

Interview Transcripts 2023

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CSE 2024



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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.

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.

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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Chairperson	Mrs. Preeti Sudan 30/04/1960	1/8/2024 (FN)	29/4/2025	<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. • She served as Chair of COP-8 of Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.
Member	Sh. Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.) 27/03/1962	18/07/2022 (FN)	26/03/2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a career spanning over four decades in the Indian Army, he commanded, an Infantry Brigade in Baramulla Division along the Line of Control in the Kashmir Valley. • He has served two tenures at the Military Operations Directorate, addressing issues relating to Military Futures and Force Modernisation. • He made noteworthy contributions to the development of India's Strategic – Military Futures, Professional Military Education, Operational Poise and Civil – Military Fusion. • A professional aviator and powerful orator, General Shukla has an abiding interest in strategic - military affairs. • In recognition of his service of the most exceptional order, he was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal.
Member	Ms. Suman Sharma 30/07/1967	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. • During her tenure as Managing Director, SECI, the company witnessed significant growth and also achieved the 'Mini Ratna' status.
Member	Ms. Shri Bidyut Behari Swain 05/09/1963	01/06/2023 (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	Dr. Dinesh Dasa 29/03/1974	29/09/2023 (FN)	28/09/2029	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D. in Forest Laws and Sustainable Development from Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. • Director of Gujarat Tourism from 2011 to his appointment in GPSC in 2015.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served as the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2022. He became the youngest ever Chairman of any state PSC. Served as a Chairman and a Member of the Search Committee to appointing vice- -chancellors in various state universities.
Member	Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh 26/8/1963	15/01/2024 (FN)	25/08/2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known for strategic thinking, expertise in Global Security Scenario and Internal Security. Served as Director General of CISF from November 2021 to August 2023. Awarded the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service in the year 2004 and President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in the year 2010
Member	Shri Sanjay Verma 28/01/1965	01/02/2024 (FN)	27/01/2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1990. Professional experience includes – Bilateral relations with countries across Asia, Africa and Europe; Multilateral (UN, NAM, G77 and the Commonwealth); Served as Ambassador to Spain, Andorra and the UNWTO and many other countries.

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Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

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Date of Interview: 8th March 2024, afternoon 3rd in sequence

Board: Lt.Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Mathematics

DAF - Maths IITK, Maths Optional - nothing asked

Asked from DAF - Premchand, Goldman, risk management, artificial intelligence

Chairman

1. You worked at Goldman, then why did you leave?
2. But in government you don't have to work so much?
3. (Sir was quite friendly and relaxed, sunk in his chair and smiling)
4. You read Premchand. Tell me why do you like him.
5. Favourite book and why?
6. Compare Premchand and Shakespeare.
7. Premchand's story always has a moral lesson, compare the morality of Premchand and Mahabharata.
8. Does morality change with time?
9. Give an example of changed morality in Mahabharata.
10. Dharma aur niyam mein kaun upar hai?
11. Dharma aur Rule of Law mein kaun upar hai
12. helped - Chaupar mein Rule of law says you can take everything (including wife) from the loser.
13. Lessons from Mahabharata
14. When people learn to respect women from scriptures? Why do people harass women?

Member 1

1. Libor and SOFR
2. Repo and reverse repo rate
3. Tell me about Lakshadweep
4. Name if Island PM visited, Total no. of islands in Lakshadweep, Name of Naval base
5. Name of few female head of states (interview was on women's day)
6. "obesity is no longer the problem of the rich in India" - what do you understand by this
7. Lancet survey and PDS cross Qs

Member 2

1. Artificial Intelligence and Job losses
2. what can we do?
3. Situational - police - control mob violence

4. New criminal laws – provision on lynching
5. Difference between mob violence and mob lynching

Member 3

1. Work ex of Goldman
2. Role of statistics in risk management
3. Cyber Tehsil – I said haven't heard about it – Sir asked to guess and I guessed correctly
4. Food adulteration – situational Q and law

Member 4

1. Who is your role model in celebrity
2. Why?
3. Did he inspire you to join bureaucracy?
4. Social media – Pros and cons
5. How to tackle cyber stalking?

Chairman – PDS 80 cr beneficiaries – are we making the poor obese by feeding them?

Cross Qs.

Interview over. Thanked all and left.

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Date of Interview: 6th march, 2024 AF(3rd to go)

Board: Lt.Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Kerala

Daf key words: supply chain mgmt, ayurveda, engineering, sociology, kerala

Environment of room: extra large office, chair sitting 10-15 ft apart, 4 other members sitting at a distance from me. 2 female and 2 male

Chairman

1. What do you do now? (Operations manager in sports ayurvedic firm?)
2. What is sports ayurveda?
3. long monologue (in hindi) on how india unfortunately left traditions for modernity, do you think we should teach mahabharata and ramayana in school?
4. What would its negatives be?
5. do you think ayurveda and modern medicine should converge?
6. (I said it should integrate rather than converge)
7. But modern medicine don't accept ayurveda right?
8. (Said there are integrated course already existing in india)

Member 1

1. Do you know G20? What are the initiatives taken in G20?
2. What is a troika?
3. Current g20 president?
4. Do you know AQI?
5. What are the 8 pollutants in AQI?

Member 2

1. Kerala polity is fragmented. Do you think it's the reflection of it's society?
2. What is it that keralites find in common? (He also added not to say language- I said 3 points and then he added migration to it and asked me whether it is true, i acknowledged it)
3. Why kerala has a rich history of ayurveda diff from other parts of india?
4. What is a payment bank? Do you know any examples of payment banks other than paytm payment banks?
5. One question about a concept that I have not heard of for which I said don't know sir. Cant even remember the term he asked

Member 3

1. How old is your company?
2. How long have you been working in your company?
3. Taking from what Chairman sir asked how would you improve acceptability of ayurveda since modern practitioners don't accept it saying no data is there?
4. What from your graduation have you implemented in your firm?
5. Do you think fintech was a disruptive technology? Was it or is it the way out?
6. Asked some new concept implemented in NEP which can help ayurveda? (Said I don't know sir. I don't have the facts to make an opinion on this particular question)
7. Kerala people are known to protect their Environment and biodiversity? (Said yes sir)
8. Kerala is also lacking in industrial sector. Do you think this Environmental protectionism is causing this?

Member 4

1. Why do so many engineers come to civil services? Do you think engineering graduates don't have enough skills?
2. Why socio despite engineering?
3. What is the unique thing about kerala society sociologically? (She seemed very happy to hear matriarchal families among Nairs)
4. Changes in migration pattern in kerala?
5. Impacts of migration in kerala society?
6. Is kerala govt doing anything for countering this issue?(add on to some negatives that i mentioned)

Chairman: chalo hogaya. All the best.

Experience: Board was cordial. No grilling. Seemed satisfied with most answers or atleast was acknowledging my answers with nodding and adding points. Chairman sir was looking in his phone after his line of questioning often but at times was also watching me.

Questions were mostly opinion based and work experienced related. Except one member who only asked factual questions. Overall an enhancing experience. Feels like a conversation that they are interested to hear from us.

(3)

Date of Interview: 07/03/2024 & Afternoon session last to go time 25-30 minutes

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla

Home state and places mentioned in DAF - Madhya Pradesh Gwalior

Optional: Anthropology

College (UG/PG) - MITS Gwalior

Educational background - Electrical Engineer

Profession/Work Profile/Projects mentioned(if any) - Capgemini , SBI PO , Minority

Hobbies - Playing Congo and Dholak, Exploring New places

Other key words - Nasha Mukti Abhiyaan under NSS

Your experience in interview via a detailed transcript -

Chairman

1. Not strict questions but like a conversation
2. Where did u studied?
3. Okay India is facing a strategic challenge in terms of terrorism so how India is facing a challenge of terrorism now?
4. (replied convectional cross border terrorism to now cyber & narco terrorism).
5. How India has designed its terrorism doctrine now because previously we were use to be a soft state in terms of handling terrorism in case of parliament attack etc
6. What about drone as terrorist activity which we witness in Israel hamas war why India is in a vulnerable situation wrt large numbers of drone activities in the border?
7. Why such large numbers of drone activities in border areas
8. Can we say drone as number one threat of India now?
9. What India is doing to mitigate such challenge?
10. What is the range of Inderjaal made by drdo? (mentioned inderjaal as one of the technology which India is working upon

Member 1

1. What is Plasma?
2. What is blood group?

3. Why in India there is more Rh- but less Rh+ while we are descendents of monkey. Are we descendent of monkey?
4. Name some famous explorers from around the world?
5. How many minorities are there in India?
6. What are steps Government is doing for minority in India?
7. What is hamari dharohar scheme?
8. What India is doing for increasing numbers of parsi?

Member 2

1. Where is opium factory in India located?
2. Which agency undersee the opium farming in Neemuch mandasaur?
3. How black marketing can happen in opium cultivation?
4. Is bhang legal in India and how it is sold then?
5. Should we legalise marijuana in India or not?
6. Recently consignment was seized near India coast what was the size of the seizure and where was it seized and what is its repercussion?
7. Why India is not now just a transit hub of drugs but also coming up as a bigger consumer too (why more youngsters have started consuming drugs)?
8. What is market share of SBI?
9. Why SBI was in news recently?
10. Discussion about SBI recent request for extension of date for providing details about electoral bonds issuerer
11. Why SBI is asking for such long time today is the period of digitalisation?
12. This question extended with interruptions and grilling

Chairman intervened in between -

Are you aware Ex Finance secretary today said that if SBI wanted these details to be public this can be made public within 5 minutes.

Member 3

1. As a citizen of India I am very concerned that few corporates run with my safe money in the banks and how would you convince me that my money in Bank is safe?
2. What is status of Naxalism in MP?
3. How would you eliminate naxalism in these remaining districts firstly as a police officer and second as a District Magistrate of these districts?
4. MP and Chattisgarh divided few years back as a resident of MP and then as a resident of Chattisgarh comment how it affected overall development of both states?

Member 4

1. U are interested in Music, Okay tell why Grammy awards was in news?

2. Tell us about recent Bharat Ratna awardees?
3. Tell us about MS Swaminathan what was his contribution?
4. What should India do to achieve status of Viksit Bharat by 2047?
5. What steps should we take in immediate term?

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Date of Interview: 07/03/2024 Forenoon session, 2nd to go

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Odisha

Relevant Daf keywords – PSIR Paradeep (Odisha), Jammu and Kashmir, Tamil Nadu, UP, Kitchen Gardening hobby

Chairman

1. You have lived all over India, you are an Indian I think. So let's start
2. What Newspaper did you read today- I replied Indian Express. (I had read Hindu too, but it didn't strike me at that time and I didn't anticipate)
3. Why did you read only one newspaper, don't you think people nowadays are reading less newspapers, why do you think so, what are the reasons for this. (A front and back discussion took place on this).
4. You just said you read blogs too. What all do you read.- I said I regularly read Anticipating the Unintended blog by Pranay Kotasthane. He said I know Pranay Kotasthane, he writes in newspaper too, so why don't you read newspaper then. I had a reply that he writes with a pseudonymous author too, so I read it. And I try to read as many diverse viewpoints as possible.
5. Don't you think people reading less leads to less informed people and people are less informed today?
6. Do you read Foreign Affairs magazine, Whose article did you read last? I replied I read John G Ikenberry article regarding US decline. He asked something more on this too, I don't remember.
7. What is the current Debt of US economy and don't you think it's an issue, what do you think about it.
8. I recently read a report that China has surpassed US in technology, what do you think and why is it happening -?

Member 1

1. You are from, Odisha?- I replied Maim, I was born there, My hometown is in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
2. Are you not proud of Odisha?? – I was like Aayein?
3. Tell me about economic significance of Paradeep- I answered
4. Tell me what happened on Aug 5, 2019- I replied, Art 370 abrogation, she said, don't give me such short answers, I then gave a detailed answer.

5. What has the procedure adopted to abrogate Article 370
6. What kind of work are you doing in Kashmir, explain that.-I explained that and then she was fine.

Member 2

1. You have lived in Many states, compare the biodiversity of the states you have lived in
2. You forgot Chilika Lake, compare Chilika and Dal Lake.
3. Some other question too which I can't recall right now.

Member 3

1. You are a student of PSIR, tell me about the deteriorating Indo- Canada relationship
2. There was an assassination too, what about that?
3. Even US claimed that Pannu was threatened with assassination.
4. What is your long term view on Indo Canada relationship
5. You have been in Tamil Nadu, there is a civil servant who is making news in politics, who is it - I replied Mr K Annamalai.
6. Should Civil servants join politics
7. Recently a judge too joined politics, what do you think about that
8. Then what is your final view?

Member 4

1. You do kitchen gardening and she asked about question related to that which I don't remember right now.
2. Tell me about Papier Mache artform-Answered
3. Tell me about GI agriculture products from JK- Named two
4. Who gives GI tags- was confused and blank, so I think I didn't answer
5. Where is the office of GI tag - I said I don't know mam. She said it is in one of the city you lived. I said I don't know mam, she said Chennai. I said Thank You mam.
6. The chairman said, Your interview is over and you may go.

(6)

Date of Interview: March 4

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Home State: Kerala

DAF Pointers: Kerala, Kota, Manipur, IFS

Hobbies: Tekking, Following food and travel vlogs.

Chairman

1. Viksit bharat concept how are we planning to acheive it?
2. AI where is India standing? What should we do?
3. Innovation in India. What are the challenges?

4. Present Per capita income and How much should we target?
5. HDI present value and the target India should keep?

Member 1

1. To achieve Atmanirbhar what are the major sectors that we must focus upon?
2. Trekking and hiking difference?
3. Which state cuisine has fascinated you?
4. How does the touchscreen work?
5. Mughalai cuisine?
6. India -france relationship?
7. 2024 is celebrated as (UN)?

Member 2

1. Kota factory web series and JEE coaching, and Is this kind of blind following to coaching institutions the reason for lack of innovation in India?
2. Causes of manipur crisis?
3. As in charge Law and order issues how would you tackle manipur issue?
4. Difference between innovation, discovery and invention?
5. Should we have CM from a different community(3 rd community)in charge of the peace process in Manipur to solve the issue?
6. 'Shri anna', it's benefits for consumer, producer and climate?

Member 3

1. Consider yourself becoming in charge of coal mines how would you make minig sustainable?
2. Reason for poor industrial development kerala?

Member 4

1. Have you watched 'Poacher' web series?
2. How would you control ivory smuggling?
3. Paytm crisis reason?
4. Tourism in kerala, share in GDP and what is the potential for development?

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Thank you for this initiative

Thank you for the help and guidance

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Date of Interview: 19th Feb, Bihar

Board: Lt, Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Bihar

Background: IIT Roorkee

Key words: IIT Roorkee , Bihar, patent office(DAF)

Last to go forenoon session

Chairman

1. Discussion on Electoral bond.
2. Issue with SC decision on bond
3. Alternative to electoral bond
4. Can EC can be asked to manage these bonds.

Member 1

1. Patents benchmark across the world. How India is performing at global level.
2. Issue in patent office in India.
3. How AI can help in these.
4. Relation of Einstein with patent office. How it helped him.
5. What is LEO.Should India regulate these satellite. How India can become a major player in LEO

Member 2

1. Idealism vs Materialism
2. Plato vs Marx
3. Why china grew so fast. Should India adopt this model.
4. Democracy vs Chinese model. What will you choose.

Member 3

1. What is recession. Which countries are facing it.
2. How to address this recession. What should government do.
3. How to achieve growth rate of 10% in India. Which sectors we need to focus.
4. What is urbanisation. What are the issue. How will you resolve it.

Member 4

1. Why we focus on agriculture. Why can't we let the agriculture grow at its own pace and focus on other sector. We can import food if there is any shortage.
2. Forgetting other question from member 4.

Opinion: only job related questions were asked from DAF. Cordial board

Mock: samkalp, gs score, Next ias. It helped in gaining confidence.

(9)

Date of Interview: 19 Feb 2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: Geography

Home State: Rajasthan

Medium: English

Slot- Morning (2nd to Go)

Daf keywords -Rajasthan, Dausa, IIT, Civil Engineering, Water Conservation, Chennai, Sri City, Quality Control, Painting. Etc.

Chairman

1. You are from Dausa (Home district), ohh Rajesh Pilot shab's area. Is Sachin pilot also popular like his father in your district?
2. Politicians who come from strong family background used to get success earlier, but not any more, your views?
3. Who are other politicians that didn't do well compared to their father?
4. Long monologue on meritocracy demand increasing in India .. your opinion on this ..(Some cross questions on this can't recall)

Member 1

1. You lived in Chennai and worked in Sri City ..what are the good things which can be brought from these places to North and East Indian States.
2. Long monologue on population policy of China (bcuz I mentioned DTT in my previous answer). In our country, we also have National Family Planning policy, are they effective?
3. What according to you should be a better population policy for India?
4. What value of TFR is desirable?
5. What other states can learn from Rajasthan?
6. If you are asked to bring industrialization in Rajasthan and Haryana, how will you do that?

Member 2

1. Did you work on ground for water conservation?
2. Why did you start this hobby?
3. As a DM if you want to do water conservation work in a rural village, how would you do that??
4. Do you know Rajendra Singh, tell me about his work?
5. You are a civil engineer also, tell me the technique behind his water conservation efforts?
6. There is lot of garbage on railway line, how would you solve the problem?
7. Tell me about Namami Gange Project?

Member 3

1. Shall we go for state funding of elections?
2. Tell me some mechanism, how can we implement state funding of election?
3. What is interim budget?
4. This Budget was comprehensive, but still we call it interim budget, why?
5. Difference between Fiscal and revenue deficit?
6. Since you were a quality engineer..I'll give you one statement you have to explain its meaning to me, "QUALITY DOESN'T COME WITH EXTRA COST"?

Member 4

1. Long monologue on ongoing infrastructure development in India. From where we will get energy for these project? Can we go for more greener alternatives?
2. Problems in Nuclear energy growth?
3. Challenges in solar energy growth?
4. Import dependency on China for Solar modules, we can make them here. Why we are importing from China?

Chairperson: Thank You, your interview is over. Best of Luck!!

I said thank you to all the members before leaving.

Overall - Good experience, they were giving me enough time to speak and did not interrupt when I gave long answers in 1 or 2 occasion.

Mock utility: Good for developing confidence and frame more structured/ balanced opinion. But One-on- One discussion and lot of mock practice with friends helped me a lot.

(10)

Date of Interview: 20th Feb (afternoon)

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Sociology

Daf words asked: Education, IIT, Sociology, IRS (IT), Reading Self Help Books, Badminton coach

Chairman

1. where are you from
2. what are you doing these days
3. why didn't you fill IFS??
4. lot of popularity for S. Jaishankar and IFS officers why dont you want to go??
5. You can be a good asset for external affairs. why dont you want to go.
6. IAS can work in external affairs ministry but why dont you specialize in foreign affairs
7. okay coming to serious questions, Mark twain said i didnt let my schooling hinder my education , your opinion

8. Extremely long monologue meaning these days lots of exams, no free time, why such a scenario
9. but we had lot of free time, you guys dont have any time to think, what will you guys innovate if you are stuck by tests
10. but even those micro credential courses have tests at end of course
11. but even in IITs, no research is happening, rankings are low
12. if you do not agree with the parameters of ranking, do you consider the overall scenario in India as fine??
13. okay, you are optimistic about the direction in which we are heading then. Good.

Member 1

1. long monologue meaning tax base is low. Reasons?
2. long monologue meaning tax compliance is low- reasons?
3. but in US people fear IRS unlike in india - opinion
4. But why shouldn't fear be used to increase compliance
5. okay, then existing measures to improve compliance
6. what is progressive and regressive taxation
7. What in your opinion should be the ideal share of direct and indirect taxes

Member 2

1. What is Green accounting?
2. green accounting is this this this... why should we do it?
3. measuring to control and regulate is fine but why shouldn't accountants just stick to their job and leave the climate change issues to experts
4. long monologue about health care and asked public hospitals or private hospitals
5. choice is good but are you fine with the current state
6. what would you say if i tell that all those who pay tax should be denied govt benefits in healthcare coz they are welloff
7. long monologue about rural credit and asked why micro finance institutions succeed in rural areas vs traditional banks
8. but almost every village has atleast one traditional bank
9. but mfi are offering loans at high interest rates and still they are succeeding.

Member 3

1. what self help books you read recently
2. favourite?
3. what is atomic in atomic habits
4. summary of atomic habits
5. long monologue meaning that SHB gaining popularity means lack of inner motivation
6. I deviated. Cut me short and repeated again same monologue with question does it mean people are having mental health problems??

7. then what do you understand by a society with more doctors, lawyers and politicians
8. prevention by doctors is fine but what about lawyers?
9. politicians ?
10. what is emotional intelligence?
11. long monologue meaning ai will replace jobs?
12. but ai cant replace one specific sector?

Member 4

1. so you worked as Badminton coach before?
2. were you preparing for civil services simultaneously??
3. tanking AI discussion of previous member forward, what about it in mental health care
4. You said before that measuring leads to better regulation. So if we measure responses of best mental healthcare professionals and feed that data to AI algorithms dont you think it can give accurate advices
5. long monologue about futuristic scenario where AI does everything and people have nothing to do- do you know any concept regarding this scenario?
6. think about Universal Basic Income in such scenario?
7. what is UBI
8. how would you feel about such scenario where we provide UBI for all basic amenities and productive activity is done by AI.

Chairperson: Thank you... your interview is over...

Thanks to all my friends for helping...

Special mention to Sajal Sir (Vajiram) and Deepak Surana Sir (Republic IAS)

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Date of Interview: 20th Feb, forenoon session

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Rajasthan

Background: IITK, civil engg, Jaipur, Dausa

Chairman

1. IITK -ranking fallen , earlier it used to be known for aerospace
2. What is wind tunnel facility?
3. Cybersecurity and how china threatened India to pull our troops back in Ladakh using cyberattacks such as one in Mumbai . Do you think china is capable of doing that?
4. AIIMS attack do we need to build the offensive capabilities
5. Choose one with respect to cyber security-is India good enough or extremely vulnerable?

Member 1

1. Additive manufacturing, what is it?
2. Make a policy what would you take in consideration in case of additive manufacturing
3. Reasons for lower haemoglobin in women and how it impacts women?
4. What is the disease called?
5. What is needed to cure Anaemia apart from medications

Member 2

1. why are people so crazy about civil services?
2. Who respects the civil servants because if there are marginalised people then they will not because they are not getting anything, is it the elites?
3. Which state has highest number of civil servants
4. Why Gujarat has not been the same in producing civil servants
5. A political person is taking a decision which is wrong and asking you to implement it, what would be your action -grilled on it by the member
6. Is going to media good for civil servants?
7. Something about PM saying that we have left everything on Babu, which is such a derogatory term(couldn't understand the essence of the question)

Member 3

1. Economics(something about Adam Smith and his book which I didn't know)
2. What is financial inclusion?
3. Difference between Rajasthan eastern, south and western
4. What is the true potential of eastern Rajasthan leaving aside Jaipur
5. Is Mount Abu in eastern Rajasthan?

Member 4

1. Do you think our objective of setting up IITs have been achieved?
2. Don't you think IITs are waste of resources because we are buying everything from China like mobiles,our engg have done nothing except like in civil engg.
3. Defend IITs are not a waste of resources

Mocks -NextIAS, Samkalp, Vajiram(get familiar with the environment and gives confidence to face the panel)

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Date of Interview: 19 Feb 2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Geography

Home State: Rajasthan

Medium- English

Slot- Morning (2nd to Go)

Daf keywords – Rajasthan, Dausa, IIT, Civil Engineering, Water Conservation, Chennai, Sri City, Quality Control, Painting. Etc.

Chairman

1. You are from Dausa (Home district), ohh Rajesh Pilot shab's area. Is Sachin pilot also popular like his father in your district?
2. Politicians who come from strong family background used to get success earlier, but not any more, your views?
3. Who are other politicians that didn't do well compared to their father?
4. Long monologue on meritocracy demand increasing in India .. your opinion on this ..(Some cross questions on this can't recall)

Member 1

1. You lived in Chennai and worked in Sri City ..what are the good things which can be brought from these places to North and East Indian States.
2. Long monologue on population policy of China (bcuz I mentioned DTT in my previous answer). In our country, we also have National Family Planning policy, are they effective?
3. What according to you should be a better population policy for India?
4. What value of TFR is desirable?
5. What other states can learn from Rajasthan?
6. If you are asked to bring industrialization in Rajasthan and Haryana, how will you do that?

Member 2

1. Did you work on ground for water conservation?
2. Why did you start this hobby?
3. As a DM if you want to do water conservation work in a rural village, how would you do that??
4. Do you know Rajendra Singh, tell me about his work?
5. You are a civil engineer also, tell me the technique behind his water conservation efforts?
6. There is lot of garbage on railway line, how would you solve the problem?
7. Tell me about Namami Gange Project?

Member 3

1. Shall we go for state funding of elections?
2. Tell me some mechanism, how can we implement state funding of election?
3. What is interim budget?
4. This Budget was comprehensive, but still we call it interim budget, why?
5. Difference between Fiscal and revenue deficit?

6. Since you were a quality engineer..I'll give you one statement you have to explain its meaning to me, "QUALITY DOESN'T COME WITH EXTRA COST"?

Member 4

1. Long monologue on ongoing infrastructure development in India. From where we will get energy for these project? Can we go for more greener alternatives?
2. Problems in Nuclear energy growth?
3. Challenges in solar energy growth?
4. Import dependency on China for Solar modules, we can make them here. Why we are importing from China?

Chairperson: Thank You, your interview is over. Best of Luck!!

I said thank you to all the members before leaving.

Overall - Good experience, they were giving me enough time to speak and did not interrupt when I gave long answers in 1 or 2 occasion.

Mock utility: Good for developing confidence and frame more structured/ balanced opinion. But One-on- One discussion and lot of mock practice with friends helped me a lot.

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Date of Interview: 16 Feb 2024

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla sir.

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Medium - English

Duration- approx 25 min

Slot- forenoon (last to go)

Daf key words - sociology, commerce and accountancy graduation, ethics.

Nothing asked from hobby

Chairman

1. Compare Lucknow and Bangalore
2. How is multiculturalism different from cosmopolitanism?
3. IT of Bangalore and Lucknow comparison.
4. Prospects of the IT industry in Lucknow.
5. Prospects of AI in India.
6. Indian and American AI comparison and what India is learning from the West.
7. EODB of UP is improving. Do you think so?
8. What is still keeping UP behind?
9. Cross questioning on AI again

Member 1

1. How UP go ahead with IT, investment?
2. 1trillion economy of UP.
3. Some Cross question on the same.

Member 2

1. What according to you is an ethical workplace culture?
2. Difference between code of ethics and code of conduct.
3. How to end corruption by public officials?
4. So you think reducing human interface is the only solution?
5. Cross questioning on the same.

Member 3

1. 5 trillion economy aim how to achieve it?
2. Export target of India by what time?
3. Filariasis disease in UP. Are you aware of the news? I said no
4. Who was bahadur shah zafar? Have you heard of him?
5. Swati scheme

Member 4

1. What is auditing? Why is it required?
2. If computers can check upon the balance sheets and records why do we need an auditor?
3. What declaration does the auditor give after completing audit in a company?
4. Who appoints auditor?
5. We have been taking many English words from Greek language. Said some word and asked if I know the meaning I said NO.

Chairman

1. Do you think higher caste and higher class domination still exist or seen only in exceptional cases?
2. Interview got over
3. Some more questions were asked. I'm unable to recall.
4. Member 3 and 4 asked some real random questions.

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Date of Interview: 16/02/2024,

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Economics

Home State: Rajasthan

Session: Forenoon, 4th to go

DAF: Rajasthan, Football (only 2 were asked)

Time: around 25 mins

Chairman

1. How do you see West Asia presently? what is happening in the region? (mentioned Israel Hamas)
2. Why do you think there was an intelligence failure? Was the West not aware?
3. Do you think Iran had a role to play in this conflict? (a good few minutes of discussion on the same with future possibilities, regional conflict escalating)
4. How is Russia able to survive economically despite war?
5. What will happen to Ukraine if West withdraws support?
6. Do you think war impacts economics?
7. is there a possibility of the war spreading to the whole region? Did Abraham Accords have a role in it?

Member 1

1. Israel is doing well as a desert state, do you think Rajasthan has learnt something from them?
2. What are the structural problems in India which impacts the growth?
3. Where is Rajasthan lacking in present times in terms of development?
4. Social inequality is an issue in Rajasthan? What is the sex ratio there? What steps are being taken?
5. What are the steps taken for Football in India? Do you see India as a football powerhouse in future?

Member 2

1. Tell me about tourism in Rajasthan
2. Do you think over focus on tourism has led to low focus on Industry in Rajasthan?
3. Does such over focus not harm state's growth prospects?
4. Where do you see Rajasthan's economy by 2047?
5. Can you tell me about CAPF's in India? (out of nowhere)
6. Can you tell me their roles?

Member 3

1. Can you tell a company's profitability by its balance sheet?
2. What aspects would you judge from a balance sheet of a company? (despite telling him in the first question not very well versed with balance sheets)
3. What is the value of stock markets in India in monetary terms? (said idk only know sensex in points)
4. Are Indian markets overvalued? What are the factors?

Member 4

1. What is Balance of payments?
2. How do you see SAARC?
3. As a student of economics, tell me about how you will improve SAARC?
4. Which areas do you think we can exploit for export potential in India?
5. How is IMF allowed to do surveillance on countries? (I said consensus but he said it is because of Article 4, said thank you)
6. how is the financial sector regulated at the apex level? (he meant at the ministry level)
7. What is cubism? (out of nowhere part 2)

Chairman: Thank you, your interview is over.

might be forgetting a few questions, but mainly IR, economics, Finance, Rajasthan based questions

Experience: mostly discussion based with a few factual questions here and there, not much counter questioning in general. Shukla sir went out for a few minutes, then checking phone and laptop but probably listening to the whole conversation.

Good luck to those who are yet to give.

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Date of Interview: 05/02/2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Public Administration

Home State: Bihar

Daf pointers: Hindi medium, Mba, Optional -Public Administration, Bihar, Chess, Stock market, Stand up comedy

Chairman

1. What are you doing these days?
2. College specific question.
3. What is the situation of democracy in Pakistan.
4. In your opinion in which year Pakistan had conducted a fair election.
5. America a proponent of democracy is also facing issues in this regard. What is your stand.
6. Why there is a new trend in world in terms of democracy and elections.

Member 1

1. Why do you think Indian stock market is performing good?
2. Can you compare it with gold investment?
3. Where should I invest, any suggestions.

Member 2

1. What is your work experience. Share your learnings.
2. Favourite mathematician and why?
3. How organising a marathon will help educate a city on environmental concerns.
4. Any other measures you took during your college days.

Member 3

1. What is your perception of Bihar.
2. What will you suggest to do a perception management of Bihar.
3. On what level, change in society is required.
4. What unique is being done by Bihar govt in this regard.

Member 4

1. How will you relate your graduation, post graduation and optional subject(all 3 are different subjects)
2. Why so much variety in your interest.
3. Environmental concerns in current world.
4. What steps are being taken at world level.
5. COP 28 impact
6. How India can initiate a change at global level to make developed nation contribute more towards it.
7. AI is being seen as solution for almost every problem. How do you think it can help in solving environmental problem.
8. In your previous answer, you talked about negative impact of AI, and now so much positive. Why this contradiction!
9. Is Indian stock market is still dependent on FII.
10. Why retail investor numbers is rising like anything?

Chairperson:

1. Your interview is over.
2. Your assessment of the board/your performance: Felt like a discussion. Not so much cross question. And, never close to mock interview like condition.
3. But mocks helped me to stay confident while answering the questions.
4. Samkalp, Chankya Mandal and Vajirao mocks were relevant to actual interview.

