively in Tribal development?(I differentiated between Tribes of Andaman vs Tribes of mainland India?

Chair: why can't we do the same developmental work for sentinelese tribe?

Best wishes.

(5)

Date of Interview: 5 April, Forenoon, 2nd to go

Board: Smt. Smitha Nagarajan mam

Optional: Anthropology

Home state: Bihar

Daf stuff: IITR mechanical, Bihar, anthro, nukkad natak in NSS, All terrain vehicle, No work experience

Attendant told me no need to wear mask.

In Smita mam room, mam was sitting with one male and one female member near her table & 2 other male member were sitting very close to me in LHS & RHS on individual table & chair.

Aura was like normal office chamber, very different from mocks.

Chairman

1. Are you working?
2. So you do not any industry exposure in your field? So tell me recent advancement in mechanical engineering?

3. What are the negative challenges wrt to use of AI in machines since we seeing advancement like driverless cars?
4. Who would be responsible for these? (On reply of Error done by algorithms)
5. What's going on in west asia and north africa in last 10 years.
6. What are the recent ways of warfare?
7. Why do we still need large human force in army ?
8. Is there any convention on bio warfare?

Member 1

1. Asked about some clarification in DAF such as subjects and Jobs.
2. Who is benefitted for bihar jharkhand separation? (With a long monologue)
3. So do you think jharkhand is doing well?
4. Various research that people in india are immigrant from outside? Whats your views? What are classification about it in Anthropology?
5. Discussion on case burden on judiciary? Why? What are 2 unique solution?
6. What is Conciliation?

Member 2

1. So you organised nukkad natak? Where? On what?
2. How nukkad natak can be used in administration?
3. What is this all terrain vehicle? Where we can use it? Where in india?
4. Why you choose NSS over NCC?
5. What does NCC does? (he told more about NCC)
6. How can we use NCC cadets in policy implementations in district?

Member 3

1. Mam asked about fest in college?
2. What does Thomso means?
3. Recent issue during college fest in DU? Discussion over it related to how to tackle security in these fest? What steps should college and local administration should take ?
4. What is economic warfare ?
5. What are sanctions ?

Member 4

1. Sir told the meaning of my name. And asked what is faster than light ? (I told him human thoughts) Then sir told story of mahbharta and discussed about yudhisthira and Yaksha where Yudhisthira told that mind is fastest thing in the universe.
2. Do you think we are lossing unique tribal culture? And small discussion
3. Sir asked about recent ugc regulation which i was not aware of ?

4. Data is new gold. Why so?

Chairwoman again

1. Mam asked about what are some unique cultures of tribal which you told we need to protect?

10. Are assimilation and integration same? (I said both are same and realised the mistake without updating my answer)

2. Ma'am told me your interview is over. Thank you

I also thanked ma'am and other members for bearing with me for 25 minutes .

My experience: Mixed feeling. Mahadev k bharaso hi sab ho raha

Mocks & O2O – Sankalp, Vajirao, KSG, Chankya Mandal, Were good

O2O with Khan sir very good

Avoid: Sriram ias, Unacademy

I prepared a lot about current affairs because of mocks but it was not that worth. Here also case was similar to prelims.

(6)

Date of Interview: 28th March 2023, Afternoon, Fourth to go

Board: Hon'ble Smita Nagraj ma'am

Background: Electronics and Communications engineering

Optional: Geography

Work Ex: Semiconductor verification @Intel | BPSC

Home state: Bihar

DAF keywords: South Asia's best speaker, Best outgoing student, Model UN, Madhubani painting, Badminton, Intel woman leader in silicon verification

Chairman

1. What are you doing these days?

2. (Follow up) Should we congratulate you, are you happy?

3. What were the criteria for the 'Best outgoing student' award?

4. (Follow up) Should these criteria be conveyed to the students or not?

5. A scenario where some part of students' fees goes in a prize award, should the criteria's of awards be conveyed then? [some discussions]

6. Subjectivity on code of conduct, what does it mean?

7. How would you judge a person's conduct?

8. Should the convention of addressing seniors as sir or ma'am be removed? If not, why?

9. Did you address your seniors in Intel as ma'am/sir or with their names? (some discussion around this)

Member 1

1. Why did you leave such a well paying job for civil services?
2. You are from Bihar. Can you tell the name of a Chairman of the Finance commission who hails from Bihar?
3. (Follow up)Tell some of his recommendations which differed from previous ones.
4. Follow up from previous question on Disaster management : Adaptation vs mitigation.
5. As the District magistrate of a district in Bihar, how will you address the issue of Disasters?
6. What can be done to ensure that the dependency on funds from centre be reduced for disaster mitigation and response?

Member 2

1. What is insurgency?
2. How does elements from inside and outside the country impact it? Give examples
3. Can it be removed completely? Steps taken till now?
4. What is the Great Wall of steel?
5. (Follow up) How does it impact India?
6. In case of a war with China, can India hold its grounds?
7. (some more follow ups on this)

Chairwoman ma'am:

1. About this Great wall of steel, according to you, is it offensive or defensive?
2. What was the significance of Great wall of China?
3. Why did President Xi choose to call it the Great wall of steel only?

Member 3

1. Asked about the MUN mentioned in DAF.
2. What is the significance of MUNs?
3. What about the UN? Does it need reforms?
4. (follow up) What is complementarity of UNGA and UNSC?
5. Stand of UN on the Russia – Ukraine war.

Member 4

1. You have a technical background. Don't you think you are wasting your talent and resources by switching to civil services?
2. You have played football in University. How many years did you play for and what did you learn? (Politely corrected him that I played Badminton)
3. Why is Badminton gaining popularity in the country?
4. Don't you think the players doing well is the most important reason?
5. (Follow up) Is this role modelling approach helpful in socio-economic context in any way?

Chairwoman ma'am:

1. Can you give an example where models have been replicated from one state to another, tell wrt Bihar.
2. Where was the implementation done first?

Thank you, your interview is over.

Overall experience: Very cordial and attentive board. Real interview is different from mocks. It is an enriching experience of a discussion on your own interest with an extremely dignified panel.

Utility of mocks : Helpful in understanding the formal setting of an interview, content structuring based on your background and DAF, gives room for self analysis. Good ones: Vajirao and Reddy, Chanakya Mandal Pariwar, Unacademy. O2O : Extremely helpful.

- Vinay sir for discussions and his continued guidance | Ravindran sir's O2O was the closest | Special mention to Utkarsh sir from SOMP for his constant support | Ayush sir for multiple discussions | Deepak sir from IAS PCS factory for his help on certain DAF related prep Discussions with my friends and seniors helped the most. Also thankful to the community for the transcripts.

Hoping for the best. Good luck everyone!

(7)

Date of Interview: 31st March, Forenoon (4th to go)

Board: Smita Nagraj Ma'am

Home State: UTTAR PRADESH

Optional: Geography

College: Digvijay Nath PG College, Gorakhpur

Profession: No

Hobbies: no ques asked

Experience: cordial board,... didn't grill (unlike done in mocks)

Utility of mocks & O2O: Get familiar with the environment and speak in front of elders... a few ques were similar (in Vision faculty mocks) but not exactly the same...

NOTE:— The most anxious moments are those when You sit outside the board's room...and wait when they call you in.

Chairman

1. What have you been doing
2. Where do you live right now, in Delhi or in UP?
3. What is the NCR region & why has it been created?
4. A long monologue on administrative difficulties people are facing in NCR...and asked should we create a new state taking the NCR region? (Follow ups)
5. What is your opinion on Bifurcation or trifurcation of UP?

6. What is Referendum and plebiscite and what is the difference between them?

Member 1

1. Asked about an issue about which I wasn't aware of...
2. Which are the countries where Khalistani uprisings are there?
3. Is it not our Diplomatic failure?
4. why riots are there in France nowadays (follow ups)
5. Who was Digvijay Nath
6. What is the philosophy given by Digvijay Nath?

Member 2

1. How UP impacts our relationship with Nepal
2. Are the borders of Nepal closed or what, and what is the political status of Nepal in present?
3. So Do we not close our borders
4. What is chicken's neck?
5. What is your opinion on renaming places?
6. Is it not like we are eliminating or forgetting one aspect of the history by renaming places?
7. Whatever would be a populous demand, should the government follow that? (I've mentioned "populous demand" in two of my answers earlier)

Member 3

1. Why is the price of Gold increasing fast nowadays? (Follow ups)
2. Explain to me the system of Single Transferable voting (A discussion on it)
3. Why is there a sharp increase in investment in Uttar Pradesh this year? (One follow up)

Member 4

(He is from Northeast and the accent was a little different so I felt difficulty in comprehending the words, so I asked twice then answered)

1. You are against the bifurcation of Uttar Pradesh, so can we say that the division of Uttarakhand was a mistake?
2. A monologue on unstable nature and disasters of Trans Himalayan region...and then asked...should we construct roads and other infra there and large dams there?

Then he turned towards the Chairperson...and the chairperson said to me "Thank you...Your interview is over.."

Chairperson Ma'am and M-3 have smiling faces...others faces were expressionless...

But the overall experience was very pleasant and the board was very keen to hear me...they heard carefully and didn't interrupt even a single time in between the answers.

(8)

Date of Interview: 29/03/2023
Board: Smita Nagraj Madam
Home State: Rajasthan
Optional: none asked
Background: Civil engineering from IIT
Hobbies: none asked

Chairman

1. what are you doing nowadays?
2. how will you reconcile the demand for reservations by numerous groups (urge to prove oneself backward) with the celebration of india's growth story?
3. why these groups are mobilised around some particular identities- is it easy mobilisation or something else?
4. how can we overcome these identities?
5. after you got selected and then your community invites you for a function , will you attend/

Member 1

1. how will you use civil engineering (graduation subject) in civil services say diplomacy ?
2. how is state of Rajasthan contributing to help india address climate change challenges?
3. negatives of large solar plants and how can those be overcome?
4. isn't solarisation of canals costly?
5. intermittency of solar power, how to address? – hybrid plants and converting solar to potential energy of water.
6. are these steps being implemented anywhere in the country?

Member 2

1. milieu viaduct?
2. why do we no longer build cantilever bridges and mostly go for suspension bridges?
3. why civil engineers have not been able to make new innovative techniques like 3d printing a movement in the construction sector?
4. work done by BRO in north east region?
5. steps to double farmers income?

Member 3

1. causes of joshimath case from civil engineering point of view and how to address?
2. if we will not build large highways, then how will we be able to match the chinese infrastructure on the border?

- we see china has build infrastructure at such large scale with considerable pace, why we are not able to do so- is it due to lack of civil engineers , or our incompetency or geographical difficulties on our side in himalayans.

Member 4

- how to overcome chinese challenge?
- what is aukus and its members?

last: people from jodhpur area are so polite and humble, what is the reason for that?

experience in interview: board was cordial, chairwomen and two of the members were very attentive and engaging. overall was a good attempt, could have been better. suggested mocks: Chahal; samkalp.

Good luck to the remaining candidates for upcoming PT

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Board: Smita Nagaraj Mam

Optional: Sociology

Home state: Uttarakhand

Background: Mechanical Engg, M. Tech-Energy Systems

Work ex- No

Hobby: Religious Tourism

Chairman

- What do you like about your Hometown?
- Which is your biggest achievement so far?
- Government promoting mass transport to control pollution and at same time automobile manufacturing together. Why?
- Why Should mass transport for women be free?
- If you have to frame a policy for providing free transport to women, what factors would you consider?

Member 1

- How will you use religious tourism to promote livelihood of local people, considering situation in Joshimath?
- Swami Vivekanand meditated in Uttarakhand, which place?

Member 1

- What are various energy systems?
- Why are we promoting nuclear energy?
- What are concerns with nuclear energy?

4. Isn't it costly because the fuel has to be imported?
5. Recent nuclear disaster?
6. Can we ever replace fossil fuels?

Member 1

1. Issue with battery technology?
2. How can we manage e-waste generated through electro chemical batteries?
3. Why India not going for e-voting?
4. What are measures taken in this year's budget for infrastructure?

Member 1

1. Issues with renewable energy systems
2. What are problems with electricity distribution and transmission?
3. Protest against hydropower project in uttarakhand?

Chairperson-

Drawbacks of religious tourism.

Why Religious Tourism?

Thank you your interview is over.

Cordial Board. Smiling and attentive

(10)

Date of Interview: 29th March, forenoon session

Board: Smita Nagraj Mam

Optional: PSIR

Background: MA, Pol.Science

Home State: Rajasthan

DAF keywords: Table tennis, waste to art, fiction, meditation, first aid.

Chairman

1. What are you doing these days?
2. Why didn't you pursue further specialization in your subject?
3. A monologue on how countries small in size, resources, population are prospering.
4. The question was related with naming few such countries and reasons for the same.
5. What is your opinion on progress of South Korea and Israel.
6. How Israel is convincing other countries of its significance? Follow up on same
7. How West Asia would do if there is no Israel? Is it going to be peaceful there?
8. India's policy towards Israel and Palestine.

Member 1

1. Does the comment by USA that it is watching proceedings in Rahul Gandhi's case closely, an interference in internal matter?
2. What is the philosophy behind continuation for Russia-Ukraine war?
Follow up question on USA's role, particularly on its sales of arms.

Member 2

1. What is Delhi-Mumbai Expressway? How it would help Rajasthan.
2. If you are DM of any district in Rajasthan, what are the 3 initiatives you will take?
3. Reasons for inflation.
4. Why government promotes inflation? Basically why country don't target zero inflation.

Member 3

1. How to deal with judicial pendency?
Follow up question on the role of lawyers in delays.
2. Does Supreme court represent the will of people?
3. Techniques and utilization of urban waste.
4. Is Swachh Bharat a success?
5. How does your city, Pali fares in cleanliness?

Member 4

1. Implications of ICC's arrest warrant against Putin.
2. What if countries party to ICC arrest him when he goes there?
3. Which is the recent fiction you read?
(Shiva trilogy by Amish Tripathi)
4. Name other books of Amish.
5. Do you know about Saraswati civilization?
6. What is the significance of IVC.
7. Are there evidences of Shiva being worshipped during IVC period.
8. Define mythology.

(11)**Date of Interview:** 23rd February**Board:** Smita Nagraj Madam**Home State:** Maharashtra**Optional:** PSIR**Hobbies:** Watching Travelogues

Chairman

Remove the mask and get comfortable

1. Why Maharashtra govt promoting Zunka Bhakar stalls (part of Maharashtra Cuisine)?
2. Why only Zunka Bhakar?
3. Which Part of PSIR you like the most?
4. Thinkers have given thought on a particular time, why we need to study it? Are they relevant in practice?
5. Your favourite thinker? Why?
6. Greatest happiness of greater number and it's relevance.

Member 1

1. What is Maharashtra government doing to promote development?
2. Why LWE is still there in Gadchiroli, MH, if Maharashtra is a developed state
3. Urban Naxals
4. Issue of opposition to Migrant labours in Maharashtra?
5. Mumbai and repeated flood? What the govt is doing for this?

Member 2

1. Human life linked to strategic policy. Agree/How?
2. Weaponization of water? It's example
3. how are India Bangladesh relationship
4. Is good relationship because of the political party in Bangladesh which favours good relationship with India
5. Humans has unlimited greed, do you agree?

Member 3

1. Fundamental rights promote social justice? Give examples
2. development leads to Individualism. Do you agree?

Member 4

1. Weaponization of water any other example?
2. Difference between strategic and tactical?
3. which travelogue you watched recently?
4. Involvement of money in the famous drug case in Mumbai and defection in parties in Maharashtra ?
5. What was the issue of money there?

Chairman Thank you

The board was cordial. Most questions were from state and optional.

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Date of Interview: 31st March 2023, Forenoon, 2nd to go

Board: Honorable Smita ma'am

Optional: Chemistry

Home State: Rajasthan

Key words from daf: IITB, Mechanical engineering,

Hobby: farming

Chairman

1. You are from a princely state ,so tell us about privy purse.
2. And what were the legal and ethical issues with abolishing it.
3. Election commission of india, recent panel for its selection. What are the benefits of it.and following questions like about reaching on consensus, is that so easy and how can we reach on it.
4. Governor ,why do we have this office .
5. Why tussle and controversy related to it.
6. Can we think about the same mechanism like panel for appointing the governor.

Member 1

1. What are the perpetual machines.
2. What major developments do you see in the mechanical field in the coming time.
3. Name of the person who got Nobel prize both in chemistry and physics.
4. India and South America ,why do we have low trade with it. And relation with Brazil ,and role of BRICS in it.

Member 2

1. What kind of crops do you cultivate in your region.
2. Kind of irrigation, about its sustainability, state government subsidy related to it.what would you do as an administrator for promoting micro irrigation.

Member 3

1. Mode of transport like normal train vs Bullet train.
2. Benefits of having bullet train, why not to other routes like Delhi -Kolkata and Delhi-Mumbai.
3. Bullet train vs. availability of basic train at mass level..
4. Genesis of Russia Ukraine war ,and who is responsible for it and discussion on it.

Member 4

1. What is the national government.

2. And why not have it during normal time (as I said during emergency and war time),national interest, unanimity vs. checks and balances.
3. State in north eastern India who formed this type of government
4. Judicial intervention why , and Is it good .
5. Solution for issues like land fragmentation , why not cooperative farming is so successful.

Ch: Your interview is over.

Utility of mocks: for confidence building and to have possible questions related to daf...

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Date of Interview: 29/03/2023,Forenoon Session

Board: Smita Nagraj M'aam

Optional: Sociology

Background: Physics

Chairman

1. What are you doing nowadays?
2. Why did you come to Delhi from Lucknow?
3. Why do you read non fiction, don't you like fiction?
4. What do you think is one thing that's going to define the next century for India?
5. Challenges of Digitalisation
6. Should we trust state if it has the potential to carry out surveillance?
7. Explain the quote-"we sacrifice liberty at the altar of safety"

Member 1

1. Khalistan issue, what's the origin?
2. whose responsibility it is to provide security to Indian Missions abroad?
3. which convention governs the diplomatic relationship?
4. UK Asylum law, justified?
5. what does UNHRC stand for and its role?
6. What is the implication of UK's policy on refugees?

Member 2

1. Have you travelled abroad?
2. why Sociology and not Physics?
3. Delhi water issue ,how to resolve it?(huge monologue on this)

Member 3

1. Why did Einstein get Nobel prize?

2. Why not for his earlier work?
3. Why inequality is there in society?
4. A person in 20s is a socialist but in 30s he becomes capitalist, Agree with it?
5. Should we equally distribute all the resources?
6. How would you deal with inequality?

Member 4

1. What do you understand by space debris?
2. Any incident of collision in space?
3. India's reentry experiment, What was the name of the satellite?
4. Iran Saudi peace deal, Is it sustainable?
5. Is China's effort at bringing peace between Russia Ukraine genuine?

Chairwoman again-

1. What would you personally do in UK asylum case ?
2. Democracy can do no wrong?

I said M'am this is a tough question. A little laughter and then M'am said there are no absolutes.

Experience- very good, felt no pressure while answering, M'am smiled all the time. Other board members were somewhat expressionless.

(14)

Date of Interview: 27/03/2023, afternoon session, 2nd to go.

Board: Smitha Nagaraj Mam.

Optional: History

College: PGDAV college, DU

Profession (if any): No

Hobbies: Composing songs, mentoring underprivileged aspirants for CSE.

Your experience in interview- Cordial board. Helped me answer wherever I couldn't think of a point. It was opinion based and only a few questions were asked from DAF or current affairs. Felt like a purposive conversation, enjoyed it.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Helps cover DAF, build confidence and practice speaking. But as many have already suggested, actual interview is quite conversational unlike mocks.

Chairman

1. You have studied from Delhi University, why have we seen an increase in cases of eve teasing, hooliganism in DU?
2. Is it because of youth being bold in groups?

3. Would an individual do it if there were no consequences attached?
4. Is this an issue of family and their role in such incidents?
5. Delhi related points of women security.

Member 1

1. You do Mentoring, where do you do it and how?
2. Name of 2 mentees?
3. Have they achieved anything yet?
4. Comment on India's Soft power?
5. But do you think soft power is enough to tackle China?
6. India's soft power and hard power, are we overemphasising on soft power?

Member 2

1. Is this the golden age of Indian history?

Member 3

1. What would have happened had Britishers not conquered India?
2. Who would have been Constitutional monarch? (Related to my previous answer)
3. Who are Gangu teli? (Related to DAF entry of Raja Bhoj)

Member 4

1. What is the wall of steel? (I said cannot recall)
2. Explained its related to China, Xi Jinping elected as president for 3rd time and now China has claimed it will become impenetrable (wall of steel). Your opinion on it. What would be the impact on India?
3. How can India be useful to China, what do we offer them?
4. China- Russia coming close, what would be the impact on India?

Thanks for this initiative. It has been very helpful for many aspirants like me.

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Date of Interview: 17-03-23, Forenoon, Third one to go

Board: Smita Nagraj

Optional: PSIR

College: Maharajas College, Kerala

Hobbies: Football, Backpacking, Debate

Your experience in Interview- Cordial board.Huge difference with mocks.3 lady members including chair.Overall a pleasant and satisfying experience.

Chairman

1. What are you doing right now? (My answer was doing PhD in International Relations and more than 70% of questions were based on this answer).
2. Asked about the comment of the former Australian prime minister regarding the AUKUS deal with the nuclear submarine. He criticized the deal and commented that it is not in favour of the nation as well as the region. She asked me to comment on the same.
3. Whether foreign policy of a nation changes with the change in party that holds political power.
4. 3 leadership initiatives India has Undertaken in the South Asian region. (explicitly told me to avoid humanitarian assistance.)

Member 1

1. You said about the geo-political significance of India. How do you place India geographically in the world?
2. He further clarified the question on the basis of heartland theory and asked how India would fit into that.(PSIR question).
3. Whether the Ukraine war is caused by geo-political concerns or security concerns?

Member 2

1. She asked a question that was in continuation of my previous answer on Ukraine war but I don't remember it.
2. What is GDP?
3. Whether household labour done by women need to be included in GDP? (I said yes)
4. Does it need to be notional or real? (I ask for a clarification and she clarified it.)
5. Chairperson intervenes in between and asked me whether you will be the employer of your wife? (She also said sorry for taking it to personal level)
6. (Member continues) So if the household labour is considered in the GDP calculation, a major social issue is sorted out. Women can easily earn inside the home itself and need no to be stepping outside. What do you think?
7. Whether there will be any World war 3?

Member 3

1. What do you mean by India being a Vishwaguru? (Taken from my earlier answer)
2. Present 3 arguments for or against the following topic-Kerala a case of contradictions.
3. Why does Kerala have high rate of suicide?

Member 4

1. Is Trivandrum or was Trivandrum your capital?
2. Why was it called Trivandrum?

3. Where does the name Thiruvananthapuram come from? What does it mean?
4. Do you think America is a Vishwaguru right now?
5. Do you think Eastern Turkistan coming into existence in the near future? (He clarified the question and elaborated on Eastern Turkistan)
6. Why does the Islamic States criticize India based on the human rights but not China on the actions on Uyighur Muslims?

Utility of mocks or O2O

O2O-With Shinas sir of Ilearn IAS. Was highly effective and productive. From answering styles to answers including appearance and presentation was moulded with his guidance and advice. Pro tips and inputs on International Relations by John George Dcoutho IRS (AIR 428 2021) was extremely helpful.

Mocks

ALS IAS-was a pleasing experience with some grilling questions. Detailed review was also given. Satisfied

KSG-interview was good .The review was detailed and constructive. Question bank also helped in the preparation. Satisfied

Chankya IAS-diverse questions in a semi grilling mode. The review was not good as the chair just pointed out the areas where I need to study in the DAF.

Sankalp IAS-Interview was just an average experience. They didn't give any review regarding my performance or any suggestions except on my accent. (That too they said there is nothing you can do about it). Not at all satisfied.

HSTA by KREA-attended in online mode and was asked diverse questions from different areas. Give a detailed and satisfying review regarding the performance. Satisfied.

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Date of Interview: 13 March forenoon

Board: Smita Nagraj

Optional: PSIR

College: not asked

Profession (if any): no

Hobbies: not asked

Keywords: athletics

Members

1. why Jamaica and Kenya better in athletics (running)
2. What is problem in india in athletics?
3. What's democracy, one good point and bad point about democracy.

4. What is social democracy. Is there democracy in family.
5. whats your contribution in bringing socio democracy.
6. Relevance of caste and example for same.
7. swach Bharat abhiyan/ status
8. Solution for water problem
9. Urban floods why and solution
10. NAM
11. It's relevance
12. Difference between power and authority
13. Joshimath reason and solution
14. Situation based questions on protest and how to solve it
15. spending on G20 good or bad
16. What's softpower
17. Relation between culture and tourism
18. Why India is not reaching its tourism potential
19. Delhi molestation on Japan tourist.
20. Where you want to be posted ?

Your experience in interview- cordial/ no counter questions

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- only for building confidence and structuring answers

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Date of Interview: 16/04/2022 Forenoon, 2nd to go

Board: Smita Nagaraj Ma'am

Optional: Physics

Background: Ramakrishna Mission, Compassion, Forestry, IIT Guwahati,

Service: IFS

Chairman

1. So you did Jon for some year then what are you doing right now.
(Undergoing training as Probationer at IFS)
2. It seems from your DAF you are a person who has been involved with talking to people and counselling people. What credentials you have got to do that.
3. (Ma'am in school and college I was trained with counsellors and I actually connect people and myself had gone through many failures in life hence I am able to associate with people ...)
4. Let us take a situation : You are DFO and you got to know that your staff is involved in smuggling and he is caught now his family has come to you and saying that please Choor dijiye pehli baar hai aage se nhi hoga what will you do ?

5. (Ma'am as timber smuggling is illegal so law has to be go as it is and I am there to enforce it but at the same time I will make sure that to figure out some measures where I can be able to address the needs of the family)
6. Why not give him a chance Kyuki ek chance to sabko milna chahiye (Ma'am what he is doing is illegal and law has to take its course)
7. Okay so tell me the situation where you think you can give a chance not necessary from Forest as you have spend little time give any example
8. (Ma'am for example a forest guard has the duty to do patrolling and he is not doing at regular interval in that case I will give him waring first before taking action)

Member 1

1. So you have taken Physics in your college and also you have Physics as optional. Tell me about dark matter
(Answered)
2. Also there is some relation with gravitation.
(Yes sir ...)
3. Okay tell me the difference between fermions and bosons
(Answered ...)
4. Okay in constitution what are the provisions for forest and all, tell me
(Mentioned 48 A and Sir more I am not able to recall)
5. Told you are a forest officer you should, there is 51A (g)
6. (Told yes sir Duties and said Thank you)
7. Also asked about a good governance
8. Relation between RTI and good governance

Member 2

1. Take a case study
In UP vidhayak ji aapke samne baithe aur bol rhe hai ki gun license kyun nhi de rhe hai logo ko, aur aap DM hai, SP ke go ahead mil chuka hai par aap document pe baithe hai batao kya karoge.
2. (Sir I will see the legality and talk to vidhayak ji that giving license to all will be detrimental)
3. Par saari baat ho chuki hai
(Sir I will see the legal basis and ...)
4. SP ne se diya hai permission
(Sir in that case I will give)
Okay
5. Accha sunne hoge Maharashtra aur Karantake ke border pe haar saal

6. Elephants aate hai aur crop destroy karte hai, kyun ho hai aisa
(Habitat destruction ...)
7. Phele bhi toh tha ye sab aur kya problem hai
(Sir fringe pe crops dekhne honge)
Crops batao
(Sugarcane)
8. Okay do you know about High worth individual
(Gave answer)
9. What would be there income
(Sir I need to think)
10. Chairperson interrupted and said tell me the highest tax slab
(Said 30%)
11. Now it is easy to calculate go ahead
(Answered)
12. M2 continued with Russia Ukraine war. Russia says it is a military action what do you think
military action or war
(Answered India's stand)

Member 3

1. So you are from Ramakrishna Mission, how it is different from other .
(Answered)
2. So how these learning will help you be a good officer and understand people better.
(Answered)

Member 4

1. You said about Self Realince, if everyone becomes self self reliance then it is deglobalisation.
(Answered that it connect world better where one country dominance will not be there)
2. Do you agree for women reservations
(Said Yes with factors why ...)
It would be difficult to deserreserve
(Ma'am I agree but at the same time we aspire for India where women are independent to rear child in best possible manner, will have financial independence , will have say to take decision and hence reservations will not be needed ...)
3. Now you are chasing your stand
(Ma'am I humbly submit that reservation will be support the development process ...)
4. Now let us talk about timber smuggling
(Answered)

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Date of Interview: 15/03/2023, Afternoon, last to go

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: Mathematics

Background: Electrical engineering, NIT BHOPAL

Relevant from Daf- certification in anti-money laundering, chairperson of women in engineering, IEEE

Chairman

1. Meaning of name
2. who was your class topper in electrical , what is he doing, is he happy (ekdum random)
3. what is the difference between you and him
4. monologue on role of NIT/IITs , should we rethink their role as technical institutes or the aim with which they were setup
5. what are some contributions of IIT /your college to society
6. what are different technologies available for sewage cleaning(based on my previous answer)
7. what you did in electrical engineering for society

Member 1

1. what is anti money laundering
2. PMLA - what it is ? Who is the agency?
3. what is shell company ?
4. what is escape velocity ?
5. why it is important?
6. your take on ED as agency booking opposition party leaders?

Member 2

1. online gambling - why govt is regulating it
2. can crypto currency be used in money laundering
3. what should govt do to regulate

Member 3

1. you talked about shell company earlier , what is khoka company then? Table company etc(Nahi pata , sorry sir)
2. situation - your friend has 50 crore as cash ,asking you for advice to invest and hide it? What will you say
3. one or two follow up on it
4. what is masking
5. how money laundering is done nowadays

Member 4

1. your take on EVs
2. what about the fuel and electricity used in manufacturing of batteries , is it green
3. role of hydrogen in transportation
4. what are the challenges of hydrogen related to environment
5. as chairperson of women in engineering, what was your role
6. why women drop out from higher STEM education
7. what can be done for it

Chairperson mam again

1. nowadays superconductor materials is being discovered, where can superconductor be used
2. can it be used in transportation
3. suppose you get a service and complete 20-30 years in it, how will you like yourself to be remembered by others
4. 1 or 2 counter questions on it.

Thank you, your interview is over.

Mocks - just to built confidence and mannerism

Chahal, sankalp were good.

O2O - Ravindran sir , vinay sir , Khan sir were good.

Special thanks to Utkarsh Sir SOMP and my peers for daily discussions. They really helped me.

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Date of Interview: 15 March 2023, Afternoon, 5th to go

Duration: Approx. 25

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Home State: Varanasi/ Uttar Pradesh

Optional: Geography

Background: B.Tech in Mechanical engineering IIT BHU Varanasi

Hobby (in DAF): Singing, Guitar, Hindi poetry

1st Interview ,5th attempt

Nayab tehsildar, Lucknow, UP

Chairman

1. Don't you think that your current job role is a misfit according to your overall profile?
2. What are the main things you are supposed to do?
3. Name one thing for which administration is important and one for which it is useless.
4. What is the land revenue amount collected in UP?
5. Should it be waived off?

6. But you said that recovery is important. Ma'am I was talking about the Recovery certificate.

Member 1

1. Working in administration. Why seek a higher post?
2. Talked about statues in Lucknow and should they be removed?
3. What about the animal sculptures?
4. Why only elephants?
5. Battle of Plassey
6. Battle of Buxar

Member 2

1. Importance of BHU
2. Importance of Varanasi
3. What changes will you bring in Administration with your work-ex?

Member 3

1. You mentioned Ganga vilas. Why do we need it?
2. Aren't we late in using waterways
3. Why didn't we do it earlier?
4. Don't we need to attract domestic tourists?
5. Is it going to be viable?
6. What is Bpharma and biotech ranking?
7. Reason for Covid-19 breakout
8. Speculation aside what do you feel?
9. If R&D then medicine also needed. But China didn't have it.

Member 4

1. Patwaris are never available. Do we need them?
2. But e-governance use kar ke u can verify?
3. Do people come to you with complaints against patwari
4. What do you do to solve this?
5. So do you think Patwaris are good??

Chairman

1. Do you feel higher officials are mean to you because you are a Nayab Tehsildar?

Experience:

Great experience. Board was cordial. A lot of smiling faces around.

Mock interview utility: Good for structuring the answers and getting used to the interview conditions.

I gave mocks in Samkalp, KSG and Next IAS.
All were good. One to one with Khan Sir was amazing.
Fingers crossed

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Date of Interview: 13.03.2023, 3rd to go. 30-35 mins Forenoon.

Board: Smita Nagraj Mam

Background: BTech, Cloud, Cybersecurity

Chairman

1. What are the issues for inequality in different regions of your state?
2. Why is there a governance deficit?
3. Should we force development on indigenous communities?
4. In USA the federal government signs treaties with indigenous tribes, should India adopt it?
5. Why are tribal schemes failing in India?

Member 1

1. You mentioned about PVTIGs? Why are they resistant to change?
2. What do you understand by SaaS?
3. Why do we need cloud data centres when they are easy targets for cyber security threats?
4. What foreign countries have you travelled?
5. What is process to travel abroad?
6. Which major cities we need to cross in order to reach Kyiv from Delhi by land?
7. (He stressed to mention land and road route only, the discussion went too stretch-y, I gave up.)

Member 2

1. Do you know about 5th and 6th schedule areas?
2. What is the difference? What type of councils are present?
3. You mentioned about cyber criminals. Are they more intelligent than other software professionals?
4. Have you worked on cybersecurity?
5. Why is India unable to face cyber threats? Are you aware about the loss to GDP? Should we not stop the Digital India Project?

Member 3

1. What is the issue in India's digital infrastructure?
2. What is IoT? Why is 5G delayed? Are we ready?
3. Then why are we not going for 100% digitisation?

4. In covid, employees were happy with WFH model? Why are they going back to office and spending too much on infrastructure and energy charges? (Very long premise to the question)
5. Don't you think women were the happiest that housework got divided? (In response to my answer as I mentioned about gender stereotyping and they all laughed within this discussion)
6. What is a ransomware? Can you tell us about any recent malwares?

Member 4

1. You talked about AIIMS, Mumbai power grid and all issues, let's talk about the solutions? What do you suggest?
2. Why do you want to join civil services?
3. What is the state of MSMEs in India? I don't think they are performing well,
4. what is the government doing?
5. Can you mention any particular sector of MSME which is doing good work?
6. Can it help in women empowerment? How exactly MSMEs employ women?
7. Do they follow all labour codes?

Chairman - Thank you. Your interview is over. All the best.

Experience- Extremely cordial board. Most of the questions were about deeper understanding of my academics and work. All members were very attentive of my answers, even when they were not asking. Quite comfortable, didn't realise how time passed. Felt like an engaging conversation rather than Interview.

Best of luck to all!

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Date of Interview: 3rd March, Forenoon, 3rd to go

Board: Smita Nagaraj Ma'am

Optional: Geography (No direct Qs asked)

College: IIT Delhi, Mech (No direct Qs asked)

Work Experience: Data Scientist at Axis Bank

Hobbies: Analysing Indian Equity Market, Exploring Online Maps, Following domestic and international cricket. (1 question each on the first two).

Home State: Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Chairman

1. So you have worked for quite some time at Axis Bank. Why did you leave it?
2. Young civil servants, is it good to give them so much power?
3. But Power corrupts...

4. Short monologue on Migration. What are the losses to both the in-migration and out-migration states?
5. What about the remittances received by the out-migration state? Does it not benefit the state?

Member 1

1. Are you an Individual first or a community first person?
2. So, you might be posted in the archives section or xyz, then what would you do as a civil servant?
3. You may have been managing the region/zone after a level in your previous job, and might have a change of roles there, then what is the problem? (Ma'am misunderstood the nature of my previous job, I clarified that I would be posted in corporate office only).
4. Work done by Ramakrishna Mission/Math in Itanagar. (Based on school)
5. How has it changed the social fabric of Arunachal Pradesh?

Member 2

1. Narayana Murthy has called VC model of investment a ponzi scheme. Why so?
2. What is Ponzi scheme?
3. Do you concur?
4. Where does corporate governance come into picture?
5. What is the market cap of Tesla?
6. It is more than the market cap of all the conventional automobile companies combined, why so?
7. Where should we focus, private sector banks or public sector banks?

Member 3

1. Private sector banks NPA vs Public sector banks NPA?
2. If the GNPA and NNPA is at historic low, then why so much debate about NPAs in public and media?
3. Small banks vs large banks. Where should India focus more?
4. What is the significance of Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks then?
5. Where should I open my account, a Private Sector Bank or a Public Sector Bank?
6. If I go to a bank which has a very good balance sheet, P&L, etc. but the building is old, should I bank with them?
7. Have you read the annual report of Axis Bank?
8. What image is there on the first page of the Report?
9. Google pay, Phone Pay and other entities, how do they earn?
10. What is an Account aggregator?

Member 4

1. There was a very famous English novelist born nearby your town, who was it and where was he born?
2. Have you read 1984?
3. 1984- dystopian world and its relation to where he was born.
4. Is the world moving towards authoritarianism?
5. What is this hobby of yours- exploring online maps. Tell us something about it.
6. What do you gain out of the exploring maps?
7. What are the two things Deoghar is famous for?

Chairperson – Your interview is over, you may leave now.

– *Transcript end* –

Comments:

1. Interview experience is substantially different from the mocks. The flow of questions is very natural.
2. Enjoyed the experience to the core, so much so that, wanted to sit for some more time. Whatever be the results.
3. The board was overall cordial, especially M4. M1 was expressionless. M2 and M3 delved too much into banking and equities and were listening very carefully. That boosted my confidence.

O2O mocks: None

Panel mocks:

1. Shankar (DAF based- helped a lot in preparing for DAF based Qs)
2. Chahal (DAF based- being the last candidate for the day, panel made an extra effort to understand and provide solutions for the way I expressed myself in the mock, super impressed)
3. KSG (DAF + CA- good mix, suggested too many changes, could inculcate only half of them)
4. Vajirao (CA based- last one, got butchered)

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Date of Interview: 9 feb 2023 (morning session last one to go)

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: History

College: government engineering college ujjain

Profession (if any)- no

Hobbies: waste to craft making for home decor

good morning beta...
Please baithiye beta...
Small conservation on saree...

Chairman

1. your hometown related to tendu leaves.. Tell me about issue faced by tribes related to tendu leaves?
2. tell me 3 most vulnerable section of our society I said (tribe, women, children... She said no tell me specific you cover around 60% of our population, as north east tribe so prosperous... Tell me something specific?
3. issues related to tribal people? (I used word rural indebtedness)
4. u said rural indebtedness. So tell me issues behind this problem that money lenders has reach to tribe and our government has not??
5. u know about art 370 .? Why challenged in sc?
6. you know other provision of our constitution same as art 370
7. why 370 abolished and 371not?
Ok thank you

Member 1

1. ap bhi consumer aur me bhi consumer right.. Tell me something about consumer rights?
2. apne suna hoga na aj ka news jisme ek lady consumer ke hairs kharab kr diye aur arround 2 crore ki penalty lagayi h..... How can you see this news?
3. Do you think this much penalty is good??
4. so u believe in deterrence policy (I said definitely no ma'am but ma'am according place and timehme ye bhi krna hi padhta h)

Member 2

1. tell me something about gst ?
2. how many slabs in gst?
3. you know luxury goods sin goods are in 28% slab... So what is your opinion about cement ? should it comes under 28% slab or not ?
4. i said no ... Why not?
5. what is your opinion about women reservation in legislative Assembly and panchayat level (mentioned I am not talking about parliament)
6. why and what are the pros of women reservation at panchayat level?
7. what is technical difference between chatgpt and bard ?

Member 3

You read history as your optional... I said yes sir

1. what is india according to history?
2. what is challenges of integral india?
3. tell me one lesson from history which you learnt and also relevant in today's scenario?

Member 4

1. On what basis the Constitution of India recognizes minority status?
2. are you sure only religious and linguistic basis? What about Cultural basis ?
3. you know states too can define minority status.....And center has different list of minority people? What is your opinion ?? Ye sab different different level pr status define krne dena chahiye??

Ok interview is over

Thank u

God bless you beta... Ap ja sakte h

I said thnk u ma'am.

Your experience in interview- very cordial and amazing experience.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- samkalp mocks helpful

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Date of Interview: 22/02/2023 morning (2nd to go)

Board: Smita Nagraj Ma'am

Home State: West Bengal (home state+ state govt employee), Satyajit Ray (mentioned in DAF),

Optional: Bengali Literature

Chairman

1. Explain about your job role.
2. View on press freedom and biasness of media (my job role includes media mgmt)..2/3 related counter questions
3. So you like Satyajit Ray, but I think Ritwik Ghatak is a better film maker what do you say? what is so special about Ray?

Member 1

1. what are the movies by Satyajit ray that you have watched? (I named few, he asked few more and I said yes to all of them)
2. Have you read Sarat chandra? Srikanto? what do you think about the character?
3. you have a very long work exp. What are your observations?

Member 2

1. you have a very long work exp.How would you manage multiple works in limited time?
2. you have a very long work exp.There may be many instance where one has to compromise with integrity. What are your views?
3. What is EEZ
4. What would you do to improve nutritional levels of children?
5. What are the security arrangements of coastal area?

Member 3

1. Name few newspapers of countries around us and other countries. (because my job role includes press)
2. Long monologue about Nobel laureates of WB and then asked about Amartya sen Land issue with Viswa Bharati

Member 4

1. Two suggestions to CM about developing economy
2. How to develop human dev indicators in WB

Chairperson: Thank you, interview is over

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Date of Interview: 2 March, forenoon session, last to go

Board: Smita Nagraj Ma'am

Optional: Economics

Profession: Currently RBI, ex-bank of America

College: IITK

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobbies: movies and traveling

Keywords - banking, RBI, movies, travelling, NCC, economy

Time - 25-30 minutes

Chairman

1. What are you doing since leaving Bank of America?
2. How have we benefitted by allowing private and foreign banks?
3. Why public sector banks are needed?
4. But priority sector lending also applies to foreign and private sector banks?
5. Why govt keeps on putting more public money in PSBs even when they are not generating enough profits?
6. Are we being fair towards foreign and private banks when govt is recapitalising PSBs?

Member 1

1. What is ESG?
2. What are green bonds?
3. Although inflation management is RBI's work but how can govt play its part in this?
4. Question on bank consolidation and benefits from it.
5. What are the general characteristics of corporate governance? (And some cross questions)

Member 2

1. Which all places have you travelled?
2. Differentiate between nature of tourism in Meghalaya and Sikkim.
3. Are you aware about any permit system while visiting border areas in these two states?
4. Why RRR has been such a success across the world? (Some counter questions on how storyline and action sequences can said to be unique?)
5. Point out one social problem in Rajasthan that you think demands attention?
6. How would you as a DM of one such district would ensure that this social problem is eradicated?

Member 3

1. Which department of RBI are you part of?
2. What is the nature of your work and which vertical are you assigned?
3. How many banks have undergone liquidation since independence?
4. Don't you think RBI has failed in its function as a central banker with these many bank failures?
5. List down different functions of RBI?
6. Don't you feel that there is a conflict of interest when RBI functions as govt's debt manager?
7. Shouldn't RBI be restricting itself to core central banking functions to improve its efficiency?
8. A new AIFI formed recently to finance long term projects?
9. Chairman ma'am thought all members are done asking and said "thank you, your interview is over. You may go now." But then realised one member is still left asking so asked to continue.

Member 4

1. What is RBI's logo?
2. What is the story behind RBI's logo?
3. What is the motto of NCC?
4. What have you learnt from NCC?
5. Should conscription be made legally enforceable in India?
6. But conscription will help generate feeling of patriotism and discipline among youth. Don't you think so?

Chairwoman – while smiling – thank you, your interview is over!

Experience – Board was cordial. Smita ma'am smiled, nodded in between and was observing carefully. Majority part of interview revolved around RBI, economy and banking, and some points from DAF. Fumbled while answering some questions and said no whenever I wasn't sure.

Utility of mocks – to build confidence and some questions on hobby were repeated.

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Date of Interview: 24th February, forenoon 6th to go

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Background: Physics (Fergusson college)

Profession: no work exp

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobbies: watching cricket, playing tabla(no question asked)

Chairman

1. You are from Sindhudurg so tell me about history of Sindhudurg and how it is linked to current times
2. Tell me, if someone speaks negative about personalities like Chatrapati shivaji maharaj then there erupts violence so do you think that our society has become intolerant?
3. Suppose you are commissioner of one municipality and there is illegal encroachment you have given orders to evict it, then what will you do?
4. Do you think laws favour powerful?

Member 1

1. Member said that I read it somewhere during my graduation that Marathas knew how to destroy than to construct what are your views?
2. What you think battle of Panipat was it defeat of strategy or defeat of diplomacy?
3. Why India is not able to win test series in south africa?
4. Which book you have recently or in last month? (i told three thousand stitches by Sudha Murthy) then he asked what was it about?

Member 2

1. (he was in some grilling mood I thought)
Initially he told me you have good CGPA and academics is also good so you must be good in sociology too.. then he asked some concept related to sociology.. and I heard it for first time and then he seemed little surprised

2. Then he said ok and asked about tell me what are demographic challenges we are facing in India and is government doing enough to tackle those challenges? What other steps / policies we can take?
3. Are we agriculture surplus or agriculture deficit
4. What steps government taking for increasing oil production
5. One or two more questions i might be missing

Member 3

1. Tushar you are from Fergusson college so tell me who were the founders of Fergusson college?
2. Who was Fergusson?
3. Tell me anyone famous personality from your college
4. You have got inspire scholarship so suppose you have given opportunity to make changes in this policy what changes you will make?
5. Is this scholarship helping students? Shall we discontinue it?

Member 4

1. There are incidents of corruption in Maharashtra what steps you will suggest to reduce it?
2. Why south Indian movies are more successful than Bollywood movies?
3. What was turning point in yesterday's match (IND vs AUS T20 women's World Cup semifinal)
4. Was last over bowled by India also turning point?
5. What is current status of untouchability in Maharashtra? What steps you will suggest to reduce it?

Chairperson-

Your interview is over, thank you

I said thank you.

Overall feeling cordial board, mostly from DAF and opinion based. Few questions repeated from mocks

Utility of mocks- I gave around 10 mocks just to get my presentation body language posture correct. In my opinion around 5/6 mocks would help to get acquainted with the formalities and also they help to improve presentation and structure of answers

I felt chahal academy's mock near to my actual interview. KSG especially one to one with Khan sir is also good. Apart from that vajirao and Reddy, unacademy were also decent. Apart from that I used to discuss with my peer group!

All the best for others

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Date of Interview: 1/3/2023**Board:** Smita Nagraj ma'am**Home State:** Telangana**Work:** faculty CTU**Chairman**

1. Current job where ru working and work experience any.
2. How India views different countries west, east and how it will balance in future.
3. I see you write articles on foreign policy where do you write?
4. Domestic we have have difficult and dirty politics and how are we speaking morally international.
5. Diaspora and emigration
6. Rise of right wing nationalism and how India should deal with it.

Member 1

1. lady north east
2. She teams Telangana
3. How r they doing and its impact
4. Composition (unaware)
5. JNU is in news why
6. Is the ruling dispensation against JNU?
7. Compare JNU and Osmania university.
8. Refugee boat sunk in Medetarianan? Why
9. Why this route is used.

Member 2

1. Migrants and refugee policy.
2. Assimilation of refugee
3. France vs India
4. Fears of migrants take over
5. Statistics used for false narratives (graduation).

Member 3

1. Tribals
2. Tribal university
3. Primitiveness
4. Compare north east and mainland tribes
5. Challenges faced in teaching civil services to SC students.

6. Digitalization access to resources can it be a leveler.

Member 4

1. ex SBI chairman
2. Compare Satya Nadella to sunder Pichai
3. Leadership ability
4. Who are stakeholders in a corporation?

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Date of Interview: 22/2/23

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Home State: Rajasthan

Optional: PSIR

Background: Electrical engineering

Hobby: web series, reading self help books

Chairman

1. Why don't u just read books , web series gives a biased and narrow perspective?
2. Differentiate between movie and web series ?
3. Which part of your personality you want to improve?

Member 1

1. U read books , name the book u read on IR
2. Don't u consider Brahma chellany as hypo realist or hawk ?
3. Why u read his books ?
4. Is India really have any foreign policy on Pakistan

Member 2

1. RRR dekhi h (nahi dekhi)
Pathan ha
2. Tum MP se ho kya controversy h
3. Kyu esi actor k sath Aisa hota h
4. My name is Khan me bhi esi k sath kyu ho rha tha
5. Movie is hit , don't u think as a society we are wrong

Member 3

1. U r from Delhi why low voting in Delhi
2. Okkey u are from Rajasthan steps govt has taken to tackle solar e waste
3. 2 priorities of u to popularise EV

4. Koi element Mila kya h , kaha Mila , lithium me kya special h
5. Don't u think we are late for Lithium , future me kya soch rhe h
6. Sodium ion battery ka kya jhol h
7. how u tackle loneliness in your long journey of preparation

Member 4

1. Who is jon mearsheimer
2. Which big IR event is going to happen
3. Next day which summit is happening
4. What the agenda
5. Why despite will of West and East , we are not able to resolve debt crises
6. Which international mechanism to resolve debt crises
7. Are self help books really part of literature

Board - theek tha sajjan log lag rhe the , aaram se answer complete karne de rahe the

Utility of mocks - Dena chahiye, some repeatitive questions and framing of answers

Note - mask utarne ko nhi bola , no intro , no. why IAS

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Date of Interview: 3rd March, forenoon, 5th to go

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Maharashtra, Marathwada

Hobbies: Yoga, meditation, playing harmonium

Chairman

1. Why didn't you go for post graduation and instead preferred upsc preparation
2. The world is becoming tech savvy then how will you be able to manage as you are from humanities background? (I said, I was an engineer for 2 years and then left it)
3. How did you convince your father? (3 idiots movie Farhan scene reference - they all laughed)
4. Caste violence and rivalry is more visible in Maharashtra. What do you think are the reasons?
5. Do you think government is favouring the privileged community in this (I SAID A BIG NO) (I later realised this was indeed a googly bcoz she tried very hard to get any reply which would be criticising the govt but thankfully I didn't)

Member 1

1. Tell me the origin of yoga (DAF)
2. Tell me the 8 sutras of ashtanga yoga (I told all)

3. Then at which stage are you?
4. Difference between Hindustan and carnatic music (DAF)
5. How many notes are there? (DAF)
6. Some famous musicians who have contributed for both? (DAF)
7. What are these indian exercises? (DAF)
8. Who started this mallakhamb?
9. What do you play on harmonium? (DAF)

Member 2

1. (Female – full grilling mode)
2. You left engineering which shows that you run away from challenges. If you will get some post which you don't like then you will leave it too?
3. Tell me the types of martial arts? (Random)
4. How will you convince Agniveers who are serving for just 3-4 years to serve in dangerous battlefields like galwan?

Member 3

1. Onion price issue in Maharashtra
2. Drought in Maharashtra reasons (DAF)
3. Many districts in Rajasthan receive less rainfall than Marathwada then why drought conditions are severe in Marathwada? (DAF)
4. Farmer suicides solutions (DAF)

Member 4

1. What are FTAs
 2. Is India having trade with China a good thing?
 3. Should we be wary about annoying China? (I said sir China will be annoyed anyway bcoz a thriving democracy in the neighborhood is a threat to its core existence as PPL of china might also demand democracy – he seemed to be impressed)
 4. Growing trade deficit with China what India is doing?
 5. Why countries are going for bilateral trade negotiations like FTAs and not for WTO led mechanism? (Multilateralism on the decline was in the news)
- Except the female member (a bit grilling) everything went pretty smooth.

DAF – In my case more than 70% of the questions were directly or indirectly related to DAF (I would say was lucky enough on this)

Mocks – KSG, Chahal (very good), Chanakya mandal, Vajirao and Reddy (very good)

In my case 70% was DAF & 20% were questions which got repeated from the mocks so the uncharted waters were like 10%

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Date of Interview: 22/2/23**Board:** Smita Nagraj**Home State:** Rajasthan**Optional:** PSIR**Background:** Electrical Engineering**Hobby:** Web series, reading self-help books**Chairman**

1. Why don't u just read books, web series gives a biased and narrow perspective?
2. Differentiate between movies and web series?
3. Which part of your personality you want to improve?

Member 1

1. U read books, name the book u read on IR
2. Don't u consider Brahma chellany as hypo realist or hawk?
3. Why u read his books?
4. Is India really have any foreign policy on Pakistan

Member 2

1. RRR dekhi h (nahi dekhi)
2. Pathan ha
3. Tum MP se ho kya controversy h
4. Kyu esi actor k sath Aisa hota h
5. My name is Khan me bhi esi k sath kyu ho rha tha
6. Movie is hit, don't u think as a society we are wrong

Member 3

1. U r from Delhi why low voting in Delhi
2. Okay u are from Rajasthan steps govt has taken to tackle solar e waste
3. 2 priorities of u to popularise EV
4. Koi element Mila kya h , kaha Mila , lithium me kya special h
5. Don't u think we are late for Lithium, future me kya soch rhe h
6. Sodium-ion battery ka kya jhol h
7. Gf / wife h, how u tackle loneliness in your long journey of preparation

Member 4

1. Who is jon mearsheimer
2. Which big IR event is going to happen

3. Next day which summit is happening
4. What the agenda
5. Why despite will of West and East, we are not able to resolve debt crises
6. Which international mechanism to resolve debt crises
7. Are self help books really part of literature

Board - the tha sajjan log lag rhe the , aaram se answer complete karne de rahe the

Utility of mocks - Dena chahiye, some repetitive questions and framing of answers

Note - mask utarne ko nhi bola , no intro , no. why IAS

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Date of Interview: 03/03/23, last to go

Board: Smita nagraj mam

Optional: sociology

Home State: Rajasthan

Time: 27-28 min

work ex : (kaam de do koi pls)

keywords: MNIT

Chairman

1. u have gained some weight ?
2. me : This photo was clicked few days back (pani se bhi weight badh rha h)
3. Chair : Don't mind it ,
4. chair: what are u doing these days ?
5. me : (avoided copy evaluation , as mam ne grill kia tha kisi ko)
6. Chair : Ur name reminds of our soft power , do u consider bollywood as soft power
7. me: yes mam , culture , affinity , etc etc
8. mam : does bollywood show our culture
9. me : (fass gya ,) said something mam nodded
10. mam:do u watch movies
11. me: (sci fi dekhta hu vo Indian shi nhi banate) Not much etc etc
12. mam: still ur fav movie
13. me: shushant movie about college life v etc etc (chichore ab yaad aai)
14. member 2 : kai poche
15. me: no sir sharrdha bhi thi usmai()
16. member 2: that is kai poche
17. mam: Sushant ki death m itni arrest vagerah kyu hui thi .
18. mam : social media - info / misinfo
19. me: (balanced like everything should thanos ka bhatija) upto us to verify

20. mam: how will u control narrative , in case of law and order issue will u cut internet
21. me : shuru m kaat denge , local janta ko sath lenge , narrative bhi humara hi rahega
22. mam : thank u beta

Member 1

1. What is famous about bharatpur
2. which bird is that national park famous for
3. why is it not coming (bird)
4. endogamy , exogamy
5. honour killing kyu karte h
6. man marrying man, who will produce child (do socio analysis)
7. ispe lambi charcha
8. what is generation gap
9. how is it used for marketing
10. give example
(standard questions standard answers)

Member 2

1. MNIT full form
2. who was madan mohan malaviya
3. KK/PK malaviya kon the (i said sorry)
4. member : U don't know this
5. me i will read
6. 1-2 yaad nhi aa rhe

Member 3

(tried to grill par m jinda laut aaya)

1. What are MSMEs
2. why govt is focussing on them
3. issues
4. bus 2 hi (yaad hi ye aaye)
5. credit ke liye scheme
6. why banks still not lending
7. ur suggestions for MSME

Member 4

1. inflexion point meaning (ye galat bta dia although bol dia ki nhi yaad aa rha)
2. Independence par We went for public sector , was it wrong(nhi jab jaruri tha)
3. so where did it went wrong (missed the bus , and now late to party)

4. what is current strategy (privatisation and divestment , benefit btane lga)
5. tell exact and clear cut
6. maximum number of units in strategi sector allowed (i said 4 or 5)
7. sir: yes is 4
8. current growth rate of india
9. growth rate needed to be developed naitaion (said sorry but gave amrit kaal data by 2047 - 26 trillion)
10. what was china growth rate during its rise
11. do u think we can achive double digit growth ?

Chairman

1. suppose PM call u(big smile on my face) , will u say exact same to him or will be just optimistic
2. me: mam , boluga ho skta h , bus bhadiya h silght tinkering chahiye humko , and fir toh hum pakka bann jayege
3. mam: haste hue , u have bureaucratic way of expressing
4. what will the tinkering (emphasis se pta chala ki fass gya)
5. me: proper implementation etcetc
6. mam: u cannot say that
7. me : Demographic dividend , 1-2 cheez aur
8. m4: this is too common say something new
9. me : as outsider of govt i feel our strategy and schemes are well thought off and if given a chance i will learn things in training and posting and that will give me better ability to answer this(kuch alag sa yaad nhi aa ya common point unko sunne nhi the ab yaad aaya blockchain ,AI,Quantum fekna h)
10. mam : final is u will tell me about shortcomings if u find any
11. me : yes mam
12. mam: smiling , ur interview is over
13. thank u bola sabko
14. board was cordial , 1 member tried to grill
 - khatam
 - mocks
 - good
 - chanakya mandal
 - Samkalp
 - chahal
 - nextias
 - vajirao

can give
 vision
 aptiplus
 unacademy
 to avoid
 ksg , vajiram , chanakya academy , study iq,rau
 one on one
 good
 khan sir , Aptiplus , vinay sir,kaptaan bhैया
 discussion with pooja mam helped a lot (transformed answering style)
 yo (hindi wale bhैया ki best wishes)

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Date of Interview: 6th February, Forenoon
Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am
Optional: Economics
Profession: Fundraising in AI sector, recent selection in state services
Hobbies: Manga

Chairman

1. So, you are working at Wadhvani AI now? (No, ma'am, will join state services next week)
2. Why do you want to come from fundraising to policymaking?
3. What do _you_ want to contribute to policymaking?
4. You mentioned you want to work in MSME sector. Don't you think our policies disincentivise growth of MSMEs into large companies?

Member 1

1. Let's talk about taxation. Do you think the super-rich be taxed?
2. So you support a Marxian model? (No, I support providing more opportunities for the poor to build their wealth)
3. You are an electronics and communication engineer. Explain in simple terms how communication takes place.
4. Which part do you think introduces most distortion in a message while communication?

Member 3

1. You will become an SDO. How will you solve the tribal vs mining company problem? (Said, more jobs and fair relocation terms for tribals)
2. Do you know about CAMPA? How will you use it? Is it possible to relocate forests?

3. Is manga the only aspect of Japanese culture that you enjoy? (No, I also like their colourful festival and mythology. Similarities between Indian and Japanese culture).
4. Would you like to be posted in Japan if selected in IFS? (I said YES with golden retriever energy!)

Member 4

1. You mentioned about MSMEs. Where do you think bottlenecks lie?
2. It is said that lack of regulation allowed IT sector to blossom. Do you agree? (I mentioned that lack of regulation also caused a few problems)
3. So you think we should regulate it? (No, I support self regulation and soft regulation)

Member 5

1. I was so happy to hear about the permanent commission of women in army. What do you know about it? (I said it is a great step. But I am not well versed in the court rulings and how that came about)
2. Do you think the triple talaq judgement make women equal to men? (I said, in isolation it looks like equality, but personal laws are complex. So, we will have to see how it evolves)

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Date of Interview: 02/03, Afternoon.

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am.

Optional: Anthropology

Daf keyword: indigenous culture, software developer, athletics.

Chairman

1. How the indigenous culture have evolved in India.
2. What are the culture of Nagaland
3. Should ILP be there in mainland too

Member 1

1. What is your district infamous for?(blinding case) when, how, outcome of that.
2. Do you think Nagaland culture promote women empowerment(I supported).
3. Recent news that only one women in history have been elected. How can you say so now?

Member 2

1. Tell me about Ahimsa silk(daf).
2. What make bhagalpuri silk special. (Daf)
3. What are the 2 changes you would want in Constitution?
4. Why some countries perform better in athletics(daf)

Member 3

1. Why government indulge in software export although we are doing good. ?
2. Why only Southern state have flourished in software and why not your home state(daf)
3. Tell me what are government institutions who make softwares. (Don't know what he ask..)
4. Why BPO promotion is needed.

Member 4

1. Advantage and disadvantage of gst.
2. If you have to assist in selecting a CEO of my company, what will you look into him?

Chairperson: what are the qualities you liked in Tata.

Thank you, your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 2.3.2023, Last to go

Board: Smita Nagraj

Home State: Gujarat

Background: ICLS GST BOB Software engineer

Hobby: web series (crime comedy)

Chairman

1. have you joined the service?
2. Where are you posted?
3. What have you seen until now?
4. what kind of complaints?
5. is there any timeline to deal with them ? How many are pending until now?
6. do independent directors play any meaningful role?
7. what should we do to make them stronger ?
8. which are the tax haven countries?
9. why are we so held up in being ethical, legal?
10. are we ethical.?

Member 1

1. has SEBI playED its role properly in the Adani case? If they have played the role properly, then why has Supreme Court appointed a committee? Don't you think it will undermine SEBI as a regulator ? Some back and forth here regarding the benefits of that.

Member 2

1. some recent amendments in the companies act ?

2. Why has registration of FPO been smoothened out?
3. Is it from other companies what is the benefit of an FPO compared to farmers coming under a society or a cooperative ?are cooperative is not ethical?
4. IFFCO Amul../etc then why FPO under companies act?

Member 3

1. Why are crimes against women rising even after so many legal changes after the Nirbhaya case?
2. Is it easy availability of weapons?
3. What more should be done ? recent video of a car owner stealing flower pots in Gurugram why do people do that ? Can government do anything to stop such cases?
4. The PSUs itself are not following the compliances of the companies act.
5. What can be done to resolve this issue?

Member 4

1. states have given up the power to tax after the GST. Do you think so ?
2. What can the states do to increase revenue?
3. States are asking companies to donate to their party coffers under the CSR funds? Do you think it is justified? Should we remove the provision of CSR from the companies act because of its ill effects?
4. How will you use your knowledge as a computer engineer in civil services? IT portal is a headache. Maybe you can do something about it in future.
5. Should government Levi GST on work done under CSR ?
6. Very very cordial board

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Date of Interview: 28th February, afternoon

Board: Ms Smita Nagraj

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

College: NIT Durgapur, West Bengal

Profession (if any): Product analyst (worked in 2 companies)

Hobbies: Upcycling, journalling

Your experience in interview: Good

Keywords from DAF: midnight cafe, table tennis, data analytics, transport

Chairman

1. Are you still working?
2. What did your last company do?

3. Is it really a startup because it's work is of an aggregator?
4. Why the nano project was not able to set up in West Bengal? (Not aspirational enough, didn't appease the masses)
5. Market analysis would have been done by them then what went wrong?
6. Are EVs really clean? And the end they utilise electricity produced from coal?
7. Would you recommend people to buy EV? why?

Member 1

1. You worked in data analytics domain. What is the issue with data?
2. Give some examples of aggregator? Biggest aggregator in the world?
3. Do you know what is account aggregator? It's use?
4. Why you left your first company?
5. What is corporate governance? How can we improve it?
6. What do you understand by governance?

Member 2

1. From what language is the word anthropology derived from?
2. What the words mean?
3. What do you mean by radicalisation?
4. What it does to the person?
5. How much sleep does a human being need?
6. So do you want people should sleep less as you started a midnight cafe in your college?
7. Have you heard of sexual harrasment at workplace? Did you face anything?
8. What are the provisions? Composition of POSH committee?
9. What is upcycling?