(16)**Date of Interview:** 9 Feb 2024**Board:** Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir**Optional:** Hindi literature

Keywords: Hindi literature, electrical engineering, farming, folk song, Kurukshetra, army, capf, Jhunjhunu (only one question asked)

Time- 3.28 pm to 4.01 pm

(4th one to go)

Chairman

1. Chairmen- kha se ho
2. Long monologue on brain drain kya samsya hai jo nhi rok pa rahe ?

Member 1

1. Indian stamp act?
2. Amrit kal kya hai?
3. Kya aisa kare ki indian economy American GDP ke barabar ho jaye?
4. Aapko kya lgta hai kab tak ho jayega ?
5. Niti aayog multidimensional poverty index vs 80 cr free food?
6. Consumption expenditure survey na karwakar govt apna failure chupa Rahi hai?
7. Indian- south east country ki GDP se comparison?

Member 2

1. Judicial overreach?
2. Indian south east country se kya constitution m Sikh sakta hai ?
3. (Kuch bhul raha hu)
4. Geography event kya hota hai?
5. (Koi link nhi)

Member 3

1. Demographic dividend kya hamari majbbori hai
2. Kaise karenge
3. (Maine labour, skill, btayaya
4. China se tulna ki)
5. Ha to majboori hai, abhi tak kuch nhi hua to kya hi hoga ?
6. Govt mission se counter kiya??

Member 4

1. Jhunjhunu ka vikas kyu nhi hua?
2. Delhi ke pollution control nhi ho Raha kya lagta hai kyu nhi ho Raha?
3. Technical field se log jaise aap hi ka example liya jaye to aapne generalize chuna to demographic dividend kaise hoga?
4. Itlay m crisis hua kuch idea hai?

Chairmen sir

1. Ok , your interview is over now
2. Overall analysis
3. Chairmen 3 bar uth uth kar, 1 bar bahar, 2 bar washroom gye
4. Mock interview- 7 given (koi questions repeat nahi hua)

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Date of Interview: 7 feb 2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Geography

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobby: Non fiction book reading

Siddharth Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman

1. What is the relation between geography and IR
2. How geography plays a role in defining relationship between nations
3. why small nations are aligned with USA
4. Why USA is more active after 2nd world war
5. Why japan attacked on USA
6. Is war possible between USA and China
7. Will USA attack on Iran...and so on

Member 2

1. Does the size of government is big
2. what are the issues with big government
3. What should be done
4. Explain Himalayan and coastal disasters and how to check it
5. Suggest 3 budget initiatives if you are finance minister
6. What can be done for labour intensive sector

Member 3

1. What development is taking place in Siddharth Nagar
2. What is your experience regarding these developments
3. What can be done ahead for development
4. process of appointment of DGP
5. Why states are not following this process
6. What can be done
7. is this affecting federalism

Member 4

1. What is resilient development
2. how to promote this
3. What can be done in Himalayas for resilient development
4. If you are DM of Shimla what will you check before giving approval for any infrastructure project
5. What do you mean by carrying capacity of Himalayas
6. What can done more after study of this capacity
7. Give example of resilient developments in different sectors like agriculture, manufacturing etc
8. If you are a DM of Siddharth Nagar, how will you promote resilient agriculture
9. You said mixed farming, what is it?
10. How is it possible if difficult crops have different harvesting period
11. do you have experience regarding this

Member 5

1. Why do you read non fiction
2. What is the benefits of non fiction
3. Did you read self help books
4. Indian youths are obsessed with self help book why did you left this genre
5. benefits of self help books
6. tell me one book that you read recently
7. What are you doing after your graduation
8. What is GLOF
9. why are they increasing
10. Give recent example of disastrous GLOF
11. What was the impact of GLOF in Sikkim
12. What was the reason responsible for this.

Chairman –Thank you G.K. ,your interview is over.You can go now .

Board was very friendly and cordial...It was like an interactive talk rather than interview.

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Date of Interview: 5 Feb, 2024

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hindi medium

Daf- Diploma in civil engineering, b.a(Hindi , med history, education) , sociology optional , junior engineer in railways

Chairman

1. Kaha se hai aap
2. maharajganj, up
3. Ye kaha hai ??
4. Aajkal charcha hai ki up eodb me bahut acha kar rha , Desh se bhi acha kr rha, Tamil Nadu se bhi behtar kar rha, India-us forum me gya tha waha videshi log bhi Aisa bol rhe hai.
5. Kya sach me kuch badlaaw aaya h Jamin PE ya hawai baatein h ??couldn't ans much
6. E odb ki baatein ho rhi , pehle baatein hoti thi ki up me law and order kharab h ,
7. Jungle raj h , kbhi sudhar nhi aa skta....
8. To ye kaise hua h , kya leadership ke wajah se hua h? Ya bureaucracy ka v role h kuch ...
9. privatisation se kafi sudhar ho rha, kafi capital bhi hai private ke pas , kya sab chizo ko private ke hatho me de dena chahiye?
10. ab sarkari kuch bhi ho jayega , Elon Musk to nhi ho payega na , innovation aur risk taking to private me hi behtar hai,(said isro)
11. ha space mission me to isro thik h lekin commercial earning aur innovation me to abhi behtar nhi h na.
12. Ha to nsil kya hai
13. ha to Jo bhi hai , hai to wo v private hi na....
14. yes sir

Member 1

1. Abhi aap sir se privatisation ki bat kr rhe the , Bharat ki privatisation policy kya hai?
2. said sorry sir
3. aapke b.a me Hindi, medieval history , education hai lekin aapne optional sociology liya h , Aisa kyu ..

Member 2

1. Aapne history bhi padha hai. aapko medieval history ka koun sa samay sabse behtar lgta h..
2. Kyu Aisa kya hua tha Akbar ke samay me ki behtar lga.
3. Acha fort bnne se kya fayda hua logo ka.
4. History kaha jata hai ki kewal war aur battle ka varnan hai, kya aapko bhi Aisa lgta hai...
5. History likhne wale to jyadatar darbari hua krte the, kya wo objective kahlayega ?
6. Agar aapko itihis likhne ko mile to kya likhenge..

Member 3

1. Ye odop ki kafi charcha ho rhi .. aapke jile ka kya odop hai .
2. Ye odop se har jile se ek product chuna ja rha hai , kya fayda hai aur kya kiya ja rha hai chun ke...
3. isi se milta julta gi tag hai.... Up ke 2-4 gi tag product btaiye jo kahi aur nhi paya jata ho.... Kya fayda hota h gi tag se...
4. ye Indian railway institute Pune se aapne padhai ki hai ? (No sir only training)

Member 4

1. aapke daf me composing ghazal hai... Kisse motivation lete h
 2. Kabse likh rhe hai aap .
 3. aap kis ghazalkar se prerna lete h ya aapko Jo pasand hai...
 4. Aajkal log railway se sasti ticket , safayi, time punctuality, services sab chahte h , in sabke chakkar me safety compromise nhi ho jata ? Kya kiya ja skta hai iske liye...
 5. Railway me cross subsidisation kafi hota hai , freight ke liye alag corridor hi kr Dena chahiye?
 6. Hmare yaha track bhi ban nhi rhe .. railway ka budget sara salary pension Dene aur interest Dene me chala jata tha...kaise badhega railway track..(capital expenditure)
 7. Private se built operate transfer pe bhi to kaam ho skta hai...
 8. cross subsidy se bhi kafi nuksan hota hai .. kya subsidy hata dena chahiye
 9. Yani ki ap maante ho ya aapke office me adikari log baat to krte honge ki suvidhaye badhaya jaye to log paise Dene ko taiyar hai...(maine kaha ki garibo ko targeted subsidy de skte h)
 10. ek taraf to aap kahte h ki kewal 11% garib bache h aur ek taraf aap 80 crore logo ko rasan dete h Itna antar kyu..
- Chaliye thank you

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Date of Interview: 06-02-2024

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Cooking Rajasthani food, Chess, Photography

Background: MA in Urdu and Hindi, Net in Urdu and JRF in Hindi

Graduation Subject Physical Education, Sociology, Urdu

College: KMC (DU)

Rajasthan College (RU)

Member 1

1. Public goods kya hote hai
2. Private sector ka kya role hai usme
3. Private sector ko kyu Samajik karya karna chahiye
4. Private sector ka kya role hai ,kya private sector Digital Infrastructure mei Koi help kar sakta hai

Member 2

1. About My Graduation Subject
2. Related to Sports and Physical education
3. Kya Chess ko Physical education mei Shamil karna chahiye?
4. Nationalism ke bare mei pucha

5. Kya hota hai
6. Kya nationalism ke criteria hote hai koi?
7. Kya criteria banane ki zarurat hai?
8. Kya nationalism mei Duties ko add Kiya ja sakta hai?

Member 3

1. Asked about My Hobby
2. Cooking Rajasthani food
3. Rajasthan aur delhi ke khano me kya difference hai
4. Rajasthani khano mein tel aur masale zyada kyu use kiye jate hai
5. Rajasthani khano mei sabjiya kam or sukhi cheeze jese besan aur millets ka use jyda kyu hota hai
6. Bharat, Bhutan aur china ke beech Doklam ko lekar kya vivad hai or Bharat isme kaha stand karta hai
7. NSS mei aapne kya kam kia
8. Kya NSS se aapne kuch badlaw kiye apne kam se

Member 4

1. Urdu aur Hindi sahitya mei kya difference hai or kya similarity hai
2. Physical health jyda zaruri hai ya mental health, fir kafi counter questions chale isi par
3. Hindi mei aapke favourite writer kon hai
4. Overall Experience Badhia Tha
5. 31 Minutes duration Bahar file pe time count karte hai uske according..

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Date of Interview: 02/2/24 forenoon

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Bihar

Hobby: cooking

Time Approx: 30 to 35 minutes

daf-based discussion and opinion based.

keywords in DAF- Revenue officer in Bihar, Nalanda, cooking, Maglev.

Chairman

1. You have done masters in socio, ok..Are you working?
2. You belong to nalanda, tell me about nalanda University and the new one?How is it doing?
Can it achieve the legacy and reach of ancient nalanda University?? What it takes to become an institution of that stature?
3. Who is the chairman of Nalanda University? & He recently got a new job in his hand?
4. What about student politics in universities? What's ur opinion on that?

5. Why universities across the world are seeing a rebellious attitude in its students?
6. Are you aware of these kind of happenings in Harvard and Oxford University?
7. What do you think why intellectuals are not getting that much of respect today which they used to get earlier?
8. We have had leaders like Zakir Hussain and other educationists, what happened in between that we lost the track, Why we don't get to see those kind of leaders today?

Member 1

1. Tell me about Bihar's RTPS service? it started very well, Why it succeeded in Bihar and not in other states?
2. Then why in past few years, it is not doing that good? What went wrong?
3. Why panchayati raj system there is not working that effectively?
4. Why govt's has not devolved more power to it? What needs to be done?
5. We have heard about panchayat sarkar bhawan? Why they are so low in numbers in Bihar? & How it's functioning now? Is this really working or they are just another govt. buildings?
6. What about Jeevika mission? Why this Jeevika mission particularly succeeded in a state like Bihar and other SHG-related efforts have not worked well earlier?
7. Do you really think good officers can make an impact (as I have mentioned Rahul Kumar sir, IAS, Mission director of Jeevika in Bihar).
8. What values of a CS are required especially in a state like Bihar?

Member 2

1. What is all included in land records? Tell me about land record digitization efforts? Has it really helped in reducing the land related disputes?
2. Land records were in good shape right from Gupta's to even medieval India? What has happened after that? Why land records in Bihar are in bad condition?
3. What led to this? While you have states like UP, RJ where land records are not in that bad conditions?
4. If it's about Permanent settlement, then it should have happened in areas of mahalwari and ryotwari as well?
5. How digitization will help in correcting those mistakes?
6. As you have mentioned cooking as one of your hobbies, any local cuisine that you make? Apart from litti and chhokha? Do you know about Dhuska? Tell me the recipe?

Member 3

1. Since you have been working for more than 2 years in GOB, Tell me one proud moment of your service where you have done something about which you feel really good?
2. What's the criteria? How do you actually cross check and verify those eligibles? and make sure that they are not illegal immigrants otherwise it may lead to a demographic issue.
3. How many families have been benefitted? How many more are to be given?

4. Are you aware of the fact that in many states, properties that are being gifted to women do not charge registry fee?is there any similar provisions in bihar?

Member 4

1. You have done graduation in 2016,and then PG in 2019-20 from IGNOU.plz clarify this to me what were u doing in between? Why did you opted for MA in socio esp when you have done graduation in Mechanical engineering?
2. What is maglev?Name few countries that have been successfully running Magnetic levitation trains?
3. What's the technology behind this maglev? How it runs?
4. Don't u think they are far ahead of us? Have we missed the bus?
5. And when will we able to travel in those kind of HSRs or will it remain a day dream?
6. Do we have that much of resources?Do we really need bullet trains? considering the socio economic conditions?
7. What do u think about freedom of press in India? On one hand India is ranked so low in Press freedom index,on another hand we see in our news channels that people are saying anything about anyone?
8. Earlier we used to see news anchors presenting news calmly based on facts, Today we see anchors are shouting,creating sensationalism.What went wrong?
9. How to control it? But if govt starts controlling it then people will say that govt is putting restrictions on free media. What's ur take?
10. Board was very cordial.

O2O-

Edsaarathi Utkarsh sir and Bassi sir(Next IAS)

Mock-

Next IAS,PWOnlyIAS and two mocks at Hamdard study circle.

All were good especially the one on one session with utkarsh sir.

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Date of Interview: 02/2/24 forenoon

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Bihar

Hobby: cooking

Time Approx: 30 to 35 minutes

daf-based discussion and opinion based.

keywords in DAF- Revenue officer in Bihar, Nalanda, cooking, Maglev.

Chairman

1. You have done masters in socio, ok...Are you working?

2. You belong to nalanda, tell me about nalanda University and the new one?How is it doing? Can it achieve the legacy and reach of ancient nalanda University?? What it takes to become an institution of that stature?
3. Who is the chairman of Nalanda University? & He recently got a new job in his hand?
4. What about student politics in universities? What's ur opinion on that?
5. Why universities across the world are seeing a rebellious attitude in its students?
6. Are you aware of these kind of happenings in Harvard and Oxford University?
7. What do you think why intellectuals are not getting that much of respect today which they used to get earlier?
8. We have had leaders like Zakir Hussain and other educationists,what happened in between that we lost the track,Why we don't get to see those kind of leaders today?

Member 1

1. Tell me about Bihar's RTPS service?it started very well, Why it succeeded in bihar and not in other states?
2. Then why in past few years,it is not doing that good? What went wrong?
3. why panchayati raj system there is not working that effectively?
4. Why govt's has not devolved more power to it? What needs to be done?
5. We have heard about panchayat sarkar bhawan?Why they are so low in numbers in bihar? & How it's functioning now? Is this really working or they are just another govt. buildings?
6. what about jeevika mission? Why this jeevika mission particularly succeeded in a state like bihar and other SHG- related efforts have not worked well earlier?
7. Do u really think good officers can make an impact(as I have mentioned Rahul Kumar sir,IAS,Mission director of Jeevika in Bihar).
8. What values of a CS is required especially in a state like bihar?

Member 2

1. what is all included in land records? tell me about land record digitization efforts? Has it really helped in reducing the land related disputes?
2. Land records were in good shape right from Gupta's to even medieval india? What has happened after that? Why land records in bihar is in bad condition?
3. what led to this? While u have states like UP,RJ where land records are not in that bad conditions?
4. if it's about Permanent settlement,then it should have happened in areas of mahalwari and ryotwari as well?
5. How digitization will help in correcting those mistakes?
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Date of Interview: 1/02/2024 afternoon 4th to go

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Philosophy

Home State: Rajasthan

Medium: Hindi

Approx time: 28-30 minutes

DAF keywords (question asked): senior Individuals, MNNIT, allahabad, Rajasthan, computer science, Philosophy, work experience

I entered in the room and greeted them.. chairman sir didn't ask me to sit.. ma'am ne kaha ki baith jaiye.. tab main baith gaya.

Chairman

1. aap senior individuals se kya baat karte ho
2. Kya milta hain unse baat karke
3. Kya social media ka foreign policy me role hona chahiye ya phir Delhi me baithe 5-6 logo ka
4. Jaishankar sir ne kaha ki foreign policy Delhi se nikal kar ab other cities me bhi ja rahi hain. Haal me G20 me dekha Gaya tha... Joki achha hain.. kya aap isase sahmat hain
5. Agniveer scheme ke bare me kya ray hain achhi scheme hain ya nhi. Agar hain to kaise achhi scheme hain
6. Achhi hain to protest kyun ho rahe the
7. Reservation to pahle se planned tha
8. Popular Control or critical control which one will you choose

Member 1 (Asked questions in English only)

1. What are top problems for senior citizens.
2. Casteism, don't you think it is not reducing
3. How it can be reduced (chairman went outside and came in few minutes)
4. Singapore has a system where societies are place of intermingle for different background people. Can it done in India also like in DDA
5. What can reduce casteism
6. Don't you think Directive principles should be pasted in govt offices. We aren't doing enough for implementation of Directive principles, are we?
7. What can be done to implement directive principles more.
8. Not able to recall few questions.

Member 2

1. Bhartiya Darshan kaise mahan hain
2. Philosophy me vaad vivad matavpuran hain abhi Aisa nhi dikhai deta.. contemporary time me aapko kya lagta hain vad vivad Kam hua hain.
3. Ok main ek quote bolta hun aap uska aap batana aap usase sahmat ho ya nhi. " Loyalty to the country but loyalty to the government only if it deserves"
4. Kal ko aap civil servant banoge to government ko support nhi karoge

Member 3

1. Aapne Bhartiya Darshan ko to mahan bana Diya chaliye ab bataiye ki
2. Aapki company smart meter banati hogi kya use hain smart meter ka
3. gender budgeting kya hain
4. Abhi to third gender bhi aa gaya hain iske liye kanun bhi bana hain isme kya kiya gaya hain
5. Aapke Rajasthan me purane time se makan wagherah is tarah Bane hain ki unme temprature control hain wo kaise hain (maine traditional kachhe makan ka kaha)
6. Wo urban me possible nhi aur kya bana hua hain.... Hawamahal ke bare me jante ho usme kya hain
7. Kya ise mandatory kiya Jana chahiye... Assume aapko policy banani hain sustainable housing ke liye to kya kya karoge usme
8. Rajasthan me solar ka kya capacity hain
9. Installed capacity nhi potential capacity kitani hain (I Said sorry ma'am)
10. Aapko nhi lagta aapne safe job chhodkar bilkul alag field me aa rahe hain.. aapne job kyun chhodi

Member 4

1. Aap allahabad me college karne ke liye gaye ya usase pahle bhi Gaye the
2. Allahabad me kya kya dekha aapne
3. Allahabad fort me kya hain
4. Mnnit allahabad to kaafi famous college hain waha ke kuch alumni jo abhi achhi posts par ho (I said sorry sir kaafi lamba time ho gaya to abhi yaad nhi)
5. Aapke seniors jo abhi achhi post par ho koi (said sorry)
6. Aapko passout kiya kaafi time ho gaya abhi to computer science me kuch new technologies aagayi jo aapko nhi padhai hogi aapko unki jankari kaise hogi
7. Mera question yeh tha ki new technologies ki jankari kaise di ja sakti hain.

Member 4 said Ok complete Hua

Chairman sir ne kuch nhi kaha same poker face and using phone... I waited few seconds then I said thank you to all individual members and the chairman sir they said welcome.

Mock utility: good for confidence-building

Attended 7 mocks. But none was at par with real interview. Interview was in very serious mode.

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Date of Interview: 31st Jan 2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Bihar

Afternoon Session, Hindi Medium

DAF Keywords: Madhubani Painting, Fossil fuel, Maithili Literature, Short stories, Madhubani

Chairman

1. Aap kaha se ho?
2. Abhi kya kar rahe ho(Wanted to know if I am working presently)
3. Aapne Btech kis college se kiya hai?
4. Ye college kaha hai /Kis district me hai ?

Member 1

1. Kerala flood ke dauran kya kiya tha aapne (Kerala flood relief was mentioned in the DAF)
2. Kis NGO ke sath collab kiya tha?
3. Work life balance kya hai?
4. Kya DM ke life me ye possible hai?
5. Kaise maintain kiya jaa sakta hai work life balance?
6. Kya work ko enjoy karna ek solution ho sakta hai?

Member 2

1. Why did you choose Maithili literature as your optional after completing Btech in chemical engineering?
2. Aapka favourite writer kaun hai Maithili literature me.
3. Vidyapati ke alawa contemporary m kaun se writers hai Maithili Literature me.
4. Bihar ke politics me upper caste ko alienate kar diya gaya hai pichle 30 years me. Do you agree with this statement?
5. Madhubani district m connectivity badhane ke liye government kya kar rahi hai?
6. Madhubani painting m middle man jayada profit kama lete hai. Kya situation hai abhi and government kya kar rahi hai?

Member 3

1. Aap mithila se ho...Maa Sita ki dharti..Kyu log "Sita" name apne daughter ka rakhte hain lekin draupadi nhi?
2. (Maa Sita vs Draupadi par 3-4 questions aur pucha ma'am ne)
3. Climate change ka impact kaise ho Raha aapke region me
4. Railway privatisation par aapka view (further 2-3 cross questions on this topic)

Member 4

1. Aap short story likhte ho?(Had mentioned writing short stories in DAF)
2. Kya aise stories ko aap publish karwate ho?
3. Kyu hame bahut kam candidates maithili literature se upsc me milte hain?
4. Kya challenge hai maithili language ke samne?
5. EV me jo battery use ho Rahi hai.. Usme Naya kya hai?
6. Solid State Lithium Battery kaise Kam karti hai?
7. China ke dominance ka reason kya hai?
8. Kyu Bharat piche rah gaya hai?

9. Future kya hai lithium battery and EVs ka Bharat me?
10. Aap jo short story likhte ho wo pen se ya mobile par.
11. Kya aapne fountain pen kabhi use Kiya hai?
12. fountain pen ko kab invent kiya gaya tha?
13. Ball pen ko kab invent Kiya gaya tha ?
14. Kya aapko lagta hai ki pahle handwriting achhi hoti thi abhi kharab ho gayi hai?

Overall experience: Board was cordial and asked most questions from DAF.

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Date of interview: 29th January 2024 (Afternoon, last second to go)

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Haryana

Daf pointers: Haryana, Work experience, Tea, Duolingo

Chairman

1. What are you doing these days?
2. Which place do you come from?
3. DPI - we have achieved so much, some years back no one could have thought. Do you think we should be ambitious in our visions?
4. How have we achieved so much in DPI and what can we do better?
5. We are leaders in software. But not in AI. Why?
6. Don't you think we are lagging in AI? The world is so much ahead. Do you know how many LLMs China has?
7. What is the use of common framework in digital progress? <I asked for clarification on common framework. Sir mentioned something along the lines of economies of scale. I'm still not sure what this was about>
8. Compute power.. How will the govt provide? The whole compute is cornered by a few countries.
9. Trillion dollars kaise leke jaenge digital economy ko?
10. What about Quantum?
11. Is quantum related to mathematics?

Member 1

1. You had a good salary. Why you want to do Civil Services?
2. What alternatives did you consider? <follow-up question based on my previous answer>
3. What are some key components of good governance?
4. Tell me any three foundational values of civil services.
5. And efficiency? What makes democratic processes efficient? For example, ECI has always been so efficient, now we are so efficient in Disaster Management as well?

6. Anonymity – with all this social media craze among public officials, where do you stand on this? Maintaining anonymity, etc.
7. Why do you think anonymity is important?

Member 2

1. Your city is very close to Delhi. Do you think it has led to some progressiveness in the society there?
2. You have played Chess and Basketball. These are not very popular in Haryana which is known for producing good wrestlers. Why did you choose these two?
3. Nuh/Mewat is very backward. What explains this contradiction/disparity in your state?
4. Should Haryana have its own capital?

Member 3

1. If you are a senior civil servant in Haryana and a foreign delegation is visiting looking for opportunities to invest. Which areas would you make them visit to attract investment?
2. Who is your role model?
3. Why your mother? What about her?
4. Do you think you have been able to emulate her?

Member 4

1. Tea – what kinds of tea do you prepare?
2. How do you decide the menu?
3. How do you decide your audience/guests?
4. What do you talk about?
5. What is Duolingo?
6. How do you use the language you are learning on the app?
7. What else would you like us to know that you have not mentioned in DAF?
8. Tell us more about how you contributed at your firm? <following-up on my previous answer>
9. What has your Work Experience taught you that can be useful for Civil Services?

Chairperson again –

1. You said compassion towards the poor and weaker sections. We are giving food-grains to 80 crore people. Do you think it is sensitivity of govt or fiscal imprudence?
2. Do you think the scheme needs to be rationalised or we should not have the need to give free foodgrains at all?

Assessment of board – Shukla Sir would gauge the direction of my answer within the first few words/sentences of my response, and jump on to the next question – mostly a follow-up or counter argument. Lady member's expressions were a little confusing/disapproving (some other candidates also had similar experience, may be she was just too tired by the end of the day). M1 and M4 seemed positively invested and were constantly nodding.

Assessment of my performance – Average. Definitely not my best, not the worst either.

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Date of Interview: 29th Jan afternoon

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttarakhand

Hobby: Trekking

DAF keywords: Uttarakhand, Tehri, Air pistol Shooting, Trekking, Intrusion Detection System, Cognizant Technology Solution

Chairman

1. Many countries are going for elections this year. Can you name some countries where election took place.
2. Linked elections in Bangladesh, Taiwan and Pakistan with democracy.
3. What about democratic status of US as Trump is most likely to return as President and that capitol hill incident.
4. Other follow up questions on Taiwan – China, etc.

Member 1

1. impact of climate change in Uttarakhand.
2. What steps uttarakhand has taken to mitigate these impacts?
3. What pleasure you get when you for trekking?
4. Height of Nag Tibba.
5. What is the approx weight of Air-pistol?
6. Duration of any match in 10m Air Pistol shooting.

Member 2

1. What is GLOF? (Picked from my answer to impact of Climate change in Uttarakhand)
2. Any recent disaster due to GLOF?
3. Asked unique features of Tehri Dam?
4. Have you ever visited Tehri Dam and what you observed there?
5. When and why thought of shifting from IT sector to Civil Services?

Member 3

1. What is intrusion Detection System?
2. Can it be used for VIP security?
3. What is cyber security?

Member 4

1. What are your views on UK's Rwanda Bill?

2. Is it democratic to send stateless people to 3rd nation Rwanda?
3. Do you think environment consciousness is on decline in Uttarakhand?
4. Some questions I am not able to recollect.
5. Apart from M1, board was cordial.

Duration - 25-30 min

Utility of mocks- confidence building

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Date of Interview: 9th January, forenoon session

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Background: MBBS

Home State: Kerala

Hobby: Meditation

DAF keywords- MBBS, mental health, Kerala, army Hobbies(asked)-endurance cycling, mindfulness meditation

time- about 30 min

Chairman

1. You have worn a nice suit. Where did you buy it from? ..They do great tailoring there!
2. how do you feel about your preparation?.. 80%, that is good enough!

Member 1

1. You had studied medicine, did you have to do any specialisation there? Which speciality did you do you like the best? I'm trying to lead you there
2. What are some of the mental health problems in our country? how to address the issues?
3. You spoke of patriarchy. Does Kerala face issues of patriarchy?
4. To which section of the population would you focus on awareness of mental health?
5. you had done research on covid? Was it related to mental health?
6. endurance cycling, what did you use to do there with regards to that?

Member 2

1. You spent how many years studying medicine? You had this idea of civil services before?
2. what qualities of medicine will help you in administration?
3. Does a doctor have leadership roles, isn't it more academic and technical? What leadership role do doctors do?
4. what is the difference between a leader and a manager ?
5. We have seen the rise of technology in medicine, where all has it affected the practise of medicine, which aspects?
6. with the advent of technology, do you think a doctor can be replaced?

Member 3

1. Have you worked after your graduation? Do you remember anything related to medicine now?
2. Tell me, what are the fundamental rights?
3. Among Art 14 and Art 21, which is greater?
4. so you feel art 14 is greater, so you don't feel that right to life is necessary?
5. what if art 14 was removed, will there be no equality in the country?
6. What is Art 20?
7. what do you mean by basic structure?

Member 4

1. You had done mindfulness meditation-. Do you know about chakras?
2. There are issues of mental health in our schoolchildren, What do you think can be done?
3. Why are there more suicides in the army? What do you feel needs to be done?
4. Kerala tourism industry is world renown. What do you think can the other states learn from Kerala?
5. India is going to face problems related to the aging population. What do you think needs India should do regarding geriatric care?

Chairman

1. When did you graduate? So you hadn't worked since 2021?
2. So, you are from AFMC, didn't you need to join the army there?
3. On a lighter note, So what did you feel disillusioned on, Army or medicine?

chairman says thank you

Overall experience- the panel remained largely neutral and unexpressive. So it was difficult to understand and judge how the answers were received and how the interview went.

Chairman didn't ask me many questions, though I have a defence background and my hobbies relate to it- reading war history.

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Date of Interview: 12 Jan 2024

Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla sir

Home State: Bihar

Background: IIT, Btech Mechanical

Hobby: Meditation

Daf keywords: IIT, Bihar, Mtech in Manufacturing, Btech Mechanical, ntse, mantra meditation

Chairman

1. so you are from IIT KGP? Long monologue – IITs were created for- IITians brain drain. Not much research in India. What they are doing abroad?

2. my answer – about diaspora and remittance
3. remittance is ok. Why they are not staying here?
4. are they failing India or is India failing them?
5. my response – startup founders from IITs.
6. again monologue – recently I was reading a book “IITians” it talked of Chetan Bhagat, Arvind Kejriwal, I was wondering – ye iits ko to research ke liye banaya Gaya tha. Kahaa aaplog pizza wizza bechne lage (I had said Swiggy, Porter, etc) 😊?
7. some grilling on my answer

Member 1

1. ntse scholar...which body gives it? How much they pay? Till what time? Any proofs you submitted periodically?
2. what non technical electives you took at IIT? Cross questions based on my answer “intercultural communication”
3. posted elsewhere? How to overcome intercultural barriers?
4. how intercultural barriers within 2 Indian states different from intercultural barriers between 2 nations?
5. subsidy vs grant
6. fertilizer subsidy 3 options? Best one? How will you convince the companies to comply?

Member 2

1. what was your M Tech project about?
2. cross questions based on my answer? CNT in interlayer why?
3. CNT USAGE where?
4. speciality of CNT? Where used today?
5. latest developments in mechanical engineering
6. I said IoT. He interrupted IoT is electronics. You are just using that in manufacturing. Innovations in core mechanical engineering?
7. what is IOT? Challenges in IOT? How to overcome?
8. what is UPI? Challenge in UPI?
9. 3 farm laws why they were taken back?
10. Ucc pros n cons
11. can parliament pass Ucc without states permission?

Member 3

1. mantra meditation vs Chinese XYZ form of meditation (I don't recall the name he said)
2. physiological changes due to mantra meditation
3. kosi floods – Nepal why not yet negotiated?
4. liquor ban? Views of different sections?

5. is it working? Since the ban sale of liquor in Bengal tripled? Money going to mafias? Revenue loss also for the govt?

Member 4

1. GDP projections
2. growth rate
3. India's projections based on NSO?
4. real or nominal?
5. inflation rate currently?
6. real or nominal? 6% is what?
7. then why is it projected so high?
8. In terms of decadal growth who is ahead – India or china?
9. stock market indicators in India
10. do their growth reflect growth of GDP?
11. IIT education be subsidised or not?
12. Ans. Sir it would become unaffordable for the poor sections.
13. subsidise only for poor ? Others can pay as per market price? Will it be ok?

Chairman – your Interview is over

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Date of Interview: 10th January, afternoon

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Geography

Home State: Maharashtra

DAF – Mechanical engineering, Banking, Volleyball, Acrylic painting

Chairman

1. Where did you graduate from?
2. What are you currently doing?
3. Do you think media is reporting fairly these days?
4. Tell me specifically about print media and TV media
5. I said print media is not reporting fairly. Then he said but Indian express and the Hindu has articles from all spectrums
6. I talked about regional newspapers
7. Talked about TV media
8. Asked about why there is more focus on getting more viewership and not on quality of news
9. what about social media? Is it fair?
10. I said there are concerns regarding misuse of social media.so need more regulation.

11. He talked about channel called 4pm in which they give anti government views. So should government ban such channels and spread their propoganda through channels like doordarshan? Why and why not?
12. What can be done to improve quality of journalism?

Member 1

1. AI in social media
2. What can be done to prevent biased algorithms
3. Do you think there is need to revise union, state and concurrent list?
4. Which subjects should be transferred (from where to where)
5. Whether subsidies should be prohibited
6. Talked about free passes for women in buses
7. Asked if it is necessary and how that can be better targeted

Member 2

1. Asked about some lake(I said I have not heard of it)
2. Sikkim floods
3. what can be hurdles in implementing river interlinking project
4. Why so many Saints from Maharashtra?

Member 3

1. Saints- Who in music industry has tried to popularise abhangs?
2. Can you sing one of the abhangs?
3. So you worked with bank in rural area, what were your observations regarding malnutrition and other parameters in that village?
4. If a PSU is not performing well what will be best course- Government providing support in form of grant or taking loan from bank and providing interest subvention on it?
5. Justify your views
6. so did you get inspiration to do civil services while working in bank or was it previously decided?
7. wasn't there enough public interaction at grassroots in bank? Then why you left your job and opted for civil services?

Member 4

1. so you are mechanical engineer. Are there any mechanical components in bank?
2. I said mostly devices used are combination of mechanical+ electronics
3. Asked about ATM machine
4. What is 6 Sigma?
5. Tell me about few positives and negatives about Farm laws that are now withdrawn

Chairman

Your interview is over

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Date of Interview: 11 January 2024
Board: Lieutenant General. Raj Shukla
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Tamilnadu
Hobby: Badminton
Job experience: Working as Postal Assistant selected through SSC CGL 2022.
Keywords: Aluminium Air Battery, Badminton, Soft Skills club, Reading Biographies, Reflective writing, Mechanical Engineering, .
2nd person to go.

Chairman

1. Where did you graduate?
2. What are you doing now?
3. What is your role now?
4. Indian Post is run by tax payers money. Shouldn't we privatize it?
5. Jio and Airtel is running in profits. Private can run in profits with the extensive networks. Indian Post should be privatized?
6. India Post should run e-commerce like Amazon and Flipkart. Don't you think?
7. Post offices have extensive network across urban and rural. Then why was it failed to bring e-commerce across the country?
8. How does India Post function for Financial Inclusion?
9. How does it become the face of the government?

Member 1

1. Bank has Banking Correspondents. Post office does not have anything. Do they?
2. Personal income tax versus corporate tax – which one you will increase?
3. Corporate tax: why do you say?
4. European countries – high personal income tax: why?
5. Don't you think it won't apply in Indian context?
6. Corporate tax – keeping it low to attract FDI. So, better change it?
7. Is it wise to change corporate tax often as per market changing?

Member 2

1. Farmer and fisher men – so many intermediaries. As a DM, what will you do?
2. Mechanical Engineering: why manufacturing sector is performing not well?
3. What can be done to improve it?
4. Tell the necessity of Soft Skills in leadership.

Member 3

1. What is Postman app?

2. Can the postman open the accounts for the customers using documents and scanning it?
3. Can we see the balances of a person using schemes of Indian Post in the app?
4. What is IPPB? How does it function? Is it different from Post offices savings bank?
5. What kind of deposits in post office?
6. Number of post offices in India.
7. Who fixes interest rate in post office? Is it floating and fixed?
8. How does the schemes in Post Office is helping the people?
9. There is a place inside Tamilnadu. It is an estate. But it is managed by the Kerala government. Do you know this place?
10. You have to prepare for Management Report in a post office. What will you do?
11. No. For post master in a post office you have to prepare. What kind of criteria that should be included?

Member 4

1. You are a mechanical engineering. EV's - how does it change traditional vehicles?
2. Tell the changes within the set-up of chassis.
3. You are not understanding my question.
4. What is Machine Learning?
5. What kind of machine learns itself?
6. Let me ask the last question. If you get into civil services, which one you want to work upon/change?

Chairman: Your interview is over.

Whenever I wrote a transcript after any interviews, I never qualified. But this time, I decided not to restrict myself with such superstitious things. After all, life is unpredictable. Better to enlighten people with what I have done.

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Date of Interview: 12th January 2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: Economics

Key Words: SRCC, DSE, Women Rights, Hyderabad, Roller skating, Chess, Editor
(Magazine)

Morning, first to go.

Chairman

1. Where are you from? What is your graduation subject? Where did you graduate from?
2. Debt- In many countries' debt is rising what is your opinion about it considering you are an economist?
3. So, developing countries should not be considered about debt?

4. What about developed nations- US debt?
5. USA has a very high debt, but it is not concerned about it. Why do you think so?
6. Do you also think the military of US plays a major role for it being a great economy?
7. Sir, talked about how US forced Saudi to sell oil in exchange of military. Then the question was, So, is it military power that is making USA a strong economy? (I deferred from this opinion, and gave Russia's example, sir cracked a joke- "Lets kill Americans first, will deal with soviets later)
8. Russia. It has a reckless military policy, its Economy is not strong, why does it not care about it? Does it not fear of economic consequences of its military actions?
9. What is GDP of Russia?
10. Let's talk about middle east. What is your opinion about Iran. Why is it violating basic principles of economics?
11. How does Iran dare to violate US Sanctions, and still continue to fund its proxies?
12. What is the aim of Iran, why is it funding Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis?
13. We have seen recently increased attacks in the red sea region, and also China is following is a aggressive military policy against India. Do you think India's defence allocation in budget is enough to deal with it? (I told defence budget is increasing- Sir disagreed with me)
14. How should India deal with these threats, what should it do in terms of economics?
15. Do you think Technology can substitute man power in Military? (Sir agreed with my answer, and gave example of Ukraine)

Member 1

1. In your opinion, what should be the Ideal share of Direct taxes, and Indirect taxes in the tax revenue?
2. So, direct taxes should be higher or Indirect taxes? And why?
3. There is demand that income tax be abolished. What is your opinion?
4. Are we not imposing burden on corporates. We have corporate tax, and also capital gains tax? Are these both duplicate of each other, is there any cascading effect on them?
5. Shall the capital gains tax be abolished? (I said no), How you justify your stand?
6. Is GST violating the federal structure in India? Has not it taken away rights of states?
7. In USA, states have different tax laws and they have ultimate taxing powers. In India there is an integrated tax. Why? Which fiscal federalism is stronger?
8. What is the share of states in GST council?
9. Has any resolution been passed that required voting in the council?
10. What is the share of Union in GST council? What is the majority required to pass a decision?
11. Any reforms that you suggest in GST council? (I said consensus)
12. Consensus cannot be a law. How will you enforce it?

Member 2

1. What is the current employment situation in the country?

2. Why there is unemployment, though we are growing at a very fast rate?
3. How do you impart skills?
4. Despite several skill initiatives, the skills are not being improved, and the gap is not being closed?
5. Why is it taking so long?
6. So why are you interested in writing about women rights?
7. How will blogging help in changing the family thinking, because what is society, its a bunch of families?
8. What do you write about?
9. There are many cybercrimes happening in the country. Why are police not able to prevent it?
10. Why are they happening, Is our cybercrime law not strong?
11. India's is an agriculture economy; Agriculture is very important for us. We cannot ignore, hence, the government Introduced farm laws. But there were so many protests. Why did they happen?
12. Why are the middle men so strong in India, especially in the rural markets? (Agreed that it is a sad stage in agriculture)
13. Despite achieving high literacy rates, the culture of dowry still exists, specially in the states of Andhra and Telangana. Why do you think?
14. How can we bring a change in the dowry culture?

Member 3

1. How can budget be used to empower women? What kind of intervention do we need in budget?
2. Is gender budgeting derived from the budget or is it compiled before the budget?
3. What are the components of gender budgeting? (I said I am not aware- She asked me to guess)
4. Does gender budgeting be done in all areas? Where do we need to intervene?
5. You are constructing a road, and bridge? Can this be made part of gender budgeting?
6. Samagraa Siksha Abhiyan, What kind of schemes the government has introduced just for the sake of women?
7. You have written this magazine in your college. How did the COVID-19 impact your ability to write magazines?
8. What about your master's course, was it impacted by COVID?
9. Can you remember the articles in constitution that relate to allocation of business? How does the government allocate business?
10. In USA, we have seen one or the other day there is a shooting. Why?
11. Why are gun laws a problem in USA, what is the significance?

Member 4

1. In Hyderabad cuisine, what else do we have other than Biryani?

2. Why did the introduction of CAA lead to protests? What was the driving force for these protests?
3. Does CAA take rights of Indian Muslims?
4. What are the concerns with the law?
5. What about NRC?
6. We have seen many developments in technology recently. Can you tell me any latest development in Economics? (I talked about RCTs)
7. How can RCTs be used. What is the Abhijeet Banerjee's theory?
8. Give me an example how this worked on ground, anything that you know?
9. Gossips (Picked up from RCTs answer), and word of mouth is a better way of spreading news. That's not something new, isn't? (I agreed)
10. Saudi and dollar exchange rate is always constant. Why? Do you think they have any agreement on this?

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Date of Interview: 12/01/2024

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

Optional: Geography

Background: MSc Physics

DAF pointers: Sannadha Sena (community volunteer corps), fruit gardening, Physics

Chairman

1. You know who is Abraham Lincoln? He went on to give a monologue on a quote by Abraham Lincoln (a quote about integrity while aiming for achievements is what I comprehended, it was a difficult quote for me, I even requested him to repeat the quote again)
2. What do you think of this quote? Is it practical or just a moral teaching?
3. Why do we have rampant corruption despite such teachings?
4. Do you think honest people have an edge over others in decision making?
5. Don't you think honest people would be best placed to achieve more? (I opined that it not always the case, he went on to give me an example in politics, I acknowledged and added some points)

Member 2

1. Where did you study?
2. Have you observed people suffering from poverty, any direct experience?
3. If you are appointed as an IAS officer how will you address the stark poverty people face?
4. What is Sannadha Sena?
5. What all activities did you do during COVID, it was very infectious right?
6. You have done crowdfunding, how will you address the transparency and accountability issues? I was elaborating, she asked me give to answer just in points

Member 3

1. You are from physics background, have you heard of alloy?
2. How many phases are there in an alloy? I asked for a clarification but he retorted by saying that you are the one who studied physics not me 😊
3. Have you heard of honeycomb structure? I said i am not very aware, he explained it to me
4. So you have been mentoring, what do you do?
5. Have you seen the logo of apple, is it a full apple or a bitten apple? Why so?

Member 4

1. So your optional is geography right, have you heard of chicken neck? What is its importance?
2. He gave a monologue on dismal state of Indian agriculture, why is it so? Since you are into fruit gardening, what do you think can be done in horticulture?
3. In Kerala recently any exotic fruit crop has become popular?
4. Avocado has been becoming popular recently, are you aware of the different varieties of it?

Member 5

1. Have you heard of Thomas Friedman?(I got confused with physicist Richard Feynman, asked for clarification)
2. He is a famous journalist, has written a book, Earth is flat, but geography says otherwise, why so?
3. Do you think monetisation was a good step?
4. So it was not successfully implemented, it couldn't achieve its purpose, you still support it?
5. Recently, RBI withdrew ₹ 2000, if there is a plan to withdraw ₹500 would you be supporting?
6. How will the liquidity crisis could be resolved in such a case?
7. If you are reintroducing a currency already withdrawn like ₹1000, what is the entire point of demonetisation.
8. How do you think by withdrawing ₹500 black money could be curbed, they can still change it for new currency right?

Chairman gave an indifferent face and said thank you, I felt a bit confused then I said thank you and came out.

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Date of Interview: 09/01/24

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Sociology

Hobbies: Reading

Daf pointers: Nss, reading fiction, essay competition (women related), socio, Fergusson college

Time: 33-35 min

Chairman

1. You wrote essay on an interesting topic. What women did you write about?
2. What did you like about Amrita Pritam?
3. Why are we becoming more regressive? Our women were holding great positions in ancient times. Cross questioning on those
4. What would you prefer- reservation for women or giving them opportunities?

Member 1

1. Corruption is increasing or decreasing?
2. What would you do to reduce corruption?
3. What technology has impacted us the most?
4. What subjects did you study for graduation?
5. Difference between Mexico and new Mexico?

Member 2

1. You are a girl and you joined Nss. Its a good thing. What did you learn?
2. Divorces are happening, nuclear families etc how do you see it?

Member 3

1. You read fiction. Classical or contemporary?
2. What is contemporary?
3. Do you consider 1984 as thriller? (I mentioned it in my earlier answer)
4. Do you think totalitarianism is good and such system should come?
5. Oh so it was a positive book for you?
6. Do you read kindle, audio book?
7. Gender budgeting
8. Old age homes- how do you see them? What are the positive of it?
9. Tell me about Fergusson college
10. What things would you like to bring from buldhana to pune or from pune to buldhana

Member 4

1. Last question from my side. What government policy would you like to change? What will you do as a civil servant?
2. Your assessment of the board/your performance: Board was really very much cordial. They were eager to listen and quite a lot patient.

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Date of Interview: 09/01/2024 Forenoon

Board: Lt. General Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Kerala

DAF keywords: Kerala, Kozhikode Mathematics (graduation) statistics, Cricket Analytics (no questions), Malayalam Literature (no questions), Rubik's cube

Chairman

1. where is manjeri? Is it in Kozhikode? (While reading DAF)
2. Do you follow current affairs? (Explained the SC verdict on Bilkis Bano case) Is this a right decision? What do you think?
3. What are the points SC made? What is your take on SC revising its own decisions? Do you think that Fearless judiciary is essential?

Member 1

1. What did you study in mathematics during graduation?
2. what is ANOVA in statistics?
3. How does AI get data? What are the specific database sources for AI
4. what is your opinion about India's foreign policy, are you satisfied?
5. You are a mathematics student, then why do you want to become a civil servant
6. what you can do as a civil servant?

Member 2

1. What will you do to ensure better implementation of pension schemes in rural areas?
2. Some questions regarding Budgeting and consolidated fund of India
3. What are the benefits of Rubik's cube for you? Will you suggest Rubik's cube for students in school?

Member 3

1. Gold smuggling cases are increasing. What steps will you take to control this?
2. What is Gold Monetization scheme? Can this reduce demand for physical Gold
3. What is black money? How you will control this?
4. What is the difference between AI and technology?

Member 4

1. Do you think that there is over reliance on statistics now?
2. Statistical datas are more concealing than revealing. Do you agree?
3. Through out India we can see nurses from Kerala. Why there is more number of nurses in Kerala?

Chairman

All the best. You can go.

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Date of Interview: 10/01/2024 forenoon (5th person)

Board: Lt. General Raj Shukla

Home State: Kerala

Background: B. Tech

DAF keywords: Kerala, B. Tech, Software engineer, Dubai

Hobbies: Origami, tracking family tree, Coin collection.

Chairman

1. So You are too an engineer. India is increasingly becoming a tech population. Do you think there is a need to strike the balance between the promotion of science subjects and humanities subjects?
2. Have you heard about Henry Kissinger?
3. You must have heard about his book “The Age of AI: And Our Human Future”. The co-authors of the book were Daniel Huttenlocher and Eric Schmidt. One great diplomat, one is a scientist , one the CEO of google. Why is no such collaboration between diplomats and scientists happening in India?

Member 1

1. You studied in a government run engineering college. Nowadays many engineering students are joining civil service. You know that civil service coaching is very expensive now. What is your opinion about starting civil service coaching in engineering colleges? Will it help?
2. If the ultimate aim is civil service, then why do these students join for engineering? Why don't they choose humanities as their graduation subject?

Member 2

1. Why you returned from Dubai? Is there any personal reason?
2. Indian laborers are being exploited in gulf countries by employers. What steps does the government have taken to address this issue?
3. There are some cases in which women are sold as slaves in gulf countries. Are you aware of any such incidents?
4. The government has taken some steps to control the social media operators and their content. What are they?
5. The government has taken some measures against the pornographic content on the internet. By which regulation/rule/act it is done?
6. Tracking family history is your interest. What are methods used in tracking family trees.
7. There are some scientific methods that could be used in tracking the family origin. Are you using such methods?

Member 3

1. How you develop interest in origami. How origami helps in your career.
2. Tell me the speciality of money bills? Does rajyasabha have any role in it?
3. What is the difference between coaching and training? What is mentoring?

4. Give a brief history of Kerala.
5. When the jew colonies of Kochi are established?
6. Have you heard about the rescue operation that happened in Japan recently?

Member 4

1. What is the technology used in communication methods such as skype and whatsapp video call?
2. What is VOIP? Is it possible to track communication happening through VOIP?
3. What is industry 6.0? How is it different from Industry 5.0?
4. Is there any policy of the central government where you have any dissatisfaction. Why?

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Date of Interview: 08th January 2024, Afternoon Session

Board: Lt. General Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Sociology

Background: Chemical Engineering, NIT Jalandhar

DAF Keywords: BDO, CAPF, Chemical Industry, Parade Coordinator

Chairman

1. What is meaning of “kumar” attached with your name?
2. You were parade coordinator at school, so tell me the significance of parade.
3. What are you doing after resignation from company? Are you still preparing or have got any job?
4. Ok, you got BDO.It means you will love working at grassroot level?

Member 1

1. you did chemical engineering and also worked in industry for 1 year. So why you are going towards Civil Services?
2. Role of chemical Engineering in civil services?
3. (I told them that my joining for BDO is awaited, but they again asked questions on assumption that I have some idea regarding that post)
4. As a BDO,what change you want to bring in your block? and many counter questions, (6-7 minutes of discussion regarding post and magisterial power of BDO)
5. Gave me case study like as a BDO how I will improve education infrastructure. And if I'm transferred then what is the certainty that next BDO will continue my previous efforts with same enthusiasm?
6. Tell me some government initiatives in the digital economy sector which brought visible impact on masses.

Member 2

1. What kind of scholarship you got through PMSS(DAF based).

2. Tell me the Full form of CAPF and mandate of any 3 CAPFs in detail and their administrative and operational control.

Member 3

1. Tell me which type of subsidy is given to fertilizer?
2. Can you explain me the procedure/process like how government is providing subsidy in fertilizer?
3. You are a chemical engineer, how do you see the issue of fossil fuel in recent times.
4. Don't you think that overuse of fossil fuels are not good for India and India should also try to phase out the use of fossil fuel very soon?
5. Any developed country who is relying on fossil fuels and why they are not taking action on reducing it?
6. What are the steps taken by government towards green energy infrastructure?
7. why the timeline of reducing the use of fossil fuel was not finalised at COP 28?
8. As a BDO, how will you promote use of green energy infrastructure in your block? Many counter questions.
9. How will you reduce vehicular emission at your block? Give me 3 concrete steps which you as a BDO would take if you are going to promote use of e-vehicles in your block.

Member 4

1. How new education policy is better than older one?
2. Why system of 5+3+3+4 introduced in NEP? what is it's utility in current context? Also asked some counter questions.

Chairman Sir again asked-

1. have you heard about singularity in Artificial intelligence?
2. Why education system of our country is not as par with foreign universities despite having one of the best 23 IITs?
3. Why Some IITians/NITians are getting low wages of 30-40k and also many of the graduates are unemployed?
4. Has our education system failed?
5. We are having IITs and having best talents but that talent goes out of the country and around 140 Indians are holding key position in US. Don't you think that India is not capable enough in terms of finance and infrastructure to absorb such talent?
6. what should we do to bring reforms in employment of technical graduates?
7. Now we are observing that many of IITians from Computer science background are working in consultancy, some are CEOs of companies but they are not well versed in coding but are good in management. don't you think that they are destroying the valuable resources of IIT?
8. What are the reasons of high skill mismatch among Indian graduates and what should we do?

9. IITians are working as CEOs of companies like Zomato and they are not good in coding despite being of IT background. so don't you think that our coding and AI infrastructure will become weak if such brilliant mind will not be productive in their core branch of engineering?
10. What are the steps already taken and what would be your suggestions to solve such issues?

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<p>Date of Interview: 04 Jan 2024 1pm session</p> <p>Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla sir</p> <p>Optional: Anthropology</p> <p>Graduation: civil engineering</p> <p>Hobbies: cooking, cross-training, diary writing</p> <p>Experience in interview – decent</p>
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Chairman

1. Info about city
2. Punjab youth not motivated now, reason?
3. Socialism or capitalism, what benefitted india?
4. Msp should be there or free market regime?
5. These above were generally discussed

Member 1

1. Last dish you cooked?
2. Any other dish? How you cooked?
3. Contributions of SC Roy?
4. Delimitation should be held or not?
5. If yes, then the south states may get less representation? How you will manage seats btw the states?
6. Finance commssion devolution recommendations should be more for bimarua states or properous states?if for bimarua states then prosperous states can lessen their development process too for funding?
7. Finance commission formula for revenue sharing

Member 2

1. Bhangra? What type of dance and history?
2. Telecommunications bill 2023
3. Extreme Disasters faced by india, why?what are the current measures?

Member 3

1. 2 Questions related to anthropology
2. Difference btw law and order AND public order

Member 4

1. Stubble burning reduction efforts by govt
2. How to attract industry and upskill the youth of the district if you're the dm of that district?
3. Interview over

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Date of Interview: January 8 afternoon
Board: Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla sir
Optional: anthropology
Background: B.com
Hobbies: kho-kho, ngo, visually challenged

Chairman

1. What are you doing these days
2. Why civil services, a boring 9-5 job when there are many exiting opportunities
3. Dont you think such talented pool is paid less? Why so?
4. In japan young civil servants are leaving job and shifting towards start ups. What is your call on that.
5. In Stanford there are parking reserved for noble laureates, y india is producing less noble laureates. Is it a far fetched dream?
6. What should be dont to improve research culture in india

Member 1

1. How are research mentored in india and who approves them?
2. What is difference between economics and managerial economics (daf based)
3. Tell us something about russia- ukraine war. Could the war have been avoided
4. What is industry 4.0. Give an example

Member 2

1. Case study on budget allocation(statistics based)
2. Feasibility of teaching multiple languages to children
3. Few similarities and differences between Andhra pradesh and tamilnadu
4. Debt, fiscal deficit and primary deficit

Member 3

1. What are recent problems faced by banks
2. What is govt doing to reduce NPAs
3. Twin balance sheet problem
4. Does equity form part of liabilities or assets?(Daf accountancy as subject)
5. What are return on equity, return on capital investment, return on assets
6. Which should be higher and which lower

7. Solar energy- advantages and disadvantages

Member 4

1. River water disputes in South India and what could be done for common man to benefit
2. Don't you think Indians are self- centered? They only react when crises occur and are concerned only about themselves.
3. Should values be inculcated from beginning?

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Date of Interview: January 8 afternoon

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Date of Interview: 5 Jan, forenoon session, last to go

Board: Lt. Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Punjab

Legal literacy club

Members

1. Do you think people from tier 2 and tier 3 cities doing better than tier 1 cities.
2. does big cities like Delhi attract all their talent and Devoid the smaller cities of their good brains?
3. Very Long discussion on this and lot of cross questioning.
4. Should India move away from Russia and closer to USA .
5. what do you think about QUAD
6. How is India JAPAN relationship evolving. what significance does it hold for the Indo Pacific region.
7. the sikh revolted against the British in the Anglo Sikh war of 1848-49 but the sikh soldiers helped to suppress the 1857 revolt. what happened in these 8-9 years that the whole scenario changed .
8. you are a Leo .do you believe in astrology and a long discussion on it and cross questioning .
9. Ignorance of law cannot be a defence.do you agree with this?
10. commercialisation of education. is it right or not?
11. should we increase our diplomatic capability?
12. if yes in which field
13. what do you understand by modern feminism ?
14. how can working women balance personal and professional life.
15. As DM of your city how would you skill the youth, empower the women, steps for women safety and to curb drug addiction.
16. where are the hunger hotspots in the world and what is fao doing for it?

17. what steps would you suggest to attract investment in the country?

18. what is protective discrimination?

*Rest questions I am unable to recall.

Utkarsh sir's guidance and support was very crucial throughout the journey

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Date of Interview: 03.01.2024

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobbies: NCC, Swimming, Dancing Kathak, Cooking

Chairman

1. You seem to be a student of political science, should I consider this as your passion?
2. Why a bias in favour of sciences as compared to humanities?
3. Don't we need arts and sciences both for holistic development?
4. Comment on the notion of decline of American hegemony and subsequent rise of China.
5. Tell us how America manages to outshine even in those areas where it is not the pioneer?
6. Explain how technological might of China is giving it an advantage.
7. We are living in a unipolar or bipolar world?
8. Don't you feel global south leaning towards China gives it an advantage in being the rising power? 9. Can we have two Asian tigers cohabitating or one will rise over the other?
9. What makes you think India will be the resistant and sturdy tiger? Tell us what India has to offer?

Member 1

1. Do you like Chinese food?
2. Have you watched 12th fail?
3. What do you think we need generalist or specialist for governance? Counter questions on my response.
4. Comment on the need of delimitation of constituencies.

Member 2

1. Rajasthan increased the districts. Was there a delimitation exercise? If it would have happened, tell us the advantages of it.
2. What do you think, delimitation is done for administrative convenience or there are any other reasons?
3. Do you think role of governor is essential? What is the extent of his constitutional immunity?
4. Have you heard of Henry Kissinger? What was his role in Indo- Pak war?

Member 3

1. Have you heard of the GNCTD Act? Tell us about the controversial provision? And, is it a good move of the central government? Share your opinion.

2. Cooperative versus competitive federalism is the debate in Indian politics. Tell me a few instances of both. And, where is India leaning to?
3. A brief discussion about G-20, member picked up this topic from my response.

Member 4

1. There are many rape cases happening in India, NCRB report also talks about it. What is your take? Is government not taking enough measures on this issue?
2. NCW is also a toothless body, so what is the government doing?
3. There is a fund called as Nirbhaya Fund, please tell us the schemes and projects under it.

Chairperson sir said- Your interview is over, Thank You, we wish you all the best.

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Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Sociology

Background: Bcom(h) - DU

MA: socio (IGNOU)

Keyword in DAF - Yamuna , SLUM , Punjabi tappe, journaling, Hindi movie on social issues.

Chairman

1. what work you have done in slum area
2. Hindi cinema evolution
3. Which actor depict the social reality
4. Long monologue on actor went abroad and amazed the world
5. which movies on social issues?
6. have you watched 12th fail?
7. what to say about that ?
8. don't you think it also shows the lack of resources
9. why so much about obsession about CSE in India
10. monologue on Japan CS
11. a line told by JRD TATA on Air India to Nehru about profiting it and Nehru bashed that don't say anything about Profit? Your take on it?
12. Should India which is 5th largest adopt socialism or capitalism?

Members

1. Domestic violence act 2005 pros and cons
2. Should it be gender neutral?
3. Internal rate of return ?
4. Yamuna not cleaning up
5. should India go for 'health for all' or insurance for all'

6. but covid pandemic depicted the shattering of health sector .
7. Tell in which company should investors be more profitable: one with no debt or one with little debt ; though both doing well
8. principles of balance sheet
9. G20 takeaways
10. name of sociologist died yesterday
11. what should we prefer zero deficit or some deficit by government?
12. should revenue deficit be also there ?
13. but revenue deficit also contains expenditure on health and education, how it is wrong ?
14. what is internal trading?

Overall :

1. I felt discussion was only on serious side.
2. Except for the chairperson it was Q/ A
3. Almost no questions on current affairs
4. No question from home state, district, city, optional.
5. Dominated by graduation subject.
60% of interview was more of random.

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<p>Date of Interview: 02 Jan, forenoon session (2nd one to go)</p> <p>Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir</p> <p>Optional: Sociology</p> <p>Home State: Haryana</p> <p>Interview duration: 25-30mins</p> <p>Keywords: Haryana, Physics, Urdu poetry, Football, Badminton.</p>
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Chairman

1. Monologue on AI and asked what are the potential of AI in your opinion?
2. Quoted Elon musk statement the idea was whether AI will surpass human capabilities and can it overpower human intellect?
3. Then how should we use AI
4. Do you know how much is Global GDP?(I replied sorry sir I'm not aware, I'll go and read)
5. Good 8-10min discussion on AI.

Member 1

1. Why civil services?
2. Xposat
3. Why Haryana is developed?

Member 2

1. Wrestling is famous in Haryana then how come you took interest in football and badminton.
2. Telecom bill.
3. What kind of ghazals you write?
4. Favourite poets
5. Why Ghalib?
6. Famous music in haryana
7. Why Ragini was famous and the purpose of it?
8. Any famous Ragini singer?

Member 3

1. Can poets rule the world? Why?
2. How poets can be helpful in administration?
3. What power means to you?
4. Discretionary power and arbitrary power
5. What things one should keep in mind when exercising discretionary power? Give example
6. Do you know the Hindi names of 3 new criminal bills?
7. Some Provisions of these bills.

Member 4

1. In your opinion what should we do to make India \$5 trillion economy?
2. NIP and NMP

Chairman again -

1. India is one of the largest importer of defence equipments and arms. How can we reduce it ?

Overall experience -

Very cordial board, didn't have a single tense moment. Not many DAF keywords not covered. But they were in discussion mode on current issues and were keen to listen . The lady member was super sweet (said god bless you 3-4 times).

A nice experience overall.

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Date of Interview: Forenoon. 4th Jan 2024

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Philosophy

Background: LLB, BCom

Hobbies: Biographies, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Chairman

1. Favourite Biography and follow up questions

2. Mention any other biographies- I said Shoe Dog
3. Elon Musk biography and follow up questions on Business Environment in India
4. Byju's fall and reasons for it.

Member 1

1. NGT and its functions. Its Contribution and any issue in its functioning
2. Forgetting his other questions

Member 2

1. Doctrine of Absolute Liability and Strict Liability and discussion on it
2. Utilitarian Principle and its application in Public Services

Member 3

1. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: Achievements and Current Status
2. Truckers Union Protests and legal aspects around it. What could be the way forward

Member 4

1. Cross Questions on Utilitarian Principle and Case Study on it.
2. Social Aspect of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: Women Dignity

Chairman said Thank You and All the best.

Overall Very Good Experience. Better than most of the mocks. Throughout the process members were smiling and gave me time to think about the answer. One2One with Ravindran Sir and Khan Sir were quite helpful for me

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Date of Interview: 3 Jan, morning session

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla sir

Optional: maths- nothing asked

Background: IITR - mechanical

Home State: Haryana

Keywords: reading non fiction, ISRO

Time: around 30 minutes

Chairman

1. Last book you have read?(mg bio)
2. Is gandhi relevant today?
3. Is gandhi's non violence relevant?
4. Gandhi vs kissinger- who is better
5. Isro speciality?
6. Why we are lagging behind others?

7. Why such agencies are skeptical in opening upto private sector?

Member 1

1. Should isro focus on scientific missions only?
2. How isro helps in industrial development?
3. Takeaways from ch3
4. Why stubble burning in haryana?
5. Solutions to control

Member 2

1. What is green technology?
2. What is sustainable fashion?
3. What is the judicial activism and its examples?
4. What is judicial adventurism?
5. How judiciary should restraint from crossing the line?
6. Can judiciary order parliament?

Member 3

1. Significance of xposat mission
2. Is unemployment a problem in India?
3. Is pm skill india successful? Are we doing enough?

Member 4

1. Indians who went to space
2. What rakesh sharma told to indira gandhi?
3. Assessment of renewable energy in india
4. How to expand renewable in india?
5. When will we achieve net zero?
experience - Board was cordial.