Member 3

1. What industries are present in Durgapur? (Iron & steel and fertiliser)
2. Zero budget natural farming? Is it viable?
3. Name of the person who was awarded Padma Shri for natural farming?
4. Why is West bengal not developing?
5. Name some really good female table tennis players?
6. Why is table tennis not so famous in India compared to China?

Member 4

1. What are the pillars of digital india program?
2. Name four?
3. What is e- Kranti?
4. What is India stack?

5. Name some of the components of India stack?
6. Aadhar judgement? What has government done after that?

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any): mocks help in building confidence.

Nothing was asked from my home state (U.P) and city.

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Date of Interview: 27th February, Afternoon session – around 30 minutes

Board: Smita Nagraj Mam

Optional: Sociology

Profession: IPS

Hobbies and Interest: Shayari writing, working on local social and environmental issues

Your experience in interview- Board on fire when IPS on chair

Chairman

1. This Haircut showing that u r from NPA?
2. How you celebrated ur success
3. No Jolly way?
4. Do u against Dj, dolby?
5. Why tree plantation at Village?
6. Elgar parishad, tracking people, introducing Spyware big chaos
7. Planting evidences against criminal? Ur stand
8. Person should given bail or not?
9. Isn't wrong to provide rights to criminal?
10. Why should bail given to criminal that we know? Is it matter right?
11. What is the Purpose of arrest?
12. How should be arrest law? – liberal?
13. Which cadre u r expecting
14. Where you would like to see urself Bengal or Assam

Member 1

1. Time allocated to Outdoor activity of NPA
2. Purpose of Parade in the training?
3. But police doesn't work in team spirit and coordination?
4. Assam marriage issue
5. Isn't police excess is there?
6. Modus operandi to tackle this
7. Adding pocso in child marriage FIR right or wrong?
8. How people are surviving when bread earner is arrested due to child marriage?

9. Why u r opting for IAS despite having IPS
10. What is voice of consciousness?
11. You wouldn't feel u blocked one seat and someone lost it if you are getting into IAS ?
12. Why IPS people keeping one leg here And other in IAS?

Member 2

1. What ur life struggle taught to you?
2. How this will be helpful in administration?
3. Isn't u think, U wasted human and social capital of mechanical engineering?
4. Use of mechanical engineering in administration?
5. Political instability in maharashtra causing development deficit! How to tackle it
6. Relate above point to western maharashtra vs other underdeveloped region

Member 3

1. Again why IAS?
2. Social prestige of ias vs ips
3. How you will replicate cooperative model of maharashtra in Bengal and Assam?
4. Long discussion on above topic
5. Cultural differences may cause problem? Ur view
6. U Didn't join foundation course?

Member 4

1. How we can improve Bad image of policing?
2. What are two things u like about NPA training?
3. Two things u want to improve about NPA training?
4. Modern policing mandate
5. Last mughal emperor?
6. Two shayar at his court?
7. Name of Mughal emperor under which maratha empire worked?

Chairman - with smile, Holy pdf ur interview is over, Thank you!

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Date of Interview: 23rd feb and 4th to go in the afternoon

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Background: Mechanical Engineering

Profession (if any): State Pcs

Hobbies: Cricket and football

Chairman

1. So when you landed in Delhi??What are you doing since then?
2. You only do analysis of football?? Don't you watch football??(My hobby was tactical analysis of football)
3. Who is the greatest footballer of all time??
4. Don't you think Bollywood film Stars, footballers, cricketers earning a lot of money?? Do you think it is needed for one individual?? Don't you think there should be also some kind of payment parity with respect to doctors, engineers and other jobs??(I was imagining Lionel Messi earning 50k per month and roaming in Alto in streets)
5. Which jobs your state and people give respect??And why?? (I said people have high faith on civil servant in our state)
6. And why you want to become an civil servant??Is this because people have their faith on it??

Member 1

1. Activities you involved with apart from preparation??
2. What are the common elements of cricket and Football share??
3. Can you implement certain rules of cricket on football??
4. What Indian football federation is in a bad situation?? Is there any bad administration??
5. Why such bad situation of football in India?? Can't we promote it in the same way of cricket??What are initiative recently taken by the fraternity to promote cricket and football??
6. What is the watershed moment of cricket that made it popular in India??
7. Which social sector you will like to work upon and why??

Member 2

1. Is there any positive impact of act east policy on North East??Are we successful?
2. How India will look like in 2040?
3. China is claiming Arunachal why??Why such incidents is going on in Arunachal??
4. (He asked 2 more questions i forgot actually)

Member 3

1. Natural parks in your district??Why they are famous??
2. Which industries use natural gas in your district??(As I was from industrial district)Are those industries making profit or loss??
3. What are the issues of tea garden community??Can we address that??
4. What will be your take on that as an administrator??Can we address their payment issue??
5. Poaching going on in Assam?? why it so?? What is the use of horns of rhinos??

Member 4

1. So tell me what are the impacts of sports on society??
2. Can we play cricket with Pakistan??Why??
3. What is nano technology?? Should we make it a different stream all together??
4. Do you think different streams of engineering have water tight separation from each other??
Give reasons.
5. Then Smita Nagaraj ma'am said "thankyou and it's your interview is over "

Overall experience: It was good experience though I couldn't answer 3/4 questions. Board was cordial. I attempted 1 offline (KSG) mock and 2 online (Civils daily and Shubhra Ranjan IAS) and they helped to gain confidence to some extent but the discussions and one to one with my friends and Utkarsh Sir helped me a lot. (As I had little time to prepare due to paucity of time)
All the best.

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Date of Interview: 27th Feb, Forenoon session

Board: Smita Nagaraj

Background: MBBS,

Home State: Uttarakhand

Hobby: Football, Chess

Chairman

1. Why Civil services ?
2. What India has done to improve life expectancy
3. One scheme of UK govt where it has done excellent and one where it has lacked
4. Is yoga a fad

Members

1. Role of technology in health
2. TB mukt bharat and initiatives to achieve it
3. Mental health disorders and steps to improve
4. Health budget
5. As a FM, how would you allocate budget to different ministries
6. How to improve HDI ranking
7. E sanjeevani OPD and how it functions
8. Why uttarakhand faces so many natural disasters
9. What can be done as a DM to manage that
10. How would you describe yourself
11. Who is your role model

12. Ronaldo's recent transfer
13. Is it justified how much he is paid
14. Origin of chess
15. About recent Olympiad in chess
16. Why chess is popular in Russia
17. Unable to recall a lot of questions

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Date of Interview: 24.02.2024**Board:** Smita Nagraj**Home State:** Odisha**Background:** Mbbs, Vexillology**Hobby:** Jogging**Chairman**

1. What are you doing post-MBBS?
2. Why civil services? (some counter questions?)
3. What is the difference between quack, doctor and civil servant?
4. How did you develop the hobby of Vexillology?
5. 3 social changes that have taken since independence (some counter questions)

Others Members

1. What is famous in Burla?
2. Do you know about cage culture and solar panels in Hirakud dam?
3. What is your opinion on it?
4. What is your opinion on Odisha not implementing PMJAY?
5. Difference between NMC and MCI
6. Why many AIIMS institutes being made?
7. Is the quality of other AIIMS lower than AIIMS Delhi?
8. How will faculty be recruited in these colleges?
9. Is India a poor country?
10. How is coat of arms related to flag?
11. What is the use of gadolinium? What is the issue with it? What are the replacement of gadolinium?
12. What is the use of boron in medicine?
13. What is the issues with nuclear family?
14. Which disease is known as emperor of all maladies?
15. Do you know Siddharth Mukherjee?
16. Is there any book which you have read but you regret reading about it?

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Date of Interview: 23rd Feb
Board: Smita Nagraj
Optional: Mathematics
Home State: Andhra Pradesh
Keywords: EEE, Cricket, Great Personalities

Chairman

1. Why Mathematics optional?
2. How to make rural people learn mathematics?
3. Discretionary powers of a bureaucrat (should be 100 percent or 1%) ?

Member 1,2,3,4**On Andhra Pradesh: (Homestate)**

1. Welfare Schemes
2. English as a medium of instruction (EMI) in schools
3. How to move forward with English as a medium?
4. Lift Irrigation schemes in AP

On Cricket:

1. Name 10 cricketers who impressed you. (While answering please mention indian women and foreign players)
2. Fitness tests for cricketers and follow up question on FIT INDIA movement

General Questions:

1. Issues faced by using 2011 census while identifying beneficiaries for the welfare Schemes.
2. Whether India is a great power?
3. Question on RRR-“NAATU NAATU” Song
4. Can infamous personalities be included in school curriculum (Eg: Hitler)
5. Pure mathematical institutes in India
6. Board was very cordial and no controversial questions were asked. Duration was approximately 30 minutes.
7. O2O mocks with Vinay Sir, Khan Sir, and Mohan Sir were quite helpful.
Panel Mocks – Vajiram and Ravi, Analog IAS, Shankar IAS, Chahal Academy.

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Date of Interview: 23/02/2023 , Afternoon 5th to go
Board: Smita Nagraj
Background: Btech Mechanical from NIT Trichy, 2019

Home State: Telangana

Hobbies: Playing Cricket, Travelling

Optional: Anthropology

4th attempt, 2nd interview

Time: around 30 mins (but I feel it doesn't matter at all)

Chairman

1. You are from Adilabad, then went to Hyderabad, to Trichy.. don't you like North India and you have travelling as a hobby? Justify it
2. Since you stayed in Delhi after 2019, you must have joined coaching?
3. Why didn't you join? You realised it is a waste of time or you don't like it?
4. As you enrolled in test series, does it really help? What about people who cannot afford?
5. Difference between coaching institutes in Delhi and Hyderabad?
6. What did you learn from your college?
7. If you are an introvert, how come you are confident now or whether you are faking confidence in front of us? (I said initially I want to fake my confidence but after conversing with you mam it is coming naturally)
8. Why are you into this administrative stuff, you would have joined politics?
9. Why do youth like you hesitate to join politics?

Member 1

1. What suggestion would you give to a person of age between 22-28 who wants to travel solo all over India?
2. I appreciate you used the term 'her', then what will you suggest for a girl who is interested in solo travelling?
3. How will you rate your knowledge in mechanical engineering in a scale of 1 to 10?
4. Why did you rate such low? Do you think Nit Trichy is failing to produce a good engineer?
5. Why is India lagging behind STEM and people are packing their bags to fly to the US?
6. Solutions for this problem?

Member 2

1. You mentioned that you came from a backward district, how do you rate backwardness?
2. Doesn't your district people feel bad that you are pointed as backward?
3. How did Naxalism decrease in your district?
4. You said thanks to Telangana and the central government and you don't want to join politics?
5. You come from JNV, then what is PM SHRI?
6. What was the issue between Telangana and the Central government regarding paddy during early 2022?

7. What is this POLice merit scholarship? Why only to children of police personnel? DONT you feel it is discriminative?

Member 3

1. How did you prepare for this interview physically and Psychologically? he said i want answer from an introvert person bcs im also introvert
2. Why air india ordered such bulky amount of planes? Dont they have it?
3. DId you fly in Air india plane? (I said i flew only once in my life that too in indigo)
4. SO you persue your hobby travelling only by bus or train?
5. There is death after life, but do you agree there is life after death? (I said as per bhagawadgita there is transmigration of soul and death happens only to body and not soul and also with progress of science i hope we will definitely hack death and become amar one day)

Member 4

1. Throughout course of history, Humans are binary being, one is strong person while another is weak and strong always wins? Do you agree
2. Then India focuses on vasudhaiva kutumbakam which values every one are equal? how do you balance it?
3. You mentioned meditation earlier, then does it really helpful to strong as well as weak?
4. DO you become strong then, or you are weak as you claimed earlier?

Chairman

1. Anthropology study marriage, is it union between strong and weak partner? (i said union between both strong in all aspect physically, mentally and spiritually)
2. but practically speaking, our society accept one as strong and another as weak? (i said if it is true then i suggest weak to do medidation and become strong like me)

Feeling – Felt more like conversation rather a question answer session

Utility of mocks – It depends on person to person and it just provide you confidence to speak infront of 5peoples

All the best!!

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Date of Interview: 24/02/2023

Board: Smita Nagraj

Background: BDS

Daf key words: ecotourism, science fiction, leisure time counselling, anti tobacco drives Best sportsman

First 2 members interviewed with mask on, rest no mask(m3 asked me to remove it

Chairman

1. What is ajay in ajay vision pvt limited? (job)
2. You did anti tobacco drives, but tell me about your opinion on state promoting alcohol! Is state promoting it by opening shops everywhere?
3. Should alcohol be banned completely?
4. Many cross questions.

Member 1

1. Asked about old science fiction movies, which i was not aware of.
2. Startrek? Yes, whats so unique about it? Said no!(he said it exactly depicted the emergence of smart phones?
3. Start wars? Said no
4. What have you watched? Said snowpiercer, avatar, interstellar, lost in space, asked me to tell about the theme of lost in space.
5. What is ecotourism?
6. Why ecotourism more important in andamans

Member 2

1. Audible but couldn't understand his pronunciation
2. Unethical issues in dentistry and as a DM how will you solve it?
3. Schemes in your state covering everything from birth to death, don't you think people will become lazy?
4. Child labour issues in tobacco industry

Member 3 & 4

1. Why best sportsman?
2. Which sports? Said cricket, volleyball, 100mts sprint
3. India Australia cricket pitch issue, pressurized me to accept that winning at any cost is more important, i said sportsmanship more important.
4. He said do we play cricket for leisure or winning, i said winning, he said then what's wrong in making pitches that suits us, I stucked to my stance.
5. Rich countries used up their carbon quota, now asking us not to go for it, it's our right no? (I didn't concurred with his views) forced me to change my stance, I politely said sorry I don't think so, asked me to justify logically, gave him some justification.
6. Your opinion on indias stance on ukraine russia? I said neutral and emphasised on peace and dialogue.
7. He said, how can it be a stance, when india preaches vasudaiva kutumbikam, it should intervene, i said not taking sides aligns with the idea of vk, he said it can't be , russia battering ukraine, i said in in foreign relations national interests matters.

8. If you are PM , what will be your foreign policy priorities? Said improve bilateral ties with china

Overall cordial, light movements, but at three instances tried to exert pressure to change opinions. 99% daf , one current affair, that too russia ukraine.

Unable to decipher, how it went.

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Date of Interview: 23 feb 2023

Board: Smita Nagraj

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Karnataka

Hobby: cooking, learning mixed martial arts, Bike Riding, Mysore,

Background: NABARD, BE in electrical and electronics(no question)

Chairman

1. Is this your first interview? I told third good we ll move directly to question then as you are aware of the process and formalities.
2. How to resolve belgaum dispute between karnataka and maharashta.
Some cross question on why frequently dispute arises what more can be done? Should there be a referrendum? Do you really believe that people will elect such leaders?

Member 1

1. what do you like to cook?
2. Why so much importance to millet? Why is it important from diet point of view?
3. Tell me innovation done in mysore that may have changed warfare? I told Rockets by Tippu sultan.
4. What is your opinion on Tippu sultan? Why so many different opinion on him?

Member 2

1. why harley davidson exited india?
2. Mumbai, Bangalore has so much traffic issue dont you feel frustrated while going to office every day in that traffic?
3. Impact of university common entrance exam?

Member 3

1. long monologue on perception of India in south east asia. Why india s image as weak in capacity to implement but good perception in terms of soft power? What needs to be done?

Member 4

2. what martial arts included in olympics?. Why less medals?. Which sector do you see more medals in future?
3. Jawed akhtar's comment in pakistan. Do you think it is true?. I said yes and added to few points of what Jawed akhtar said. He got a standing ovation do you think Pakistan s people is changing?should we open talks with pakistan to peace?

Member 5

1. inter state water dispute? Why has it been long standing issue?. Why we could solve indus water issue with pakistan but not resolve issue between karnataka and tamil nadu?
2. What are the Issues arising out of demographic difference between south and north?. I told migration he gave clue saying in new parliament building number of spacs is nore but seats less. I said issues arising out of Demarcation of territorial constituencies.
Board was very cordial but were frequently monitored time but gave me sufficient time to answer each question but appeared to finish the process fast. Approx time:30mins
No Mocks but one 2 one discussion with Abhishek Saraf sir on Daf and issues faced during last interviews and discussion with Sayali Gaekwad, 2021 interview topper on framing answers and type of questions. Both helped alot in framing my answer

(43)**Date of Interview:** 8th Afternoon**Board:** Smita Nagraj**Optional:** Chemistry**College:** IIT D**Profession (if any):** Software Engineer**Hobbies:** Cooking, Competitive coding**Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-** khan sir(ksg) was very good

Vision, NextIAS, Samkalp was also good

Chanykya Mandal - got butchered

Chairman

1. What are you doing?
2. Bots spamming...how to counter it?
3. Bots being used to force their own views on others, ethical?
4. Mirzapur carpet industries and child labour.... Destination national flagged
5. Child labour, is it correct for others to interfere in our issues?
6. US human rights reports about India... Is it correct?
7. Does such a report affect our relationship?

Member 1

1. Will India continue to lead the IT sector?
2. Will IITians continue to go abroad for jobs?
3. Why they are staying in India now?
4. Gordon Ramsay being very rude, what do you feel?
5. Restaurant owned or run by him?
6. Why Nano car failed in India ?
(1-2 more questions)

Member 2

1. Do you know about the Sweatshop of Bangladesh?
2. Human rights issues are flagged only for the Indian textile Industry and not for Bangladesh, do you think there is some economic motive behind it?
3. Seen K'taka and UP, development level difference, is it right for developed states to fund underdeveloping states?
4. Is it right to penalise them for some correct policies and decisions taken in the past?
5. Should UP be bifurcated?
6. Purvanchal will lose from bifurcation...What do you think about it?

Member 3

1. Foreign schools in India and foreign languages being taught...is it right when
2. we are not able to focus on our native languages?
3. Lead acid battery issues monologue...
4. Alternative to lead acid battery?
5. How has competitive coding and puzzles Solving helped you in developing yourself?
6. Your 1 strength and 1 weakness?
7. How is overthinking a weakness?

Member 4

1. NEP points?
2. How India can be Visva guru?
3. Foreign campus in India, should they be allowed?

(44)**Date of Interview:** 8 Feb, 23**Board:** Smita Nagraj**Optional:** law**Background:** SRCC, law from faculty of law, Delhi living

Chairman

1. I enter the room
2. Chairperson- be comfortable and relax
3. what are you doing since 2020?
4. why civil services over legal career?
5. reasons for increasing number of undertrials for sc and sts?
6. one biggest problem in judiciary and there solutions ?
7. Some other questions unable to remember

Member 1

1. corporate social responsibility?
2. exceptions of principal of natural justice?
3. a case study was asked Between right to life vs right to privacy?

Member 2

1. should we continue with pil or not? reasons
2. should Hindi or other regional languages be promoted in higher courts?

Member 3

1. Should we ban soft drugs? And many counter-questions on the same
2. Alcohol ban?

Member 4

1. Yamuna pollution reasons and it's solutions and counter questions?
2. industrial research and development?
3. question on my hobby that is playing table tennis
4. Utility of mocks - help in building confidence but upsc interview is totally another ball game
5. Thank you ,some other questions were also asked but I am unable to recall right now

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Date of Interview: 09/02/23

Board: Smita Nagraj

Optional: Hindi Literature

Background: Mechanical Engineer

Home State: Chhattisgarh

Hobbies: Cooking, Webseries

Chairman

1. Your college is private institution or govt?
2. How many students were in your batch?
3. Kitne batchmates k sath aap abhi sampark me h?
4. Wese College WhatsApp group se jude honge?
5. Aapke frnds abhi kya-kya kr rhe h?
6. Kyu aajkal engineering me problems h ya phir kyu engineering field se log dur ja rhe h?
7. Govt educational Institutions like IITs,NITs ki reputation achhi h lekin other govt bodies ya office ki reputation utni achhi nhi h?
8. Kon si esi technology h, jo aane wale samay me bahut jyada impactful ho skta h?
9. Green Hydrogen ka production India swyam kr skta h ya foreign dependent rhna pdega?

Member 1

1. Kya hame parliamentary system se presidential system ki or shift ho jana chahiye?
2. CAG ke bare me btaiye? Kya CAG k institution ko hta dena chahiye?

Member 2

1. Engineer ka administration me kya kaam?
2. Mera manna hai ki administration me social science wale engineer se better kr skte h?
3. Khakee webseries aur beurocrate dwara khud ko krna promote kha tk uchit h?

Member 3

1. Chhattisgarhi dishes me kya kya bnate h aap?
2. hmare local food me khud itne nutrition h lekin foreign companies chhote chhote products ki branding krke consumer ko apni or aakarshit kr lete h.local food products ko promote krne k liye kya krenge aap?
3. AFSPA kya h?
4. kin-kin rajyo me lagu h?
5. Chhattisgarh me kyu lagu nhi h?
6. Chhattisgarh me CRPF ki casualties jyada hi h.kyu?
7. Casualties km krne k liye kiye pryas?

Member 4

1. Act related to senior citizens?
2. Protection from double jeopardy k bare me jante h?
3. Protection from self incrimination
4. Supreme court ne narco test aur polygraphy test ko ban kr diya.kyu?
5. Mental privacy k bare me jante h?

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Date of Interview: 10/Feb/23**Time:** forenoon (5th to go)**Duration:** around 30 minutes**Board:** Smita Nagraj ma'am**Home state:** Madhya Pradesh (morena -chambal region)**Background:** BSc PCM (no question asked)**Profession:** IFS (mostly yahi se pucha)**Hobby:** Satvik movement, ghoomar dance**Chairman**

1. what are you doing now?
2. (I replied I'm selected for ifs now)
3. So you joined?
4. (I replied I took extension because my medium for writing mains examination changed from English to Hindi by mistake so i took extension to appear into next attempt)
5. ohh hindi medium by mistake but You managed with it hindi?
6. (Seemed impress)
7. you are in ifs so opting only for two services ie IAS and IPS
8. (I said yes mam)
9. you come from jain community,...
10. View on baldiksha (child practising monkhood) any regulation should be made on such practices?
11. (I replied not by Govt but by community itself)
12. So how can community do it
13. Tyag(sacrifices) is glorified in society but none do at individual level ,why this dichotomy?
14. why should we mandatorily scrape vehicle after some time time why not continue its its fine and emitting pollution on normal levels
15. Okay thankyou

Member 1

1. What is satvik moment
2. role it played for your life
3. Since you talked about climate change , pollution reasons why such sudden rise in recent time
4. NGT VS CPCB

Member 2

1. What do you know about posh act (she gave the full form and asked what you know about it)
2. College me nh dekha ?
3. (I replied my apologies ki mera dhyan nahi gya mam)
4. View on intermingling and expansion of festivals interstate like Punjab celebrating Lohri and Pongal simultaneously, and even western festivals gaining popularity , your view on that
Case study -
5. If any panel member judges any candidate who is her/his son ,what will you do ? Will you report immediately or after results if you are not in the list?
(I told will see rules or law.)
6. In the absence of law?
7. Difference between faith and trust?
8. (I used the word faith in my previous answer)

Member 4

1. Faceless beurocrat- presence of civil servants on social media your view
2. India can be defence exporter in near future , ethical concerns are there in being so ,your view point

Member 5

1. Case study of man animal conflict
2. Eco-sensitive zone
3. Chambal dacoit, why popularity film based on them
4. Why do people support so much?

Chairwomen

Your interview is over

I thanked everyone and came out !!!

Utility of mock

Gaining confidence

Suggest -O2O with Ravindran sir

Ksg ,Sankalp IAS

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Date of Interview: 6th Feb, Afternoon

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Background: Software engineer, medals in basketball in college,

Hobbies: playing badminton and listening to music

Chairman

1. What is the one thing you enjoy about working in your company?
2. What are your company's products, what does your company do?
3. Layoffs and recession happening in USA, what do you think about it?
4. Work from home, is it good?
5. Collegium issues?
6. Isn't it necessary to maintain independence of judiciary in appointments?
7. Sustainable development defn?
8. Sdg, name any 3 of them.

Member 1

1. Why civil services?
2. How will you use knowledge of your job (software Engg) in administration?
3. Will AI replace humans?
4. (I tilted towards no as AI still has a lot of deficiencies like seen in accidents of driverless cars)
5. AI will become even better in the future. So, don't you think it will replace humans in distant future?

Member 2

1. Should civil servants be allowed to become social media influencers?
2. Given need for technology in administration do you think engineers are better administrators than those from Social science background?
3. Listening to music is a very broad category. Do you like a specific genre?

Member 3

1. Full form of my company's name?
2. Why switch from permanent to adhoc? (Employment related)
3. Aiiims cyberattack - what were its reasons, and what are the solutions?
4. (I had said strengthen firewalls among other solutions). On this, he said that firewall can't be too strong due to public access, and backup wont help as lots of vips information will still get stolen, so what other measures for aiims
5. specifically will you suggest?
6. You have played both badminton and basketball. How do you compare the 2 sports?

Thoughts :

Board was very cordial. There were a couple of light moments too. But, some questions

could've been handled better by me. Let's see how it goes. Fingers crossed.

Experience with mocks -

Decent experience with all but relatively Vajirao>Rau>Ksg.

One to one with Ravindran Sir was also good.

Mocks can help in getting over the fear of speaking in front of a panel and also in getting possible list of questions. But, would suggest not to give too many.

All the best to everyone.

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Date of Interview: 10 Feb morning

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: Philosophy

Background: Amity University Noida, computer science engineering

Profession (if any): content writer in field of competitive exams

Hobbies: cricket and introspective writing

Other keywords in DAF: Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, CT scan automation project on lung cancer.

Interview language: Hindi

Chairman

1. Ajkal kya krrhe ho? (Satyam bhai explained me what to say by predicting it from previous day's transcript)
2. Content writing m kya krte ho? Paise milte hai? Itna earn kr lete ho?
3. Democracy m Dissent kitna important hai? (In morning Satyam bhai discussed about it in morning as expected question from today's Indian express)
4. Dissent m "Constructive Criticism " hi kyu important hai? Give any example. (asked from previous answer)
5. konsa organ executive, legislative and judiciary m behtar kam kr rha hai apke according. (teeno badia)
6. Give one reform you want to see in these organs.

Member 1

1. started with bullet train case where HC said that this project is in national interest and HC ne stay lagane se mana kr dia.
2. He said itna paisa karch krrhe hai aise project m and if I criticise m jpar Contempt of court lagega?
3. CJI Ke upar allegations lagaye gye the ek mahila dwara, itni badi position par arop lagaye gye.. apko lagta hai ki jisne bhi allegation lagaye vo anti national kyu vo itni high authority

ke khiladiyon arop laga rhe hai? (Because chairperson ko mene constrictive criticism ke bare SC ka naam le lia tha)

Member 2

1. apne Thesis and antithesis ki baat kari Hegel ki philosophy m (Dissent from chairperson question).. ye anti thesis ke bad kya hota hai? (Already Discussed in morning call with bhai)
2. Darshan shastra and vigyan m kya fark hai hai?
3. ... m analysis krna kya cheez hota hai?
4. CT scan Project kya tha ye? (Thanks to satyam bhai i filled it and ache se baatcheet hui ispar ek member ne baki questions yhi se puche)
5. Doctors Use CT scan, ye danger nhi hai??
6. Purane jamane m vaid log bina scan ke bata dete the, aaj ke doctors hazaro test likh dete hai, apka kya vichar hai?
7. Aisi Technology honi chahiye medical field m?

Member 3

1. Manovigyan pehle darshan shastra ka part tha phir alag se padne ki kya need?
2. Legal laws padayi jani chahiye sabko?
3. Medical Clinical kuch to pucha tha unone but ye term nhi malum thi so I said - padne ki need hai

Member 4

1. China development krha hai apne border areas m so india ko usse paresa hona chahiye (very long question because member was sharing his experience)
2. Politics m sirf power and money chlta hai, mere jaisa vyakti election nhi lad skta ap ishpar kya vichar rkhte hai?

Your overall experience:

1. Importance of DAF filling - thanks to satyam bhai..
2. Cricket se sawal nhi aye, learning kabhi kabhi jo cheez jada show krte hai DAF m, usse sawal nhi aate
3. Detailed analysis of mocks jo 20-25 mi ka hota hai (but hours long analysis for every mock with satyam bhai helped me most)

Mocks/one 2 ones that helped or didn't help :

1. Satyam bhai ke sath analysis, kaise sochna hai and kaise answer krna hai.
2. Group discussion, peer group mocks with IAS corridor and studyiq grp members
3. I had good experience with :

4. Chahal Academy Mock (really Good) : recommended to all
5. Chanakya Mandal : good
6. Only Ias: good

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Date of Interview: 08-02-2023**Board:** Smita Nagraj ma'am**Home State:** Punjab**Background:** Automotive sector**Chairman**

1. what are you currently doing
2. Are you staying in your hometown
3. what is this Mera Pind 360 , a community service initiative (DAF)
4. what is the reason of Punjabis going abroad in large no's
5. What do you think of diaspora as a soft power
6. does Indians at top leadership position abroad act as a hard power for India

Member 1

1. Why Punjab's water table going so down
2. what measures can be taken to do that
3. How can we enhance crop diversification
4. What did you do as NSS volunteer
5. what messages you spread by cycle rallies (follow up)
6. what values you learnt from NSS

Member 2

1. Reasons for drug menace in Punjab
2. What are human rights? Where mentioned in Indian statues ?
3. who is your fav actor
4. how would you eulogise Punjabi language
5. Name Punjab is of Punj-ab (water) what are the five rivers of Punjab

Member 3

1. follow up on water table
2. power subsidy issue . How to resolve it . Are there any measures currently taken
3. why there is an issue of abandoned brides in Punjab
4. why we directly shifted from BS4 to BS 6 norms . Why most of diesel cars were discontinued

Member 4

1. why punjabi youth are seeking asylum by illegally emigrating to western countries while there is no persecution happening here
 2. no persecution happening in India ?
 3. What do you think India s stand over Rohingya issue justified when we talk about Vausdhaiva Kutumbakam
 4. You must be knowing aspirational districts ; as an SDO of one such Distt ; what would you do for health of adolescent girls
- Chairperson : Thank you

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Date of Interview: 06/02/2023, Afternoon, 2nd last to go.

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Duration: 30 minutes

Keyword DAF: volunteered in NGO

IPS

Chairman

1. Is this NPA's haircut? So you joined? When did you join?
2. What are the things you have liked and disliked in the training?
3. Why drill/ parade is there? What is its use?
4. Discipline - why it is important?
5. Every organisation even like UPSC needs some or other kind of discipline. So, Can drill be included to instill discipline?
6. The concept of Authorities have been declining because of human evolution and understanding. Human Psychology also plays important part in it. Do you think authority is needed? What kind of authority you like?
7. What kind of authority is disliked, In NPA?
8. So, authority should be crowd pleasing? Populist?

Member 1

1. Do people need to fear police?
2. Why police has image of like this, how you as SDPO/SP can bring change in perception.
3. But if police become frinedly to people, then criminals would also flourish, frinedly to them also?
4. What do you think about politization of police? MLA just calls and transfers circle officers. why do you think this happens?
5. Have you heard of Prakash singh judgement? What unique feature it has?

6. Why police reforms are not happening?
7. How would you bring accountability in investigation and police?

Member 2

1. You talked about discipline, why it is important in armed forces ?
2. What is unity of command?
3. Is police only responsible for superior boss, not to the people?
4. Long long question – Law and order situation-riots, shooting has been ordered but inspector doesn't want to fire, he thinks it is not good and can cost life of people, what can be the ramifications?
5. Who decides order is legal or not, should he fire even it is costing life of people? What do you think?
6. About QUAD, I2U2 and AUKUS and how India should deal with it?

Member 3

1. (Lady member)(called me by previous candidate's name)
2. Have you heard about NHRC and SC guidelines on Encounters? What is it?
3. Should bail be matter of right? Why?
4. You talked about arrests, are you aware about D.K basu case guidelines?
5. What is plea bargaining?

Member 4

1. (Called me by my name and confirmed)
2. You have worked as project leader in NGO, what one thing you have done , what initiative you have taken which you are very proud of?
3. I talked about learning deficit in children, so question – what GoI is particularly doing regarding Learning Deficits?
4. We have seen cases of George Floyd and recent Similar cases. We think that this happens only in developing countries or banana republic but in USA also? . Why you think this happens?
5. But USA police is not unchecked, unaccountable, still it happens?
6. So you think training of police officer is at fault?
7. Thank you!
8. Almost everything opinion based and on Policing.
All d best!

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Date of Interview: 08 February 2023

Duration: Around 30 Minutes, Forenoon Session

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am
Home State: Haryana
Current Service: ICAS
Optional: Literature of Sanskrit

Chairman

1. What are the main provisions of the recent budget
2. Provisions that attract you
3. What provisions have been made for the MSME sector
4. What is the definition of StartUps
5. What are the criteria of StartUps
6. Give examples of some successful StartUps
7. What can the government do against companies that show overvalue in the corporate sector(Adani Case)
8. What challenges are you facing after coming from AFHQ service to Accounting service

Member 1

1. Which language is old among Sanskrit and Prakrit language
2. Tell the literary features of Kalidas
3. Mention the contribution of Panini in Indian Linguistic study
4. What is the contribution of Panini in the literature of Kalidas
5. What are the reasons for the present condition of Sanskrit language

Member 2

1. Explain the role of Government Accounting Standards Advisory Board (GASAB) in accounting
2. What is the composition of GASAB
3. Which Accounting Standards does the Government of India currently use
4. What is the difference between Defence, Railway, IP&TAF, IA&AS and Civil accounting
5. What is PFMS System
6. What are the achievements of PFMS System so far
7. Challenges for GoI related to PFMS System

Member 3

1. What is Jallikattu practice and in which area it is prevalent
2. Is this practice fair
3. What are the provisions for the protection of animals
4. Is Sanskrit a religious language
5. What is the myth about Kalidasa

6. According to you, is it right to teach Gita in schools

Member 4

1. Has the government been successful in doubling the income of the farmers?
2. What are your suggestions for the upliftment of marginal farmers?
3. What is the role of FPOs in agriculture
4. Tell innovative solutions to resolve stubble burning issue
5. What are the provisions for farmers in the recent budget

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Date of Interview: 07-02-2023, Afternoon, 3rd candidate.

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Background: Electrical Engineering from IIT Hyderabad.

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Working as **BDO**

Chairman

1. What are u doing currently?
2. Tell me most interesting thing u have done as Mpdo ?
3. Is Andhra Pradesh economy doing well after Bifurcation?
4. What is your opinion on having three capitals?

Member 1

1. Article 16(2) has provision of non discriminating based on descent. Any exceptions to that?
2. Can Compassionate appointments be claimed as a matter of right?
3. What are the rules pertaining to compassionate appointments?
4. What is Morality?
5. Now What is Constitutional morality?

Member 2

1. Is establishing more IITs reducing the brand value?
2. What benefits a college when it is given status of IIT?
3. Why do Colleges need more autonomy?
4. What is the difference between Naxalism and bands of dacoits ?
5. What is the ideology of Naxalites?
6. Where do Naxalites procure weapons from ?

Member 3

1. Why Naxalism started in AP?

2. Why naxalism is still continuing in AP?
3. There is a provision in FRA that is acting as a hindrance in recognition of forest rights?
4. Situation Question: You are a BDO, and MLA asks you to get an approval from Panchayat for building community hall through MGNREGA. How will you handle this?

Member 4

1. Why decline in number of students opting for engineering?
2. Which article of Constitution is related to CAG?
3. Who audits the records of state Government?
4. To whom CAG submits the report?
5. What are some power sector reforms undertaken by GOI?
6. Where is Hornbill festival held?
7. Why the hornbill festival celebrated?

Mocks given: Unacademy (Good), Onlyias (Unprofessional management), Chahal (Good), Vajirao and Reddy, and KSG are decent.

Utility of the Mocks: Just to get used to the personality test mode. Apply your own logic to their feedback.

Thanks a lot, bro for all the support I received from your channel.

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Date of Interview: 06/02/2023

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Home State: Uttarakhand

Background: MBA + BTech

Work experience: Microsoft

Hobbies: Public speaking, latest Bollywood movies, jogging

Chairman

1. You are living a dream life. Microsoft – spectacular education background, high salary. What is it you're seeking here. What is the purpose of life?
2. Why do you want to do civil services?
3. Let's talk about Microsoft – do you think we need to regulate big tech firms?
4. How can big tech influence policy making?
5. What about allegations of big tech helping govt and vice versa – mutually beneficial relationship?
6. If you were in policy making what would you regulate and what would you not regulate for big tech?

Member 1

1. Who is a better manager – management grads or politicians?
2. If you're the administrator and a politician wants you to do something that is stark opposite to your management learnings. How will you deal with it?
3. Why do you watch only latest Bollywood movies? Isn't it that all classic and cult movies that people say belonged to the golden period which has passed by?
4. There was a movie released recently and it was in a controversy. What is your opinion on cancel culture?

Member 2

1. Tech firms keep pushing their employees? Did you face stress at Microsoft?
2. Your opinion on Elon Musk firing at Twitter. Do you think what he did was right?
3. What's your opinion on moonlighting or slacking?
4. If you were an IAS and your subordinate needed to be laid off as their job is not relevant anymore – what will be your approach?
5. Smita ma'am pitched in – if there's a candidate outside who's skilled and unemployed why not hire him instead?

Member 3

1. There are different types of engineering. Chemical/Mechanical/Electrical. I won't ask you about them. I want to ask you what is social engineering.
2. Who propounded the concept of social engineering?
3. Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Explain.
4. Which law governs the cybersecurity in India?
5. Can you tell me the guidelines released under it in 2021?

Member 4

1. Continuing with the power discussion. Why do we give people power? What is the use of that power?
2. Status of right to Privacy. How is it being enforced?
3. What is beneficial for India a strong or weak Pakistan or Nepal or Myanmar?

(54)

Board: Smita Nagraj ma'am

Date of Interview: 7th Feb, 2023

Optional: History

KEYWORDS: COOKING TRADITIONAL CUISINE AND MILLETS, HIKING, CAPTAIN OF CRICKET TEAM.

Chairman

1. Tell me one most memorable event in life that you think it's worth in life. (said about being captain of cricket team).
2. As a captain you have to take blame how do you see it?
3. Indians boast about being always best why fo they do that?
4. What about all indices such as ghi, transparency international.?
5. Should we accept such reports or should be always boast ourselves about being best?
6. Tell me some indices you wanna improve indias ranking upon(told ghi and hdi).

MEMBER 1

1. Should we write uniform history or should we also include regional histories such as south india and noertheast.
2. Why dont we eat millets why we consume rice and wheat?
3. Nutritional benefits about millets, rice and wheat
4. Are millets easily digestible?

MEMBER 2

1. What is secularism?
2. Does anti conversion laws go against constitution?
3. Have you read any of these acts in detail!? I said no
4. Should we reclaim ancient religious sites? Is said sir i could not understand your question. Sir talked about historical invasions and changing of religious charecter in past , so should state reclaim them? (i said no, digging of past leads to religious disharmony)
5. Talked about state control of temples should we continue it?
6. Difference between hyderabad, bengali, awadhi biryani. (daf related)

MEMBER 3

1. AS a captain of cricket team what did you learn how can it be applied in civil services?
2. What is happening with bangladesh? I said economic crisis.
3. How it hampers india? (i siad increasing illegal immigration)
4. How fo you see if bangladesh improves better than india?
5. Difference between vegan diet and vegetarian
6. Should we promote vegan diet?

MEMBER 4

1. Should we teach about different religions in school while many sections are complaining why should we learn about other religions!? (i talked about plutality of indian culture)
2. She said the definition of stress and distress (i could not comprehend properly,) and asked what would i do if i was in distress?

Overall experience was cordial, mocks helped me in getting over nervousness, i got some questions repeated.

Manoj Soni Board, PSIR

(1)

Date of Interview: 26/04/23 – Forenoon

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: PUNJAB

Background: CS/IT

Chairman

1. Picked up my photo and started comparing
2. how are you?
3. Feeling nervous?
4. You worked in XYZ? Are you still working? Why you left job?
5. India has been talking about Energy independence. What is it?
6. How will india achieve it? Any strategy?

Member 1

1. What is patiala famous for ? (hometown)
2. Whats unique in punjabi names ? (punjab state)
3. He was referring to names being gender neutral
4. Can you tell G20 complete moto
5. Something related to India's focus on sustainable economic dev
6. What changes you want to suggest in upsc pattern

Member 2

1. How did Bhangra origin and why it is performed (hobby)
2. is india model nation in conducting relations with neighbouring nations (PSIR)
3. What is software engineering (Graduation Subject)
4. How medical translation works (couldn't comprehend)
5. Tools used in big data analysis (CS background)
6. What are Drought resistant crops ,how they are produced (in context of Punjab)
7. Sir ,asked the panel member to wind up

Member 3

1. appreciated my suggestion of adding CS as optional subject
2. Client server vs real time systems (CS graduation)
3. e- gadgets – nintendo vs playstation ? Which you think is better (interests DAF)
4. How sodium carbide helps in Fruit ripening (bouncer question)
5. How to tackle e waste (continue from e – gadgets)

Member 4

1. When ever there is police action ,protesters cry about HR ,what are human rights ?
2. What is Ucc ?
3. Do you think Indian agri is gambling with monsoon ? Explain?
4. Which monsoon affects india (couldn't understand what he wanted to ask, I said SW monsoon and discussed factors affecting monsoon)

Utility of mocks – Next , ksg , chahal , vajirao

Helped in covering Daf and practice

Peer group under (M² IAS) very helpful

(2)

Date of Interview: 28/04/2023 forenoon

Board: Shri Manoj Soni Sir

Optional: Mathematics

College: IIT

Profession (if any): automotive sector

Hobbies: endurance running (nothing asked from rest)

Chairman

1. When did you last visit a post office
2. In present days postoffices are not much in use and we have invested large resouces in it. Should we wind up the whole system?
3. Tell me an innovative method to use the vast network of postoffice
4. Tell me about your job profile? What do you do exactly?
5. Do you do benchmarking of succesful product from other players as well?

Member 1

1. Other industries complain about the Protection that has been provided to automotive industry. Do you think automotive industries are highly protected
2. But we impose high duty on import of vehicle. What do you think about this
3. High occupancy of undertrial is there, do you think we should take reforms to solve this issue
4. What reform we should take to deal with under-trials
5. Bail not jail – this statement is promoted often. Do you think we should make bail as a default option

Member 2

1. What do you mean by Indian knowledge system
2. Under new education policy we are promoting Indian knowledge system, what is your opinion on it
3. For higher education, now we are providing option for taking a break to pursue vocational training. do you think this is a good initiative

4. *under new education policy UGC has allowed multi- degree system. don't you think this is going to create additional burden on students*
5. *Tell me two standard processes, that are used in manufacturing industries*
6. *What kind of research is done in product development*
7. *What about statistical research*
8. *What are sustainable development goals? Mention few sustainable development goals. How these goals help in achieving sustainability*

Member 3

1. *What is endurance running*
2. *Is your town affected by naxalism*
3. *Yesterday we heard about naxalism in Chhattisgarh? Whom do we blame for all this? Why are we not able to deal with this situation?*
4. *What can we do to resolve the problem in Chhattisgarh?*

Member 4

1. *Is organic farming and natural farming practised and promoted in your area?*
2. *Should government provide subsidy to farmers to follow this*
3. *How organic farming can be exported from your area to outside state*
4. *What is vedic mathematics?*
5. *Are you sure that it is not mentioned in Vedas or derived from Vedas.*
6. *Should we promote vedic mathematics as part of our Indian knowledge system*
7. *Why buddhism presently is confined to himalayan region?*
8. *When did buddhism spread to other countries?*

Chairman- *Thank you. Wish you all the best for your future.*

Your experience in interview- *overall it was good.*

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- *gave few mocks. They helped me practice but actual interview's line of questioning was completely different.*

(3)

Date of Interview: 27/04/2023, Afternoon Session, 1st to go

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

Optional: Anthropology (No Questions)

Home State: Patna, Bihar

Background: Chemical Engineering, IIT Delhi

Working with an influencer marketing platform

Hobbies: Mountain Trekking

Chairman

1. What does your company do?

2. What are your roles and responsibilities there and how do you approach them there?
3. It's a very interesting and relatively new field. Recently there was a controversy around the same with the company Cadbury, are you aware of this? (Was talking about the Bournvita social media post incident)
4. Does your company also get involved in legal battles like this?
5. India is chasing the target of a 5 trillion economy but took a setback because of the Pandemic, like all other countries also did. What in your opinion can we do to achieve that target quickly and easily? - (Discussed a bit around the need to integrate ourselves more with the global value supply chain, gave a few examples as well)
6. I wish we had more time to discuss this more, but due to paucity of time I will have to pass on to other board members

Member 1

1. Have you read the epic Ramayana or seen the program? Are you aware of the character Urmila there?
2. What is your opinion about the thought that She is one of the most underappreciated characters of the epic?
3. Which country has the best companies in the field of Chemical technology research?
4. Do you think in India we have a segregation between the core chemical industry and the fuel based industry?

Member 2

1. How many crores are there in a trillion?
2. You are from Bihar, have you heard of the "Mountain man of Bihar"? What did he do? Where did he do it? Did he succeed?
3. Tiktok was banned in India but we still see some videos from Tiktok
4. circulating? What is the reason? Has the ban been lifted or have they circumvented the rules to operate?
5. What happened to the people who were on TikTok in India? Are they not using such apps now?
6. What is your opinion on the statement that the whole Social Media industry is going to disappear in the near future?
7. But there is an example of MySpace which at one time was a prominent company but disappeared?

Member 3

1. Are mountaineering and trekking the same thing?
2. What was Lucknow Pact?
3. Have you heard of SEBI? What does it do?
4. How does it oversee the securities and trading markets?

5. Name me some Small Savings Schemes

Member 4

1. Is your company in any way involved in the work of Chemical Engineering also?
2. With such an increased use of Social media, there is loss of money for parents
3. whose kids overuse it, what would you say?
4. Are there ill effects of Social Media?
5. Are there also psychological impacts of Social media?
6. I was surprised when you said about European companies doing best
7. Chemical Technology research when we have companies in Gujarat and
8. Hyderabad doing world class work in manufacturing of chemicals?
9. A brief monologue on Chemical disaster in India; What chemicals leaked in
10. Bhopal and Vizag tragedies?
11. What are the reasons for such accidents in India?
12. What is the status of compensation to be given to people who were impacted in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy?

Chairman: Your interview is over, Thanks a lot!

(4)

Date of Interview: 27/04/23, Afternoon , 2nd to go

Board: Manoj soni sir.

Optional: History

Home State: Tamilnadu

Background: Civil Engg.

Leadership Summit

Hobbies: chess, learning about native cattle breeds.

Chairman

Take your seat. You can remove your mask if you want.

1. What is democracy ? Dont say me the Lincolns definition.
2. Is India providing excessive democracy?
3. People are protesting for months, dont you think it is excessive. They are blocking the roads for months.
4. How you got interest in cattle ?

Member 1

1. Economic activity of your district?
2. Any changes recently in economic activity?
3. (some economy theory which im not able to recall even now)
4. Why International Date line is passing through many countries?

Member 2

1. Leadership qualities
2. Your state Chiefminister MGR's style of leadership.
3. What is self respect movement?
4. Why buildings are collapsing?

Member 3

1. Say 3 most important policy decisions post independence .Arrange in priority
2. Say political leaders of TN who came from cinema field.
3. How was it possible.?
4. How is speratist movement in Tamilnadu? Say its history

Member 4

1. Why buildings collapse?
2. How earthquake resistant structures are built?
3. Where can we use normal bricks, and where hollow blocks?
4. Suez canal, Panama canal civil engg aspects
5. Children being stuck in borehole, why and what technology to rescue them .

Chairman - your interview is over, you can leave.

Utility of mocks - attended to become familiar with the process, some feedbacks helped me to improve.

One on one with Ravindran sir, Khan sir was useful.

Discussion with friends helped a lot.

Thanks for all who share transcripts. Hope this is also useful. BEST WISHES.

(5)

Date of Interview: 26/4/2023

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Home State: Maharashtra

Service : IRS(IT)

Daf keywords: Doctor, surgery, AD SAI, domestic violence, geriatrics

Hobby: doodling, painting, badminton

6th to go

Chairman

1. is this u in the photo ?
2. so you are a doctor and have worked in SAI . So you have recently selected to IRS IT.
3. Congratulations on that .
4. have u joined training or on leave ?
5. (Monologue on youth) what are the problems faced by youth in India today ?

6. Are these problems interrelated ?
7. What is at the core of these problems among the youth ?
8. why has India not been able to solve these problems since the past 20/30 yrs ?
9. Why IAS after medicine , IRS ?

Member 1

1. what is AMR?
2. do antibiotics work in viral diseases ? Why are they still prescribed ?
3. which is the human hormone used to induce milk production in cattle ?
4. is it also used in vegetables ?
5. use of oxytocin in Bovines , myth or reality ?
6. what is savant syndrome ?

Member 2

1. I will give you 2 places , tell me about them , panhala and vishal gad.
2. which areas in MH suffer from female foeticide?
3. what are the reasons ?
4. what has the govt done.?
5. do you know about “nakushi”?
6. what are the reasons for such naming of girls ?
7. as a DM how will you address the issue of female foeticide.?

Member 3

1. what is stunting and wasting ?
2. what is preventive and social medicine (Psm)?
3. how to mainstream PSM ?
4. what is MMR ?
5. main causes of MMR ?
6. what are the two areas of focus to reduce MMR and how will u implement it ?
7. what are the issues related to taxation in India ?
8. how can we integrate technology to improve the tax base apart from faceless assessment ?

Member 4

1. tell me few pathbreaking themes in recent medicine ?
2. how is stem cell therapy used ?
3. what is nanomedicine?
4. are the doses for adult and geriatric patients the same ?
5. in which all cases do they differ ?
6. what are the areas of convergence of medicine and anthropology ?
7. what is the name of method used for paternity testing?

8. what is the difference between traditional vaccines and newer genetically engineered vaccines ?
9. why do v need to take booster doses of vaccines ?
10. what is pharmacogenomics and personalised medicine?
11. what is biological warfare ?
12. has it been used before (told abt nerve agents)
13. any other , in envelopes ? (Said Anthrax , few questions on that)

Chairman (again) - you have a diverse daf , and we would like to ask on more areas but the time is limited . (I was getting ready to leave but sir said....)

Still will ask you a few questions.

1. what is doodling of abstract emotional constructs ?
2. can you describe some doodle you have done ?
3. how can this be used in administration ?
4. (sir appreciated the areas I have worked in) from all the fields you have worked in , as an administrator are there any specific fields you wud like to focus and why ?

Thank you. Your interview is over . All the best .Have a safe stay in Delhi and safe travel back home

Overall the board was very cordial . Soni sir was nodding in approval in most of the questions. More of a discussion . No grilling , no questions on IR , no controversial topics asked .

Utility of mocks: no questions repeated from mocks, but helped in the structuring of answers.

Suggested mocks: Vajirao, Onlyias, Shankar IAS, Sankalp were good.

(6)

Date of Interview: 28/4/2023, Forenoon session - 2nd to go.

Board: Dr. Manoj Soni

Optional: Commerce and accountancy

DAF keywords: Commerce and accountancy, DU, IGNOU, organisation behaviour (OB), HRM Quotes.

(No current affairs, IR, security, society, home state, home town etc).

Chairman

remove your mask and specs so that we can check your photo.

Would you like to continue with mask or remove it.

1. Why open university for PG?
2. what's the difference in experience between open (PG) and regular college (UG)?
3. exam pattern.
4. ugc regulates regular university, right? So, who regulates open university?
5. hobby related quote. when did u develop this hobby, how much, still doing?

6. happy moments for you? You are a family man, right? 😊

Member 1

1. National motto. (satyamev jayate)
2. meaning and interpretation, from where it has been taken, how will you use it in a sentence.
3. philosophical – truth & consciousness.
4. Who am I? What is our aim?
5. Gresham law.
6. what will you tell to a group of 10-12 students w.r.t what to do when earthquake come?
7. happiness report? Is it biased? What about India?

Member 2

1. transactional analysis, types of transaction. What is a best state.?
2. psychological impact on workers in changing their behavior by organisation, is it good? + isn't it mold their true sense?
3. tax compliance + tax collection cost?
4. how to increase compliance & reduce collection cost? Interventions.
5. Maslow need hierarchy theory? At what needs you will put Indian society?

Member 3

1. surplus resources & deficit resources in India?
2. how to ensure their optimum use?
3. is our human resource sufficient?
4. Should we take some from outside?
5. e marketing vs e business
6. e marketing vs traditional marketing, their scope, uses
7. 1-2 more questions(Not able to recall now)

Chairman sir, bas bas your last question, he still continues :), offered tea/samosa/biscuits. I politely refused. He insisted, I took biscuit saying I'll eat it afterwards 😊

Member 4

1. judicial activism,?
2. should judiciary entering into executive domain?
3. What is PIL? Who can file PIL?
4. Any guidelines) Is it judicial activism.?
5. is Indian labour the cheapest?
1 more question (not able to recall)
6. Again M2) 1) ekalavya & guru dinacharya, Why he acknowledge him as guru?
7. should university recognise skills w/o degree?
8. what is more imp. Skill without degree or degree by university?
9. coastal erosion, how to check it?

10. Thank you, I wish you all the very best. Enjoy your time in Delhi and be safe.
11. Keep calm, confidence & smile throughout

Overall experience – very cordial experience, neither grilling nor factual,

They are interested to know the thought process.

Utility of mock/O2O – Actual interview is quite a different experience.

Gave many mocks at reputed institutes. Good for confidence boosting and daf coverage.

However, no question is repeated in my case.

Peer discussion is quite helpful

(7)

Date of Interview: 24/4/23

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

Optional: Economics

Profile: IRS (C&IT), ex-Data Scientist, IIT Delhi

DAF Keywords: Documentary movies

Time: 35 mins

Chairman

1. You have worked in private sector before joining the government, what 1 or 2 learnings you want to bring to government sector?
2. Do you think hierarchy is too strict in government and should it be changed?
3. How are different countries regulating data?
4. Monologue about AI, in your view is the impact of AI?
5. What are some threats by AI towards national security?

Member 1

1. Which Indian documentary movie won Oscar recently?
2. Will AI lead to reduction in jobs?
3. What is prompt engineering?
4. How AI will help robots to improve efficiency?
5. What is the status of 3d printing technology in India?

Member 2

1. What are the reasons for high number of farmer suicides?
2. What percentage of rural area covered by institutional credit?
3. Any provision or legislation to regulate moneylenders in villages that charge exorbitant interest rates?
4. Do you agree with the statement – “Moneylenders are dangerous necessity”?
5. What is law of diminishing returns in economics?

Member 3

1. You have taken a large payout by coming to government sector, don't you think it is not such a wise decision financially?
2. Why tax base low in India?
3. How to increase tax base and reduce evasion of taxes?
4. Shall we integrate both the services IRS IT and IRS C&IT for more seamless taxation system?

Member 4

1. Differentiate between profit and profiteering?
2. Tell exact definition of profiteering in GST law?
3. Tax department has introduced faceless system. Explain what is it with positives and negatives.
4. What provision of law would you apply if a business is levying additional tax than prescribed?

Chairman

Thank you. Your interview is over

Experience – Quite serious but engaging interview. Too many questions from a single theme (Data, taxation). Board gave proper time to express. They do listen intently and a lot of questions are follow up to keywords or examples that one gives.

Suggestion – Please give mocks or talk to friends to improve articulation. Confidence is really the key!

(8)

Date of Interview: 26 April 2023}
Board: Manoj Soni Sir
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Bharatpur, Rajasthan
Deputy Collector,
 NIT Jalandhar, Punjab.
Background: INDUSTRIAL and Production Engineering
Hobbies: Table Tennis, Mentoring and Guiding Students, Jogging
 Time period of interview – 28-29 minutes
 I was first person in 2nd half of the day .
 All were male members.

Chairman

Shantun please remove your mask to check your identity....,

Wearing Mask is optional, your can/can't wear. I removed and have given interview without mask.

Made me feel comfortable by giving my introduction.... Like your name is this, you are from this place, you have done your graduation in this.....etc

1. Question 1- So Shantun, You are an industrial Engineer..., Have you had any experience in industries?
2. What were you doing after your graduation? {While answering this... I mentioned Recent result of UPPSC}
[All members including Chairman sir congratulated me for this.]
3. You are from Rajasthan, so tell me about handicrafts of Rajasthan.
4. What is the contribution of handicrafts in Rajasthan's economy?
5. Don't you think that Handicrafts are in pathetic condition in Rajasthan? Do you agree to some extent or large extent?
6. How will these handicrafts will help people?
7. How to promote handicrafts.
8. Tell me about GI tags of Rajasthan. {I mentioned Bikaneri Bhujia in this...Soni sir laughed instantly }
9. What is so speciality about GI tags.
10. How GI tags will promote income?

Member 1

1. Tell me about National parks of Rajasthan.{how many and then about them}
2. Tell me about Keoladeo National Park. Where is it located?
3. Which birds are coming in Keoladeo, name few.
4. Bird diversity in Keoladeo.
5. where Sariska is located? What are the unique things about Sariska ?

Member 2

1. Big monologue on Assembly line in industrial and production.
Then asked
1. Tell me what kind of assembly line would you like to follow for paintings for exporting in large number?
Will you promote automation or labour in this?
2. What kind of industries are there in Thar desert?
3. What is the area of Thar Desert?
4. Have you heard about Dilwara temple? Where is this located? What are the unique things about it?
5. He explained MICE(meeting, incentives.....) Then asked you are policy maker how will you utilise it in tourism sector?
6. Have you heard about Hindu rate of growth? What is it? Explain.
7. Why are we not calling present growth as Hindu rate of growth?

Before member 3, Soni sir mentioned my name and linked with the character of Mahabharata. {He smiled here also} like ye Mahabharat Wale Hain

Member 3

1. Have you heard about illegal sand mining in Bharatpur? And asked what is current status?
2. What is the difference between Hindu Marriage Act and Special marriage act?
3. What is so special about Special marriage act?
4. Do you agree that Brij culture is having feminine colour more? And why?
5. What crops will you grow in Desert of Rajasthan? And how will you grow?

Member 4

1. Tell me about industrial status of India. Compare with the time of Independence.
2. What is full form of MSMEs?
3. What is the status of MSMEs?
4. Which state is having highest number of MSMEs?
5. Which state is contributing the most in terms of industrial and Production?
6. Which industry do you think is most unique to Rajasthan? And why?

Last moment ..., Soni sir again smiled and said all the best for your great future.

I said thank you sir

Now you can go Shantun

(9)

Date of Interview: 26/04/23 - 26th april 2023, afternoon

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

5th (second last to go)

Home State: Kerala

Background: Maths Hons

Optional: Anthropology

DAF KEYWORDS: Pathanamthitta, Blood donation, skip a meal, flood

Chairman

(pleasant, slow talking)

1. Confirmed my name
2. asked to remove mask to verify photo
3. asked about professional exp (said none - preparing since college)
4. You have done Social service in College, are you still doing it?
5. How much time were you involved in relief work after flood ?
6. what all did you do ?
7. what is skip a meal and blood donation camp
8. anthropology student - tell anthropologically about psyche of kerala people

9. you said syncretic culture, give some example
10. is kerala society stratified ? why a contradiction exist when it comes to caste discrimination, even after having so much syncretism

Member 1

1. SWOT of Kerala - ended asking strength and weakness
2. Why low industry in kerala
3. what is unique about politics in kerala (referring to alternate LDF, UDF govt.?)
4. Has the BJP or the INC ever formed govt by itself in kerala ?
5. cascading tax

Member 2

1. Why flood constantly happening
2. what are backwater
3. mangroves in kerala and significance
4. general mathematics and quantitative mathematics
5. mathematical models
6. products coming from kerala

Member 3

1. Name spices from kerala
2. why rubber and coir industry successful in kerala

Member 4

1. why is pamba river polluted ? (district related)
2. does it merge into periyar
3. Bombay blood group
4. does blood group change during lifetime
5. mullaperiyar issue
6. fermats last theorem
7. divisibility rule of 11

overall exp - very different from mocks, felt that importance given to how I was approaching questions and feedbacks. No Current affair questions. Apart from chair and M1 everybody else were expressionless.

mocks and utility - 4, 2 in Kerala, 2 in Delhi - best experience from Chahal academy who asked me DAF thoroughly , but actual interview was entirely different - confined to some topics and mostly a conversation. mocks help build confidence to face senior members.

O2O and utility - took many, before and after filling DAF. Helpful

Peer mocks - took almost everyday, helped cover DAF nicely (but ultimately board did ask questions not asked in any peer mock discussion)

(10)

Date of Interview: 24/4/23 forenoon 2nd to go
Board: Manoj soni sir
Optional: geology
Home State: Rajasthan
Background: Electrical engineering, Bharatpur, Jaipur, birding

Chairman

1. you have been a team leader what is the difference between team and a group
2. qualities of a leader
3. did you face corruption
4. do you think we have minimal corruption incidences. There is corruption all over the nation we can't remove it
5. in how many years will corruption will be removed

Member 1

1. history of bharatpur (daf)
2. thermal energy
3. renewable energy
4. how to tap potential of a vast coastline
5. policy designing for tidal energy

Member 2

1. difference in birding and birdwatching (daf)
2. is good actor a good leader
3. rest questions don't remember

Member 3

1. tiger census
2. how tiger counting is done
3. earlier methods of tiger counting
4. Does AI threaten india

Member 4

1. is electricity a welfare good or economic good
2. earlier there were boards before 2003 but then we had seperate discoms gencos and transmission is it good? (electrical- daf)
3. what is EQ's role in leadership

CM your interview is over you may go now

Thankyou

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Date of Interview: 24th April 2023**Board:** Manoj Soni sir**Background:** MBBS -indore, Ms (general surgery) Safdarjung Hospital Delhi
Work experience-worked as senior resident at many institutions(govt +private)**Hobby:** shayari, photography

Daf - Indore, Delhi, Lucknow Madhya pradesh , Bihar

Interview-**Totally based on health****No IR,no C.A. No economy****Entered the room** - round table ,much distance between chairman and candidate,
2members very near to candidate**Chairman**

You can remove mask ,

(Watching very care fully the procedure to remove the mask .)

Would you like to Introduce your self as shayar who became doctor or doctor who became shayar

(Don't heard the question properly ,said both after some time) he said you dint understand the nuance of the question (sunayi dega tab to sochungu sir)

Same repeat questions -

1. Why leaving medical field
2. Wasted money, someone could have done better in medical field
3. Do you read books also -I said yes sir .
Did you read the book everyone loves drought . (low pitch voice , was not able to hear clearly) but mind worked b/c of high sympathetic stimulus)
Later some how I understood , I have heard that line 4. who is the writer - I am unable to recall
4. What does it mean -more chances of corruption ..bank gets more money , politicians get more money etc
5. What are the features of drought , how do you know it's drought - slow process , level of water body , decreases etc
6. Have you ever seen the drought - no sir
7. Doctor pt ratio -1:1456
8. Ideal ration as per Un then corrected himself as per WHO
- 1:1000 ok then it's low
Yes sir but govt said in parliament that it's now 1:856
Chairman - but now it's lacking (assertive voice)
Me - nodded yes .(jo aap bolo Wo sahi hai Aaj to) but govt ne to yahi data diya hai recent)

Member 1

only 2 questions

1. What is life style diseases -gave definition , eg .sedentary life style causes increase fat which caused DM and HTn
(he was also too fat ,got offended ,I think -no body shaming ,just medically obese)
2. Jhallahat Bhari aawaj main -
How fat causes DM and HTn ,explained-looked satisfied ,no questions after that

Member 2

long monologue there is no health policy at present we don't monitor the infection and out break , for someone doing pollution or infecting the water body that causes the spread of disease how will you make health policy for that

-I said there is already a system ,we have integrated disease surveillance programs that already monitor that emerging disease (1st I thought he is talking about , point source infection but he was asking something else) then I said

one health policy and explained one health concept but he had no clue about that .