Suman Sharma

(1)

Date of Interview: 04/03/2024; 1st to go (AN) ; lasted for 40 minutes.

Board: Suman Sharma maam

Optional: anthropology

Home State: Telangana

Daf pointers: IIT KGP, mining, anthropology, Hyderabad, Telangana.

No questions from work profile and hobbies.

Chairman

1. what do you know about LAC advancements in recent past?
2. What programmes are we doing? Do you think we are late?
3. Benefits of VVP. Is it really useful?
4. Why IITians are best employees and not employers
5. Why are lakshadweep and Andaman important? Just for strategical purposes?
6. How to develop sustainable tourism? What is 5R strategy?
7. What are problems in startups?
8. Recent mine accident in world?
9. E-waste disposal issues? What is epr? What are various types of liabilities?
10. What is 50/30/20 rule?

Member 1

1. why did you choose anthropology?
2. What are problems in water conservation? What steps shall be taken?
3. Opinion on rythu bandhu scheme (discussion for 5 minutes)
4. What is great nicobar project? Whom is it impacting?
5. Tell me specific species which is getting impacted.
6. Opinion on small states. Divison of up.

Member 2

1. what are critical minerals. How are they used? Give examples.
2. What are atomic minerals
3. What are major minerals? Give examples of India?
4. Who extracts Iron ore in India? What is nmdc?
5. How to reduce carbon footprint in mines?
6. What is mmdr act? What are recent amendments?
7. What is your take on solar energy? How to improve efficiency? What is pump storage mechanism?

Member 3

1. what is red corridor? Explain its history?
2. How to tackle naxalism?
3. Who are tribes? What are their problems?
4. Constitutional provisions for tribes?
5. Should ladakh be added to 6th schedule? Issues with it? Why is govt reluctant?
6. Recent amendments to EWS Act?

Member 4

1. historical evolution of myanmar conflict
2. Historical evolution of governor office
3. Why governor office was created?
4. What is integrated theatre command?
5. Should we have it? Which model shall we have?

Ps: I forgot some more questions which I was unable to answer.

Mocks : Sankalp, Vision .

O2O (most helpful): Dr. Vivekananda sir (reflexions IAS), Dr. Rambabu sir transcript discussion, Puneet sir from SOMP.

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Date of Interview: 5th March 2024

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: Chemistry

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Session: Afternoon, first to go, ~30 minutes

Medium: English

DAF pointers: Civil Engineering, Mythology, Prayagraj

Chairman

1. Recently, three criminal laws amendments were passed, what are their names?
2. One section was very jubilant, other went on strike. Which and why?
3. PSUs venturing into different arenas, justified or not? Give reasons.

Member 1

1. You've lived in Delhi, causes of air pollution in Delhi?
2. Why does the Delhi climate become as such during winters? (I had mentioned Delhi's climate as one factor)
3. Why stubble burning issue was not prevalent a few years ago?
4. What does it mean by MSP legalisation?

5. Should the government not intervene and leave agriculture to the market completely?
6. Why there are calls for steel intensive buildings nowadays? What are benefits and disadvantages?
7. What are startups? What criteria? How is chaayos different from normal chaiwala?

Member 2

1. What is difference between alliance and collective security treaty?
2. What are other components of collective security treaty?
3. Are they relevant in today's time?
4. Brexit reasons?
5. EU relevant post brexit?
6. Many right wing governments in EU, are their policies on immigration justified?
7. Despite moving out of Afghanistan, middle East, etc. USA still maintains presence in the east European and west asian nations, why? Do you think it would move out of these regions too?

There was one technical term asked which I didn't know.

Member 3

1. Allahabad University produced so many bureaucrats, what went wrong?
2. You're interested in mythology, do you agree with Amish Tripathi views of humanising Gods?
3. I answered wrt his right of his own interpretation, asked again about my views on the same of whether it is right to paint a different picture of the actual mythology?
4. What are smart cities? Criterias of smart cities?
5. Define AI? What are its challenges?

Member 4

1. Any recent civil engineering marvels of India?
2. New technologies in civil engineering like road construction, etc.?
3. As a DM and civil engineer in Uttarakhand, how will you ensure development along with environmental concerns?
4. Should dams be constructed in vulnerable areas?

Chairperson: thank you, your interview is over.

Overall experience: board was cordial, M1 was smiling continuously, M2 and M3 were supportive of my answers. The chairperson was smiling in between.

Mocks and O2Os: Vajirao, chahal (good feedback), Studyiq, samkalp (offline+online), Nextias (online), Vajiram and o2o with Ravindran sir helped.

Poor experience at Rau's and Unacademy (online).

Only 1-2 questions were repeated. Good to gauge the preparation level, improve articulation, and gain confidence.

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Date of interview: 1/3/24

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Daf pointers: BDS, MDS, Assistant Professor; Mumbai; Sonipat

Interview transcript:

Chairman

General discussion about about my graduation and city.

1. What was the issue in Aarey colony & what happened?
2. Was there any court judgement.
3. What are current issues in WTO. Tell me 4-5 imp points that India is contesting in WTO. Subsidy issue. Percentage of subsidy. Percentage of what?
4. Should we invest so much money in Bullet train project?
5. Who is funding it?
6. Why does Japan give us money at such a cheap rate?

Member 1

1. Tell me about MCI?
2. Why it failed in its mandate?
3. Why dentistry is not considered at par with medical field as considered in western countries?
4. What are the 2 organisations currently fighting in middle east. (Hamas & Hezbollah) Which countries are supporting them.
5. Opinion about Gaza's situation.

Member 2

1. Why Haryana is giving crores as prize money after winning medals?
2. Is it justified? When it can be spent on sports infrastructure.
3. Name of the sports institute in Sonipat.
4. Why women have achieved parity in sports and not in other fields. Wrt to males.
5. Is the demolition of house of the tunnel rescue hero justified?

Member 3

1. BMC is so rich but Infrastructure in mumbai is always crumbling; what's the reason?
2. Why some or the other building keeps collapsing in Mumbai; why BMC is not doing anything.

3. Tell me about Invisalign.
4. Use of AI in Dentistry.
5. How will you decide that an oral cancer patient should be treated by an oral surgeon or a general surgeon?
6. How will you diagnose Oral cancer.
7. Why do you want to leave such a comfortable life and profession in Mumbai?
8. In which district was the house of DC & SP burnt recently.
9. Then why do you want to join civil services.

Member 4

1. You live in a planned city (Navi Mumbai); but still there are similar issues; what are the reasons.
2. What will you do to solve them?
3. Issues of skill development and education.
4. how does it affect our economic development.
5. what are the specific provisions in NEP 2020 wrt skill development.
6. how will it address those issues.
7. Give me specific data points.

Ma'am said thank you; your interview is over.

I have oversimplified the questions.

They were much more elaborate with a lot of counter questions.

And it was a continuous discussion and not a question answer session as it may appear to be.

And I've forgotten few questions.

And Suman ma'am was dead serious through out the interview.

Your assessment of the board/your performance:

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Date of Interview: 27/02/2024

Board: Suman Sharma Maam

Optional: Zoology

Home State: Haryana

Time: Forenoon, 2nd one to go

Duration: 32 minutes

DAF Keywords - Haryana, Zoology (Nothing asked from Hobby and other key words in DAF)

Chairman

1. What you were doing after your Post graduation?
2. Since you are from Haryana tell me about positive role of Khap Panchayats?
3. Then why Khap Panchayats are criticised?

4. Tell me if you are posted under such area where Khap Panchayat is infringing on right of a couple to marry by their choice what you will do?
5. Do you think it will be easy to persuade Khap members?
6. Recently there was a tunnel mishap in Uttarakhand, how the workers were rescued?
7. What was the name of machine used in the incidence?
8. Is rat hole mining illegal or legal?
9. What are some other revolutions than green or white revolution?
10. What is purple revolution?

Member 1

1. What are the consequences of unplanned urbanisation?
2. Tell about the presence of Politicians -Bureaucrats – Private contractors nexus which is leading to sub-optimal infrastructure creation?
3. Haryana has culture of Khaps and low child sex ration and low women LFPR, then why so many women in sports from Haryana, Tell us the reason of this dichotomy in Haryana society?

Member 2

1. Tell us about the methods by which elections could be rigged ?
2. There operates certain mechanisms during elections eg. distributing liquor bottles which could be availed even water casting voteand he was continuing ...
3. Chairman interrupted...Please dont ask such questions
4. What is neoteny?
5. What is blastula and gastrula?
6. How many cells are there in blastula?
7. Which one is diploblastic and triploblastic?

Member 3

1. Tell why Cricket is doing so well and not other sports?
2. Which is our national sport?
3. There was a time when Hockey used to do so well, but now our is not even getting bronze?
4. Do you see Russia Ukraine war ending in next one year?
5. What miscalculations Putin made regarding winning war over Ukraine?
6. What support Ukraine got from NATO Countries?
7. Do you see R-U war leading towards a Israel-Palestine kind of situation?

Member 4

1. What is the issue at present in India Maldives relation?

2. Do you think it is a good move by Maldives for telling Indian troops to evacuate from Maldives?
3. Recently some NATO countries are thinking of placing their troops in Ukraine, What impact it could have?
4. There is some talks going in US regarding funding of NATO, what is it?
5. What impact the present Red sea crisis is having on India?
6. How India could handle it and secure its interests?

Thank you by Chairman

Overall the experience was enriching, board was cordial, no grilling, no tense situation created, Chairman was having a pleasant smile throughout the interview.

Mocks given at - vision ias (2 mocks), Vajirao and Reddy, Only IAS, Rau's IAS, UPSC prepp. At all the mocks the panel members asked questions about my hobby (Related to lifestyle), and gave me a feedback that your interview will certainly involve good amount of questions from your hobby, But in real interview not even a single question from hobby.

All the best to all

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Date of Interview: 26/02/2024

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Rajasthan

DAF keywords- Indian forest service, ministry of social justice IIT BHU, startup, cooking, cycling, Delhi, Rajasthan, sociology

Time- around 45-50 minutes

Chairman

1. How delhi air is polluted by parali from punjab
2. If you are DM in punjab, how will you solve it
3. Who will fund those agritech startups (follow up
4. What will you chose between Ev and hybrid
5. (I said EV)
6. Long monologue (she said it is costly, she said emissions are are just diverted to thermal power plants)
7. Do you want to change your stance (I said no)
8. There was a a big news in today's newspaper about EVs

Member 1

1. Are New IITs are reducing brand value of IIT
2. But The faculties hired are less bright as compared to students (follow up)

3. How startups drive economic growth
4. Long monologue about startups statistics and failure rate – Why are you optimistic about Indian STARTUPS despite huge failure rate
5. Name startups aligned with national agenda (follow up)
6. What is that fancy word unicorn means
7. Name famous unicorns of India
8. Your hobby is cooking – do you agree that obesity is a growing problem in Indian youth
9. What are its solutions

Member 2

1. Name famous personalities from banaras who contributed in art
2. Where did Kabira die
3. Why kabira is still relevant
4. Can cycling be promoted as a solution for air pollution
5. Why people are reluctant in using cycling for mobility
6. How can we persuade them

Member 3

1. Being mechanical engineer from IIT BHU why you didn't go for research in USA
2. Why did you chose entrepreneurship (follow up)
3. Then why civil services (follow up)
4. Do you think we should go for privatisation of railways
5. What is dedicated freight corridor
6. Is bullet train feasible considering it will be costlier than air travel
7. (a long discussion on this)

Member 4

1. Tell me everything about Climate change – what is happening – what should we do
2. Tell your opinion on One nation one election
3. If you are heading the committee to decide – what feasible solution will you provide
4. **Opinion**
5. Mostly DAF based

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Date of Interview: 27/02/24, Afternoon session

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: Public admn

Home State: Karnataka

Daf keywords – Karnataka, Bengaluru, Public admn, Civil Engineering, Carnatic music & dance, fitness & dietetics (rest not asked)

Chairman

1. Monologue on psu. Should psu's diversify the area of working. Example psu initially set up to produce energy now is setting up charging infra
2. In a bid, psu having better financial capability is competing with private agencies, there is no parity or equal platform, what is your opinion?
3. How are psu's working well these days?
4. Do you know about big 4?
5. Tell me about Aditya L1, what is L1?
6. Why are we not thinking of studying the sun from earth itself, because anyways our mission is not very close to sun (distance)?
7. What are the benefits of studying the sun with close proximity?
8. Which all nations sent their mission to the moon after India
9. (Ma'am herself mentioned Japan's attempt, asked if it was a failure or success)

Member 1

1. A famous person from Karnataka suggested 70hrs a week. Who is that?
2. Which company did he establish?
3. Other famous celebrities in his family
4. Asked about Sudha Murthy
5. Will the personal relationship that UK Pm share with Murthy's family, affect our bilateral relationship?
6. Name famous musician from Assam?
7. Extremist groups eventually are forgiven by govt with peace deals, isn't it against "good should be rewarded, bad should be punished"?
8. Name the most powerful extremist groups in Assam
9. (Assam is no where mentioned in my DAF)
10. Problems in Bengaluru?

Member 2

1. You are from Karnataka tell me about the Lingayat community, how are they different from others
2. Why is there excessive importance given to the Lingayat community?
3. Some countries have a very fragile democracy in South Asia, why?
4. Suggest a diet plan to a normal person
5. Why is diabetes increasing in the country, according to WHO?

Member 3

1. poker face; Couldn't decipher what he actually meant to ask

2. You did not support 70hrs work week , but a civil servant is expected to work more than that .
3. 3 questions on the same line
4. In what ways “coercion” should be used in public administration? Should it be physical, psychological etc
5. He himself said psychological Coercion.

Member 4

1. What are the solutions as a civil engineer will you take to solve the problems of Bengaluru?
2. One more question, unable to recall.
3. All the best!

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Date of Interview: 12/02/2024
Board: Suman Sharma ma'am
Optional: PSIR
Session: Afternoon, 4th to go
DAF key term: PSIR, Electrical (1 member)
Time: around 25-30 mins
Medium - Hindi

Chairman

1. example of soft power and hard power
2. what is smart power
3. India diaspora positive and negative (I mentioned khalistani issue – ma'am said good)
4. work from home impact – social, economical
5. PSU ko dushre domain me kaam krne ke liye allow krna chiye ya nhi?

Member 1

1. disruptive technology and it's example – I also mentioned use of block chain technology to reduce corruption
2. then he asked me to use of DBT in corruption leakage – then I quoted Budget 2024 data – he smiled.
3. how can India become developed by 2047
4. Indian constitution is colonial or not?
5. What is the purpose of white paper in general? Then I said sorry.
6. then he again asked for recent white paper presented by govt.
7. recent poverty data is absolute or relative?

Member 2

1. kya civil servant ko stand lena chiye?
2. tell me unique feature of Indian constitution jo kisi aur country se na liya gya? Then I said positive secularism and gender equality
3. then he asked for women related articles?

Member 3

1. what is LED?
2. why it is more efficient?
3. how bureaucracy of energy efficiency give rating to appliances?
4. have you heard about superconductor? I said yes and tell him property.
5. then he asked me about recent news related to it. I said sorry.
6. then he asked about establishment year of IIT Roorkee (DAF)
7. then history of it.
8. then why it was established as civil engineering initially?
9. what subjects you studied in Electrical engineering.
10. then he asked my favourite subject? Maine kha ki power system.
11. then he asked application of power system.

Member 4

1. he emphasized that you are from PSIR optional then asked about a term that I never heard and forgot to recall even after coming from interview room. I said sorry.
2. again he asked about a conference related to PSIR (never heard). I said sorry.
3. he asked me the most complex issue according to me in international relations? I said West Asia problem.
4. then he made me UN representative to resolve this issue. I used dialogue and diplomacy is the way forward. Then he said yeh to sb log bolte hain , aap specifically kya kroge?
5. **Chairman:** Thank you, your interview is over.
6. **Experience:** mostly in question answer format.
7. Serious faces with rare moments of smile.

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Date of Interview: 14/02/2023 – Forenoon (1st to go)

Board: Suman Sharma maam

Graduation: MBBS (AIIMS Patna)

Optional: Medical Science

Home State: Bihar

DAF- Bihar, Financial Literacy, Financial Planning & Investment Management

Time – 30 mins

Chairman

1. Caste Survey of Bihar- Advantage, Disadvantage
2. How caste survey will help in up liftment of lower sections of society?
3. Have you heard of Masala Bond- How it will benefit investors and issuer
4. Why big tech companies are opening their branch in foreign countries specifically in Mexico?
(I told don't know specific about Mexico)
5. Role of biology and hormones in happiness

Member 1

1. Bihar was growing at fast pace till 1970, what happened later?
2. How will you resolve the issue of mafia and corruption? (Some cross question)
3. Bihar has been divided into two states. How are both states doing?
4. Which one is better- smaller or larger states?

Member 2

1. How will financial planning will help you in administration?
2. How will this help you in increasing financial literacy in your district or organization?
3. NJAC Verdict- Why SC struck down?
4. Which provision of basic structure of constitution will NJAC violate?
5. Metabolic disorder like diabetes is increasing. What needs to be done for this?

Member 3

1. Doctor: Population ratio of India & Bihar
2. Reasons for low ratio and what will you do to increase it?
3. Name some medical implants which will you use in patient care.
4. Why is India lacking in manufacturing of Medical Device?
5. You are a doctor, if some company directly come to you and ask you to use their device. Will you use that?
6. What steps you will take or what are the mechanisms to ensure safety of medical device?

Member 4

1. Who is Hippocrates and What is Hippocratic oath?
2. Are doctors abiding to these oath in their practice?
3. Doctors-Pharmacist nexus is increasing worldwide. How will you reduce it? Practical steps along with government measures
4. Today is Valentine's day. What is its history and how do you see love as a factor in society?

Chairperson Maam: Thank you, your interview is over.

Experience- Board was cordial, no grilling. All the members were listening attentively and maam was observing me throughout and smiling.

Mocks- Chahal, Vajirao, Vision
O2O- Ravindran Sir

(9)

Date of Interview: 13/02/2024

Board: Suman Sharma mam

Optional: Gujarati Literature

Home State: Gujarat

Hobby: Powerlifting

DAF word: Dentist, Gym enthusiast, Gujarat, Gujarati Literature (nothing asked), powerlifting as a hobby (nothing asked), Edsarrthi Student

Chairman

1. Deaths in the gym
2. What is blue zones ?
3. What is right to disconnect?
4. Can we implement in Indian context
5. How we will be developed nation if we will not do hardwork
1-2 questions I am forgetting

Member 1

1. Riverfront and its economic impact
2. GIFT city and concept of it
3. Why surat is in a news receny
4. What about image of police?
5. Steps that has been taken, steps that should ne taken further
6. How Gujarat is performing in industrial sector ?
7. Do you think Gujarat will overtake Maharashtra, Karntaka ?

Member 2

1. You were in support of right to disconnect. What about civil services? long discussion on this
2. So you deny this right to your own organisation?
3. Disaster management organisation in Gujarat
4. Other organisations that help in disaster management
Some monologue on topic
that i am forgetting

Member 3

1. Why change of careers from doctor to civil servant

2. New education policy
3. If it was there during your bachelors degree would it have been useful?
4. Why so much industrial development and is it doing good for Gujarat?
5. Share on manufacturing in Indian economy
6. Which are main industries of Gujarat
7. Steps to increase research and development
8. Have you done any kind of research during college time?
9. If R & D had been there in dentistry what would have been benefits?

Member 4

1. Why you Gujaratis have so much entrepreneurship?
2. Discussion on wind energy
3. Discussion on migrants from Gujarat in various countries including illegal migrants
4. Ethics is dying in doctors?
5. Some hospitals and doctors are charging for unnecessary tests and surgeries? Do you agree or not? And if yes than what can be solutions

Chairman mam - your interview is over

My analysis - board was cordial but expect serious formal discussion. Rare smiling moments **unlike mocks**

Mocks utility - to gain confidence and working on your personality traits

Preferred mocks - Chanakya, Chahal, Next IAS, one on one with Utkarsh sir (Edsaarathi)

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Date of Interview: 13/02/2023 - Afternoon

Board: Suman Sharma maam

Home State: Telangana

Daf keywords: Food Technology, millets, Folk songs, Telangana.

Time: 25-28 mins

Chairman

1. 3 Criminal justice laws - Who jubiliated and who protested?
2. Chicken neck corridor and its importance
3. What is happening in Myanmar?
4. Leaders are born or trained.

Member 1

1. Telangana progress after bifurcation
2. Hyderabad role in Telangana.
3. Why millets are important.

4. They have certain problems.
5. Folk songs as agent of social change. – how it were used , how will u use as an administrator.

Member 2

1. What are the reasons for Naxalsim in Telangana.
2. What are the reasons for Naxalism in Odisha and Chattisgarh.
3. How Telangana tackled this Naxalism.?
4. What is Old pension scheme and New Pension scheme.
5. What's wrong with New Pension scheme?
6. Is Caste vanishing or perpetuating?

Member 3

1. Tell me about missiles
2. How missiles are used.
3. How space programs help us
4. What do you like in Food technology subject?

Member 4

1. Asked something about cooking
2. EV challenges and steps needed.
3. Have you heard of Angkor wat
4. How millets help us? Compare with Other cereals?
5. Do you have any empirical data?

(11)

Date of Interview: 8th feb, afternoon session, 4th to go

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: medical science

Background: MBBS

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

DAF pointers: AIIMS rishikesh

father's occupation: lawyer

no questions from hobbies (cynophilia, hindu mythology and blood donation).

no questions from home state: UP

duration: 30 to 35 minutes

Chairman

1. ins imphal- what is it and why was in news?

2. medicine is an industry and pharma is its big brother. comment.
3. api sector mei china growth vs india.
4. fda criteria related to small practices like gloves, shoecovers etc.- effect on pharma sector.
5. judiciary celebrity status. implication on judiciary.

Member 1

1. short selling of stocks. name of recent case.
2. name of a stock market famous man known for short selling. what is short selling?
3. stock market vulnerability causes. why people still risk investing there?
4. man made disasters.. what to do as dm?
5. ndma after 2005 major change.
6. why doctors are not adhering to pcpnndt act?

Member 2

1. tender allocation process. two types of bidding.
2. msme sector imp in indian economy
3. pvt practice by govt sector doctors. should it be allowed or not?
4. measures to take to stop them from referring their govt patients to their own clinics.
5. ayurvedic doctors demanding same salary as allopathic. should it be allowed? views on it.
6. increasing railways in j and k. impact on locals and defence sector.

Member 3

1. 'temples of modern india' .. who said the statement and for what.
2. expansion of aiims . what is your take on it.
3. pg seats are less. what is your opinion about it. should they be increased?
4. doctors are reluctant to serve in rural areas. what may be the probable causes and what can be done?

Member 4

1. increasing resorts in rishikesh along ganga. take on it.
2. namami gange and how much resort cropping up is in sync with it?
3. issue around generic and branded drugs.
4. drugs banned recently and why?
5. what are augmented drugs coming in market?
6. china economics is falling. probable reasons.
7. china plus 1 strategy
 1. india's scope in increasing manufacturing sector

The board was cordial and patient. There was not much of cross questioning. Chairwoman was very attentive and had a slight smile on her face throughout. Questions were mainly opinion based.

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Date of Interview: 08 February 2024 (Afternoon)

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Gujarat

Daf pointers: B.Com, Retail Trade, PSIR, Gujarat, Computer Gaming

Time: approx 30-32 minutes

Chairman

Didn't ask for intro, but she just mentioned my basic details.

1. Why is it that India is getting so much FDI now a days? What is particular reason behind it?
2. Recently many foreign investors were also pulling out the money due to some developments in USA, what was the reason?
3. States are competing against each other by way of Global Summits like Vibrant Gujarat summit, don't you think this competition is bad for the country?
4. In which project Japan has given low interest long term loan to Gujarat? Why Japan affords to give loan on such a low interest rate?
5. What is difference between Computer Gaming and Esports? Is Esports recognised by international gaming associations? What rules China has made to curb the addiction of Computer games on Children?
6. What was the taxation issue in India related to Online gaming?

Member 1

1. Don't you think Indian Unorganised retail trade sector is very unorganised and informal? How will you take action against fake goods sold in retail trade?
2. What is anti dumping duty? Isn't it better to ban all Chinese goods as our relations with them are also getting worse?
3. What are the other issues in small businesses?
4. How will India achieve its fiscal deficit Target of 5.1 and then 4.5?
5. What is the difference between jurisdiction of Supreme Court and High Court, who has the wider jurisdiction?
6. Where can government employee approach to solve their grievances related to official work?
7. Why nations are using Adaptation Fund's money towards loss and damage? What is Loss and Damage?
8. Why USA and Europe are pushing for Phase out of coal? Why not Oil and gas?

Member 2

1. What was the reason of collapse of Silicon Valley Bank?

2. What is the meaning of ALM (Asset liability mismatch)?
3. What is the difference between AT1 and AT2 bonds?
4. Why government established NCLT and NCLAT?

Member 3

1. What was the reason that the provision for Independent director were introduced? Through which act we introduced it?
2. There is issue that independent directors don't want to be the directors because they will have to take responsibility in case of misgovernance. Do you think it is right to give them responsibility, or should we change the law?
3. What is Serious Fraud Investigation Office, and why was it started?

Member 4

1. Which parts of Gujarat has borders with Pakistan?
2. What is Sir Creek issue, and what is stance of India and Pakistan?
3. Why talks between India and Pakistan stopped? What are the major reasons that talks are not restarting even after many years?
4. Today Pakistan is going to vote, there is perception that it is already known that who will be the winner. Who according to you will be winner? Do you think if Nawaz Sharif comes to power, the talks between India Pakistan will restart again?

Chairperson: Your Interview is over.

Your assessment of the board/your performance: Very Cordial Board, they listened everything attentively.

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Date of Interview: 7th Feb

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: Public Speaking, Meditation, Street Play

Keywords: PSIR, MP, MECHANICAL, POLICE, Public Speaking, Meditation, Street Play

(Nothing was asked on these except one member's questions)

Chairman

Okay, so you are from MP.

1. Tell me about cryptocurrency, pros, and cons?
2. Tell me RBI's stand.
3. What is blockchain technology?
4. What is the difference between carbon capture and carbon sequestration?

5. Are there any efforts of carbon trading in India?
6. You talked about Surat, some big inauguration – (I said Diamond bourse)

Member 1

1. Tell me why the global financial crisis in 2008 happened?
2. How is global growth going?
3. Union territories – CM Vs LG issue. Do you think it is legal or political?
4. Who has power over civil services in UT of Delhi and Puducherry?
5. Who talked about Communism of wives? (I answered Plato and he emphasised yes it was plato and was laughing with all other members ki btao wives ka communism but No smile form Suman Ma'am.)

Member 3

1. India's fiscal deficit 5.8, target 5.1, and next 4.5. How will we achieve it? (I took some time to think but he changed question)
2. What are we doing for air and water pollution? (I explained laws, bodies but he suggested tell other efforts apart from these kagji things).
3. What are we doing for solar rooftop?
4. What is the importance of communication and electronics in defence? (I talked about surveillance and intelligence gathering then he said also about other general communication)
5. What is the balance of trade?
6. What is the balance of payment?
7. Now what is CAA? (I told about minorities and persecution, Ma'am interfered, asked name of countries)

Member 3

1. Tell me which sector is most dominant in China (Manufacturing)?
2. Then what is status of manufacturing in India?
3. What is government flagship prog for manufacturing (Make IN India)?
4. Okay have you ever thought about startup or anything related during your engineering times?
5. What were the problems (He emphasised on research and training part)?
6. Today we are reading so much about new things like people will become immortal in upcoming days? Have you read about it?

Member 4

1. Maldives and all boycott stuff. Do you think it's good for our diplomacy?(I explained Not good for Indian Government, Need good and friendly relations with Maldives but people are free to express their opinions)

2. What are all the problems in our neighborhood? Why don't we have good relations with it? Give me three reasons.
3. So many leadership roles in your DAF. Tell me something about it.

Overall assessment: The board was cordial, and they were listening keenly. Suman Sharma Ma'am's face was serious. Also, not much smile or anything on other's faces. One member corrected my mistake very humbly. The room was quite big with proper light, but sitting was like a 12th fail movie (in dining table type fashion).

Mocks utility – Samkalp – similar to it in sitting and all. Questions were totally different so confidence building.

Note: The first three members didn't ask anything related to MY DAF. Ma'am directly started bombarding questions on me, so be prepared for Suman Ma'am. The last two members were quite good.

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Date of Interview: 6/2/2024

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: Hindi literature

Home State: Rajasthan

Keywords: Rajasthan, Barmer, economics, Hindi literature.

Chairman

Members

1. what masala bond
2. Green bond kya hai
3. Green hydrogen mission ke baare me aap kya jante hai ,kya eske liye water kesa cayiye ,kya ye resources Bharat ke pass hai
4. Rajasthan ki economics ko improve karne ke liye five suggestions
5. Milk production rajasthan me kese badaye
6. Administration me konsi samsyaye hai
7. Wind energy kese banti hai process btao
8. Graduation me favorite subject konsa hai (Hindi, history, economics mese) I told economics
9. What is big problem in economics.
10. Leadership ki qualities kya hoti hai
11. Iran hamas, hutis hisbulla, Israel ke samand me
12. Rajbhasa adhiniyam pda hoga
13. Rajasthan kis bhag me hai,

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Date of Interview: 07/02/24, Last to go

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: pair

Home State: Gujarat

Keyword: Morbi, Gujarat, pair

Chairman

1. As a DM , how you will prevent morbi like bridge collapse
2. As a DM , Choose between tackling disaster situation vs bid meeting with PM for district development and counter questions on it.
3. Give me name of youngest climate activist and questions related to that
4. Questions on press and periodicals bill and telecommunications bill

Member 1

1. Why constitution is considered as lawyer's paradise
2. Relation between FR and DPSP
3. Questions on basic structure doctrine
4. What is doctrine of pith and substance.

Member 2

1. Discussion on walkout in parliament
2. Socio-economic situation in Pakistan and steps for improving situation

Member 3

1. What is level playing field and questions rated this and privatisation

Member 4

1. Dwarika is on which river bank
2. Tell me about Gir Cow
3. Do you know about Gujarat 2001 earthquake? What should be your response as a DM in pre, during and post disaster phase.
4. How can you use technology in such situations
5. Reasons for downfall in India-Maldives relation in recent times
6. Why we are providing aid to Maldives despite their inclination towards china
7. Discussion on china's hydrographic survey near Maldives
8. What is India's interests in keeping good relations with Maldives

Overall board was cordial

Don't feel like last of the day

No mock questions repeated except morbi
Some related to daf and some very random

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Date of Interview: 5 Feb

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Haryana

DAF Pointers: Haryana, Anthropology, Btech Electronics and communications Income
Tax inspector, HCS executive

Chairman

1. Difference between tax duty cess surcharge
2. You are from electronics background tell me about semiconductor
3. Production in world and what india is doing

Member 1

1. What is fiscal deficit
2. Discussion on why govt goes for higher spending if they don't have money
3. FRBM act me kya tha. Debt kitna hona chiyee. NK singh panel aur FRBM me debt ke bare me kya likha hai

Member 2

1. Discussion on china Taiwan
2. And UN reforms
3. Role of un. How failed. Kya karna chiyee. Regional grouping kya role play kar sakti hai

Member 3

1. Haryana history archeological sites status of women role of khap, BPBP discussion

Member 4

1. Again discussion on semiconductor, Foxconn ka founder kis country se hai
2. Kya india use kar rha hai taiwan ko china ke khilaf
3. Hum itna import kyu karte hai china se
4. Khud kyu nhi bna sakte
5. Strategic importance of Taiwan
6. Discussion on online gaming its regulation
7. What other countries are doing in this field

Very cordial board explained everything which i was not able to answer. They asked a lot of questions about online gaming which was mentioned in my 2022 DAF not this year

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Date of Interview: 18th Jan, morning (2nd to go)

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: economics

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Board had 6 members but only 5 of them asked questions

Daf keywords: bijnor, UP, reading about the economy from a gender perspective. (Other things were not discussed, so no point of mentioning)

Chairman

She read out my DAF (college, district, state etc)

1. So you are from UP, there is a scheme of UP govt to promote exports, are you aware of that scheme?
2. What is the product from your district bijnor?
3. Tell us about the product
4. As an administrator how will you improve the exports of that product?
5. (I told her a 3 step process) She discussed with my suggested solutions step by step, asking specific examples and process.
6. Tell me what is better, capital subsidy or PLI? (because of the distance I misunderstood it as capital expenditure so I said the former is better but then she said that in the former there is no sales goal attached but in the latter there is. At this I understood I made a mistake. She said that if you still believe the former is better stick to that we can move to the next question but then I thought that I need to make up for the mistake so I agreed with her and said that ma'am if we look from the outcome based approach then definitely pli is better, I am sorry)
7. There is something going on in Davos (WEF meet), are you aware of that?
8. What is WEF?
9. Do you think it is successful or is it just for show?
10. (I said that this year's action agenda has good themes, she interrupted me in between and said:) I am not asking about this year, tell me in general whether is it successful or not?
11. WEF was founded by a German but the meet is held in Switzerland, why?

Member 1

1. Do a macroeconomic analysis of India.
2. A long monologue on why UP should be divided, then asked what's my take on that.
3. The conversation with him continued on UP. do you think the delimitation will lead to federal issues.
4. Should we provide more seats to states like UP or freeze them once and for all.
5. Will there arise any federal issues.

Member 2

1. Read out about my interest to read about the economy from a gender perspective and then said why gender and why not human. (I tried explaining it but then he interrupted and said:)
2. Do a debate on this topic : reading about economy from a gender perspective (I really don't know how to debate on this topic but I gave some points for the motion about why we should do this. Though before doing that I asked him again that if he wants me to debate at which he said that if I wasn't comfortable we can move ahead, I said no sir I will do that)
3. A situational question, there is so much inefficiency in govt sector and promotion also happens slowly, while in private the employees remain motivated because of faster promotions. How will you motivate your subordinates to remain motivated.
4. Since you are very energetic, answer this question: the question was an explanation of nirbhaya rape case and he said there is lot of political and media pressure. As a police officer there has been no arrests but you get to know that your team has made an arrest on some suspicion but no murder weapon found. Will you resort to 3rd degree torcher and make the accused confess for the rape or what will you do.

Member 3

1. Do you know about kargil girl? (The question came off the discussion so I couldn't recollect the name and said sorry but as she moved to the next question I suddenly said that sorry ma'am but is it gunjan saxena) and then the discussion continued. She asked me whether I was aware about her life struggle. I started telling her about how she would miss her sorties but then she said about her struggle before going for the training. I told her about how her brother was initially against that. At which she said was there something related to her weight and height. I said yes ma'am her weight was more and her height was less. Then she asked me what happened then. I said her father motivated her. She then asked what did I learnt from that movie. > Interview Transcripts 2023: As I was telling, she interrupted and moved on to the next question.
2. (Another off topic question) do you know about natural offsprings. Where are the found. She insisted me on making a guess.
3. Since you are from bijnor, the area is very backward and conservative when it comes to educating a girl, but you have been privileged enough to have studied in LSR. How many girls you think you can motivate.
4. How will you do that.

Member 4

1. Post 1991, what has been the impact on business around the globe.
2. What happens if investment targets are under realised.

3. What happens if they are over realised.
4. (I said more employment can lead to increased demand and inflation.) He asked how to tackle it. (I said contractionary policies) he said that will again bring the economy back. (I said gradually and slowly as we are doing now.)

Chairperson Ma'am: okay, your interview is over, you may go now.

Mocks at vajirao and Reddy, Rau's IAS, next ias (panel and faculty mock), KSG

The one at vajirao and next (panel one) were closer to the real interview.

My assessment:

1. The board was pleasant but like the other boards there was no such thing as encouraging to answer. It was a formal set up with a question answer kind of thing.
2. The utmost importance I gave to were confidence, smile, energy and interaction.
3. There were instances of smiles, but I really don't know if they were because of a good answer.
4. The interview was a mix of situational, optional and opinion based questions. Not much from DAF.
5. Neither they asked me to introduce myself.

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Date of Interview: 19-01-2023 (afternoon second last to go)

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Kerala

DAF pointers - Sociology, Kerala, Naval Architecture, L&T

Chairman

1. Do you know what kids of a ship is INS Imphal? What is it parent class? How many ships in that class? Other Classes of the same type?
2. 6 bills were passed recently in the parliament. What can you tell me about the bill related to spectrum allocation? What about the Posts and Periodicals Act? (I didn't know either of them)
3. Diaspora is considered a soft power. How is Indian diaspora across the world helpful for India? Give me a few pros and cons.
4. Can you list a few Indian origin technocrats and entrepreneurs outside India?
5. Can you name an Indian origin woman who is in the fashion sector?

Member 1

1. Does social mobility give way to economic mobility or is it the other way around?
2. What is the speciality of Guruvayoor temple?

3. Do we need a governor? Because there seems to be a lot of friction between state govts and Govts (and examples of those)? What can be done?
4. Don't you think that the Indian judiciary is getting involved unnecessarily in matters by taking up PILs, so should judicial activism be encouraged?
5. Judiciary again is not held properly accountable, wrt to its appointments. Whats your thoughts on that? (cross questions)

Member 2

1. Name a few Marine national parks in India? What do they do?
2. How to improve the operation of such parks, and how to augment tourism in such niche sectors?
3. Iran bombed Pakistan. Why?
4. We know China is playing host to militant organisations that are acting against Indian security. Shall we bomb them? (cross questions)
5. If you are posted in Rajasthan where the patriarchal situation is worse than from where you are from, what will you do to empower women?

Member 3

1. It must be difficult to weld ships together, especially the hulls. How is it done?
2. Isn't underwater welding polluting?
3. What is blue economy?
4. It hence is essentially a part of capitalistic structure. How will the debate between environmental conservation and development play out when we are exploiting marine resources?

Member 4

1. What is the share price of L&T? Its market capitalisation, volume etc? (and some question about why L&T has been seeing rapid growth across years)
2. Should India have per hour wage?
3. Wouldn't it be beneficial to have such a system because it is flexible and will help women homemakers?
4. What is your opinion about variable pay coming into the public sector?

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Date of Interview: 10/01/2024: Afternoon Session

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: Literature

Home State: Kerala

Hobbies: Writing, Chess, analysing bowling techniques.

DAF keywords: Kerala, Physics, Economics, Literature optional, Stephen's, JNU

Chairman

1. Why shifted from physics to economics?
2. What is MPI? What all in it?
3. Kerala's rank? Best performed city?
4. What are green bonds? Green premium? Not able to recall other technical terms.
5. Who won a recent award for Chess in India?
6. Dronacharya award given to?
7. Who are the siblings performing well?

Member 1

1. If you are launching a start up which area would you prefer?
2. Where do you want to apply artificial intelligence ?(said AI to previous answer)
3. How it can be used in agriculture? (As I said agriculture to previous answer)
4. What is your stance on MSP as an economist?
5. However, we are announcing it every season. What can be done?
6. Few years back there were farmers protest in Punjab. What was it for?
7. Which all were the farm laws?
8. What is contract farming?
9. How spice trading in Kerala is done?
10. That's traditional. Can we use technology and e - market?
11. Which all regions of India have you visited?
12. Who invented Chess?

Member 2

1. Questions related to written work. Explain the title for me. Theme? How you structure it?
2. What is look east policy? Are we just looking?
3. Which all countries are we collaborating?
4. Port that we are developing in Indonesia?
5. Event that happened in Kerala that had huge impact on India? (Said 2-3 things. He had something else in Mind. Probably colonization via coastal route)
6. Are you a coach? What is the benefit of doing bowling analysis?
7. Who is the chucker?

Member 3

1. India is performing well in macro indicators, however micro indicator wise not so well. What could be the reasons?
2. Asked for clarification. Then he asked about PMI and reframed the question. Why low performance in PMI in last month?

3. If a chessboard were to have wheat placed upon each square such that one grain were placed on the first square, two on the second, four on the third, and so on, how many kg or tonnes of wheat would be on the chessboard at the end?
4. What's this process is called?
5. What is string theory?
6. What will happen if we go into the black hole?

Member 4

1. What will be the issues Indian cities are going to face in 20-30 years?
2. What are the infrastructure aspects you look into?
3. There is an increasing drug usage in certain states like Punjab. How will you deal with it?

Overall exp: In short, felt purposive directed conversation. Chair was more or less expression less. However, keenly observed the entire process. Other members were active and acknowledging. Felt bit factual, especially Chair's questions. So not aware to most of ma'am's questions.

Mocks utility: 3 in Delhi – Vajirao, Rau's and Chahal. Helped in gaining confidence. Mocks were conversational like the original one. None of the questions were repeated in actual interview.

O2O: Selective few in Kerala and Khan Sir. Mainly confidence boosters and helped in framing answers.

Peer mocks: Found most useful. Covered the DAF quite well and helped a lot in framing responses. Some of the questions were repeated in actual interview also.

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Date of Interview: 19/01/24 Afternoon Last to go

Board: Suman Sharma Mam

Optional: Medical Science

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobby: Sports

DAF KEYWORDS: MBBS, ONE ACT PLAY WRITING, HARMONIUM, TABLE TENNIS, MAHARASHTRA

Chairman

1. IF YOU WERE MADE HEAD OF MAHARASHTRA INVESTMENT SUMMIT, how will you convince investors to invest in Maharashtra?
2. Tell me the economic impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on India.
3. What is the Wagner group, and what is the current status?

Member 1

1. Three causes of neonatal mortality.
2. Why is so much importance given to institutional delivery?
3. Doctor sahab, why are rates of caesarean section increasing? Is it needed most of the time? Is commercial a factor?
4. Recent attacks by Iran on terror bases in Pakistan, what was India's response?
5. India's role in IOR.
6. Can a land pipeline be made possible through India to West Asia via Pakistan? How can we make it possible?

Member 3

1. Do you know about cybersecurity? (I answered not much but a bit; I can try.) What are the facets of cybersecurity? How should we make cyber attack-resilient infrastructure?
2. What is climate adaptation? How should we address this in India?
3. Some one or two questions which I said sorry.

Member 4

1. The brain is the greatest healer; medicine is just cut and paste. What is the placebo effect? Do you know the opposite of it? Why do doctors prescribe sugar tablets?
2. What is epigenetics? (I wrongly discussed eugenics.) No, that's different, and she explained epigenetics.
3. Do you know about Lamarckism? I said a bit and read in 12th standard, so moved on.
4. What is quantum healing?
5. How do you see AI in healthcare?

Member 5

(Was looking towards the ceiling and never looked towards me even if I tried the hardest to make eye contact.)

1. How can we cut the cost in the health sector?
2. Your views about insurance in healthcare; how can the current model be improved?
3. Tell me recent technological innovations in the medical field.
4. What were the ethical issues during the COVID-19 pandemic and current ethical issues in the medical field?

Hon. Suman Sharma Mam: Your interview is over!

Two members seemed interested in my talk, nodded, and encouraged me. One member had no interest in what I was saying.

Overall experience: Felt comfortable

Mostly graduation-based; nothing from DAF as such.

Mocks:

Vajirao and Reddy
Unacademy

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Date of Interview: 18/04/2024. Morning shift. 3rd to go

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: Geography

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Badminton

DAF keywords: Rajasthan, Geography, Badminton, NGO, Cultural Exchange Programme with Germany, (others not asked)

Chairman

1. No time given to settle down. No basic chit-chat*
2. Started with a serious question right away, which i can't recall.
3. Gig economy?
4. Steps taken by Rajasthan for gig workers
5. How much workforce is in gig economy?
6. Is it good or bad
7. Rajasthan doing well in renewable energy. There was a time in last years, when all the operations were halted, what was the reason?
8. as i mentioned about some other reason, she said there was a bird. (Then I talked about Great Indian Bustard and mentioned the reasons)
9. what was the verdict (i had mentioned SC verdict in the above answer)
10. So you play badminton (hobby)
11. India's achievements in last year
12. (Thomas cup in my answer)
13. Who won it? (Team members)
14. Fastest smash in that? By whom? What was last record
15. shuttlecock's feather, where does it come from?
16. Which one is Faster- feather or plastic?

Member 1

1. Now a days large hydropower projects being discouraged etc etc. why?
2. so what should we do then?
3. We have some ministries at central level, even if those subjects fall in state list. Why, what's the need, should we do away with them?
4. Geography determines history. Comment on it.

Member 2

1. Rajasthan shares border with Pakistan. Then something about – Survey of India not sharing maps of border areas for security reasons. What is the status now?
2. A vaguely structured question on governance
3. One more vaguely structured question. Government keeps changing priorities, what to do etc.

Member 3

1. (perhaps had squint or something, I struggled to maintain eye contact with him)
2. Which is calmest ocean
3. Something regarding, countries opposite in globe and 12 hrs time difference (i answered interpreting it like this, not sure whether he meant this or something else)

Member 4

gave the most comforting vibe

1. So you learnt German language (I said No, i was part of Cultural Exchange Programme with Germany during school)
2. do you know of xyz in Delhi (perhaps a place/institution/something related to german language)
3. what is social audit
4. As you had mentioned NGO, what role can they play in social audit. (I had mentioned about my experience in NGO in governance answer)
5. Then, said something about issues with social audit-not done timely etc and expected my comment on that
6. Black sea- why the name is black?
7. Countries bordering black sea?
8. where is white sea?

Chairwoman- Your interview is over.

Chairwoman was listening and observing keenly throughout the interview

Can't recall some questions.

My experience:

Not much “cordial” vibes. Not as “enriching” as i expected. Not much “conversational”, not much experience/opinion based, rather more like prelims/mains questions.

Perhaps, transcripts had raised my expectations too high.

Observations/Gyaan:

Transcripts seem more “clean and polished” than actual interview.

In mocks, we know that the panel will give us a feedback later. So, the whole focus is on answering the questions. In real interview, a part of mind is occupied in understanding the expressions of panel. That's needed to understand the vibe of room, but also takes away a little

focus.

- Like prelims & mains, prepare syllabus (DAF, current) and PYQ (transcripts) well, but at the same time, be prepared for random questions.

Hoga vahi jo Manzoor-e-khuda hoga.

(22)

Date of Interview: 19 Jan Afternoon

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Kerala

Hobby: Cricket

Service preference: IFS

DAF Pointers: Integrated MA Economics, University of Hyderabad, Kerala, Student politics, Global politics, English literature by Indian authors, Cricket

Chairman

1. Query regarding my degree in Economics. (Clarified that it was trans disciplinary and contained different topics including political science)
2. Does student politics not distract students from studies? Is it necessary in a campus?
3. follow up question on whether I agree with her that student clubs or associations are enough. I agreed.
4. What would be your 3 major priorities for Budget 2023-24?
5. Follow up on whether allocated capital expenditure is being utilised by all ministries.
6. what do you mean by 'time lease' ...something related to lease which i did not understand and skipped
7. If you had the authority, how would you deal with cryptocurrency? Ban it or allow it?

Member 1

1. Tell me about Raja Ravi Varma.
2. What do you think about trade unionism in Kerala? Has it been helpful or not?
3. Would you prefer a government that is sensitive and people friendly or a business like approach?
4. Why despite so much progress Kerala has been lagging in per capita income?

Member 2

1. Has police action against terrorism been successful over the last 30 years or so ?
2. If you were the DM of a district what would you do to improve farmers' situation?
3. Follow up on which larger scheme is Agriculture Infrastructure Fund part of?
4. The wife of PM Rishi Sunak was in news last year. Could you tell us the reason?

Member 3

1. You are from economics and you chose PSIR optional?
2. (Politely reminded her of my previous answer that it was a trans disciplinary course. She smiled and said “oh, I forgot “)
3. What is the Parliamentary mechanism to manage/oversee finance? Name the three committees.
4. Followed up with question on how exactly does the Budget process take place?
5. What are the differences that you have observed between Hyderabad and Kerala?
6. Kerala is a well educated society and yet it has a high share of mental health burden as well as suicide. Why?
7. Do you know about Palghat (Palakkad) district?
8. There is a special cultural festival there.

Member 4

1. Arrange USA, UK and India in terms of their Gini coefficients 🤖
2. What is the warranted rate of economic growth ?
3. How is Dearness Allowance (DA) calculated for Central Gov employees?

Chairperson: Thank you. Your interview is over.

My take: While I managed to answer most questions satisfactorily, and tried to smile, chairperson had a poker face (no expression), except for smiling nods by M1 and M3 (lady member)

Also, despite my DAF announcing IR in service preference, optional and hobby, they deliberately avoided IR questions.

Yet, all were DAF questions based on graduation and my State.

Mixed experience.

(23)

Date of Interview: 17th Jan; Afternoon

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Duration: 25-30 mins

DAF keywords: Electrical Engg, Gadget related, Mentor at an Civil Service Institute

Chairman

1. Opening Qs - You're a mentor, are you happy to be here?
2. Winter session - how many bills were passed (I didn't know exactly, took a guess)
3. Tell me major bills passed
4. Changes in BNS, Telecom Act (specific about spectrum sales)
5. Doctors happy about BNS but truck drivers protested. Why?

6. Changed topic – G20 – major outcomes – I started with broad changes but asked to be specific.
7. How many members in G20
8. IMEC – Explain, who is it against, prospects

Member 1

1. specific about Electrical Engg
2. First asked difference between 2 concepts – I don't remember
3. Smart grid and Meters
4. Long monologue on Power grid – how to balance generation and load
5. Power factor, reactive power
6. Few more cross questions on electrical – can't recall now
7. Kerala – people contribute to countries worldwide but not in own state – opinion (had a smile on his face)

Member 2

1. Long monologue on industrial location and pollution etc – if I have the power to rearrange the industries, would I? If yes, which and pros? If no, cons. (Bit of a confusion for myself) – some follow up Qs
2. Police reforms – followup Qs- technical solutions from my side
3. AI – how to balance the job loss and need for technological advancements?

Member 3

1. Parambikulam – speciality, flora and fauna found
2. Follow up – specific tree awarded some recognition
3. Long monologue on something and sudden switch over to wearable devices
4. How they are used in health
5. Smart ring – use for the people
6. Not affordable for all – what can be done?

Member 4

1. difficult to make out the question. Had to repeatedly ask to explain again
2. Issues in Europe
3. Issues in France related to terrorism
4. Some Qs related to Britain – couldn't make out clearly
5. INDIA USA CHINA RUSSIA – relations in near future
6. USA and china – will they grow in trade? Explain?
7. I thought Ma'am would ask something, but she said thank you, the interview is over.
8. Board was "Cordial". More like conversation at times.

(24)

Date of Interview: 17 January 2024, Last of the day

Board: Suman Sharma Madam

Home State: Rajasthan

Keywords: IFS, Mechanical Engineer, Udaipur (Rajasthan), Cricket, Exercise

Chairman

1. Have you heard the term eco-feminism?
2. What measures that have been taken by community in Rajasthan for water conservation?
(Madam wanted to know about Piplantri village)
3. Tell me about Great Nicobar Project, what is the significance and threats because of the project.
4. What are the developments happening with respect to US elections?

Member 1

1. If you are the DM of any of the district, what measures will you take for water conservation?
2. What contribution has the Mewar kingdom made to the history of Rajasthan?
3. Rajasthan was divided into many princely states during British rule, was it difficult to mould all of them into one state?

Member 2

1. Compare the captaincy of Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli.
2. Suppose all the historical buildings in Jodhpur are destroyed or dilapidated, as DM what steps will you take to rebuild them?
3. If you are posted in Madhya Pradesh as forest officer, how will you argue your case with Gujarat Govt. to convince them to relocate some of the lions?

Member 3

1. What is the difference between Jauhar and Sati?
2. How will you ensure that the condition of women improve in Rajasthan?

Member 4

1. With the recent elections, what changes are likely to be there in Rajasthan?
2. There is deforestation happening everywhere, what measures can be taken to compensate for loss of tree?

Do not remember some questions.

(24)

Date of Interview: 11 Jan 2024, Forenoon

Board: Suman Sharma Maam

Optional: Public Administration

Home State: Manipur

Hobby: Football

Duration: 25-30 min

Keywords- Manipur, Public adm, football

Chairman

1. INS IMPHAL, Project 15B – 15A, whats the use
2. Work from home- positives and negatives from perspective of employee.

Member 1

1. Subsidies- support it? why needed, Leakages, how to Improve,
2. cross subsidisation- what is it, Is it fair?

Member 2

1. Learnings from Public adm – to apply in the Civil Services- PRACTICAL application
2. BEE- appliances rating what is it?
3. industrial BEE?
4. Manipur produces good no of sportpersons but not nagaland why?

Member 3

1. Know about LOL, ROFL? Narrate me one LOL moment
2. Tell me about the Geography of Manipur in 30 sec
3. 3 Suggestions to Finance Minister on Budget
4. Favorite footballer?
5. Pele or Maradona?
6. Ever seen the polo sport?
7. SO TELL WHATS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MANIPUR AND RAJASTHAN POLO
8. KALADAN PROJECT- what is it , present status
9. SE Asia economic integration potential and reality?

Member 4

1. Blockchain- what, how is it stored?
2. OROP- what is it ...should be given or not?

Cordial board but a lot of counter questions

(25)

Date of Interview: 15/01/24

Board: Suman Sharma Mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttarakhand

keywords: Uttarakhand disasters, development vs environment, Hindi poetry, IR

Chairman

1. what comes to your mind when I say “sinking”? (I said joshimath issue)
2. What could have been key reasons though actual reasons are not out yet?
3. What anthropogenic causes?
4. In silkyara a machine was used can you name it?
5. Which technique was used in last phase? (I said rat hole mining)
6. Was rat hole mining always illegal or recently banned?
7. YOUR TAKE ON development vs environment?

Member 1

1. what key benefits india have from its tight rope balancing stand on russia ukraine war?
2. If you are made the ambassador of india to maldives, what would you do to handle current tensions?
3. China’s dominance is increasing. How can we counter it?
4. What is the “china+1” policy?

Member 2

1. Who is known as “rashtra kavi”? (hindi poetry hobby)
2. Do you know any poem of Maithili sharan gupt.
3. How is grahwali jagar different from punjabi folk songs? (listening jagar hobby)

Member 3

1. Tell me something about chipko movement.
2. Was any other reason responsible for it apart from aports industry’s involvement?
3. How its corelated to tehri dam? (i mentioned Sundarlal bahuguna ji as key figure in both issues)
4. What are the lessons from tehri dam and its movement? (i mentioned importance of timely compensation, role of quality EIA)

Member 4

1. I will quote a line and you tell me about it (one line of hindi poem i had nit heard)? (said sorry sir I have not heard it) pointed towards my hobby.

2. I will say one rule and you tell me about it. *every action has an equal and opposite reaction*. Is it applicable to the society? (i directly answered how its applicable. Don't know whether i had to mention its 3rd law of motion.)
3. Will you apply this in administration if protests take place? (i said my reaction would be towards root cause)

Chairman

1. thank you. Your interview is over. You may leave.
2. Experience - more opinion based. Had a quality discussion rather than fact checking.
3. Cordial board.
4. Chairwoman was attentive and listening eagerly.
5. Mock interviews - vajirao and reddy was very close to real interview.

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Date of Interview: 16 Jan, morning, first one

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Home State: Karnataka

Background: civil engineering

Hobby: Chess

DAF keywords: green concrete, chess, sugarcane, belagavi, Karnataka, civil engineering

Chairman

1. India is performing well in chess nowadays. Can you tell me about significant events in the last one year?
2. Who are all qualified for the Candidates tournament?
3. Awards recently: R Vaishali and G B Ramesh. What is his nickname?
4. WEF? It's role?
5. Environment vs development?
6. Doing nothing is better than doing something.

Member 1

1. Issues of Bengaluru?
2. Traffic issues? Flooding issues?
3. How do you solve these as a commissioner as they are already built-up areas?
4. Is GST anti-federal because states have lost their power?
5. What role does the GST Council play?

Member 2

1. Sugarcane growing regions in your state?

2. By-products of sugarcane?
3. Geographical divisions of the district?
4. We will give Belagavi to Maharashtra. What is your opinion?
5. Difference between the eastern coast and the western coast?
6. He was explaining a lot rather than directly asking questions.

Member 3

1. Largest forest in the world?
2. Which are the countries to have this forest?
3. Climate change: why it is a concern?
4. Again debate on forests vs industries.
5. Why you build tunnels and roads in fragile areas?
6. Measures to ensure environmental conservation?
7. Is the government doing well?

Member 4

1. Inequality is growing in your district. How do you solve the issue as a commissioner?
2. What are the schemes undertaken to reduce inequality?

Board: cordial, but felt uneasy sometimes. 'Green' in my DAF opened many dimensions.

Time: 20-25 minutes

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Date of Interview: 16th Jan , Forenoon

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Home State: Bihar

Background: Electrical and Electronics Engineer

DAF keywords: Bihar, Muzaffarpur, Electrical and Electronics Engineer, Worked on wave energy conversion project, work experience in semiconductors field

Chairman

1. Why did you leave your well paying job
2. Power sector issues
3. Issues with Discom
4. Offshore wind energy capacity
5. Tidal energy projects
6. Wave energy projects
7. How Discom health boost will benefit renewable energy
8. CBI general consent and some follow up questions

Member 1

1. Caste census
2. Muzaffarpur lichi
3. Muzaffarpur disease
4. Why bihar backward
5. Special category status demand by bihar government

Member 2

1. Connection b/w free electricity and groundwater depletion, some followup
2. What is your backup plan in case you are not selected
3. 2-3 other questions which I don't remember

Member 3

1. How would you control communal violence if you are DM
2. Rehabilitation in dharavi, some followup on how to make resettlement possible.

Member 4

1. Tidal energy regulator(had no idea)
 2. One more random ques
 3. Interview time- 25-30 minutes
 4. Board was cordial. One member was speaking in low voice hence it was slightly difficult to comprehend.
- Overall good experience.

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Date of Interview: 11 January

Board: Suman Sharma

Background: IIT

Keywords: IIT, travelling to rural areas, UP, MP, civil engineering

Entered and greeted with Namaste

Chairman

1. Chandrayan 3- how is it different from other countries mission on Moon?
2. why countries targetting South Pole?
3. Aditya L1: what is L1 here?
4. why can't we have sun observatory on earth?
5. Travelling to rural areas: potential of RE in rural areas?

Member 1

1. You have stayed in UP and

2. MP: which state has performed better in economic terms?
3. 7reason's for MP's success in agri?
4. Irrigation in MP: how they are doing?
5. Innovations in surveying methods?
6. reason for low grades in college?

Member 2

1. You were sitting outside for 4 hours : what was going on in your mind?
2. Indian diapora: has it helped?
3. negative of diaspora? (Khalistan)
4. Are we really net security provider in region?
5. books on india: I am giving a statement: india has underperformed since independence: name books that argue for and against this statement?
6. least important country for india in neighbourhood?

Member 3

1. where do you see yourself in 25 years : both scenarios that you get in and you don't?
2. in my friend's neighbourhood, this building collapsed in Gurgaon, do you know the reason?
3. Are leaders born or made? (Counter questions on this)
4. Isn't providing MSP to farmers waste of govt resources?
5. then why govt provide MSP?
6. Should we shift towards market based model?
7. Is populism one factor for this?

Member 4

1. Objectives of gati shakti mission
2. Dedicated freight corridors : benefits for india
3. Interlinking of rivers : challenges?
4. Can we link brahmaputra and Narmada?
5. What will be challenges?
6. What is Fed?
7. is Fed part of govt or private org?
8. what does Fed do?
9. give an account of Fed's actions in past few years?
10. three leadership qualities of a good bureaucrat?

Thank you.

Mocks: sharma academy, CMP

One on one: Anupam Jain sir @SmartworkLabs

Experience: coridal board, grilled a bit on civil engineering

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Date of Interview: 10/1/24

Board: Suman Sharma mam

Session: Afternoon (2nd candidate)

Background: Entrepreneur, Silk Waste Industry, Patent, Shotput, Rural Development

Chairman

Read my DAF

Out and a few lines on my academic achievements (wowww.....but experience says don't be moved by this)

1. Why Civil Services after successful company?
2. Status of Waste to Energy in India?
3. Challenges in its expansion?
4. What is renewable energy?
5. Give some examples?
6. Is nuclear Energy Renewable?

Member 1

1. What are the places you have roamed?
2. Tell me the 7 North Eastern State?
3. Are you an expert in material science?
4. Tell me one material in material science which is used for rural development?
5. What does ecosystem compose in start up ecosystem?

Member 2

1. What are the chances of India in UNSC?
2. Do you think china is blocking out chances?
3. Are you still practising Shotput?
4. How do you see athletics in Paris Olympics by India?
5. How many medal you want India to win in Paris Olympics? (Subtle fun in the room)....(He gets excited and screams All the Best Indian Team.)

Member 3

1. Are you comfortable with IR?
2. Do you think Russia is a weak power now?
3. What Issues did you face in starting your company?
4. Some questions on Bitcoin?
5. Technology Involved? Any other applications?
6. How is it used in Voting system?

Member 4

1. Once you enter civil services and if you are bored, will you resign?
2. What will happen to your patent once you enter civil services? Will you take the royalty or will you surrender it to government?
3. What is the concept of FIRE (Financially Independent and Retire Early)
4. Let me be the devil in the room and he gave long narration on positives of it. Asked my opinion?
5. last question, I don't remember.
 - Thank you by chairman.
 - As usual like previous experiences, the board was cordial.
 - It is not over till it is over.....

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Date of Interview: 10th Jan 2024

Board: Suman Sharma

Home State: Telangana

Background: Mechanical Engineering

Hobby: creative photo editing

Key words: Wanaparthy{dist}, Telangana , Mechanical , creative photo editing , L&T, Depression detection model

Chairman

1. You are from Telangana which all states have gone to elections this year
2. One nation one election – 2 pros and cons
3. What are geographical indication tags?
4. How many GI tags do we have ? 100/200/300 Any guess
5. Which country has highest GI tags ? Any guess
6. A question about Wanaparthy {my dist}
7. You organized blood donation. In a year how many times can a person donate blood
8. How many times can women donate blood in a year. Difference between both gender

Member 1

1. Tell me what can be best ways to indicate the district economic indicators
2. what is Aspirational districts ?
3. As a DM how do you handle Aspirational dist where health indicators are poor and education is poor ?
4. Can data be used like AI in this process ?
5. Can't remember few questions

Member 2

1. What are important qualities of a leader 2 positives and 2 negatives.
2. Should we recognize Taliban
3. What did you learn at L&T which you think can be implemented in ground level {DAF}
4. What are your Service preferences?
5. Others not able to recall

Member 3

1. What is photo editing, which tools used
2. How do you use mechanical Engineering in policy formulation
3. Tell me if this statement is depressed or not ? Gave a statement to think
4. Other questions unable to recall 1 or 2 more

Member 4

1. What is L&T -names of persons. {DAF based}
2. Prisons are overburdened, what is the solution?
3. Does the current bills have anything to offer with regard to prison reforms?
4. Problems of Panchayat level / Panchayat Raj?

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Date of Interview: 29th Feb Forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobby: Shotokan Karate

Time: 15-20 minutes(last to go)

Background: Bsc Microbiology, Msc Environmental Science

Keywords – Warli Painting, Flower Growing and Kitchen Gardening, Sustainable urban development of Pune City, Maharashtra, Shotokan Karate

Chairman

1. Apart from Maharashtra where this tribe (warli) found?
2. What are othwr features of this tribe?
3. how did you developed interest in sustainable urban development of Pune?