Expressionless face .

Then he gave example of disease out break how an Ias taken care diarrhoea outbreak in Gujarat(

1. do you know that
No sir , but I know the way how to control it .
Mapping of the area,identify point source , pt detection ,early diagnosis and treatment , not much satisfied
2. What is ethnomedicine?
Gave my concept of ethnic medicine then asked clarification what does he mean by it ?
It's tribal and traditional medicine ,it's said to cure cancer ?! What do you think about it ?
I said there is no randomised control trial at present but there are claim that it prevents and cure cancer ,

Member 3

1. Country transitioning from infectious to NCD .
What diseases India facing the , how will you make policy for that .
Told the triple burden of disease India facing with data , told about my policy based on preventive and primitive health gave eg of Health and wellnEss Center
2. Southern Indian satiate performing the best in health indicator .
Should we have two health policy in India , one for north and one for south (trap question)
Said no , should learn from South Indian states and implement it in north India .
3. Right to health bill which state brought , is it right ? Your view , why protest , is it right step.
How to cut expansion of health
Very satisfied with answers

Member 4

Interview Transcripts 2022: Q asked Some famous photography book – sorry sir

1. Health expenditure very high, if we heard that someone staying In hospital for one month then we don't believe , how to decrease health expenditure (I already answered in previous questions, non attentive panel member)
Someone come to you after orthopaedics implant, after one year, many remove it many left it as it is , what will you do
(they would read DAF carefully,I am a general surgeon and not a orthopaedic surgeon)
I said would decide on case by case basis .
It get fibrosed usually
2. some people said proper continuous use of water can cure all disease then corrected himself ,ionised water can cure all disease ,even cancers with help of ionised oxygen
I said I am not aware of that
3. Do you know Tamil
I said no sir ,
4. which language you know I said Hindi,English , he said English is not a language and smiled ,(I thought to remind him official languages of country but got the gist he wanted to say that everyone know the English it's that common)
I said I also know the dialect like bhojpuri, Nimadi, Magahi .
5. again but you don't know Tamil !(bhai main South Indian nahi hu ,bas naam hai South Indian)(Soni sir laughed at this point , I controlled thought bhai Kaha se aate hai ye log)
6. how would you work if you are posted in hospital in Tamil Nadu , I said many go there after UG and learn the language within 4-5 months , I would take the help of colleagues in understanding the the language and learn the language .
7. I the last Soni sir said something ..again very low pitch voice ,like your interview is over, enjoy your day – was not able to hear it properly,
said thank you sir to all , have a good evening .

Experience – 2panel members were attentive , two were just finishing there job , chairmen was assessing. Or searching something on tablet all the time

Utility of mock – Helped a lot in articulation ,structuring , and countering the fear of interview ,went fearless ,baki to number batayenge)

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Date of Interview: 13 April 2023, Forenoon 11.30 4th to go.

Board: Mr. Manoj Soni Sir

Home State: Maharashtra

BA and MA History

Local Self Government

NSS

No questions from hobbies and interests.

I asked permission to enter. Wished them with namaste. Soni sir with folding hands wished me namaste. I also did the same again.

Told me to remove my mask to verify with the photo. When I was putting my mask in my pocket then he said you can keep the mask if you are comfortable. (By that time i had kept it in pocket.) I said I am more comfortable without mask. (Observed that the lady member smiled)

Chairman

(Pronounced my name. Asked whether he pronounced it correctly.)

1. You are student of History. Why history? Did you have interest in it?
2. Why you chose science in 11 - 12 ?
So we can say that you did your graduation because you wanted to prepare for civil services and not because of your interest in history.
3. Have you heard about Ralegansiddhi?
4. Why it is famous.
5. What factors were responsible for its success?
6. So why we couldn't able to replicate it to elsewhere?
7. Tell me how much is Ralegansiddhi from your place? (Said not sure about exact distance)
8. How can you not know? Tell me in what direction it is- north, south west, east?
9. Tell me 3 socio cultural reform movements in india in last 100 years.
10. You told 2 movement rightly but 3rd one is political...we are talking about socio cultural. (Said cant recollect)

Member 1

1. What do you mean by local self government?
2. Why local self government are important?
3. Issues with respect to LSG and state legislature?
4. What is the population of your Village?
5. So do we need to combine small villages for development purpose?
6. What did you do in NSS?
7. What is Wari?
8. What type of work has been done by LSG in your Village?

9. What is the the connection between toilet and school?(based on earlier answer)

Member 2

1. I will continue the discussion on toilets. Tell me the enrollment rate under MGNREGA in your village? (Said don't know)
2. Let's take a guess. (I said i am not sure.)
3. Are you aware about DBT?
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8. Give example. (Gave Russia Ukraine war example)
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Member 3

1. Monologue on China and its hundred years of humiliation under western powers and opium wars and treaties. Tell me what the link between opium war and India?
2. What else? (Said dont know).
3. In which history you have done specialisation? (Said it was general degree without specialisation in any particular period)
(Soni sir interrupted with un satisfactory mood and told me that you should tell him which part you are interested in!) (I said Ancient indian history)
4. In last 500 years which event do you think was important of which its impact can be experienced even today?
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Member 4

(smiling face but keenly observing me)

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Mr Soni sir- all the best for your future.

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Board: Dr. Manoj Soni Sir

Hobby: Poetry

Optional: Anthropology

DAF keywords: Doctor, Academic director of free coaching for NEET. (There were lot others too)

Chairman

Asked to Remove mask to verify photograph. Gave option of wearing or keeping off mask(i chose not to wear)

1. So from masks and as u are a doctor, in N95 mask, what is N and 95 exactly?
2. coaching is a menace on education system, what are ethical issues involved?
3. what steps can be taken to tackle it?
4. what is size of coaching industry.

Member 1

1. U are so against coaching and still u urself running a coaching class?
2. if u are an education secretary, what u will do tackle/regulate coaching industry?
3. What is Ayushman Bharat?
4. Have u seen any patient getting benefit of PM-JAY?

Member 2

1. So Dr...u criticised lot the education system, but same system produced good people who lead MNCs and not the people who have studied had so called IB board schools who promote creativity and all. Why so?
(I humbly denied abt criticising whole education system. I reminded of criticism to coaching and pointed out to Resilience among studnts who face hardships and also to educational excellence of Public funded Higher Education institutions (IIT, IIM, AIIMS, JNU)
2. Yes Adverisities bring best out of people.
And luxury of studnts from boards like IB, lack that (i said, sir i think we cannot generalise that), the he said there is data about that, (I didn't say ye or no for that)

Member 3

1. Picked up my earlier discussion about Teacher training-
2. You are doctor, but talked lot abt education and esp teacher training which happened to mu domain(i said , thats great sir, I m glad to know).
3. what changes in entrance examination like JEE/UPSC u wud bring if u are made UPSC chairman or head of exam conducting body. (preceded by long monologue abt high difficulty level of questions in JEE)
4. monologue abt short cut tricks taught at coaching and then erosion of values , my take on it. (He was interested in asking more questions, but chairman sir signalled him to pass)

Member 4

(Speaking in Hindi)

1. Narrated his experience abt unnecessary diagnostic tests he had to do at private hospital and mentioned abt demand-supply concept in such scenarios. Asked abt my take.
2. So is there any regulatory body to control/prevent such malpractices
3. (taking que from work medical ethics i used in earlier answer)case study abt whom i ll throw from boat if there is a situation of saving any two from three(a pregnant lady, young boy or an elderly)

Chairman in the end- best of luck for ur future. Smiled.

Overall experience- i think panelists were very much involved in conversation(unlike still faces). Everything except first question abt N95 and abt Ayushyaman Bharat was like sitting for a discussion with learned people.

Mocks- i gave nearly all mocks (16-18) available in the market! As i was immune to getting low confidence after critical feedback. i was using to gradually refine myself.

Helped me in practising articulation.

DAF based guidance from Mahesh Bhagwat (IPS) sir, Dr Prasanna (IPS) Sir and SOMP Mentor(Utkarsh sir) helped to define boundaries of preparation without getting panicked/anxious.

Duration:30+ minutes approx.

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Date of Interview: April 12, Morning session

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Optional: Anthropology

2nd to go. Around 22 Mins.

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

4th attempt, 1st Mains, 1st Interview.

Question wala KW: Emerging tech, Metaverse, Hollywood sitcoms, Prakasam district, , unemployed, Anthropology

No question came from these KW: Acharya Nagarjuna University, Electrical and Electronics engineering, Blockchain, CZARS, Police, Dance.

Chairman

1. Photo and mask related stuff. Went straight to my hobbies section and told i had very interesting hobbies.
2. Asked what was my surname out of 2 names.
3. So hollywood sitcoms, have you ever been to Hollywood?
4. Asked me if in the entire world you were given a business class ticket where would you go? I said Japan because of so and so reasons.
5. Pointed to my work experience gap and grilled a lot for 2 mins. Saying you completely wasted your engineering education by choosing not to work.
6. Suddenly a blank face and a question on Defining human rights?
7. Give me 5 human rights ?
8. So a terrorist would have the same rights?
9. What about a convicted murderer?
10. So do you mean there are limited health rights for convicted?
11. So you are mixing up two things. Freedom and health? I said yes sir, sorry sir. and he passed on to next member with a very dissatisfied expression.

Member 1

(Male - sitting at my immediate left)

1. Started with the Work experience gap. He said you are either from a privileged background or you are living solely on love of family.
2. Pointed to my scholarships got clarification on what they were.
3. What is metaverse
4. Explain it to a layman with example
5. What are the devices we use to access metaverse
6. Have you hear of the recent sexual harrasment in metaverse
7. What should be done to regulate it?

Member 2

(male - sitting to my immediate right - most positive person in the world)

1. You have an interesting hobby of emerging technology. Do you think technology can be biased? Gave the generative AI example
2. Then what to do to ensure that such bias doesn't creep in?
3. Our govt is trying to promote organic farming. We have seen success in sikkim and disaster in srilanka? Why is it so contrasting.
4. If you were to lead a mission to improve organic farming in India what steps would you take?

5. China is expanding its bases and allies how is it affecting our interests?

Member 3

(Male - sitting 2nd to my right - long monologues from member)

1. He picked from my Japan answer i gave to soni sir
2. What is westernisation and modernisation. Do you think they are one and the same. What should a country do should it abandon traditional values and adopt western or a fusion? I said fusion
3. Give me 3 countries who have successfully done so ? I said china, japan, india.
4. China claims arunachal, what do you think claims over historical records is fair? I said no, follow current
5. We are claiming entire kashmir because of historical reasons? I said we have shared civilisation values, culture and people aspirations
6. Taiwan and china share the same culture then should they be united? I said no peoples aspirations should be taken into account.
7. A contradictory views here in 2 similar questions may have been conveyed to the member, he was about to ask a follow up but sir pointed to mam. Member stopped.

Member 4

(Nilam sawhney Mam)

1. Prakasam district is a very backward district. Compared to vijayawada and Guntur why is it so?
2. What would you do to promote development in prakasam district?
3. What is the situation of fishermen in prakasam district, what are the problems they are facing?
4. How to solve their issues? I quoted deep water fleet, skilling etc.
5. How was the systems performance when covid struck? Was district administration able to handle the situation well? I talked about volunteer system
6. Didn't you see the hospitals not being able to meet the growing cases? I said yes mam that was the case but the admin did well within its limited resources.

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Date of Interview: 10 APRIL 2023

Board: Shri Manoj Soni sir

Home state: Karnataka

Job profile: Teaching

Optional: Kannada Literature

Approx time: from 1230 to 1. Maybe around 25 mins(not sure)

Chairman

1. Pretext- Upsc though is running on minimum number of boards(3), today one more member was absent and they had to manage with 2 boards (soni sir and satyavathy mam). so our group of 5 candidates were made to wait until the other two groups were over and we were distributed (3+2) to soni sir and satyavathy mam board. I was the 7th one in that sequence for soni sir board for the forenoon session
2. Entered and wished good afternoon to chair, mam and sirs. took seat after asking to so so. soni sir told my name and asked should i call you by your first name, is that fine? i said yes sir
3. Then usual talk. It is good and advisable to wear the mask although it is not compulsory. i sensed sir wanted me to wear mask so kept wearing it
4. sir then said Mr. Rumi you have an interesting and diverse area of interests.. Among your hobbies of Pranayama, meditation, strength and conditioning exercise and collecting charity.. which one would you like the most.
I said meditation and raising charity
5. then sir went on to my career page and said you have worked at a software firm, may be placed by college. then went on to an ashram for a long period. then you have started teaching profession.. you seem to be confused about life
6. i said sir although it seems so, i wasn't confused.. i was raised in a religious environment by my mother and while i was working in artificial intelligence firm i got interested in human intelligence... so to explore my spiritual side i went to ashram for 3 months initially. but it got extended to 6 years as i went on probing deeper and deeper
7. sir asked then why did u join corporate firm in first place.. i said sir bcz i had financial security concern and my family condition was bad at that point of time as we had separated from my father
8. then why take up spirituality- i said i had lot of questions to be answered.. and it had become overwhelmingly compulsive for me to find answers for them. and by the time i went to ashram our financial condition was stable as my mother was also supporting me..

Member 1

(old gentleman)

1. whatever the questions u had, did u find answers for them?
i said yes sir. i found answers to most of them
2. what if you get some more questions in future?
sir i cant be sure of that. but sir i have found service to nation and service to society is the primary goal of my life. so i think civil services is the best platform for me to work towards my goal and try to bring about on ground , grass root level change
3. you see, all of us do get questions, but we try to find answers within the workspace we are in.. anyways tell me about gender neutrality...
i went on to say, sir in any policy or budget if we have equal provisions for everyone... (sir

interrupted, what gender have u filled, i said male.. what is gender then?)

i said sir gender is a social concept and sex is a biological concept. then what is gender neutrality...

i said treating everyone equal is gender neutrality...

do u know that there is a transgender as well.. how are they categorised..

i said sir they are categorised under others column in the application..

sir asked name one and only transgender civil servant in india..

i said sir i will have to look into it..

sir only said.. its a person from odisha.. i said ok thank you sir..

name some famous transgender personalities..

i said manabi bandopadhyay(school principal), gauri sawant, laxmi narayan tripathi who are activists.. and said sir there is one more person working in movie industry called ojas rajni as a famous makeup artist

4. sir then went on to ask tell me some famous personalities from kannada literature.
5. i said sir kannada literature with more than 1500 years of history has got many great personalities... (sir corrected me as stalwart's) right from adikavi pampa in ancient period, in medieval period we had basavanna and kumaravyasa and in modern period we have kuvempu, shivaram karanth, da ra bendre, masti venkatesh iyyengar.. and presently.. hampana, kamala hampana and others.
6. sir asked why India scores less in Global happiness index
I said sir we score 126th rank in GHI because GHI looks at happiness from western perspective not indian perspective.. the parameters are western not taking in indian conditions...
what are these western parameters
i said per capita income, life expectancy, corruption etc
7. why india scores lesser than pakistan..
i said indias sample size is very high whereas pakistan might be performing better in certain parameters like per capita income or life expectancy
immediate counter question was
is pakistan per capita higher than india??
i said sir i'm not sure of per capita income, i meant to say that Pakistan might have scored well across some of the ghi parameters.. whereas our diversity itself is so huge that even if there is small pocket of poverty doing bad, it can bring down the entire national rank... so its important that we take care of these negative pockets so as to achieve our target of 5 trillion dollar economy...

Member 2

1. you have worked with election commission.. was it part of your college or your work.. i said it was part of my college mam. during my college i was given an opportunity to monitor polling booths and webcast live proceedings from the polling booth

2. mam asked how was your experience..

i said it was a great learning experience.. for the first time i got to know the process of elections in detail.. then i was able to learn from the leadership role i was given.. then i was able to get the feeling of a govt officer which also motivated me to civil service and i was able to learn interacting with society in a better way as there was facilities for disabled persons and others to come and vote

3. mam asked do u know who conducts elections for local bodies. i said mam its the state election commission.. mam asked tell me the difference between state election commission and election commission of india

i said mam election commission of india conducts elections for president, VP, loksabha, rajyasabha and state legislature. whereas state election commission conducts elections for municipalities and panchayats..

4. mam said tell me the condition of karnataka panchayat raj system

i said mam karnataka has got a robust panchayat system with 33% reservation for women(mam made surprising face here, but my answer is corrected), reservation for sc, st and socially backward groups(this one is wrong, a chota galati about socially backward groups, it seemed they dint notice at that point) with elections being conducted at regular intervals.. whereas in the municipalities there is a problem where the elections are not frequent as seen in the bbmp elections...

5. mam said u have done organ donation also.. where was it.. how was it..?

i said mam this was in the ashram along with some civil society we used to encourage the inmates to get registered and issued donor cards to them for both cadaver and normal organ donation..

mam asked how many organs were donated by those u got registered?

i said mam i got more than 200 people to register and thankfully all of them are alive(some smiles in the board)

Member 3

1. sir asked about since u have a spiritual and meditation background and we see lot of conflicts are going on like ukraine russia war how would u use your background to advise in one line to both zelensky and putin

i said sir its a tough assignment. and said that.. i would advice both of the them to be in Non Doing... and went on to explain that like.. the conflicts are because of excessive activity by both actors.. if both the parties exercise restraint and remain in not doing anything, then the war would come to an end..

2. sir asked how would india with its credentials of peace can bring about an end to this conflict.. we have seen sri sri ravishankar.. sadhguru who are doing lot of good work.. how can this message of peace be worked upon

i said sir india has been votary of peace from buddha to mahatma gandhiji.. and the same credentials can be used to bring about a resolution of this conflict.. in this direction our

foreign ministry has made it stand clear that both the parties should sit across the table and have a peaceful dialogue.. i think both the parties should give away their sticking to ideologies and ideas and be flexible and talk across the table to solve the issue.. our very concept of vasudaiva kutumbakan from mahopanishad speaks about this..

3. sir then asked you have appeared before jpc on land acquisition bill.. given that land acquisition is so tedious even today what would be the changes you would like to bring in? sir the changes suggested in the 2015 amendment act was good enough but that dint go through.. the changes i would like to bring in sir is..

for the projects involving national interest like rural infrastructure, defence corridors, industrial corridors, if we can remove difficult procedures like social impact assessment and taking the consent of everyone.. it will be easier for acquiring land for national purposes...

Member 4

1. sir then passed on to last old member (male) who was quite cheerful..
sir asked since u have done computer science engineering.. and there is 2g, 3g, 4g, 5g, 6g.. among 2g and 3g which is better for india...
i said sir.. since 2g is less speed and more latency and 3g is more speed and less latency i would say 3g is better
2. sir said - 2g is indigenous technology.. 3g we have to import.. isn't 2g better in that perspective..
i said sir except for the national security reasons like borrowing technology from china, 3g,4g or 5g is better suited as they are the modern technologies which people prefer..
coming to indigenous technology our honourable prime minister has launched 6g test bed and 6g in future is going to be an indigenous technology...
sir repeated so 6g is going to be indigenous in future.. i said yes sir..
3. then manoj soni sir took over and said the usual lines with a slight smile
"please take good care of yourself while you are in delhi and look after yourself well"
4. i gently stood up.. folded my hands and said "sir, thank you for this opportunity"
sir folded hands in return
i said thank u mam
thank u sirs to other members
(they seemed uninterested and dint look up - same has happened with other candidates as well!- may be its their SOP)
and left the room...
5. had mixed feelings right after coming out of the room. in between the interview i had a drop of sweat also from head coming down. but i dint wipe it since it would give an impression that i'm nervous. i dont think the board would have noticed the a small drop of sweat.. but i was actually nervous given that my last interview with manoj soni sir board in 2021 was devastated.. as soon as the clerk said chairman's board, i felt uncomfortable.. but said to myself that its going to be good and ill answer well no matter what.. that actually worked

and though i was nervous i was able to handle most questions.. but yes, some questions regarding my career could have been better defended, some questions better answered.. but thats okay, life isn't perfect.. for a unique background like mine, an unique personality like soni sir with immense spiritual expertise would be the best suited. couldn't ask for better questions and better board and better interview..

6. emotions – not completely satisfied.. but emotions are not proportional to marks in upsc interview! hope my hard work along with my spiritual quest pays off in the form of a good service..
7. signing off with these lines from GitaO2O with Kaptaan:
Most of the predictions went true..
my entire interview was daf based except few questions
universe communicated to me via kaptaans voice

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Date of Interview: 12/04/23, 1st to go . 27 min duration

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Daf KW: INSP CUSTOMS/ daman / bundelkhand / indore/ advaita vedanta / movies / blood donation

Chairman (witty smile and glance): checked photo / mask ka monologue , i chose to remove as voice unclear and fog on specs .

Chairman

1. Do you like your job and why ?
2. What is your role in organisation .
3. Kernel of ADAVITA VEDANTA and meaning of it . Told sholka asked me to recite full .
4. Meaning of mithya in AV
5. How as enforcement officer see brahman in tax defaulters.
6. Do you know about challenger philosophies to AV . Short monologue on it.

Member 1

(M2) AP EX CHIEF SECY (other candidate told me) smiling and good vibes

1. What is your role in blood donation camp in college.
2. Side effects of wrong blood transfusions.
3. Golden blood pe questions.
4. Why indore is so clean
5. Where would you like to settle in india and why . (ans Bhopal)
6. Why not indore or daman .
7. Tell me about indore temple collapse . And who is in the wrong.

Member 2

male (oldie guy)

1. why are your favourite movie character . And why .
2. Where do you write letters to them , why privately write.
3. Are we a consumer by compulsion or by choice .
Asked clarification wrt state or market .
Said in general batao .
4. Asked about social media compulsion behaviour.
5. Some questions on scholarship i got and how it has helped you .
6. Some more follow up questions.

Member 3

male (chill bro type vibes) smiling whole time .

1. Is Lalitpur in bundelkhand .
2. Tell me two positive of your district.
3. How as DM WILL you fight drought.
4. 3 core areas you would like to work upon in your district if posted there .
5. Why datia temple so frequent by celebs and politicians.
6. Some gender regressive practice in that temple and your opinion.

Member 4

male (very deep questions and counter questions)

1. Tell me 2 similarities and 2 differences in people of UP/ MP and daman . (asked for time here)
2. Is portugese culture visible in Daman.
3. Why not merge daman with. Other states or goa .
4. Portugese has MARITIME superiority , is it needed for india today and how .
5. Answer about naval , said do you know meaning of MARITIME .
6. How do you see yourself as cooperative taxman or assertive taxman .
7. Why assertive ? Is it working .

Chairman said

Thank you. Its been lively interaction with you .

OBSERVATION:

1. Close sitting around a round table
2. Helpful mocks : chahal and CPM (chankaya parivar mandal) and study iq .
Feedback ka apne hisaab se dekh lena .
3. Go for 020 with ayush sir (Forumias) , shinas sir(ilearn best daf analysis) , mohan sir(ias baba) , arpit gupta sir and kaptaan for real helpful feedback (some of questions asked by Kaptaan got repeated)

4. Must go to khan sir before interview for confidence boost.
5. Very unpredictable but rooted in daf questions, prep helped
Thank you.

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Date of Interview: 10/04 Forenoon

Board: Hon. Manoj Soni

Optional: PSIR

College: not relevant

Profession (if any): NA

Hobbies: will know in M3 Ques.

Firstly Chairman asked me to remove mask to verify me with photo that he had (he took more than 2mins)

Chairman

1. Imp of Pacific ocean. I covered most of the part but he was asking for more..2 bar pucha unhore or btao or btao me thak k bola sir thats all Ive getting right now..
2. Let u r in port blair tell me the shortest route from port blair to Pacific ocean
3. Let u r posted as DM of ur dist. U r supposed to develop a plan for 1 year.. in which 4 sector u will focus? and also allocate a budget for this(u hv ample resources) so as people lives can be improved.
4. Pick any one sector that u just mentioned and tell me in specifics what will you do in that sector.

Member 1

Continued the chairman's discussion

1. Let ur DM of ur district how will you tackle prob of corruption (long que but crux was this)
2. How u use technology in tackling corruption (again crux was this)
3. Values and principles u learned from ur family that can be employed in tackling corruption

Member 2

1. Monologue about subject civics..then asked me about its importance...
2. Look act policy and its importance for India
3. Look east is only for only Northeast??
4. Statement about MPs(home state) rich cultural heritage..then he asked measures taken by mp govt to promote tourism
5. UP generated profit through kumbh mela...if u r dm of ujain how will u do the same

Member 3

He asked me General que on my extra curricular activities, interest and hobbies (all his que were in hindi ..i answered in both lang.)

1. Quize me casual pucha ki kis class tk khele ho
2. Cricket se pucha ki kl ipl me kya hua(Lord Rinku)
3. cooking se – kya bnate ho? Kadhai paneer me kya2 dalte ho?? Fir kaha thik h kbhi khayenge ek din
4. Action thriller movies – Hindi or Hollywood? I said Indian language film. He then asked family man dekha? Mene kaha ha..... Chor nikal k bhaga dekhi? Mene kaha nhi...Monica oh my darling dekhi? Mene kaha nhi ... fir bolte dono dekhna mast movie h i said definitely sir...
5. Performing agri. activities – casual que like aap kya krte ho??kya2 lagate ho?? Irrigation ka kya scene h
6. Pacific ocean ka climate change or environment me role
7. What is La nina? Tell me its current status.
8. Why China is renaming places in Arunachal Pradesh? Isse pehle kitne bar kiya h?
9. Name some National park of MP

Member 4

Only Female member

1. Tell me fundamental principles of indian foreign policy
2. Comment on the India-UK and India-US relationship
3. How's relationship with UK is going?
4. What about movement of labour and student mobility?

Chairman Sir wished me goodluck and said u can go now

Your experience in interview- 25-30 min chala ...mixed feeling..kbhi lgta shi gya h or kbhi lgta ki inke ans or acche se dena tha baki soni sir ka aura kamal ka tha..his tilak,,smile ,,way of talking different level ki thi

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- gave at Samkalp,Chahal, Chanakya mandal

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Date of Interview: 31st March, Forenoon, 2nd to go, 25 minutes

Board: Mr. Manoj Soni

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Background: Mechanical Engineering,

Optional: Sociology

Worked in a School, DIY, and Gadgets

Chairman

1. We just celebrated Rama Navami yesterday. Tell me in which Indian month and on which day we celebrate Rama Navami
2. What about Krishnashtami

3. Do you know any Indian month names?
4. Is the month (I said) the first one?
5. What about Karthika and Mrugasira?
6. It's been years since you finished graduation. Don't you think you should have a backup plan now? I sincerely wish that you should clear this exam. If everything goes bad, what are you going to do?
7. Next, question is bit personal, if you wish not to answer you can avoid answering. You worked only for a period of 1 year and that too for small amount of compensation. How are you managing your expenses?
Signalled the next person to take over

Member 1

(On a single hobby)

1. What is your this Gadget enthusiasm hobby.
2. How is technology progressing these days and what is the future?
3. Many countries are placing restrictions on internet and what is the outcome of such firewalls?
4. What is this data sovereignty?
5. Who has more data US or China?
6. Is population a factor in measuring volume of data?
7. So China has largest amount of data?
8. How is India acting in data governance?

Member 2

(Name, Mechanical)

1. Tell me which Mahabharata character you relate with apart from Lord Krishna.
2. How a Chimney functions?
3. No no, just explain a conventional chimney?
4. Does this room have a chimney and dont you think the space at the top acts as Ventilator
5. As world is moving towards eVs, what advice you would give to the countries in Persian gulf region
6. You said, you have a backup plan, so, you are not serious about this preparation.

Member 3

(Andhra, Hobby/Current affairs)

1. Did your state get bifurcated?
2. Tell sociological reasons for the same?
3. In undivided AP, which was the most urbansied town?
4. What is all this fuss about ChatGPT. There's also an article about the same in today's newspaper, right?

5. So, what are the ethical issues in using ChatGPT?
6. Okay, what's the exact issue mentioned in today's article?

Member 4

(Hobby and International Relations)

1. What is this your DIY hobby and what did you do?
2. Let's go to Israel. How are India's relations with Israel?
3. Just stick to Israel, Palestine is not required here.
4. Tell specifics, not generic data about Israel relations.
5. Since India and Israel are moving closely, don't you think we should distance ourselves from Palestine?
6. What is a Free Trade Agreement?
7. With which countries India signed FTA?
8. Do we have a FTA with the US?
9. Overall experience: Calm and Cordial

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any) - Gave mocks with VajiRao Reddy, Chahal, Chanakya MP and Samkalp. Samkalp's panel was not good when I went. First 3 are good.

O2O with Ravindran Sir(Very Good) and Khan sir(Confidence booster)

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Date of Interview: 28th March, forenoon session

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Background: Btech plastic technology

Hobbies: watching comedy series, exercising

Optional: Geography

Gautam Buddha nagar

Chairman

1. Your picture has a moustache, why did you remove it?
2. Does it give a serious look?
3. What kind of comedy series do you watch
4. Which series did you watch recently
5. Have you seen standup comedy
6. What are cardiovascular exercises?
7. Do you do then or teach them too?
8. What does a plastic engineer do?

Member 1

1. Largest island in the world?

2. Which country has control over it?
3. A famous institute for plastic technology?
4. Where is it?
5. What courses does it teach?

Member 2

1. Latitude and longitude of UPSC bhawan
2. Latitude and longitude of Noida
3. What is India's rank in happiness index, does it reflect true picture. Does having moustaches help with happiness?
4. Is ban on single use plastics good?

Member 3

1. Heard about the great Pacific garbage patch?
2. Ocean currents in great Pacific garbage patch?
3. Why is it formed?
4. Can oceans be cleaned by such initiatives?
5. What initiatives have been taken?
6. How is ocean cleanup funded?
7. How to manage plastic wastes?
8. Repo rate?
9. How does it impact?
10. Reverse repo rate?
11. How does it impact?

Member 4

1. India's geography, two pros and 2 cons
2. Should India focus on maritime power or continental power?
3. Is China a maritime power?
4. Should we have unified studies for Himalayas?

Soni sir

Three policies of the government or schemes in the last 75 years which you feel we should change?

Should we remove socialism from the preamble?

Usa is a welfare state and not socialist

Chairman sir, your interview is over. Thank you.

Some other questions, I'm not able to recollect.

Experience - was very cordial. The conversation was natural.

No one interrupted that's why the questions may not be as much as are asked in a mock. Even

the questions asked randomly didn't feel like that.

Mocks- 20+, most questions were around my daf so giving mocks helped in answering and presenting better.

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Date of Interview: 31 March 2023

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Optional: PSIR

Background: Civil engineering reflective writing

Chairman

1. You are civil engineer , got 82 percent from reputed institute in graduation Then why civil services ?
2. So you are easily persuaded by family or friends
3. PSIR , u have interest or took purely for civil services
4. How to draw ceasefire in RU war , what india can do , there are reports that india can play role for peace ? As a Indian diplomat appointed for it tell me some principles about solving the war and drawing a ceasefire and long term solution to prevent conflicts ?
5. Is this idealism working ? u r being and idealist again?

Member 1

1. About raw water treatment (Daf)
2. Desalination technology available
3. Problems in desalinization
4. How to prevent Joshimath repeat ?
5. What is ur contribution as aspirant of civil services to society since 2017 (graduated)
6. Why we have complicated borders with our neighbors
7. How USA Canada solved their borders

Member 2

1. Continuing border discussions , what technology is used to demarcate borders
2. Myanmar what's happening
3. Why Myanmar is important to us
4. What we r doing wrt Myanmar
5. How borders between india-BNG and india Myanmar differ ?

Member 3

1. Regional trade agreement , name some
2. Why they are gaining importance
3. Do we have FTA with USA
4. NAFTA which countries

5. Why changed recently in nafta
6. Does regional trade agreements violate WTO
7. What is reflective writing? (Daf)
8. Is it helpful in any way ?

Member 4

1. Does PSIR include Indian polity ?
2. Role of social media in our life's , is it constructive or destructive
3. How as DM will you prevent communalism in social media ?
4. Judicial appointment is present system right ?
5. What's ur take Any data to cite nepotism in judiciary
6. 1976 amendment to preamble is it right ?
7. What's ur take on socialist ?
8. But we moving toward capitalism?
9. Basic structure doctrine , is it right to have , is it right that judiciary decides in case to case basis ?
10. So u support constitutional supremacy ?

Chairman

Thankyou have a nice weekend and stay healthy

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Date of Interview: 31/03/2023

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Optional: Geography

Keywords from DAF: IDAS, Bareilly, Classic fiction

Chairman

reading the DAF...

So, you are from Bareilly, ..., you have filled that you have been recommended for the services before.

I explained to him that by the time DAF-1 was filled, I hadn't joined the services.

1. You don't want to be part of IDAS?
(I said that I will happily work here if I don't get into IAS)
2. Why did u go for geography? Were u genuinely interested or just because of the nature of this examination? (I said that I had interest in both physics and geo but ultimately chose geo)
3. Geography is a multi-disciplinary subject. So do sociology, economics, anthropology affect geo or vice-versa?
4. Give me 2 eg. each- geo affecting social dynamics and geo affecting culture and vice-versa

5. Do we take these interconnections into notice when we go for policy-making? Can you give me one example of any law which takes into consideration these interconnected aspects?
(One more question, which I forgot)

Member 1

1. Since you mentioned geo, let's talk about geopolitics...how are India-China relations affected by geo?
2. Tell me about transboundary rivers. With which neighbours does India have these issues?
3. What about inter-state river issues happening inside India?
(By mistake, I said Center forms a committee...)
4. What is the mechanism for the resolution?

Member 2

1. I have heard that Bareilly is famous for textiles. What is that?
2. What is the difference between the two textile patterns which you said?
3. Did it originate in Bareilly or did it come from outside?
4. Can taxation laws be changed only through constitutional amendments?
5. Why did introduction of GST need a constitutional amendment?

Member 3

1. Do you know about (Note: question wasn't "Have you read") any book on Asia? I said that I haven't read any particular book but I know about one.
2. What is it about?
3. What is the importance of Karakoram for India?
4. What is Shaksgam valley and Siachen?
5. Why are they important? Since I wasn't giving a straight answer, so he pressed on to his point again.
6. Why do we need to protect Siachen and Shaksgam?
7. What is metaverse?
8. Why have we lost interest in metaverse?
9. is metaverse the way to AI or the reverse is true?

Member 4

1. I have always associated Bareilly with Barfi and Jhumka. How can district authorities break this perception?
(I said it's due to popular Bollywood songs)
2. You mentioned physics. Are physical laws absolute?
I said not at quantum levels.
He added also not at the cosmic level.
3. Then what's the point of studying them?
4. Is there any theory working for unification of all laws?

5. The recent debate about Elon Musk. Is he a genius or a reckless guy?
6. Decision to buy twitter- what was it?
I said it was a good one initially, but presently it shows Musk's recklessness.
7. Why?
8. Employees can be fired for efficiency purposes also.
9. When can a book be considered classic?
10. Can a book written 1-2 years back may enter the category of classics?

Chairman

It was nice interacting with you. All the best for your future. Your interview is over.

Overall experience: Cordial board. The ambience was quite relaxing and positive. At one point, I felt nervous since members were making some non- verbal gestures to each other, but I ignored that and went on to answer questions.

Utility of mocks: last year, I went for 5-6 mocks and couple of one to ones. The mocks literally sucked the energy out of me. I felt demotivated which badly affected my PT. (Ravindran sir's one to one was the best though)

This time, I went for mock only at Samkalp and Vajirao and Reddy's, but had many one-to-one interactions with my batchmates and friends. This helped to improve my overall communication skills, and also talk about things in a broad perspective. Talking to friends is a good way to relieve overall stress. > Interview Transcripts 2022: As a previously qualified candidate, I think I am in a position to give this advice- don't worry much about PT stage.

1. This is the most unpredictable part of CSE. So u can't do much about it.
2. The mains marks really matter much more than PT. Do the maths.
3. Worrying will only make u forget ur strengths. Be confident that u have made up to this stage, u can go on further.

This is NOT a test of ur knowledge, remember this always!

All the best to everyone here. Let PT day be one of the most memorable days of your lives.

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Date of interview: 31/03/23 Forenoon; 35 minutes around

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

Optional: Geography

College- BTech + MTech in EE; IIT Kalyanpur

Profession (if any)- worked at Qualcomm; currently unemployed

Other keywords: Varanasi; running; ghats; cricket; old people; Physical education

Your experience in interview-

Chairman

Please enter; It is advised to wear MASK but you can remove it if you want - kept wearing it throughout interview

1. You live in varanasi, how does it feel like waking up in the morning everyday? – surprised by the first question but handled it i guess
2. Kashi Vishvanath corridor banane me administrative challenges? – told; Which act was used in land vacation? – said land acquisition act – sir asked again – a bit awkward moment – i retreated on my stance
3. what one thing you observe at ghats apart from being calm and serene? – sir himself told my prepared answer; i said life is transient, everyone has to die at one point – sir said vairagi nature

Members

1. Malacca strait geopolitics – told
2. old age people problems? Don't you think older people are themselves responsible for their condition by not interacting with others? old age homes too costly or in poor condition? How do you improve it? – told
3. difference between lakes and lagoons – told wrongly;
4. india's biggest lagoon – realised here – chilika lake
5. Can a lake have brackish and freshwater both – said don't know exactly but there is a place where the both meet and do not mix Arctic countries – related geopolitics – told
6. Physical education – difference in being fit, tough, resilient? What should a young and an old civil servant should have? – thoda hesitated but told
7. Tim Cook – MNC CEO or topmost civil servant – which would have greater impact? What would you choose? – told
8. Haridwar – many lineage history kept in record books. What could be its future application? – could only tell one
9. Difference in Varanasi in recent years – told few points – told but hesitated – non fluent repeated a word thrice – vocabulary gave up
10. What is qualcomm into? autonomous cars? Is their car in market? – told
11. What is snapdragon i hear about qualcomm? – told
12. World Bank head? said not know exactly – would like to guess – ajay bagga said – banga it is
13. Malacca strait discussion? Geopolitics around it. Who controls it? – told
14. Which is your favourite area in Electrical? – said communications
15. Future of communications? – drove conversation towards 5g
16. What is special and different about 5g? Difference between 4g & 5g? – told

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- helped me cover DAF; gave aroud 10 – improved somewhat in communication but couldn't improve much beyond a point;
 Chankya mandal pariwar – very helpful; Chahal; Only ias were close; O2O with khan sir;
 ravindran sir;

Members listened patiently – didn't interrupt in between; questions were deep – felt they were testing something with each question

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Date of Interview: 29 March 2023

Board: Manoj Soni Sir

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Hobby: Chess, American music

DAF Keywords- Indore, Biology

Duration- 25 minutes, first to go. Started after 2.15 pm in afternoon shift, much later than other boards.

Opening thoughts- grand chambers of the chairman. Beautiful round table. Smiling Soni sir asked to be seated, removed mask so he can verify the picture. Said it was my choice to wear or not wear the mask.

Chairman

1. How are you feeling today?
2. Read out DAF and said you have a variety of interests, studied from eminent institutions etc. How did you get interested in your graduation subject
3. You are from MP, so you must be well prepared with the cheetah reintroduction, so I am not going to ask anything from there *everyone laughs*.
4. Have you heard of a prestigious research institute in Hyderabad?
5. Have you visited CCMB? Did you ever think of pursuing Ph.D. from there?
6. Do you understand Sanskrit? Can you recite the full shloka of which Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a the ending phrase of?
7. goes on to recite it himself, as I said I dont know.
8. What is the meaning of VK and do you think this is a practical idea today? Discussed about India's leadership on this front.

Member 1

1. (straight forward questions, few counters but no grilling)
2. Are you aware about crypto? Can it be regulated? Discussion followed.
3. What about drones? What are their applications?
4. Cannot recall some questions.

Member 2

1. Since you like American music, have you heard of Bob Dylan? What do you think about him getting a Nobel?
2. You have played chess. Tell me, if I keep one grain of wheat on one square, 2 grains on 2nd square and so on, what quantity of wheat is required to fill up 64 squares?

3. Indore has been the cleanest for long now. How has this behavioural change been cultivated in people?
4. How can you apply the same to Delhi dumps? Smiled and said, good, I think you will clean Delhi as well.

Member 3

1. (spoke very slowly, fortunately was sitting very close. Cordial member)
2. Continuing with chess, what is the difference in approach between chess and *some Chinese board game* that I hadn't heard of.
3. What can be the implications of trans national animal habitats?
4. What security threats are posed by translocation of animals? How can this be managed?

Member 4

1. (longest interaction, almost 10 minutes)
2. Are you aware of *some south african animal corridor*? Said no
3. What is the utility of animal corridors
4. What is the difference in animal corridors built in India and in other countries?
5. Are you interested in international relations? I unknowingly did a very enthusiastic nod.
6. What do you think about the Russia Ukraine war?
7. Do you see any correlation between war and defence manufacturing companies?
8. What does your company do? (DAF)
9. What is your role? Tell us what all steps you follow once you receive a manuscript? How many hours you give?
10. What is minimum wage? Discussion followed.

Chairman: Your interview is over. Take very good care of yourself.

Mocks- 7-8 mocks. Board was not overly cordial or smiling throughout, but there was no grilling and minimum cross questions even in questions that were followed by a longish discussion. Nothing extraordinary or life changing, just another day at office.

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Board: Manoj Soni Sir
Optional: sociology
Home State: Kerala,
 environment,

Chairman

1. 3 problems faced in banking
2. why Kerala is called gods own country?
3. why nationalisation then and privatisation now

Member 1

1. Difference between global financial crisis 2008 and present banking crisis in USA
2. how inflation is controlled
3. importance of mangroves
4. what are backwaters?

Member 2

1. is rbi a good regulator
2. new steps needed in bank regulation

Member 3

1. sociological changes in Kerala
2. communist govt and still Kerala called gods own country

Member 4

1. what is social resilience?
2. is ukraine resilient?
3. is Pakistan resilient?

(26)**Date of interview:** 21 February 2022**Board:** Manoj Soni**Time:** Morning, first one to go**Optional:** Sociology**Background:** Geology, Hansraj college**Hobbies:** Cycling, Rubics Cube, Traffic Management, Science fiction movies,**Chairman**

1. Which day it is today?
2. Why people don't keep clean shave now a days? = saw mine
3. About Hansraj?
4. Name 4 social reforms of present time
5. Sociology of LASER (I think it is what was asked)
6. Cycle race in the world and India's position

Member 1

1. How will you manage traffic of your district if you are the DM?
2. Issues of traffic in Delhi, solution.
3. J&K issue for India and Pakistan – how both perceive it differently?
4. Some thinker's name of sociology and his book, I forgot the name

Member 2

1. Interstellar Movie – about it
2. Again some questions on traffic
3. Cycling issue in our country.

Member 3

1. Why high number of death on roads, issues.
2. How to make people follow traffic laws.

Member 4

1. Why people don't wear helmet while cycling?
2. Why cycles in India are costly?
3. Aravalli's, Delhi ridge, fault lines near Delhi
4. Digital content like movies and webseries – show sexual content and other stuff – should they be regulated?

Chairman again

1. Why corruption in India?
2. Did you face corruption (here i was caught and I think it this question may cause me dearly) These are 50-60% questions what I could recall. Sirs and maams, please pardon me for this.

Remarks: Overall 80% question from DAF. Soni sir was smiling and all the member's were very cordial. Fear in real interview was only 20% of mocks. Real interview is all together a different game. I am not sure what my marks would be but I enjoyed the entire interview. Initially I was little nervous but by 10 min later, only i was speaking and rest were listening and observing me very closely. Just go and enjoy the process. What I felt was not knowledge but what you really are would come to your rescue in the final interview. I was not able to revise so much content which I scrambled during interview preparation. But what helped me answering was what I really felt. I am done with this years cycle. I want to say to all BEST OF LUCK. Don't run after so much content – only 2 things needed = your DAF and your BROAD UNDERSTANDING. Rest you can deny if you really don't know. That way you can manage 60-70% of your interview nicely.

My mocks: Vision IAS, NEXTIAS, Vajirao and Reddy, RaoIAS and one to one with many including Ravindran sir

Observation of mocks: you can give mocks but don't run after many. Choose few and focus on your own core strength. All institutes are equally good and equally bad. They on the one hand help you in giving simulator environment but on the other hand break your own confidence like RaosIAS did with me. Give 4,5,6 mocks and I think you can develop your confidence within this much feeding.

That's all from my interview. Best of luck to all.

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Date of Interview: 21/2/2023 (3rd one to go)

Board: Manoj Soni

Optional: pair

College: GECA ajmer (RTU) (No questions)

Hobbies: Rail enthusiast, Playing Street cricket,

Medium: Hindi (mains too)

Time: 30min +

Home state: Rajasthan

Your experience in interview- Badia tha simple battchit hui round table thi confrence room type tha jisko convert kia ho interviews ke lie

Chairman

1. Mene Namaste kia udr se reply aya namaskar
2. Kesa feel kr rhe hai aap
3. it's normel to be nervous we are here to only have some talks nothing much
4. Remove ur mask, aap ka photo kitna purana hai ...kisi or candidate ki photo thi then mene kha sir ye meri nhi hai fir umhone dusri dikhai jo ki meri thi...kha koi na accha hua aapne bta dia.
5. What is rail enthusiast
6. IRMS shi hai ?
7. social justice in constitution
8. kya preamble mai kuch badal dena chahiye (socialist)
9. preamble sunao
10. driverless trains possible hai ?

Member 1

1. Mobile towers ka paisa kha se ata hai
2. 1g to 5 g evaluation
3. Naxal problem case study
4. child labour case study
5. 21 feb ko kya special hai (international mother language day)
6. NEP mai kya provision hai mother language ke lie

Member 2

1. most questions about railways because father is loco pilot and hobby alsorailway accident kyu ?
2. First steam engine
3. first railways in india
4. kokan railways and founders.

5. ayushman Bharat and rajasthan issue (chiranjivi)
6. difference between both.

Member 3

1. test cricket khtm ho rha hai ?
2. 2022 ki ek ghtna jisne apko sbse jayda prabhavit kia ho
3. South china sea issue
4. baki questions bhul gaya jyda nhi pucha tha

Member 4

1. instrumentation in agriculture
2. btech ka favourite subject
3. social inclusion and its impact on democratic institutions
4. continuity to previous question india pak and russia mai compare krke batao
kisan soil health card

CM sir :- shubhkamnaye apka interview over

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Mera pehla interview tha toh start krne ke lie mock dena shi rha...pta chal gaya kitna depth mai ja skte hai...key areas pta chal gaye...2 offline and 5-6 online die ..bhut tha itna idea lene ke lie...

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Date of Interview: 21-02-2023 afternoon session last to go.

Board: Manoj Soni

Optional: mechanical engineering

Background: IIT DELHI(mechanical)

Current service: indian forest service

Chairman

1. you are engineer and a poet, so tell me about your self that is not in daf? ()
2. you must have heard about PM jan dhan yojna(I didn't remember much about scheme so i was little afraid) but then he said i want know about PM VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA AND current status in your state()
3. suppose you are an IPS officer and posted in Naxal affected region. You are about to do a search operation.You have two police men with you, one is unmarried and other is married. Whom will you send first for search?(Given there is a high chance of casualty while moving forward) then he told me you have another option, you can go alone by yourself?

Member 1

1. we are facing high incidences of HWC , still india is introducing cheetah in india?
2. in your state ,there are larger numbers of cases related to elephant -Human conflict , why? How to solve them?

3. there is huge water pollution during fewtival and puja like Durga pooja idol immersion and related things. how to mange it?

Member 2

1. Tell me 3rd Law of thermodynamics?
2. Link entropy with randomness in society with special focus of communal riots
3. How will you reduce entropy in society?
4. Entropy increases with temperature or decrease?

Member 3

1. Tell me 5 big events in indian history which has changed the course of india ?
2. (I said 1st is ashoka's policy of dhamma) counter question on this , do you think mauryan empire fell due to ashokan dhamma policy?
3. Asked me to tell more 4 events
4. Tell any one event post independence which was watershed for india?
5. I replied as pokhran -II , so he said why not pokhran -I?
6. He said suppose if you have a choice to be born as male and female in next birth, which one would you choose?

Member 4

1. do you think with modern cars and new technology, role of mechanical engineering has declined?
2. (i tried to answer in favour of mechanical engineering in first question) so he asked counter question that in e vehicle role of mechanical engineering?
3. how has Russian ukrain conflict inpacted various industries across the globe? (I said growth in weapons etc)
4. log monologue on how world wars and current wars like russia- ukraine conflict have led to invention of new technology and creativity. So do you thing war can be termed as destruction- construction?
5. some counter question which i don't remember
6. Some questions i am not able to recall.
7. Utility of mock- bring to the light focus area from mock. Chahal mock was good and apt one. If you want to put yourself in grilling zone and rapid fire mode go to rau's ias. One to one Sriram is good. I had worse experience with nextias which i will not recommend to anyone.
Samkalp interview is also good for current affairs and conceptual questions.
8. Tip- study you daf and current affairs well. That will give to confidence and power to drive the interview in your comfort zone (for example when i said most important events post independence was pokhran -ii , i said it becomes i was having indepth knowledge of wars and weapons and good grasp over current affairs related to topic)

9. So friends keep preparing and hope for the best .

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Date of Interview: 21/02/23

Board: Manoj Soni

all male members(soni sir replaced Nagaraj ma'am today only , Mujse personally milna tha sir ko 4 years baad)

Optional: Sociology

Service: ICAS

Hobbies: Basketball @Nationals, Long distance running, Calisthenics, Child Rights projects under KSCF and CRY,

Interview medium-Hindi(mains in English , but panel was using entirely pure hindi words especially soni sir)

Interview time 35-40 minutes (checked wall clock in front on me)

Entered room and wished them, chairman said Namaskar Kakaji

Chairman

1. (writing English translation)
2. Remove mask
3. I want verify your photo
4. Meaning of your name
5. Do you think you have followed meaning of your name
6. Have you joined service, when,How many months done and how many months left
7. Share your experience in training
8. Tell me about Live in relationship(bone of contention between me and sir) too long discussion on this (I was on optimistic view but sir was in debate mood and wasn't ready to listen,tried to counter with full force, asked me to not use reference of constitution and supreme court..said some extreme comments , like crores of children will be parent less and sabko state nahi sambhalega and family will not survive in India, this is against India culture and values

Member 1

1. Do you want a society like this, filled with parentless child, unmarried families
2. Insisted too much to change my stand
3. Do you support destroying in India
4. Child ka kya hoga
5. 50 crore
6. Family institutions
7. I kept calm and answered patiently with steps that can be taken, stucked to my view

8. Sir- chaliye jab tum apna stand change nahi karoge toh iss topic ko close karte hai
9. Sir was like “marunga nahi, kehke lunga” gif

Member 2

1. India US, recently lots of agreements happened,
2. Why us important
3. Which agreements
4. Does US benefits from them
5. Agreements on paper but they are not doing technology transfer so what's benefit for India
6. DTII(since I mentioned defence sector of India)
7. Biggest security threat for India
8. Explain the india china border issue and intrusions in details
9. Explain salami slicing(I mentioned in previous answer)
17 rounds of corps
10. Tell me more about western sector part
11. Tell me about recent clash
12. Can we handle it
13. Are borders stable

Member 3

1. Should we start with sports ?
2. Gave a statement
3. “Khel ke maidan me ek bargad ka ped hai jiski cchaw me baki ped dhak gae hai”(long discussion followed up)
4. Why cricket came forward but not basketball or others
5. What challenges do other sports facing
6. What challenges did you face to reach at national level
7. You choice between Individual morality vs social morality (long discussion, he was in debating mode)
8. In what situation individual morality can be given up
9. Many social evils challenged by individual morality and individual morality challenged by social
10. If you are in higher position, would you go for your ethical values or social values
11. Tum constitution ko bahut mante ho lagta h
12. Sir was like “dekhe h tere jese samvidhan ke dalle bahut “ gif

Member 4

1. Asked my height and said 6+ are required there
2. Konse state ko represent kia
3. Your position in basketball

4. Were you feeder or shooter (I said one who is dribbling, he feeds, one who is free, he shoots i.e depends on the situation and I did both)
5. But they 6+ could block you easily (told him my jump been upto ring 10 feet)
He was like aha hahah wawawawa gif
6. Now service related
7. Should we merge all accounting services
8. Amount of FDI this year
9. How many sectors (FDI)
10. GeM and counter questions
11. Procurement process
12. Sir was like "kuch ata bhi kya tumko" gif

Member 5

1. Long speech on news reporting by new York times, guardian, etc they all are known to be genuine agencies
2. They report any incident of india, mostly unpleasant news, should we do something about it
3. Recent mob lynching case, guardian reported that police involvement is there, your take
4. How to stop them from reporting fake news, we can ban fake news in India but how to do in uk us etc countries about incidents of India

Preeti Sudan Board

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Date of Interview: 28 April – Last to go (afternoon session)

Board: Preeti Sudan ma'am – 20 to 25 mins

Optional: Law

Home State: Maharashtra

College: Govt Law College

Attempt: 2nd

Profession (if any): 1 yr work ex

Keywords: Football, trekking (not asked), undertrials, EY, scholarship in contract law, travel vlogs (not asked),

Your experience in interview- Very cordial board. Mostly DAF based. 80% Qs revolved around law/judiciary. Qs were long and somewhat mains oriented. Hardly any counter Qs even where I tried to lead the discussion somewhere else. Felt more like a Q ans session. I fumbled a few times. Members were nodding and smiling. Other than that interview was a bit underwhelming.

Also, transcript cannot show it but answers are not always smooth. Uhh uhh aa hi jaata hai while thinking what to say

Here's how it went (I may have missed some Qs for which I apologise)

Chairman

started with monologue that it's a conversation and we can get something clarified if needed.

Then made a mistake with my name to which I had to give a clarification :p

1. Q on undertrials – issues?
2. Recent remission of murder convict in Bihar case. My views on it?
3. Why women less in judiciary?
4. What was your experience in EY and why did you quit your job?

Member 1

(lady member, soft spoken, but listened patiently and nodded while answering)

1. Judicial pendency and what can be done about it?
2. Do judges deserve so many perks? What about vacations? Can something be done to reduce vacations?
3. Collegium issues?
4. ECI judgement by Supreme Court. My views? Should CJI be there in the committee?

Member 2

1. Favourite football player?
2. Position I played (this Q was only asked because honourable panelist wanted to let me know he was a striker in his younger days :))
3. Can we set a hard deadline to resolve cases in courts?
4. Reforms as law secretary?
5. Why not become a judge? Why civil service?

Member 3

1. view on aaplya davakhana in Maharashtra
2. What Is contract farming? Did the farm laws cover it?
3. Issues faced by farmers?
4. NBS subsidy regime what is it?
5. Why India moving towards international trade in rupee?

M4 (panelist was cordial but in a hurry. asked counter but did not give me time to justify my answer. Said no problem and moved on)

1. Education health infra security which should be prioritised
2. Football tactic that can be used by lawyers in arguing a case

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Had given around 5. Vajirao, Chahal, KSG, Chanakya etc.

KSG was closest to the actual interview but I liked Chahal and Vajirao as well

Rahi baat utility ki, mocks can be given for confidence and facing senior people

Thank you community for all transcripts and PT related help. Thank you all online and offline friends for taking part in discussions. All the best to remaining candidates!

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Date of Interview: 27/04/2023 afternoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Keywords: Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya; University of Police, Security and criminal justice; JNU; JRF; Barmer; Mobile Photography

Chairman

1. Tell me something about Barmer.
2. If you are made DM of your district, what changes would you like to bring ? (Increasing public visibility of women)
3. Where do you see females being invisible ?
4. How will you make them more visible ? What will be the initiatives ?

5. Why didn't you join academia if you have JRF ?
6. What were the efforts made by Rajasthan government for migrants workers during COVID ?
7. What was your reaction when you got to know first case of COVID reporter in Jaipur?

Member 1

1. Does border impact life in Barmer ?
2. There is one person from Pakistan who periodically. (Rana of Amarkot), does is have any significance there ?
3. What are the initiatives taken to promote border tourism in Barmer Jaisalmer Region.
4. What is the toughest decision you have taken so far in your life ?

Member 2

1. What were the farm laws ? Do you know about it ?
2. Were they intended for betterment of farmers ?
3. Why they were taken down ?
4. What are key challenges for transport of agri produce ?
5. You are a student of international relations. So tell me whether do you think water can be cause of future conflict. Specially in context of India - Pakistan, India - China and India - Bangladesh relations?

Member 3

1. How often do you play cricket ?
2. You were in university team so must have been good bowler (told him my university had total 140 students)
3. Who is your favourite cricketer ?
4. Why you respect them ?
5. Tell me about the economic profiling of your village.
6. Do female attend schools there nowadays?

Member 4

1. Why was university of police, security and criminal justice established?
2. Is it the one located in Gujarat or Rajasthan?
3. What did you study there ?
4. What are the key suggestions for making policing effective ?
5. Do you think police-person are morally discouraged nowadays?
6. Why mobile photography? What is it ?
7. What are the key themes you capture?
8. What is your favourite picture of JNU?

9. What is your opinion about student politics in jnu?
10. Can nuclear war take place?

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Date of Interview: 7- 04- 2023, Last to go.

Board: Preeti Sudan madam

Optional: Mechanical Engineer

Home State: Maharashtra

Entirely DAF based

3rd interview

PUNE, MAHARASHTRA.

IRS(C&IT).

Chairman

1. NAME
2. You belong to pune?
3. Village- what is famous
4. Name of Sufi saint from village
5. Teaching of Sufi Saints
6. Gst - why small traders faced issues
7. Gst- tell in brief,
8. GST- compare with early regime
9. Gst- How to improve it further
10. Mentoring- any success till now
11. Farm Laws- whether contract farming was a part
12. Contract farming- what is it
13. UN- why failed in Russia Ukraine war
14. Efforts to reform UNSC
15. VETO- shall we have it
16. What about changes such as certain number of vetoes only effective?
17. G20- when it started? what it is?
18. Fertilizer- how to reduce use
19. Organic farming- Status
20. Organic- How to promote
21. Status of Organic in north east
22. Kho kho- what is special
23. Kho kho- what is being done to promote it
24. Kho kho- Who started ultimate kho kho
25. Snooping- what is it

26. Properties of steel
27. NAM whether relevant

Examples used

1. Thitekarwadi Panchayat- biogas+manure
2. organic farming- Sikkim, Lakshdweep
3. Confarm model Telangana
4. NAM- active NAM by latin american countries
5. Kho kho- ultimate kho kho championship
6. G20- DSSI under Saudi presidency
7. Steel- Starship by space ex

Review

1. Fumbled a bit initially
2. Misheard two quetions as member had low voice
3. steel-steam
4. teaching of Sufi saints- naming some saints
5. Missed soil health card, nano fertilizer example

Some basic quetions about EoL, its duration etc were also asked initially

Mocks given- Chahal, CMP, V&R, KSG etc.

Best wishes

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Date of Interview: 25th April, Afternoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan Mam, (3 sir and 2 mam)

Home State: Gaya, Bihar

College: PG in Physics

Work experience: Banking

Optional: Philosophy

Hobbies: Self-help books

Mocks: Gave mocks in KSG, Chahal, Samkalp and Vajirao

O2O with Ravindaran sir, Khan sir

(Sab theek thaak the)

Chairman

Be comfortable, If you face some issues in questions you can get it clarified.

(Mam was overall achi)

1. Are you continuing with the job? Why did you work for a brief period of 3 months after leaving a good job in the bank? You have taken a big risk?

2. Why did you choose philosophy over physics?
3. Favourite philosopher ?
4. Learning from Buddha ?
5. What did you learn from self help books and some follow-up questions?

Member 1

(Thoda is a critical person)

1. Why did Siddhartha leave home ?
2. If everyone leaves home in the name of Maya, how will this world function?
3. Prohibition of liquor in Bihar, big debate on it, issues and challenges, steps you would take as a Collector.
4. Why does Bihar have so many IAS yet not developing ?
5. Reasons behind the backwardness of Bihar?
6. Things you have learnt from self help books?
7. Do you read books for yourself or for others?

Member 2

(Very much factual, he asked many more questions which I could not even comprehend, out of the syllabus the ye sir)

1. What was the name of Gautam Buddha in his childhood?
2. What will happen when two similar charges bodies are kept near each other?
3. Zeroth law of thermodynamics?
4. Governor of Bihar?
5. Fertilizer movement across India?
6. Black buddy?
7. Import price parity?

Some more fact oriented topics from physics or some other optionals which I have never heard of. Had to say NO in almost 80 percent of his questions.

Member 3

(Argumentative Indian Sir)

1. A very big debate for around 5-7 minutes on Prohibition on Bihar.
2. Will you do away with prohibition?
3. Why not earn revenue and then handle various issues of liquor?
4. Suppose you are the principal secretary to the CM of some other state, will you suggest him also to make it a dry state?
5. Bihar is by far very rich in mineral resources yet not developed. Why?
6. Status of education in Bihar?

7. Many IAS are from Bihar, why do people want to become IAS? Are they from private school or public school?

Member 4

(Wanted to finish ASAP, mere upar daya karna chah rhi hong)

1. Who is the philosopher king?
2. Amul vs Nandini debate in Karnataka?
3. How to promote tourism in Bihar?
4. Silk in Bihar?

Highlights:- liquor prohibition issue went for around 15 minutes by two members.

They wanted me to listen about its issues. I humbly did.

Experience in Interview:- Can't actually tell... if you have been there earlier you would know why .

Koi khush hi nahi dikhe jabki maine jhooth mooth pressure mein hokar bhi smile karte raha.

The questions asked were at times intended to be answered in Yes or NO.

Baaki Hoihyen wahi je ram rachi raakha

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Date of Interview: 20 April

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

DAF keyword - Jaipur, Kota, Bharatpur, electrical engineering, playing cricket as Hobby

Chairman

1. Tell me about zika virus
2. What is Kota famous for
3. Russia Ukraine conflict , when do you think it will end , can india play some role in this
4. What is role of UN , has it failed , who will reform it , how to reform

Member 1

1. Name of 3 players who have hit 6 sixes in over . Who was first player to do so
2. How commercialisation of cricket helping game
3. Role of governor and issue in Maharashtra, supreme court hearing on same issue
4. What should be the role of governor
5. What about Lt. Governor and issue regarding delhi govt and Lt. Governor tussle

Member 2

1. Why Bharatpur is famous for

2. About keoladeo national park
3. Afghanistan crisis , why USA left , what is way ahead
4. Ran of kachh , salt production in that area

Member 3

1. Which PSU is active in salt production in ran of kachh
2. Mining in rajasthan , how it is done
3. Which chemical is used to test purity of milk
4. About LED , it's mechanism

Member 4

1. What is printed circuit board
2. Myanmar crisis , India's stand
3. On one side india says itself as mother of democracy and on other side it is siding with military , isn't it contradiction
4. Crypto currency , it's benefits
5. Name of country which has legalised crypto

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Date of Interview: (18/04/23- Afternoon- 1st to go)

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Optional: Agriculture

Home State: Chatra, Jharkhand

Background: Civil Engg

Chairman

1. What all you have learned in DANICS training.(where all you have been trained)
2. As u have worked in Covid management, what all things could have been done in better manner in covid 2nd wave.
3. How was ur experience working in South MCD.
4. How do you feel coming from Jharkhand to totally new place Delhi and working here.
5. What can Jharkhand learn from Delhi.
6. What can Delhi learn from Jharkhand.

Member 1

1. Where is chatra situated.
2. What recent laws were brought in Lakshwadeep.
3. Why do we need permit to go to Lakshwadeep.
4. Question on Companies Act.(i said don't know).
5. Opinion on Freebies given by state govt. on Electricity, Water etc.

6. Maslow Hierarchy of Needs

Member 2

1. Being civil engineer, your priority in Infrastructure development in Andaman and nicobar.
2. What new Civil engg techniques can be used there in Andaman.
3. Situation based- Threatened by Civil engg contractor.
4. Is india food grain sufficient.
5. What all we export.
6. Which countries we export Rice.
7. Which countries we import pulse, edible oil.
8. Govt step to boost pulse production.

Member 3

1. Can u tell me some tribes of Andaman.
2. Sentinelese tribe and death of American national.
3. Which all island we can visit in A&N.
4. Question on Edible oil import.
5. Adulteration in Edible oil
6. How many islands are there in Andaman and how many are inhabited.

Member 4

1. Reasons for less economic growth in jharkhand after formation.
2. Minerals found in Jharkhand.
3. Coal mafia in Jharkhand . Isn't it failure of law and order.
4. Unemployment issue in Jharkhand.

Mocks given-

Vajirao and Reddy, Chahal, Nextias, Drishti, Samkalp, NACS.

Wish u all the best for results.

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Date of Interview: 19/4/2023, Session: Afternoon

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Background: Agriculture

Optional: Agriculture

Hobbies: Kitchen gardening, Krishi Mela

Leadership: RAWE

Chairman

1. What is RAWE, Duration, location

2. Learnings .&. Impact on Farmers.
3. What about accommodations in village?
4. Experiences from krishi mela for me...and benefits for farmers
5. Recent visit to krishi mela ? for How many days mela is organized?
6. Famous about Shirur ? Birth place .

Member 1

1. History of Pusa institute
2. factors for green revolution
3. What steps taken for green revolution?
4. Varieties developed indigenously or imported?
5. Why in North india only?why not other areas?
6. Curriculum reforms in agriculture to get students job ready for private sector
7. why research level and farm level difference
8. Is research is taking faulty claims or not ?

Member 2

1. What are growing in your kitchen garden?
2. Tell me shotest growing leafy vegetable...duration of potato crop.
3. What about dhania
4. No. of Agriculture Universities in Maharashtra
5. Tell me names of all Universities
6. What are doing since your graduation?
7. Are you attempted MPSC?
8. Why you not attempted state civil services?
9. Horticulturalists who got padmshri?

Member 3

1. Crops grown in Maharashtra
2. Onion growing districts
3. Are we food sufficient
4. Imports of vegetable oil
5. Wheat production : Total production,
India's rank , top rank , why iran is not importing our wheat?
6. What are phytosanitary measures?
7. What is Soil health card ? Is it for individual farmer? What recommendations are given ?
Who gives recommendations?
8. What types of fertilizers recommended?
What about urea ?

9. Are we self reliant in fertilizers?
10. from whom farmers purchase fertilizers?
11. FCI and NAFED role . . .other than PDS..?..
12. APEDA role ? Commodities?
13. Export promoting agencies about mango ?

Member 4

1. What is GM food?
2. Why are opposition Bt brinjal ? Where it is allowed ?
3. What others GM crops ?
4. Bt ? Where it is grown ?
5. Full form of IFSC code ? What it indicates? RTGS and NIFT
6. HDI indicators ? Indias rank & position in Asia? Top HDI state in INDIA and Why?
7. Meaning of Vitthal (Fathers name) i said god worshiped in maharashtra.
8. Who's avatar is vitthal? I said lord krishna ? Tell me story behind it..
9. What is congregation of people in Pandharpur?

Chairperson: Your interview is over ..

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Date of Interview: 20/03/2023, afternoon session, last to go

Board: Preeti Sudan Mam

Optional: Medical Science

College: GMC, Surat(MBBS), SMS Medical College (M.S.)

Profession: Doctor(Ophthalmologist)

Hobbies: Coin collection, Heritage walk

Experience in interview: board is very cordial, all are quite attentive and there regular nodding create a conducive environment.

Utility of mocks or O2O- help you in acclimatising to environment of personality test.

Chairman

Be relaxed. you can remove your mask and can also keep it in pocket. Also you are not supposed to respond to every question, you can frankly say no if are not aware about any questions.

1. You have done mbbs and also u r post graduate too and u hv been working as senior residents so after all this why this thought of civil services??
Isn't it waste of resources??
2. What is ur experience by working as senior residents in one of most backward districts of haryana ??
3. What do you understand bu health and wellness centre ??

4. what is preventive healthcare ?
5. what about NCDs and their screening??
6. what are 5 NCDs screened in HWCs ?
7. Have you visited any health and well centre near your working place?

Member 1

1. What is difference between laxative and purgative ?
2. Tell me about Ramsay Hunt syndrome. What is it and what are its symptoms?
3. How can you decrease infections of Staph aureus or what measures one can take to reduce Staph aureus ?
4. If a newborn have redness around mouth how will you proceed with it ?
5. Can it be infective cause ?

Member 2

1. What is heritage walk ?
2. Which places do you visit recently?
3. Do you have interest in historical places ?
4. Budget allocation for health ?
5. What about the integration of AYUSH with mainstream medicine?
6. how do u personally see this integration?
7. Now a days there is high load of patients in metro cities and lack of doctors in rural areas. How can we decrease this overload in metro cities ?
8. How can we effectively improve rural healthcare?

Member 3

1. U like coin collection. How many countries coins do you have ?
2. How do you collect all these coins ?
3. What measures can be taken for better treatment of patients in government hospitals ?
4. What measures can be taken from doctor point of view for effective working?
5. Do you heard about medical tourism?
6. What are prospects of it in India?
7. What are benefits of medical tourism for our country?
8. Which countries have large share in India's medical tourism?

Member 4

1. Recently these are incidents of farmers throwing there prodcue on roads nd burning them. What do you this why these type of incidents happening?
2. What else than demand supply mismatch?
3. Why so rigid character of mandis?

4. When farmers getting such low remuneration than why end consumer still paying high ?
5. How can we reduce this middlemans ?
6. You must have heard about bioengineered crops .what are these ?
7. When we allowed Bt cotton , then why hesitation for bioengineered foodcrops ?
8. Example of bioengineered foodcrops ?
9. What are other causes apart from need of more reasearch and data ?
10. What about MNCs in bioengineered crop sector ?

Chairperson

Thank you , your interview is over

All the best beta.

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Date of Interview: 29th march , afternoon session, 2nd to go

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Home State: Jharkhand

Daf - IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Coal India Limited(resigned), Bokaro steel City (Jh)

Chairman

1. why did u resign from Coal India?
2. Your experience at coal india?
3. Future of coal india in the times of renewable energy.?
4. What is the importance of bokaro?
5. How did the steel plant help during Covid?

Member 1

1. (lady)- what is IPO?
2. Why is it brought?
3. Difference between competitive and cooperative federalism?
4. Evaluate the lateral entry in civil services?

Member 2

1. situation in Pakistan.
2. Pakistan should be more worried about india or afghanistan? Analyse
3. What is the life of a steel plant
4. Why coal is imported

Member 3

1. what are u presently doing?
2. How is ur experience with IPAC?

3. How do you interact with people on ground.
4. Give any 3 positives that u have found with ur interactions with people on ground
5. 3 things that coal india needs to do for better coal production
6. Compare michael jordan with kobe bryant. Who according to you is the better player.

Member 4

1. which subsidiary of cil u worked in?
2. Tell me the best mines of that subsidiary?
3. What are the issues between power sector and coal?
4. With ur experience of directly working on the ground which sector is most important?
5. Why education is more important than health?
6. What is one thing that you can suggest to the government to improve the condition of rural areas?

Few questions especially from m2, I am forgetting.

Overall decent experience but Preeti Sudan mam didnt show much interest after her own set of questions and she even went outside the room for around 5-7 mins.

Board was cordial but slight grilling was there.

Mocks – overall this was my second interview so in my opinion mocks actually do more harm than benefitting us.

They take away our natural flow and sometimes too many feedbacks in mocks go on to confuse us. Sometimes the board members in mocks try to enforce their own biases on us which again can be very problematic.

My suggestion is to go for 2-3 mocks but not to take feedbacks too seriously unless feedbacks are too obvious.

O-to-O with Khan sir and Sriram sir was good.

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Date of Interview: 28/03/2023

Board: Preeti Sudan Madam

Chairman

1. How was your journey from Amazon to ips?
2. Opinion on IRMS
3. Railways is a technical organization won't it affect IR?
4. How is life in NPA?

Member 1

1. Difference in corporate and government?

2. Why process is important in government?
3. What you want to change in your district?
4. Administration is seen as glorious work but looks like repetitive work?
5. Is there any scope of innovation in government system?

Member 2

1. How Indian economy is doing?
2. What are threats to Amazon/Flipkart?
3. How to ensure protection of undertrials in jail and lock ups?
4. No technological use??
5. DK Basu guidelines?
6. what came to your mind when I say bulldozer?

Member 3

1. Which part of Indian ocean is important ? Eastern or Western?
2. What are threats to Eastern Parts?
3. How to ensure security of Eastern islands?
4. What you will do if posted there?
5. How IT can be harnessed to achieve it
6. Man power training vs machines which is better for policing?
7. What we are doing in that direction?

Member 4

1. what are FTA?
2. India have FTA with which countries?
3. Why problems signing FTA with USA?
4. What is Lakhina Pattern?
5. How gossiping was avoided in the office?
6. Has it lost zeal?
7. How you will implement in policing?
8. How single window system can work in policing?
9. How file management can be implemented in policing ?
10. Will you implementation it?
11. VJTI is good and glorious institution is this true?

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Date of Interview: 28 March, afternoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Optional: Sociology

College: Hansraj College (English Honours)

Hobbies: Jogging, gardening, Reciting Sanskrit Stotras and Shlokas

My experience: The board was very cordial. They were listening were attentively. Members were also nodding.

Chairman

(Preeti Sudan Ma'am)

1. You've studied from Hansraj College (DU) and you've been the headboy of XYZ school in your home city. How was your experience?
2. You recite Sanskrit Stotras and Shlokas. Where did you learn Sanskrit?
3. What is the difference between Stotra and Shloka?
4. Recite any stotra or shloka whichever you like...
5. Can you explain it's crux in English in a few lines?

Member 1

1. What is subsidy?
2. What is DBT?
3. What is the difference between subsidy and DBT?
4. What are the challenges in implementing DBT?
5. How would you have resolved these challenges?

Member 2

1. Why are India's northern borders called unresolved borders?
2. If you're posted as an administrator in Pithoragarh at the trijunction of India, Nepal and China, what would be the challenges ahead of you?

Member 3

1. Have you ever, knowingly or unknowingly, broken a law? Jumped a red light? Trespassed a neighbour's property?
2. You were the head boy. Would you say you're a leader?
3. What are the qualities of a good leader?
4. How did you lead by example as the head boy?
5. In the corporate sector, whom would you call a good leader?
6. RBI governor Shaktikanta Das was recently given the award of the best governor. What were his policies and contributions which led to this award?
7. You do gardening. How is vermicompost made?

Member 4

1. What are your other interests (besides what you've mentioned in your DAF)?

2. Which is the latest web series you're watching? (I mentioned elementary which is a modern adaptation of Sherlock Holmes)
3. What is the difference between the modern and the original Sherlock Holmes?
4. Which state has recently faced an internet shutdown?
5. Do you feel it is a good measure to shut down internet?
6. Which is the most popular sport in Haryana?
7. Why is it so popular?
8. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao started in Haryana. What are its accomplishments?
9. What is the scope for improvement in women's development in Haryana?
10. What is the problem of bought brides in Haryana?

Chairperson:- Thank you! Your interview is over.

Utility of mocks:- Mocks I gave with Samkalp were the best! I also gave mocks with KSG, OnlyIAS, Drishti, Sleepyclasses, Dronacharya, IAS Gurukul. All were good.
O2O with Khan sir was very very good.

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Date of Interview: 28/3/23, Afternoon batch, 2nd to go

Board: Preeti Sudan maam

Currently in IPS, UP cadre

Optional: Political Science and IR

Home state: Kerala, Btech EEE

Projects: Electricity price prediction model at Adani, PwC Offshore Wind project, Urban planning evaluation of Panaji (Goa)

Time - 2 35pm, approximately 25 minutes

Chairman

1. What was the objective of your Urban planning paper?
2. Did you communicate your findings to the government?
3. How has your journey from corporate to IPS? What are the differences in working culture?
4. Going from Kerala to UP, what are the things you expect from your cadre?
5. What prompted your interest in Arabic music?

Member 1

1. Tell me about hot pursuit with respect to IR.
2. What is the Exclusive Economic Zone?
3. Do we need permission to utilise our resources in our Exclusive Economic Zone? What if some other countries come to our EEZ, what actions can we take against them?
4. What are the crime statistics against women in UP? Has it decreased?

5. What can be done in order to reduce crimes against women?
6. Is attitudinal change enough, and can it be done easily?

Member 2

1. What are the measurements of soft power?
2. What are the variances of soft power that India uses?
3. Culture is one aspect. What are the other ways in which we exert soft power?
4. What are some areas in which police reforms can be carried out?

Member 3

1. What was the margin of error for your price prediction model?
2. Would your price prediction model work for other power exchanges?
3. What is a K shaped recovery?
4. Suppose your seniors and juniors are not as transparent and honest as you. What would be your approach?
5. Are you aware of the consequences of your course of action, and would you be okay with it?

Member 4

1. What interests you the most about international relations?
2. Can nationalism and international go together?
3. Superpowers often are hypocritical when it comes to what they say and what they do. What is your opinion on that?
4. What is your opinion about schemes like PDS that are fiscally and economically unviable?

Experience – cordial

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Date of Interview: 24 March forenoon; fifth to go

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Hobby: Reading

DAF keywords: Geoinformatics, Visakhapatnam, English club, essay writing first prize, IB-ACIO

Duration: 30 minutes

Chairman

1. Why do Google maps go haywire sometimes? They show wrong routes and stuff
2. What is your opinion about vizag being made the capital of AP?
3. You won the first prize in an essay writing competition in college. What was the topic and follow up on that.
4. What did you do in the Communicons English club? Why the name?

Member 1

1. As a Geoinformatics engineer, do you know why Android is more susceptible to hacking in comparison to iOS?
2. Define intelligence (based on my job)
3. What are the main ingredients of a good report?
4. What are the main challenges to internal security today?
5. What is the main role of IB in assisting the govt?

Member 2

1. Why is inflation on a rise across the world today?
2. What has been the response of nations to deal with inflation?
3. What did India do? Why is the interest rate being hiked?
4. What is the impact of high interest rates in dealing with inflation?
5. Is zero-inflation good?

Member 3

1. Which agencies are exempt from the RTI Act?
2. Is it a complete or conditional exemption?
3. Why is there a difference between development indices in the north and south of India?
4. What is the role of female-led development in the same?
5. What will you do if posted in North India about the empowerment of women?

Member 4

1. Reading as a hobby – what do you read?
2. What's your last book?
3. What are your learnings from non-fiction books?
4. What are the changes that we witnessed after the Nirbhaya incident?
5. What is done with Nirbhaya funds?

Overall, it was a pleasant and positive experience. The members were cordial and interested in having a good conversation.

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Date of Interview: 24th March 2023 (Afternoon)

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Home State: Tirupati / Nellore (AP)

Optional: PSIR

College: St. Stephen's (Political science, Economics), JNU (IR)

Service Preference: IFS (nothing asked explicitly)

Hobbies: Social Service volunteering

DAF Key Words: NET-JRF

Chairman

Take your seat. This is just a conversation

1. So, you are born in Nellore? (Brought up mostly in Tirupati though)
2. Tell me why Tirupati has high number of child marriages and cases of domestic violence
3. What will you do to curb it? (Education, Awareness involving the temple admn was one suggestion)
4. Is education enough to tackle these problems?
5. So, you are from JNU and Stephen's
6. Compare these 2 institutions
7. Since you are a JNU student, tell me what learnings you did while in college and how will you use them as an administrator. (I was in Online-COVID batch, but told whatever learnings I had)
8. Good, you have a NET also, why don't you pursue teaching? (Told that I am not sure about teaching, but research will continue irrespective of my career choice)

Member 1

1. What grievance redressal mechanism is there for telecom related complaints? (I thought he was asking of portals etc and then he only suggested TRAI)
2. What other mechanism you know? (He mentioned some other name I couldn't recognise; I said I don't know)
3. How and what research you would pursue? (Mentioned about applying for PhD program and on wait list currently for the seat)
4. Have you submitted thesis? (I said it's still at proposal stage)
5. He inquired what it was?

Member 2

1. Argue in favor of the statement - India will be a developed country by 2047
2. What are the main road blocks that prevents from that road
3. Status of infrastructure in India
4. What financing options we have for infrastructure
5. What are the global implications of the Russia-Ukraine war? What has changed?

Member 3

1. So you said you are volunteering in the social sector; tell me about the what we could do about persons with disabilities? Firstly tell me all the disabilities you can identify (Mentioned both Physical and Mental disabilities and types I could identify)

2. What are the key issues?
3. What provisions do we have? Heard about the PwD Act?
4. Apart from Reservations what other schemes are there?

Member 4

1. Do you agree with the statement that we are having worse ties ever with our neighbours ? (I said mixed view about the statement and explained why so)
2. What about Nepal? (The conversation on these 2 questions went on for a while)
3. What are the foreign policy measures that you commend or not commend?
4. Internationally, name 3 personalities who have impacted global affairs. (I said Mikhail Gorbachev and why, Indira Gandhi)
5. Indira Gandhi is more of national leader, tell me internationally (I said also international because impacted the course cold war, signed India-USSR and liberation of a new country, Bangladesh)
6. Third personality? (I said can't think of anyone else)
7. She suggested, Heard of Henry Kissinger? (I said Yes, Mentioned a few reasons why & she added a few more points)

Chairperson – Thank you, you may leave now

Overall Experience: It was a good conversation that captured most of my interests. Smooth experience. Felt happy afterward.

Utility of Mocks: Chahal, Vajirao, KSG was good. Rau's I enjoyed even more (The IFS member here actively took interest in my words, spoke to me in French as well).

Vision Faculty Online Mock helped me prepare well (through some grilling)

Mocks helped me work on my formal speech, gestures, greetings etc. Helped me pick the right saree for the day as well. Some Mocks were held in big hotels. This helped me maintain composure and not be overwhelmed even after seeing the grandeur of UPSC Bhawan as a first timer there.

O2O Discussions: Mohan Sir of IAS Baba, Vinay Sir of Insights helped me shape some answers and perspectives. Khan Sir cleared last minute doubts. Vision DAF Analysis session was very detailed.

All the best!

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Date of Interview: 21/03/2023, Forenoon (1st one to go)

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Optional: Sociology

Hobby: watching inspirational movies, yoga, and Om meditation

Mostly my PT on my daf and its related current news

Enters the room, chairman mam asks me to sit and make me more comfortable by asking to remove mask and told me we will have conversation and if don't know anything then it's ok and if u dont understand any Q then ask us to repeat it again.

Chairman

1. Tell me about your district, why is it famous.?
2. What is women literacy of your district?
3. What to do to improve women literacy in your district?
4. what is beti bachao and beti padho scheme?
5. Does swachha bharat abhiyaan has any impact on improving women literacy?

Member 1

1. There are different types of social stratification in India, so tell me what step has been taken since independence to eliminate it?
2. What are the factors responsible for its existence in present society?

Member 2

1. UNGA has declared various important day and years for each day and years, so can you tell me which important day is today?
2. why forest is important for us?
3. Which important day and year is accepted by UNGA proposed by India?
4. Why 21st June is choosen?
5. Which yoga are you doing?
6. Why are you doing Surya namaskar?
7. What change have you seen in yourself today due to yoga?
8. who was your yoga teacher?
9. what are you doing after graduation as you have done graduation in 2017?

Member 3

1. Have you heard the term too big to fail in any sector?
2. what is difference between bank and NBFC?
3. What are different regulations for bank and NBFC?

4. You practice yoga and have certificate course in yoga, so have you participated in any event on 21st June ?
5. Which inspirational movies have you watched?
6. What are your learning from MS Dhoni movie?
7. How many run Dhoni scored?
8. Do you follow cricket as sports?
9. Do you follow any other sports?

Member 4

1. Ask one particular yoga?
2. Give me long sanskrit shlok from yoga sutra of patanjali, asked me to interpret it?
3. what is acid?
4. what is modernization in sociology?

Lastly, chairman- Thank you, your interview is over.

Overall experience- cordial and also help me in some Q.

Experience of mocks- chanakya mandal pariwar, Chahal academy-like environment and is helpful.

One-to-one with Vikas Ranjan sir(Triumph IAS) helps me a lot.

Best to luck everyone...

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Date of Interview: 21/03/23, Afternoon session, last to go

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Home state: Madhya Pradesh

Optional: Mathematics

Keywords: Electrical Engineering, Taiwan, Teaching Assistant, Beatboxing

Chairman

1. You have good academic background, why civil services?
2. You were Teaching Assitant, Don't you think we need more teachers. Why not teaching?
3. You went to Taiwan, how was your experience? (DAF)
4. How will you implement earlier mentioned learning if you are a administrator. (DAF, based on previous answer)

Member 1

1. In the context of G20, Why there is increased significance of India?
2. Name 4-5 classical painters of India?
3. Name 4-5 classical dancers of India?
4. Name 4-5 classical vocalists of India? (couldnt name them, LOL)

5. Why interstate border dispute arises in India, What kind of disputes are there? (follow on questions on these)
6. Why do we have inter-state water disputes, could you give some examples?
7. What were the main reasons behind Narmada river dispute? (Follow up on last question)

Member 2

1. What is cryptocurrency, how are we regulating them?
2. What is difference between e-rupee and cryptocurrency?
3. What is difference between e-rupee and UPI?
4. Recently RBI took steps for easing up of intercountry money transfers, what are those?
5. Can you tell me about Vostro, Nostro Accounts?
6. What are the negative consequences of depreciation of Indian rupee vis-a-vis USD?

Member 3

1. What is Beatboxing?
2. You must have read Feb RBI Monetary policy committee minutes, what are the headwinds according to RBI?
3. What factor will US Fed will need to consider in its upcoming meet for interest rates? (Based on previous answer)
4. Why did US Fed was required to increase interest in first place?
5. What are main reasons why farmers protested well intentioned farm bills? (2 follow up questions on this)

Member 4

1. What are Dirac Matrices? (Electrical Engineering + Maths)
2. If a function is irrotational then there exists another function whose gradient is the first function. What is this function called? (Maths, EE)
3. Have you heard of Khandwa? (district in MP)
4. Tell me something about topological and anthropological relation in Khandwa? (He wanted to know about Korku tribe, I didnt know)
5. What is significance of Burhanpur Gap in MP's economy?
6. Already Chattisgarh was split from MP, Do you think today we need to seperate Vindhya Pradesh from MP or Vidharbha from Maharashtra?
7. Then Why Left Wing Extremists are more focused on demand of seperate states here and why they are more active? (I am somewhat unclear what was exactly demand of question here, tried to paraphrase to best of my ability)
8. What do you understand by identity-based politics?

Chairperson: Your interview is over, Thank you!

Experience: Board was cordial, 40% from DAF (either too simple as Chairperson asked, or very specific DAF based as M4 asked), Rest generic Mains questions.

Mock utility: Real is unlike any mock interview. It helps gain confidence and refine generic answers (why civil service etc). Chahal, Vajirao mocks were good.

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Date of Interview: 20.03.2023, afternoon session.

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Education: BA Hons Sociology + MA Sociology

Profession: currently working in Parliament of India

Hobbies: Hindi Poetry, Street Theatre

Chairman

1. What's your job profile in Parliament?
2. Who's the Chairperson of this Committee? (Work related)
3. How many members are there in this Committee? (Work related)
4. What difference you felt in your education in JNU? (DAF related)
5. Are we giving all that you learnt in JNU in our NEP-2020?

Member 1

1. What's 'Nayi Kavita' in Hindi Poetry? (Hobby related)
2. What social issues you raised in street theatre in your theatre days? (Hobby related)
3. What's 'anomie'? (Optional related)
4. What is the contribution of Andre Beteille? (Optional related)

Member 2

1. Discussion around my native village - it's population, main economic activity of people, main crops grown, agriculture related issues, banking needs of your village etc.
2. Monologue about banking...what's the banking structure of our country? Followed by some more vague questions on this.
3. What do you mean by SHGs? How SHGs are being used in your village?
4. What are the main issues of Indian Agriculture?
5. Do the farmers there get MSP?

Member 3

1. Why do you like Nukkad Natak? What's different about it? (Hobby related)
2. Hypothetically, if you are made head of a zone on publicity via Nukkad Natak...what themes/issues would you pick to highlight? (Hobby related)

3. Won't you promote millets? What millets-related happened recently in the Parliament?

Member 4

1. Why India exports rice but not wheat? (gave hint to answer it precisely)
2. Why we suddenly stopped wheat exports to Ukraine?
3. Why are Millets considered good?
4. Tell me three laws in Independent India that, in your opinion, emancipated the condition of women in our society?
5. What about succession laws?

Back to Chairperson

Thank you, your interview is over!

(20-25 mins)

Your experience in interview: very cordial atmosphere, Members are keen in listening to what you feel and say. A conversation in true sense.

Utility of mocks or O2O:

Took one mock at Samkalp. It was quite a grilling experience for me, and hence it helped me prepare my weak areas and to face stressful situations (no question repeated in actual interview though).

Took two O2O sessions. One with Sriram, which was quite pleasant and positive experience; and another with Kaptaan which was super useful and motivating (one theme repeated from Kaptaan conversation in actual interview)!

A big thanks to Yo Yo Choti Singh Sir, Kaptaan Bhaiya and his team for their 'hadd se behadd' support for the aspirant community throughout.

All the very best to all the fellow aspirants!

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Date of Interview: 21-03-23

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: Public Administration

College: IIT (Not asked)

Keywords: Fitness, nutrition, IR, IEEE research on 5G, kabaddi nationals.

Duration: 40 mins.

Chairman

v (flat face throughout)

1. You studied EE, why pubad optional.
2. ur hobby nutrition. What are NFHS 5 data says about Indian scenario.
3. Where are we lacking and what to do.

4. What is poshan2.0
5. One more question not able to recall.

Member 1

1. You lived in Kota, what are issues there.
2. What is reason of suicide there.
3. How to stop.
4. What are administrative lacks there regarding education sector.
5. How will you solve as an administrator.
6. Two questions more not able to recall.

Member 2

1. What is so special about railway budget this year.
2. What is green hydrogen.
3. What is green in it.
4. What is blue hydrogen.
5. What is Gatishakti master plan.
6. What are issues of youth now adays.
7. What is saptarshi in budget.

Member 3

1. Why discoms in debt.
2. How to solve.
3. Any discom in profit
4. What is the effect of financial institution breakdown.
5. What have govts done to prevent 2007-08 subprime crisis.
6. What is basel3 norms.
7. What is car.
8. Opinion on loan rightoffs in agriculture sector.

Member 4

1. What is Kirchoff law?
2. Resistivity increases with temp, what is metal in which it decreases (don't know sir)
3. Why cripps mission called back dated check ? (Shayad yhi tha jargon)
4. Politics behind Cripps mission.
5. Should India fasten Pakistan disintegration?

Note- Some more questions were asked i am not able to recall rn.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Vajirao, next, vision, apti good.

O2O with Ayush sir and Vinay sir were quite helpful.

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Date of Interview: 16.03.2023 Morning Session
Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am
Optional: Public Administration
Places I lived: Port Blair, Kerala, Bangalore
 Worked in Tech Mahindra, Bangalore
 Currently in IRS Customs and Indirect Taxes
Hobbies: Teaching, Singing, Calligraphy, Watching Football.

Chairman

1. Why resigned from private sector
2. Difference in work culture between Public and Private Sector.
3. How your interest in calligraphy developed?

Member 1

1. Separation of powers – Explain
2. Whether recent appointment mechanism of ECI appointment is judicial overreach.
3. Whether judiciary taking such steps due to frustration with Legislature and Executive?
4. Strategic Importance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and some follow ups.
5. Why industrial development is low in Kerala? What can be done for it?
6. Should the PVTGs of A&N Islands be mainstreamed?

Member 2

1. Continued topic from M1. When gulf oil economy slows down, what measures govt must take to accomodate returning workers in Kerala?
2. What is the significance of Coco Islands?
3. Whether direct connectivity to countries like Thailand ensure economic development of Andaman?

Member 3

1. Whether GST compensation be continued or not?
2. Whether GST Council recommendations are binding or not?
3. Issue at Brahmapuram in Kochi? (Waste burning issue).
4. Whether similar waste management issues there in Andamans?

Member 4

1. Fullform of?
2. Why is the govt promoting AYUSH system of medicines?
3. What are the benefits of these medicine systems?

4. Is Ayurveda services accessible to common man? What should be done to make it accessible?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

Overall experience: Very cordial board. No utility of mocks once you are confident about your answers.

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Date of Interview: 15th March 2023, Forenoon session, last to go

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: writing poetry, painting, watching kdramas

Chairman

1. You have an interesting hobby. In which language do you write poems?
2. What was the last poem that you wrote? What's that about?
3. Can you recite a few lines of it?
4. Great. Do you publish it anywhere or just keep it to yourself?
5. Tell us something about Ujjain?
6. What purpose would the Mahakal corridor serve?

Member 1

1. What are the causes of the rise in cases of child sexual abuse in Madhya Pradesh?
2. What is being done to prevent it?
3. Provisions of the pocso act?
4. Status of its implementation in M.P.
5. What would you do to prevent such unfortunate incidents as a DM?
6. Have you heard about children in conflict with law?

Member 2

1. Monologue on drug abuse and the dismal state of de-addiction centers in India.
If your friend consumes drugs, what would you do on a personal level to prevent it?
2. What is hedging?
3. How does India maintain a sound relationship with opposing powers at the global level?
4. Which global events are impacting India the most?
5. Which border dispute must be resolved first? (I said, Indo china, but he remarked that considering the power asymmetry, Indo-pak must be resolved first)
6. Why is the border dispute with China so difficult to resolve?
7. What made you enroll in a self-defense training course?

8. Why do you watch k dramas? What's so appealing about them?
9. Do you also watch Korean movies? What was the last movie that you watched? (he suggested watching some Korean movies)

Member 3

1. Which crops are grown in the malwa region?
2. Can anyone grow opium in their fields?
3. Which govt authority approves the area where opium has to be cultivated?
4. Have you seen the flowers of the opium plant? What's it used for?

Member 4

1. Who was VS Wakankar?
2. Have you visited Bhimbetka caves?
3. What was the theme of the painting that you made?
4. How would you improve the status of girls' education in a socially backward area as a DM?
5. A school building had to be constructed in a rural area. You have to drop suggestions about the layout of the building. What things would you like to add to a building?
6. You were born at the beginning of the century, how do you feel about it?
7. Do you see any difference between the ones born before and after 2000?
8. Chairperson: thank you, your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 14/03/23, Afternoon Session, 1st one to go

Board: Preeti Sudan ma'am

Optional: Mathematics

Background: Electrical Engineering

College: NIT Bhopal

Hobbies: Badminton, Hindi Web Series.

Mocks utility: Good for building up confidence and for simulation.

After entering the room, Chairwoman greeted and said this will be a normal conversation and asked to remove the mask

Chairman

1. Started with my birthplace with brief intro.
2. What's famous in your district.
3. Have you seen this tiger in your district (Had a tiger reserve at district).
4. Name of latest web series you watched and which issue it highlighted.
5. Why rising cyber frauds.
6. Loopholes exploited by criminal mastermind.

7. What are your suggestions to solve these concerns.

Member 1

1. Domestic violence act and its aim.
2. Why our most of legislative acts more tilted towards women – why giving extra favour to women.
3. Local self government – panchayati Raj and municipality – what's unique in these institutions.
4. New Education Policy 2020 – new provisions and what are the challenges associated with these provisions in coming times.
5. Comparison between khajuraho temples and Joshimath –
6. On one hand we are talking about restricting infrastructure in joshimath while we are pushing infrastructure and construction activities in khajuraho.
7. Then the discussion on infrastructure vs development issue.

Member 2

1. Name oone your favourite badminton player – Male and Female.
2. Why they are favourite, enlist some of their qualities that attracted you.
3. Why P V Sindhu are losing matches in recent times – what's your response over this.
4. In your opinion, What should be the correct age for training players in badminton to win Olympic medals.
5. Why badminton not popular as that of cricket and what needs to be done more.

Member 3

1. Situation based – Suppose as DM of Varanasi city and heavy rains for continuous 3 days lead to flooding of Ganga – what will you do in 3 cases –
 - a) search and rescue.
 - b) prevention of epidemic.
 - c) Rehabilitation.
2. Alternative energy – what unique you will suggest to improve the potential of renewable, other than what government schemes and policy.
3. What's your opinion about nuclear energy.
4. What you will choose between solar, wind and nuclear energy.

Member 4

1. Continued the discussion on domestic violence act.
2. Why certain provisions of IPC are contradictory to domestic violence act.
3. Opinion about rising false cases in domestic violence act – what to do in this regard.
4. views on rising cases of child abuse and sexual harassment in Madhya Pradesh.

5. Which type of writs are filed in largest Number.
6. Tell me the name of 5 types of writs.
 - a) Chairwoman said thank you and your interview is over. You may go now.

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Date of Interview: 17 Mar 2023 /Forenoon

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: Physics

Background: MBBS

Profession (if any): RMO

Hobbies: Reading

Your experience in Interview: Cordial board, a good conversation

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Didn't attend any

Chairman

1. About College, experience
2. About work
3. Didn't you pursue PG?

Member 1

1. Scheme related to health- Janani Suraksha Yojana (DAF related)
Follow up questions related to maternity health
 - Institutional deliveries: obstacles, what can be done
 - Ceasarean rates: high? Reasons? Is regulation needed?
2. Is Gandhi still relevant?
(When I said yes) But I have a concern, in this increased atmosphere of intolerance, violence, how will one protect oneself?

Member 2

1. Have you read the Tomb of Sand? Shouldn't an inquisitive person as you have read such a book?
2. Short stories contain as much message as novels. Agree?
3. Read out a quote by TN Finance Minister about Poorer states getting more money, but no development being seen as such. Then explained the context and asked me to analyse the psychology behind it.

Member 3

1. Being a doctor is a noble profession. People have blind trust. (Long monologue). What is the role of psychology in a doctor's work?

2. What will be different if you are working in an army hospital?
3. Nowadays people don't have a single role model due to information proliferation, especially your generation. Don't you think it's problematic?

Member 4

1. Long question- Gist is Status of mental health in India and what can be done? What steps will you take if you are appointed as the director of (some mental health initiative?)
Follow up questions on superstitious practices and stigma associated with mental health.

Chairperson: Your interview is over. Thankyou

Time: 25- 30 minutes

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Date of interview: 16th March, Afternoon Session, 1st one to go

Board: Preeti Sudan ma'am

Optional: Mathematics (nothing asked)

College: SVNIT, Surat

Home State and district: Assam, Dibrugarh

Profession: ONGC Petro additions Limited

Hobbies/interests: Playing Blitz Chess, Watching American crime drama TV series, General interest in affairs of global importance

Sports: Badminton (nothing asked)

Duration: Around 30 minutes

Chairman

We are here only for a friendly discussion. If you don't understand something, please ask us to repeat the question.

1. You've worked in ONGC? What did you learn from your job? Why did you leave the job?
2. You are from Dibrugarh. Tell us about Dibrugarh.
3. You watch American Crime Dramas. Which Television Series do you like the most and why? (I said 'The wire')
-What are the learnings from it for the Indian context?

Member 1

1. Difference between organised and unorganised workers ? (Ma'am summarised later that the organised workers are organised into unions which is not the case with unorganised workers)
2. What are the issues faced by the tea garden labourers from Assam? Any step by government and elected representatives? Discussion on this.

3. As a social worker where will be your focus for the upliftment of this community?
4. A long monologue about the riverbank erosion issue in Assam. What is being done and what can be done to address this? (I used the name of a native plant from Assam in this, ma'am was curious to know about the plant)

Member 2

1. Difference between Assam Tea and Darjeeling Tea. Why such a difference? Is there any difference in price?
-Which one do you like the most?
2. Do you have access to local tea which is not marketed elsewhere?
3. It is said that administrative efficiency reduces in India as we move from North to South and West to East. You have studied and worked in Gujarat and you are from Assam. Give your opinion on this.
4. What are the differences Assam and Gujarat have in the domain of health, education and sanitation? Tell us your experience. (Sir said, you don't need to give technical data, just tell us your personal experience)
5. You worked with ONGC in Gujarat although you have OIL(a psu) in your home district. Now where do you want to work? Assam or Gujarat?

Member 3

1. Long monologue on Assam's history, economy, development potential etc. Then, he asked about Assam's opportunity to return to its past glory in the context of Act East Policy.
2. Discussion on AFSPA. If AFSPA is removed, investments will come to Assam. So, what should be done? (I may have mentioned insurgency in the previous discussion)
3. NRC-CAA protests in Assam. You certainly know all the cut off dates etc. I want to know your opinion on CAA.

Member 4

1. Child Labour- What is child labour? Any law prohibiting Child Labour? Discussion on this.
2. Case study on child labour. If a carpenter's child is learning carpentry from his father, is it child labour? And discussion on this.

Chairperson: Thank you. Your interview is over.

Experience in the interview - The board was extremely cordial (specifically the lady member(M1) and M2). They didn't interrupt me in any answer. And otherwise also, the whole process of the day was very smooth.

Utility of mocks - My interview was mostly based on my home state. Some of the questions are repeated from the mocks I gave. I have benefited from all of the mocks that I gave- Chanakya Mandal (the closest one), KSG, Vajirao, Samkalp and Next IAS.

O2O- Ravindran sir was very encouraging.

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Board: Preeti Sudan mam**Home State:** Warangal Telangana**Optional:** PSIR**Background:** Electrical

DAF Keywords – startup, research paper, blockchain, health records, movies, agriculture related projects, Oxford Union debates.

Chairman

1. You co-founded a startup. Can you explain me what was it about?
2. Is it still running?
3. What was the business model
4. Health records management using blockchain (DAF)
5. Ayushman Bharat Digital health mission

Member 1

1. Movies – south movies gaining popularity. Why?
2. Why did Naxalism emerge in Warangal
3. How to tackle it in long run (I referred to SHG in the reply)
4. Why is it that only women organise into SHG, why can't men work together

Member 2

1. Was your research paper peer reviewed?
2. Do we publish enough peer reviewed papers in reputed journals
3. Why aren't we leading in innovation
4. Some questions w.r.t brain drain
5. Have multiplexes with their high ticket costs cut off access to movies to common man?

Member 3

1. Is Hyderabad really an international city
2. What problems does Hyderabad face?
3. Why are we promoting slum tourism? (Asked in context of Dharawi slum)
4. Why Oxford Union debates?
5. Should we take Pakistan crisis into opportunity to build relationship?

Member 4

1. Plato's scheme of education – what can we learn?
2. Telangana governor controversy
3. If you are a district collector, how will you help horticulture farmers realize more income?

Experience - Very cordial and cheerful board it was.

Utility of mocks - the less the better!

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Date of Interview: 14th march, forenoon

Board: Preeti Sudan Mam

Optional: Mathematics

College: IIT Ksharagpur

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Work experience: developer, SAP labs

Hobbies: (no questions asked)

Chairman

Said We are here to have a conversation with you, be comfortable. If you cannot understand any questions please ask us to repeat. Then told me to remove my mask and went through my DAF

1. tell me something unique things about Nellore (my hometown)?
2. asked about the flipside of Nellore
3. Why did you leave your job?
4. Tell me about your experience at SAP?
5. How was your journey from Andhra pradesh to kharagpur?

Member 1

1. Gave a long monologue about the rising number of higher education institutions like IITs, IIMs, AIIMS, NLUs etc .
Isn't it unnecessary to have so many such top institutions ?(essence of the question)
2. Follow up - Aren't these many institutions diluting the brand value of such institutions?
3. About RTI and impact on governance
4. Importance of 'Process reengineering' in digitisation of governance processes

Member 2

1. Asked if i would recommend an SAP product to the government as an officer? then few follow up questions
2. comparison with open source products and proprietary products
3. asked about issues with proprietary products and vendors?
4. what is IndiaStack?
5. are there any proprietary apps in Indiastack or all of them open source?

Member 3

1. Why Indian children are performing well in mathematics olympiads in the USA?

2. challenges faced as secretary sports and high school captain? (and some cross questioning)
3. Do we need to bring compulsory military training in our country? (follow up from the aspect of discipline of previous qn)
4. Related to Naatu Naatu (was expecting this, lol!) , he was describing how lead actors spoke very good english (and accent too) at oscar event like they are from US but they are from India, that too from a regional film industry like Tollywood. How do you think it was possible?

Member 4

1. What is Contempt of court?
2. describe civil and criminal contempt
3. Is it possible for judiciary/ judges to commit contempt of court? (Not very sure about this, hence i do not know)
4. asked about Justice Karman (He was the first Indian High Court judge to be sent to prison for contempt while in office.)
Said I don't know about him
5. What are PILs?
6. should they be taken up by judiciary, as we have crores of pending cases? (then some discussion on it)
7. what measures should be taken to control rising PILs?
8. isn't poor administration a reason for rising PILs? what should be done?

Experience with mocks - have been asked very different questions in most of the mocks about DAF

O2O with Venkat mohan sir, mohan sir(IASbaba) were helpful.

Mocks - samkalp, chahal, la excellence and vajirao & Reddy are good

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Date of Interview: 13-3-2023, Afternoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Telangana

Hobbies: Warangal, NSS, nature documentary

Chairman

1. Oscar for nature documentary?
2. RRR Oscar?
3. Tell me about Warangal in 2-3 lines...

Member 1

1. Role of NSS?
2. What did you do in NSS?
3. Then he jumped into politics in rural areas and how will you prevent recent trend of taking people on pilgrimages for votes as sub-collector?
9th schedule?
4. Why beyond judicial scrutiny?
5. What is basic structure?
6. Not in Constitution? Then how can judiciary say that?? Not satisfied with my answer..

Member 2

1. G4?
2. Global South?
3. Is G20 meeting a failure?
4. UN reforms? Is it relevant and what can we do?
5. Article 370 and my opinion?

Member 3

1. Article 370 removal is it justified?
2. Are economic investments really coming?
3. Is it wrong to ask for separate identity?
4. Is it because of security or Article 370 that development lagged?
5. Then security situation is still bad no.. Then how can you say article 370 removal is good..?
6. Your state(Telangana) fought for separate identity then what's wrong with J&K having article 370 (again 370??)
7. Congress party gave Telangana then why did it lose both Telangana and AP elections?
8. What suggestions will you give to congress party to come to power in
9. Telangana? (IPAC join karna hai kya mujhe?)
10. 3 capital model of AP and opinion? Finally over.

Member 4

1. Why psir if you did civil engineering?
2. What are you doing since 2020 graduation?
3. NJAC issue vs collegium?
4. Constituent Assembly unelected body.. How can they represent people's will?
5. Environment vs development in nature documentary.
6. What did you watch recently? Tell me about unique nature of karnataka forests..
7. What should we prioritise development vs ecosystem?
8. How do we balance? (bcoz I said both are needed). Then why are we not doing it quickly ??

Thank you your interview is over
 Board was cordial but felt indifferent
 Preethi sudan mam was barely interested, attender came and served samosa in between and mam was not listening to my answers..
 Felt it was rushed...

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Date of interview: 9th March afternoon session
Board: Preeti Sudan Madam
Duration: 30 min
Hobby: Yoga
Background: SRCC, B.Com, private sector work experience
 Started by saying that this is simply a conversation. Asked me to take off my mask if I want to.

Chairman

1. Worked in 2 companies. Which one did you like more
2. Asked about projects. Some factual questions related to it
3. How will you apply learnings from these experiences to the public sector

Member 1

1. Experience of faculty in srcc. Tell honestly
2. Why are young teachers not able to contribute as well, what should be done
3. Why is manufacturing lagging? How to improve the situation
4. Experience in exchange program in Japan (daf)
5. What we can learn from Japan, tell your observations

Member 2

1. Banking and insurance sector reforms
2. Mention one bank reform. Factual questions related to this
3. Insurance FDI limit increase- will it make sector volatile
4. Bank boards bureau status currently?
5. What is recapitalisation value
6. Asked about Exchange program. (daf)
7. What is aerial yoga? (Hobby)

Member 3

1. Challenges and suggestions for msme , startups
2. Are there facilitation centres for them?

3. How to use Technology for women empowerment
4. One factual women related question
5. Symbols of democracy in Delhi

Member 4

1. Are companies like Deloitte in the business of compliance ? Are we labouring under them?
(Daf)
2. Should we fully open up our economy and unleash the animal spirits
3. Aatmanirbharta are we going towards protectionism?
4. Should india adopt a Chinese model of economy? Build our own large enterprises?
5. What is the benefit of being close to other countries? Japan was close to USA , they are not a regional leader. What will we get from being close to US?

Thank you. You can leave

Experience:

Members were observing and listening carefully. They were digging deeper into many areas of discussion with follow up questions. Occasionally members were smiling but overall neutral or reserved.

Utility of mocks:

- 1 being comfortable and confident in such an environment
- 2 preparing and practising expected areas of DAF/current affairs

I would recommend mock interviews at Chanakya Mandal Pariwar, Chahal Academy, Samkalp, Unacademy

O2O with Khan Sir and Raveendran Sir

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Date of Interview: 14 March, Morning (1st to go)

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Optional: PSIR

College: NSIT, Delhi

Profession: Assitant Manager at Bharti Airtel (resigned)

Hobbies: Research publication at IISc Bangalore, Close up Magic tricks

Chairman

Remove your mask and be comfortable. If you don't hear or understand the question you can ask us to repeat that. (The room was quite big)

1. So you have worked in Airtel, why did you leave the job?
2. Why Civil Services?
3. If you are a newly appointed SDM, what would be your first steps after taking charge of the district?

4. I see that you have a published research in IISc? Can you tell about the research paper in brief and what was your work?
5. Further discussion on the research.

Member 1

1. What is your opinion on the local self govt? How are they useful for India?
2. In reality, these local govt institutions are not working properly? Do you think that they have not been successful? What is your view?
3. What is your stand on UCC?
4. There has been religious harmony since ages in India, why then do we need to bring in UCC?
5. Would it not dissolve the diversity of India? What is the use of UCC then? (kept cross-questioning on UCC application, did not look satisfied)

Member 2

1. I see that you have magic as a hobby, how did you pick up this hobby?
2. How do you learn these tricks?
3. Since you have worked in Bharti Airtel and 5G has recently been launched, I want you to tell me about technologies similar to 5G which are under development? What are their uses?
4. Since you have PSIR, how do you think India can utilise its G20 presidency?
5. Brief discussion on G20 and India.
6. In brief, tell me any 3 takeaways from Russia-Ukraine war that can be useful for India?

Member 3

1. Differentiate bw Strategic Autonomy and Non-alignment in the past? Is it the same?
2. Some cross-questioning on this.
3. To counter China, which countries should India side with? How should India proceed?
4. Can you name some countries with which India has alliances or collab to counter China?
5. Why do you think India is siding with Russia when it is clear that Russia is the aggressor?
6. What are the reasons that Russia has given for starting the war?
7. If you don't think that India is with Russia, then why has it not voted against Russia in UN?
8. Do you think India is losing on an opportunity by not choosing sides in this war?

Member 5

1. Long monologue about how Supreme Court has given landmark judgements which have made the society progressive.
2. One such judgement was the Vishakha judgement? Have you heard about it? What is it?
3. In Airtel, what kind of awareness was there regarding the sexual harassment at workplace?

4. What is the institutional setup regarding sexual harassment at workplaces? Can you tell me what is the outcome of Vishakha guidelines and what rules do the companies have to follow?
 5. What is your opinion about Right to Information? Do you think that it has been a revolutionary step?
 6. Suppose you file an RTI in my office, and I refuse to indulge details what appeal mechanism you have?
 7. I said ma'am I'm not very sure about the mechanism, but she said what would you do as a normal person? Answer from that point of view.
 8. What if PIO also does not help you and you have no recourse? What would you do then?
- Preeti Sudan Ma'am looked at everyone then smiled and said ok beta your interview is over, you can go.

Experience in interview - Quite good, cordial board. Slight cross-questioning but great experience. Questions were largely from DAF (Job, optional, hobby) and few from general awareness.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any) - Gave a lot of mocks (10-12). Helped in understanding the situation and framing my answers. Some questions did get repeated related to job, PSIR and hobbies.

Best mocks - Chahal (best one), Unacademy, Vajirao & Reddy, ForumIAS.

One to One with Khan Sir, Ravindran Sir, Ayush Sir, Vinay Sir all were very good.

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Date of Interview: 13/03/2023, morning shift, 5th to go.

Board: Preeti Sudan ma'am

Home State: Jammu and Kashmir

Duration: around 25 minutes

Chairman

1. Tell me something about home district
2. status of women there
3. status of child marriage
4. how to prevent it

Member 1

1. Relation between Ghazipur and Jammu and Kashmir(daf)
2. assess the work of Manoj sinha in j&k, should Ghazipur feel proud for it.
3. Chatgpt is going to take job
4. cross question, we have got High population with low skill, we are going to face burnt of it.
5. what we can do for it.

Member 2

1. which wildlife documentaries you watched.(daf)
2. tell the storyline of it
3. difference between zoo and national park
4. ex-situ vs in-situ conservation
5. should we provide external support for wildlife conservation
6. to what extent should we provide this.

Member 3

1. how geography, cricket, wildlife, scout, computer science, mechanical engineering, and elderlies are interrelated (daf)
2. relation between cricket and geography
3. what is special about spending time with elderlies, is it worth writing
4. what you learnt from them
5. what you learnt from scouts
6. what you did there

Member 4

1. nrega does not create any structure, should we disband it
2. should we give wheat to pakistan?
3. they have killed over 20000 of our soldiers and you are saying for giving them food
4. encounter in up
5. charging a ev for 1 hour uses electricity worth 4 ac, is it unsustainable.
6. lithium reserve in j&k
7. how it will impact ev market

Chairperson: Thank you beta, you can go now.

Slightly cordial and mostly indifferent board

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Date of Interview: 9 March forenoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan Mam

Background: B.E. in Information Technology

Home State: Delhi

Optional: Mathematics

School: DAV public school

Sports: Cricket

Leadership: Founding member of Axiom-Discourse society of Nsit

Hobbies: Blogging, Spending time in nearby Gaushalas and Temple, Practicing Yogic asanas and pranayama

Chairman

1. Tell me something about River Yamuna.
2. Tell Yamuna River vis a vis Delhi.
3. Are you sure that Delhi gets its water need from Yamuna?
4. Why you go Gaushalas?
5. what more you get by going to Gaushalas apart from that?
6. Lot of opportunities and high paying jobs are there in IT then why not that, why civil services?

Member 1

(Mr. Manjeev singh puri – Former Ambassador to Nepal)...(Speaking in proper Hindi)

1. Tell me what is the issue of yamuna sutlej linking project?
(follow up on this for next 2-3 questions)
2. Tell me about women Cricket in India.
(follow up on this for next 2-3 questions)
3. He said that Cricket is the thing which unites each and every indian and even South Asian.
So can we use Cricket as a medium to promote South Asian Unity?
(follow up on this for next 2-3 questions)

Member 2

1. Tell me something about DAV.
2. So you were taught something with respect to vedas and aryasamaj?
3. What is the contribution of DAV?
4. Is there any Contribution of DAV in our freedom struggle?
5. Have you ever feared Mathematic in your life?
6. You have IT as well as Maths, so which is more important?
7. How will you solve issue of your area technologically?
8. Issue of parking is there in your area..what would be its solution?
9. What is state of public transportation in your area?

Member 3

1. What motivates you to create new society Axiom?
2. Why it is named as Axiom?
3. Why it is named as Discourse?
(follow up on this for next 1-2 questions)
4. What other thing you do when you feel low apart from finding positivity in going Gaushalas?
5. what is Govt doing for Inland waterways?
6. Apart from tourism and transportation what is the use of inland waters?

7. Are you aware of a Country which have utilised there inland waters most effectively?

Member 4

1. Which school of Yoga you do?
2. From where you learn Yoga?
3. Tell something about Indus Water Treaty.
4. why you are using Ravi , Beas , Chenab in Indus River Treaty?
5. Why India have calling for renegotiation of Indus Water Treaty?
6. Do you know about Highest bridge in the world constructed in J&K
7. How many Gaushalas are there in your area?
8. Who own lands of Gaushalas in Urban areas?
9. River gives us many things but what we have given to Rivers?(I was thinking on this question but before that sir continued as)
10. we have given them Pollution
11. (One more question i am not able to recall.)

Chairperson: Thank you Beta, All the Best

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Date of Interview/session: 6th Mar/Forenoon
Board: Mrs Preeti Sudan Ma'am
Attempt count: 5th Attempt, 1st Interview
Background: Instrumentation & Control(ICE) Engg
Hobbies: Walking, Online Virtual Football Competition
Duration: 25ish minutes

First one to go. Total 5 members, not a big room with the 4 members on their individual sofa chairs. Impeccably cordial and encouraging board. Felt like a really short interview imo. I gave elaborate responses, they didn't intervene in between. Most of the questions were analytical. Felt like it was actually just a conversation with a natural flow and transition. It didn't seem that they had readymade questions in advance barring one occasion with M4.

Chairman

1. Ma'am tried to comfort me and put me to ease by telling me that it was just a friendly conversation to know me, and I should be relaxed and free to ask them for clarifications if any.
2. So you were an Intern before and then a full time employee at the same company. What were your roles?(PMIC subdivision, PowerON module as an intern, Clocks module as an employee so cellular connectivity ensured in mobile systems during concurrencies)
3. Why have we been experiencing call drops of late?

4. Physical towers might be replaced with superior tech soon. What's the expected timeline in your opinion?(I told her that my knowledge was rudimentary and I can't give an informed estimate, she accepted the response with an encouraging "Fair enough")
5. So you participate in Online Virtual Football Management Tournaments. Elaborate.
6. Do you play football IRL?

Member 1

1. You sound really articulate and I'm impressed by your structured and informed thought process. Tell me, how will you use this thought process in administration?
2. From your profile, it looks as if you're a Privileged Delhi boy who has good educational credentials, worked in a well paying job and who is now looking to come work in government for a new experience. What do you have to say to that?
3. Tell me honestly, why CSE?
4. This is a good response but a typical response we occasionally hear. Tell me what you can add to the administration with your academic credentials.
5. EPL(Premier League) is flushed with money. What do you have to say about that?
6. So does money matter?

Member 2

1. How will you use the knowledge of instrumentation and control in administration?
2. Delhi pollution, how to solve?
3. Use of data in handling pollution?
4. Are you aware of the recent issue surrounding data related to kids/minors?
5. C emissions, what should be the response?
6. Any specific fund catering to this problem?

Member 3

1. So you spoke about EV in your response to pollution problem, how to encourage EV usage?
2. Can you see India moving to exclusively EV based ecosystem in the next 5 years?
3. Shouldn't govt create a complete charging ecosystem prior to pushing for EV? Why/Why not?
4. Will EV also push the envelope of vehicular safety and telematics further?

Member 4

1. Every citizen whether rich or poor needs govt support. What can govt do better for citizens, give me some 5-6 reforms required and how to realise them on the ground?
2. Speak for a minute in support and against the statement "India will get old before it gets rich".

Chairwoman-

- Your Interview is over, you may leave-

While i was getting up forgot my mask on the table, I was reminded to pick it up by M1. I politely thanked him for reminding me. I also wasn't able to locate the crease of the door immediately while going out due to curtains and a good camouflaging paint xD.

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Date of Interview: 9 March forenoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan

Background: Btech in ECE

Home State: Delhi

Optional: PSIR

Sports: Badminton

Hobbies: Reading English fiction, traveling and meditation.

Chairman

1. Why PSIR after ECE?
2. National Social Entrepreneurship Idea Challenge- what did you do (DAF)
3. I talked about our initiative where we tried
4. manufacturing sanitary napkins so she asked if it is being manufactured on a large scale

Member 1

1. Assess beti bachao beti padhao
2. Why Gurugram has developed and not Faridabad?
3. How has noida helped development of your district
4. What changes have you seen in your area?

Member 2

1. Last novel you read
2. Have we come full circle in foreign policy?
3. What is the essence of our foreign policy?
4. Why no job since 2019?
5. Why did you choose PSIR optional? Was it forced on you?

Member 3

1. Gender equality and gender equity?
2. How will u explain it to a layman?
3. Role models in badminton for women and how enthusiastic are young
4. women when it comes to badminton?

5. Which company is top manufacturer of badminton racquets?
6. Name some authors you have read
7. Biggest obstacle to EV adoption in India
8. What can we do if we do not have lithium reserves required for manufacturing EV batteries?

Member 4

1. Travelling and meditation are two opposite things- travelling unsettles you and meditation settles you, so how did you develop these two hobbies together?
2. What did you learn from a place that you travelled to?
3. Where did you travel last?
4. What kind of meditation do you do?
5. Have you practiced under a guru or doing it by yourself?

Member 5

1. Committed bureaucracy vs permanent bureaucracy(?)
2. When bureaucracy is not aligned to the policies of permanent executive, refuses to cooperate then it creates problem. What do you think?
3. But bureaucracy leads to red tapism corruption etc, so then? (this was a follow up on my answer)
4. world no 1 in men and women in Badminton
5. Some other questions which I am unable to recall.

Mocks: I gave 4- 5 mocks and got excellent review in all, namely- Chahal, Vajirao and Reddy, Unacademy, O2O with Ravindran sir.

Also, I gave NextIAS practice mock (based on DAF only) which helped me a lot in terms of giving a direction to my interview preparation since this was my first interview.

Would also definitely recommend Chahal because they gave me a very detailed feedback.

The questions asked in my actual interview were way simpler than the mocks. The board was very cordial. Now rest depends on what the board felt

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Week of interview: Valentine Week

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: Geography

Background: Textile Technology, IIT Delhi

Profession: Content Developer

Hobbies: Playing Basketball

Chairman

1. Mam was very cordial and appreciated my achievements.
2. Tell me about Mathematical Modeling.
3. What are 3-D Braided Structure?
4. Is it possible to replace steel and aluminum with 3-D braided structure?
5. What are the commercial utility of your project work?
6. What is your content development work and how it helps in your preparation?
7. Challenges associated with ed tech sector?
8. What is SITRA and what is its significance in Textile?

Member 1

1. Explain me the problems faced by different states in North East?
2. What are the issues related with Meghalaya?
3. Meghalaya has physiologically drought or not?
4. Explain me why North East has so much rainfall every year?
5. Explain the distribution pattern of SW monsoon rainfall?
6. Explain where we put communication satellites in Earth orbit?

Member 2

1. What is the international status of Indian basketball?
2. Why India is not doing great in basketball?
3. What steps should we take to improve India's status in basketball?

Member 3

1. What is the difference between Etah and Etawah?
2. What is the significance of Etah in Uttar Pradesh?
3. What are the challenges associated with textile exports?
4. As a DM of your district how you will promote textile sector?
5. What is Geotechnical Textiles?
6. What is the utility of Geotechnical Textiles?

Member 4

1. You are developing your content from newspaper but there is declining significance of newspaper among the youth vis-a-vis visual media?
2. What is the significance of Radio in the modern era of TV media?
3. What are non tax revenues?
4. Who is the examining authority of department of expenditure?
5. About DIPAM?

Chairwoman:

Your interview is over. You can go now.

Experience of personality test – overall good and board was cordial

Utility of mocks or O2O: Can give according to your needs..... Mock interview helps you in better articulation of your answer and will boost your confidence.

Always remember :

Honesty is the best policy in UPSC personality test

Best wishes to everyone appearing for the personality test

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Date of Interview: 13 Feb, 2023 Afternoon

Board: Preeti Sudan

Home State: Karnataka

Background: B.com

Optional: History

Hobbies: Watching different Sports

Chairman

1. So you are from Karnataka, tell me about your assessment of Karnataka during COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. What lessons can be learnt and be implemented from the Pandemic?
3. You watch multiple sports, which one is your favourite?
4. Which player do you like and why?
5. Why do you like Test Matches (Cricket) more?
6. How sports will help you in administration?

Member 1

1. Last year Karnataka was in news for not much of a good reason. Tell me about the Issue and your opinion on it.
2. Last monsoon certain parts of Bangalore got flooded. What is your views on this.
3. What measures are needed to stop this ?
4. If you are an administrator in Karnataka, tell me the 3 top most areas of your priority to work.

Member 2

(was not satisfied with my answers)

1. What are the different types of government companies?
2. What is a government company?
3. What is a corporate company

4. What is a private limited company?
5. What are different types of taxes? Name them
6. How do you name our country's economy, there are different economies like US and Russia?
7. Why LPG reforms were introduced?
8. Whom did LPG reforms help – Government, People or Corporates?

Member 3

1. There is a lot of importance being given to coastal security, why?
2. What are the issues in providing coastal security?
3. There are divisions in coastal waters. Can you name them.
4. What are the differences between these divisions?
5. In border areas there are fencing, but it is not everywhere. What do you think are the reasons for this?
6. So, name the places where there is fencing and where there is no fencing?
7. Which countries share land border with India?
8. Which countries share water boundaries with India?

Member 4

1. You have got good marks in 10th , but why did you not choose science but chose commerce?
2. Why History as a subject with commerce subjects? (My combination was HEBA in commerce)
3. What are the contributions of Chalukyas in Art and architecture?
4. What are the contributions of Vijayanagara in Art and architecture?
5. Tell about the battles that took place at Plassey and their impact?
6. What are derivatives? Name some
7. How is a mutual fund valued ?
8. Who are the regulators in financial markets in India?
9. If there is any dispute between stock market and financial market, is there any institution which can mediate between them?
10. Recently, there is a fall in stock prices, how do you think it impacts our economy.

Utility of mocks: Just builds confidence. There is a lot of difference between mocks and actual interview as my interview went completely smooth compared to mocks. One question got exactly repeated.

All the best for all candidates.

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Date of Interview: 15th Feb Afternoon
Board: Preeti Sudan
Optional: PSIR
Background: IIT Kanpur Materials Engg
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
 No questions on hobbies

Chairman

1. Varanasi se ho? Kyu news meh?
2. IIT se yahan kyu?
3. Kaise apply kroge material science ki knowledge in administration?

Member 1

1. Material Science me kaise materials k baare me padhaya jata h?
2. Containers ka importance in Indian economy
3. Logistics kya hota h ? Kaise logistics cost decrease krenge?
4. Logistics cost decrease krne k fayede on Indian economy and consumer ?
5. Multimodal transport Kya hota h ?
6. Inland waterways k Kya importance hai ?

Member 2

1. Logistics sector kyu important hai
2. Inland waterways ki policy India me ?
3. Kyun waterways cheaper mode hota h ? IIT se ho kuch btao scientific reasons.
4. North east k geography k baare me kuch btao . Tum PSIR aur material science k ho firr bhi prelims mains me to padha hoga . Kuch btaiye.
5. Indian Ocean ka importance btaiye ?
6. Lakshadweep aur A&N hone se fayda h ya nuksan?
7. Hamare islands k vajah se ocean zone me India ka reach badhta hai . Usko Kya kehte hain ?

Member 3

1. Varanasi k cruise k baare me kuch btao .
2. Uska main objective Kya tha ?
3. Indian knowledge system Kya hota h ?
4. Social media k positives and negatives?
5. Social media ka role in administration?
6. Social media in policing ?
7. Digital marketing Kya hota hai ?