Member 1

1. Which are other tribes in Maharashtra
2. What are other issues of tribes in Maharashtra
3. What will you do for tribal development?

Member 2

1. Do you know about the recent deal between two companies regarding ott?
2. What are OTT?
3. Does OTT have impact on Bollywood
4. What will you do for women in your district ?
5. I said education, emotional support and exploring more and third health of women
6. Will this be your order of priority?

Member 3

1. let us come to your optional what does culture mean to you ?
2. I answered it's about our daily habits as what we eat and how we dress and speak
3. What will you tell the person who comes to Mumbai and Pune to eat ?
4. What are the cultural differences between Mumbai and Pune?

Member 3

1. Which flowers should I plant in February

2. Which vegetables should I grow in February
3. What are zoonotic diseases ?
4. which are zoonotic diseases any recent one
5. What are schemes for women's education?
6. What are schemes for women's health
7. Do you know about Poshan Abhiyan ?
8. Is it only for meals and nutritional support?
9. What is the contribution of Savitribai Phule
10. What more than education?

Member 4

1. How many belts does shotokan Karate have and which are they?
2. What is a golden quadrilateral?
3. Other infra projects? I said I don't know then He told me that it's East West and North South .
4. Do you know where the new semiconductor plant is proposed now?
5. What will you do for adult education?
6. As an environment secretary what areas will you focus on?
7. In the end the chairman asked me whether I'm comfortable again and if you want to ask us anything?
8. One of the members joked, "We are glad you only have an orange belt in Karate."
9. (second rank belt out of 10 levels)

Overall nice experience. Different from mocks in terms of pressure and overall experience. Somehow your real Personality comes out and realised it's really about personality..

Mocks Given: Vision, Hamdard, Next IAS, Samkalp, Only IAS, Unacademy, Vajirao and Reddy,Chahal.

At Chahal every member gave a separate detailed review and told the areas to be improved upon.

Some Questions related to DAF were repeated in the interview.

Irrespective of what the trend is prepare your DAF well. If you are at the last read newspaper carefully and don't miss anything. I was the last person to go and they asked me about current affairs from that day's newspaper only.

(2)

Date of Interview: 01/03/2024, Session: Forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Background: IIT Bombay

Hobby: playing Sudoku

Keywords in DAF: Consulting (pvt. sector), IRMS, Civil Engineering from IIT Bombay, Entrepreneurship Cell Manager in College, Bareilly Hometown, Hobby of playing Sudoku

Chairman

1. Have you joined the training or are you on leave?
2. How long is the leave for?
3. What is your district famous for? Also tell from economic perspective and we already know about Jhumka city - so tell us something else.
4. Discussion around the new 18 Corps in Bareilly among the members and how it is now a combat unit of central command of Army (it was not a question as such - I was just nodding along as Chairman Sir was discussing it with another member)

Member 1

1. What is IVRI?
2. What is it famous for?
3. What type of wildlife are in IVRI?
4. You have studied in IIT and then worked as a consultant and now as a civil servant. I simply want to ask why? Why in the first place did you want to join the bureaucracy and now you have applied again? Why?
5. Your previous job was not related to civil engineering? Was it?
6. Do you think IIT is a waste of resources?
7. Do you think we should stop their funding? IITians either work as consultants or finance analysts or simply decide to go abroad, and their contribution to engineering is negligible - why is that? Should the government stop funding IITs?
8. What difference do you think would have been there in your education if say you studied at NIT or other college than an IIT?
9. So do we need more IITs? Or should we upgrade the existing colleges to IIT status?
10. If you have to choose one out of them, which one would you choose - new or upgradation?
11. Okay, tell me what was today's news about the solar rooftop program?
12. Why is it a free electricity scheme?
13. Analyse the scheme - tell me its positives and negatives?
14. Ok, can you identify any other challenges?
15. Are you aware about the additional weight the solar rooftop would put on the building and do old houses, especially dilapidated buildings have capacity to bear that weight?

Member 2

1. What was your role at the consulting company?

2. What is this Entrepreneurship cell?
3. How many students pursue startups in IITs?
4. What are your service preferences?
5. Do you think due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Europe is becoming dependent on USA more and more? And What are its impacts?
6. You must have a good understanding of railways, tell me about the Vande Bharat trains and what is the engine type?
7. Where exactly is the engine placed?
8. Why are Delhi metro and Indian Railways gauges different?
9. What has the government done to improve signaling in the railway?
10. A lot of accidents happen particularly due to signaling issues in eastern railways in the coal belt, what is the govt. doing in that sector for better coal transport and reduce accidents due to signaling?

Member 3

1. What is MiVAN Technology in civil engineering?
2. What are its advantages?
3. Tell me more advantages.
4. What types of dams can be found in India?
5. And what about gravity dams?
6. Recently the PM visited Dwarka and inaugurated Sudershan Setu. What type of bridge is it? Where is it located ?
7. What is a cable-stayed bridge?
8. What are the advantages of cable-stayed bridges?
9. Recently, HCES survey was released after 10 years. What are the key findings?
10. By how much has the consumption expenses increased?

Member 4

1. What is the difference between a simply supported and cantilever beam?
2. Tell one more difference.
3. What is pre-stressed concrete?
4. Did you use civil engineering knowledge in your previous job?
5. Why did a consulting company hire you who is an engineer by graduation?
6. Why do consulting companies hire engineers? What do they look for during the recruitment?
7. Consultants make a lot of reports, have you ever made any report?
8. What is river interlinking program?
9. What fundamental objective are we trying to achieve with it?
10. How much time do you take to solve sudoku?
11. What about hard level?

Chairman Sir: Thank you. Your interview is over now.

(3)

Date of Interview: 28th Feb 2024: Afternoon slot

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Uttar pradesh

Daf keywords- UP, Meerut, Sociology, Manufacturing technology, IFS, Mindfulness
Meditation, Penpalling

Chairman

1. What is the significance of Meerut with respect to freedom struggle?
2. Why was Meerut chosen as the starting point?

Member 1

1. Why have you chosen IFS over IPS?
2. If you become the foreign secretary how will you try to manage the Israel and Hamas crisis?
3. What is the evacuation plan of Israel?
4. What is US's stand ?
5. What is penpalling and how do u do it?
6. What is the difference between European nations and Asian countries?
7. Why did you chose those particular countries?
8. What is Mindfulness Meditation? What is Mindfulness ? Elaborate

Member 2

1. What is Manufacturing technology? How is it different from industrial engg?
2. What are the famous products of Meerut under ODOP ?
3. Important industries of Meerut, reason for success?
4. How will you use AI to improve the various sectors of Meerut?
5. What are your learnings from college?

Member 3

1. So you mentioned about particular sectors , why did you chose them and what is their current status in UP.
2. What are the various issues that you feel with respect to education sector in rural areas of UP?
Follow up on the same
3. What will you do as a DM to make education inclusive ?
4. Why there is a low drop out of girls in secondary education?
5. What innovative steps would you like to take to make education better?

Member 4

1. So you talked about women led development what do you mean by that?
2. Where in India do you see women led development?
3. Women reservation bill criticisms.?
4. Concept of Sarpanch Pati? Why do they still exist ?
5. Number of seats reserved for women by political parties?
6. As a DM How would you work towards women empowerment at ground level?

Chairman- Do you want us to ask anything we missed?

I said No sir thankyou

Chair-Thankyou, Your Interview is over.

All the best.

Overall experience- cordial panel and in a conversation mode , so listening patiently without much cross questions,

Mock experience- Given 7 panel mocks, 3 one on one..

Utility- helped to structure answers

One on One with Utkarsh sir (Edsarrthi) , Puneet sir (SOMP) and Khan sir was very helpful in confidence building and tackle situation based questions.

Vajiram, KSG, Samkalp, Chahal were on similar lines as the real interview..

(4)

Date of Interview: 29.02.2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

DAF points - IIT Kanpur, Post Graduate Diploma in Liberal Studies, Electrical Engineering, Teaching (hobby), Indian Corporate Law Service

Chairman

1. Where are you posted currently?
2. How many offices does your service have?
3. What work do you do in your office? (I had mentioned among other things, I also handle complaints)
4. What kind of complaints do you receive? (I had mentioned a range of issues and at the end I had mentioned a real state related case which I handled recently)
5. What did you do in the case?

Member 1

1. When was your service established?

2. Where do you train? What is the intake of your service?
3. You had mentioned real estate companies. What is the difference between what your office does and what RERA does?
4. There are lakhs of companies. What does MCA do so that there are no frauds?
5. Does MCA use AI also?
6. What is plant load factor?

Member 2

1. Can plant load factor be more than 100 percent?
2. What are current transformers ?
3. What are isolator, circuit breakers?
4. What are the types of circuit breakers and which type is used for high voltage application?
5. You have mentioned teaching as one of your hobbies. How do you pursue teaching now a days?
6. Why did you form Electrical Engineering Association? How come there was no association before?

Member 3

1. Why did you join this liberal arts program?
2. How did this program help you with everything you are doing in your current service?
3. How do you assess the performance of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code?
4. Why are there so many court cases in IBC?
5. How would you use everything you have learned in ICLS after you get into IAS or IPS?
6. Have you heard anything about climate change?

Member 4

1. What do you understand by liberal arts?
2. What all did you study in this liberal arts?
3. Among all these subjects you have mentioned, which one was your favourite?
(I had mentioned the course of Shakespeare)
4. There are a lot of controversies around the fact that Shakespeare has not written most of the novels which are ascribed to him. What do you have to say about that?
5. How did finding interest in literature help you?
6. Do you think pursuing renewable energy is worth it?
7. Don't you think they are too intermittent? What are we doing about it?
8. Switching on and off thermal power plants, don't you think that would entail a lot of cost, energy and inefficiency?
9. There is hardly any innovation happening in battery tech.

10. Basically, we have started pursuing renewable energy without first innovating in these fields
11. If you do so many things as IAS, then how would you make meaningful policy in any field. You will be doing too many fields without mastering anything.
12. Don't you think we are teaching too many things to your children in our schools but they are not able learn how to write and read.

SOMP and Puneet sir were really helpful during the course of mains preparation and even after that during the interview preparation. He kept up my tempo specially when I was finding it hard to prepare along with my office. Apart from SOMP, Samkalp, Next IAs were also helpful.

(5)

Date of Interview: 28-02-24 (forenoon)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Commerce & Accountancy

Home State: Arunachal Pradesh

Hobbies: Writing (others not asked)

Daf- JRF, writing

Time- around 35 mins

Tell me about Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura (I am from NE)

1. Tell me about JRF
2. How to boost our exports
3. Why IAS first choice, why not IFS?
4. If you were posted in a small backward district, what will you do to uplift its economy?

Member 1

1. What is Organisation Theory and behavior?
2. What is Financial Management?
3. Group dynamics
4. How to align individuals' and organisation's goals?
5. Minimum Wages Act
6. What are the measures in place to deal with stressed assets?

Member 2

1. How will you audit a company's Balance sheet and Profit&Loss Account?
2. Tell me about e-commerce.
3. Maslow's need hierarchy
4. Industrial relations

Member 3

1. General Accounting Principals
2. National Company Law Tribunal

Others

1. What do you write? (Hobby)
2. Did you take coaching?
3. How did you prepare for this exam?

I've forgotten some questions.

Experience- very cordial board, listened very patiently, laughed together a few times.

Mock- Shankar IAS (only good for gaining some experience or feel of how interviews go, nothing similar asked)

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Date of Interview: 28.02.2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Gujarat

DAF Key words: Gujarat, Maharashtra, PSIR, Minimalism, Veganism, Upanishads, Banking, Evolutionary Biology

Chairman

(asked questions in Hindi though medium of my interview was English)

1. Aap ko Gujarat ke baare me poochu ki Maharashtra?
2. What is role of Konkan Belt in Economy
3. Konkan kaha se kaha tak hai
4. Name the districts fall under Konkan
5. What are the major economic activities in Konkan Belt?
6. Why you choose PSIR as optional over Graduate subjects?

Member 1

1. What does JAM stand for?
2. What was the purpose of JAM?
3. Other follow up questions on JAM
4. Why do you want to leave the Bank and join Civil Services

Member 3

1. What is going on in international relations?
2. What is Minimalism and how do you apply Minimalism in your life?

3. What are some Projects going on In Mumbai and how will they help ?
4. How much distance will Atal Setu reduce from Mumbai to Pune?

Member 4

1. What is level of Gross NPA and Net NPA in your Bank (percentage)
2. What is difference between Gross and Net NPA
3. Explain Evolutionary Biology
4. Link it with Darwin's Theory of Evolution

Member 5

1. Explain your interest in listening to Sessions on Upanishads
2. How is it linked with Evolution?
3. Other questions i am forgetting

Member 1

1. What is percentage of inoperative Jandhan Accounts in Bank and your Bank

Chairman Sir:

1. Do you want us to ask any questions?
2. I said about Maratha Reservation.
3. He asked me to explain the issue of Maratha Reservation.

Thank you. Your interview is over

It was primarily looking like conversation rather than an interview. It was light environment and no grilling.

Utility of Mocks: helps to build up confidence.

(7)

Date of Interview: 18th January

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

First to go in forenoon

(Majorly DAF Based)

Charperon comforted with normal ques on weather outside and stuff ..started with questions

Chairman

1. Important places in rampur ? (He said to not mention Rampuri knife and to give a start by telling about library there)...
2. Raza library. And it's importance...
3. Founded by whom and in which year?

Member 1

1. why anthropology since you scored good marks ...
2. Vast physics which you like most ...and why
3. Nuclear power plant ..issuesnot having much development in past years ..why .

Member 2

1. In continuation of above ...How will you promote it .?
2. Badminton ..what it taught you..
3. Recent achievement in badminton for India ...
4. Satvik and chirag ready recently won in which game .

Member 3

1. Embroidery work of Rampur which is famous
2. History of rampur ? Here I missed on Ali brothers ..then follow up ques about Ali brother and there contribution.
3. ..what exactly is graphite portain sketching?
4. any portrait made by you from within your family ?...from photo or live
5. Anthropology perspective wrt ..india nepal border ?
6. About tharu tribe and it's cultural uniqueness ?(wanted to know about matriarchal society in dominant patriarchal societies)

Member 4

1. Rampur politics ...
2. What portirait taught you(crux of monologue)..
3. ..mental health issues in india ..why less focus on it and how to improve mental health awareness
4. ..women reservation in lok sabha and your stand ..? Shouldn't merit be the basis ?
5. Should Care economy be monitised ?

Overall nice experience And board was cordial

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Date of Interview: 12 February 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Agriculture Engineering

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Daf keywords - Agriculture Engineering, MP, Chess, public speaking, Hindi poetry, Hindi literature.

Time - 30 mins

(6 log the board me including chairman)

Chairman

Aayiye baithiye... Bahut achcha mahoul tha sab happy happy..

1. Aap Satna se hai vaha ke bare me kuch batayiye- (mai Satna se nahi tha bs Satna district ke ek town se graduation tha, still I answered well.)
2. Cement industries ke baare me batao kuch ?
3. Main material kya hota usme?
(Dono questions unexpected lines par the)

Member 1

1. Toh aap Satna me rahe hai vaha par main issues kya kya hai ?
2. (Me inside - Abbey yar mai dusre district se hu)
3. aap Indian poetry likhte hai & recite karte hai, aapke fav poet kaun hai aur kyu ?
4. fav poet ki kuch panktiyan sunao-
5. aapne public speaking bhi ki hui hai.. ye kaise start ki aapne ?

Member 2

1. Aap child education NGO volunteer rahe ho, aapko kya lgta hai kya improvement kiye ja sakte hai education system me ?
2. bachcho ko exam stress se kaise door rakh sakte, solutions ?
3. Digital detox se aap kya samjhte hai, kaise kare ise ?
4. precision farming ko samjhte hai aap ? Isse related technologies batao
(yaad nahi aa rha ab aur bhi kuch kuch puchnha tha)

Member 3

1. Indian Agriculture productivity related question tha
2. how to increase yield?
3. Indian kaha se wheat import krta hai ?
4. global level par farmers ke kya issues chal rhe hai?
5. Irrigation facilities me kya improvement kar sakte hai jo India ke liye suitable ho ?

Member 4

1. Chess players related question
2. why India doing good?
3. Satna me ek industry thi jo pehle kaafi famous thi ab toh band ho gyi hai, aap jante ho use ?
4. (Me inside -)
5. Fir unhone bataya ki.. Atlas cycle ki thi vaha se.. unka kuch nostalgic moment tha cycle se...
6. (Bahut hi relaxed and chill mahaul tha)

Member 5

1. Unke questions bhool gya.
 2. Last me chairman sir, aap jaa sakte hai interview is over.. Thank you sir..
 3. -Special thanks to Mr. Vipul Garg sir for interview prep & One on one very helpful.
- Interview tips by Kanmani ma'am also helped me.
- Thank you- Subhash (Agricultural related discussion), Votercard (Madhya Pradesh related), TY(Hindi lit), Sim(Child education), Biswa & Shikhar bhai (Chess).

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Date of Interview: 13 Feb, Afternoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Hindi Literature

Home State: Rajasthan

DAF- RBI, Aerospace engineering, IIT K, space enthusiast, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Interview Medium: Hindi

Chairman

1. Are you working in SBI
2. (I said no, I am in RBI sir)
3. Okay okay good, you are in RBI since 2019
4. functions of RBI
5. Name of some other Central banks

Member 1

1. RBI seems to be increasing its brand value through various means(long question and this was the crux of question)
2. RBi kehta h campaign -ye popular sutradhar(Amitabh Bachhan) k karan h ya msg k karan
3. Paytm Issue (long discussion)- why did rbi allowed it to grow, public ko suffer krna pdta h, rbi ne phle kyu nh steps liye)

Member 2

1. What are the new things happened during Raghuram Rajan Tenure,how do you evaluate his working.
2. What is new in RBI/supervision
3. New Challenges
4. discussion on AI/ML- RBI supervision mei kya kya nya ho rha h, kb tk completely AI/ML based ho jayega supervision
5. governor Shakti Kant sir in Davos-discussion on it
6. HDFC jaise pvt banks ko loss ho rha hai, how do you see it

7. What did you do till 2017
8. How to reduce corruption and discussion on it
9. Why do you want to join civil services after leaving RBI

Member 3

1. What was your Project in college
2. Did you not think about entrepreneurship
3. Quality that is needed in civil servant but not necessary needed in entrepreneur, long discussion on it
4. As a regulator, how will you improve gender ratio in banks and long discussion on it

Member 4

1. UNESCO world heritage sites in Jaipur
2. How to increase Tourism in Jaipur
3. Jaamtara, other frauds, cooperative banks fraud
4. Why india's Space Sector is good (crux of the question)
5. you talked about passport renewal, how many countries did you travel till now
6. Which country do you want to go?
7. Why Shri Lanka?

Chairman – Thank you. your Interview is over. Have a good day.

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Date of Interview: 7feb, forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Geography

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

College: Rani Durgavati University

Graduation: no questions on grad subjects

Daf pointers: Reflective diary writing, nature photography, Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh, discipline

Edsarrthi Student

Chairman

1. Tell about nature photography
2. Who are some of the famous nature photographers in India

Member 1

1. What do you write in your diary
2. When have you started writing diary.

3. Earlier what was your hobby.
4. There is a famous book by a diarist, do you know about it (I told about Anne Frank's book of world war 2 time)
5. After world war 2, there has been no such war but in recent times some war situations in the world. Can you list it out.
6. What is the situation in Israel-Hamas conflict and impact on India.
7. What is India's stand in it?
8. Which countries have suspended aid to Palestine and why
9. Tell about houthi attacks and its impact on India.

Member 2

1. What are the limitations of NEP 2020?
2. Comparison of impact of cyclones and storms in Puerto Rico and Haiti and mangroves situation there.
3. Tell about tropical rainforests.
4. Discussion on the divisions of latitudes (Tropics, sub-tropics and temperates)
5. What type of camera and lens you use for photography
6. Does it have good picture quality. What kind of photos do you take, do you travel to different places for it

Member 3

1. Who was Rani durgavati (some discussion on it)
2. Naxal situation in Balaghat, MP- its origin and what is the situation now
3. What is the state animal of MP. Where is it found in MP
4. Which special kind of species is found in Kanha National park
5. USA has been interfering in different scenarios like attacking on Iran, its stand in Israel. What is the reason for it
6. US actions on attacks on India's human rights situation (USTR report) despite having good relations economically. what could be the reason for it. what can be done?
7. India has increased its oil import from Russia after the war with Ukraine which has attracted criticisms that India is funding the war. What is your take on this.

Member 4

1. What will you do if you see your subordinates coming late to the office every day (discipline related)
 2. Work from home- what is your stand should it be allowed in government offices (some follow up questions)
 3. Monsoon prediction in India and its drawbacks. What is the solution.
- *Rest I am unable to recall

Chairperson- Thank you, your interview is over now

Overall experience was good and the board was very cordial. It was more like a discussion rather than just an interview.

Time was approx 25 to 30 min

Mocks: vajiram and ravi, next ias, ed sarrthi were good, vajirao and reddy was okay, ksg(not much effective).

One to one: Ravindran sir (vajiram) had discussion and strategy session by Utkarsh sir were useful.

Mocks give you confidence to speak in front of the board, give it only for practice. Take only those suggestions that are genuine.

Hope this transcript helps you.

Thank you.

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Date of Interview: Afternoon 7 Feb 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobbies: poetry, traveling

Keywords: Electrical Engineer, Bundelkhand, Prayagraj, Psir, poetry, traveling.

Time: 30 minutes approx

Chairman

1. Namaste, what is the meaning of namaste.
2. So, you write and read poems, don't you read any books ?
3. Tell me the names of your favourite authors
4. Why is Rashmirathi named so ?
5. Achievement of India during Atal Bihari regime

Member 1

1. Your optional is PSIR , tell me how will you try to normalise the relationship between the two neighbours India and Pakistan
2. What is the peace by pieces approach
3. Compare kautilya and Machiavelli , which one is more realistic in approach
4. Relevance of Indian classics like Arthashastra and Mahabharat in present times.

Member 2

1. Tell me the story of lord Krishna after he killed kansa until he went to Dwarka(from my DAF as I did a skit on the life of Krishna)

2. Relevance of Krishna philosophy in present time
3. Changes in Indian foreign policy in the last decade.

Member 3

1. Tell me the scholars you read in psir.
2. John Stuart Mill, why is he special what is his core concept.
3. What do you understand by Liberty
4. Importance of reasonable restrictions
5. How will you ensure a balance between the two.

Member 3

1. What do you mean by Non Alignment movement.
2. It's relevance in present context
3. How will you ensure availability of water in Bundelkhand region (as I did a project there on micro irrigation)
4. Ken Betwa interlinking
5. Nehru era foreign policy and it's analysis.

Member 4

1. Crux of Bhagwat Geeta
2. What is bhakti yog and Gyan yog
3. Deontological or teleological , which approach is best
4. If ends are true , path doesn't matter: do you agree?
5. As DC Prayagraj what steps will you take to make the sangam area clean, just three points ?
6. The board was very cordial and it was truly an enriching experience. Vajirao and Reddy, chahal mocks were on similar lines for me (personal experience, might vary for others).

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Date of Interview: 5/2/24 Forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Tamil Nadu

Hobbies: Football, Long distance running, Watching Travel Vlogs,

Daf keywords: Tamil Nadu, Btech ECE, MA and Optional Sociology (IGNOU), Interned at AI startup, Worked at a FinTech for an year

Chairman

1. Tell me something special about your home district.

Member 1

1. You worked only for an year, isn't it too short?
2. Differences that you observed between private and govt sectors?
3. What govt can learn from private sector?
4. What can be done to improve tourism in India and what is govt doing?
5. Why India has low ranking in athletics and football?
6. What is a "vlog"??

Member 2

1. Are you sure India will improve ranking in football within a decade?(Based on previous answer)
2. What was the system Pakistan used to find the misfired missile from India?
3. What was that missile?
4. What are the takeaways from Gaza war?
5. Why India is so much concerned about Red Sea crisis?
6. What is "L1" in Adithya L1?

Member 4

1. Tell me about your experience in studying sociology from a distance learning programme?
2. What are the methods used in modern sociology?
3. Subaltern studies comes under Sociology or History?
4. Is it Cultural study?
5. If u are posted as a DM in the ____ dist(couldnt recollect name of the district) of UP what are the challenges you will face?

Member 5

1. What is an unicorn and what is decacorn?
2. What are the unicorns in India?
3. Recently an unicorn is facing crisis what are the reasons and what all things other startups can learn from it?
4. Consider me as an investor and pitch me a start up idea in the "Travel Vlog" domain.
5. If you are integrating AI in the start up, what are its potential?

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Date of Interview: 5 February, 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Himachal Pradesh

Keywords- anthropology, Himachal, physics(no question), NSS, yoga etc

Forenoon session

Chairman

1. so you have done anthro, so tell me about some fossil sites in india(gave hint also)
2. Tell me the recent ones as well

Member 1

1. Himachal, Haryana and Punjab were once combined, what are the changes after trifurcation
2. Why himachal does well on Scio economic indicators?(picked from my answer)
3. Should NSS and NCC be mandatory for everyone?
4. What was the work done by you as member of editorial board?

Member 2

1. Do you think NSS has realized its full potential?
2. What are the hindrances that don't let it achieve its full potential?
3. Boeing aircraft deal! Why was it special and in news??
4. tell me about India turkey relations.

Member 3

1. Who were homo sapiens?
2. human beings are exploiting the environment(something like that) what is the reason?
3. Have you watched an Oscar winning movie related to homo sapiens?(I said no)
4. gave a long monologue.
5. Why anthropology isn't a popular discipline?

Member 4

1. U said himachal is going to be a green state. What's the criteria for being a green state?
2. Interventions and achievements of the state in green energy sector?
3. Don't you think himachal is lucky in comparison to delhi where pollution and population is more?
4. Compulsory military service! Should it be there or not.
5. Name one country where it is compulsory.
6. If you are posted in himachal what measures would you take for the apple farmers and horticulture sector?

Chairman sir- your interview is over.

Mocks- Next ias and vision ias(close to the real one)

BOARD was very cordial. Chairman sir asked only one or two questions. Other members were engaging and were reciprocating as well.

-> The entire interview was DAF based, with few random current affairs questios.

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Date of Interview: 02-02-24
Board: Bidyut Behari Swain
Optional: Hindi Literature
Home State: Chhattisgarh
DAF- Mechanical Engineering, Chhattisgarh,
Cooking Chhattisgarhi dishes

Chairman

1. Kaun kaun si dishes bnate h aap?

Member 1

1. Kya hame PSUs ka privatisation krna chahiye?
2. Green steel kya hota h?

Member 2

1. Kya NMDC ka privatisation krna chahiye?
2. CG me naxalism abhi tk kyu bni hui h?
3. Naxalism ke khilaf army ka prayog kyu nhi kiya ja rha?

Member 3

1. Engineering colleges aur students bahut h, lekin skilled aur employed engineering km h kyu?
2. Apko agr education minister bna diya jaye to kya-kya steps loge?
3. Constitution me 'Budget' word h ya nhi?
4. PM aur FM ne 4 cast btaye h. inke baare me bta sakte h?
5. India-Myanmar k bich recent issue kya chal rha h?
6. kya puri border ki fencing possible h. Wha dense forest h?
7. Smart fencing kya h?
8. Kya emojis send krne se related koi rule h?

Member 4

1. CG k baare me kuchh btaiye?
2. Apke area me MGNREGA me kya-kya changes dekhne ko milta h?
3. MGNREGA me DBT ko lekar kya problems h?
4. Pandwani k bare me btaiye?
5. Iski traning bhi hoti h kahi?
6. Kosa silk kaha-kaha hota h?

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Date of Interview: 05/02/24, Forenoon Session (9 AM - 1 PM)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Service Preference: IFS

Keywords – Reading Culture, Social Media, ASER Report, Peshwa History, Chess, I2U2, Fiscal Target, Corruption, World Wars, Asymmetric Warfare, Hybrid warfare, Viral Rumours

Chairman

1. What do you exactly mean by 'fostering the culture of avid reading' (DAF Entry)

Member 1

1. Does the Govt have enough presence on social media?
2. Are govt initiatives enough?
3. What are social media platforms on which the govt lacks presence?

Member 2

1. ASER Report, What should be done as DM?
2. Rise & Fall of Peshwas,
3. Peshwas before Bajirao and Balaji Vishwanath.
4. What's I2U2 Grouping?
5. Why is Saudi not a member?
6. Current Indian Chess Players.
7. Praggananda vs which player?
8. Latest Fiscal Deficit Targets
9. When it was the highest & why?

Member 3

1. (Long monologue about Corruption Index)
2. Why is India ranked lower?
3. Causes for corruption in india
4. What would you do about it in your office?
5. Similarities between WW 1 and 2
6. Name of the groupings/axis

Member 4

1. Scenario about viral rumours regarding poisoning of Wells in your area, the mob is outside of your office, your course of action using social media..

2. What's Hybrid Warfare, Asymmetric warfare...
3. The board was cordial and attentive.
4. There were a lot of situation based questions and sub questions.

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Date of Interview: 2 Feb 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Hindi

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobby: Sports

DAF political science graduate from DU Hindi optional cricket novels webseries youth Parliament chitrakoot UP

Chairman

1. Your fav novels ..he talked about one then passed it to members

Member 1

1. Sublanguages of hindi
2. Bhakti literature poets from all over India
3. Compare kabir and tulsi
4. Why students remember kabir tulsi more than modern Era poets
5. How will you promote Indian languages

Member 2

1. Evolution of hindi language
2. Why govt is doing effort for sanskrit language revival
3. Fame subsidy
4. Paytm ban reason
5. Kuch m bhool gaya

Member 3

1. Which historical figure has influenced you enough
2. Everyone says gandhi but no one follow him
3. Asked about my district chitrakoot
4. Asked it'd present development
5. What up govt is doing now that enabled them to secure top 2 economy of India
6. Forgetting some questions sb kahan hi yaad rehta hai

Member 4

1. UP film city what needs to be done Why up govt is doing this
2. Where bollywood helped us in soft power
3. What changes will you make in July budget ..long discussion
4. Is it good that we are sending workers in Israel
5. Places of worship act 1991

Assessment it was organic felt like conversation yeah they put some pressure but it was manageable

No changes in face expression

Hoping to get what I deserve

Mocks helped : next ias vision ias chankya mandal vajirao unacademy

Avoid : Drishti ias if you've extra money to buy a new tie then go for it

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Date of Interview: 31/01/2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Civil Engineering

Home State: Gujarat

Hobby: Horse Riding

Daf pointers: Porbandar, Gujarat, Civil Engineering, Horse Riding

Chairman

1. Relation of Lord Krishna & Porbandar
2. Significance of Sudamaji
3. Madhavpur Mela

Member 1

1. Gujarat is behind in sport. Which sports you would like to promote.
2. This sport can not be included in Asian game give example of sports that can be included in Asian game and you would like to promote.
3. Individual Sports
4. What thing make diamond of Surat precious.

Member 2

1. Why Gujarati community is ahead in business.
2. What is Gujarat model of development.
3. You also worked as contractor. Where? What new thing you did as contractor.
4. You follow latest developments in Pakistan. Recent developments?

Member 3

1. New types of concrete other than RCC.
2. Today we see the structure built with new material other than traditional concrete and steel.
Give me example of new material.
3. Different type of reinforcement.
4. What gait of horse riding you ride.
5. Tell about Arabian breed of horse.

Member 4

1. Who is behind unity & integrity of India.
2. Benefits of Large State and Small State.
3. Tell me about Gujarati Bhavai.
4. Why Civil Service.

Some questions I am unable to recall.

Your assessment of the board: Chairman sir busy with calculator.