8. Digital goods Kya hote hain ?

Member 4

1. Coastal zones Kya Kya hote hai ?
2. Continental shelf ka economic importance?
3. Encroachment kaise hataogey?
4. Protest krne valo ko kaise manaogey?
5. Corruption kaise duur kroge as DM of Varanasi.

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Date of Interview: 15/02/2023, afternoon session Last one to go

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: PSIR

Medium: Hindi (Pre+Mains+interview)

Background: B.E. (Mechanical engineering)

Hobbies: Reading Romantic Novels, Watching Legal Drama On OTT

Your experience in interview- mja aaya or ye mja mai sbko dena chahta hu.

Normal greetings uske bad Chairman ne bola ki bina tension puchh Lena agar kuchh samjh naa aaye.

Questions mere ko chairman ke alwa yad nhi sequence me because of my medical

Chairman

1. You like reading Romantic Novels to hme bhi koi story sunao short me.
2. You were prime minister of your school, tell us what will be your priorities agr apko desh ka prime minister bna de.
3. Agr apke district ka dm bna de to kya priorities hongy apki
Now other members-
4. What is methane pledge? Is India part of it
5. Global investors summit me itne bde bde MOUs ke bad bhi kyu itna Kam investment.
6. MP ki socio economic profile bataiye.
7. Why is mp lagging in the tourism sector despite tourism Potential.
8. What is the purpose of khelo India youth games.
9. Tigers ki healthy Population kisi ecosystem ke bare me kya indicate krti hai.
10. What is jal jeevan mission.
11. What is rain water harvesting.
12. What is role of forest in Climate Change?
13. Use of mechanical engineering in civil services.
14. What is the role of subsidies in International trade, what is dumping and anti-dumping duty.

Mocks ki utility- apn ne 17 diye. Ab ye result batayega ki shi kiye ya galat. Baki confidence kafi badh gya tha mock Dene se

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Date of Interview: 17/02, forenoon 1st to go
Board: Preeti Sudan
Optional: Hindi literature
Home State: Himachal Pradesh
College: IITK(no ques) Computer science
Profession (if any): Tax department
Hobbies: Folk songs especially meenawati song, cricket(no ques), Rubik's cube

Chairman

1. Tell me something about Kasauli(district)
2. Meenawati song – kya h
3. Tax related new provisions
4. Why IAS
5. CAPF join ku nhi kiya

Members

1. NFT
 2. Crypto currency
 3. B tech project
 4. E -rupe
 5. India's progress from 1947
 6. Why be needed to have tax system
 7. Tax avoidance and tax evasion
 8. IPR ...why needed to have IPR
 9. DMIC and DFC ...how good
 10. Afghanistan India's policy
 11. Neighbouring nations- Border area development –
 12. vibrant village program
 13. Mnrega – o1. nline attandance
- Baki yad nhi....

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Date of Interview: 16/02/23
Board: Preeti Sudan
Optional: Hindi literature

Background: ECE branch, Department of commerce and industries,
Hobbies: mandala drawing, Table tennis, Jhunjhunu ,parents background is education

Chairman

1. Civil services ko pursue karne ka trigger point kya tha aapka?
2. Aap already state service me hai ias me to aapko north east bhi mil sakta hai tab kya karenge ?
3. Gargi puraskar k baare me bataaye
4. Mandala drawing kya hoti hai ?

Member 1

1. What is GIS ?
2. How it can be used in administration?
3. How in flood management GSI used ?
4. What other geological survey related program of Govt?
5. Agar aapko DM bana diya jaaye to GIS ka use kar k kaise monitoring karenge ?
6. Agar GIS k through ghar baithkar bhi decision liya ja sakta hai to what is need of panachayat and all ?
7. Qus asked about walkie talkie communication
8. How will you use knowledge of your branch/Engg in administration?And follow on qus.
9. Hindi sahitya ne aapki personality me kya change Kiya ? And how will you use it in administration?

Member 2

1. Violence against women k liye Govt k steps ? And follow on qus
2. As a DM what will you do to reduce violence ?
3. Have you use GIS based app for topography analysis?
4. Jhunjhunu k baare me batayen

Member 3

1. Elementary education kya hoti hai ?
2. Kaunsi skills par hum isme focus karte hain?
3. NRF ?
4. Foreign universities in India what are your views on it?
5. What are msmes ? Ask for a detailed answer about facilitation of msmes.
6. Give examples of each micro ,small,medium enterprises ?
7. Issues faced by msmes?Solutions?

Member 4

1. Women players of table tennis in India ?
2. TT India me itna famous kyo nahi hai ?
3. What need to be done in this direction?
4. EVM related ques
5. online voting par views ?
6. Which social media platform do you use ?
7. Do you think a civil servant should use social media ? **Experience** - Daf based tha mainly and board was cordial .
Utility of mocks - Helps in building confidence and handling ques outrightly.

(39)**Date of Interview:** 16 Feb, morning**Board:** Preeti Sudan**Board:** Hindi literature**Home State:** Bihar**College:** VKSU**Hobbies:** Bhojpuri folk songs

Your experience in interview-it was very calm and co-operative, they were very humble and simple, No major ques from daf

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-confidence ke liye thik hai

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. what is black money
3. If anyone earns money from illegal gambling and he is paying tax, could we say it black money
4. need of border forces, name ,
5. If we have army to save our territory than why we need border forces

Member 1

1. If have mistakely told spg in previous ans, i said sorry here when they asked
2. question of international hindi conf. in fizzi

Member 2

1. question on student politics, should we continue it
2. sdg goal and target, are all target have same deadline
3. name of long term strategy
4. is history rewriting is good and many quetsions

5. name freedom fighter from north eastern states

Member 3

1. need of long term policy and their role
2. many facts , i said sorry
3. vksu establishment

Member 4

1. name border's neighbours of India
2. all border's states of india
3. Vibrant village programme
4. actually I have guessed in last ans, so mam told me to make a strategy to build these village

Chairman

CP- from when you are living in delhi

what is per month cost

if you have any question to ask plz ask from us

thank you, you can go now

almost 40 %of my interview was on fact and very few questions were from daf and very few scope to drive your interview... so, plz keep kalm while you go for interview and never expect about questions

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Date of Interview: 14/02Afternoon, 2nd to go, 25-30 mins

Board: Preeti Sudan

Background: electronics engineer {by mistake}

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Optional: Hindi literature

Hobbies: Vedic mathematics, bhawna yoga, paper craft, Hindi poetry, college magazine editor, research paper

Chairman

1. Be comfortable we just want to talk to you
2. Tell me something interesting about your district
3. You write hindi poem,
4. Recite your any poem
5. How you decide theme of ur poetry?
6. In which journal you published your research paper?
7. What was the idea in your research paper? Some cross question

Member 1

1. In continuation of published paper
2. Relevance of magazine in today's
3. Digital vs physical magazine
4. Question related to finance commission (15th and 16th)
5. Some more question on economy (not recalling)

Member 2

1. What did u presented in Innovation conclave { cross question}
2. What is start up?
3. Any institution, which promoting startup or financing startup?
4. Sidbi
5. Discussion on startup*

Member 3

1. Was Your innovation project and final year project same?
2. What you did in your final year project? {traffic signal for color blind person}
3. cross Question related to final year project
4. What is the latest chip size ?
5. Nanometer means?
6. Size of atom?
7. Moore's law?
8. Is moore's law scientific or just possibility/observations?
9. Is it possible zero size of chip?
10. Basic science question (sudden bomb)
11. { Keel ko ulta thokege to kya hoga?}
12. {Garmi m pankhe ke niche thanda kyu feel krte h}

Member 4

1. A long monologue about turkey situation and india's help?
2. Why india is doing so?
3. Importance of turkey for india
4. India's relation with turkey
5. Strategic / geographical importance of turkey?
6. trade relation with russia?
7. from which route russian fuel come to india?
8. {Essence- unko sunna tha ki turkey se relation achhe krne ka karan- russia s aane wale oil jo ki bosphorus and dardenells straight se ate h}
9. your District's location, which looks forcefully connected to uttarpradesh.

10. {Everyone can guess district}
 11. Why is it in Uttar Pradesh? Why not giving to madhyapradesh?

Chairwoman – thank you, all the best

* Limited mock * just for confidence and making ur reply crisp nd balanced.

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Date of Interview: 14/02/23 Afternoon session – 1st to go

Board: Preeti Sudan

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Background: BSc(PCM) graduation ,

Hobbies: Cricket, Bollywood movies

No question from optional

Duration: 40 mins

Chairman

Be comfortable we just want to talk to you

1. what's famous in your district
2. what are major problems of your district
3. if u are appointed as your districts collector , what will be your priorities
4. are gram sabha meetings being held in your area , do u have taken part in it
5. whats the status of agriculture there
6. is msp being implemented efficiently there

Member 2

1. is there any demands for separate state in madhya pradesh
2. why these demands arise
3. famous mountains and hills of mp
4. why it is said that hindi is not there in South of satpura
5. as a administrator what will you suggest for holistic development of mp

Member 3

1. what are some methods of cleaning water
2. how R.O. works (I said sorry)
3. why ground water pollution in country
4. any specific reason for punjab ground water pollution
5. if u have to priorities in these 3 areas what will be your priorities 1- illiteracy
6. malnutrition 3- basic health facilities
7. beti bachao beti padhao
8. impact of promoting women education

Member 4

1. What is consumer price index
2. how inflation impacts economy
3. Rbi and govt majors to tackle inflation
4. what would u suggest to bollywood for its development
5. pathan movie controversy
6. did any movie got oscar recently

Member 5

1. Deen dayal antyodaya yojna
2. Which format in cricket u like most
3. views about test cricket
4. any recent award to india player (shubman gill – player of the month)
5. what shubman has done
6. favourite cricketer and why

Chairwoman – your interview is over , all the best beta

Utility of mocks – only to build confidence , maintain eye contact etc real interview is altogether different

Recommended – only ias , samkalp , vajirao and reddy

Thank u

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Date of Interview: 14/02/23, timing–10.35-11.05

Board: Preeti Sudan

Home State: UK

Optional: Mathematics

Background: Civil Engg, IITR, IOCL

Hobbies: solving classic sudoku, watching cricket , whistling

Chairman

1. What are you doing since 2020.
2. What is this classic sudoku? How often you solve it? Online or offline? How much time do you take?
3. Why test matches are not going till 5th day? 3 days m hi kyu khatm hoja rhe hain test matches?
4. MS dhoni, Kohli and Rohit– in your opinion who is best captain.
5. What is mankading?

Member 1

1. You were earningLakh why civil services now? You will get only 60k here.
2. Mostly discussion with member 2 in this only and few laughter moment in between
3. Don't you think we are only recognising service of military as a nation service? What about other services? Why police, administration not valued?

Member 3

1. Don't you think it is unfair ki Australia wale fast bowling pitch banate Hain and Indians spinning pitch. How it is Gentleman game?
2. Tell me about Joshimath issue. What should be way forward?
3. How to utilise potential of retired army jawan, generally they work post retirement as a Guard?
4. Status of manufacturing sector in India? How to increase utility? (Based upon previous ans)

Member 4

1. Tell me about Aero India project?
2. How it will help India? Name few fighter jets? Which one we are exporting?
3. How did you develop whistling hobby?
4. What is layoff? Why countries laying off employees now?
5. How Indians can utilise this ?
6. What are emerging technologies?India's scope in this
7. How valentine and whistling are related?

Member 5

1. Tell me about history of your college?
2. What was it's name before University of Roorkee?
3. Why lagging in QS ranking? Few counter questions.
4. Your college in UK and this Joshimath issue happened there only. Don't you think it is failure of such great institute? Few counter questions
5. What is curfew? In which law it is mentioned.

Chairperson: Your interview is over. All the best. You can go

Utility of mock-- attended around 10. Almost Same feedback from everywhere. Kahi v jao mujhe to same hi Lage

One to one which were very helpful- With Kaptaan(boosted confidence in last 3 days, suggestion were very helpful during interview), Khan Sir, Sriram sir, Ravindran sir and Mohan sir

If time go for all these

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Date of Interview: 13th Feb 2023 Forenoon-third to go

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: anthropology

Background: B tech-only one Q

Hobbies: (nothing on it)

Home State: Maharashtra

Duration: 35 min

Chairman

1. topics of your street-play?(college extra curricular-I mentioned malnutrition in children)
2. steps as DM for reducing malnutrition?
3. mentioned corruption in the last ans for PDS-so madam asked will biometrics help to reduce it?

Member 1

1. agencies for investigation of corruption cases?
2. how ED works?what is your opinion about allegation of political interference?
3. any Act for money laundering?
4. revenue deficit, capital deficit, fiscal deficit, current account deficit? FY 23-24 targets for fiscal deficit?
5. can EVM be hacked? Your opinion?
6. anti defection law-any changes needed?
7. what was the case of maharashtra with respect to it?
8. when it will be applicable-number of MLAs needed when defection is allowed? For merger?

Member 2

(was encouraging throughout)

1. why you want to be a civil servant?
2. What difficulty you faced to shift from engineering to CSE?
3. subjects you liked in school/college?(i said mathematics)
4. why mathematics is important in life?
5. role of statistics in arts?
6. situation-city A and city B having 50 and 100 criminals respectively and number increased by 10 in both.. which one is doing better among them to tackle crime?
7. why so much hype about environment conservation?
8. Steps needed for that?
9. why we failed to improve public transport? how to improve public transport?
10. why to build roads and bridges?

11. why work from home is feasible? shall it be made mandatory for all?

Member 3

1. connection of Punjab with my district..
2. what do you know about place Ralegansidhhi in Maharashtra?
3. watershed development?
4. can it be used in Vidarbha and Marathwada ? How?
5. modes through which services can be exchanged between countries?

Member 4

1. Mission of your life?
2. goal of your life?
3. areas you want to work in if you become a civil servant?
4. elaborate each one of them?
5. national health policy? Provisions? Current status of insurance in India?
6. what is sustainable development?
7. SDG goals... mention few of them..

Chair mam- thank you...

Utility of mocks-didn't give many.. only one samkalp ..was a good experience.. kind of a simulation..

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Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: History

Background: civil engineering(2017),MDU

Home state: Delhi

Hobby: cricket, teaching children

4th attempt, 2nd interview

Chairman

1. What's happening in joshimath?
2. What are the solutions ?
3. Do u know today is national women's day?
4. Sarojini Naidu's bday !

Member 1

1. Why history as optional?
2. Why civil services ?
3. When was Delhi used frst as a capital ?

4. Which rulers changed their capital from Delhi?
5. What happened during Britishers era with Delhi as a capital? When did they shift to Delhi?
6. Positives and negatives of multiple capital ? Which state is in news for this?

Member 3

1. Mountains ki height ki limit hti h kya gravity ki wajah se ?
2. Tunelling me concrete use hti h. Joshimath me tunelling se concrete use kar toh Lia. Then what is the issue with it for land subsidence ?
3. DMRC me pillars k upar girders hte h? What is it's length to width ratio ? Why it is used so?
4. What is the civil engineering reason for joshimath issue?
5. Why animals can know about EQ before hand?
6. Range of sound frequency for humans?
7. What is the name used for the frequency other than this range?

Member 4

1. What is inclusive governance ?
2. If you are a dm , then what will be your priority and how will you ensure
3. inclusive governance ?who are the stakeholders in a district administration?
4. Take an example
5. Use of technology in administration to make it inclusive ?

Member 5

1. Ops vs nps? Cross questions here .
2. Caste census ? Your opinion ?
3. Dr. BR Ambedkar talked about annihilation of caste? We have not been able
4. to achieve that? What are your views?
5. Which cricket do you follow? T20, ODI, Test? Which one is favorite?
6. Why test cricket is favorite?

Thank you . Have a good day!

7. Special thanks to satyam bhai And my peer group including rishab ,shivin,Shivam and kartikey bhai. Discussion is the only thing that helped me in certain questions !!!

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Date of Interview: 10/Feb/23, forenoon (3rd to go)

Board: Preeti Sudan

Duration: around 35 minutes

Homestate: Uttar Pradesh

Background: BSc(Hons) Physics from Delhi University

Optional: PSIR

Hobby: philosophy of Swami vivekanand, walking-meditation, Web series

Chairman

1. Chairperson- (After entry and greet..) Ask me to remove the mask.
2. Ask me about What changed in me after coming to Delhi? (i did my from DU). And follow up questions
3. Difference between village life and Delhi life
4. Core philosophy of Swami Vivekanand (my hobby)
5. After first posting as an IPS officer.. what will be the guiding principles for you (from the Vivekanand's teaching)
6. What is walking-meditation? Is it real thing or did you just invented?... How do you do it?

Member 1

1. What is independent judiciary and how it evolved since the enforcement of Constitution
2. Question on collegium
3. No other nation in world – where judges appoint judges... Is Indian executive corrupt?
4. What is best way?
5. Are judiciary decisions decisions pro people or pro government?
(I said pro people)
6. Are you sure?
7. Situational questions(me as an ips officer) – If mob attacked on your boss'
8. house... what will you do? ...Will you fire on mob? .. What if your boss ordered to fire?..... Follow up questions... what if a person puts gun on your boss' head and your boss ordered you to kill a person... . Wouldn't you follow
9. all the oder?... Which order would you follow?

Member 2

1. What is the capital budget?
2. How much increase in capital expenditure in terms of percentage and real value?
3. If you're an officer.. How will you decide the project? What should be parameters?
4. Why is the toll collected? What should be the time period?
5. Is maintenance of highways a capital expenditure?
6. What is service before self?
7. Is it niskam karma?
8. What do you understand by conflict of interests? Ask me related example
9. Tell me about two courageous work.. You ever did? And follow up questions

Member 3

1. what is renewable energy?

2. Types
3. Usability
4. Problems
5. Solutions
6. Follow up questions like
7. Which materials use in solar panels
8. What is lithium? is it available in India(it was covered in same day's newspaper)
9. Where are wind power plants
10. Ask me about my district

Member 4

1. Do you about Yudhh sanyasi(about swami Vivekanand)?
2. Again another question on vivekanand
3. Is our judiciary responsible for government or people?... i said people
4. How? It is not elected
5. **Chairperson** said thank you
6. Questions may not be in right order
7. Some other questions which i can't recall right now
8. No question from state, graduation and optional
9. Board was very good and cordial especially chairwoman
10. It was very great experience much better than last time

Utility of mocks-

1. Just for confidence building.. Nothing else
 2. Don't mind feedback
- All the best to everyone

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Date of Interview: 07/02/2023 forenoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: Sociology

Profession: Dentistry

Work ex: One year internship in a govt hospital

Home State: Madhya Pradesh, Indore

Utility of mocks: appear in mocks for confidence building and for learning body language.

UPSC Interview is an altogether different experience which cannot be replicated in mocks.

Chairman

1. Chairperson ma'am made me comfortable first and then started with questions

2. You are a trained professional (dentist), why did you choose civil services ?
3. What was the protocol for dentists during COVID?
4. What is the reason behind Indore's success in cleanliness? A few more questions on this....

Member 1

1. Tell me a few places in and around indore to visit
2. Why is jahaz mahal called so?
3. What is the one gender issue that you would like to work on? I mentioned women education
4. What steps would you like to take? A few questions on this....
5. What did you find the most innovative in this year's budget?
6. What are the steps suggested for green growth in the budget? Few questions followed
7. Why is care economy still not accounted for in our GDP?
8. You solve sudoku, so do you also take interest in crosswords and other words based puzzles? She wanted to ask about wordle. I said I have tried it but do not play it regularly. So she did not ask anything else about it

Member 2

1. You solve sudoku, so how many squares are there in a sudoku?
2. At what level do you play and how much time do you take to solve it?
3. What is the history of sudoku?
4. What is green hydrogen mission?
5. Do you think green hydrogen can be a viable source of energy?
6. What is the difference between green and grey hydrogen?

Member 3

1. So tell me MP has the largest _____. I said tribes, she asked what else. I said tigers, she again asked anything else. I said forest area. This is what she wanted to hear.
2. What were the changes made to the forest conservation act?
3. What are the reasons for increased rate of divorces today?
4. In NEP, what is very innovative and stressed upon step for females? I told whatever I could remember. She wanted to hear easy entry easy exit which i could not tell so she herself told me.
5. Few questions on women health also followed

Member 4

1. During covid, there was a crisis of reverse migrants. What were the steps taken by the government? Few more questions on this.
2. Do you think our government could manage the pandemic well?

- The board was very cordial. Everyone was smiling throughout and therefore could not make out much if they were convinced with my answers.

Stay calm and present in the moment. All the best.

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Date of Interview: 9 Feb 2023

Board: Preeti Sudan

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Profession (if any): past exp. 2 startups; Textile Technology graduation

Hobbies: Badminton and Manganiyar Folk Music

Chairman

- Tell me about your district (Barmer)
- You worked in startup e commerce as agregator.. such as Uber..
- What have you done in startup..
- What is future of agregator.
- Who will be liable for offence committed by an a partner of aggregator ?
- As a policy maker how will you decide liability
- What are civil and criminal liability of government employees.
- From which part of constitution government get power to sign contract.

Member 1

- Why indian textile not doing good as compared to small countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh.
- Cotton shirt needed 250 to 400 litter water. What is scope of reuse old cloth.
- How will you promote reuse as a policy maker. As secretary.
- Do you know about Komal Kothari, what is his contribution.

Member 2

- Why social evils still prevelant in rajasthan.. what are major social evils. What steps are taken.
- Why no significant change despite many acts.
- Lokpal and Lokayukta are they originated in India or taken from other country. What is principles on which it is based
- Do you know about Waterman of india ?

Member 3

- Tell me about major social issue/problem, and acts for that.. what are performances of acts .

2. Why despite acts things not improving. What can be done.

Member 4

1. Tell about about Indias relationships with all neighbors
2. How's is trade with Pakistan, at which places it is happening, is it happening in rajasthan.
3. How indias relationships with Afghanistan

Member 5

1. Compare economic crisis of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. ?
2. What is strength of India when compared with these neighbors.
3. What is Demand of grants.
4. Gave hint of article 266
5. What is appropriation bill.
6. Is budget used just after 1 feb or for a time amount is used.
7. From where India take external loan
8. What is major source of internal debt
9. Have you gone through any recent budget documents. Asking more on lines of different bills passed in budget.

Duration. 35 minutes

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Date of Interview: 7th Feb 2023, Afternoon session

Board: Preeti Sudan

Home State: Bihar

Everyone was sitting in criss crossed position

3 female member

Chairman

1. Plz remove your mask
Yes, mam with smile.
2. ok what is isha kriya?
3. tell me in brief(daf)
4. how it will help you in administration
5. counter to my question.what is more important brain or heart while dealing with people-
6. i will give you a situation. cm is calling you. you have one vehicle. accident of one woman with your vehicle. what will you do? where you will go-cm or hospital.

Member 2

1. govt provides lot of welfare scheme.tell me 3 most important

2. i ask in detail.tell me more.
3. Ok lets talk about them one by one
4. First tell what is awaas yojana.what we are doing
5. How beneficiary is select ed.which data is used
6. What happens after that..
7. What after that.here now I had to say sir iske aage nhi pata
8. Ok now talk swach bharat.
9. Pillars
10. How states have fared.
11. Ok fine...

Member 3

1. Tell me important places in rewa (hometown)
2. I am from Bihar there people use local material for earthquake resistance. what it can be.
3. ok but in delhi we might not have those material.so how we will do retrofitting.tell me technical details of it...
4. tell me something about pension scheme.what is this all fuss about
5. then she asked in ops whether there was any fund.how govt employees were paid..

Member 4

1. who regulate capital market
2. full form of sebi
3. what are assets and liabilities of company
4. what is different between debt and equity
5. will equity be a liability for a company
6. ok tell me about hydropower.
7. What all civil engineer should kept in between (
8. (hinted talk about soil)
9. ok what is aatmanirbhar
10. Ok so it mean we will be producing all items within the country
11. Ok tell me what is problem in pharmaceuticals wrt aatmanirbhar

Member 5

1. so you are associated with isha foundation?
2. ok so you haven't went to isha centre
3. She said mahashivaratri mai jaao badhiya mahaul hoga..I said yes mam I m
4. planning post my interview
Ok
5. Why shiva is called aadiyogi

6. Why mahashivaratri
 7. Ok leave it .it is out of syllabus(mam said)
 8. What is wood test.how it is done
 9. So you mention about Punjab in your previous answer.what is the reason of debt in Punjab
 10. Punjab has major revenue form?
 11. Nhi she said humara punjaab daaru ka consumption kaafi karta hai
- Chairman-ok** interview is over.take your mask.

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Date of Interview: 6th Feb Afternoon**Board:** Preeti Sudan**Optional:** PSIR**Home State:** Haryana**Chairman**

1. How has sex ratio improved in Haryana? (Came to know in waiting hall that Ma'am initiated BBBP, so straight away mentioned that..)
2. Was there role of Khaps also in that?
3. How has community development worked in Haryana? Which was the first community development block of India (Nilokheri- didn't know)?
4. Why has Haryana grown economically so fast?

Member 1

1. Gave an example of mothers cooking food in Tamil Nadu School. What are the pros you will expect from that?
2. What bills are part of budget? What is contingency fund of India?
3. What should be its quantum?
4. How does it get recouped?
5. What are the new chapters that have been added to economic survey?

Member 3

1. Musharaff died yesterday. What is he associated with?
2. What were the outcomes of Kargil?
3. I told shekatkar committe etc.
4. He then asked One Border One Force? I told all the paramilitaries associated with borders... He said One Border One Force came out of Kargil..
5. What major event in India during tenure of Musharraf? What were the outcomes of Agra Summit?
6. What is the difference between LoC and LAC?

7. What is the difference between LAC and International Border?
8. What is the biggest takeaway from India's relationship with Bangladesh in recent years?
Told LBA.
9. What are the learnings?

Member 3

1. What is your opinion of coaching centres? Answered for JEE. Then he asked about UPSC specifically. Long discussion.
2. What is holistic education? In context of NPE.
3. Is power generation in India enough for demand?
4. What will be impact of solar? Is hydrogen not the answer when I mentioned battery tech...

Member 4

1. Who is India's best neighbor? Why not Nepal?
2. what is urban planning? Mumbai and Kolkata are dying, what is the solution?
3. Do you have any onr particular solution?
4. What do you know of Chanakya? What was mandal siddhanta?

Gave only one mock this time: ForumIAS. Have given one interview before so didn't feel the need this time.

Learning from last interview was that mocks try to focus on DAF too much which takes away lot of energy and time while most of the time interview is from current affairs and core GS , optional etc.

So focused on content mostly this time and prepared DAF only uptil where it was reasonable. Another learning from last interview: At the end presence of mind and confidence matters. For that you need to treat it a lot lighter than the pressure it usually brings. Easier said then done. But try it as much as possible.

About the Board: Extremely cordial.

All the Best.

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Board: Preeti Sudan

Date of Interview: 7th Feb, forenoon session

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Optional: Mathematics

Background: Scientific computing, Software Engineer

Chairman

1. Tell me something about Kanpur
2. You are already in good Job and then why civil services

3. Impact that you can bring to civil services administration by your software engineer background

Member 1

1. What are Mathematics Models and tell me something of recent models.
2. Consolidated and Public Fund
3. Contingency fund of India
4. 2 named industries of Kanpur and current progress?

Member 2

1. what have govt. did specific for women in digitalisation(No clue specific to women, answered some common)
2. what are cyber crimes? Examples of some cyber crimes?
3. steps taken to tackle those crimes? said data protection bill,cant remember more sorry

Member 3

1. What Is EVM (no clue ,that was specific to job not electronic voting machine)
2. What is scientific computing and how it is different ?
Not able to remember more questions ,sorry for the short memory

Member 4

1. Tell me about foriegn policies with the neighbourhood countries.
2. Your interview is over ,you may go now.
3. Timing- about 25min
4. Not much covered from DAF
5. Most of the members was expressionless , was not able to understand if it was good by their faces(felt)
6. Mock interviews - It was helpful to gain some confidence ,but overall it is a different bowl altogether.
7. MAINS is the key
8. O2O with Vinay Sir, Next IAS practice Mock was helpful for me, SOMP sessions too
9. All the best for Coming ones

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Board: Preeti Sudan

Home State: Gujarat

Background: Mech engineering

Service: IIS & BDO

Optional: PSIR

Hobby: KABADDI

Cordial board

Chairman

1. IIS Training journey
2. Best part of training
3. Where did you done SFC ?
4. What is the problem of Joshimath? And solutions
5. Tell me two best things that you have done during BDO tenure?
6. Why so much vaccines hesitancy in developed world compare to India?

Member 2

1. So, do you think that bz of vaccine there is less damage to india , explain it ?
2. Do you have interest in finance?
3. Finance committees?
4. Appropriation account?
5. Loan and borrowing from which account?
6. Budget passing process?
7. Relationship between CAG & PAC?

Member 3

1. Do you agree with the statement that Block development officer's "Block"s development?
2. Do you think that NTPC is responsible for joshimath?
3. Do you think that there is conspiracy behind this agitations? Envi vs development?

Member 4

1. why amul model hasn't successful in other states?
2. Neo colonialism ?
3. What are the steps in cyber security?
4. Kautilya vs machiavelli ?Similarity?

Member 5

1. Uttarakhand track route
2. Rafting ?
3. Safety ?
4. Prayags?
5. Name of dehradun airport ?
6. Track: oli, chopta, joshimath ?

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Date and session of Interview - 6th Feb, Afternoon, 3rd to go

Board: Preeti Sudan

Background: CSE, IIT Guwahati

Home State: Bihar

Work Ex - GS, Ola

Optional: Psychology

Hobbies: Chess, Speedcubing, Watching psychological crime thrillers

Chairman

1. Remove your mask and make yourself fully comfortable and let me know when you're good to go.
2. So, you've worked in GS and are working at Ola. Is that correct?
3. What do you think about these cab aggregators like Uber and Ola?
4. They don't own any cars & still make profit. What do you have to say to that?
5. Tell me some psychological impacts of Covid-19.
6. *missing one question* * (I guess)

Member 1

1. Name the left bank tributaries of the river Ganges.
2. What is the impact of these rivers on Bihar?
3. So, you've mentioned Kosi or Saptakosi, tell me why is it called the sorrow of Bihar?
4. What are the methods you'll take to control flooding in Bihar that have yet not been taken?
5. What if I say that the water from floods can also be used as assets? What would be your take on that?

Member 2

1. So, what have you been doing since past 3 years?
2. Tell me, what accountability does Uber/Ola have towards customers when drivers cancel the confirmed ride from their end?
3. What if the driver does not want to go to a specific location?
4. What is the concept of surge pricing?
5. How did you implement that at Ola? And is there any limit on how much you can surge?
6. What is a narcissist personality? Since you watch psychological thrillers, you must be familiar with it.
7. Tell me something more about it.

Member 3

1. What is Shang-a-Lang? (No clue there, no clue here, I told her to repeat the question but I still don't know what word was that – the only question I straightaway rejected)
2. Achha leave it, you seem to be very good at Psychology, tell me why didn't you pursue to become a counsellor and why have you opted for Civil services?
3. Tell me about the drug addiction in India, why is it increasing with time?
4. Elaborate a few solutions from your end?
5. You've been in Ola, so you might be knowing a bit about transport. Are metros a viable public transport option and are they a feasible option in Indian cities right now?
6. But DTC buses carry more passengers on a daily basis as compared to the Delhi metro, what's your take on that?

Member 4

1. You were in Guwahati. What all places you visited in North-East during that period?
2. Why didn't you visit Arunachal Pradesh?
3. Tell me your experience of Kaziranga National Park – first as a tourist then as an administrator.
4. What would happen if Kaziranga NP is open for the whole year instead of just 6 months? Positive and Negative both.
5. You have studied Sanskrit till class 10th, then why did you all of a sudden choose Painting in class 12th. What all you studied during those 2 years?
6. Do you still paint?
7. You seem to be a very focussed person. Is that so?
8. Last question from my side, how would you design something using your knowledge of Computer Science so that when tourists want to visit a particular place in India, they can easily purchase tickets for it online.
9. You explained me the whole ecosystem, tell me about the particular thing related to money, how would the government get money?
Payment Gateway it is !

Chairperson – Your interview is over, you may leave now.

Thanked them all and left

– *Transcript end* –

Comments –

1. The room was big with Chairperson, M4 and M5 at the table (too far) while M1 and M2 at a distance of 2-3 feet away from me.
2. The help came around 4-5 times during the 35-37 minutes of interview, sometimes with samosas, sometimes with chai.

3. The board was **TOO** cordial. I enjoyed the experience to the core, cause why not!
4. *O2O mocks*
5. Shankar IAS (very decent)
6. Ravindran Sir (boosted a lot of confidence)
7. NextIAS (called me today to have an O2O with Bassi sir, I chose my UPSC interview over it)
8. *Panel mocks*
9. UPSCPrep (got butchered)
10. Vajirao (okayish)

Utility of mocks - Apne apne hisaab se dekh lo!

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Date of Interview: 6/2/23, Afternoon Session, First to go
Board: Preeti Sudan
Optional: Sociology
Background: BITS Pilani, Goa Campus
Hobbies: Reading non-fiction books, running
 Your experience in interview-Cordial board, very few counter questions
 Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- To gain confidence and increase the chance of practicing questions which might be asked (in my case about non-fiction books)

Chairman

1. (telling me to get comfortable)
2. Right away asked about my hobby which was reading non-fiction books
3. Some brief discussion on that
4. Do you use Chatgpt?
5. How will it impact our future
6. AI and it's potential

Member 1

1. Asked something about cloning (I said I'm not sure about it)
2. Discussion on AI
3. Two important initiatives in the Budget

Member 2

1. Again asked about non-fiction book and difference between traditional and behavioral economics (since I had mentioned I like to read books on economy)
2. How can India achieve net zero target and further discussion on that

Member 3

1. Need for police reforms and what do you suggest
2. Judicial reforms
3. Outcomes of CoP27

Member 4

1. Asked about my dual degree (just the concept of dual degree)
2. Other economic activities in Goa besides tourism
3. These were the broad questions, a very abridged version of the actual “interview” since I am not able to recall many questions

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Date of Interview: 2-5-23(Afternoon)
Background: Mechanical Engineering (Nothing asked)
Board: RN Choubey Sir
Home State: Tamilnadu (nothing asked)
Optional: Public administration (Nothing asked)
Hobby: cultivation of jackfruit and cashew(Nothing asked)
 Not even Single word from DAF

Chairman

1. Same usual convincing words
2. Tell me your academic background and work experience any?
3. Is nuclear energy green energy?
4. percentage of green energy in India?
5. I was asking entire energy sector not just electricity (don't know)

Member 1

1. Tell me about Basel Accord(Told Africa,waste dumping)
2. Basel in economy ?
3. Where are we Basel 3 or 2?
4. what are steps for increasing investment after Npa crisis?
5. How to increase financial literacy?

Member 2

1. Some Delhi news(Chairman interrupted and told he is from south he would have studied different edition)
2. What are 5C problems in civil services?(No clue)
3. Told Cag,CBI,CIC,CVC,court are 5C and are these disturbing civil servants from functioning?(Little grilling not satisfied)
4. How to increase professionalism in admn?
5. You told nuclear waste is a problem to chairman... explain?

Member 3

1. why organ donation lesser in India?
2. How to improve?
3. what is deepfake? Explained but asked me to tell more...

Member 4

1. Top 3 Employment generating sectors?
2. why is tourism important?

3. How to improve it?
4. Its importance in Tribal Areas?
5. Infrastructure of Tourism in India?

Chairman

1. Would you like to tell anything
2. Pleasure taking to you
3. All the best
4. Left mask (Told me to take it).

(2)

Date of Interview: 02/05/2023 Forenoon session, 5th to go

Board: RN Choubey

Home state: Kerala

Optional: Malayalam Literature

Background: Production Engg.

Hobbies: Football, Tennis, Movies (No questions asked)

Work experience: Mentor in CSE coaching institute

Duration: 25-30mins

Chairman

1. What do you do in Mentorship?
2. Tell me 2 philosophies of Gandhiji that you don't agree with?
3. Do you agree with banning caste system by law?
4. What is your opinion on prohibition of liquor in a state like Kerala? Is it justified that state earns revenue from liquor sale?

Member 1

1. What will you do to increase employment in your home state of Kerala?
2. What is your opinion on EWS reservation?
3. Has the Constitution been amended for it?
4. India has made much progress in UPI. But access to devices is less in rural areas. How to solve this?

Member 2

1. Gandhiji talked about non-violence. But his act of fasting was the greatest violence... Do you agree?
2. Do you know about recent measure of TRAI to eliminate spamming?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of AI?

4. Will AI lead to job loss?

Member 3

1. You were not in support of prohibition of liquor. Why can't we legalise drugs as well?
2. Are there any drugs which are legal in some other countries?
3. Can they be made legal even in India?

Member 4

1. Is labour an issue in Kerala?
2. Is trade unionism contributing to low industrial growth in Kerala?
3. Then why don't we ban trade unionism?
4. What is the origin of labour movement ?
5. What is the size of Indian economy? Tell me in Indian Rupees.
6. What is Indian economy's position among different economies?
7. What is Purchasing power parity?
8. Do you have anything to ask us....Thank you.

Experience: Cordial board overall

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<p>Date of Interview: 3rd May</p> <p>Board: RN Choubey</p> <p>Optional: Sociology</p> <p>Home State: Odisha</p> <p>Background: Mechanical</p> <p>Hobby: not asked</p> <p>Key words: Revenue officer, Odisha</p>
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Chairman

The usual things

1. What led to economic liberalisation in 1992
2. what are the constituents of it
3. We opened imports or both import and export?
4. Why did we open import? doesn't it harm our BoP?

Member 1

1. Why encroachment removal is necessary
2. What are the methods to prevent encroachment
3. Are you in favour or against caste census? Give reasons

Member 2

1. What is govt doing to uplift backward districts of Odisha?
2. What is the population of India ?
3. What is the literacy rate ?

Member 3

1. What is IBC,2016
2. what is demographic dividend
3. What is unity in diversity
4. What is inclusive banking
5. Will private sector promote inclusive banking or go against it?

Member 4

1. what is fiscal policy
2. What are the methods of fiscal policy
3. what is monetary policy
4. what are the methods of monetary policy

Chairman - Anything you want to talk to us.

Mock experience- didn't give any

(Economy is not a keyword in my daf. Phir bhi maximum questions economy se puchhe)

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Date of Interview: 03-05-2023

Slot: morning session, 1st to go

Board: Honourable RN Choubey sir

Keywords - Doctor, Not for profit clinic, anthro,

Hobbies: blog writing, anime watching, stress counseling

Sports- cricket, badminton, carrom

Optional: Anthropology

Background: M.B.B.S

Chairman

We are not here to interrogate you. We are friendly people, you need not have to get scared. Let's have a friendly conversation.

1. So drkalpane tell me about your education and work experience
2. how are managing not profit clinic?
3. doctors are angels especially after corona. Then why do you want to become Babu?
4. Name any 3 financial regulators of India
5. shouldn't we merge or should we maintain status quo?

Member 1

1. What is issue about PM CARES
2. Why do have hope that govt will release the data about its utilization in near future.
3. Can medical be sued by consumer protection act? If yes, when? Don't you think suing also will increase the unnecessary diagnostic tests to be conducted for doctors defense?

Member 2

1. Why are you writing the questions asked and replying answers based on it? How does it help? Is it your style since a long time?
2. How do you think democracy is maintained in India?(I mentioned the word democracy earlier)

Member 3

1. How is agriculture in India progressing?
2. Do you think the financial regulatory bodies need to be separate as you mentioned earlier?
3. What is climate change impact on agriculture and what is to be done to mitigate it?

Member 4

1. Do you tribes need to isolated or assimilated
2. Don't you think isolating certain tribes is nothing but keeping them in zoo

Chairman sir- your interview is over. Thank you. I am giving you blank cheque. Tell me if you have anything to share with us, if not, you may leave.

Me- i shared about how cricket is microcosm of my life and how being captain changed my perspective about the game.

Opinion - it was a relaxed interview. Most of the time I was smiling and they responded similarly. 2-3 times they laughed at me too Eg- how are you running non profit clinic? I said my dad funds it and i provide service.

Everyone keenly observe how to write,talk and walk.

So overall nice experience, however you never know how the marks are awarded.

Reading transcripts were extremely useful. Also i did not take any mocks.

(5)

Date of Interview: 25/4/2023 Afternoon session, 5th to go

Board: RN Choubey – all male panel

Optional: Psychology

Background: Automobile engineering

Hobbies: No questions on DAF, hobbies, home state, district etc

Duration: 25-30mins

Chairman

Monologue about them being good people, said feel free to ask us to repeat again if you couldn't hear us properly

1. Do IC engines have a future
2. Efficiency difference between IC and EV power train
3. Comparative power difference between same size petrol and EV vehicle
4. Resources are in forested areas so we are importing despite availability, what should we do?
5. Issues plaguing power sector and discussions regarding the power sector

Member 1

1. What is ED
2. What is money laundering
3. Why are institutions afraid of ED
4. Is there cartelisation in telecom sector
5. Body that ensures fair competition between companies?

Member 2

1. Are data and Call prices really very low compared to other countries
2. New player (JIO) arrival into telecom sector in 2016
3. Does new player work for charity or profit minded
4. Why new player reduced prices to low levels
5. Amendment to prevention of atrocities act in 2020
6. Collegium system controversy and your opinion about it

Member 3

1. Difference between F1 & F2
2. Do you know about witchcraft?
3. Which state witchcraft is still an issue
4. If posted as DM in such an area, what will you do
5. Any measures related to education to address the issue of witchcraft
6. Any psychology concepts regarding children and their education
7. What has Piaget said about children's education
8. Do you know Artemis mission
9. Purpose of Artemis mission
10. Any purpose apart from scientific discovery

Member 4

1. Health of automotive sector & some discussions about this
2. Penetration of EV into Indian market
3. Are we protective of our Indian automotive sector
4. Elon musk tweet about inability to enter into Indian market. Why?

5. Should we reduce customs to allow Tesla to enter & some discussions relating to Tesla, local manufacturing.
 6. Imagine you are musk, what would you do.
 7. Will Indian market be profitable for Tesla, if not, what else can it do using its presence in India.
 8. Do you know about FTA, any FTA currently being negotiated?
 9. India UK FTA where UK wants easy access for its automobiles & scotch in return for allowing Indian textiles. Should we accept this terms?
 10. How should our negotiations be. Some discussions relating to this, percentages we can agree on, benefit of our textiles having access to UK market etc
- Thank you. We had a nice time talking to you. You can go now

Experience: felt friendly, there were cross questions but not aggressive. Members tried to get answers out of me and were giving expressions after hearing answers as well. Cordial board overall

Utility of mocks: Not much. I personally felt too many mocks will tinker with my originality. Can be useful to get a hang of talking to senior pros. Other than that, there's very little similarity between the actual interview and mocks. O2O based on DAF can be useful if the board decides to ask questions based on DAF

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Date of Interview: 24/4/23

Board: RN Choubey sir

Home State: HARYANA

Nothing else from DAF

Chairman

1. Normal introduction to pacify
2. What did you eat in breakfast
3. Natural justice
4. forex reserves how much
5. Who owns
6. Tata order and it's ramifications on other pvt sector

Member 1

1. Haryana issues
2. Discussion on farm laws what why concerns
3. Why do you want to do civil services

Member 2

1. Right to health and protest around it
2. Digital economy GMO
3. Ways in which constitution can be amended

Member 3

1. Constitutional amendment
2. How courts have power of JR
3. Discussion around Basic structure doctrine
4. Solar power and challenges around it

Member 4

1. AI chatbots
2. Impact on creativity
3. And what shall be our policy around it
4. For what purposes shall AI be used

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Date of Interview: 19/04/23**Board:** R N Choubey

Daf- Nothing asked

Chairman

Be comfortable, we are not here to interrogate you.

1. How did a civil engineer choose Sociology as optional?
2. What are the contents of IPC CRPC and Evidence act?
3. When were they enacted?
4. What is the difference between Constitution and law?
5. Why did these acts come before Constitution? (How can children come before mother?-his actual words)

Member 1

1. Suppose you are a DM, what will you do to solve drug problem?
2. What will you do to improve health of women and children?
3. What will you do to improve schooling?

Member 2

1. What is Gati shakti?
2. What is OROP and what is the controversy?
3. Whom do you support?
4. Is Make in India a hoax or success?

5. What should be done to improve quality of teachers?
6. Do you believe in Vastu? Have you ever used it?

Member 3

1. Is agriculture a state subject? Then why did center make Farm laws?
2. Is there any relation between caste and occupation? Does it still continue? Do you support it?
3. What is CSR?
4. If you are a DM and all companies in your area are giving there funds to PM-CARES, what will you do?

Member 4

1. Why is CJI talking about preamble?
2. What is preamble? Is it a part of the Constitution?
3. What is basic structure? What are it's elements?
4. Suppose you are a DM, and all your employees are corrupt, what will you do?
5. Suppose you are a DM, and there is a natural disaster in your area, and your parents are unwell.. And forcing you to come, what will you do?
6. Suppose you are not selected, what is your Plan-B?

Ch- We have asked everything we wanted to, do you want to discuss anything? (I asked permission to discuss a topic and did so)

Chairman- Good to hear that. All the best.

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Date of Interview: 19/04/23, Afternoon (Last candidate to go)

Board: RN Choubey

Background: B.Tech(EEE)

DAF: NSS, Bilaspur(CG), Chennai,

Optional: PSIR

Hobby: Reading, Playing Tennis, Watching F1

Chairman

(Usual disclaimer to raise the comfort level, asked me if i had any covid symptoms and told me to remove the mask and place it on the table)

1. Tell us very briefly about your education.
2. What is rules based world order?
3. Is it serving the American interests?
4. Should there be any rule based order and why?

(Sir left the room right after i finished the last answer and asked the member sitting immediately to my left to take over)

Member 1

1. What is the ultimate goal of naxalites?
2. If you are the DM of a naxal affected district in your state, tell us what measures you can take to curb their activities and help the citizens of your district?
(No follow up questions, he waited for a few seconds and then asked the only lady member who was also sitting to my left to continue)

Member 2

1. Sex Ratio of Chhattisgarh is very poor(she gave wrong data), why is that?
-> I politely told her about the NFHS5 data on sex ratio in Chhattisgarh.
2. Okay, assume that the sex ration is poor. Now, what measures can you take as a DM to improve the situation?
3. We are looking at the 4th wave of COVID now. You are a DM and you're given 15 days to control the spread in your district. Suggest measures?
4. Police in Delhi is under LG. Do you think police should come under the CM instead?
5. Can you tell me any other connection between Dholpur and Delhi apart from this building?
(She passed it on to the member sitting on my right, she remained hostile throughout)

Member 3

1. Everyone has something bad to say about Pakistan. Can you tell me good things about Pakistan?
2. Do you think India and Pakistan should merge?
3. Do you believe such merger will be beneficial for India?
(No follow up questions, passed onto the last member)

Member 4

1. Explain the Indian stand in Ukraine-Russia war?
2. Do you think Indian stand is good for our economy?
3. How can we reduce our gas and oil import bill?
4. What is methanol economy?
5. What should be the Indian response if US and China engage in an all out nuclear war?
(No follow up questions)

RNC:

1. You play tennis. Who is your favorite tennis player?(Federer)
2. Why?(One-handed backhand)
3. Who is your favorite F1 driver?(Verstappen)
4. Any relation between Netherland and what is currently being discussed in SC?(same sex marriage)

RNC : Is there any area where you'd like us to engage further with you?(No sir)
Are you satisfied?

(Yes sir)

You can leave, Thank you!

Your experience in interview:

Was nervous at the beginning but the panel was really supportive and made me comfortable. Felt like a regular conversation with elders in the family.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any):

Prepared me for the worst. Mock grilling helped me in keeping my composure during difficult questions and whenever i felt cornered.

Questions in the real interview were very different from what i was used to in mock interviews. My only take is expect the unexpected and always be ready for surprises.

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Date of Interview: 21.04.23

Board: RN. Choubey sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Punjab

(No questions from hobbies etc)

Chairman

1. Tell something about your academic background and work experience, if any.
2. Should India recognise Taliban regime
3. Has India recognised Myn's military regime and North Korea's regime.
4. Should India join Nato
5. What if tomorrow China goes for all out hot war, and USA and other nations don't come to our rescue.
6. How will we manage without USA in case of 2 front war.

Member 1

1. How are China's relations with Phillipines and Vietnam.
2. A question on India- Vietnam joint cooperation
3. Why Punjab's youth is not attracted to agriculture
4. If you were Punjab's Agri Secretary, what steps will you take to improve state of Punjab's agriculture.
5. How do you see the role of foreign governments in controlling radical elements and the activities they performed after recent crackdown by punjab police
6. Your views on farm laws
7. Why was there a deadlock(a follow up question on this)

Member 2

1. Is India self sufficient in fertilizers.
2. How can be become atmanirbhar in fertiliser sector
3. Impact of migration taking place abroad
4. A few more questions which I don't remember

Member 3

1. Contribution of movies to your society
2. Aspects of our culture, you think, are not good
3. Name some UNESCO world heritage sites
4. Full form of UNESCO.
5. Controversy w.r.t CoP in Dubai
6. Controversy w.r.t leak of USA's secret documents.

Member 4

1. How to improve informal sector of economy
 2. What should be done to ensure balance between promoting interest of entrepreneurs and social security of workers
 3. How can the growth of small firms be ensured
- Some more questions on Indian economy which I'm unable to recall.

Chairman- Will you like to suggest us a topic, incase you feel we missed that?

Overall, the experience was quite pleasant.

Utility of mocks- High. They helped boost the confidence. Mock experience at KSG, Chanakya, Vajiram, Vajirao and Chahal was good.

O2O- Got quite a few pertinent suggestions from Khan sir, Vikas Kanukollu sir & Utkarsh sir.

Thanks!

Best wishes to all.

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Date of Interview: 20 April afternoon

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: Chemistry

Time: 20-22 mins

DAF keywords- athletics, chemistry optional + others but baaki kisi se kuch poocha nhi

Chairman

1. My name resembles to any historical figure?(Mahabharat)
SP of district and handling atiq ahmed case and encounter related (counter questions on this by making stakes high)

Member 1

1. Petrol or diesel- which is worse in terms of environment (sorry bol Diya)
2. Skilled or blue collar worker- which is better?
3. Why Migrants go outside India reasons?
4. How to stop them?

Member 2

1. PM ujawala yojana success?
2. NGT vs chemical industries- means envt vs industries- what to do?
3. Liquid waste management measures?

Member 3

1. What is government?
2. What is governance ?
3. DM of district – how to tackle adulturation issue in food?

Member 4

1. 400M world record?
2. 400m record of Milkha Singh?
3. Why India have not been able to produce good athletes in past? And what to do?
4. India China issues? And has India given response to China in good way or lacked?
5. Apple store opening in India? Your say on it.

Overall experience – relaxed, enjoyed conversation and felt good after coming out. Could not have done any better from my side.

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Date of Interview: 13/4/23, Afternoon slot , 1st to Go.

Board: RN Choubey sir

Optional: PSIR (No ques on IR)

Home state: Home city No Questions.

Workex: Export logistics.

Chairman

1. We are good people , friendly and all starting statement .
2. After that No Quesns asked by chairman.
3. He asked M1 to ask.

Member 1

1. SC judgment on ECI what was the need
2. Is ECI partisan?
3. Do you remember any instance where ECI appeared partisan or was alleged .
4. Police reforms commission
5. mention few reforms
6. Separation of law and order and investigation why needed , why cant same person do both.
Counter Qs loop on this

Member 2

(Daf based – Twitter , social media)

1. twitter elon musk views , his recent bbc interview , views on Indian laws.
2. Recent IT rules amendment
3. Do u think Govt shd solely decide
4. Is misleading content subjective word
5. fact check unit issue , do u support it or not z how it will affect free speech.
6. What is zero waste strategy in industries

Member 3

Env't lover.

1. what is climate justice
2. total co2 emission in world value batao
3. india per capita emission value batao
4. climate finance and developed countries issue have they fulfilled obligation
5. what india says in climate finance by developed nations
6. What is LIFE mission

Member 4

workex + gs based.

1. why india no transshipment hub but SL is
2. issues of logistics
3. GST increase implications on development
4. baki yad nahi

Chairman again – No Qs asked

Okay, we are done from our side, Do you want to ask/ say anything. I thanked for the opportunity and he said you are free now, Jao Matlab.

Mock utility – For communication, confidence, speaking practice, situational Question handling.

Good mocks – Chahal , chanakya mandal , only ias , sankalp , vajirao , unacademy.

Okayish – next ias , drishti ias , shankar

One to one – Ravindran, mohan sir (ias baba) , vinay sir (Insights) were good. Kaptaan sir call one day before interview helped in boosting the Josh.

Upsc Qs you can't predict , Very few though were asked in mocks. Also Chaubeverse includes whole GS topics kitna h padh loge.

Baki Jo Mahadev ne likha hai , jo wo chahenge wo hoga hi , apna kaam kare , koshish karein chill mode me rahein.

Good luck to those who are left with PT.

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<p>Date of Interview: 13th April, forenoon session, 6th to go</p> <p>Board: RN Choubey sir</p> <p>Optional: Public administration</p> <p>Home State: Maharashtra</p> <p>space physics, agriculture, tennis, human rights in India</p>

Chairman

1. If u dont have any covid symotoms,then remove your mask and put it on the table
2. Tell us about academic background and work experience if any
3. Who regulates print media,electronic media and social media?
4. tell me any particular body regulating electronic media like tvs etc.

Member 1

1. As u have pub ad optional(Long monologue on government discretion in appointments of higher authorities)such appointments are problematic with no formal method of appointments like selction committes,what do u think of such discretion?Has it served the purpose of good leadership?
2. There r many rbi governors(with reference from my earlier answer)who did not perform well on the other hand we have exceptional performances,why such a dichotomy?What determines success?Is government discretion in appointment is at fault here?What r leadership qualities required to succeed in such high positions?
3. When we talk about maharashtra,two personalities comes to mind,Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Veer Savarkar.What do u think of both these personalities and their impact on maharashtra.
4. Compare Shivaji maharaj to veer savarkar,what are similarities?
5. Long monologue on how there is intolerance in maharashtra to criticism of these personalities but outside maharashtra,they criticed(gave ex of odisha where shivaji maharaj isnt considered great)How to deal with such contradictions?

Member 2

1. Let's continue on savarkar,Tell me any two good and two bad qualities of savarkar.
2. U play tennis,when ball is hit,the trajectory followed by the ball,which laws of physics are involved?

3. The ball dips when it crosses the net, why this happens?
4. What is Higgs Boson? How it was discovered? Why this discovery important to physics?
5. Gave a statement and asked whether u agree with it or not: "India can be only expressed in plurals"
6. Is diversity india's strength? How it's a challenge? What needs to be done?

Member 3

1. Why it's called human rights in india? As these r universal rights, is human rights different in different countries?
2. Long monologue on how ngos do work on protecting human rights, but they r in trouble today, what's the reasons for it?
3. Do u think government is overreacting by use of excessive force on such ngos? Will it be counterproductive?

Member 4

1. Which international organisation has its HQ in India?
2. what are the aims and objectives of ISA?
3. what is Government target in achieving solar energy by 2030?
4. Kolhapur a sugar hub, what r issues in farm productivity? Is sugarcane sustainable? What r issues in this?
5. Ethanol blending targets and role of sugarcane factories
6. How it will benefit farmers and its impact on overall india's imports of energy.
7. What r cogeneration plants? Are they green?

Chairman:

Its nice meeting u. Do u want to share anything? (I said it's my birthday today and it's privilege to meet such esteemed people. Then he said Happy Birthday and Have a nice day... wishing u all the best for future.)...

My experience: Highly opinion based qs. Good feelings about my performance. Mocks help in having good mindset and framing answns. Gave 5-6 mocks. KSG, StudyIQ, Byjus, Chanakya Mandal were good..

All the best

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Date of Interview: April 6th, 2023.

Board: RN. Choubey sir

Optional: Sociology

Background: political science graduation,

Hobby: swimming

Chairman

Chairman asked me to be comfortable by saying that we are friendly people to have conversation with you..

1. Tell me your backgrounds and work experience
2. Why did you go for external Education (daf)
3. Statement. Shall we remove Rajya sabha and legislative council... 1-2 counter question

Member 1

1. What is difference between powers of directors of company and managers of company..
2. Who appoint accountants of pub limited company and pvt compony..
3. Other 2-3 questions not able to recall

Member 2

1. What is difference in law and political science
2. Define state in terms of law and pol science
3. Where state is defined in constitution
4. What is state in constitution
5. Can corporates be called state
6. What kind of writs are there

Member 3

1. You have studied in village school What change do you want to bring in that village school
2. What is eat right movement
3. What is pro planet people
4. Which habits of yours can be changed to avert climate change
5. What corona has taught us..
6. What are values in sociology
7. Can there be conflict between personal and social values ... its examples
8. What is hybrid immunity?

Member 4

1. Name change by China What is your view(Arunachal Pradesh saga)
2. Change of name of cities like Allahabad and change of history
3. Change of name of cities and comment from other country of India being intolerant..
4. Shall we stop import from china
5. Millet year... what are its advantages
6. How can we resolve conflict with China when they arbitrarily change names of territories in India

Don't recall some questions..

mocks at ksg, vajirao, Jnyanprabodhini, chanakya Mandal, unacademy ,Chahal, Sankalp ,
chavan sir...

Best luck to all...

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Date of Interview: 6 April 2023, Afternoon, 1st to go

Board: RN Choubey sir

DAF keywords: No relevance at all.

Chairman

same monologue about how we are goid people and wanted you to relax...

1. Is there corruption in FCI.
2. Role of fci.
3. why not DBT for MSP and fps.

Member 1

1. What's common between Chanda kochar and nirav modi.
2. specific details about alleged corruption what where how.
3. private limited company working.
4. who is responsible for oversight? specific name for oversight in board of directors.
5. Western media more interested in private life of public leaders..are we more liberal than west in it..my thoughts.

Member 2

1. what's the difference between teaching and learning.
2. best way of teaching.
3. What is flexi teaching.
4. SC case about fci??..himself said it is very old case.
5. Difference between cinema, drama, and theater.

Member 3

1. Why lots of food wastage in india.
2. What we are doing to improve it.
3. why women in delhi don't feel safe outside especially at night.
4. we already taken measures but still we are lacking somewhere..Tell me that.
5. As sdm when you visit school what will you observe.
6. How you'll measure the quality.what you mean by quality.
7. Difference between universal and eternal value.
8. what's one thought that drive you.

Member 4

1. As an army man I don't like pak..but still people say to have a dialouge with pak. What's your view.
2. We have many CEO of Indian origin.. why..what we need to improve.
3. As an IAS officer what 3 things you'll focus in district.
4. Tell me frankly...what's your weakness.
5. Does overthinking means non performance.
6. How you're improving it.

Chairman: Anything you want to share...blah blah..I told something and they all laugh
Utility of mocks: No relevance for me and i think it's not relevant for anyone in choubey sir's board.

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Date of Interview: 05/04/2023 (forenoon)

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Background: Civil engineering

Optional: Public Administration

Minimum questions from DAF

Nothing from the home state, district, awards, and recognition, optional or civil engineering.

Chairman

1. Owner of Twitter and his vision
2. Should there be restrictions on social media ?
3. Who should regulate the content on social media ?
4. Could there be biasness if govt regulates the content? (Follow up)
5. Should anonymity be removed from social media?

Member 1

1. Being a civil engineer why do you read Fiction? (daf)
2. Are you the person who likes to remain in the imaginative world ?
3. What are the behaviours in the society that angers/concerns you ?
4. What will be the steps that you will take to address ? (Follow up)
5. The country with very good civilisational values and conduct?
6. What different have they done? (Follow up)

Member 2

1. What is Mindful eating (daf)
2. Reasons for the decline of Buddhism, is Buddhism becoming foreign to us ?
3. Civic authority in India known for the best cleanliness and maintenance of the city ?

Member 3

1. What are the parameters that you will observe when you enter the school (daf)
2. What is fashion to you?
3. There is a rising trend of skirt sarees in India will it replace the traditional culture of sarees
4. European countries observed heat dome conditions , what is it ?

Member 4

factual questions

1. IPR regime
2. Difference between copyrights and patent
3. Is regulation and reasonable restriction the same or different?
4. Constitutional morality ?
5. Sabarimala judgement (follow up)

Chairman – is there anything you want to tell us ?

Missed few questions, unable to recall

Experience – Unlike mocks, the real interview mostly focuses on building a conversation.

Checks awareness and presence of mind.

Utility of mocks – articulation – build a formal way of conversation.

All the Best

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Date of Interview: 03/04/2022, Afternoon , 4th to go

Board: RN Choubey sir

Home State: Rajasthan

Exp: IRSME, IPS

Optional: PSIR

Background: Mechanical Engg

Hobby: football, lawn tennis, badminton

Chairman

1. Cities provide cost effective opportunities but also many urbanisation problems .
2. Should migration to cities be stopped.
3. Encounter killings on route
4. What will you do
5. Society’s view and your colleagues view is to kill and if you won’t they will hate you
6. If judiciary acquits him due to lack of evidence but he is guilty then

Member 1

1. Death penalty..view

2. method of death penalty
3. Made director of sports college...suggest recruitment process
4. MLA calls you and asks for admission of his known person
5. What is good governance
6. When good governance day is celebrated
7. What are its components
8. What is your biggest strength
9. If proper discussion not taking place between stakeholders is it good or bad.

Member 2

1. Which side should India lean into regarding international affairs
Realism in international politics
2. Lower court convicts people and then after appeal higher courts acquits them ..should action be taken on lower courts
3. What about remedy to those who have been wrongfully jailed

Member 3

1. ICC arrest warrant Putin
2. Will you arrest Putin if he visits India
3. Relationship with Russia other than oil

Member 4

1. Human rights..defintition
2. India's law regarding human rights
3. Rarest of rare case
4. Parameters defined in bacchan singh case
5. Pardoning power
6. International law and it's enforceability
More questions not able to recall

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Date of interview: 31/03/2023, Afternoon session, 2nd to go

Board: RN Chaubey Sir

Optional: Sociology

College- Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering

Profession (if any): Bank PO

Home State: Bihar

Hobbies: Sudoku, **poetry writing**, thriller novels

Chairman

Usual words from sir.. we are just here to have a conversation.. make yourself comfortable..

1. Your academic and professional background
2. On what grounds states can be bifurcated
3. Can it be done for Financial Sustainability?
4. Does NE States have Financial Sustainability?
5. Can a state be rich but the state government be poor?

Member 1

1. Why large number of Biharis clear civil services? What is the difference from other state candidates?

(I answered that lack of industrial and private sector opportunities is the main reason behind their large participation and hence success, also unable to go for higher studies hence civil services.. but sir said he want to hear personal traits..)

Some other question.. can not recall

Member 2

1. ICS before independence were mainly responsible for following britishers rather than working for indians.. what is your opinion?

Some cross question

2. Who invented mobile phones?
3. What is the future for mobile phones?

Member 3

1. What protects tall buildings from lightening
2. What protects tall electricity distribution towers from lightening?
3. What can be solutions for discoms to prevent financial losses?

Member 4

1. What changed Indians from subjects to citizens?
Some cross question
2. Difference between prose and poetry
3. poetry are also not following rythms then what is the difference
(Some questions might be missing)

Your experience in interview- Chairperson sir was smiling.. M2, M4 were nodding in between the answers.. M1, M3 were more or less neutral.. **Questions were random.. but even in this randomness you will get the chance to showcase yourself.. so just go inside with your best personality..**

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-

Mocks – Gave mocks at Samkalp, IQRA, Vajirao & Reddy, Chanakya Mandal Parivar, Chahal, KSG, Only IAS.. all were good experiences.. learnt from everywhere.. Only IAS, KSG, Chanakya Mandal and IQRA IAS were encouraging

O2O – Ayush Sir, Vinay Sir, Ravindran Sir, Khan Sir.. All were very good.. Session with Khan sir was very encouraging..