Your performance: No Idea

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Date of Interview: 02 February 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: AGRICULTURE

Home State: UP

Medium: Hindi Medium(हिंदी माध्यम)

Background: Graduation - BA

First Attempt

CAPF AC

HINDI LITERATURE

Afternoon, 4th to go

Chairman

1. Aap CAPF me select ho chuke hain ye main kaise janta hun?
2. Ye AC(GD) me GD kya hai ?

Member 2

1. Aapka optional hindi literature hai ?
2. GOVERNMENT Sanskrit ko kyo badhava de rahi hai?
3. Sanskrit aaj kaise aur kyon useful hai?
4. Apko Sankrit aati hai ?
5. Bachchon ko 21st century ke liye kaisi education provide karani chahiye?

6. Unhe Practical knowledge kaise Di jaaye?
7. Women's reservation in panchayats?
8. Benefits?
9. (Counter questions)
10. Vivekananda ki ideology kya hai?
11. Aapko kaise prabhavit Kiya ?

Member 3

1. India ki geographical location use kaise IR me madad karti hai.
2. Bab Al mandeb ki geopolitical importance
3. Bab Al mandeb ki geographical location.
4. E NAM ko kaise badhaya jaaye?
5. E Nam ke challenges?
6. PM KISAN samman nidhi ke beneficiaries ka kaise pta karoge?
7. As a Collector PM kisan jinhe nhi mili hai unka kaise pta lagaoge ?

Member 4

1. Hardoi ke baare me batayen?
2. HARDOI me industries?
3. Suiz Canal jaisi ek aur kaun si canal hai ?
4. Kya problems aa rahi hain usme?
5. SSB , ITBP , BSF ko alag alag kyon karke rakha hai , unhe milakar kyon nhi ek hi force bna deni chahiye?
6. Army bhi to sab kahin movement kar sakti hai.

Member 5

1. UP me itni jyada nakal(cheating) kyon hoti hai ?
2. Nakal rokne ke liye kya karoge ?
3. Government steps leti hai nakal rokne ka to uska itna jyada virodh kyon hota hai?
4. Health issues in your areas?
5. Ayushman card ?
6. Kisi ne labh liya uska apke parichit me?

Baki bhool gaya hun .

(Hanste khilkhilate log hain bus hamko bhi hasne ka mauka den)

Hoping just like i gained from many Toppers Talks freely available, I can also help others through this little effort.

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Date of Interview: 01/02/2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Hindi Literature

Background: Computer Science

Afternoon, second to go

Daf pointers – computer science, resignation from assistant commandant, watching stand-up comedy, Hindi medium, Hindi literature optional.

Chairman

1. Why resigned?
2. Apko aesa nhi lagta ki aapne jyada bda risk leliya hai?
3. anubhav singh Bassi ki UPSC wali comedy btakar jor jor se hsne lge aur fir mujhse poocha ki aapne dekhi hai wo?
4. Why Hindi literature after computer science?

Member 1

1. Unhone btaya ki wo bhi stand up comedy dekhti hai. Fir chairman sir aur lady member anubhav Bassi wali comedy ki yad krke hsne lage
2. Your favourite stand-up comedians.
3. Crowd work in comedy?
4. What makes you angry?
5. India m aged people ka percentage bdh raha hai kya police plan ki jaye?

Member 2

1. Hasne hasane k alva comedy ke other uses bhi hai?
2. DM rhte huye kese use kr skte ho apne area Mai bina famous comedians ko bulaye?
3. What are your values ?
4. What values you will expect from your sub ordinates?
5. Xinziang Mai china human rights violation krta hai but no international pressure. Why?
6. China ki tiger face and snake tail policy?

Member 3

1. India vs Maldives relationship issues? What to do?
2. we helped Sri Lanka. Kyo krni pdi thi help?
3. Sri Lanka ki aur kya help kr skte hai.
4. computer science me career kyu nhi socha?
5. Hindi literature optional kyu ? (Question repeated, chairman sir puchh chuke the)

Member 4

1. Freebies vs essential subsidy?
2. Unhone bahut lmba smjhaya fir bahut si subsidy k example diye fir poocha kise freebies ya non merit subsidy mante ho?
3. Why India so interested in middle East?
4. Why France is important for India. Why India is taking interest in France.

Chairman.

Thanks...

- May I go now sir?
- Muskura k bole bethna ho to btao,
- Mene hskr kaha no thanks.
- Sb muskurane lge Mai thanks bolke agya

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Date of Interview: 31.01.2024, Forenoon session

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Tamil Nadu

Optional: Agriculture

Hobbies: Reading Historical Novels, Bonsai Gardening, Jogging,

Sports: Football

Chairman

1. Asked me how to pronounce your name? (Due to the unique spelling)
2. Tell me about Kalki novels, what have you learned?
3. Does the movie is on par with the book?

Member 1

1. There are lot of things have been done to develop agriculture, still we are importing pulses, oilseeds. What can be done?
2. After implementing many schemes why farmers are still poor? As a public Administrator what will u do to ensure delivery of schemes?
3. Why India lags in football? I see it as a problem of youth - lacking endurance and team spirit, what's your observation?

Member 2

1. Use of Internet on welfare of farmers? and follow up questions.
2. I couldn't understand what he is asking bcoz he is very low in voice.
3. Causes of energy crisis happening in India?

4. Do you know black swan?
5. Tell me about two historically important persons from Tamilnadu history and why you like them?

Member 3

1. What type of bonsai are you growing?
2. Do you know Ikigai?
3. Why Raja raja Chola is so famous?
4. Is International institution like WTO, IMF are not fair towards developing nations?
5. Recently, our External affairs minister has spoken regarding this IMF. What had he thrustured?

Member 4

1. How far do you jog and how frequent do you jog?
2. Do you do any other exercises?
3. TN is pioneer in providing 50% reservation for women, what changes do you observe?
4. What is so special about your district Thiruvannamalai?
5. Are you aware of the famous Music festival of Thanjavur?

Overall the board was cordial. Questions were mostly based on DAF, Graduation, Home state.

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Date of Interview: 30th January

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Kerala

DAF keywords: B A English, Kerala, Kozhikode, Sanskrit, NGO for differently abled

Hobby: tutoring Upper primary students

Chairman

1. Read out my DAF
2. you are a graduate in English literature. Tell me some Indian English authors.
3. Name Kamala Das one novel

Member 1

1. Can Sanskrit be a lingua franca today? Does it need to revive
2. What are the problems in it
3. your optional is sociology. What do you think ideology or leaders which one is needed

Member 2

1. Have you heard about one district one product. Name one
2. Which novel you like most
3. Favourite Author.
4. What is your role in NGO

Member 3

1. Kerala is famous for herbs. But its cultivation is decreasing & not well in export. As an administrator what will you do to improve its cultivation.
2. What is the importance of Sanskrit in computer
3. Historical importance of Kozhikode

Member 4

1. what is upper primary
2. Which subject you taught
3. Why students are opting tuition
4. Failure of schools lead to the increase in the number of tuition centres. What is your opinion.
5. Do you heard about Sahithya academy & national book trust? Who got Sahithya acedmy award in Malayalam in 2023
6. If I'm a differently abled person having hearing difficulty & i faced discrimination in school. How will you motivate me.
7. One quote that inspired you most

Assessment :

Board was very cordial. Most questions are daf based. No questions from current affairs

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Date of Interview: 30th January

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: psychology

Tell us 5 favourite crime thrillers

Chairman

1. Tell us three constitutional amendment that we need?
2. On legal front
3. Should MSP be legalised?
4. What are the issues?
5. Why it should not be legalised?
6. Why farmers are protesting?

Member 2

1. Barmer economy
2. Has oil discovery will lead to significant change ?
3. Do you think it'll shift our focus from primary sector to tertiary?
4. Comment on foreign policy?
5. How to revive agricultural economy?
6. Focus areas of yours in social and economical segments
7. Why our foreign policy is changing?
8. What factors are responsible?
9. ODOP of Barmer?

Member 3

1. What you gained from watching crime thrillers
2. What kind of personality you have observed in them?
3. What are the solution of same?
4. How to rehabilitate them?
5. How technology play role in crime free society
6. You are from Barmer do you know what is tanka?
7. What needs to do to enhance availability of potable water?
8. When you take a calculated risk what kind of factors needs to take in account?
9. Why agricultural income is less in Rajasthan?
10. Most fozi in raj keeps Mostache and what issue they face?

Member 4

1. Let's have a rapid fire
2. Talk or texting?
3. Spending time with children or animal?
4. Sunday or Tuesday?
5. Okay how will you define your personality?
6. Positive and negative?
7. What is philosophy of Vipasana?
8. Will it lead to libration?
9. How to get libration?
10. Other ancient practices which lead to libration?
11. Should yoga be made compulsory in school?
12. What are benefits?
13. Give for and against of abolishing of censorboard ?
14. 5 arguments in for?
15. Psychology has shifted from Soul to mind to behaviour? Do you agree?

16. What is Indian psychology?
17. Sankhya psychology do you know?

Chairman

Okay, your interview is over!

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Date of Interview: 30 Jan 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Haryana

Service: Indian Trade Service

KEYWORDS: AGRICULTURE, HARYANA, INDIAN TRADE SERVICE, WHITTILING, SHOOTING BALL, RAWE

Chairman

1. WHAT IS WHITTILING
2. WHAT DO YOU MAKE
3. WHICH TYPE OF KNIFE
4. WHERE DID YOU LEARN THIS

Member 1

1. HOW TO MAKE AGRITOURISM POPULAR IN HARYANA
2. WHAT IS STATUS OF IT
3. WHAT IS THIS RAWE
4. WHAT DID YOU LEARN
5. WHAT DID YOU DO AND PLACE OF RAWE
6. MONOLOGUE ON POLLUTION AND WHAT IS YOUR STAND IF SAY HARYANA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS
7. CAN WE TACKLE THIS
8. WHY WE ARE NOT BEING ABLE TO TACKLE THIS

Member 2

1. WHY PRODUCTIVITY IN AGRI LOW
2. HOW TO RAISE
3. FARMER SUICIDE REASONS AND SOLUTION
4. US NOT HAVING INTENSIVE SELECTION PROCESS LIKE OURS WHAT IS SELECTION PROCEDURE THERE FOR HIGHER ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS
5. WHY WE DON'T HAVE THIS
6. SHOULD WE FOLLOW THAT

7. HOW CAN WE PROVIDE LOANS TO ALL THE FARMERS AND IS THERE ANY OTHER SOLUTION.

Member 3

1. SHOULD RETIREMENT AGE BE INCREASED LIKE IN USA
2. WTO ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE
3. ARE WESTERN COUNTRIES ACCUSING US WRONGLY
4. WHAT IS WAY FORWARD

Member 4

1. how do you see domestic manufacturing of items rather than importing
2. stand on ministry of commerce and industry having department to handle trade
3. domestic manufacturing before atamnirbhar Bharat
4. than what is different in this
5. CHANDIGARH BEING COMMON CAPITAL GOOD OR NOT
6. ANY RECENT ISSUE
7. WHAT IS STAND OF GOVT
8. WHATS YOUR STAND AS COMMON CITIZEN

Experience

All questions opinion based nothing factual

Apart from 3-4 questions all DAF related

Cordial and members laughed a couple of times except 1 member

Mocks utility-

Gave 2 mocks – Vajirao Reddy and PW/ONLYIAS – VAJIRAO AND REDDY WAS HELPFUL IN TACKLING AGRI RELATED QUESTIONS AND AMBIENCE was similar as well

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Date of Interview: 29 January afternoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Daf pointers: Lucknow, Gwalior, BTech (IT), MBA, Formula-one, financial markets, police, philately

Chairman

1. tell me the history of philately
2. where is the philately museum in Delhi (exact location)
3. Thn turned his chair away and started typing on the keyboard.

Member 2

1. I learnt to use computers after my graduation and now new technologies are coming up. How will you encourage the Indian people to become tech savy ?
2. how to promote tourism in UP ?
3. why do you want to join the services after such a great academic background?
4. what are the pros and cons of having only government run schools in the country ?

Member 3

1. how will you use technology in policing?
2. what are the pros and cons of social media?
3. how is technology mis-used in Taiwan elections?
4. what is the smallest pair of whole numbers used to form a right angle triangle? (Weird question in between opinion based questions)
5. what leadership style will you prefer in the services?
6. Chairman turned back towards me.

Member 4

1. how is cutting edge technology in formula-one used in day to day life ?
2. comment on the financial markets in India
3. asked me some random term

Member 5

1. if there is formula one then there must be formula two formula three formula four, what are these?
2. compare the economic condition of UP and MP ?
3. why Indian PSUs are not performing as great as those of Singapore and Dubai?
4. which PSUs of India are you bullish on and why?

Time - 30-32 mins

Assessment of the board: The lady was smiling whereas the other members were poker-faced so I don't know how it went. The chairman turned away in the middle of the interview and started typing on the keyboard. The only mock I found closer to the actual exam in terms of seating was Samkalp. The mocks relevant to the board's questions were - Testbook, Unacademy, Studyiq and Chahal. One to one with Khan sir and Ravindran sir was helpful.

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Date of Interview: 18 Jan

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Geography

Shift: Afternoon

Turn: 4th to enter

Keywords: Faizabad, Lucknow, University of Lucknow, Mobile photography, short stories and poems, mentoring, volleyball, GEOGRAPHY.

Chairman

: confirmed my name since in photograph I wasn't clean shaved

1. Asked about mobile photography
2. Why professional don't use the mobile phone
3. His monologue on how the cameras of mobile change the feature
4. Do you publish it?

He said he'll visit my insta page

Shifted to other members

Member 1

1. Short stories and have you read O. Henry (said no)
2. Asked about premchand
3. What makes premchand's writing special ?
4. Lucknow speciality
5. Any other country with population comparable to up where you want to go
6. Why Norway?
7. How has geographical attractions of Norway
8. Cuisine of Lucknow and its special features
9. Do you know dam pukht?(knew it but refrained from guessing, she herself explained
10. Wajid Ali Shah who was he?
11. Why was awadh annexed ?

Passed on to m2

Member 2

1. You missed one thing about Lucknow speciality what was it?
2. (It was dialect and tone)
3. Why were imambaras built?
4. How is geography awadhi cuisine and imabara related.(Answer specific to these three aspect)
5. How is lucknow metro doing?
6. 1 to 2 more question don't remember them

Passed on to M 3

Member 3

1. Why geography optional? Gives an edge in exam.

2. Climate issues what are they?
3. Global warming and what is it actually?
4. Is india doing enough ? Development and ecological conservation where should india lean?
5. What are problems faced during combating climate change
6. Defend india at global stage wrt to its emissions

Passed on to M 4.

Member 4

1. Tell me any short story you wrote?
2. Do you generally write comedy stories or any social message is there?
3. University of Lucknow has beautiful campus so no space issue why is it lagging in ranking?
4. What is underprivileged for you? What problems they face like any example?
5. Isn't it more like helping?
6. how many have you mentored till now?
7. How has volleyball contributed to your life? What positions did you play?
8. Cpec what is it?
9. How is india countering it? Any recent effort
10. Imec full form and its stretch?

Time: 30 min (no clock in there so it's a rough estimate)

Ch.person. : your interview is over.

Board was as said by many quite cordial.

Prepare daf you can use it multiple times.

Optional's practical should be done properly as application based question were asked.

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Date of Interview: 18th of Jan 2024

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: History

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Time: forenoon (4th one to go)

DAF keywords: History optional and B.A (Hons.) history; Kushinagar (my parents place); Multilingual music appreciation; Visiting historical places;

Chairman

1. Make yourself comfortable.
2. You have a very interesting hobby, I have not seen this in any of the DAFs. (Multilingual music appreciation) What does in mean?
3. Which all languages have you heard? K-pop? You know these people charge a lot for a video call!
4. What was the common factor in all the songs that you have heard?

Member 1

1. Which period of history do you like the most? Why?
2. Which event in Indian independence between 1857 and 1957, according to you was the most significant?
3. Asked about Kushinagar.(Parents place) Its Significance.
4. What did you learn from Buddha? And how did you apply it in your life?
5. What did you learn from music? How did you apply it in your life?
6. What infrastructural changes would you like to suggest for improvement of Kushinagar as tourist destination?

Member 2

1. What is multilingual music?
2. History is becoming obsolete? Why should we study it?
3. Utility of History in administrative services.
4. One site other than the most common ones in Delhi to visit like Red fort, Qutub Minar. (I mentioned Tughlaqabad fort)
5. Then he asked why is Mohd Bin Tughlaq not mentioned in good light?
6. Do you hear Hindustani classical music?

Member 3

1. Are you comfortable? What can we do to make you comfortable? (I said you people already are very supportive) then he said, this is not going to give you extra marks remember that.
2. Patliputra was the centre of many kingdoms, What did it come to become Bimaru later?
3. As you belong to the juncture of UP and Bihar, what common factors is inhibiting its growth?

Member 4

1. Name of famous cuisines? All of them come from places of civilizations. What was the common factor in all these ancient civilizations?
2. 3 events that shaped world history.
3. 2 events that you would like to change if you were given a time machine?

Chairperson: Thank you, your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 19th January 2024,Forenoon(last to go)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Rajasthan

Education: Chartered Accountant, **B.Com**

WorkEx: Consultant Audit and Assurance Grant Thornton Bharat

Daf pointers: Temple visiting, community outreach and Welfare leaderships, Ajmer, Rajasthan
Entered chamber which had a round table with 6 members sitting around
I entered and greeted gud Afternoon to all

Chairman

1. Good Afternoon ,Please be seated
2. So miss KR ,You are having hobby of visiting temples,can you please tell what type of temple architectures are there in India?
3. Then he asked to explain vesara style more and asked for examples
4. And few cross questions with discussion
5. He then said thanku for giving me this extra information

Member 1

So I can see u have work ex and education around banking and Finance

1. What do u think about status of Banks in India?
2. Why NPAs are Increasing in India?
3. How we can improve status of Banking failures ?
4. What are the issues with the MSMEs w.r.t Financing them from side of Banks and Govt?
5. Q5)Which Relaxations w.r.t loans were provided by Banks in COVID period?
6. Whats your opinion on the Frauds and Failures on part of Businesses of India?
7. As a Chartered Accountant, tell me where do u see our economy at 2047
8. What our country can do more for making it Developed Economy in Manufacturing?
9. What is ur understanding about Make in India
10. what major things u can think about when it comes to increase our Exports and Manufacturing sector contribution in GDP

There were few cross questions too over this theme only

And smiled saying well done

Member 2

1. What was time u came to UPSC Bhawan
2. I said 8:00 AM
3. He said and u must have got entry after 9 AM
4. And it was 12:50PM entered in for ur Interview
5. U must have been exhausted and had been waiting for so long
6. So what suggestions u would recommend to our management regarding this?
7. what is the pass percentage of CA exams ?
8. Becoming CA is very tough I know and when u have cleared it in first attempt and that too doing top at ur Branch level...whatwas pass percentage when u cleared ?

9. What are the main reason behind such 90-95% failures despite huge coachings and study material availability?
10. what are the problems of students and what ICAI is doing for this
11. how did u managed to get through so quickly what u wud suggest others
12. why CAs are always named to engage in Frauds and Collusions with business class
13. where do u see CAs at ethics
14. what main things u would suggest to make CAs working ethically
15. what ICAI and Govt is doing in this regard
16. u have work ex as auditor ..what auditors need to learn in the current scenarios of frauds etc
17. How as CA u will help in Administration

Member 3

1. so You are From Ajmer..tell me best things about Ajmer,? What it is known for
2. what's importance of Khwaja ji dargah
3. is dargah also visited by Hindus
4. why so many celebrities go to dargah ?
5. Do they want to show something about their personality on media I mean just for show off or something else is reason
6. how Sufism is different from Islam
7. What was relevance of sufi movement
8. So I can see u have so many leadership positions and recited them from my DAF
9. And asked what is motivating u to do so much things .?
10. whats driving force behind the idea that u want to remain on leading positions and inspire PPL And few cross questions

Member 4

1. So U said that u want to inspire by ur actions..tell me from whom u take inspiration ?
2. I mean is there anybody whom u follow for inspiration?
3. why do u think that u r ur own role model
4. which attributes of urs u will take into Civil services and why
5. what's minimum marriage age in india
6. what do u think ABT this..I mean should age for marriage in case of females should be increased or decreased or to be kept 18
7. What do u think about sex education..should it be given or not?
8. And what about same sex marriages? Should they be allowed or not?

Ok thank you

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Date of Interview: 16/01/2024

Board: Sh. Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Service: IPS

Words related to daf- Bhopal, IPS, chess, electrical engineering, psir optional

Chairman

1. Tell me about Bhopal.

Member 1

1. Tell me about begums of Bhopal
2. Queens Gambit. Why is India doing good in chess..
3. The railway men
4. Why ias after ips?
5. What do you think about headscarfs? Should they be banned from educational institutions and workspace?

Member 2

1. What is central in ir
2. How is geography imp in ir
3. How is India's relations with its neighbouring countries.
4. What should India do to improve it.
5. Why is India doing good in it, chess, cricket, billiard and financial services.

Member 3

1. Why no electrical core? Why administrative services?
2. Tell me about the electrical system of India.
3. What is our renewable energy target?
4. What are India's NDCs.
5. Tell me about bhel bhopal

Member 4

1. Tell me about one most important event according to you in year 2023. Why do you think so.
2. If you have funds to utilise in health, education and women empowerment. What will you choose and why.
3. What team management and building skill did you learn from your job that you can bring to public service. How will you do it?
4. Should bhel bhopal be privatised or not. Why or why not?

They were countering every point I was trying to make. Had to defend to prove my point.

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Date of Interview: 15th January, 2024

Board: Sh. Bidyut Behari Swain

Keywords: IIT Kanpur, Physics, NCC

Hobby: Playing acoustic guitar

Chairman

(You look very young, What is your Birth year)

1. Why the date 1st May is known? (GJ formed)
2. any movement was there for Gujarat?
3. Which other states formed on that date?
4. Which was the first linguistic state formed after independence?

Member 1

1. Tell me about your village.
2. As a Science student how would you improve the quality of life at the village?
3. What is Gujarat model of development?
4. Tell me one against point for the model.

Member 2

1. What is AMUL model?
2. How is it benefitting the people involved in it?
3. Who is Swaminarayan?
4. What is core Philosophy of Swaminarayan Sect?

Member 3

1. You are from Physics. How can it be helpful to you in civil services?
2. Why civil services?
3. As part of NCC what did learn?
4. Did you do marching?
5. So many people join business from your state, didn't you have the aspirations to join the same?

Member 4

1. What are the problems of your Area?
2. How would you improve literacy?
3. So many schools are there, still absenteeism there. How would you tackle school absenteeism?
4. Subject of Physics is very wide, which is the area of your liking? (Told Nuclear physics)

5. Why Nuclear power plants not coming in India?
6. If appointment as a high official on Nuclear subject, how would you attract Nuclear Power plant in India?
7. In initial days, IITK was in top 2, why the ranking declined?

Chairman said your Interview is over.

Experience: Very cordial board, and it was more of a conversation. Most of the questions were DAF-based.

Time=25-30 min.

Dinesh Dasa

(1)

Date of Interview: 8/3/2024, 3rd to go

Board: Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Geography

Home State: Kerala

Kerala, Physics(H), Geography optional, Delhi university

Chairman

1. How did you come to Delhi?
2. Why Miranda & Delhi University?
3. Do you think Miranda played an important role in you sitting here?
4. Why IMR & MMR very low in Kerala?
5. Tell me features of Surrogacy Act?
6. Do you think we should allow surrogacy to unmarried women? If I appoint you as a judge what judgement do you take?
7. Do you think executive & judiciary are impeding into the culture & religion?(Sabarimala judgement context)
8. What about Jallikettu?
9. Tell me some recent judgements that helped women?

Member 1

1. What is Sonnet?
2. Tell me one Sonnet?
3. Tell me equation of Photo electric effect?
4. What happens to particles when plancks constant equals to 1?
5. What is entropy?
6. Do you think whether entropy of world is increasing or decreasing?
7. What is the effect of climate change on entropy?
8. Imagine there is a box in front of you and the collision of particles inside the box is decreasing and the particles are staying apart. What inference you can made from that about temperature?
9. Tell me the postulates of special theory of relativity?
10. What is the use of your Physics (H) knowledge these days

Member 2

1. Tell me the name of some Mangroves?
2. What is North lake? (Not sure about what he meant)
3. Why coast of Odisha, Andhra & West Bengal are more prone to cyclones?

4. As a geography student do you think the Radcliff line is justified?
5. What are the issues that still exist because of this line?
6. What is the significance of Minicoy island?
7. Where is the first naval base in Lakshadweep? (mentioned INS Jatayu in previous question)
8. Do you think India needs more time zones rather than having one?

Member 3

1. Long monologue on Lok sabha and asked should we abolish Rajya Sabha?
2. Long monologue on one nation one election. Then asked. If I appoint you as a DM, what all measures do you take as precaution for conducting simultaneous election?
3. Tell me an issue between Kerala and Tamil Nadu? (Mentioned Mullaperiyar)
4. What is the issue & tell me the stand of both the states?
5. Do you think migration is hindering the development of Kerala?

Member 4

1. Kerala is very much in news for few days.. Pick one news (Man animal conflict)
2. What are the reasons?& Solutions?
3. What recent changes that state has brought to tackle the issue? (State specific disaster-mentioned)
4. What changes that it has brought?(NDMA)
5. What is the reason for ongoing tussle between governor and state?
6. There were historical reasons behind Kerala's low IMR & MMR rate. Do you agree or Disagree?

Experience: Cordial, no grilling, Chairman (Poker face), Lady member (smiling & encouraging), Other members (mixed emotions- sometimes attentive & nodding)

One on one session helped a lot to modify the answering style... Most of the questions repeated from peer mocks & one on ones.

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Board: Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Geography

Home State: Kerala

Background: Physics(H), , Delhi university

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3. Why coast of Odisha, Andhra & West Bengal are more prone to cyclones?
4. As a geography student do you think the Radcliff line is justified?
5. What are the issues that still exist because of this line?
6. What is the significance of Minicoy island?
7. Where is the first naval base in Lakshadweep? (mentioned INS Jatayu in previous question)
8. Do you think India needs more time zones rather than having one?

Member 3

1. Long monologue on Lok sabha and asked should we abolish Rajya Sabha?
2. Long monologue on one nation one election. Then asked. If I appoint you as a DM, what all measures do you take as precaution for conducting simultaneous election?
3. Tell me an issue between Kerala and Tamil Nadu? (Mentioned Mullaperiyar)
4. What is the issue & tell me the stand of both the states?
5. Do you think migration is hindering the development of Kerala?

Member 4

1. Kerala is very much in news for few days.. Pick one news (Man animal conflict)
2. What are the reasons?& Solutions?
3. What recent changes that state has brought to tackle the issue? (State specific disaster-mentioned)
4. What changes that it has brought?(NDMA)
5. What is the reason for ongoing tussle between governor and state?
6. There were historical reasons behind Kerala's low IMR & MMR rate. Do you agree or Disagree?

Experience: Cordial, no grilling, Chairman (Poker face), Lady member (smiling & encouraging), Other members (mixed emotions- sometimes attentive & nodding)

One on one session helped a lot to modify the answering style... Most of the questions repeated from peer mocks & one on ones.

(3)

Date of Interview: 6/3/24

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Law

Keywords- Security, Sainik school, International Law

Chairman

1. Why did you leave your job?
2. What was your role?
3. Tell us about Chinese infrastructure in border areas.
4. What is the case regarding speaker of Maharashtra?
5. What about parliamentary privileges? Should it be there?
6. Does it violate A.21?

Member 1

1. What is rule based global order?
2. Do we have it in present times?
3. What is right to property?
4. What is the impact of its removal as a FR?
5. Why does the Constitution use socialist word? Is India socialist in current times?

Member 2

1. Why were sainik schools established?
2. Has it served its purpose?
3. Why RTE introduced as a FR?
4. How is its implementation? In Jharkhand?
5. Draft a Right to Health. What are the challenges in its implementation?

Member 3

1. Define an intelligence operation.
2. What is cover and alibi?
3. Should state intercept phone lines?
4. When can it be permitted?
5. Ratio of Kehar Singh judgment
6. Difference between Rawls idea of justice and Amartya Sen's idea

Member 4

1. Is ICJ effective in current times?

Opinion- Cordial board but Chairman sir maintains a poker face. Lady member is encouraging. Most questions from DAF and related areas.

Mocks- Samkalp, Chahal, VR, KSG

(4)

Date of Interview: 01/03/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Physics

Home State: Bihar

Afternoon Session, 3rd to go

Medium of Interview: English

DAF Pointers: B. Tech, IIT Delhi (2020), Katihar, Bihar, Physics Optional, Research Internships, University of Sydney, University of Groningen, HPAIR Conference Harvard University

Nothing else was asked from DAF (5-6 more pointers like contemporary dance, cricket, NSS, etc.)

Attempts: 3rd, 2nd Mains, 2nd Interview (Not recommended earlier)

Service Preference: IAS-IPS-IFS-IRS

Chairman

1. You are from Katihar, done your B. Tech. from IIT Delhi have done internships in Sydney, Groningen and attended Harvard conference, now tell me: while arguing in a Supreme Court case examining state's right to identify backward classes, one of the lawyers argued that it will lead to the balkanisation of the caste list. What do you mean by balkanisation and what is your opinion on that?
2. 3 global problems that the world is facing
3. Non-state actors in India
4. Are Khaps non state actors?
5. 1-2 more questions I am forgetting.

Members

1. How are you?
2. Explain Physics, Engineering and Engineering Physics.
3. Tell me what all things you did in Sydney, Groningen and Harvard. More conversation on this
4. What all did you learn from your research experience?
5. We have been focussing on cutting edge research while we still face the issue of poverty, hunger, etc. Do we really need that? Good- said the member.
6. Is Russia a European power or an Asian power.
7. Sweden became the 32nd member to join NATO. What can be the implications
8. Was it correct for EU and NATO countries to jump to support Ukraine in the war
9. 1-2 more questions on Russia (No no this wasn't Russia PSC exam)
10. In the starting, how many members were there in EU? I said I am not aware.
11. A country has constantly been applying for EU membership but hasn't been granted yet. Which country is that and what are the reasons behind the same?
12. You talked about the role of non-state actors in the north east region of India, what problems did non-state actors posed to USA in the aftermath of 2003 Iraq invasion? I said I do not have sufficient knowledge about Iraq issue.
13. What is I2U2? What are the focus areas? Do you think after the events of 7th October, the grouping has been jeopardised?
14. Groningen or Netherlands in particular has this culture of bicycles, problems of it being implemented in Delhi? Can shifting to bicycles help the problem of poor AQI in Delhi? Have you gone through the AQI study conducted by IIT Delhi? Good- said the member.
15. Asked about some traditional rainwater harvesting system which I was unaware of and said that I do not know, similarly one question on Green Term Deposit Scheme.
16. Which book did you read last, apart from your preparation books?
17. What is constitution? What is the role of constitution?
18. What is Free Movement Regime? Is it still there?
19. How can we improve the efficiency of public service delivery? Good- said the member.
20. As a District Magistrate of Katihar, what will you do?
21. What are the powers of Zila Panchayat?
22. What was the 73rd CAA?
23. How are PRIs working in Bihar/Katihar?
24. How often do you visit Katihar? What changes have you observed?
25. You did your schooling from Scottish Public School? Is it still affiliated to Scotland? I said there was never any connection. So they just named it like that, interesting. Smiled and the chairperson said thank you.
26. Few supplementary questions in between which I can't recall.

27. A significant difference with mocks was that they gave sufficient time to speak without interrupting at all, only to be seen in Vision Bureaucratic Mock.