Utility of Mocks – depends upon the interview board.. i personally had no question in final interview from mocks.. but mocks did help me to shape up my personality..

All the best to everyone..

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<p>Date of Interview: 28/03/2023; Afternoon-last one to go.</p> <p>Board: R.N.Choubey sir</p> <p>Optional: Medical Science</p> <p>College-BDS; MDS</p> <p>Profession (if any): Assistant Professor</p> <p>Hobbies: Watching documentaries, teaching</p> <p>Your experience in interview-Satisfied; cordial</p> <p>Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-helps in gaining confidence.</p>

Chairman

1. Tell us about your academic background and profession.
2. Do you enjoy your job?
3. How many patients do you do daily?
4. What does finance commission do?
5. Why do we need to redistribute funds?
6. Then why dont we just give more taxation powers to states?

Member 1

1. What did you do between 2012 and 2015?
2. You must have heard about demographic dividend; such a huge young population – is it a liability or an asset?
3. Where is the labour cost less ? India or china? Why?
4. Should we follow Chinese model of economic development ?
5. They completed tibet railway line before time ? Can we do it? Here it takes decades to complete projects. Give examples.
6. Chinese goods are cheaper than indian goods; why?

Member 2

1. Since you're a dentist; can you tell me what are the evolutionary factors that has led you speech ability in humans and not in animals? Taking the case of chimpanzees.
2. ("Conservative" word in Job profile) what does conservative mean in politics?
3. Is Indian polity conservative?
4. And economy?

5. It is said that India has a liberal constitution but conservative society; what do you understand by that?
6. Does it lead to conflicts?
7. Can you give any example.
8. New education policy – What are the regulatory bodies in higher education?
9. Should we have one single regulatory body? Why?

Member 3

1. Long monologue on young actors dying in Mumbai of heart attacks.
2. Why is it happening?
3. Is it because of COVID?
4. Why ED has become so active?
5. What changes have been made in its powers?
6. What is money laundering?
7. What is round tripping ?
8. How is it done?

Member 4

1. Why Indian youth not opting for entrepreneurship?
2. Why they are running behind jobs.
3. Long confusing monologue on entrepreneurship – chairman told him to clarify. Nobody understood. Chairman said what is the question.
4. How western countries became economically and technological advanced without cheap labor? (Gist of the question)

Chairman – we're done; would you like us to ask something else?

I said – about my hobbies – watching documentaries.

Chairman said ok tell us – i gave a monologue; no questions asked.

Thank you; we enjoyed talking to you.

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Date of Interview: 27 march 2023, Forenoon, Second one to go

Board: R.N Choubey sir

Optional: Sociology

Hobbies: Travelling, Reading, Physical Exercises

Your experience in interview: overall good feeling.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-

Practice helped in improving articulation of answers in a concise manner. Not a single

Question repeated from the mocks in actual interview

Total time: 19 minutes

Chairman

1. Tell us about your academic and work experience
2. If you are not satisfied with services delivered by a cab driver, whom will you sue in the consumer court- driver or cab company?

Member 1

1. How did you reach here?
2. what is the distance between Bhiwani and Delhi?
3. Did you face traffic?
4. long monologue- People in urban areas are frustrated with high traffic congestion..How do you see the future of public and private transport in india?
5. suppose you have to frame a india's transport strategy,what would you suggest?

Member 2

1. We are building new airports and promoting air travel,Is it sustainable?
2. What is your biggest passion?
(i said understanding working of mind)
3. how far have you progressed in that?

Member 3

1. What is government policy for elderly people?
2. Why people in israel are protesting?
3. What are the proposed judicial reforms by the Israel government?

Member 4

1. There are so many cases of doping among weightlifter.So could you tell me the banned drugs and how this testing is done for doping?
2. is doping is done on cricketer?
3. Should it be done?

Chairman: We have asked the questions we wanted to ask,do you want to share anything that we haven't covered?

I planned to say 'thank you sir' but the overall ambience compelled me to say"I want to express my gratitude to the institution of UPSC and it's workforce for such a trustworthy recruitment mechanism "

Sir said,"Very pleased to hear that"

Thank you

I said thank You to all Members and left the room.

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Date of Interview: 07/03/2023, Morning session (2nd last to go)
Board: RN Choubey
Optional: irrelevant (nothing asked)
Profession: Working at a think tank
Hobbies: animal welfare and some others from which nothing was asked

Chairman

1. Introduce your academic background and work experience.
2. Has the introduction of GST weakened India's federal structure.
3. Taxes which were subsumed in GST.
4. Why is it called a destination based tax?
5. Should India recognise the Taliban?
6. Can we call them the representatives of the country?

Member 1

1. Name some saptrishi.
2. What is saptrishi in Union budget 2023?
3. Difference between continental shelf and exclusive economic zone.
4. Opinion question on some aspect of RTI.

Member 2

1. Question on drone policy in India and what can policymakers do to address issues regarding import dependence. (DAF related)
2. 3D printing/additive manufacturing and its impact on policy makers from security point of view (current work related)
3. Impact on society of gun ownership
4. Brain drain and how to address it from policy perspective

Member 3

1. Should Ladakh be given 6th schedule status?
2. Difference between affirmative action policies in India & USA.
3. Should we have death penalty?

Member 4

1. You were in the UK, did you get the chance to meet the Ambassador?
2. Difference b/w High Commissioner & Ambassador
3. Difference b/w DC & DM
4. Difference b/w Police Commissionerate & DGP System
5. Use of animals in circus desirable? (DAF related)

Experience in interview: board was very cordial, Chaubey sir clarified question of a member twice when it wasn't very clear.

Utility of mocks/O2O – only for building confidence, and getting into the habit of answering questions from a set of random people. Actual experience is more analytical and not personal (no biases).

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<p>Date of Interview: 10 March 2023 Afternoon (2nd last to go)</p> <p>Board: RN Choubey sir</p> <p>Optional: Law (not relevant)</p> <p>DAF and Hobbies: Not relevant</p> <p>Time: 25-35 min (didn't realize how time went by)</p>
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Chairman

Here just for discussion and enjoy conversation....

Take off mask

1. Monologue on Parliamentary form and its issues of corruption and freebies. Why shouldn't we have presidential system like USA
2. Even though India diverse country, there is only one PM at the end. Why shouldn't we experiment with PM being elected directly by people for next 20 years, while still being accountable to Lok Sabha (which is elected separately)?
3. Discussion on freebies – what is a good freebie and a bad freebie

Member 1

1. What is the contribution of Madan Mohan Malaviya?
2. Prodded to say who established BHU?
3. Tell 3 ranks above and 3 ranks below Brigadier
4. Poverty in India but still be invest in expressways, bullet trains and space programme – how do you react?

Member 2

1. Theory of evolution v. Theory of creation in determining progress of a race/ society. What is your opinion?
2. Should we have dual citizenship to curb menace of Brain Drain?
3. If you are CEO of a company, which one would you prioritise – customers interests or companies interests?
4. If you are an Indian diplomat in UN – how will you convince P5 members to give up their veto?
5. Should judiciary be involved in legislative process according to you?

Member 3

1. Was India's response post Pulwama justified? Doesn't it risk escalation of conflict to war like Ukraine-Russia where people would suffer?
2. Should the risk of escalation be a factor for India while determining its response?
3. Views on Quad engaging in Malabar exercise – should India be careful about antagonising China?
4. What are the concrete examples of work of Quad other than military exercise?
5. Problems of urban development in India and solutions?
6. Cybersecurity – trusted v. Not trusted vendors list for equipment

Member 4

1. Took me back to example of bad freebie I cited (Chairman interrupted and said that we respect his opinion) – why do you think its a bad freebie
2. If you are in charge – how will you fix it
3. MNREGS – is it a freebie? What do you think about it?
4. Space program from earlier question – what was the discovery by Chandrayaan I mission?

Chairman:

We have asked what we wanted. Is there anything you would like to share with us?

My experience:

Overall a very cordial board with no interruption or in depth grilling. Chairman seemed attentive as he jumped in a couple of times during my responses.

Utility of mocks:

Quite useful in building confidence and give balanced responses. Obvious errors are weeded out – make all mistakes in mocks so that final interview goes well. I went for multiple mocks to get the privilege of talking to experienced bureaucrats and diplomats – they'll themselves give some perspectives which are unique and useful.

All the best everyone!

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Date of Interview: 10th march 2023, afternoon session, 2nd to go

Board: RN Choubey sir

Optional: Electrical Engineering

College: NIT Surat (nothing asked)

Profession (if any): Telecom Sector

Hobbies: (nothing asked)

Duration: 15-20mins

Keywords in DAF relevant to questions asked- Telecom

Chairman

If you don't have any symptoms remove your mask

1. Tell us about yourself in brief, describing only academic and work experience
2. What exactly you are doing in present job?

Member 1

1. Do you think Intolerance is increasing in society. Issues of returning awards, comments from other nations etc. Asked opinion
2. When is Int Yoga Day? (Random, not in DAF)
3. Contribution of Ramdev towards Yoga?
Followup on commercial side of it.

Member 2

1. Should we focus on social sector too much? Opinion
2. Impact of banning Huawei, ZTE in telecom sector
3. Is India right in maximizing oil imports from Russia?
Follow up on: Does it means taking side of Russia in war?

Member 3

1. What is 5G? Can it become global standard in future? What are issues
2. Govt plans to reduce fossils and all still why high subsidy on Fossils, Crude etc
3. When efficiency of Solar is low, why to focus on it. How much is the efficiency?

Member 4

1. Hydro energy, potential? Should we promote? Issues related to it?
2. Why capital investment is necessary?

My experience:

Board was cordial.

Didn't interrupt while answering and no cross questions.

Mocks help in getting over the anxiety of speaking in front of experienced panel and think.

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Date of Interview: March 10, 2023 forenoon session

Board: Shriman Choubey Sir

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Mazdoori Experience: 6 years in ITBP as AC and IPS (OT)

Time paas: Creative writing and Reading Hindi Novels.

Optional: Economics

Chairman

1. Intro with edu and mazoori experience

- comment about our neighbors on geopolitical and economics aspect. Srilanka, China, Pakistan.

Member 1

- how will u use ur knowledge of economics as an administrator in a district?
- Have u read Raag Darbari? I said no. Have u read Godan? I said I haven't read
- Godan but have read Gaban. He asked the author's name and I knew that.

Member 2

- What will u prefer lift or stairs?
- How did u come to the interview room by lift or stairs?
- As a finance secretary how will u convince for diverting funds from welfare scheme to development expenditure?

Member 3

- U have stayed fairly recently in jharkhand. So tell me why naxalism is there.
- What are the government interventions. Nd r they sufficient.
- Then he said so u feel government is doing enough but u didn't talk about the education nd skilling.
- Tell me the difference between good governance nd ethical governance.
- Is Chinese governance model ethical?
- Tell me the difference between composition of National Security Council nd
- Cabinet Committee on Security. I said I don't know to National Security
- Council and answered the rest. Then he asked who all are members of the
- Cabinet Committee on Security.
- Then Chairman Chipped in saying that u mean Chinese model of governance is good governance model?

Member 4

- Tell me one quality that u have which will make u a very good administrator?
- What is social forestry?
- What do u mean by change management?
- What is NRC? What is CAA? What is the difference between NRC nd CAA?
- Shud we have NRC for the whole country? Why people were opposing the CAA?
- What is saptarishi constellation.
- I asked her to repeat the question. Then she described it saying it's ursa major in English etc etc.
- Then i said sorry ma'am
- Then again chairman chips in nd says what do u want to ask. Do u want to ask the English name. Do u want to ask the name of stars. Then she herself gave the answer.

10. Chaubey sir then said your interview is over. All the best.

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Date of Interview: 2nd March, Afternoon – 4th to Go

Board: RN. Choubey Sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Profession – No

Background: IIT Delhi, Btech – Engineering Physics

Hobbies: Ques not asked

Chairman

1. Please tell us about your educational qualification and Work Experience
2. What is the basic principle behind Health Insurance
3. If person does not get sick for 10 yrs and paying premium continuously, is it right if they feel that their insurance is waste of money
4. What is he/she get sick after 10 yrs with some chronic illness, and then the health insurance company stops providing further insurance services, bec now they will incur more loss? Is it legal? What do you think?
5. What about Crop insurance?
6. What is the ground reality? Are farmers getting adequate money?

Member 1

1. What do you think is the most used metal in the world?
2. (Lady – India is top producer of Aluminium)
3. Tell me about it ?
4. Which all states produce most Aluminum?
5. If you have to setup an Aluminium factory, what all factors will you consider ?
6. Which country has largest Tribal population, as India has 2nd highest ?
7. Tell me few policies for Tribal Welfare ?

Member 2

1. What is BRICS ? What is the reason for formation ? What is current status ?
2. About Tension btw India and China ?
3. Reasons for India China issues ?
4. What can be the plausible Solutions ?

Member 3

1. Role of Pakistan in India China issues
2. Little About BRI and What Steps India has taken to counter BRI
3. What has Constitutional provisions about Tribals ?

4. What is Engineering Physics ?
5. Give example ?
6. What are the new tech being developed to Store harnessed renewable energy ? (I spoke about Li-ion Batteries ,as one the solution)

Member 4

1. What are Rare earth Metal ?
2. How they are now in increasing demand ?
3. Which all countries has Lithium Resource ?
4. What is the addition of labourers (in number) in India each year ? Take a guess ?
5. What is the total number of Work Force in India ?
6. What is Women LFPR in India?
7. Is it more than Bangladesh or less ?
8. What is LFPR of Men ?
9. How in India can we increase the LFPR of women ?
10. What has NEP2020, mentioned about increasing women participation in STEM field

Chairperson

1. We have finished our ques, do you wish to ask anything to us, feel free to ask
2. Your interview is over, thank you !!

Experience

1. The board looks cordial only bec their objective is to assess us and not to make us practice interview, so they just accept whatever we say to them – to analyse us
2. The environment seems intimidating due to our expectations, but board tries best to make us feel comfortable
3. Experience about happy go luck interview or Poker faced board, is out of ones control, maybe depends on our luck
4. Overall, working on our Calmness helps the most

Mocks and O2O

1. Mocks are for sure helpful, they kind of prepare us for difficult situation in actual personality test, Practice etiquette's
2. O2O - Helpful as we get an idea that things are within our reach, boost motivation

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Date of Interview: 6th March 2023; Afternoon session

Board: Shri RN. Choubey

Optional: Anthropology

Hobbies: Reading about defence-related news

Following news media websites of USA

Chairman

1. Told me to remove mask if I've no covid symptoms. I said I don't have, but I'm suffering from cough, cold, fever since last few days. Sir told me to keep on mask on in that case
2. Asked me if I had lunch. What items in lunch
3. Forex reserve of India
4. Ways through which a nation earns Forex
5. Who owns forex: RBI, or Govt, or Banks?
6. Air India aircraft deal value
7. Should a company be allowed to use so much of our forex to buy aircraft?
8. Would you have allowed it as RBI chairperson?
9. (some follow-up discussion on technicalities of aircraft pricing & purchase mechanism. Sir is ex-Aviation secretary & I've deep interest in aviation)

Member 1

1. If seniors in your office are critical of you, write a poor report of your performance, what will be your approach towards it
2. If you ever had to face a situation where you had to compromise on quality due to cost constrain

Member 2

1. Should we have large scale hydel power plants?
2. Environmental impact; Geological & engineering issues of such plants
3. Why should we invest in such plants, when Pakistan's hydel projects are failing?
4. Defence manufacturing @ Atmanirbhar bharat (DAF Hobby)
5. Why Strategic partnership of Indian manufacturers with foreign OEM is failing

Chairman

1. "Make-in-India" and "Made-in-India"
2. Too much protest around hydel projects. But nation needs such projects.
3. Should we allow these protests?
4. Minerals mainly found in India
5. Why is India poor despite being rich in minerals
6. In which state XYZ mineral (don't recall) is abundantly found?
{I said sorry ma'am I don't know. But she didn't hear my response.
7. Chairperson sir was very attentively listening. He told M3 that the candidate is saying he doesn't know}

Member 3

1. Why media is called 4th pillar of democracy? Is it written in constitution (DAF Hobby)
2. What are other 3 pillars of democracy
3. Governors are sitting on bills passed by state legislature. {Here Chairperson sir told M4 that sir you gave a statement, what is your question for the candidate} M4 said he wants my view on the matter

Chairman

1. Since you follow US media websites, what are your observations of US society, media, etc vis-à-vis India

Member 4

1. US media often portrays India in poor light. Do you think they are biased?
2. Your experience in interview- Board was cordial. Chairperson sir was very attentive. He was listening to every question of other members
3. Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Good for confidence building. But while mocks were heavily DAF based, in actual interview very little was asked from DAF

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<p>Date of Interview: 03/03/23</p> <p>Board: RN Choubey sir</p> <p>Session: forenoon</p> <p>Optional: Philosophy</p> <p>Profession: Dentist</p> <p>Hobbies: basketball and badminton</p>
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Chairman

1. tell about your academic background and work experience.
2. why you want to become a civil servant.

Member 1

1. national dairy research institute what it is known for.
2. How NDDDB(dairy dev board)process work and hepled in operation flood.
3. how haryana cooperative works if compare to operation flood and where it happened.
4. other than research work,how nddb helping farmers and their income.
5. Is there animal census.

Member 2

1. which day is today globally related to human health and how it is significant
2. when last census happened, how it is significant and when will be next.
3. how do u see sports participaion of women in haryana(daf).

4. which other states significantly doing well other than haryana..in northeast...name sports person from northeast state.
5. tell only one significant solution for correction of child malnutrition.

Member 3

1. what is this balanced diet and components do u think people focused on it.
2. In recent years no.of cancer cases increased but death is not much,according to u which disease cause more no.of death globally and in india as well.
3. fibres food awareness increasing more and more now a days...fibre biscuit and all...though it neither give nutrition nor absorb any nutrient..why then fibres are given such importance.
4. when eat antibiotics what impacts on gut
5. which bacteria present in gut
6. what is probiotic and prebiotic what impacts of these products .
7. components of balanced diet
8. In india there is difference between food habitit..as non-vegetarian and vegetarian diet what is the source of vit.b12

Member 4

1. how do u see agnipath schemes..tells its significance if any and if not as protest happened..should it be removed.
2. national education policy is being seen as a significant step still it has issues what are those
3. India and china relation how could be solved and if not what its impact
4. countries adjacent to India is being downfalling ,do u think India could save itself in such situations.

Chairman sir...do u want us to ask u anything else...i said no sir,thanku sir.

Sir said...your interview is over.

Mock utility....give you experience to speak but in upsc most of the questions from daf and current.

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Date of Interview: 1st March 2023 , Afternoon Session

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Uttarakhand

Hobby: Cooking

Chairman

1. What have you been doing nowadays?
2. You didn't take placements? Why?

3. Ajayy Banga
4. long monologue, don't remember related to competition and brain drain

Member 1

1. Ecofeminism
2. Chipko movement
3. Why famous chefs are mostly male but cooking is generally associated with women. (some follow up questions)
4. Who is GB Pant ji , contributions to Indian Independence movement
5. Situational based question: You're a bureaucrat in MOWCD Will you fudge funds for their welfare
6. Follow up questions related to integrity

Member 2

1. Let's continue with integrity
2. What is integrity?
3. Qualities of a good leader
4. What kind of leader are you
(Gave 3 options) then some discussions took place
5. Sustainable development, Green energy , National Green Hydrogen Mission, questions related to Hydrogen,
6. What is electrolysis, explain process of Hydrogen extraction

Member 3

1. Why women in hills are very hardworking ?
2. Outmigration in Uttarakhand
3. Ghost villages , causes and revival solutions
4. Himachal , NORTH East, Uttarakhand development comparison
5. Boosting economy of hill people solutions

Member 4

1. I'll ask a factual question, gave 2 hints and said an artistic personality lives there ? You might have visited mussoorie a lot , tell me whom I am talking about I said Sir , Ruskin Bond
2. He smiled and Said yes
3. Who's he ? Tell me about him
4. which all books have you read ? (Ruskin Bond's)
5. Name them , narrate a story , I gave some gist for the same
6. Balancing development and environment in Uttarakhand, give causes and solution

Chairperson: Okay thankyou, your interview is over

Utility of mocks : Confidence building, some questions got repeated
Overall experience was good

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Date of Interview: 24th Feb 2023, Afternoon, 2nd to go

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Time: Aprox. 20 Mins

Home State: Gurugram/Haryana

Optional: Geography

Background: Bachelors in Architecture

Hobby (in DAF): Dry Pastel Sketching, DIY Repairs, Learning about electronic Gadgets
2nd Interview, Recommended for services in CSE 2021

Chairman

1. In 1 minute, tell us something about your academic background.
2. What kind of freelance work did you do?
3. Macro-indicators of our economy, GDP rate and Growth rate are measured at nominal rate or real rate?
4. Tell us a major scheme related to health sector and mention its salient feature/s.
5. How much is the budgetary allocation for health sector in 2023-24 budget?
6. If you were health secretary, where would you want to spend the health budget, in PHC and govt hospital OR in paying insurance to private hospitals? And then follow up questions and discussion...

Member 1

1. *some question, answer to which I didn't know... hence i forgot the question as well.*
2. Do you know what is EEE? (again didn't know)
3. (after his explanation) Out of the three - Engineering, Enforcement and Education, which one do you think is the most important?
4. What is Junk Food? How do we stop/prevent people from eating Junk Food?

Member 2

1. Do you know what are surgical strikes? Surgical strikes done by India was a right action? should we take more such actions?
2. While starting any business, in your opinion, profit making should be the focus or rotation of the money should be focused more?

Member 3

1. What is Khaap? Do you think their existence is right?
2. What is CUET? Do you think it is a step in right direction?

3. In your view, CUET will reduce the importance of school education and specially class 11th, 12th? Will it lead to blooming of coaching institutes?
4. We hear about the phrase 'Democracy is in danger'. Do you think Democracy is really in danger?

Member 4

1. *some question again, answer to which I didn't know... hence I forgot this question as well.*
2. What is National Monetization Pipeline?

Chairperson -

1. We have asked what we wanted to. do you want to say anything?
2. Are you feeling comfortable?
3. Your interview is over, all the very best for future.

MOCKS - Didn't give even a single one.

EXPERIENCE - Pleasant. Peaceful. Inspiring.

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Date of Interview: 02/03 and forenoon

Board: RN. Choubey

Optional: Sociology

Profession (if any) -

Hobbies -

Your experience in interview - Enjoyed the process. But one can't predict how it will go.
Utility of mocks or O2O (if any) - Unacademy was really nice, very sincere team and good panelists. Other coachings (Rau's, Vajirao and Reddy, Chahal, Samkalp, Ravindran Sir) were also decent.

Chairman

1. Tell us about your academic background and work experience
2. Tell us about your two weaknesses
3. What are different kinds of leadership?
4. Which kind are you?
5. Which kind was Mahatma Gandhi?
6. When NCM was stopped due to Chauri Chaura was he being a leader or dictator?

Member 1

1. What is PM Gati Shakti?
2. How many departments are involved in it?
3. Which sectors are in focus?
4. What is total value of Gati Shakti projects?

5. What is the difference between Look East and Act East?

Member 2

1. For disaster management should we have regional hubs or decentralised?
2. What is green energy supply chain?
3. How will green energy be transported?
4. What is OROP controversy? Why is a similar demand not being raised from civilian counterparts?
5. What are electoral bonds?

Member 3

1. What is the relevance of SAARC? (This question + next two were DAF based)
2. What are we doing for connectivity with neighbouring countries?
3. What's your opinion on other such frameworks like ASEAN? What can we adopt from these for SAARC?
4. What are the various regulators for different sectors?
5. Has IBC been effective or not?

Member 4

1. Why was UN formed?
2. What are dispute resolution mechanisms of UN?
3. Is UN relevant or not?
4. At times bilateral treaties are violated and we impose sanctions. How can these be curbed or imposed well?

Chairperson

1. Interview is done. If there's any part you would like to discuss then pls tell.
2. We are happy to talk to you. You may now leave.

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Date of Interview: 01/03/2023, afternoon, 3rd to go

Board: RN Choubey

Background: B.Sc (Biology)

Home State: Delhi

Work: in GST appeals

Hobby: nothing asked

Chairman

1. Remove your mask if you don't have any covid symptoms. We are friendly people and want to have a friendly conversation with you.

2. We want you to be honest, tell us clearly if you do not know anything. Nobody can know everything.
3. Tell us about yourself in 1 minute your academic and work background.
4. Focussing majorly on your work background
5. Tell me exactly your work profile
6. What is natural justice
7. Long monolouge. Is natural justice anti thesis of contempt of court

Member 1

1. Small monlouge. Can a person with kidney stones eat millet
2. Can a person with hypothyroid eat millets
3. Which millet production is highest
4. Which state. Why
5. Chairperson interrupted in the follow up question and asked next member for her turn.

Member 2

1. What is watertable. Is it different from underground water
2. Why water table is depleting. What can be done
3. How much time top soil takes to build (i said it takes a very long time)
4. Land degradation neutrality target is 2030. Will India be able to achieve it (sarcastic as per my previous answer)
5. How can soil erosion be prevented
6. Percentage of women in India
7. What is gender discrimination, equity and inclusiveness
8. Sex ratio of your state and all over india

Member 3

1. Tell me about Asean
2. Tell about India- Nepal issues?

Member 4

1. How is GST distributed with states
2. Is compensation cess still levied
3. Why sex ratio of your state is so low
4. Specific reason

Chairman:

1. Anything you would like to tell or felt that we have left out.

- The board was overall cordial. No comparison to mocks. It took almost 20 minutes. All were constantly keeping an eye on wall clock.

Utility of mocks: just for confidence building and to remain focused.

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Date of Interview: 02/03/2023 (Afternoon)

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Duration: 25 minutes approx.

Optional: PSIR (No Question)

Background: Architecture (No Question)

Work Experience (if any): IT-Business Analyst, Assistant commissioner of state Tax – GST (No Question)

Key Words: IR, Badminton Articles, IFS, Gujarat, Uttrakhand, Tribe, Navodaya (No Question)

So, basically not even a single question from DAF or common questions like why civil services?, etc.

Chairman

- How should I pronounce your name? What is your first name?
we are here to support you and you can say no to those questions which you don't know.
You have to be very honest. Be relax and comfortable.
- Tell me about your educational background and work experience so far?
- How India gain foreign exchange reserves?
- How much foreign exchange reserves India have? Who keeps foreign reserves? How it keep? Cash??
- What was the amount of TATA Air India deal?
- Is it okay to have 120bn\$ deal only by TATA alone? Won't it deplete our foreign reserves?

Member 1

- Is abolition of planning commission is good? Do you support it? Why?
- What is NITI aayog? Full form? Objectives?
- What are the other parallel institutions created after abolition of planning commission to achieve those objectives?
- Which states are at top and lowest in multidimensional poverty index? It's parameters?

Member 2

- Is it good to have Agneeveer scheme? Do you support it or not? Why?
- Is logistics are important in disaster management? How?
- What is disaster management architecture in India?
- How many offices NDRF have in India? Why?

Member 3

1. Has NDMA played any role during covid crisis? What? How?
2. What is the difference between 5G, 4G, 3G etc.?
3. How it (5G) is going to make difference? Don't we have to replace all mobile phones? Won't it create budget issues for all? If yes, Why we should bring it.
4. How India is going to tackle the unequal regional growth?

Member 4

1. There is Smart City policy, tell me what is a smart City?
2. What are the policy parameters for smart cities? (Physical, digital etc etc)
3. Khelo School games of India? What is it?
4. Is it only for increasing medals for India? Other significance (Counter question)

Member 5

1. This is all we have to ask you. if you have any questions for us, then please ask.
2. I said No sir, Thank you.
3. Interview over!
4. I couldn't recall 3-4 more questions or counter questions. Also, i have written down these questions based on my recollection of thoughts. Might not be in the same order or framework of the question might be different.

Your experience in interview-

Board was cordial and friendly. They were listening and observing everything. They tried their best to make me comfortable. Overall experience was good.

Utility of mocks (if any) - Good for confidence building and helps in preparing a diverse question bank. Also, helps in understanding of our reflexes during actual pressure situation. Mocks were mostly based on DAF, But actual interview went entirely on a different path

Just expect the unexpected. Confidence, calmness and consciousness are the KPI.

Best Wishes to everyone!

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Date of Interview: 01/03/2023

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Background: B.Tech Computer Science, IIT BHU, Varanasi

Home State: Guntur, Andhra Pradesh,

Work: SSC CGL- ASO, CSS, Architectural Education

Hobby: Badminton, Table Tennis, Akshaypatra foundation.

Chairman

Remove your mask if you don't have any covid symptoms. We are friendly people and want to have a friendly conversation with you. If you are comfortable, we can start.

1. Tell us about yourself in 1 minute about your academic and work background?
2. What is NAM? When did we follow this policy? Is it still relevant?
3. Is today's world bipolar or multi-polar?

Member 1

1. Monologue on Globalization and interconnectedness of the world. Tell me 2 positive events and 2 negative events which started in one part of globe and spread to other parts of the world.
2. Do you think that interconnectedness is responsible for spread of Covid?
3. Relationship with Bhutan? What treaties we have with them? Any recent changes in those treaties?
4. What is India's rank in GHI? Total number of countries? Is India's rank justified? If not justified, what measures India is taking? Assume that the rank is justified, then tell the reasons for poor scenario of hunger? What measures can be taken to improve the scenario?

Member 2

1. What is Interpol Metaverse? Utility and Threats of it? How to regulate it? Who is the owner of Metaverse?
2. What is ABC model of Education in NEP, 2020?
3. What is Multidisciplinary Education in NEP, 2020? Advantages of it? Which degree will the student get if he pursues B. Arch degree and also does a course in History?
4. What is Multiple Entry and multiple Exit option in NEP, 2020? Various exit options and their associated degrees? What is the maximum gap that a student can take between exit and re-entry to a course?

Member 3

1. (toughest member for me. Difficult questions especially on logistics and stock exchanges)
2. Are you for or against Agnipath scheme?
3. Monologue about bad position of India's logistics sector. Problems in Logistics sector. How to make logistics sector 'Green'? Any examples of multimodal transport? Examples of Green waterway transport?
4. What is SEBI? Its role? Problems faced by SEBI in its functioning?
5. Stock Exchanges? BSE, NSE establishment? Who are their owners?

Member 4

1. (most likely psychology and body language expert. Was watching me through out and asked questions based on my previous answers from Globalization and interconnectedness.)

2. What is the impact of Russia Ukraine War? Who were the most impacted by it? How did it impact the remotest regions of the globe?
3. Difference between Covid and others such as Ebola, Swine, Avian flu. What India learnt from Covid? How to prevent such events from occurring in future? Did WHO perform its role related to Covid? How to strengthen WHO?
4. Do you think Global cooperation in vaccines is required to deal with outbreak of epidemics? What are India's efforts regarding such vaccine cooperation? What is GAVI?

Chair:

1. Anything you would like to tell or felt that we have left out? (Monologue in my mind: You left everything from my home town, state, graduation, hobbies, job. But, said that my favorite topic Badminton is left out)
2. Okay, tell. (###****. Expected him to ask a few questions.)

Experience: Total time- Don't know but definitely felt more than 30 minutes. Overall cordial. No movements or expressions by any member. Cant judge by looking at them if they are impressed with the answers or not. They didn't stop me in any of my answers except once during positive events that effected the world. Felt like another GS paper rather than a personality test. Felt that I would have performed relatively the same or even better, if this would have happened immediately after Mains without the need for much Interview preparation. I feel that 1st 6 members of the interview date list will get shukla board and 2nd 6 will get Choubey board and last 6 will get Smita Nagaraj board with the order to go in for interview also being the same as in the list.

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Date of Interview: 01/03/2023 (Forenoon Session)
Board: RN Choubey Sir
Duration: 20-22 minutes
Optional: Hindi Literature (No ques)
College: B.Tech Information Technology (DTU)
Profession (if any): Tax Assistant (Income Tax Department)
Hobbies: Mandala Art , Calligraphy (No ques)

Chairman

1. We are friendly people. We just want to talk to you. We want you to be relax and comfortable.
2. *What you had for breakfast? (I said Fruits :D)
 *You must be hungry now. We can arrange lunch for you. Then we can have your interview (Ofcourse I said, No sir , I am comfortable)
 *Shall we start then ?
3. Tell us about your academic background and work experience.

4. Is it a permanent post ?
5. How long have you been working ?
6. Long monologue on the proposal for Banking Transaction Tax. What is your take on this ?
7. Counter question- But it has many benefits and govt. tax collection will increase. (I stucked to my stand for not supporting BTT)

Member 1

1. Do you know about the issue going on in Punjab ? (Pro khalistani movement)
2. Since you mentioned youth, do you think drugs should be banned ?
3. What is Saptarishi? (Coz I mentioned Youth Power as one of components of Saptarishi)
4. Then Alcohol is also bad, why we regulate it instead of banning it ?

Member 2

1. Impact of Climate Change ?
2. Impact of climate change on Agriculture?
3. Since you mentioned Ozone earlier, do you know the measuring unit of Ozone ? (said Sorry. Decibel, Dioptre sab yaad aa gaya ! Lekin D se Dobson yaad nahi aaya tab !)
4. COP 27 Provisions ? (I had vague idea, so instead of attempting I said sorry mam)

Member 3

1. Blockchain Technology?
2. Who owns the data in this ?
3. Can anyone modify the data ?
4. Points of co-operation between India and Bangladesh ?
5. Border states with Bangladesh ?
6. How will BBIN boost infrastructure? (coz I mentioned BBIN)

Member 4

1. Why farmers are not producing millets ?
2. How can we promote millets ?
3. How will you use ChatGPT in your Department?
4. Should we outrightly ban liquor ? What's your opinion?
5. Countries which banned liquor and then rolled back ? (Said sorry)
6. States in India which banned liquor and rolled back ? (Said sorry)

Chairperson :

1. This is all we wanted to ask you. Now if you have any questions for us, then you may ask.
2. I said, it was pleasant meeting you all sir. Thank you very much

Your experience in interview-

Board was cordial and friendly. They were actually listening to me, not like mocks where they did not let me complete my answers. Overall experience was good.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- KSG, Nextias, Vajirao & Reddy, Samkalp, Chahal One to One : Vinay Sir (Insights IAS), Ravindaran sir, Khan Sir. Good for confidence building and helps in preparing a question bank, especially considering this was my first Interview. Baaki reviews jyada seriously lene ki bhi jarurat nahi hai. Apne hisaab se dekh lo !

The thing that helped me the most was Daily Discussions with my friend on current issues and on similar things from DAF. My special credits goes to him ONLY. For me, it was “ A friend in need, is a friend indeed !”

My best wishes to Everyone appearing in the Interview Give you best and Leave the rest !

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Date of Interview: 27th February, forenoon, 3rd to go
Board: RN Choubey sir
Optional: Commerce and Accountancy
Hobbies: Animal welfare, Science fiction, Cooking desserts
 College- No question
Home State: Rajasthan (no ques)
Time: 35-40 minutes

Chairman

Took my name and smiled. Asked me whether I have covid symptoms or cough. If not you may take out your mask and keep it on the table.

Explained it is a simple process, we are not here for cross examination, if you do not understand anything please ask us to repeat.

1. Okay , what you are going to do when you do not know any answer? (Said that if i am unaware i will admit that i do not know)- said excellent, young people like you should be honest.. because Honesty Pays.
2. Let's begin with this. Do u think we should show honesty because Honesty 'Pays'
3. So honsety should be followed as a moral principle?
4. Tell the board about your education background and work experience, if any (he asked this after the discussion on honesty)
5. We don't generally ask questions from Optional subject, but you are having
6. Commerce and Accountancy, so I want to ask something
7. Which accounting system does the government follows?
8. Are there any issues in this system?
9. Should the government shift from Cash basis to accrual system?

10. There is Valuation of assets done in accrual system. Do you think it will be possible to value the assets in case of government?
11. Tell me who is the authority in India to approve new drugs?
12. What is the complete process of a new drug being manufactured, approved, and then coming to the market?

Thank you:)

(Sir stood up after this and roamed behind his chair. He kept standing all the time till end)

Member 1

1. What is going on with Iran – India?
2. So there is India, Iran and Pakistan. How do you see these 3 countries geographically, economically, strategically?
3. Chabahar port- tell something
4. Agniveers -who are they? Purpose?
(Said Agnipath scheme in answer, Choubey sir interrupted and asked me
5. what you just said? Agnipath? Is it agnipath? – said yes sir after a thought..both laughed..it was a pressurising tactic)

Member 2

1. You talked about Chabahar Port – tell us why it is getting delayed?
2. international north south transport corridor – how you see it in context of present conditions?
3. Long monologue on Present world order, iran etc and used ‘sanctions’ word in it ..i missed addressing it.
Chaubey sir then explained sanctions wala question again – do you think bilateral sanctions by countries against one another is the right way to establish a just world order?
4. Member again- Should india deal with such sanctioned countries? Given our good relations with US, UN etc?
5. Khelo india youth games- what is it?
6. What is its components? How they are conducted?

Member 3

1. I was looking at your daf and you have this hobby of animal welfare. Tell me why kuno palpur was in news recently?
2. do you know about the cost of the project?
3. Why we are doing it?
4. what are the arguments of proponents and opposers?
5. What will be the long term effect on the ecosystem?
6. So there are many dog lovers, feeders like us :p. But there are also recent incidents of children being bitten by dogs. How to balance both?

7. Choubey sir again- i want to ask a supplementary question – What will be the policy changes you will make to ensure this balance?

Member 4

1. So today is 27th feb, do u know what day is today? (World ngo day)
2. tell about NGOs ?
3. their role ? Why they exist?
4. Do you know there is an annual festival celebrated in this month?
5. taj mahotsav. What might be its importance?
6. NEP- Gender Inclusion fund is created under it. What is it?
7. There are males and females. There is also a third gender. What its called? is transgender an umbrella term or is it a single term ?
8. what are the problems faced by transgenders?
9. Any schemes for transgenders? (No mention of Reading books in my Daf) We read books. Tell us about any book you recently read? Its story and wht u learnt? (Told about dark horse by nilotpal mrunal .have read it multiple times.) They got excited after listening that it was about struggles of a cse aspirant.
10. Mam said so you are very much inspired by this book (said yes with a smile)

Chaubey sir – Okay we are done asking. It was great talking with you. Now if u want to ask or share something? I am giving u Blank Cheque .

Said no sir but it was a wonderful experience for me today.

Sir said thank you very much. All the best . You can take your mask and may go now . Your interview is over.

Experience – Board was cordial. Choubey sir was smiling but in between gave some serious looks also and was observing carefully. Lady members were very cordial. Kept nodding. Mix of Daf and random questions. Was nervous in beginning, Said no wherever i wasn't sure.

Utility of mocks- To Build confidence and just to know how to talk with some senior people. Ignore their useless feedbacks.

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Date of Interview: 15/2 FN
Board: RN Choubey
Optional: Anthropology
Home state: Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman

1. What is me too?
2. Your opinion?

Member 1

1. Pwd act?
2. Favourite service?
3. As a DM How can you prevent disabilities from happening ?
4. What is roshni act?
5. When was National Anthem adopted?

Member 2

1. What is geo history
2. Do prisoners have right to vote
3. What do you know about Diaspora?
4. Your view on their role?
5. Do they have right to vote?
6. Socio envmntal consequences of mining?
7. What is ghotul?

Member 3

1. To promote remote education android mobile or ipad?
2. Kanpur tannery pollution? Wf?

Member 4

1. Kanpur textile mill? Challenges? And current status?
2. CSJMU(knp university) when estab?
3. Current VC?
4. Opinion on role of media and judiciary and geo-political impact of media?
5. Have you watched BBC documentary?

Chairman- do you want to share or ask anything?

Interview went on for 14 min. Overall they were cordial.

Mock feedback-

Ksg was good. O2O were more helpful

Ravindran sir (best experience- closest to upsc) and khan sir (KSG) helped alot.

Interview session by Utkarsh sir(SOMP were really good), Vikas Kanukollu sir(his insights were helpful in interview), vivekanand sir and kaptaan bhai helped alot.

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Date of Interview: 24.02.23; Forenon session; Last to go

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: Law

Background: NLIU, Bhopal

Profession (if any): ex Civil Judge/ Judicial Magistrate

Hobbies: singing, learning Spanish, organizing event, creative writing

Chairman

1. Describe your qualifications and work experience.
2. So you worked less than a year in the judiciary?
3. Why did you leave the judiciary?
4. Have you heard of Black Life Matters?
5. Do you think a criminal like George Floyd should be made an icon? (I said he had served his sentence, and gotten a new lease in life... he did not deserve to die like that)
6. You did not answer my question "should a criminal be made an iconic?" (I see why a criminal should not be made an icon. But a lot of black people are in conflict in law over there. That does not mean that they should be treated as such. He died while saying "I can't breathe". No one deserved to go like that.

Member 1

1. Amazon supply chains. What are the positive and negative for India?
2. Talk specifically about small stores and MSMEs.
3. Let's talk about Nepal. What are the problems. What are the good things in a relationship?

Member 2

1. Let's talk about our Neighbourhood. How are the relationship? What is it like? How was it improved? What are the steps?
2. You mentioned resurgence of BLM. Civil rights movement were there earlier as well. So why do you think that happens?

Member 3

1. So like creative writing? Not reading? Can you be a good writer without reading?
2. Good that you used to read earlier. A lot of books are re-written censored. Do you know about it? Do you know any authors who's works are so censored?
3. What is wokenism?
4. But the idea is age old so where did term come now?
5. So it's leading to people getting opinitated?
6. Should it be allowed then. People having such opinions?

Member 4

1. Do you know operation Vani?
2. Do you know mission LiFE?
3. What is cryptocurrency? How is it mined? What are the types of cryptocurrencies?

Chairman:

1. We are done. Is there anything else you want to talk about?

I mentioned few areas from my DAF.

He said tell us about it.

2. Then he said your interview is over. You may leave.

Your Experience: The board was very cordial but kept poker faces throughout. They asked multiple aspects in one go, which made for longer answers. It was DAF related (wrt service choice) and current affairs oriented. The questions were easier compared to mocks but the environment was far more intimidating. Overall UPSC is a different ball game altogether.

Good mocks: Chanakya Mandal Parivar, One-on-one session with Ravindran sir

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Date of Interview: 24 Feb 2023

Board: RN Choubey

Duration: about 30 mins

Note: questions are reframed as I do not recall the exact words of the members.

Chairman

1. Tell us about your educational background and work experience
2. was black lives matter movement significant and if yes, how
3. should the statues of the then-slave traders be dismantled from public places in europe even though some of them were philanthropists
4. opinion on renaming Aurangzeb road to APJ Abdul kalam road in Delhi

Member 1

1. what is your opinion on weaponization of history
2. types of political parties
3. criteria for declaring a party as a national-level party
4. why isn't news broadcasted on radios
5. the lines "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the spring of hope..." from which book (related to hobby/optional)

Member 2

1. what is clean energy/renewable energy
2. its types (chairperson chiming in : is nuclear energy clean energy)
3. does the UN need reforms
4. cow vigilantism. what? how can it be curbed?
5. issues with organ donation in India (related to an NGO mentioned under hobby)

Member 3

1. emigration from India - reasons
2. changes in the Indian diaspora in Africa. famous Indian that came to India from Africa, and a present Indian origin figure who comes from Africa (Rishi sunak)
3. something on a Kamrup ruler (didn't know)
4. mnrega - do schemes like these make people lazy and not look for work

Member 4

1. RTI. what is it? is it compulsory for provide information in every instance?
2. concept of magical realism (literature related)
3. opinion on statue of unity - where is it? was it a good move to build it? how is it faring now?
4. systems for waste disposal - what is the process and what happens to the waste collected?
5. national company law appellate tribunal - what is it used for?

Experience in Interview: chairperson was very cordial. He was smiling throughout. Did not notice the expressions of other members, but overall everyone seemed to be encouraging and nodding to answers. They make you comfortable right from the start. some questions came from the daf, but most questions were asked on a random number of topics.

Utility of mocks: some questions on hobby and UN repeated (expected). otherwise, mocks were only helpful for getting some experience of facing an interview panel.

Good luck to everyone!

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Date of Interview: 23/02/2023, Forenoon- 4th to go

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: Sociology (Nothing directly asked)

Hobbies: Running/Vipassana

Time duration: around 25 min

Keywords: Iit/ Oyo/ Vipassana/ jagriti yatra/ startup/japan

Chairman

1. So you decided not to wear the mask ? (I am turbaned sikh so could not put it on ear and staff did not allow me my own mask but take surgical over ear one in hand while going inside))
2. Tell me about ur academic and work experience?

Member 1

1. (South accent - could not make out words...ask to repeat but difficult to figure out)
2. Ur view on Privatisation of PSU from employment angle?

3. Adani – acquired cement company and shut it down. So it did not revive. Why it could not revive?
4. How to take indian economics forward and compete with global powers?

Member 2

1. You have done Jagriti Yatra . Tell me ur learnings?
2. You did vipassana and it is perceived as way to passive living . Ur take on it ?

Member 3

1. U know DRDO. Whats its mandate?
2. Bofors Used in 1999 . Where was it imported from?
3. Have they being used r replaced?
4. Interlinking of rivers .What are the challenges?
5. Tell me about inland water authority of India? Significance of inland waterways inIndia?

Member 4

1. You worked in Oyo. It had a model due to which Oyo is considered a failure ? What is the model ?
2. Specific issues of oyo vendors with oyo?
3. Urban planning effect on compulsory travelling, occasional travelling and tourist travelling .
4. There is ongoing protest again against triple talaq verdict in Kerala.Your views on it?

Chairman :

1. We asked what we want to ask? Is there anything you would like to tell us?

Experience: I gave multiple point in answers so were long but they gave time. Extremely cordial Chaubey sir . One member Questions were difficult to make out due to accent even after asking to repeat.

Utility of Mocks – Good to get feel of interview , ambience and respect. Questions were different still go for One on one with ravindran sir, Vajirao and reddy, Byju , Vision Ias

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Date of Interview: 21.02.2022, 2nd attempt, first interview

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: PSIR

Background: mechanical engineering

Hobby: NABARD, Non-fiction books,

Chairman

1. Academic background and work experience ke baare me kuch bataye NABARD kab join kiya?
2. Kya work profile hai NABARD me, little bit explanation.
3. India ka forex reserve kitna hai?
4. Who owns forex reserve?
5. Air India ki deal ka forex reserve me impact (thodi bahut cross questioning but not grilling)

Member 1

1. Government ka accounting system (very random)
2. Public finance management system kya hai?
3. DBT se kya samjate hai?
4. DBT and PFMS me link
5. more questions but not able to recall

Member 2

1. Political science ko science kyu kahte hai? (Psir Optional)
2. Practice use of political science?
3. Debt trap of farmers kya hai?
4. Reasons behind debt trap?
5. Bank's se loan lene pe bhi tho debt trap hota hai?
6. How to make agriculture profitable?

Member 3

1. I was not able to hear him properly
2. Marginal farmers ke liye scheme (he was asking about PM KISAN specifically)
3. PMJDY yojana kya hai?
4. Who can open account?
5. Import pe jo customs duties impose hoti hai unhe kon decide karta hai
6. Import duty on steel (random)
7. Steel ka production India me kitna hai
8. Which industries provides largest employment?

Member 4

1. Weaponisation of social media kya hota hai
2. What can be done to reduce it
3. Steps taken by govt.
4. Difference between Blue tick verified account on Twitter and no blue tick account (i mentioned this in last answer so he asked)
5. Last book konsi padhi

6. The author of book belonged to which cadre (author was IAS officer)
7. Author ki family me se kisi ne uss book me kuch likha hai kya (afterword of the book was written by author's sister)

As usual chobey sir asked, aap kuch share karna chahte ho,

I said vese tho kuch nahi hai share karne ke liye but interview deke bada accha laga.

He said that ok Abhishek your interview is over. All the best you can leave now.

Utility of mock - helps in formal conversation and confidence buliding. No other utility Board was very cordial. No grilling at all.

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Board: RN Choubey

medium: Hindi

Background: Computer science

Optional: geography

Hobby: playing chess, movies (no questions)

achievement: quiz jeeta tha kabhi

Chairman

1. usual monologue ki relax rahe, guess mat kare etc
2. elon musk ne kaun si company kharidi
3. twitter se unko kya problem thi
4. social media par freedom of speech ko khuli choot honi chahiye ki nahi
5. restrictions kaun lagayega
6. agar aap civil servants ho aur aap se puchh jaye to kaun ye line draw karega self regulations se ki government

Member 1

1. road accident me 1.5 lac logo ki death hoti hai 3 causes and solutions
2. public transport ka koi role nahi hai(maine 3 solutions me isko nahi bola tha)
3. public transport se kaise road accident kam hoga
4. recently 3 judges ke name bataye jo retirement ke baad appoint huye hai
5. kya judges ko appoint karna chahiye
6. nahi aap apna opinion bataiye

Member 2

1. E rupi aur UPI me difference (technical difference bataya lekin kahe jab dono mobile se hi karne hai to kya farq hai)
2. Quizzing kiya hai aapne to kya quizzing , wisdom ko dikhata hai
3. kya school me subject teacher ko quiz karake recruit karna chahiye

Member 3

1. National science day ki theme(sorry sir)
2. International Pulse day (sorry sir)
3. chatgpt aur AI kaise duniua ko badal denge
4. agains factual(aap allahabad se hai to allahabad university kab established huyi thi) agains sorry sir

Member 4

1. recently amitabh bachchan ko kuchh expert , doctor logo ne letter likha tha biscuit ki ad karne par, kyon?
2. bachhon ko kya khilana chahiye
3. kaun kaun se vitamin aur micro nutrients
4. Maa ka doodh kyon pilana chahiye , bottles ki jagah

Chairman: aap humse kuchh puchhana chahte hai (no sir)
ok aap ja skte hai , huamari subhkamnaye aapke sath hai

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Board: RN Choubey
Home State: Madhya Pradesh
Background: Computer science engineering, Agriculture
Service: Police service,
Optional: Public Administration
Hobby: played cricket

Chairman

1. Apne academic and work experience ke bare me bataeye
2. Kaha posted ho
3. Kis post par, kya kam rahta hai eska
4. India ka forex kitna hai
5. Eska final Malik kon hai?
6. Recent Air india deal kya hai?
7. India ka forex 600b hai aur kewal ek company ne 125b ki deal kar li hai, apko nahi lagta ye bahut galat deal hai
8. 2 cross question on above (i answered but he seemed not satisfied, said: sayad aap ek chiz bhul rahe hai, i replied: sayad muje bhi lag raha hai sir, sorry Sir)
He said: koi baat nahi
(Then He gestures to another member)

Member 1

1. Aapne cyber fraud solving me kam kiya hai, kya govt aesa nahi kar sakti ki log website me login kare aur pata chal jaye ki ye fake website hai?
2. Govt regular monitoring to kar sakti hai?? Aur Govt ki konsi agency?
3. Kya esse related personal aware govt ko nahi karna chahiye??
4. Cricket, passion hai ya profession?
5. Apko cricket promote karna ho to, uska konsa aspect lekar karenge?

Member 2

1. Paytm aur BHIM ka payment gateway konsa hai?
2. I stack kya hai?
3. Soul of Steel kya hai?
(The chairman said: koi bat nahi, i said: thank you Sir)
4. Kya aaj bhi caste based offence hote hai? If yes any specific Govt measure
5. Kya economic compensation dene se apradh kam ho jata hai?
6. Economic compensation k liye to jhutha cases bhi ho sakte hai?
7. HC/SC me judges ki appointment kese hoti hai?
8. Is it perfect?
9. Apke hisab se kya improvements jaruri hai?
10. what is art324?
11. What is the function of EC?
12. Esme kya sudhar hone chahiye?
13. NIA vs police dispute kya hai?
14. Inter state offences me kise priority honi chahiye?
15. Shouldn't the police do these works?

Member 3

1. Afim
2. Eski kheti kese hoti hai??
3. Arunachal me to bina licence ke hoti hai?
4. Konsi agency ese regulate karti hai?
5. Life imprisonment ka kya matlab hai?
6. Aese convicts ko kb release kar sakte hai?
7. kis basis par?
8. Woman security me technology ka use kese dekhte hai?
9. Aese cases me conviction kese bade??
(Permission se MP police ki ek scheme batayi.)

Member 4

1. Kailash Satyarthi kon hai
2. Noble prize kyu mila

3. Child labour ke liye special act hai kya??
4. Police kya kare ki es area me unki social acceptability bade?

Chairman: accha laga aapse bat karke, aap ja sakte hai, aur yadi apko kuch kahna ho to Unki permission li aur parents sath aaye hai bataya (they all get involved and said 1-2 things about it)

For this board, DAF is not too much relevant, current affairs is very important. Mocks were very useful (although we can pick and choose their feedbacks)

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Date of Interview: 15/2 FN

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Kanpur UP

Chairman

1. What is me too?
2. Your opinion?

Member 1

1. Pwd act?
2. Favourite service?
3. As a DM How can you prevent disabilities from happening?
4. What is Roshni act?
5. When was National Anthem adopted?

Member 2

1. What is geo history
2. Do prisoners have right to vote
3. What do you know about Diaspora?
4. Your view on their role?
5. Do they have right to vote?
6. Socio envmntal consequences of mining?
7. What is ghotul?

Member 3

1. To promote remote education android mobile or iPad?
2. Kanpur tannery pollution? Wf?

Member 4

1. Kanpur textile mill? Challenges? And current status?
2. CSJMU(knp university) when estab?

3. Current VC?
4. Opinion on role of media and judiciary and geo-political impact of media?
5. Have you watched BBC documentary?

CM- do you want to share or ask anything?

Interview went on for 14 min. Overall they were cordial.

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Board: RN Choubey
Optional: History
Duration -14-15 minutes
Background: Chemical engineering
 No questions asked from daf

Chairman

1. no question asked

Member 1

1. Nalanda, takshila, vikramshila universities at ancient times their importance and current status
2. agniveer scheme...pro....and concerns....any suggestions
3. operation Rahat....why India help turkey....bz turkey support Pakistan and it raises Kashmir issues in international platform...

Member 2

1. Industrial effluents....how we treat them
2. carrying capacity of silishede lake in Alwar

Member 3

1. india's neighbourhood policy....china dominance on Indian Ocean....
2. short seller??

Member 4

1. rte act....any suggestions to improve quality education for poor peoples
2. 2-rman - thank you...if u want ask anything else...i said no sir

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Date of Interview: 15.02.2023, Afternoon(2nd to go)
Board: RN Choubey sir
Background: BTech in EE(IIT Varanasi)
Optional: Sociology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Work Experience: Fintech(currently working)

Hobby: Jogging, Listening to Bollywood songs

Other keywords from DAF: JNV, BHU, Maharajganj, Varanasi, Gurugram

Chairman

1. Tell us about your academic record and work experience.
2. Role of FCI.
3. Why do we maintain buffer stock more than required?
4. Shouldn't we pay for the price difference instead of procuring at MSP and let farmers sell the produce in open market?

Member 1

1. What is Wagah?
2. Have you heard about Wagah Border?
3. We celebrate function everyday in the evening there. Please tell about that.
4. Tell me about Geneva convention.
5. Function and differences between R&AW and IB.
6. Difference between state and UT.
7. What is the purpose of having UT.

Member 2

1. Have you heard about skyUTM(can't recall exact word). Explain(hint: related to roadways).
2. what is GeM portal?
some more questions...

Member 3

1. So, you are a Electrical engineer.
2. (a). what is star rating AND upto how many numbers it goes(0 to 5 or 0 to 10) AND what on what parameters it is given AND who give ratings(agency).
3. (b). Under which organisation/ ministry/ department BEE comes.
4. you are working as a software professional.
 - (a) What is an API(software related) AND how does it works.
 - (b) in how much time API delivers response for a request.
5. What is chatGPT?
6. how does it works?
7. how does chatGPT know that the answer it is generating is correct?
One more question...

Member 4

1. Reason for Russia-Ukraine war AND why it extended so long AND benefit and loss to India due to it.
2. What are Farmer cooperatives AND are they successful AND in which area they are successful AND are they beneficial to the farmers.
3. Why are they not successful in other states?
4. In which year BHU got established?
5. How it was established?
6. Why you chose Sociology as an Optional despite being Electrical Engineer AND how knowledge of sociology is going to help you as an administrator?
7. How to solve to problem of Beggary?

Chairperson: Okay, your interview is over now. Do you want to tell any thing else.

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Date of Interview: 15/02/2023, afternoon session, 3rd to go

Board: RN Choubay sir

Background: BSc Biology, MA Political science, doing PhD

Home State: Rajasthan

Optional: Hindi literature

Hobbies: Bollywood movies, lofi Bhajan.

After entering, normal formalities and asked to relax and chaubay sir told that they were like friends so talk us like we are our friends.

Chairman

1. agri loan waiver right or wrong ,i said both but depends on some situations nd then follow ups .then education loan waiver and suicide rlt to students and discussion on that . was going deeper,i thought I will get trapped so I said I only know this much .he said it's ok you told well .then passed to member 1.

Member 1

1. What do you know about Anganwadi
2. Services at anganwadi
3. Should we abolish anganwadi system
4. Should we increase Anganwadi.

Member 2

1. Very factual qsns ,I have never heard nor i remember those qsns .
2. Do you know about renke temple

Member 3

1. National park of Rajasthan
2. Tiger reserve of Rajasthan
3. When tiger can be seen easily _ morning evening or in between
4. Difference between bacteria and virus
5. Good bacteria
6. Can we eat bacteria
7. Can anyone can eat curd any time of the day by any age person
8. Why curd in day time nd not night time .isse aage i said sorry sir .
9. What is jamoji

Member 4

1. Why MA political science after bsc
2. Why optional hindi literature
3. Why MA not in regular mode
4. Why private university rising
5. Importance of pvt University
6. Should we ban pvt University

Chairperson

1. Phd topic
2. Done field work or not
3. Guide name
4. Accha lga jaan kr ki aapne variety me pdha h itna .hmne pooch liya h do you want to say something.i said i remember a song after this interview.if you permit I want to tell two lines .he said yes sure .they laughed and then ok thank you you are free now you can go.

Mock utility: ek single qsn repeat nhi hua . But only ias mock se confidence aaya . sleepy classes waalo ne pura down kr diya tha confidence nd drishti wala nrml factual tha .

My experience: they were just checking pressure handling capacity.3 time laughter moments ,one time impressed the aisa lga . Nd current alg hi level ka poocha tha normal current qsns nhi the . be confidential and honest because at one place chaubey sir said accha lga ki tumne honestly reply Kiya . that's all .all the best to other candidate.

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Date of Interview: 15.02.2023**Board:** RN Choubey sir**Optional:** PSIR**Home State:** Tamil Nadu

Work Experience: ICMR, EPFO (No Questions)

Background: Chemical Engineering.

After greeting chairperson and other formalities, Choubey sir (as usual) mentioned that this is just a conversation, they are not scary people and asked repeatedly if I was comfortable. Thanked him and said I was.

Chairman

1. Tell us about your academic record and work experience. (Some confusion here as I had only recently joined EPFO and it was not mentioned in my DAF.
2. He was satisfied after I clarified it to him).
3. Long monologue about interstate riverwater linking. Asked whether jurisdiction over interstate rivers should be handed over to centre.

Member 1

1. Can you tell me the difference between GST and VAT?
2. Why was there an urgency to implement GST (Gave a long monologue about how it was a drastic change etc etc).
3. So, is VAT still being levied or not?
4. What is your service preference?
5. Who is the appointing authority for civil servants?
Maybe one other question that I am unable to recall.

Member 2

1. Can you tell me about B1 - Lancer?
2. Tell me about 'inferred deposits'
3. What do you mean by national integration? (Follow-up to an answer I gave to M1 about need for GST)

Member 3

1. So, you are a chemical engineer. How would you handle toxicity in a substance?
2. What about bacterial agents? (Apologized, mentioned bioremediation - he seemed satisfied).
3. Is DDT good for public health? (Discussion ensued and he gave me some info I was not aware of.)
4. So, you like science fiction? Do you think Science Fiction is just fiction or is it wild fantasies?

Member 4

1. So, you are a PSIR optional person. Can you tell me about 'area studies'?
2. Can you tell me what is "Eagle 44" (Random change of topic) (I was not aware of this)
3. Can you tell me what Operation Arhaar (?) is?

4. Okay, tell me about cryptocurrency and its implications.
5. Tell me about demonetization and its implications.

Chairperson: Okay, your interview is over now. You can ask us anything.

Utility of mocks - I felt NextIAS was closer to the mark with respect to Choubey board. Vajirao was also somewhat similar in terms of current affairs asked. Overall, with this board prepare current affairs carefully as well as jump at any opportunity to show values and personality.

One on One with Republic IAS (Chennai - based institute) - found it very useful for tackling questions related to hobby especially choice based questions. Found it very good for building up confidence to tackle value based questions + to project one's personality in GS based questions. Would recommend to anyone in Chennai and outside as well

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Date of Interview: 13 Feb 2023, Afternoon 4th to go.

Board: RN Choubey

Background: BE mechanical M.Tech Machine Design.

Other relevant DAF entries - students council, University topper in Mechanical engineering.

Optional: Mechanical engineering.

Chairman

As usual introduction by Sir- this is personality test. We don't expect that you know everything. Even I don't know everything. Tell if you know. We are here to help you. Ask us if you don't get any question.

1. introduce yourself with educational background and work experience, if any.
2. social service and all is great but have not not joined any formal employment?
3. shall we say Naxalites are terrorist?
4. Naxalites also use terror to create fear in people's mind. I don't see any difference between them. What do you think?
5. What's IPC, CrPC, and Evidence Act and their provisions?
6. Is telling lie a crime?
7. ok. Tell me one incident when it's crime and one incident when it's not.
8. Q on spending made on research so there should be strict IPR laws. Your view.
9. what about Pfizer vaccine.
10. So is there compulsory licensing in India.

Member 1

1. by advent of AI future of mechanical engineering is in danger. What do you think
2. you were member of students council, tell me should there be involvement of political elements in campus

3. so is there difference in creating future political leaders and politicisation of campuses.

Member 2

1. What's Industry 4.0
2. how will it impact on employment
3. what changes will you suggest in curriculum and overall pedagogy of mechanical engineering.

Member 4

1. if Russia Ukraine war broke into 3rd world war on which side shall India join.
2. so that means going back to non alignment
3. what your view about commercialization of sports/ multiple leagues
4. do you know about Somnath Dweep

Member 4

1. You have done engineering now joining civil services, your knowledge is going to be wasted
2. If you have 10 lakhs how you will advise about savings/ investment
3. what's current rate of interest of fixed deposit
4. Now suppose if you are district collector how will you spend this 10 lakh rupees in your district

Chairman sir-

It's over from our side. If you think that we have missed something or you want to say something you can share.

2-3 follow up questions were asked by each member.

I might have missed one or two questions.

Chairman sir stand in the middle of interview during second members questioning for one or two minutes and roam around his chair.

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Date of Interview: 16/02/2023

Board: RN. Choubey Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Gujarat

Hobby: Movies

Chairman

1. Situation-based- if heading an operation as IPS in naxal area of Chhattisgarh and asked everyone to gather in a ground but someone is running with a child in arm..will you shoot?

(Orders are given to shoot naxals)

Some follow-up questions

Member 1

Art 19(1)(a)

1. Your view on BBC case
2. Name some act to tackle social issues
3. What is violence under domestic violence act
4. Can a mother be arrested under child marriage act
5. Why women of Gujarat are entrepreneurs

Member 2

1. Even if the soil of Gujarat is not that much fertile..how is it flourishing in agri and milk production?
2. How movies are protected under IPR
3. Dam on Narmada - environmental impact - probability of siltation

Member 3

1. Your views on reservation esp women reservation
2. Should we continue with reservation or the purpose has been fulfilled?

Member 4

1. Women safety on social media like FB
2. Some more questions were there..not able to recall right now
3. As always board was cordial, smiling and nodding

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Date of Interview: 30 Jan, 23 Forenoon session

Board: RN Choubey

Background: B Tech Mechanical, SVNIT, surat

Home State: Gujarat

Optional: Mathematics

Hobby: watching gujarati movies

Chairman

1. You have stayed in Gujarat bhavan?
2. What did you eat in breakfast?
3. Tell in brief about your academic background and work experience?
4. What do you know about crop insurance?
5. Does PMFBY got success?
6. What is exact method of PMFBY?

7. Who pays for premium?
8. What do you think regarding development vs environment?
9. With regards to it..in current times in india, we are headed towards envt or development?
10. India requires lot of energy and lack of energy is visible today like power cuts and our coal mines are in forest, so should we explore it?

Member 1

1. what is soft power?
2. Can movie helps in softpower, in your opinion?
3. Bollywood movies are projected as soft power in past, but now many regional movies are promoted, didn't it means that we are diverting from mains things as soft power?
4. Conventionally people are saving by putting money in banks as fd, in gold but in recent times more other venues are there, what do you think about it, is there any danger?
5. Should we encourage people to invest more in stock market?

Member 2

1. Have you heard about Param Vir chakra in recent times?
2. Any name of Param Vir chakra awardee?
3. Where can we put zero in whole number or integer?
4. Does zero comes in natural number?
5. How zero and infinity are connected?
6. Do you know Newton's third law?
7. If I hit someone, then will it apply?
8. Then one should not hit somebody?

Member 3

1. UN intangible heritage site given recently, do you know?
2. Any other things you can recollect about it?
3. Is there any intangible heritage in Gujarat?
4. You are from nit, why do you want to join civil service?
5. Where do you want to work after 10 years?
6. Do you know about 'inclusive education'?
7. Have you heard of 'inclusive school'?
8. Your favourite director in regional cinema? One movie ?
9. What is about that movie 'be yaar'?

Member 4

1. Many are saying climate change is not real, how do you convince them in 5 min?
2. How can we say that current climate change impact is due to industrial revolution?
3. What is this 'two degree'?

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Date of Interview: 30 Jan 2023 afternoon 3rd to go

Board: RN Choubey sir

Optional: anthropology

Background: Mechanical (Btech)

Profession (if any): system engineer, freelancer

Hobbies: mandala art, interested in sustainable DIY

Chairman

1. Tell me about your education and work experience?
2. Follow up questions then why did you leave your job? -answered (chair -Ok we believe you)
3. IPC,CrPC, evident act – what are they?
4. how old are they?
5. is there any need for reform in these?
6. what reforms -(removal of grey areas ,technological interventions in evidence gathering so that precision and accuracy increases and witness protection
7. long monologue on corruption in admin -why are they still resorting to it

Member 1

1. long monologue on issue with global hunger index
2. followup on this (y more sample sizeis needed (answered -seems satisfied),what is the issue with their questionnaire? -answered (member totally agreed with it)
3. what is sustainability
4. mandala art do you do that or interested in it

Member 2

1. NCC wings ,when it is formed and moto?(entire sports column is empty)
2. What is the issue about NCC in news
3. Stressed to get answer from me
4. Asked me to take guess on year
5. nasal vaccine and mechanism (said sorry don't know)
6. governor issue and then long monologue (said i will read more about it when I repeated the point)

Member 3

1. have you watched republic day parade ?
2. Which part you liked most -she herself started with president of Egypt visit ,I nodded further elaborating it
3. What did you like about parade (told state tabluas)

4. Why ? (Women empowerment)
5. what is your state tableau (no tableau from our state)
6. house sparrow status now (chair explained me about it when I told her that I know normal sparrow and not aware about house sparrow)
7. told her reasons (radiation,nest,food)
8. asked about its food cycle (told -sparrow -insects -plants)
9. what is food cycle and food web
10. what did you do in your job ?
11. so how you make website inclusive (missed audio aspect)

Member 4

1. how AC works (wants to hear specific thing that he googled)
2. difference between desert cooler and AC -(chair once again clarified me about desert cooler)
3. what is affluent technology (sorry sir don't know)
4. envi science in graduation -so what did you read -carbon foot print
5. how do you decrease carbon footprint -answered only at individual level

Chairman

1. we are done with interview if you want to say something you can and we are not going to ask questions from it
2. Talked about best practice in my village
3. asked me which village?
4. I thanked them all and left
5. O2O sessions helped me alot with kaptaan,vinay sir (insights) ,Khan sir
6. Apart from it discussions with friends and seniors helped the most
7. Utility of mocks :KSG,vajirao and reddy

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Date of Interview: 2nd Feb 2023

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Background: CA., B.Com

Optional: Commerce & Accountancy

Home State: Rajasthan

Work experience: IOCL

Hobbies: Cooking (Sattvic Food), Freestyle Dancing (no questions on hobby) – NO questions from hobbies

Chairman

1. Role of Finance commission
2. Why don't we give state the power to tax ? Why there is a need for Finance Commission?

3. Can you think of some state which is rich but state govt is poor?

Member 1

1. Have you heard of Greenpace (NGO)? – I was not sure about that
2. " When the buying stops, killing can too " – In reference to elephant ivory.....Can you think of other animals for which it is relevant?

Member 2

1. He started by saying – "I am tempted to get my doubts clarified regarding IFRS- 17 but i don't want to take unfair advantage and take your free advice so I'll refrain from asking that" then he asked me IR questions
2. Objective of AUKUS? Is it anti-china
3. Full form of QUAD? how is it different form AUKUS? What was its initial objective?
4. How Pakistan 's economic crisis different from Sri Lanka's
Should world and India in particular be concerned since it is a nuclear power?

Member 3

1. What is third degreeused by police? Should it be allowed?
2. why does police use third degree?
3. Bangladesh's economic situation
4. Cattle smuggling near India-Bangladesh border?

Member 4

1. Why G20 is significant to India? How is it different from other grouping
2. Agriculture is important to Rajasthan....so name some famous species grown in Rajasthan

Chairman at the end

1. Do you want to tell us something?

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Date of Interview: 01/02 afternoon session

Board: RN Choubey sir

Home State: Odisha

Background: B.Com (Hons) from Kolkata

Optional: Sociology

No questions from hobby

Chairman

1. Tell us about your educational background and work experience
2. What is black money?
3. If you're investing black money in real estate and gold, is it not productive for economy?

4. Several cross questions on the same
5. If I earn from an illegal activity, eg gambling, and pay taxes on it, will it be black or white money?

Member 1

1. Difference between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar
2. What is town planning?
3. What factors would you keep in mind while planning a town?
4. Pottery city in UP – didn't know
5. What do you know about Terracotta?
6. What to keep in mind while making balance sheet? How to ensure that it balances?

Member 2

1. "increased taxation, to some extent, subsidises for the inefficiencies of the government". Explain. Do you agree? Cross questioning on the same.
2. Adani case – explain round tripping and low float

Member 3

1. What is green accounting?
2. Problem in countries adopting green accounting?

Member 4

1. Naxalism in West Bengal – was tackled once and again increased- what steps were taken on both times?
2. Contributions of Subash Chandra Bose to our freedom struggle
3. Contributions of INA
4. Unable to recall some questions from each member. Overall experience- board was cordial and encouraging

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Date of Interview: 3rd Feb afternoon 5th to go

Board: RN Choubey

Background: Physics,

Optional: Geography

Hobbies: watching Japanese anime, Running

Sports: chess, and hockey

Extremely cordial board (well what can you expect from Choubey sir's board)

JUST RANDOM THINGS, JUST 2-3 QUESTIONS FROM DAF

CANT SAY HOW TO JUDGE

Wished everyone – Good afternoon ma'am, good afternoon sir.He asked me to sit

comfortably and remove my mask

.Then a small briefing, – that this is a personality test not an interview, if you know the answer tell us.if don't honestly say no, you can even ask us to repeat.(And ofcourse his devilish smile

I said yes sir

Chairman

1. well introduce yourself in one minute and your academic background, work experience.
2. One question related to my name and one follow up question.
3. Difference between naxalism and terrorism.
4. Some counter questions.

Member 1

1. question on capital punishment
2. It's objectives, do you support, what happens if someone who got hanged but
3. we later realised that he was innocent etc etc(on these lines)
4. Do you know about bare necessities index, i said no..he asked me to take a guess and what are bare necessities, why such a index, it's analysis
(Then he himself started telling me- and i was listening to him patiently).

Member 2

1. question on Kota coaching institutes. (Neither I have a coaching background nor I belong to that state)
2. Suicides are happening, should we ban coaching industry in general (including civil services coaching)
3. Counter questions on these , how will you reform education system
4. Role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
5. Why we could not able to integrate Kashmir.

Member 3

1. Essence of biodiversity act
2. Cold waves, Delhi weather
3. Some 4-5 random questions- i don't even remember – i said no ma'am, sorry ma'am

Member 4

1. On Ramsar sites and convention (feb 2 nd anniversary of Ramsar convention)
2. Relevance of wetlands
3. Name them etc etc
4. Urban flooding
5. Principle of lightning

Chairman

1. your interview is over , is there something we missed and you want us to ask
2. I said yes sir- you can ask from my hobby
3. He smiled ... what is your hobby - I told him watching Japanese anime
4. Then he asked about Japanese anime
5. What is it? How different from cartoon? It's genre?
6. Some questions on this....
7. Thank You, it was nice talking to you .
8. I said Thanku sir and ma'am

Remarks

Utility of mocks -they are useful to the point that they help you to overcome your fear.

(That's it)

And if its Choubey sir's board then no need of taking a mock.

What I have realized that this is the most ,unpredictable stage of the exam

So believe in yourself, and leave everything to God.

Jai Hind

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Date of Interview: 2nd Feb Afternoon

Board: RN Choubey

Background: BSc Physics

Optional: Philosophy

Home State: Bihar

3rd attempt , 1st Interview

Hobbies: Vipassna, Guitar, reading self-improvement books

Extremely cordial board ... First minute was briefing and then given choice to remove the mask

Chairman

1. Tell us about ur academic experience and Work ex. If any.
2. Did u prepared from your hometown or Delhi
3. how do u see Growth and Development was reflected in Budget,
Follow up on above
4. Where did u went for Vipassna
5. How Frequently you do Vipassna, Do you do it daily

Member 1

1. What reaction going inside sun ... It's getting Old etc ..
2. How long the sun will survive ..as there has been concern regarding it .

3. What is fission reaction
4. What do u know about controlled and uncontrolled Nuclear reaction
5. Difference between Fission and fusion reaction
6. Do u think that the reaction going on sun can be replicated on Earth ... (As recently China had done this)
7. Recently Adani has taken back its share and has promised to return the money of shareholders on moral grounds , what's your take on it..

Member 2

1. What's your opinion on the NPS and OPS scheme .. why people are protesting it
2. We are a welfare state , don't you think demand for OPS is genuine
3. Don't u think we are a welfare state and demands for OPS is genuine(some follow up on same)
4. Agniveer had been in news..and lot of protest were going in Bihar , how it affects Army and what about those who will be left out post 4 years ..
5. What's the use of keeping them for 4 years , because the next substitute won't have that experience

Member 3

1. Farms laws (name them) and
2. protests ...what are the 3 farm laws and why the protest happened
3. The protest was confined to Punjab mostly
APMC if eliminated , why centre is doing so ..etc
4. Contract farming is still going there..then why we need farm laws
5. you have done NCC ... In some countries there's a mandatory military training present...do you think should India also make it mandatory NCC training for youth

Member 4

1. Silk you know.. what kind of silk are there in India..and which silk is grown in Bihar
2. How is the law and order situation in Bihar
What will you do ,
3. if u are made the SP of a district to improve law and order situation in your district
4. What Tourism sector has got in the Budget
5. You know about the migrant crisis , as it happened many people returned back from all parts of India... What Bihar Government did to accommodate them
6. Also after covid, many returned , but those who stayed , Are they doing well
7. Which areas of your district is promoting Those who came back (I gave 1 recent case study)

Chairman

1. asked to tell anything I wish to talk about .. anything from my DAF

2. I chose philosophy and how it has changed me as a person
3. He said..happy to hear that upsc syllabus has helped you to reshape you
4. The board was really cordial...very experienced people
In mocks I used to sweat a lot...bt in real interview it didn't get that way
5. I was satisfied with the interview...

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Date of Interview: 03rd Feb**Board:** RN Choubey**Home State:** Tamil Nadu**Work:** Indian Forest Service**Hobby:** Hydroponics**Optional:** Agriculture**Chairman**

1. Tell us about your Work experience.
You are already in a good service, why you wanted to appear in the⁸ exam again ?
2. Your cadre allotment is done?
3. So now you got MP Cadre, if u get selected in IPS with Manipur cadre, what you will choose ?
4. What is definition of freebies? And should we regulate them?
5. Giving fold ring to women , will it be counted as freebie?

Member 1

1. Partition of Bengal
2. Why we couldn't succeed in 1857 movement ?
3. Tell us about any women freedom fighters from karnataka ?
4. Tell us about some Women freedom fights from India who chose militant way of fighting?

Member 2

1. There is alot of pressure given in coaching Institutes like civil services coaching, Kota institutes etc. Since you have worked in coaching institute,
2. what changes you would suggest in education system to overcome this ?
3. What is PFI and SIMI?

Member 3

1. Already you were in group 1 service, then why you choose to give IFS examination again?
2. Tell me solutions according to you through which we can achieve evergreen revolution?

Member 4

1. Tell us about hydroponics.
2. What are the advantages?
3. Some follow up questions
4. Is this scalable ? Can we grow it in large areas ?

Chairman

1. Your interview is over
2. You want to tell us anything ?
3. Previously have given interviews, so how do you feel about your performance today?

Thank you

(Few Questions I couldn't recollect)

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Date of Interview: 3/2/23 Second Half

Board: RN Choubey

Optional: No point in knowing. He didn't ask anything

Background: ek IIT hai.

Profession: (if any)- IPS hun.

Hobbies: Badminton.

Your experience in interview-

Chairman

1. Why IAS?
2. Ips UP vs IAS Mizoram.
3. Replacement rate and it's number
4. Why is it 2.1

Member 1

1. Khelo India scheme.
2. Militarisation of Indian Police.
3. Some more questions.

Member 2

1. Banning Of PFI and other. Relevance
2. Other groups banned? Specific Name
3. AFSPA. A little bit grilling. Didn't know the exact provision.

Member 3

1. Need to study Physics chemistry Maths and Bio together
2. Tribunals

3. Need of tribunals
4. Tribunals in telecom sector
5. Power sharing model in Telco sector
6. Different types of Model of revenue sharing
7. Name and define them

Member 4

1. Malimath commission on Women specific (don't know or remember)
2. Malimath on victim centric jurisprudence (no clue)
3. Thermocouple (Btech in mechanical- didn't know- sorry)
4. Btech project(didn't remember)
5. Adani and impact on society.
6. Some more counter questions.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-

For chaubey sir's board nothing is comparable. Interview is a different game altogether. Even in retrospect, i don't know if i could've performed better in these questions.

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Date of Interview: 03/02/2023

Board: RN. Chaubey sir

Optional: Sociology

Chairman

1. Tell me about educational background and work ex.
2. What does the company do?
3. What was the criteria for publishing articles on the company's portal (daf based)

Member 1

1. Asked about some personality
(I had no idea about him)
2. Elaborated that person is a millionaire involved in collection and monetization of marine waste and views about him (daf)
3. Which type of protest a youth should follow greta's or his(above mentioned)
4. What was Greta's way of dealing with the environment?

Member 2

1. What was the amendment in the preamble?
2. Why it was done and weren't Indian society secular before.

Member 3

1. Who is Aruna Asaf Ali (random)
2. Does MP have pm fasal bika yojana and states which didn't implement it and challenges to it?
3. What will you do to make it more attractive as a DM
4. What are the challenges of milk price rise?

Member 4

1. Reasons for farm suicides.
2. What will you do to reduce it?

Chairman

1. Do you want to ask us anything?

Utility of mocks:

Give it only for gaining confidence.

The actual interview is totally different from the mocks.

Recommended mocks -

Ksg and khan sir one to one, Ravindran sir one to one, vajirao mock, samkalp mock

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Date of Interview: Feb 3 - afternoon session 1st to enter

Board: RN Chaubey

Background: MBBS

Home State: Karnataka

Optional: Medical Science

Hobbies: strength training, guitar, wildlife documentaries

Chairman

1. Sir was cordial, asked me to relax and be comfortable. Asked me to introduce myself.

Member 1

1. Adani shares have fallen rapidly,
2. Do u think the government institutions like RBI and SEBI have failed to foresee this??
3. Why should government support Adani group? They r a private group?

Member 2

1. What is trickle down economy?
2. When was the term coined
3. Has it been successful?
4. why is it not successful??
5. What is its alternative???

6. should government stay in business or not??
7. Shud govt stay in hospitality.. like IRCTC??

Member 3

1. There has been changing of city names recently... Do u support it??
2. Does it have only intangible benefits? Or intangible benefits too?
3. V r seeing pollution of rivers due to solid waste... How do u analyze the role of Ganga action plan?? What was its budgetary allocation..??

Member 4

1. Do we import coffee or export coffee??
2. Recently there has been allegations that too much caffeine in it? Does the coffee we export has caffeine in it??
3. What is the issue in coffee industry recently???
4. There was renovation around India gate... Do u think it's a waste of money??

Member 5

1. Why is belagavi issue not solved from so long??
2. What type of guitar do u play??
3. How is it different from Spanish guitar??
4. Can Spanish guitar be modified to be used in hindustan music???

Overall pleasant experience, board was very cordial Happy wid my performance,

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Date of Interview: 3 Feb
Board: RN Choubey sir
Home State: Rajasthan
Optional: Chemistry
Hobbies: Volleyball, teacher

Chairman

1. What did you learn in your teaching career
2. How teaching teaches teamwork
3. Is the budget populist?

Member 1

1. Govt's business is not to do business- explain
2. Is it right approach?
3. What are strategic sectors?

Member 2

1. Why the battery size (actually referred to mobile eventually after a long monolog) in mobiles have reduced drastically?
2. What material in chips is used for heat management

Member 3

1. Why do we import coal when we have so much coal already
2. What are issues related to it?
3. Where all coal is found in India
4. How to incentivize private sector to increase production?

Member 4

1. What are probs of Mumbai? (Working place)
2. How to tackle slums?
3. Slum redevelopment will only benefit builders politicians and Civil servants. Is it right ?

Chairman – do you want to discuss something?

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Date of Interview: 2nd February 2023, Afternoon Session

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Home State: Haryana

Background: Physics

Optional: Geography

Hobbies: Stargazing, Flute, Cricket

Other Keywords: Police, CAPFs

Chairman

1. You had lunch today? What? (I said Poha). That is a breakfast item. We will arrange something for you. Please tell us.
2. Tell us your academic background and work experience. asked about delayed joining.
3. Asked about the reorganisation of states and what was the criteria .
4. What were the criteria used after that. Can you list them.
5. I mentioned development. So do you think we should create states like Marathwada or Bundelkhand? (Told them need to have more idea about exact development status to have a concrete opinion)
6. Popular opinion needs to be considered? Some political parties will always garner public sentiments.

Member 1

1. Adani withdrew FPO. Consequences on the Indian market. Told one (hawa me). About debt situation due to this (Sorry Sir No idea)
2. What is event horizon in blackhole.
This is a layman defination. Tell us the technical defination. (Said Sorry)
3. What is Solar Cell. How does it work? (not satisfied)
4. What type of Stargazing you do? What do you see? Where do you live because it's difficult in Delhi. What are the possible hindrances in visibility.
5. You play flute? Got any training? (Said no)
6. Tell me about a few raags (told that I just know the name and not technical details)
7. Name a few flautists and tell us about them.

Member 2

1. America got independence using military methods. Why not India? And counter questions.
2. How much was the time gap between American independence and 1857 Revn. Do you think it is sufficient time for technology to evolve? Don't you think technology is evolving slowly these days?

Member 3

1. You talked about states. Can states secede India?
2. Who coined this term indestructible union of destructible states (said Sorry)
The Chairman interrupted and asked about American Federation.
3. Can American state Secede? One state that tried secession.
4. When was AIIMS Founded. Who founded it and why was it Founded.
5. Have you seen Saptarishi. Can you name the Seven Rishis and their importance. (named all 7 Said sorry sir No idea about individual contribution but can tell you about Rishi Vashistha. Told him that)
6. This is very ancient. Tell me something recent. (Said Sorry)

Member 4

1. Is Delhi a UT or What?
2. What is the difference between Delhi, Puducherry and Haryana?
3. What is surface runoff. What are its consequences. How to control this.
4. How can we control it apart from agriculture.
5. We enjoyed talking with you. If you want to tell us about something that we have not asked. Please go ahead.

Mocks :

Good - Chahal, Chanakya Mandal, Ravindaran Sir O2O, Khan Sir O2O

Okayish - Only IAS, Unacademy, KSG

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Date of Interview: 2nd February
Board: RN Choubey
Optional: Geography
Background: MSc Chemistry
In service: State Civil Service
Hobby: Travel documentary

Chairman

1. Introduce with educational and work experience.
2. What's your opinion on farmer protest ? What are the 3 laws ? Why they opposed ?
3. What's your opinion on Encounter ? And follow up question. Judiciary is slow, need of immediate justice, encounter should be justiciable etc argument by chairman.

Member 1

1. What is your state law for prevention of land fragmentation?
2. What will be the impact of Adani calling off FPO?
3. What is Kekule's dream?
4. Steps by Govt for tourism in budget. What will happen if tourism is given infrastructure status?

Member 2

1. What is PM-KISAN? What happened in budget on this? Is it good? From where this scheme was inspired from ?
2. Why decreased allocation in budget?

Member 3

1. Continuing from chairman's discussion about encounter, why to care for human rights of a criminal who have killed few policemen? Doesn't it violate the human rights of the police ?
2. Human rights violation is a crime ? As per which law?
3. What are 3 major internal security challenges in your state?
4. History of naxalism, how it started in your state, what's the status now, how the change happened?

Member 4

1. What is the role of CAG?
2. Does he audit PPP project?
3. How the revenue sharing models work? Give examples.
4. What is NFRA & ICAI? Their role?
5. Three applications of Chemistry in daily household.

Chairman

1. Anything you want to tell us?

Summary: Nothing from hobby, achievement, work experience. Only one Q from home state, educational background. Mostly felt random.

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Board: RN Choubey
In service: ICLS,
Home State: Andhra Pradesh
Background: Mechanical Engineering

Chairman

1. What are u doing at present
2. What is the role of mca in ease of doing bussiness
3. Different cities selected for the rank and the last rank of india
4. Is the rank based on 2 cities give real pictures of indian states
5. How do u promote states role in ease of doing bussiness
6. Centre state coordination regarding the same

Member 1

1. SFIO and role
2. Other mechanisms to detect fraud
3. How do u reduce shell companies by identifying them
Role of technology regarding shell companies
4. CCI vs Google issue
5. What is the specific model google follows in india which is not followed in EU

Member 2

1. Given 10 fielder positions
2. Do you have leadership qualities if any give instances
3. What is ur role in college fest

Member 3

1. What is the plight of farmers if capital is shifted
2. How govt compensates them
3. Life style of chenchus now (i said not sure)
4. Any tribe u study and their present life style
5. What all u study in anthropology

Member 4

1. If man fails machine saves if machine fails men die explain
Mnrega and allocation
2. Again capital discussion (from previous member)

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Date of Interview: 31 Jan 2023, Afternoon session.

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Background: Physics and statistics.

Optional: anthropology

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobby: playing harmonium,

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself with work experience
2. Tell me Types of leaders
3. What type of leader was Gandhi ji?
4. What are the qualities due to which people followed him?

Member 1

1. Evolution of two nation theory
2. Could it be avoided
3. How one could avoid it? What should have been done?
4. About NCC
5. Did you join
6. Certificates A B C Their Details

Member 2

1. Tell about leguminous crops, their benefits
2. What are biological control agents
3. Statistics use in agriculture
4. How do we calculate agriculture production in one area?

Member 3

1. Tell us about famous bird sanctuary in your place
2. Controversy about harmonium
3. Alumni of your College
4. A recent and famous one ?
5. What is a Wrangler

Member 5

1. Minister related to harmonium controversy.
2. Should govt provide services?
3. In which sectors should there be government presence?
4. Tell me Sectors where government, if present can bring some regulation or price stabilization.

Chairman, it was a nice interaction.

Thank you.

Overall experience

1. Board was very friendly. No cross questions as such.
2. Wear your smile and confidence. All the best !

Utility of mocks:

1. Building spontaneity.
2. Two questions were repeated from mock directly which gave me confidence sitting there.

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Date of Interview: 1st FEB Afternoon 2nd to go

Board: RN Choubey sir

Optional: public administration

Background: Computer Engg.

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobbies: Reading non fiction, web series

Chairman

1. Briefly tell abt educational b/g nd work experience
2. Why pubad?
3. Major internal security challenges India is facing
4. Should we consider LWE as terrorist
5. Dhrug abuse in youth – how to handle(said treat them as victims nd then offenders. Then counterquestions based5 on this)

Member 1

1. What is visual impairment(Written research paper. From DAF)
2. PwD act. Does visual impairment come under it? What are the criterias for considering VI as disability(DON'T know)
3. GI(Geographical Indication) tag – what is? Why it's given? How It's given i.e process

Member 2

1. Namibia or zambia is proposing to allow ivory trade coz they have large no. Of Elephants.
Do you think it's justified?
2. What are intl repurcussions?
Another Q don't remember now

Member 3: fully Technical

1. Chat GPT -
2. who introduced
3. do you think it will overtake existing tech like G assistant
4. what are issues surrounding it
5. Cyber security
6. Explain entire status and challenges in context of India
7. How to address Cyber security challenges

Member 4

1. Drug menace in Punjab.
2. It's causes and It's link with Pakistan
3. Why it's a major prob there nd why not other border dists
4. Capital punishment. Lot of delay is happening in disposal of cases(tarikh pe tarikh). Should it be allowed or abolished

Chairman:

1. from our side it's over. Do you have anything to say?
2. Approx time 30 mins
3. All the best for remaining candidates.
4. Thank You @FSI:IPS Mahesh Bhagwat Sir:PDI: sir, @FSI:Abhishek Saraf IAS:PDI: sir and other community members for guidance.

(65)**Date of Interview:** 2nd Feb to be interviewed, Forenoon Session**Board:** Shri Rajiv Nayan Choubey**Home State:** Maharashtra**Background:** IRS (IT), Hyderabad,**Hobby:** Cooking,

CSE, International Mathematical Olympiad, Google summer of code(GSC), Stray animal rescue and rehabilitation, chess

4th attempt, 3rd Interview(including this – every time, Chaubey Sir chaired them)

Chairman

1. You can remove your mask if you are vaccinated and comfortable with it
Then, as always explained the procedure of personality test and told that it is just a conversation etc.
2. I won't ask you to expand your name but quickly tell us about your academic and work background
3. You are already having a laddu in your hand.... what else do you need on the laddu?
4. Why do you want to enter IAS?
5. As you are from Nagpur, there is this economic think tank which says that instead of direct taxation, if we tax all the transactions that are taking place, it generates more revenue and we won't even be needing the direct taxation and in fact IT department.....(Monologue of 2 min, but this is the essence)....What is your take on it?
6. Similar constraints are present in Direct Taxation slab too.... What is the way forward?

Member 1

1. East Godavari district is called Rice bowl of Southern India.... Have you seen cane cultivation there? (Rajahmundry is in my DAF)
2. Bamboo cultivation significance
3. Paper Industry problems and what can we do?
4. Speciality of Nagpur.... questions on orange cultivation and Nagpur climate....

Member 2

1. You're CS graduate...Self driving cars...can they be successful in India?
2. Possible challenges for Self-Driving vehicle in India
3. Why traffic sense is in disarray in India?
4. GSC.... why did you discontinue it?
5. NP complete vs NP hard problems

Member 3

1. What do you cook?
2. Difference between normal and Dum biryani? Why is it so special?
3. It is Biryani only if it is Mutton Biryani...What do you say?
4. Why Nationalistic tendencies are increasing all over the world?
5. Only economic or there are other reasons as well?
6. If we reduce tax rates more people will be eager to pay taxes, then why don't we do it?.....talked about Laffer curve and trade off between increased tax base but decreased tax revenue....didn't ask further questions

Member 4

1. View on taxing new sectors such as Agriculture....how can we do?

2. What are the problems that would arrive?
3. Monologue on Nepal and Bhutan....Difference in democratic structures in both the countries?
4. Working principle of Mercury thermometer
5. Interesting fact about Shannon's number

Chairman:

1. Anything you need to share?

I told about the Stray animal part and some discussion about it

Experience: Surprisingly they asked me from DAF, as in previous 2 times, it was completely random...duration is of 30-35 min.....Went well and the flow was without or with little turbulence....

Keep in mind that having a DAF based and nice PT isn't synonymous with good marks and random questionnaire doesn't mean low marks....

Have a leap of faith upon yourself and enter the room with confidence without any thoughts.....

All the best everyone and fly high with wings of confidence!!!

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Date of Interview: 1 Feb 2023 Forenoon 6th and last to enter

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Optional: Mathematics

Background: IIT Delhi Btech Chemical engineering

Home State: Haryana

Hobbies: Playing Chess and captain of hostel team, Teaching and Mentoring, NSS

Chairman

1. Tell me about your education and work experience
2. What is indus water treaty. Why news
3. Why inter state disputes arises
4. Should we transfer this matter to centre alone to decide

Member 1

1. Evergreen revolution : what why
2. Promote above how
3. Why haryana people selling land and moving out of this sector
4. Solve this as a policy maker

Member 2

1. Delhi new trucks new addition what is it.

2. Why we say EV less polluting even though electricity comes from thermal plants pollutes environment
3. Diesel exhaust engine
4. One more question I don't remember

Member 3

1. If rice causes soil degradation water table down, then should we limit it to only South region and not allow in north. Your views
2. Can state secede from union of states. How?
3. If no foreign involvement in this then should we allow to secede?

Member 4

1. Doctrine of "one innocent don't punish even though 99 criminals left unpunished". Your views
2. What Reforms needed for above

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Date of Interview: 31st January, forenoon session

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Optional: Medical science

Home State: J&K

Chairman

1. tell us about consumer protection architecture in India
2. you r a doctor, why civil services?
3. what do you know about Ross island, who is Ross?
4. who discovered the drug for malaria?
5. noble prize won by Indians (ist and latest)
6. what is monarchy? What factors pushed Nepal to democracy.
7. you watch science based documenteries , tell us which one u watch recently?
8. compare usa and India space sector? What Indian can learn from it.
9. economic survey importance and it's tabling?
10. At one end we have this goal of inclusive growth and at other end we r focusing only on more n more investment in economy to boost GDP. How do u see the divergence?
11. Since independence many commissions and even niti ayog failed to address the problems of our agriculture . What according to you is the root cause ?
12. Suggest a solution that can address the three problems (land fragmentation, rising population, climate change)?
13. what do u know about FSSAI? It's functions.
14. How do we implement the vaccination challenge in India during covid times (initially)
15. What is your opinion as a doctor regarding 'emergency use authorisation' ?
16. why there is so much noise about covid vaccines
17. suppose you have to advice a covid vaccine to an individual , what would u advice covaxin

or covishield.

18. presidential address to the parliament, unique thing this time?
19. saffron cultivation, it's flower, how it looks?
20. Your interview is over , would u like to b asked questions from any area we might have missed?
21. Your interview is over

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Date of Interview: 30th January Afternoon Session

Board: RN Choubey Sir

Optional: Malayalam Literature

Background: Economics

Home State: Kerala

Chairman

1. Introduction – Educational background and Work experience
2. What is licence raj system?
3. What is inspector raj system? Do we need a inspector raj system?
4. In Ukraine Russia conflict who is right and who is wrong?

Member 1

1. Favorite writer? Why?
2. Why High HDI in Kerala? From where did Kerala got money for such a development?
3. Did Malayalam Literature show any pattern in its development over years?

Member 2

1. Why only Kerala managed to get high HDI not other states like Punjab and Sikkim?
2. Agriculture to Service direct Jump. How it affected economy?
3. What govt has recently done to improve industrial development?

Member 3

1. Application of any economic theory in Agricultural sector for its development?
2. Reasons for air pollution in Delhi. What measures did govt took to control stubble burning?
3. Why the issue of stubble burning only affecting Delhi?
4. Environmental significance of backwaters in Kerala?

Member 4

1. Anything from Science fiction literature that later become scientific invention?
2. Real life application of any science fiction movie concept?
3. Conspiracy behind the origin of Covid pandemic?
4. How the conflict between development and environment led to the origin of corona virus?

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Board: RN Choubey Sir**Optional:** Sociology**Home state:** Kerala**Hobbies:** Shyamaprasad movies , cardio exercise and meditation**Chairman**

1. About whether I had lunch(to make comfortable)
2. in 1 min about academic and professional achievements -(talked about patent)
3. About EVs having power to address pollution
4. Agree or disagree - Environmental protection is a conspiracy, to make rich countries richer and poor countries poorer

Member 1

1. automatic driving - why it didn't get picked up in a large manner
2. what all specification to be needed in self driving cars
3. How different softwares of different companies make a difficulty in implementing
4. Why cardio and meditation combination and how it help me
5. why only Shyamaprasad movies only

Member 2

1. Comparison of Kerala and West Bengal Population. Is the government due to politically consciousness people (Rephrasing and follow up questions)
2. Whether Russian invasion accelerated arm access for Ukraine which was what Ukraine anticipated by NATO entry?

Member 3

1. Which all activities conducted while being in the position of Women Development Cell Vice Chair
2. Why so many Engineering graduates coming to civil services
3. Whether as IT professional and patentee, my introduction to Civil Services a brain drain
4. What meditation means psychologically for me
5. If in services what can you contribute

Member 4

1. What is CRZ
2. Why it is in place
3. what types of encroachment are being avoided by CRZ regulations
4. What is fussy logic
5. what is Moore's law

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Date of Interview: 21st April

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Hobby: Trading

Home State: Rajasthan

Chairman

1. monologue about millet, questions around Millets, why to promote its benefits Is it good?
2. How does it improve biodiversity?

Member 1

1. why you want to be civil servant?
2. Long discussion on this question

Member 2

1. how will your hobby help in administration, long discussion on it?
2. Issues with great Indian bustard?

Member 3

1. Women in Rajasthan kidnaping cases, crimes against women.
2. Global image of india as an unsafe country? Your views?

Member 4

1. corruption in civil services? Your views how to control it?
2. Why enrolment higher in private schools?
3. **Chairman sir** - thank you, your interview is over

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Date of Interview: 20/4/23 morning session, 2nd to go (no pattern followed from interview schedule number)

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Duration: 20-22min

Background: MBSS, MD PEDIATRICS

Optional: medical science

DAF keywords: Madurai, Jodhpur, Rajsamand, Bikaner, Delhi, AIIMS. Neonatal sepsis, RDA PRESIDENT, Cricket

Chairman

1. Why civil services after so many years in medical field?
2. What is Hippocrates oath?
3. What are qualities of leadership?

4. Between talent and character, choose one thing you want to see in a leader.. (as expected I had chosen character)
5. Sir gave a long monologue that USA succeeded bcoz of talent, while USSR
6. crashed bcoz of lack of talent..
7. Passed on to other member

Member 1

1. you are specialist ,so you will have myopic vision compare to humanities student in field? Agree or disagree? (as expected disagreed, varna phir
2. Maine yaha kya gappien lgane to nahi aaya)
3. GDP growth rate expected for this year? Will India achieve?
4. Lack of one important thing hindering growth of india?
5. How will you increase employment in district?
6. What one major change in policy for MSME sector by govt?

Member 2

1. (Mam, she was only person in panel, who smiled and give some expressions)
2. You have worked at so many places, what are better things in rajasthan hospitals compare to delhi ..
3. Private hospital push for unnecessary tests and admissions.. Agree?
4. Child sex ratio of Rajasthan? How to improve further?

Member 3

1. Why you left AIIMS?
2. Has India done poor to control population? Long discussion on how to control population?
3. (Chairperson sir left room)
4. How Rajasthan medical services are working?
5. Protest on RTH.. WHY?
6. What was your role while playing cricket?
7. When India started winning in overseas in cricket

Member 4

1. Allegations of unnecessary LSCS in pvt hospitals? Discussion over it..
2. How to make doctors work ethically?
3. How to stop malpractice in private hospitals?
4. Difference in medical services in Tamilnadu and Rajasthan ?what are administrative differences in medical services of both states?
5. As soon as Chairperson sir returned..
He told your interview is over. Thank you.

Experience: There was no grilling but except Mam (M2), totally a expression less panel..
So aab to uncle hi bta paayenge kaisa hua...

Mocks: gave many mocks..these were best for me.. Chahal IAS, only IAS, Chanakya Mandal, One on one session with Vinay Sir and Khan sir..

As my interview went totally on DAF, so can say mocks were useful.

Thank you everyone and best wishes for all

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Date of Interview: 19.04.2023 (Afternoon 2nd to go)

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: PSIR

Profession (if any): Work experience in Petrochemical Sector

Hobbies: Spiritual Meditation, Counseling & Motivating People, Rest not asked

Chairman

1. (4-5 minutes discussion on China only): Don't know seeing expression whether satisfied or not with my answer...
2. Comment on Chinese since 1950 (Estb of Communist then Economic growth in 1970-80 & now assertiveness under Jinping)
3. Long monologue on Chinese growth, whether it is harmonious as XI is saying etc..
4. Named one book & quote something and asked for comment_On China only..

Member 1

(Cordial, nodded many times, gave positive response):

1. Why left job after working for so many years
2. Bifurcation of Jharkhand & Bihar, What improved?
3. Export value of petrochemical product
4. Why there is increase in export of petroleum refinery & what are its future aspect

Member 2

(Not much expression, but cordial):

1. What is social contract theory?
2. Name of scholars related to it & their contribution?
3. Name of Indian political theorist
4. Contribution of Kautilya
5. Who is more relevant: Kautilya or Gandhi ji
6. What is meditation, what is spiritual meditation
7. Benefit of meditation

Member 3

Most Cordial):

1. Why you shifted from govt board to cbse (10th to 12th)
2. What difficulties you face

3. What are the provisions in NEP related to Mother Tongue?
4. Don't you think people with mother tongue will again left behind compared to those who studied in English since start?
5. How you counsel & motivate people over social media?
6. Positive & negative of social media?

Member 4

1. (May be Psychologist, observing very keenly during interview, but at the end satisfied with my answers):
2. How would you motivate people in administration?
3. Machine productivity in India is very low, how to increase?
4. What is literacy rate of Jharkhand? Why it is low?
5. As a DM/DC of your district how you would increase the literacy rate of Jharkhand?

Your experience in interview- Overall Cordial Board (Chairman Sir didn't give much expression, rest were giving good and positive response)

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- My interview was mostly DAF based. I had given many mocks to remove the nervousness & gain confidence and also to frame answers. Overall it was good, some questions were repeated from mock. Only two times, I had to say don't know/not able to recollect, Rest only God knows. Regarding mocks feedback: All mocks were good, but environment was entirely different from mock. O2O with Sh. Khan Sir & his last minutes tips were very helpful.

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Date of Interview: 18/04/23; forenoon

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Delhi

Background: B.Tech (ECE)'21

DAF keywords: Best out of waste, digital literacy, Delhi (home state), Rajasthan (alwar), covid related work

- Board had 4 male members including chairman sir and one female member

- Shukla sir's questions were not straight-forward; he asked very long questions after telling a background story; and he dived a little deeper on the same topic

- overall board was cordial; mostly members gave time to complete answers barring a few cases; most members asked counter questions almost on every answer; scope for driving your own interview

Chairman

1. Meaning of name

2. Why did in India govt. had to launch swachha bharat mission; what was the need for govt to intervene, why can't we keep our society clean ourselves (long question, Crux was this)
3. Story about sir's visit to Japan and Singapore, in Japan people not only clean their own front yards but also neighbours'; in Singapore very high fine; in India we keep inside of our houses clean but keep outside unclean, why so?
4. Are we as a civilisation not wired to keep our surroundings clean? Who is at fault?
5. Even in posh areas like lutyens Delhi, you can find garbage piling on roads, reason?
6. (in one of the answers, mentioned indore) Why indore so clean? What have they done differently?
7. Status of swachha bharat in India? Is it a success?
there might be a few more but on same topic

Member 1

1. Did you sit for placements in college? (said no); so why not?
Cross question regarding interview experience for placement would have only helped you ~ gave answer (seemed satisfied)
2. Talked about a position of responsibility (daf) I had in college; what skills it developed in you?
3. (one skill I mentioned - creative and innovative solutions) What creative solutions you built?
4. More cross questions on same, but factual in nature (asked numbers), like how much people it impacted etc (I guess meant for seeing if person really did some work or just bluffing)
5. Indira Gandhi canal has benefitted people, but what is its strategic and security related importance?
6. Rajasthan has high unemployment rate, as DM of district how will reduce unemployment rate of your district (mentioned one point about soft loans)
7. Since you mentioned soft loans, you must have heard about MUDRA, but it is accumulating large NPAs, how to solve this problem?

Member 2

1. Talked about hobby best out of waste; general what is it, what do you make?
2. What work you did in covid? How did it help? Again factual numbers, how many people part of it etc? Is it still continuing?
3. Water sharing issue in South India between which 2 states (I said karnataka and Tamil Nadu)
4. What can be done to solve the issue? As DC of district affected by this issue what will you do
(gave general points like need to build consensus b/w states such that interests of both are met etc; Centre can intervene at later stage to solve issue in larger public interest)

5. Counter that all this has already been done; issue is from 19th century, how can we solve this (had to say sorry, will read more)

Member 3

1. Why took anthro despite engineering bg?
2. What are the branches of anthro?
3. How did humans evolve, from where origin of modern day man? How did we become what we are today?
4. Why neanderthals vanished from earth?
5. Tourist place near alwar (I said sariska; seemed like he wanted to hear something else; but ab bol diya toh let's ask on this only)
6. Why tiger population in sariska not what it should be? What issues are there?
7. Why were tigers recently in news (~ tiger census)
8. What was unique about this census (I gave some point about increase in tiger numbers; sir himself said unique is it is happening at 50 years of project tiger launch)
9. What is the exact number of tigers in India as per new report?
10. Why project tiger successful? Why it increased tiger number in India when in other countries tiger number is declining

Member 4

1. About indira gandhi shehri rozgaar yojana of Rajasthan, what are its provisions, its pros and cons, should same be replicated in other states?
2. Exact number of people employed through the above scheme in Rajasthan till date?
3. What is more imp basic literacy or digital literacy?
4. How will you improve basic literacy of your district?
5. Initiatives that govt can take in field of digital India apart from what it is already taking (mentioned 1 point about more work needed to be done to bridge language barrier; translation of content on sites in regional languages)
6. How can translation be done in local languages of various things in digital domain? (mentioned AI)

Chairman sir said thank you, you may go now

Might be missing a few questions; during the course of interview chairman sir stood up from his seat multiple times, seemed busy or pre-occupied

Mocks utility - in mocks there were little counter ques or questions on keywords mentioned in previous answer; but in real interview, most of the questions originated from previous answer; there were also prolonged discussions on single topics

Though, since mostly interview was daf based, few questions got repeated; helps in building confidence and keep a smile despite all the stress

All the best to everyone else!!

(5)

Date of Interview: 24th March, Forenoon session - 5th to go (after 3 hours of waiting)
Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir
Optional: Sociology
Home state: Tamil Nadu
Background: B.E Computer science
Work experience: Nil
Keywords from DAF: watching sitcoms, 1st preference -IFS (no questions from other areas in DAF)

Chairman

He told me Good afternoon(time was 12:00 PM) when i opened the door. I greeted them later (Lucky)

He asked me to remove my mask. He was smiling throughout the interview.

He went to the rest room once and was using his computer for a few minutes while other member was asking questions.

1. You watch sitcoms. Is there any difference between sitcoms and the previous profession of Ukraine leader Zelensky?
(I told him that zelensky was a standup comedian and sitcoms are television series)
2. Make a comparison between zelensky and winston Churchill
3. Sitcoms are based on comedy genre. How do you see zelensky as a comedian turned politician?
4. Is there any relations between comedy and leadership?
5. Advantage of being a humourous person and taking up a leadership role?
6. Are you working? No
7. Tell me three areas where you will concentrate after getting into civil services.
8. You are preferring Foreign services. How do you see strategic autonomy? is it real?
9. I feel it is a cliché term. Practically it does not exist. Who do you think?
10. You are saying that we are diversifying our partnerships particularly with defence purchases. It has multiple challenges. Do you know?
11. How do you see the rare earth metals, semiconductors dependence in few countries? It is not making us autonomous. Right?

Member 1

1. You are CSE graduate. Tell me the difference between normal and quantum computing.
2. Since you are preferring for IFS. I will ask a question in IR.
3. What are the differences in damages faced by USA and EU in Ukraine war?
4. What benefits USA gets from Ukraine war?

Member 2

She was very cordial and smiling.

1. Since you are preferring for IFS. What Geographical area do you want to work?
I said South asia and told her that it has lot of potential to work in improving neighbourhood relationship.
2. Tell me 2 neighbours where we have to improve our relations. I said Pakistan and Nepal
3. Is there any border issues between India and Nepal?
4. Do you think corruption is a big issue in our country? What rating you will give to corruption as an issue which makes our country backwards?
I told her that i will rate it as top 5.
She asked me then what are the other areas?
5. How patriarchy is affecting our country? (since i told her – patriarchy as one area for the previous question)
6. Other then relaxation, what is the reason for you to watch sitcoms?
7. Do you watch only American sitcoms? Yes.
She told me that it has slang. British sitcoms are better.
She suggested some few British sitcoms to watch like “yes minister”. I Cant recall other names.

Member 3

1. Cordial but asked tricky questions which needed some time to think and answer.
2. Do you know Rousseau?
3. Rousseau said that Men lived in a state of bliss when there was no state(govt). After establishing state, constitutions, people are not satisfied.
Analyse it with the current situation in Pakistan. (A bouncer straightaway)
4. Tell me something about Weber’s model of Bureaucracy. Relate it with Indian bureaucracy.
5. You want rules based or roles based bureaucracy?
6. You might be aware of the foreign policy of India. Is it national interest based or ethics based?
7. Tell me the difference between money bill and finance bill.
8. Tell me two constitutional provisions regarding money bill.
9. Tell me one speciality about your birth place
10. Tell me one speciality about madurai(where i live)
11. Madurai is seen as a place of rowdies and law and order issues. Is it true?
12. What do you know about Alanganallur?

Member 4

He had a rude face and gave reactions of dissatisfactions for few answers.

1. You might have studied about Operating systems in CSE.
What do you know about CDMA? (CSE related)

2. What is a switch in OS? (CSE related)
3. Tell me some changes in civil services recruitment process.
Few cross questions with which he made me stressed.
4. Tell me one strength of you which will make you a good civil servant.
5. Tell me one weakness. Then he asked me any other weakness you have?

Chairman:

Are you an overthinker or a deep thinker? (Since i told overthinking as a weakness to M4)

It is good. Right?

I explained it why it is my weakness.

Thank you. Your interview is over.

Utility of mocks: They will change your faults in mannerisms, sitting posture, give us questions based on DAF, prepare you for the worst.

The real interview was far far better and comfortable than the mocks.

Interview Experience: Very good experience unlike mocks. Members did not make me stressed except one member.

If they feel that i am struggling with any answer, they went to another questions.

Chairman was smiling throughout which reduced my anxiety to a great extent.

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Date of Interview: 20/3/2021

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: PSIR

Keywords - Nashik, Water Conservation, Vipassana, Hiking, Mechanical Engg

Chairman

1. Lets discuss Judiciary, Asked about CJI Chandrachuds lecture at Indian today conclave(Fortunately I hv seen it)
2. Judiciary intimidated these days How do you see it ?
3. Indigenisation of Judiciary
4. Use of Technology AI , live streaming, effect on Trust building on Judiciary?
5. Pendency of Cases - what is your view ? What steps we should take ? how can we make it work in lower Judiciary?
6. Live streaming of proceedings? How media interpret it ? Challenges with it ? What are it's positive?
7. Should we adopt USA SC Procedure
(SC picking up cases)
8. Should we curb options for individual to appeal to CAT, HC at the same time ?

Member 1

1. why civil services ?
2. Tell us what 3 good steps by govt in last 5 years and also tell us areas where work has not been done ?
3. What is UPI ? How it function behind every transaction ?
4. Issues of Primary Education ?
5. How can Technology can be used to solve problem of Primary education?
6. what is GST ? Talk something brief about it ?

Member 2

1. What is Due process of law and Procedure established by law ?
2. Theory of formation of state ? Hobbssean Theory of state ?
3. Constitutional position of Governor ?
4. What power Governor has wrt Non Money Bill ?

Member 3

1. Tell us something about Nashik ?
2. Why onion issue arises each year ?
3. What Water conservation efforts have you taken in Community Development program ?
4. Talk about Your Hobbies , Vipassana And Hiking , Subsequent questions ?
5. What steps will you take when decision taken by you are not accepted by people ? How will you convince them ?

Member 4

1. What is Ujjwala Yojna ? what we have achieved ?
2. Is it LPG / LNG / CNG , what is difference between all above ?
3. What is Esr ?
4. Tell me one concrete example about Environmental Social Responsibility ?
5. What is utility of ESR for Government and Private ?

Chairman: Your interview is over. Thank you. All the best..

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Date of Interview: 27/2/23 Morning

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Sukhla sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Karnataka

Background: BE Electronics and communication

Hobbies: Kabbadi, Movies, Mysore,

Chairman

1. In context of recent Wssssssworld Bank appointment, why Indians able to achieve success abroad
2. Do you think English language played a role ?
3. What's your opinion on English and regional languages (In context of MP's medical education in Hindi)
4. China -India relationship way fwd
5. Trade and Security , which should give priority more ?

Member 1

1. Asked about Kabbadi and other questions related to it
2. Asked about Kannada movies ,Kantara and old movies
3. Seattle law on caste reservation

Member 2

1. AI and chat gpt
2. Chatgpt like bot for painting
3. Semiconductor consumption in India
4. Why need to focus on Semiconductor and chip manufacturing

Member 3

1. Nature vs Nurture theory and follow up questions
2. Crypto currency and NFT difference
3. SC's view on Crypto
4. Legality of Crypto
5. Taxation of crypto makes in Legal

Member 4

1. Declining of ece vs other branches ?
How to make it attractive
2. About NEP
Interdisciplinary in Higher education and in engineering
3. Which brach would go best with ECE
4. About IPCC

Utility of mocks :

Helps in knowing your weak areas

Gives confidence

Some questions repeated

One question on Sociology and Social work

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Date of Interview: 21st march, forenoon, 4th to go
Board: Lt.Gen Raj Shukla Sir
Optional: PSIR
Duration: 25-30 min
Keywords- IIT(ISM) DHANBAD, TATA MOTORS , MEDITAION, MANAGEMENT GAMES.

Chairman

1. Why there is so much talk about semiconductor, + monologue on semiconductor.
2. Where India I lagging, is it about human resource or capital, or technology or any thing else.
3. He explained in brief about a book called “chipwar” by chris Miller. And asked why in recent meeting called by govt only few semiconductor companies came up.
4. Tell me name of any indian semiconductor company.
5. Asked the name and department of an engineer in tesla company whose payment is more than elon musk.

Member 1

1. Issues of coal in dhanbad(Daf)
2. How to tackle coal theft using technolgy.
3. About mindfulness meditation(Daf).
4. Importance of management games in working.(Daf).

Member 2

1. What changes u have observed after conversion of ISM Dhanbad into IIT(ISM) Dhanbad.
2. At what level different iits collaborate.
3. Are u aware of any body being formed to regulate iits and iims.
4. Drivers of budget 2023-24, sanptarishi, allocation to education sector.
5. Use of AI in different sector

Member 3

1. Take a problem of any sector, and solve it using technology, then some follow up questions.
2. Don't u think anti defection law is curbing fos&e of legislatures.
3. What is anglosphere.

Member 4

1. Govt is formed by getting 35% vote, 65% go unrepresented , how to tackle this.
2. Explain list system.
3. When was last time PM Modi visited your district(kushinagar) and for what purpose. Some follow up questions.
4. Tell me name of a PM from ur area.

Then MEMBER said thank you.

Chairperson told me ur interview is over u can go now.

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Date of Interview: Last to go on 24th March

Board: Lt.Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Chhattisgarh(not asked)

Background: Electrical engineering(not asked)

Optional: Anthropology (not asked)

Hobby: oil pastel, listening to rendition and sufi song of Bollywood

Prize n award- debate and essay

Chairman

1. What are the changes that debate has brought in you?
2. Are Indians good at debate or simply argumentative ? Gave some statement of amartya sen to explain which was in context of debate.
3. In villages, people without formal education sit and debate, is it worth of time?
4. About my university, is it recently established , it's achievement n different program it offers.
5. Are Indians good at ideation or execution? Why chinese hv taken over us in invention?
6. Is our education system not practical oriented? Will NEP address it?

Member 1

1. Asked about NAAC scam, what r problems n how to tackle?
2. Any name similar to bilaspur(hometown), what is it's speciality(of other place with same name)
3. Steps u would take regarding water conservation?
4. Carrom...tell me something about it, as I answered she interrupted n asked what do carrom word mean?(represented at university level)
5. Tell me about 3 international events that hv taken place in last 6 months?

Member 2

1. Gave monologue on oil related issue of central govt. with TN govt. based on centre state relation, I said sorry for not knowing the issue still he persisted, when I couldn't figure it out he himself gave answer.
2. What do you like in the Constitution, what to do if article 17 gets violated?(based on my answer)
3. Who r the prominent singer of sufi music?Impact of strained Indo - pak relation on sufi music?

Member 3

1. Difference between writ jurisdiction of SC and HC?
2. Who's mandate is to control inflation, then discussion on it
3. Told about recommendation that should students be directly taken after 12th for civil service like nda or army? My opinion on it
4. One more question (couldn't recall)

Member 4

1. Difference between fiscal deficit and primary deficit?
2. Compare Indian economy with any other country on 3 parameter? I said one as inequality so discussion on ginni coefficient.
3. Discussion on green hydrogen . N challenges of it.

Utility of mocks- confidence building n to learn body language.

But mock r essentially daf based factual question while upsc daf question r all together different.

All the best to all

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Date of Interview: 21/03/2023

Board: Lt.Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Keywords: BDS, IR, Mumbai.

Your experience in interview: Board was cordial and patient.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any): Good for practice, review should be taken with a pinch of salt.

Chairman

1. Where are you from? (Mah/ Guj)
2. Why IAS after Dentistry?
3. Why not work for 30 Years and then become a politician?
4. Are you choosing Civil services cz they are safe? Do you think Politics would be too risky for you??
5. We need good politicians also, why not join politics?
6. Is Globalisation coming to an end?
7. Why then trade is being conducted in small grouping? Why South Asia is lagging in it?
8. Why can't south Asia be an example for the world to solve it's problem? Why India not taking lead? Look at Asean?
9. Was not joining Rcep a mistake?
So If manufacturing is not equipped enough we should take protectionist Stance or open to competition?
10. If Singapore can deal with China why can't we?

11. Why rise in trade when incidents like Galwan are happening?
12. How to deal with China when they have such huge trade surplus with us?

Member 1

1. Shortcomings in Ayushman bharat.
2. How to make PDS more efficient.
3. (Wasn't very satisfied with my answer)
2-3 follow up questions

Tell me about some innovative ways of financing infrastructure projects.

Member 2

1. (Based on my ans of PDS Qs)
Food (Distribution) is under which list.
2. How will then the Centre implement ONOR??
3. Air pollution in Delhi- Reasons
4. Why not in Mumbai
(3 Follow up questions on the mechanism of Sea breeze)
5. Why Dentistry is a 5 year course, is there enough content to study for 5 years?
6. Why earlier only 4 years?
(3 Follow up Questions)

Member 3

1. (I had mentioned tobacco in 1ans)
2. Why IAS, work as a dentist and tackle addiction?
(2 follow up Qs)
3. Problems of Mumbai? (.. Slums..)
4. So should we demolish all the slums??
5. There is no space for pedestrians in Mumbai? (1 follow up)

Member 4

1. Why Anthropology??
2. Difference between digital money and cryptocurrency.
3. Are crypto currencies dangerous??
4. Is it good to have backing of central banks??
5. What is blockchain?
6. Chair :Your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 22.03.23 Afternoon Session

Board: Lieutenant General Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Amritsar, Punjab

Work experience: Union Bank of India (4.5 yrs)

Workplace: Surat

Optional: Punjabi literature

Time: 31 minutes (attendant himself told me precisely that how long it went)

Chairman

(He asks very long questions, so many questions in a single question sometimes you can't get what exactly he's trying to ask. Below written questions are shortened version of his monologues)

1. What is your hometown
2. Amritpal's issue what is the situation in Punjab.
3. Do Pakistan has a role
4. Pak is itself grappling in economic stress why will it fund disturbance in India.
5. Pakistan army is getting involved in internal politics of Pakistan how you see it.
6. Do you think Pakistan can get stability in near future when both govt and army don't wanna change themselves.
7. Is Imran Khan a populist leader or inducted by army.
8. How you see future prospects of Imran Khan
(I said I don't have this much idea about Pakistan's internal politics , he said okay so let's go farther
9. Taliban regime is getting stronger in Afghanistan, can they sustain?
10. Taliban has hard core philosophy they don't wanna change, so how you see future of Afghanistan.
11. China has a role in Saudi Iran deal. Do you think it has diminished the role of USA or USA is over-occupied in other regions
12. Is this a one time event or China will interfere in other West Asian nations
13. How US oil imports from Saudi Arab will be impacted due to this deal. Will US move to other regions.

Member 1

1. 3 judges recently gave interview to media including chief justices. (I confirmed twice that this incident is recent or 2-3 years ago because I read about it back then not recently). He said recent one. Then he asked should judges answer such questions (I asked about questions) . Then he said leave it if you haven't watched that interview
2. SVB bank crisis reasons
3. Impact on Indian Banks, difference between US and indian banking regulation.
4. So what should India do to prevent banking crisis
5. MDR (merchant discount rate)
6. MDR on UPI, why zero, isn't this unfair with other platforms.

7. HDFC vs Union Bank share price why the difference.(I told about that UBI share price had also risen)
8. Why Union Bank share price rose.

Member 2

1. Live court proceedings, your opinion
2. Privacy issue who will decide privacy in live proceedings
3. I gave an example of girl who got his name removed from a case available online. So he asked how as a lawyer I'll be able to get that case. I said lawyers have their internal portal or reasearch libraries. Internet is not their principal source. He said we don't have any research library. I said some internal portal must definitely be there. Then he agreed.
4. NPAs are due to target based banking. You people are pressurised for targets, Won't you be completing targets till 31st march, Some people do run for targets what about them.
5. You have done graduation only and immediately joined bank after graduation. You haven't done masters. You become IAS and some PCS or junior who is MBA, masters degree holder or has higher educational qualifications. Won't you feel complex?

Member 3

It was more of a normal conversation with her rather than question answers

1. You studied Punjabi literature in Gurmukhi
2. Which places you'll take me to as a tourist in Amritsar
3. Blogging on which topics , how many followers (Hobby)
4. You write poetry in which language (hobby)
5. Surat vs Amritsar compare. Don't you get issue with food as it's totally different from Amritsar
6. You are doing so well in banking you can reach greater heights why Civil Services then

Member 4

1. You were answering about share price, P/E ratio of HDFC vs Union Bank is 20 and 6 respectively. What does it signify
2. You said USA will diversify it's imports, do you know by next year it will become net exporter of Oil .
3. Impact of Social media on polity and governance.
(2-3 more questions he asked that i am not able to recall)

Chairman Sir : (Again many questions merged in each question)

1. Why Bank nationalization
2. Why nationalisation pre-liberalisation and privatisation after that .
3. Why private banks when ultimately govt has to bail them as in SVB case.

Overall experience: Shukla sir's questions may seem hard by reading transcripts but in actual he gives so much intro of everything and asks open ended questions on which you can comment if you can't answer

It was 60% Daf based + 20% IR + 10% Judicial issues+ 10% miscellaneous for me. Cordial board no issues as such.

Mocks experience: Didn't attend any so no comments

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Date of Interview: 21/03/2023

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: PSIR

DAF - key words: microbiology, jogging, waste to energy project, mentoring students, Mumbai, sudoku

Chairman

Questions - only 2 questions from chairman - introduce yourself and gap year

Members

1. Petro dollars
2. Russia Ukraine impact on india
3. India oil needs
4. How to tackle it
5. Should we stop oil imports from Russia after war
6. Virus vs bacteria
7. Waste to energy project
8. Potential of waste to energy
9. Green hydrogen mission
10. How hydrogen energy provides more energy than coal based energy
11. E-mobility and ethanol based economy
12. Current examples of waste to energy projects in India
13. Why didn't you file a patent and opened start up
14. Whom you mentor
15. How many students
16. For how many hours
17. What you exactly do in mentoring
18. What you learnt from mentoring
19. Dog bite issues
20. How to tackle it
21. NGO foreign contribution
22. What can be done

23. Strong party at centre issues
24. Tell me constitutional provisions related to it
25. AI and computer how it works
26. Difference between Google pay and phone pe
27. Explain UPI

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Date of Interview: 20/03/2023, Morning session

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Law

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Keywords: IRTS, Dance, Law, Commerce, Sambhal

Chairman

1. What is your ambition in Civil Services?
2. Why Joint communique was not signed in recent G20 meeting?
3. Why Bali consensus couldn't be continued further?
4. What changed now? Do you think Russia has upper edge now?
5. What is India's aim in G20? How can we achieve it?
6. Why India is not taking any stand?
7. What if tomorrow China invades India then nobody would support India ?
8. Do you think we are going back to Non Alignment?
9. What is the difference between Non Alignment and Strategic Autonomy?
10. What do you think Foreign policies based on self interest or values?

Member 1

1. What is your favourite subject in law?
2. Why didn't you build your career in law
3. Why don't you want to continue in IRTS
4. What innovation would you bring to improve sanitation and hygiene in Railways?
5. Why there is so much corruption in Railways?
6. Tell me something special about your district?

Member 2

1. Is Article 368 gives enough flexibility to amend Constitution with changing times?
2. But only 105 Amendments so far?
3. What is ordinary and special majority?
4. Can Parliament amend 368?
5. Can states move to amend 368? Did you dance on Naatu Naatu?

Member 3

1. Which accounting standards India follow?
2. What about USA?
3. Who are the regulating authorities for Accounting?
4. Difference between ICAI and NFRA?
5. What is money bill?
6. Tell me about Aadhar judgement?
7. What happened after that?
8. How can you reduce pendency in judiciary?

Member 4

1. How would you solve the problem of Air pollution of Delhi?
2. What are the issues in India Bangladesh relationship?

Okay, your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 21.03.2022, Last to Go in Afternoon session

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: PSIR

Duration: 25-30 minutes

Attempt: First Attempt

Background: BA, 2022

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Chairman

1. Chairperson. (Sorry guys, not able to recall much. Because, Sir gave long monologues, so i was not able to figure out what sir wants to ask.)
2. So, we have a Pakistani Expert with us.
(Nervously smile) Sir, i just tries to read more about it. I am not an expert. It is a very big word.(He was busy in reading DAF)
3. Pakistan is facing a lot of crisis. Political, Economic etc etc.
Yes Sir, it is facing a lot of crisis. From political to economic to foreign policy.
4. Why it is not learning lessons ?
The establishment there has vested interests in the continuation of such things. For ex. As Prof Ayesha Siddiqa points out in her book, the businesses interests of Army through its fauji foundation, baharia foundation etc lies in this system
5. But, PLA in China also runs businesses. There is not this situation but why in Pakistan.
Sir, the situation is different in both the countries. In China, PLA is controlled by the party. But in Pakistan, the state is controlled by the army.
6. So, what should be India'a attitude. Should it be happy that Pakistan will break away?
No, sir. We should not be happy as it will have its own costs.

7. So, what you think? What should be our way? What is our interests?
Sir, in my opinion. Weak but stable pakistan is in our interests.

Member 1

1. Shivam, you have many things related to BSF like school, prizes etc.
Yes Sir, My father is in BSF.
2. Tell me one thing where BSF had played a very important role.
Sir,.....It is called as First Line of Defence and hence played that role.
3. No, it is a very general thing. I want a specific thing.
Sir, BSF played an important role in 1971 battle.
4. Is it ?
Yes, Sir. Even yesterday when i visited the UPSC museum, i saw there the letter sent to Shri KF Rustamji, by PM Indira Gandhi.
5. What was it ?
Sir, it was written about the contribution of BSF in the war.
6. No, no. What was the contribution of BSF in 1971 war?
Sir, it played an important role on now Indo- Bangladesh border where Mukti Vahini was trained. On western border, it prevented attack from the Pakistani side.
7. Do you know about Longowal?
- Sir, are we talking about the Battle of Longowal ? (Was confused, so asked)
8. No, about Longowal.
Sorry, sir. I do not know about it.
9. Ok. Leave it. He saw my DAF and told you graduated in history, sociology and maths. You have taken Political Science as optional. So, i will ask about Political Science.
Yes, Sir.
10. Tell me, as a student of history that after 200 years when that generation will write history about the present. What it will write ? You know we are creating this infrastructure, that infrastructure like roads railways, Ram mandir etc. So, what it is going to be ?
Sir, I believe that the future generation will write the present as India Moment. The period will be marked as the one where our vision is forward looking but we are also investing in our culture. We are building both social and physical infrastructure for our better future but also taking along the culture and traditions.
11. Tell me, Shivam, what is the priorities of G-20.
Sir, they are Inclusive -ex voice of global South, Action oriented – amidst so many global fault lines, Decisiveness – to bring results.
12. Is healing the earth is also a priority ?
Yes, sir. It is one of them
13. Tell me what is the slogan of G-20.
One Earth, One Family, One Future.

Member 2

1. What is Sherpa ?

Mam, it is a representative of the country to G-20 who discusses all other issues except financial issues. Presently, Mr Amitabh Kant is Sherpa of India.

2. Ok. But i was thinking about Sherpa in context of Tenjing Norway. Have you heard about him ??

Yes, Mam.

3. I was thinking you will give the answer in that context because from there this word came. But no issues.

Sorry Mam. I was thinking that since this question is being asked after continuation of G-20 discussion. So, i answered that way.

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Date of Interview: 20.03.23

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: Civil Engineering

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Tennis

ONGC, Railways, South Africa

Chairman

1. Have you read about the Millet Conference going on?

2. Why are we promoting millets so much?

3. Why have they been named 'Shri Anna'? Is the name out of respect for farmer who cultivate it?

4. The yields are less, how can we improve?

5. Agriculture to Industry transition of economy – should we promote industry or there are avenues within agriculture?

Member 1

1. Being a Civil Engineer, what will be your first priority if selected?

2. What did India do different than other countries while managing COVID?

3. Views on IRMS restructuring.

4. Private Partners in Railways.

Member 2

1. Plan a 7 day tour of Rajasthan for me. Asked about a few places I mentioned.

2. Construction Sector has been largely informal, what steps have we taken to formalise it?

3. Migrant issues in Tamil Nadu, your views on it?

Member 3

1. Meaning of your name?
2. Seems like you play a lot of sports, what is the importance of sports in life?
3. Your views on Work from Home, should it be continued?
4. Internship in South Africa – What did you do there? Friend circle there, difference you found in life there and in India.

Member 4

1. Why you left your job so early at ONGC?
2. What did you learn there?
3. What's NBP in the name of your Office Address?
4. Features of green building (Office was a green building)
5. Russia Ukraine War and its implications on Global Energy Security.
6. Lessons for India from this.

Overall Experience: Very cordial board, no grilling.

Utility of Mocks: Good for confidence building and finding shortcomings in DAF preparation.

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Date of Interview: 10th March 2023, Forenoon, Last to go

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla Sir

Background: MBBS

Work Ex: Medical Tourism (assistant manager)

Home state: Haryana

Attempt: 2nd Attempt, 1st Interview

DAF keywords: Diploma in International Relations, Model UN, South China Sea, Mental Health, Youtube, turncoat debating

Overall Experience: felt like a nice conversation. Hoping for the best!

Chairman

1. Where do you see China's internal politics headed?
2. What is Left left right in chinese politics?
3. How do you see Chinese foreign policy in the coming years?
4. Our EAM is saying there is no trouble with china. Do you agree?
5. Do you think this is the end of China's Hide and Bide?
6. Why has China settled its border disputes with most countries but not with India?
7. Is economy the only factor in conflicts? EAM is saying they are the larger economy.
8. What is India's model of secularism?
9. Is the west also embracing religions now or is there a different model of secularism there?
Which country?

Member 1

1. Ours is a welfare state. Why are the prices of medical drugs so high and what can be done about it?
2. Discussion on compulsory licensing
3. Discussion on parallel import
4. What is brand exemption? (couldn't hear this properly)
5. What is the government doing to reduce the price of drugs?
6. Don't you think it would be better to negotiate with the pharma companies beforehand rather than giving patents?

Member 2

1. What is turncoat debating?
2. Do a turncoat debate on the topic: The government that governs the least is the best government.
3. What is habeas corpus?
4. When was it suspended?
5. Who was the dissenting judge?

Member 3

1. You are from Haryana. What do you think of Khap Panchayats?
2. As a doctor, what would you like to say about sagotra marriage and intercaste marriage?
3. What do you do on youtube? How many subscribers / hits are on your channel?
4. Why did you start discussing mental health?
5. What is the G20?
6. India's G20 presidency and priorities.

Member 4

1. What is your opinion on internet shutdowns? What purpose do they serve?
2. Simultaneous elections and discussions on that.

Chairman sir:

1. Why is there a divide between the global south and the G20?
2. Don't you think in Russia Ukraine war, Global South should have gone with the underdog Ukraine?

Thank you, your interview is over.

Utility of mocks :

Nothing like the real experience, there is much more stress there.

However, they do help in framing your thoughts. Good ones : Chanakya Mondal Pariwar, Chahal Academy, Unacademy, Civils Daily.

Samkalp was okay

Avoid: IAS gurukul

O2O: Very helpful (all 3 of them were extremely helpful. best experience was these 3 one to ones.) Satyam Jain sir, Kaptaan bhaiya (interview was on the lines of his O2O session), Atish Mathur Sir.

Discussion with my friends group helped the most.

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Date of Interview: 7 march afternoon session

Board: Lt gen Raj Shukla

Optional: PSIR

Profession (if any)- NA

Hobbies: reading Modern Indian history, research paper on Sentiment analysis, Model UN

Chairman

1. Discussion on role of revolutionaries in Modern indian history.
2. Discussion over narratives in history
3. Does history truly repeat
4. How do you see future of history writing

Member 1

1. Continued discussion on modern history How ruling regimes influence history
3. Narrati
2. ves in school text books

Member 2

1. Discussion on my research paper
2. Use of AI in reducing pendency in courts
3. What are the challenges of sentiment analysis
4. Role of UN in peace process
5. What is double veto
6. Powers and authority of UNGA
7. what is article 352 and changes made in it under constitutional amendments?

Member 3

1. What are some unique features that make India a vibrant democracy
2. What is Role of India's secular structure in ensuring democracy
3. A few follow ups
4. Discussion on threats of sentiment analysis
5. Cambridge analytica controversy
6. Possibility of influencing elections
7. Ethics of using personal data in sentiment analysis and impaxt on democracy
8. Give a brief rundown of g20 presidency

9. Tell me about Caste based census and it's pros and cons
10. You must be aware about Mandal Commission. Do you think similar situation can happen in aftermath of caste based census?

Member 4

1. What was today's aqi
2. What is the importance of aqi
3. Give measures that are in place and what more could be done?
4. What is Gati shakti ?
5. Role of gati shakti in improving indian logistic sector

Shukla sir looked at everyone and everyone nodded. Your interview is over and all the best.

Your experience in interview: Amazing. Very cordial board and a very discussion like experience here.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Chahal, Chanakya Mandal, Vajirao and Reddy, only IAS, Forum IAS, Drishti IAS all good

O2O with Ravindran sir, **Ayush sir**, Vikas Divyakirti sir and Khan sir very good

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Date of Interview: afternoon 3rd march

Board: Lt gen Raj Shukla

Optional: Anthropology

College: Osmania university

Profession (if any)-

Hobbies-

Questions

Chairman

1. Multilateralism is at threat statement- your opinion
2. 35 tn dollar... isn't it too ambitious
3. capex how is it good... why less exp on social indicators health education

Member 1

1. How 35 tn dollar economy
2. Waste to wealth example (daf)
3. Red brigade(daf)
4. digital india examples

Member 2

1. Pubad 4 principles
2. Kyoto protocol
3. Montreal protocol...status of depletion

4. 3D printing
5. Swacch bharat issues how far we have tackled
6. initiatives to make india self reliant

Member 3

1. GI tags in state.who is the authority
2. aadhar issue.what are the concerns UK govt has raised.Aadhar misuse give example

Member 4

1. power position in state
2. poverty ratio state
3. population male female ratio in state
4. NBFCs ... anyone in Village?

Chairman..your interview is over. Thank you

Your experience in interview- Not sure

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)-ravindran sir session was helpful.Attended only that.

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Date of Interview: 28 February 2023 (Afternoon session) 5th to go.

Board: Lt Gen R. Shukla

Optional: PSIR

Profession (if any): Government sector (state pcs)

Hobbies: cricket (nothing asked)

Chairman

1. Read qualifications and work experience.
2. Why didn't you choose your engineering (ECE) as an optional. Why PSIR?
3. What do you understand by Rules based international order?
4. Is it being followed in contemporary times?
5. China's 9 dash line. Why important to China?
6. How did it come into existence? (Did not know)
7. China was taken to ICJ regarding 9 dash line? Did it follow the rulings.
8. What is 12 nautical miles? Can warships enter this region? What can be the extent to penetration of other countries warships?
9. USA has certain number of ports near Chinese borders. So is China's aggressive stance on this justified?
10. Should there be negotiations for a Rule based international order?

Member 1

1. Your learnings as an ECE engineer?

2. Since you opted for software sector as your first job, what could be done to improve employability in core sectors?
3. Cross questions on this.
4. What are your views on Electronics industry in India.
5. What can students do more to become employable?

Member 2

1. As you are working as a District level officer, what digitalisation have you witnessed?
2. Scheme wise : which schemes have come online and which are yet to come?
3. Why is it taking time to digitise the schemes?
4. What is your role in implementing schemes on ground.
5. Is there proper Digital penetration in rural areas?
6. Why not?
7. What are government efforts for the same (did GoI involve any company for rural internet penetration).
8. Some question regarding use of electronics and communication in sports.

Member 3

1. What is ODOP and what are it's benefits?
2. When did ODOP start?
3. Won't other product producer feel discouraged?
Cross questions on this.
4. Are any districts having more than 1 product under ODOP?
5. What is that investment thing going on?
(I said Global Investors summit)
6. Are these investment being done in reality or just on paper?
7. Is signing of MOUs enough? Why aren't these being reflected on ground?

Member 4

1. Started with Russia Ukraine war.
2. Who do you think is the real winner?
3. Where do you see the end of this war and what will happen this year?
4. Is China an ally to Russia?
5. Don't you think China will also try to capture Taiwan?
6. Comparison of US and China.
7. US's shooting down of Chinese Balloon. Does it impact US's image on global forum?
8. Ok my last question is what is female labour force participation rate in India.
What is it in comparison to countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh?
9. Ok one last one : what do you understand by gender neutral leave? Should it be implemented?

Chairperson: ok thank you. Your interview is over. All the best.

Experience in interview - good experience. Cannot say how it went.

It was around 30 minutes.

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Date of Interview: 27 Feb, Afternoon 1st to go

Board: Lt Gen R. Shukla

Hobbies: Playing online games, Hackathon on Automatic irrigation,

Optional: Sociology

Chairman

1. So you are an engineer?
2. Lets talk about various technologies like AI,other where is india compare to other countries and why?

Member 1

1. What is govt view on games?
2. Is there any act for regulating games?
3. Are there any rules in the act?
4. Is there any authority which oversees these regulations?
5. Rummy,game of skill or game of chance?
6. What is the difference between game of skill and game of chance?
7. Any changes from 14thFC to 15th FC?
8. Which states going to gain and which states going to loose?

Thank you

Chairman again

1. Lets continue this,Is life game of skill or game of chance? What do you say?
2. What is the starlink project of Elon Musk and its role in R-Ukraine war ?
3. Why we are not producing Elon Musks(plural)?
4. Technologies and semiconductor industries,are we doing anything,I don't think so?
5. DLI(Design linked incentive),how many industries approved till now?
6. What about 5G, is it only speed and latency or morethan that?
7. What exactly morethan means?
8. What do you say about our start-up sector?Will it help India?

Thank you

Member 2

1. How Electronics and communication can help in space sector?
2. Any solution to reduce this misuse of Biometrics in Attendance system? (Related to absenteeism,like giving thumb impression and not working,going somewhere)?

3. .What is INDIA stack?
 4. You should have red E-BOOK and General physical form of books,what do you like most and why?(my 1st ball)
 5. Any solution to control or restrict children access to electronic devices apert from sreen off time other reminders?
- Thankyou

Member 3

1. What is moneybill?
2. How it is different from other bills?
3. In how many days if RS not considers it'll be considered as deemed to be passed? Number like 30days 14d or15d?

Member 4

1. Hackathon on Automatic irrigation?Delve about it?
 2. what are the sensors that you used in this project?
 3. Have you replicated it anywhere otherthan field?(my 2nd ball)?
- Thank you:)

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GOOD LUCK !!

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Board: Lt Gen R. Shukla
Hobby: Playing online games
Background: Hackathon on Automatic irrigation,
Optional: Sociology

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Date of Interview: 22nd Feb. last session

Board: Lt Gen R. Shukla

Optional: Public Administration

Background: MBA

Profession (if any): ITC

Hobbies: Yoga, trekking, Bollywood dancing

Your experience in interview- cordial board, some members were nodding and smiling once in a while.

Chairman

1. Highest altitude trekked
2. Which places
3. Is iit brand better than iim?
4. How can Pvt sector and govt use their strength for development.
5. Govt attitude towards profit making. has it changed compared to nehruvian era.
6. Approach of profit making in defence.
7. Is pvt sector doing enough for development.
8. Status of startups in ind
9. How can govt deliver on its commitment to startups

Member 1

1. In pubad, have you heard ### model??. (Said sorry)
2. Which topic are in pubad, u liked most
3. Is Weberian bureaucracy relevant for india ?
4. Count question on this and bureaucracy's focus on rules and regulations..

Member 2

1. Vande bharat metro prj
2. Pakistan crisis reason and will it strengthen india's position in j&k
3. What was this case competition (daf)
4. Health sector status
5. Which public policies you would like to implement in ind
6. Is your salary in increasing order or decreasing?

7. What is acroyoga? (Daf)

Member 3

1. Ethical issues in working for a cigarette company.multiple counter questions
2. on this like will you ban smoking?
3. ItC business model
4. Does bollywood dance term exist or you have coined it?
5. Sabrimala verdict and my views on it

Member 4

1. Medha patkar and Narmada andolan (birthplace in my daf) how to boost tourism in Narmada parikrama
2. Is euthanasia and samadhi(yoga) same? Counter questions on this
Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- good for confidence boosting, mannerism, identifying gaps in daf prep, some questions were repeated in main interview.
O2O with khan sir, rau ias, drishti, vajirao and reddy, studying are good.

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Date of Interview: 24/02/23 4th to go in (out of 6) Afternoon
Board: Lt Gen R. Shukla
Background: Computer science, IIT Delhi,
Optional: Physics
Home State: Rajasthan
Hobbies: Swimming, Science communication
 Achievements/leadership etc – Western music competition, Mentor in college
Experience: 40+ minutes, Mostly about vision and understanding of India related to DAF sections (e.g. Music -> Drug problem). Mocks are good for understanding shortcomings and slight course correction. Panel was cordial and cheerful after 5 minutes (except M2)

Chairman

1. Space tech and militarization
2. Why india is lagging behind (ISRO?)
3. how come people like Elon musk taking strides in space?
4. 5g in India?
5. What benefits could be seen
6. Why is China using 5g to make police state
7. Why is China assertive externally and domestically?
8. What's the change we see in China of past and today (Context November 20th meet of CCP)?

Member 1

1. Why are there drug use in western Rock music enthusiasts?
2. What can be done for drugs?
3. What are sources of drugs in India?
4. Any act by the government?
5. Is India commerce friendly?
6. What recent steps have we taken?

Member 2

1. As a foreign tourist in India, what would be my concerns?
(clarified if English speaking tourist or not – he said doesn't matter)
2. Japan had bullet train 25 years ago, with unified pass system, Why is Indian tourism not doing good enough?
3. What organisation gives rating to education institutes? (I asked if he meant ranking) he said no.

Member 3

1. what is dynasty politics
2. Why is it bad?
3. Isn't it unfair to ask children of politicians to prove their merit more than normal candidates?
4. What is the famous festival of Jaipur? (I said gangor fest)
what/who was celebrated? (Said not sure)
5. Only girls celebrate it? or boys and men too? (I said not sure but if it was up to me, why exclude yourself and not celebrate something? – *Panel laughs*)

Member 4

1. What was your role as a mentor?
2. Is the anti-ragging policy of IIT Delhi good? (I said yes and it is very effective, She murmurs "doctrine of effectiveness" under her breath but does not ask more)
3. What was the Mandal protest?
4. What did we end up doing after the protest?
5. Is there any other country with reservation policy? (I said not exactly like India, but reservation under affirmative action and power sharing is seen in various countries of middle east and west)
6. She tells me about Australia reservation for first people-
7. Is it ethical – putting trackers on children to check if they are going to wrong places or drug dens?
8. Recent case of child who was orphan in Kerala (and spoke Malayalam) but had parents in Maharashtra who wanted the child back after discovering. The child does not want to go, what do you do?

(Difficult question! I said that the morals of consent are important here even if it is a child and he/she must be heard. If the parents are willing to provide for the child then on a temporary basis, compatibility can be tried.)

- Cross - Then do you think only rich parents must get the right to have their child back or poor do to?

Thank you, All the best your interview is over

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Date of Interview: 22 Feb, 5th to go

Board: Gen Raj Shukla

Time: 30 -35min

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobby: badminton, egyptology (questioned asked from these topics)

Chairman

1. Gorakhpur se ho. To Yogi ji ke aane ke baad kya badlaav aaya(asked in hindi)
2. Whats the status of Defence corridor in UP. (i told where its being made)
3. How much work is done on it. Long monologue on Lockheed Martin etc etc when they will see the ground reality of UP. They will run away... (I countered it).
4. Bulldozer baba. He said he likes this approach. Asked my opinion
5. If 5 Prime Ministers could not change UP what makes you optimistic that yogi ji will do it.
6. Farm laws. Most of the experts and economist supported the farm laws but still a majority government has to repeal it. Whats your tale on it.
7. Counter questions on above like should ordinances be way forward due to public oppostn? Farm reforms are debated since 3 decade so how can there be lack of communication and awareness among farmers.
8. Should private players be allowed in agri. Pvt are profit driven and govt to bs jante hi ho.

Member 1

1. Tell me some of the eastern up cities. As soon as i said varansi he stopped me.
2. What makes varansi so special
3. is there a cruize started recently(i missed it in last questn)
4. Does it have a wider benefit or symbolic only.
5. Whats your take on temple development in varansi.
6. And on ayodhya
7. and on mathura(here i told about the protests by locals)
8. Ramcharit manas controversy in up. What was it.(didnt ask the opinion only the issue)

Member 2

1. about madarsa controversy (bs hindu muslim jyada ho rha tha to mai backoff kr gya)

2. UP also has the famous sunni centre (said sorry)
Some more questn on religious lines dont remember.

Member 3

1. So you play badminton, tell me how india is faring in badminton.
2. Why we have now started winning(i also mentioned post 2012 saina nehwal medal popularity increased)
3. Didnt we win before Saina (i told 2 All England winning of P Padukone and P Gopichand)
4. CHAIRPERSON asked so if we are winning since 1980s why only popular now. (i mentioned P Gopichand Academy)
Then he asked you know who coached Gopichand (i told P. Padukone)
And he also has a academy older than gopichands then why is he is not that famous (i answered, he seemed satisfied)
5. Again member 3 continued..
6. Prakash padukone also has a daughter. Do you know him?
7. Was she good at badminton too.
8. (Then he said she left badminton for acting just as you left mechanical eng. For civil services and they all started laughing.)
9. Asked about Gopichands daughter too.
10. coach of saina nehwal. (i told initially gopichand)
11. He asked after him(i told vimal kumar)
Lets talk about lucknow.
12. What is so peculiar about its Tehjeeb.(also told a joke)
13. There is a place in Lucknow where you may get lost. Do you know it(bhulbhulaiya)

Member 4

1. What is egyptology(daf)
2. How do we know about ancient egypt
3. How was there language deciphered. (wanted to know about rosetta stone)
4. Indology vs egyptology
5. Why egyptian civilisation died and indian is still alive.
6. can we use the egyptian modal of toutism in india? Will it work?
7. asked to compare kashi vs cairo but then said leave it since you have not been to cairo.
8. issue of migration from up to maharashtra. What is the plus point of this migration for both.(socio ghusa diya maine)

All the best. U may go.

Note- No intro

No why ias etc

Didnt even asked at last " anything you want to say."

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Date of Interview: 21 Feb 2023
Board: Gen Raj Shukla
Home State: Rajasthan
Optional: Geography
Work experience: No
Background: Btech electrical engineering
Hobby: Cricket and music

Chairman

1. (while questions he kept smiling .He framed questions in a way they appeared to be statements than questions.Framing answers to those i find challenging)
2. Why did you choose geography is it scoring or you had genuine interest.
3. India's geography tells it is maritime nation but we have ignored maritime sector.
4. Counter questions on this
5. China navy superior to us ,we are in no competition. Why Map reading in geography
6. Caste based reservation right or wrong ? Should we continue after 70 years?
What should be objective criteria?
7. Half of world population lives in cities .They are growth promoters but rural population in india is 66% .Where should we focus more Cities or villages?
8. REcently Commissionerate system is induced in more cities of up , why ? It's Benefits

Member 1

1. Why we choose hindi and ignored Sanskrit despite Sanskrit being important language
2. Famous battles of rajasthan
3. Important warrior of rajasthan
4. Tell about maharana pratap
5. Contribution of rajasthan in Army, is there any specific regiment
Asked name of a general from Rajasthan (didn't remember)

Member 2

1. NEP
2. Should we control population as we will surpass
China in next few years
3. Police reforms

Member 3

1. (very sharp always focused on me.Asked many cross questions.Trying to build pressure and changing my opinion)
2. About changing name of cities and places,Should we change ?
If we change name what problem might occur

3. Why Indore is doing very good as smart city and cities like Lucknow not doing good.
4. Music quality decline who is responsible the maker or listeners(Hobby)

Member 4

1. Pm Wani ,How and where internet is being provided by it
2. Sources of power in developed countries
3. You are young and administrative job is full of pressure suppose after marriage if your wife is pregnant and critical while you are on duty what will you do?
4. Your interview is over.
5. Utility of mock - For a first timer (Me) they help in building confidence to face board . few questions from hobby and geography get repeated from mock
6. I gave 3 - Onlyias , drishti ias ,Nextias
7. But the way questions are being asked in Upsc and the pressure I felt there I found it different from mock.

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Date of Interview: 30th January 2023

Board: Gen, Raj Shukla

Home State: Maharashtra

Background: Mechanical engineering

Optional: PSIR

Chairman

1. What are you doing since your graduation?
2. Potential of space sector in India
3. Who launched first private Rocket in India
4. difference between private space tech company and ISRO
5. how can we leverage private sector in space?
6. Tell me something about Pune?
7. Compare Pune with Bangalore
8. After retirement where should I settle Pune or Bangalore?
9. Which city has higher potential with respect to ESDM sector

Member 1

1. Special about Pune municipal corporation
2. How can we increase people participation in municipal working
3. Statutory provisions with respect to town planning
4. GI tags in Pune district
5. What can I expect to see culturally in Pune
6. Specific about Aga Khan palace in Pune

Member 2

1. president's speech about prison
2. Should we increase or decrease prisons in India
3. Should we reduce coverage under NFSA2013
4. NFSA shows our failure or success?
5. Issues with respect to social security cover in India

Member 3

1. Guest in republic day ceremony
2. India Egypt relationship
3. Defence equipment Egypt interested in buying from India
4. specifications of TEJAS LCA
5. India Russia relationship
6. is it transactional or emotional
7. How to leverage potential in relationship
8. Differences between strategic autonomy and non alignment
9. Turkey's non aligned policy in Ukraine conflict
10. Why India calls Ukraine conflict and not war officially

Member 4

1. Green Blue gray hydrogen
2. Sector where we utilise hydrogen
3. Issue with respect to it
4. Types of turbines (mech engg)
5. Uniqueness of India's climate change policies

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Date of Interview: 31st Jan. 2023; Forenoon; First one to go

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: Sociology

Background: IIT Kanpur, Computer Science & Engineering

Profession (if any): Software Development Engineer @ Amazon for 2 years till mid-2019

Hobbies: Long distance Running, Watching Historical movies

Home state: Bihar

Chairman

1. EWS reservation - Your Views
2. Minority judgement opposed More than 50% reservation - Your views
3. Of the two hobbies(Long Distance running, Historical movies), which one do you prefer for stress busting. => told Movies

4. You don't feel your stress relieved after Running?
5. Which movie did you watched recently => Told -> Re-watched Gandhi yesterday(30th Jan), before that Parmanu: the story of Pokharan.
6. What this quote means to you "History never repeats itself, but it often rhymes"
7. Diff. b/w Spanish flu and Covid-19
 - a. Told -> vaccine -> reduced Deaths in COVID-19
8. Total deaths by Spanish flu, covid-19 world wide -> said don't remember
9. It was there in Europe. Then, how it came to India.
Answered -> He replied - It seems you have good grasp on history.

Member 1

1. What were you doing for the past 3 years?
2. What is the Occupation theory of caste?
3. Is politics becoming the next caste => she clarified -> politics is an occupation; and politicians are dynastic & thus hereditary.
4. Amazon is doing good business but why is it laying off people?
5. What was the difference in work culture there at Amazon?
6. Told - much informal grouping and working
7. Counter question -> But it is true for all IT companies
 - a. My team -> 6-8 people all of similar age => more informality
8. Is eCommerce good for the economy?
9. Is it good for the small sellers?
10. Is it good for the tribals?
11. Is it good for the small sellers which are not well versed with tech or have small scale.

Member 2

1. You belong to Bihar Sharif. So why is it called "Sharif" => Told that there is tomb of important Sufi saint "Sheikh Makhdoom Yahya Maneri".
2. Which Silsila did he belonged to? => Firdausia
3. What was the philosophy of that silsila. => Don't know
4. Why was he called "Maneri"? => Not aware
5. What other silsilas are there?
6. What was Important features of the Sufi movement.
7. Equivalent in Hinduism and its feature. => Told "devotion to god" as one of its feature
8. But, isn't devotion to god common to everyone. How is it different?
9. Why Nalanda is important? When was it active?
10. So, you watched Gandhi movie. Which scene did you liked the most => Told Dandi march and Salt Satyagraha
11. Why Salt was chosen?

Member 3

1. You talked about constitution. So, tell me what are the provisions in constitution regarding International relations => Told Article 51 and its provisions.
2. So, do you think the Gandhian philosophy and these provisions for IR is relevant in present time. => Told yes, gave example of how Arbitration on maritime boundary with Bangladesh and its acceptance led to much robust Indo-Bangladesh relations presently.
3. So, do you think that even for India-China border we should go for arbitration?
4. Asked few seconds to think on it. => Told no and gave logic that First, there is chances of us losing the arbitration. Further, even if we win China may not respect it as seen in South China Sea Arbitration case. Thus, negative for us on both count.
5. It is said that "Data is the new oil". Why Data is important?
6. Data privacy importance?
7. I Gave example of Facebook & Cambridge Analytica -> used data for political advertisement and mobilising favourable opinion for a particular candidate by targetted advertisement => These targetted advertisement could be used for nudging attitude of people in any direction.

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Date of Interview: 2 Feb, afternoon, last to go (35 mins)

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Home State: Haryana

Service: IRPS 2018

Hobbies: listening to non-fiction audiobooks + 2

Chairman

1. You must be happy to get grants for Railways, what will you do with it?
2. Vande Bharat is high speed train? (I corrected semi-high speed). How different from conventional trains? Do all these run on separate tracks?
3. Who is your role model? (Some follow up)
4. Have women broken the glass ceiling in corporate? (Talking of Indira Nooyi), why not?
5. Is government better in being inclusive gender wise ?
6. (Monologue) Is China wrong in its aggression when west is poking it so much?

Member 1

1. What kind of leader are you? (I said I lead from back, give direction and give space to my team)
2. Would you call Zelensky a good leader in this aspect?
3. How is Railway reforming itself as an institution?

4. On one side we are talking about specialisation, on other IRMS recruitment is promoting generalist. Why?

Member 2

1. What is pegasus? What are the ethical and legal issues in it? Why is it unethical when national security is at stake? What are the legal provisions to violate privacy?
2. (Talked about women safety with chairman) How will you make Delhi safe for women?
3. Why do you think a 24 year old is put as SDM if they have to lead from back? What can they bring in?

Member 3

1. It's been 2 years of Taliban's takeover on Afghanistan. What does it tell about global state of affairs?
2. Why was US not able to handle the Taliban?
3. Can we say US has been defeated militarily?
4. Why is US not able to instruct Pakistan to stop training terrorists?
5. What can India do in situation for females in Afghanistan?
6. Isn't it a waste to allocate funds to Afghanistan? (I had mentioned budget allocation to Afghanistan)
7. Why do you like audiobooks and not read it? What are some of the books that you have recently gone through?
8. What is the message of EF Schumacher? (I mentioned small is beautiful)
9. Why is it essential to read books? (I said for consistent learning)
10. Do you think bureaucrats think they need to stop learning after they are placed in their position? He said I think bureaucracy is the point of stagnation in the era of fast economic and tech growth.

Member 4

1. (Monologue) What long term solution is required for improving the women issues?

Thank you.

Overall felt like a conversation.

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Date of Interview: 3 Feb and forenoon

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: History

Background: Electrical engineering, Hogwarts

Hobbies: Rehne do(cause no question asked)

Experience -average it was a discussion type interview rather than conventional question answer type, no smile by panel,no nodding,no introduction asked they just jumped into questions

Chairman

1. asked me to sit down keep the mask down. No smile nothing poker face.
2. you are from a very famous college, what are its contributions to our nation.
3. discussion on farm laws, why they were opposed
4. India developed by 2047 overambitious aim, follow up discussion on mask production how it went
5. More questions not able to recall

Member 1

1. discussion on demographic dividend
How to utilize it
2. discussion on skill , gap between Industry and skilled workers
3. chat gpt is being used in bpo industry, do you support it? I said yes but it should act as supporting role in industry rather than replacing the whole manpower in the Bpo industry.

Member 2

1. why skill gap exist
2. why skilled worker are not engaging in their domain but going for other domain like you are going to civil services
3. your city was in news recently? I told them illegal encroachment demolition drive. Yes why this happened. As a Dm what you could have done
4. Follow up questions do you think it is wise by government to legalise every other slum area is this right model of governance

Member 3

1. How to control hate speeches and irrelevant debates on tv.
2. name favourite column writer of your newspaper
3. tell me some contributions of gbpant ji

Member 4

1. discussion on tehri dam and on what river it was made
2. in previous budget a scheme was launched for power sector . What are its indicators
3. auxiliary parts of hydro power plant
4. how will you reduce losses in transmission lines (in this answer he was impressed quite well and nodded by saying very good)

Chairperson – okay your interview is over you may leave

Utility of mock- just for gaining confidence and to practice speaking

One to one session with Utkarsh sir were really helpful and interview sessions also very enriching

Chanakya ias-good

Ksg- good

Nextias-good
 Vajiram and ravi-waste of time
 Vnk ias academy - good
 Transcript of SOMP Student

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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: PSIR

Background: CIVIL ENGINEER

Hobbies: KICKBOXING(medal), TAEKWONDO(sports), EVENTHEAD OF CHESS COMPETITION(leadership), SWIMMING (Hobby)

Your experience in interview-

It was very cordial, it's difficult to say what they are thinking about our answers very neutral emotions of panel.

Interview time -30 min

5th to go in afternoon session.

Wished Good afternoon Ma'am, Good afternoon Sir.

Chairman Sir told me to sit,

I said thank you Sir.

Chairman

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

CH- International relations is your Optional?

CH-I was waiting for you I had one question for you I wanted to ask a person from IR, (he was asking questions in Hindi as well as English)

1. How technology is interlinked with IR?
2. What is 5G?
3. how it will affect USA and UK?
4. do you know about Russia-Ukraine war how Ukraine is sustaining this war?
5. do you know about killing of terrorist in Pakistan by USA using missile technology used in that operation? Tell me technology used by USA in that operation?
6. what is your hobby?
7. which style you practice in swimming?
8. Why India not performing well?
9. Why Western countries getting so many medals?
10. What India needs to do?
11. Western coach or Indian coach which you prefer why?
12. Even after reliance supported the football league India is not in world cup why?

Member 2

1. is absence of career in SPORTS discouraging parents to encourage their children's participation in sports?
2. has IPL helped cricket ad sports n how?
3. is there any other sports where league is played?
4. have you heard about mission karmayogi? What is it?
5. what is the meaning of "rules based to roles based" governance?
6. what is iGOT platform? Further questions on it..

Member 3

1. There was recently news about police inspector killing the minister in Odisha,
2. what are the reasons for such incidents?
3. (Talked about mental health, regular checkups)
4. is it possible to check mental health of all police personal?
(Police going through lot of stress there is lack of HR in police etc problems)
5. even UP has 350000 police personnel that's huge number then why it's happening that they are overburdened?
6. why police personal are not concerned about people's problems? Why people fear to approach police?
7. your optional PSIR which thinker you like most? Further questions regarding their concepts.
8. Your district is draught prone so tell me what government is doing? And what has been it's impact?
(Told about scheme names n measures)
9. what is infrastructure under MGNREGA?
10. What has been it's impact?
11. what measures do you suggest?

Member 4 & 5

1. (Both focused on mostly Pakistan issue from all the perspective)
2. Pakistan going through crisis good or bad for india?
(Talked about South Asia instability also)
3. the way India helped Srilanka Should India help Pakistan?
4. should India ask in return?
5. Why Pakistan not asking any help to China?
6. what big investment China is doing in Pakistan?
7. What India doing nearby Gwadar Port?
8. what if Pakistan is not ready to talk? N wants India to go back on ARTICLE 370?
9. issues between India and Pakistan?

10. what are other options India have if Pakistan not ready to talk? N there are no direct talks?
11. you are civil engineer so tell me like it's plumb Bob for checking verticality in one two storey building similarly for 150 storey building what is used?

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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)
Optional: Anthropology
Home State: Telangana
Background: MBBS
Hobby: Pencil sketching, Directed short films

Chairman

1. Why shift from mbbs
2. American post president election events...why in democracy such thing happened..what to do to avoid
3. What are the challenges to democracy in india..what to do to avoid such things
Should we do something for democracy or let it evolve
4. Shinzo Abe who is he
What did he contribute
5. Indo-Pacific..is India being used
6. Question on reservation(cant recall what it is)

Member 1

1. Telangana vs governor on republic day celebrations
2. Do u think it was right
3. How are powers divided bw centre and state
(Told 3 lists)
What is the basis
4. Perception of public about collectors why
5. Single events during crisis vs setting up systems

Member 2

1. Caste system .. evolution in India
2. Sanskritisation
3. Is it still there
4. Do they go out of reservation also
5. Pencil sketching..when did u start..what do u sketch

Member 3

1. NTR..why actor to politics in south and not in North

2. Recent golden globe award
3. Why global reach
4. AP ts..benefits, losses, pending issues
5. Is there any provision of special status in constitution

Member 4

1. Private Medical colleges only for wealthy..how to make it merit based
2. Behaviour in parliament and assembly...what to do
3. And few follow-ups based on my answers

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Date of Interview: 3rd Feb

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Background: CA, MA in Eco, IDAS

Optional: Economics

Hobbies: Iyengar Yoga, Ghoomar Dance, Reading Books

Others: NSS, Blood Donation camp, Mock parliament (MHRD minister)

Mostly Interview: went for 30-35 MN

Chairman

1. So you are CA and IDAS currently, till what time your training will go on?
2. So tell me broadly about Finance of the world? How this is changing?
3. So you say with Russia Ukraine war, Germany & Japan are increasing defence expenditure. in which area see you this changes? (Was a long monologue, could remember gist)
4. So will it be more in platforms and weaponry or new age tech like AI, Drones ? - I said recently countries have started focusing on platforms ammunition
5. He intervened and said that in Ukraine drones are being used for something - I said yes sir, New age technologies are also being focused
6. Something on bureaucracy focused on traditional set ups like going strictly by rules. What is ur view?
7. In government, L1 (low cost model) model is followed, but sometimes it creates problems for quality of defence procurement, what is ur view? (I mentioned about Quality cum cost model --He said it is rarely followed. Why?
8. GFR (General Financial Rules) are there. But FM is easily able to use discretion under the rules but many are not. Why? (Question was long and since I didn't have Detailed idea about GFR, I said I need to look into it)

Member 1

1. So you were MHRD minister while participating in mock Parliament. If you are secretary to MHRD what 3 measures will you take? (Bridging learning gaps, teacher training, reaserch and vocational training)
2. How teacher training?
3. In PG, you might be having developmental eco, I said No
4. Then what was your favourite subject. And which theory you like the most (Macroeconomics+ Keynesian model)
5. For inflation controlling, it is said that monetary policy is more effective in developed countries and fiscal in developing. Why?

Member 2

1. You did your class 10th In village and then 12 in Udaipur. What difference could you see in village schools and Schools in Udaipur?
2. So you stayed in hostel. Did your parents allow you that time?
3. Apart from Ghoomar which dance you do? When is Ghoomar performed?
4. What you mean by Human rights?
5. Where are they mentioned?
6. How HR are different from FRs?
7. Name FRs mentioned in constitution.
8. Why there is need for separate FR to protect minorities?
9. Which is the last book you have read? And what is it about?
10. What are the moral lessons in it? (I mention 3000 stitches by Sudha Murthy and said through various short stories she gives moral lessons)
11. Out of these 3 moral lessons which one do you reflect the most?

Member 3

1. If you have to convince a foreigner that India is mother of democracy then how will you do it?
2. There was sign of India being democracy in past. Do you remember?
3. Discussion on one nation one election
4. Can you name some female governors ?

Member 4

1. Why Japan have culture of discipline, sanitation etc buy we lacked? (I said value based education from my limited reading)
2. He said we also read about many values in books but what is lacking (I said application at ground level- like social works in schools)
(I am mostly forgetting questions from last 2 members)
All the best to all aspirants.

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Date of Interview: 01 Feb Last one to go in afternoon session

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Duration: 33 mins

Optional: Philosophy

Background: Industrial engineering,

Hobby: Badminton, Social media

Exploring new places, Gwalior,

Chairman

1. Which place u explored recently?
2. What u saw there?
3. How the tourist experience can be improved at that place?
4. Compare the temples of north india and south india
5. Which is better to see in terms of architecture
6. How vivekananda influenced world even when india was poor and under british rule?
What are the differentiating factor of his philosophy?
7. Why philosophy is dying?
8. Is india becoming materialistic?

Member 1

1. Which philosophy inspired u most and why?
2. Is existentialism applicable in real life?
3. Some spiritual leaders are charging fees for providing knowledge of the scriptures like sadhguru ji? what are ur views on this
4. Is there any similar thing like this in the ancient times?
5. What is pm gati shakti yojana?
6. Logistics cost in india and what are the govt steps in this direction

Member 2

1. Why people are falling in the trap of babas?
2. What are ur views on fake gurus like those convicted in recent times?
3. How social media can be made a better place?
4. How to tackle fake news?
5. Any famous personality banned from social media platform in the recent times?

Member 3

1. Tell me something about gwalior air base?
2. Name of some fighter aircrafts
3. Rafale is from which country?

4. Any indigenous fighter plane?
5. What can be done to improve efficiency of armed forces?
6. What provisions can be done in the budget regarding this?
7. Do you know about book fair of bhopal?

Member 4

1. Principle behind pressure cooker?
 2. Why it takes longer time to cook food at higher latitudes
 3. Dimensions of badminton court and net in feet?
- Utility of mocks- some qs repeated

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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: PSIR

Background: Civil Engg

Home State: Tamil Nadu

4th interview

No questions from the hobbies/interests

Chairman

1. Which place are you from?
2. Why psir after graduation in engg?
3. Have you gained interest in IR?
4. There's a diplomat called George Schultz. He has famously said that 'Negotiations are a euphemism for capitulation if the shadow of power is not cast across the bargaining table'. What do you understand by this ?
5. Should we apply this in the context of India's foreign policy in general and the neighbourhood in particular?
6. What is hybrid war?
7. Weaponisation of energy by Russia. Can we call it as a hybrid war ?
8. Does India practice hybrid war ?
9. there are 2 views. One is mother tongue based primary education and the other is purest form of Hindi which is close to Sanskrit and to many other Indian languages. Which one would you go for ?
10. Mother tongue - English - Hindi or Mother tongue - Hindi - English. Which order should we go for ?

Member 1

1. Benefits of Mother tongue based education in primary level.

2. which language did you learn in primary level and were you able to grasp the subjects well ?
3. if anyway we are going to promote Hindi and English to everyone, should we teach these languages from the primary school level itself along with mother tongue?
4. what's the scheme for skill development brought by your state and any scheme by central government for skill development ?
5. Did ITIs fail ? If not why Kaushal Vikas Yojana was brought in ?
6. Ayushmann Bharat scheme, It's components. Is health insurance important?

Member 2

1. Ethanol blending. What is it ? Why was it brought ? Was it successful?
2. Does it affect food security?
3. We have shortage of sugarcane. How are we going to produce ethanol ?
4. Bollywood. Does it affect the national integration or does it promote ?
5. what are the recent controversies surrounding Bollywood? What do you think about it?
6. National flag. It's importance. Why are we seeing big flags in different places nowadays? (DAF)
7. Any law or code related to flag ? It's provisions ? (DAF)
8. what does the Ashoka chakra represent? (DAF)

Member 3

1. Philanthropy . Difference between west and India. (DAF)
2. why not corporate entities other than Tata have social welfare foundation ?(DAF)
3. debate about end of socialism in early 90s. Victory of liberalism. What is neoliberalism ?
4. is India going towards neoliberalism?
5. what is India's approach towards development?

Member 4

1. why March past not allowed on the bridges ?
2. where do you place the reinforcements in the slabs / ceilings ? And why ?
3. how to maintain the verticality in the high raise buildings ?

Thank you.

Good luck to everyone.

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Date of Interview: 01/02/23 Afternoon

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: History

Background: IIT Madras

Hobbies: Hosting quizzes, pencil sketching

Your experience in Interview: No pleasantries to make the interviewee comfortable. Expressionless faces. Slight smiles at times. Entire board was attentive to the answers. Overall good experience.

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Reduces the fear of facing the real board, expands the number of probable questions.

Chairman

1. Difference between hosting and participating in quizzes {DAF}
2. Difference in skillset for quizzes and spellbee
3. Agniveer programme: is it good (few crossquestions including militarisation of society)
4. Why is USA an economic superpower?
5. Like like USA, should not India also bring in talents from across the globe to work for India (few cross questions)

Member 1

1. Questions on development - my graduation subject)
2. Difference between economic growth and economic development (few cross questions like which should be given more importance)
3. How to bring down inequality in society?
4. What measures will you take to bring down unemployment?
5. Is full employment possible?
6. What are the types of unemployment?
7. What is India's current unemployment rate? How much is this per cent in numbers?
8. How much is the educated unemployment in India?
9. Relationship between unemployment and khalistan movement in Punjab?

Member 2

1. (questions on optional history and DAF pencil sketching)
2. What do you mean by rewriting history? Do you agree with that? Any examples
3. History is always written by victors. Elaborate
4. What is your take on Malabar rebellion of 1921?
5. Where the mind is without fear and head is held high, to that freedom let my country awake? What do you understand by this?
6. What is the role of cartoons in society?
7. Name any Indian cartoonist and his famous cartoon

Member 3

1. (questions on Kerala and IR)
2. What methods can be taken from Kerala's promotion of tourism to improve tourism in India?
3. What are the problems faced by migrants in gulf countries?

4. What steps are being taken by the government to alleviate such problems?
5. Name the latin american leader who came back to power recently after jail term over corruption charges? What are his contributions?
6. What is BRICS?

Member 4

1. (12th standard science questions)
2. What is the use of a transformer?
3. Why does it take more time to cook food in higher altitudes
4. What is the principle behind a pressure cooker?
5. What is escape velocity? How much is it?

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Date of Interview: 2nd Feb forenoon (4th to go)

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Background: dual degree (Btech + Mtech) in civil engineering from an old IIT

Optional: Chemistry

Hobbies: leadership, etc – no Qs asked

DAF keywords: patent granted in treatment of water using solar energy and a medical device presented in the festival of innovation, Rashtrapati bhavan, student head of innovation lab at the old IIT

Chairman

1. The technology involved in Russia Ukraine war?
give examples.
2. Is technology democratising war between small and big countries?
3. Do you believe in luck?
4. Is it hardwork and consistency?
5. Give example from your life.
6. Does atmanirbhar Bharat means indigenisation of technology or
7. corporatisation of defense?
8. Give example where both is happening?

Member 2

1. What was novel in your patent?
2. What is patent regime of India?
3. Is it improving?
4. What is hindering solar manufacturing in India?

Member 3

1. Domestic violence on male. Should we have gender neutral law?
2. Should courts hear such pleas from males?
3. Why fires in buildings in urban area?
4. What can be done to reduce them?
5. Recent example of such incidents?
6. What technology can be used to reduce urban fires ?

Member 4

1. Explain your patent.
2. Why we still import solar panels from China?
3. Are we doing anything about it?
4. Why we have not been able to reduce malnutrition in India?
5. Suggest tech measures to reduce it?
6. IITs have failed the nation. Do you agree?
7. Okay they are contributing now. Why were they not contributing earlier?
8. Their contribution to society and the economy?

Member 5

1. At what height do we place reinforcement in a beam?
2. Why it is much below the center of the beam?
3. What is the use of reinforcement in the beam?
4. How reinforcement is done at the joint of beam and column?
5. Technology used in setting vertical alignment of Burj khalifa? Do you think we can use plumb Bob there also?

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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)**Optional:** PSIR**Background:** CIVIL ENGINEER**Hobbies:** KICKBOXING(medal), TAEKWONDO(sports), EVENTHEAD OF CHESS COMPETITION(leadership), SWIMMING**Your experience in interview-**

It was very cordial, it's difficult to say what they are thinking about our answers very neutral emotions of panel.

Wished Good afternoon Ma'am, Good afternoon Sir.

Chairman Sir told me to sit,

I said thank you Sir.

Chairman

1. WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
2. International relations is your Optional?
3. I was waiting for you I had one question for you I wanted to ask a person from IR, (he was asking questions in Hindi as well as English)
4. How technology is interlinked with IR?
5. What is 5G?
6. how it will affect USA and UK?
7. do you know about Russia-Ukraine war how Ukraine is sustaining this war?
8. do you know about killing of terrorist in Pakistan by USA using missile technology used in that operation? Tell me technology used by USA in that operation?
9. what is your hobby?
10. which style you practice in swimming?
11. Why India not performing well?
12. Why Western countries getting so many medals?
13. What India needs to do?
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Member 2

1. Is absence of career in SPORTS discouraging parents to encourage their children's participation in sports?
2. has IPL helped cricket ad sports n how?
3. is there any other sports where league is played?
4. have you heard about mission karmayogi? What is it?
5. what is the meaning of "rules based to roles based" governance?
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Member 3

1. There was recently news about police inspector killing the minister in Odisha, what are the reasons for such incidents?
(Talked about mental health, regular checkups)
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5. your optional PSIR which thinker you like most? Further questions regarding their concepts.

6. Your district is draught prone so tell me what government is doing? And what has been it's impact?
(Told about scheme names n measures)
7. what is infrastructure under MGNREGA?
8. What has been it's impact?
9. what measures do you suggest?

Member 4 & 5

1. (Both focused on mostly Pakistan issue from all the perspective)
2. Pakistan going through crisis good or bad for india?
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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)
Optional: Sanskrit Language and Literature
Background: EEE, Bit Bangalore
University: VTU, Belgaum
Home State: Bihar
Hobby: Reading Bhagavad Geeta

Chairman

1. You have chosen sanskrit as your optional and your hobby is Reading Bhagwad Gita
Yes sir
2. What is written in bhagavadgita apart from doing ur duty without expectations. Please tell us in 2 - 3 lines
3. What is the use of different yoga written in bhagavadgita as the society is moving towards materialistic things?
4. Students are moving towards STEM field, don't you think there should be a balance between science and humanities subjects.

5. Sanskrit grammar rules are applicable to every where, They r universal. which is not the case with other languages. Do you agree with this?
6. No body talks about reading Sanskrit in school these days. What is ur opinion. Why is it so?
7. Only in Bihar it is taught till 10th class. Is there any other states who is promoting Sanskrit in there curriculum?

Member 1

1. In defence sector, what are the efforts govt is doing in recent budget?
2. What is the status of Atmanirbharta in budget especially in defence sector?
3. Is Atmanirbharta means only to give projects to Tata and L&T?
4. What are the products India is importing from other countries in defense sector?
5. What are the things we are producing in defense sector under Make in India ?

Member 2

1. You talked about Dharma. Then what is Rajdharma
2. What is Rajdharma for bureaucracy?
3. Public servants are using 55 employees in their bungalow? How will they meet people? Is it Rajdharma? How will they follow Rajdharma?
4. you are from Bihar. Very populous state. Land holdings are very small. What r the steps govt is taking to solve the issues for small land holding farmers?
5. Are FPOs working good in Bihar?
6. Is it practical to combine lands to increase mechanisation in state like bihar where castes are prevalent? Brahmins don't want to share land with lower castes, bhumihar don't want to share land with lohars? Is it feasible to have FPO in Bihar?
7. Then what r other options u suggest to solve plight of small land holding farmers?

Member 3

1. what were the contribution of Visvesvaraya? Who was he?
2. India has signed FTA with two countries recently. What r the names? What is the reasons for signing FTA?
3. UK is negotiating FTA with India? How will it benefit India and Britain? Why Britain wants to have FTA with India..
4. India and china are fighting at borders and still the trade is booming between both the countries. Is it justified? What r the reasons for this trade.

Member 4

1. you are an electrical engineer. What r the provisions introduced in budget 2021-22 in electrical domain?
2. What are the provisions introduced in budget 2022-23 in electrical domain?
3. Do you know about distribution companies?
4. Govt came up with delicensing of DISCOMS. What are the benefits of it?

5. What are the new technologies in electrical domain govt of India is focusing on?

Thank u

1. My observation – Shukla Sir board is very cordial. But it was very different than the mock interviews I attended. The five members of my board just picked 5 areas from my daf and current affairs. They just looked for balanced approach and not the depth of knowledge. I shared my transcripts above, though it is not the exact one but paraphrased due to memory limitations. It would be
2. Better to prepare to handle unexpected questions.
All the very best to others

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Date of Interview: 3rd Feb, Forenoon, 5th To go
Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)
Optional: Economics
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
Background: DU / BA prog
Profession: (if any)- बेरोजगार
Hobbies: Football, Strength Training, American HipHop

Chairman

1. Famous things of your hometown
2. Why in news recently
3. Why are politicians able to become Don in Eastern up? {My hometown in Eastern UP}
4. Green Hydrogen Mission why?
5. Hydrogen is energy carrier than how can we use it?
6. Use cases of Green Hydrogen
7. By when we would be fully EV?
8. America has EV already, why we are running behind?
9. 3 Technologies in which we could become leader?

Member 1

1. Why did you take Economics despite no study Background?
2. Your Favourite Area?
3. What did Keynes Say?
4. Recent Example of Keynesian Fiscal policy use?
5. But it has adverse effects like increasing the inflation so much, then what we can do?
6. Not able to Recall 2nd Line of Questioning

Member 2

1. What is our BOP Balance right now?
2. Why the outflow pressure in Capital Account?
3. How can we stop NRIs/ HNIs from withdrawing money from market?
4. Any steps taken recently in Budget for this?
5. Not able to recall 2nd Line of Questioning

Member 3

1. Football-So Qatar organised but HR violations and corruption etc, should we organise too?
2. Some follow up Q on this,not able to recall
3. American Hiphop, why it is called the protest music?
4. Does Racism still happens?
5. Racism vs Casteism Compare?
6. What Can America learn from India in affirmative action or vice versa?

Member 4

1. What is corporate Governance?
2. Any Laws related to this?
3. Independent Directors?
4. What is Corporate Social Responsibility?
5. how much%
6. Threshold for CSR
7. Why can't just govt collect all the CSR money in one fund , why does it ask the Corporates to spend it?

Chairman-

Thank you. You may go

1. Your experience in interview-
2. Members were receptive
3. Shukla Sir had no expressions

Utility of mocks or O2O (if any)- Time ho toh dedo wrna koi jarurat ni.

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Date of Interview: 02/02/2023 afternoon, 2nd to go

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: Tamil literature

Home State: Tamilnadu

Background: BE, ECE

Job: State Civil services,

Chairman

1. You are already in Job, what is your present your role?
2. Is tamilnadu an industrial hub? Why?
3. What is so special about thirukural which makes it outstanding in tamil literature?
4. Allocation for MGNREGA is decreased in present budget? What is your opinion?
5. Govt is saying that demand has come down for MGNREGA and not proper assets are created everywhere?
6. What works are carried out under MGNREGA?
7. Why millets are stressed in agriculture nowadays?
8. What initiatives govt has taken to promote millets production?
9. Is millets used in PDS and ICDS?

Member 1

1. Budget allocation is increased for PM AWAS yojana. Do you think this will
2. balance decreased allocation for MGNREGA? Labour component can be used?
3. What are the roles you have had so far?
4. What are the challenges you are facing when adapting technology at govt office?
5. Child labour is prevalent in tamilnadu especially sivakasi. What could be done?

Member 2

1. The proportion of women personnel in tamilnadu police department is around 30%, what changes it has brought?
2. Do they face hardships while balancing personal life?
3. Chennai is faced with water scarcity, what is being done to address it?
4. There are several road projects being undertaken by govt. Why?

Member 3

1. Why srilanka is in economic crisis? What is India's stance towards this situation?
2. What is 13th amendment in srilankan constitution? Is it implemented?

Member 4

1. Why DISCOMS in Tamilnadu are facing losses?
2. How to rationalise power subsidies?
3. What solutions can be offered to minimize losses?
4. What can be done to prevent power theft?

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Date of Interview: 02/02/2023

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Hobbies: watching war and biopic movies

Interested in reading social issues like child labour and homelessness

Job: IRS CUSTOMS

Chairman

1. What is biopic movie
2. Dangal do you consider it as biopic
3. what was the challenges Mahavir phogat had to face
4. Why he could do, and not me and you
5. Do you think anything has changed since Mahavir phogat in haryana
6. Which one do you think is more important communication or courage
7. Do you know field marshal manekshaw
8. compare USA and China in political, military aspect?
9. So you think democracy is better than communism ?
10. Why do you think China is making incursion in india,do you US has a role in it ?
11. So should we come out of quad ?
12. What is diplomacy?
13. What should we do with pakistan ? Talk?
14. But they don't want to listen? Do you think our policy of not talking is right?
15. Many questions I don't remember

Member 1

1. What did you like in budget this year
2. Why government is not promoting currency outflow
3. High networth individuals are leaving country, what should we do?
4. Are you in job or service
5. Many questions I don't remember

Member 3

1. What is your opinion on triple talaq
 2. Don't you think, husband won't be able to provide for women if he is in jail
 3. What is your opinion on hijab issue
 4. So why so much demand in hijab
- Still some questions I don't remember

Member 3

1. If made IAS in some state
2. what policy would you recommend to make it silicon valley like Bangalore
3. how do you develop skills
4. Who was the chief guest in republic day and which country
5. Why is Egypt important

6. Do you think Egypt has a potential to become leader of Muslim world(I said every other country in middle want to become leader in Muslim world)
7. Saudi Arabian prince has brought reforms what are they ?
8. What about reforms in social sphere?
9. Still some questions I don't remember

Member 4

1. Long question on Russia Ukraine war ,then asked you think it could have been avoided
2. How do you see zelensky as patriot or a person who brought ruin to Ukraine
3. Do you think Ukraine war has only 2 players or more
4. What should we do with pakistan ,economic crisis it is facing, should we engage ?
5. Still some questions I don't remember

Thank you . They said.

1. My remarks -It was more of conversation. Mocks grill but real panel wants to know your personality ,which you can express only if they make you comfortable by not grilling.
2. Board was cordial. Though some physical distraction cannot be over ruled.

Utility of mocks-

1. Give you idea of interview and some questions .
2. Recommended
3. Insightsias vinay sir one to one.
4. Iasbaba mohan sir one to one.
5. Samkalp-santhosh ji daf analysis.
6. Vajiram-Ravindran sir
7. Any two of above would be preferable. Though all good

Panel mocks-

1. Delhi-samkalp,vajirao,chahal,dikshant.
2. Bengaluru-india4ias ,shankar.

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Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Telangana

Hobbies: Helping parents in farming activities

Worked as software engineer and Panchayat secretary

Interview went well and it's more than 35 minutes

Chairman

1. Are you happy with new state Telangana?
2. Why you are happy? Any loss to Telangana?
3. Your opinion on 3 capital proposal of Andhra Pradesh? Any example in the world
4. Gender inequality reports-India's performance-your opinion on that
5. Why Gender inequality still persists in India?- Show me where Gender inequality still present?
6. Negative list and positive list in defence sector?
7. Recent Govt steps to enhance indigenization of defence ?

Member 1

1. Role of Panchayat secretary?
2. How you will transform the village? Hindrances involved in it?
3. How you will remunerate the farming?
4. Issues in agriculture?
5. How to shift the farmer from crop cultivation to Animal husbandry? Issues in animal husbandry? Recent govt steps?
6. What are the recent rural development scheme?
7. Why poverty still persists in India? What steps you will suggest?

Member 2

1. Naxalism in Telangana? Is it reduced?
2. Why its reduced? Govt steps? Explain with statistics and examples?
3. Ideology of naxalism? Is it changed?
4. Tribes in Telangana?
5. Issues the tribes facing?
6. Social structure differences of tribal society with other society?
7. Issues in the panchayat raj system? What can be the possible solutions?

Member 3

1. What is G20? Elaborate it more
2. How India can utilize this G20 presidency? What are the priorities agenda?
3. Current Issues the world is suffering?
4. Is Migration from telangana to gulf nations? Why its so?
5. What are migrant issues they are facing? How can we handle it
6. Any Central govt scheme that is implemented in the rural village that has a greater impact? Elaborate it?
7. Manufacturing process of Urea?
8. Is modern techniques in agriculture reduces greenhouse gases? Or enhances it

Member 4

1. What is embedded system? Explain it with example?
2. National electronics policy? Its provisions
3. Steps taken by the govt to enhance the electronics base in India?
4. Green hydrogen, blue hydrogen and black hydrogen?
5. Why you resigned from software engineer?
6. Why you joined as a panchayat secretary?
7. Why you resigned from panchayat secretary? What you learnt from it?

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Date of Interview: 30/01 MONDAY MORNING

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.)

Background: CIVIL ENG

Home State: PUNE, Maharashtra

Optional: PSIR

Hobby: ANAPANA MEDITATION

Employee: COORDINATOR OF CIVIL SERVICES ASPIRANTS CLUB

ASKED TO REMOVE MASK AND BE COMFORTABLE .

Chairman

1. CH - AREAS IN WHICH WOULD LIKE TO WORK AS A CIVIL SERVANT
2. ME- EDUCATION AND ENVIRONEMNT
3. CH - ASER REPORT DISCUSSION
4. AND TEACHER TRAINING , NEP , SCHOOL IFRA AND MANY MORE .

Member 1

1. CARRY FORWARDED DISCUSSION ON EDUCATION
2. THEN AROUND CLG CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES .
3. HOW TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CIVIL SERVICES
4. ME - INTERNET AND TRADITIONAL MEANS
5. THEN DISCUSSION AROUND GOOGLE AND CHATGP
6. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND IMPACT ON JOB

Member 2

1. HOW TO TACKLE INEFFICIENY IN GOVERNEMNT DEPARTMENT AND COUNTER QUESTIONS
2. THEN DISCUSIION TURNED TO CORRUPTION

Member 3

1. HOW IMPROVE BUSSINESS IN BACKWARD REGION
INDIA CHINA BORDER DISPUTE (PSIR)

Member 4

1. FULLY FOCUSED ON DAMS AND HYDROPOWER
TYPES OF DAMS
2. WHY HYDROPOWER WHEN SOLAR AND OTHER AVAILABLE .
3. CLIMATE NEUTRAL MENAING AND MORE ON HYDROPOWER .

Chairman

ONE LAST QUESTION

1. HOW TO IMPROVE INTEGRITY ?
2. AROUND 30 MIN .
3. BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE .
THANK YOU .

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
3. choice of many kingdoms?
4. Which ruler contributed the most to the culture of Awadh region and UP as a whole?
5. What is Treaty of Allahabad?
6. Who founded the city of Agra?
7. What was the Meerut Conspiracy?
8. Do you think 1857 revolt was the first step towards Indian Independence?
9. When did Lucknow become the capital of UP?
10. Can you name some of the freedom fighters from the state of Uttar Pradesh?
11. Why is the Congress Session of 1916 important? Where in Uttar Pradesh did it take
12. 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
1. during the exile?
6. Name a few historical monuments in UP that are listed on the UNESCO world heritage
2. sites.
7. Have you read the Ramacharitamansas? 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?
5. What is the Commissionerate system? Which places in UP adopted this system? How is it going to help the police?
7. 5. Compare the rule of SP/BSP vs the BJP.
8. 6. How many divisions and districts are Uttar Pradesh divided in?
9. 7. What was the reason for the bifurcation of UP in 2000? Do you think the administration is more streamlined?
11. 8. What is your opinion on further division of the state?
12. 9. Has the vision of 33% reservation for women in local bodies been achieved in Uttar Pradesh?
13. 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?
3. What steps are needed to double the farmers income in UP?
4. Despite having good agro-climatic conditions, UP lags in horticultural production. What do you think are the factors behind this?
6. 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?
- UP is an agriculturally rich state, yet farmers are in poor condition? What do you think are the factors behind this paradox?
- 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?

22. UP has four regions, western UP, eastern UP, Bundelkhand and Awadh UP. Western UP
23. 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
4. IPS in one of the district?
5. Haryana amended the 33% reservation for women criteria in local bodies election and increased it to 50%. Has Haryana achieved this target?
6. How many women MLAs are there in the State Vidhan Sabha?
7. 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
11. 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?

6. How was the Covid-19 response by the state government? Do you think state government could have done more?
7. 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
11. 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

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3. 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?