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Date of Interview: 01/03/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Hindi Sahitya

Session: Forenoon, 4th to go, 25-30 minutes

Medium: English

DAF Pointers- Architecture, Carbon Footprint, Content writer

Chairman

1. What is the architectural style of the Building, that we are sitting in?
2. What is the height of this ceiling?
3. In older buildings we used to have higher ceilings but now the ceilings are comparatively lower..why this change?
4. Why are architects nowadays too reliant on measuring tapes, while older ones used to measure without it?
5. Tell me about architectural features of Ram temple ayodhya.
6. Tell me about architecture of BAPS temple Abudhabi.
7. What are the growth prospects in architecture for a young individual?
8. You are a student of PSIR, so you must be aware about collective responsibility?(Another member corrected him saying his optional is Hindi Literature, not PSIR.)But you can still answer it.
9. When your optional is Hindi Sahitya, then why is your medium of interview English?(a few cross questions around it and my medium of mains which was also english, except my optional)
10. There have been demands of providing extra time for students of hindi medium as hindi takes more time and effort in writing as compared to English, what is your take on it?

Member 1

1. Can I talk to you in Hindi?(said: Ji Bilkul sir.)
2. Hindi bhasha ko sanskrit-nishth ya hindustani kis k anuroop hona chahiye...is vishay me kafi vivad raha hai...is bare me apka kya vichar hai?
3. Tell me about few of the writings of Dinkar and Rahul Sankrityayan.
4. Were Dinkar and rahul both in favour of Sanskrit-nistha Hindi?
5. Can you recite a few lines from Rashmirathi?

Member 2

1. In colonial times migrants- labourers were taken from India to african islands and caribbean islands....what is the specific term for these migrants?

2. What were the different waves of migration from India?(as we talked about Girmitiyas)
3. What are the government programs for Indian Diaspora?
4. When is Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas celebrated?

Member 3

1. What was the topic of your Thesis?
2. You also have a dissertation related to carbon footprint reduction...tell me.. are the Electric vehicles really clean or they have some issue ?
3. You also worked as a content writer, what type of content did you create?
4. Have you heard about this book?(I had not)
5. It was given Booker Prize. Do you know about Booker prize?

Member 4

1. Tell me about India's maritime situation?
2. What are these security challenges?
3. Initiatives by India to have good relations with maritime neighbours of India?
4. Can you name a few head of states abroad who are of Indian origin?
5. What is FMR(Free Movement Regime)?
6. Have you heard about PM Vishwakarma yojana?Tell me about it.
7. Tell me the 3 problems that Indian Economy is facing right now.

Chairman sir:

1. Have you watched 12th Fail movie yet?(said: not yet.)
2. He smiled and said: watch it and then compare if the depiction in movie about interview scene is similar to the real one?
3. Would you like to add something about your interaction?(I said it was an enriching experience sir. I enjoyed interacting with the board.)
4. He smiled and said- Bahar apne doston ko bhi yhi bologe ki board cordial hai ya nhi?
5. I smiled and said- Certainly sir.
6. He replied: Okay Mr.....Have a good day.
7. I thanked the board and left.

Overall experience: board members were listening patiently , also smiling and nodding at places. Dasa sir was mostly serious faced but smiled occasionally.

Mocks with Vajirao, Samkalp, Vajiram , Rau and OTO with Utkarsh Sir and Samkalp were helpful.

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Date of Interview: 4th March 2024 (First to Go)

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Pubad

DAF Pointers: School Vice Captain, Travel Vlogs, Content Reviewer, Graduation and Masters in Pubad (Rest not asked).

Chairman

1. First of all, congratulations you have got this opportunity to be here, only very few people get this.
2. This is just a conversation, just feel free and answer.
3. (Said in a monotonous tone)
4. Introduce Yourself
5. What is your role (Content Reviewer)
6. Lets start it from here.
7. What is the last subject you reviewed?
8. Difference between M Laxmikant and DD Basu?
9. Tell us 3 mistakes in DD Basu, 3 Technical ones for which students have been to commission and also went to Supreme Court.
10. Is Laxmikant enough? Relevant for exam?
11. 1st Constitutional Amendment
12. Basic Structure Doctrine, Should it be defined? As there is conflict and confusion from the legislature side.
13. Asked about number of judges in Keshavananda Bharatiya Case?
14. Asked a question on New Public Administration, why not relevant in present times, what is lacking.
15. Have you read today's news paper?
16. Tell us about one news, frame a question on it and answer the same.
17. (I mentioned the news of Pakistan Dual Use Container news)

Member 1

1. Asked about Wassenaar Arrangement? (Follow up question)
2. Other Groups? Is India part of NSG?
3. Way-Forward in Container Case? (I said independent investigation)
4. You told about joint investigation, Should Pakistan be included in Investigation?
5. Is Pakistan trustworthy?
6. This case is a national issue or international issue?
7. What is dual use technology?
8. What is lacking in Public Administration, what needs to be done?
9. (I said issues faced by administrators should be included in discipline)
10. What about issues of citizens?
11. Use of tech for citizen with interaction
12. Is there any technology through which citizens issues can be heard?

13. (I spoke about Mygov and e-governance solutions, digital app, chatbots- But he was looking for something else)

Member 2

1. Asked about Corporate Governance
2. Corporate Social Responsibility
3. Something about term related Business sustainability and its relevance
4. Have you ever seen a balance sheet of a company?

Member 3

1. What are the functions of police force?
2. (I mentioned law and order, criminal investigation, protocol functions)
3. He said there are others as well, try to recall.
4. He said Police creates a secure atmosphere for citizens,
5. Said a statement on Security a shared public good- Asked about it.

Member 4

1. You were a School Vice Captain, you headed a leadership position, tell us about difficulties you faced and what you learned?
2. You watch travel vlogs, then a long question on – Consider a scenario where there is total absence of smart phones and social media, then will it be easier for administrators?
3. She again said, consider a situation where there are computer systems, and all machineries, just not social media and smartphones.
4. Tell us about a law passed in 2023-24 (I initially started with Appointment of Chief Election Commissioner Act)
5. She again insisted on major law recently passed (I talked about 3 criminal law amendment)
6. She said yes, then who protested and why? Asked about Hit and Run Case- What was the main issue?
7. In the end chairman asked “Do you feel any area is not covered you have been preparing for since days, Do you want us to ask you from any part”.

Overall a good experience.

The voice of chairman was too low, it was very difficult to hear what he was saying.

After completion of my answer in one of the question, M3 remained silent for some time and kept on looking on the paper, Chairman reminded him to ask more questions.

M1- Poker Face, **M3-** Kept on starring at me continuously, **M2-** Smiling Person, **M4-** Most Cordial
Mocks Utility- Confidence and practice purposes, only question on School Vice Captain was repeated.

Gave around 8 Mocks: Vajiram Panel, Sankalp, Chrome IAS one-to-one, Next IAS Panel, Vision IAS Faculty, Testbook (Ravi Sir), Vajirao and Reddy, PW.

While leaving I was waiting for chairman to say “ Arrogant and Waste of time” par kch nahi bola

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Date of Interview: 01/03/2024 (Forenoon last to go)

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Sociology

Graduation: Computer Science

DAF: DBMS, SGTB Khalsa College, DU, Edsarrthi Student

Approx 30min

Chairman

1. Good Afternoon (ye nhi bola ki discussion hai bss, direct question start)
2. Climate Justice and climate finance
3. How Article 21 evolved through Supreme court judgements
4. Movies related to constitutional Articles (No mention of movie or web series in DAF)
5. Budget state's are presenting surplus budget by counting public account, ethical or not (aayein)
6. Freelancing (DAF), Preperation kab start kri?
7. (1-2) question aur the
8. Sir ne kuch note kiya fir laptop mai busy ho gye

Member 1

1. About project related to DBMS and Ecommerce
2. Electoral Bond (right decision?)
3. Doctrine of proportionality (answer se pick kiya)
4. Last book (No book reading in DAF) (answer- India Way) Explain 1st chapter (then geopolitical complacency)
5. Difference in objectives of IORA and IONS (IORA btaya, sir don't know about IONS)
6. Full form btayi unhone fir maine guess kiya
7. 1-2 questions (smiled , when i told him ki 2022 prep start kri hai toh bss syllabus related books pdhi hai)

Member 2

1. What is Sanskritization (definition bta kr chup , i thought ki follow up question aega, he was expecting ki mai aur bolu)
2. Role of media (sociological analysis)
3. Major problems - population, disaster, demographic dividend, unplanned urbanization (slumization) etc.
4. why buddhism declined in India and flourished in SE asia?
(Writing pad mai question likh rkhe the puchne ke liye, dekh dekh kr puch rhe the)

Member 3

1. Cuisine and local sweets of Uttarakhand (no mention of cooking in DAF)

2. Home state? UP or UK
3. About Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur (college name)
4. gurudwaras related to him in delhi (sis ganj and Rakab ganj)
5. about khalsa and who is Banda Singh bahadur
6. aur question puchne the member ko but chairman ne bola sir sir bss (time 1:15 ho gya tha , afternoon session bhi start krna tha 2 baje se)y

Member 4

1. Experience in delhi university
 2. India Canada relation - what's going on and kya kya hua
 3. Khalistan issue
 4. why they support khalistanis (+ freedom of speech in canada)
 5. khalsa College mai discussion hota tha khalistan issue par (maine bola sir mujhe meaning bhi nhi pta tha Preperation start krne se phle)
 6. why people like vijay malya take refuge in western countries and why they allow them
 7. why they go to caribbean islands?
- 1-2 more questions, again chairman stopped him

Mocks - only 2 (Vajirao & PW)

O2O - only 1(Utkarsh Sir)

Newspaper Sessions by Satyam Jain

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<p>Date of Interview: 29 feb, noon, last one to go</p> <p>Board: Dinesh Dasa sir</p> <p>Optional: Mathematics</p> <p>Home State: Uttar Pradesh</p> <p>Time: 20 to 25 min</p> <p>3rd attempt 2nd interview</p> <p>IIT patna, chemical engineering, etawah, up, budget travelling, cricket</p>

Chairman

1. Recently 6 members of HP assembly is disqualified. Tell me legal provisions of if speaker has that power
2. Indian contribution to mathematics
3. Why it is lacking now
4. Use of chemical engineering in day 2 day life

Member 1

1. Ur hobby is budget travelling. aif u will become rich then will u continue with budget travel or lavish travelling

2. Govt efforts for tourism sector
3. India Iran issues
4. Latest movie u have watched
5. Movie on Ramanujan
6. Latest book u read(Laxmikant 😊)

Member 2

1. Nobel prize in maths. Manjul Bhargava.
2. NEP provisions(long monologue)
3. Capitation fee should be allowed or not
4. Academic bank of credit
5. Maths and AI
6. Govt efforts for AI

Member 3

1. Compare iit patna with old iit which u visited(iitk)
2. How iitp performing
3. Odop of etawah
4. How it is performing
5. Issues faced by textile sector.

Member 4

1. BRICS expansion. its benefits
2. Dalai lama's coming to india and its implications on india china issue
3. How do u see india china relations
4. How u rate rahul dravid as a coach
5. Recent developments in chemical engineering

Chairman sir.

1. Any more area which u want us to discuss
2. Recent icc changes rules in world cup
3. Rohit sharma is overrates. Your opinion
4. KL rahul ans gill is given too many chances
5. Less questions were asked but the asked ones were mostly from daf and surprise to this interview, 3 members asked from maths optional(in my previous 3 interviews (1cse+2ifos) maths was never asked)

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Date of Interview: 29 Feb

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Agriculture

Home State: Rajasthan

Keyword- Agriculture, Rajasthan

Duration: 30-35 min

Chairman

1. I'll give you one statement reflect on it
2. Gm crops are good but we're degrading our genetic biodiversity
3. Tell me why onion inflation is there
4. Sir provided the exact answer and mentioned how Sushma Swaraj has to resign from its seat and said payaj ne rula diya)

Member 1

1. Why after a specialist degree you want to come to generalist service
2. chose between the three-education ,research and extension
3. why extension tell me
4. what is the current agri GDP contribution ?why declining?
5. have you heard about krishni darshan ?tell me its relevance
6. Tell us the demands of farmers this time and why are they protesting
7. Specifically tell me what government proposed solution to them
8. what is nafed ?(contionous question from answer)
9. you play chess and which chess computer was designed and which chess champion
10. then tell me the chess computer .name any two

Member 2

1. So you are from Rajasthan and studied in haryana ?tell me how many agriculture universities in Rajasthan
2. what these universities contributed in field of Agriculture
3. state animal
4. how we are conserving it and it's utilisation
5. Amul is dairy cooperative in Gujarat what about other states what's the status
6. And what about Punjab and Haryana
7. (contionous question)why it is not developed

Member 3

1. Tell me about GCC
2. Why some members left out ?tell me the dispute
3. what is chess called in Russia and why
4. have you heard about Russian collectivisation ?
5. tell me india Maldives relations why it is strained?

Member 4

1. Tell me about the subsidies we are providing
2. Sir stopped are you aware about WTO green box and Amber box
3. what are subsidies under green box
4. what are Amber box? why we are providing
5. What is making agriculture to be on receipt side of benefits
6. Ok ,you mentioned productivity should we go for productivity in agriculture and increase the urbanisation

Chairperson again

1. If I make you director and producer of 12 th fail movie what would you change .
2. Sir said kya hm interview vale utne khrab h jitna dikhaya gya h
3. And everyone laughed
4. I ll ask you one last question
5. There is market of this upsc transcript then also I ask the same question 70-80 prcnt. question are repeated questions and we know this fact the. Also we ask same question why do we do this ?

Sir said “exactly answer matters’ and mentioned susmita sen said history will remember your answer , question doesn’t matter.

Opinion:very cordial board

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Date of Interview: 19/ February/2024, Afternoon session

Board: DINESH DASA SIR

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Daf pointers: Dy SP, PSIR Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, Antakshari, Reflective Diary Writing, Beauty pageants, Byjus, HDFC scholarship

Chairman

1. Sorry for keeping you waiting. Introduce yourself.
2. You got selected through UP PCS . Recently, Yogi ji tweeted three outcomes about UPPCS 2023 results. Do you know?
3. How come the UPPSC cycle got completed in 9 months.
4. Would you like if we change your name?
5. Why did the government change the name of prayagraj?
6. Why the name of Allahabad High court didn’t change?
7. What do you understand by formalisation of the economy?
8. Have you heard about Paytm issue? Should the govt let Paytm die?

Member 1

1. Had you been posted at Haldwani what would have been the preventive measures that you would have taken ?
2. Tell me importance of Prayagraj except for its tourism potential and KUMBHA Mela?
3. Why the image of it being the Oxford of the east deteriorated?
4. Suggest solutions.
5. How would you help improve security environment for women?

Member 2

1. What is the status of crime against women ?
2. What is the government doing about it?
3. Is Prayagraj similar to Bihar in culture and socio economic indicators?
4. Given an opportunity to work. In which area of Uttar Pradesh would you like to work. (Asked separately for both as an administrator and as a police officer)

Member 3

1. He gave a monologue on Agricultural distress. Is Minimum income support better than minimum support price?
2. Tell about agri distress.
3. What would you suggest for tackling Paytm crisis.

Member 4

1. Is Democracy around the world under threat?
2. Suggest alternative.
3. Give an example where a deal between 2 nations have been made via track 2 diplomacy

Your interview is over. Would you like to say anything to the board?

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Date of Interview: 20/02/2024, Forenoon 2nd to go

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Keyword: IPS , ex IRSME , Mechanical, Football, Tennis , Badminton

Chairman

1. Security – internal and external
2. Diff between terrorism and insurgency
3. After kargil warsmac
4. After Mumbai attack
5. Coastline security
6. Coastal policy

Member 2

1. How perception of police can be changed wrt rich and poor people. Ex police listens to rich but not poor.
2. Why ias after ips
3. Startups ...effect on economy
4. Is India in top position

Member 3

1. Whether this apathy is in lower level or higher also.
2. Police role wrt social help
3. Police role in COVID
4. Can china be criticised for covid
5. Media regulation
6. Social media regulation

Member 4

1. Development in lwe areas
2. North East insurgency vs j&k issues
3. Role of police in development
4. Development vs law and order
5. Local people willing or forced

Chairman

1. Forest officers becoming deputy municipal commissioner in Gujarat...do you think ips can also be made.
 2. Trans Pacific partnership
 3. University elections - leaders
 4. Lyngdoh committee
- Some more questions were asked. Can't remember.
Thank you

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Date of Interview: 21 Feb, Morning (1st to Go)

Board: Dinesh dasa Sir

Optional: Medical Science

Home State: Rajasthan

Medium: English

Profession: IRS IT, MBBS, MD,

DAF keywords- Rajasthan, MD from Gujrat.

4th Interview (3 were in Hindi medium)

Chairman

1. introduce yourself
2. Mostly drs who do PG from ahmedabad usually settle there why didn't you think of it?
3. when you planned for upsc?
4. Aspirational district program ? whose idea? how many districts in india? which districts of Rajasthan.?
5. So if you are DDO of aspirational district in rajasthan then what will be your priorities and how your medical knowledge will help in aspirational district program?
6. why medical education is costly in india?
7. why TB is so common in india? govt program and steps taken for it?

Member 1

1. Use of science in policy making?
2. how can we make better policy by using science?
3. explain with example?
4. Long discussion on it.
5. We are focusing mostly on curative health not on preventive health? what should be done?

Member 2

1. Mostly doctors took Anthro, Socio optional but your is Medical science which is rare how is it rewarding you?
2. Govt hospitals like AIIMS, RML are very crowded dr give only 2-3 minutes but WHO recommend 10-20 minutes. how can we solve this?
3. despite 5 lakh coverage private hospital not admitting patients under Ayushmann bharat?
4. how to reduce cost of medical education?

Member 3

1. what is VISA?
2. VISA for medical sector?
3. Types of VISA?
4. only 3 questions

Member 4

1. CM of southern states come together and they said that center is doing discrimination against them?
2. Finance commission horizontal & vertical distribution ?
3. What can be done so south state which are doing good does not have to suffer?

CM

1. You are so experienced your daf have lof of things so do you think any part of daf is missed on which you want discussion.

2. i said sir my hobby endurance running so you can ask question on that.
3. Sir - you frame a question on it and then answer.
4. Member 1 & 2's mostly questions were long monologues. I have to listen them very carefully.
5. mostly it was from DAF & mainly on medical. No question from IRS, hobby, Current, Rajasthan.

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Date of Interview: 16/02/2024, afternoon

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Home State: Maharashtra

Duration~30 minutes

DAF Pointers: IPS, IIT, Maharashtra

Member 4 (While I was unbuttoning my blazer)- "Khol lo button Khol lo jaise coaching class ne sikhaya hai "

Chairman

1. (Asked first 4-5 questions in Hindi)-
2. Asked about IPS cadre? Tell me honestly will you continue in IPS home cadre or choose IAS North east cadre?
3. you are giving a very theoretical answer.. Be practical.. Why will someone leave such a good cadre for IAS North east?
4. You are an engineer. Tell me which committee recommended bringing the essay paper in CSE ?
5. Did the essay paper offers an unfair advantage to humanities students?
6. As per statistics.. Overall.. engineers outperform.. Why?
7. Now argue as an advocate of technical graduates..why engineers and doctors should continue to be allowed to write cse exam if they are dominating the humanities?
8. Now take humanities side and counter argue?

Member 1

1. You have a Masters in Signal processing, How to prevent train accidents ?
2. Traditional vs Contemporary families which are better?
3. Pitfalls and strengths of live-in relationships?
4. Opinion on para-military being deployed in Law and order in state?
5. Chairperson intervened- Why they're are called paramilitary? When the army can be deployed to control law and order?

Member 2

1. Argue..Why police should remain a state subject?
2. Now Counter argue (Why police should be made Centre subject)?

3. Is the Police training outdated?
4. What needs to be changed?
5. What is the one main reason why welfare and Developmental policies fail?
6. Did you had any personal encounter with any tier of the panchayati raj institutions?

Member 3

1. What is the difference between ordinance and Act ?
2. Now that the electoral bond has been scrapped..Should centre bring an ordinance to scrap it?
3. Chairperson intervened- When I was taking interviews in 2018..not upsc's ..but other ..all the candidates were answering as if electoral bond is the best scheme and now that it has been scrapped you all have changed your stands...are the civil servants just riding on the wave to protect themselves..or they have their own value system as well?
4. Any professor of your college which inspires you and why ?

Member 4

1. Why North east is not as developed as mainland? What steps is the government taking presently in this regard?
2. Vidarbha region faces lot of agriculture issues, drought, farmer suicides, poor state of farmers etc. what are the reasons ?
3. What will you do to improve the situation if you are given the responsibility?
4. After answering this question-Chairperson intervened and said thank you and the interview was over.

Remarks-

A very different experience compared to mocks and even the previous interview.

Mostly focused on “checking reasoning ability ,opinions and proposing solutions”.

Didn't mention anything about debating but quite a few 'argue – counter argue' questions were asked.

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Date of Interview: 19 Feb 2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Medium: English

Duration: 25 min

Slot:afternoon

Edsarrthi Student

Daf keywords -IITR, motorsports, data analyst, Production and Industrial, Bird Photography

Chairman

1. are aap to sirf 23 saal ke ho, na kahi ghume, na jeevan ka anand liya, aapko to vapas Ghar bhej Dena chahiye XD

2. why is india lagging in manufacturing?
3. Why police have low respect compared to army?
4. PM said policing must be done by data and not danda

Member 1

1. meaning of your name? Does it suit you?
2. why agri output is low, is this due to lack of government support?
3. reasons for farmer distress?

Member 2

1. Major issues of South Asia
2. Issues in South China sea
3. Degrading relations with neighbour?
4. Maldives, why we still supporting Maldives through aid?
5. why is china trying to bring Indian neighbours on its side?

Member 3

1. How will india achieve developed country mark ?
2. What growth rate required to achieve the target?
3. reforms required in industrial sector?
4. why the growth is low despite FDI?

Member 4

1. What is citizen science?
2. does your name have any spiritual significance?
3. Rest questions I can't recall

Chairperson

1. We enjoyed talking to you. How was your interview experience?
2. Is it comparable to the mock interview?

Member 3

1. Aap telegram group mein to honge hi jaha interview ke questions aate rehte(transcript), to kuch similar tha kya Aaj? XD
2. I answered, then chairperson said thankyou your interview is over.
3. I stood and walked three steps, chairperson interupts and asks
4. " if you were on this side of the table how much would you rate yourself out of 10?"
5. Me- sir 7 out of 10
6. Chairperson raised his eyebrows and asked "why 7?"
7. I smiled and replied " Sir this is the score I would require to become an IAS"
8. Everyone bursted in laughter

Overall – The board was in jolly mode, lots of laughter throughout my interview which makes self assessment more difficult, hence beware

Mock utility

Samkalp(closest in terms of sitting arrangement) Humdard,,vajirao, onlyias,

O2o- Utkarsh sir

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Date of Interview: 15.02.24

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Odisha

Slot: Afternoon, 1st to go.

Duration: 30 mins

Daf keywords: Football, Mathematics, Odisha.

Medium: English

Chairman

1. Albert Einstein went one step further in acknowledging India's contribution to world civilization, we owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made. Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons.
2. What are some major contributions of India in the field of Mathematics?
3. We have contributed greatly to Mathematics in ancient India, why are we not able to do such scientific research and innovation in the present times compared to the west(they have nobel prize winners, fields medal winners, big tech corporations, innovations but why not in India)?
4. Why did Football become more popular in West Bengal, Kerala, Goa?
5. I have heard a rumour on social media that since cricket was a colonial game of British origin, the people of Bengal took up football as a means to revolt against the Britishers. Is it true? Can you confirm it?

Member 1

1. Why are the farmers protesting again?
2. What are the major demands of their protest?
3. Should the Government legalize MSP? What will be the issues if MSP is legalized?
4. Since your optional is Mathematics, design a poverty measurement mathematical model.
5. What can you do in your model that will be different than the Multi dimensional poverty index? Evaluate some additional parameters in your model.
6. What is the most important thing among Roti, Kapda & Makan to fight poverty?
7. Could you tell any specific schemes that ensure Roti for poverty alleviation?

Member 2

1. You are from Odisha. Bengali culture can be seen in Odisha in some places and Andhra/Telugu culture can also be seen in Odisha. What are the Uniqueness in Odia culture that you can tell us about?
2. Why there has been persistent presence of poverty in Odisha?
3. Since you are from Maths Optional, what is your opinion on the usage of calculator in maths teachings in school? Should they be used?
4. Is body building injurious to health?

Member 3

1. Maths and Space research have a connection. It is usually said that space is described using Maths. Can you tell a specific language which can be used in research of Maths, Space and also links in the research of Computer Science?
2. (Gave answer, follow up on that).
3. Give 3 major reasons why Sanskrit is used.
4. Suppose you are an IAS posted in your home state, Give a Regional Development Plan that you will implement in your home district?
5. Plan you will implement in the most backward district of your state.

Member 4

1. Okay Mr (My Surname), Consider that the CM, Mr Patnaik has appointed you as his chief advisor. Now the CM usually holds junta darbar at his residence to hear about the grievances of the people. Now design a mathematical model that would help to prioritize the people coming to the Darbar.
2. Give the specific parameters you will consider to prioritize the people coming to the Darbar. Like whom shall the CM hear first?
3. Suppose you are now an IAS, posted in a small town. Rural people are selling their produce on the mains roads like street hawkers and leading to traffic congestion. What will be your approach to handle the issue?

Chairperson: Thank You.

Assessment: Cordial Board. Patiently hearing without interruption, forgetting some additional questions asked.

Board members kept on writing something in their small notebooks with pencil. Dasa Sir typing on Silver Shining Macbook M1.

Sir's room is very nice, white colored room, blue cushions, comfortable sitting. Round Table with 2 members sitting at arms length.

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Date of Interview: 13/02/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Commerce and Accountancy

Home State: Rajasthan

Session: Afternoon, 4th to go

Interview medium: Hindi

Duration: 35- 40 minutes

Daf keywords – IDAS, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Nothing else asked from rest of the DAF.

Chairman

1. Kaise Hain aap?
2. Read out daf keywords aloud –
3. Optional, state, educational qualification and service
4. You are in Indian defence accounts service. Were you selected last year? Are you undergoing training at present or on leave?
5. Do you think this policy of Extraordinary leave is right ? Selected people are going on leave causing delays in postings..kyunki government ko to us year officers chahiye the? Is this narrative about EoL is true?
6. As Dopt Secretary, what changes will you recommend in the leave policy?
7. Aapke Rajasthan me state board of education and the public service commission is in Ajmer, the high court is in Jodhpur, so which model you think is better – Rajasthan ka ya fir un states ka jaha sab important institutions capital me located hai? And why?
8. What is the effect of these institutions being there in different cities on Urbanisation and demographics?
9. Which other important institutions are located in Jodhpur?
10. So aap Hindi sahitya se sambandh rakhte hai to abhi ke kinhi 3 Hindi writers ke nam bataiye? (No mention of Hindi lit in Daf ,and despite mentioning optional in the beginning sir asked this, be prepared for such unexpected things).. I mentioned Amrita pritam, Nilotpal mrinal
11. Why Amrita pritam was in news recently?
12. Society ne Amrita or Imroz ke relationship ko kaise liya?
13. So Amrita ji was a great poet and imroz was a famous painter right...so agar ye same relationship kisi common couple ka hota to society ise waise he leti jaise Amrita or imroz ka liya?
14. (He was satisfied with the answer)
15. Nilotpal mrinal ke works? Mentioned dark horse and Yaar jadugar.

MEMBER 1

1. Vittiya aniyamitta (Financial irregularities) se aap kya samajhte hai? Iske kya aspects hai?
2. How can these things be checked?
3. Gave a statement – Corruption in recent times has increased manifold as compared to earlier. Do you agree?
4. Why was Enforcement directorate in news recently?

5. Apko lagta hai ED ki image me improvement ki jarurat hai? Jo reports hai are they true?
6. If you are the Director of ED , what steps will you have take to improve the working of ED?
7. Long monologue on RBI (crux – Recently RBI ne kafi avenues provide kiye hai financial inclusion ke liye..are you aware about them?
8. If you were the RBI governor , what out of the box solutions will you suggest to the government for financial penetration?
9. You mentioned behavioural corruption earlier , explain it.

MEMBER 2

1. IDAS ki training kaha hoti hai apki?
2. So you are covered under NPS, tell me why Central government backs NPS and some state governments are backing OPS. Why such divergence.. ultimately dono he government he to hai focusing on same public service agenda?
3. Why OPS is termed as burden?
4. Any improvements needed in NPS?
5. What is the difference between Defence accounting and Civil accounting? Do they use similar accounting methods?
6. Commercial accounting vs Government accounting?
7. Form of Accounts used by Government vs by Companies?
8. Defence accounting me sabse bada issue kya hai apke according?
9. How pension is being dealt in defence?
10. Dinesh sir – how many serving personnel are there in the complete defence establishment? (I mentioned pensioners data earlier)
11. Aap isse agree karte hai ki pension ek bada reason hai logo ke liye government service join karne ka?
12. Accrual accounting? (Some cross questions)

MEMBER 3

1. Outcomes of 12th WTO ministerial conference?
2. Earlier WTO was very much active and countries bhi kafi manti thi ki global trade karenge free trade etc ..but recently regional trading blocs have emerged. What is the reason behind this failure of WTO?
3. How the dispute resolution body of WTO works ?
4. India kya kar Raha hai ispe? India ke FTAs kiske sath hai?
5. Opinion on Agnipath scheme? Sahi hai ya galat hai?
6. Agniveers ko Shahid ka status or pension benefits nahi milte hai kya ye sahi hai?
7. Agar koi agniveer Shahid hojata hai to uski family ko kaise financially ap handle krenge is scheme me ? Are there any provisions related to this?
8. India ki Model Bilateral investment treaty ke konse provision ko sabse jyada oppose Kiya baki countries ne?

MEMBER 4

1. Have you heard of System of Environmental – Economic Accounting?
2. Kafi industries and companies coal, iron ore extract karti hai aur fir export karti hai. Do you think this causes loss to the environment and economy?
3. At the national level how will you ensure that in the process of resource extraction, the companies, environment and the government teeno ko benefit ho?
4. Green certificates or green trading jaisi chizo se Coal India jaisi companies to band he hojaygi. Do you agree?
5. Green credit initiative kya hai?

Chairman – Thank you, Your interview ke is over.

Assessment – Board was cordial,

One member kept poker face throughout. Ye nahi pata laga sakte ki board apke opinions se agree karte hai ya nahi. All of them were writing something in diaries. Chairman busy with laptop but listening attentively.

Table was round and small.

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Date of Interview: 13/2/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Hindi literature

Home State: Rajasthan

Daf keywords – dholpur, history political science, Hindi literature

Chairman

1. Kaise ho aap
2. Graduation me BA kyu after 12th science
3. Why civil services even if you are Gen Z
4. Evolution of history of Rajasthan
5. Should history discribe about battles only or it should inculcate good character and events that show the way for today

Member 1

1. Best character in history
2. Kya basic structure ko codify krde
3. College me transgender k development k liye kya kroge
4. St Stephen aur Hindu me comparison

Member 2

1. Dholpur infamous kyu h

2. Dakaito ka problem kyu h dholpur me
3. Tum kya kroge as a DM
4. If decoit has political shelter then your approach

Member 3

1. Geopolitical challenges is the viksit Bharat sankalp

Member 4

1. Agree or disagree,give reasons for establishing you opinion
2. Statement 1- swatantra andolan me sahitya k vikas ko gati di
3. Statement 2 – SBM is a failure
4. Statement 3 – individualism is danger to democracy

Chairperson

1. Kaisa rha interview
2. Evaluate yourself and how many marks you should get
3. And bare minimum marks ?

Board was very cordial.All members were interacting and laughing at the same time.And discussion type it was.

Mocks utility for confidence and vast diversity of questions.

No need to worry mocks se far better experience it provides,so don't judge or underestimate ourself based on the mocks .

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Date of Interview: 07/02/2024, Forenoon session, 3rd to go

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Hobby: Sports

Daf keywords – bsc , cricket , movies , yoga

Duration – approx 30 mins

Chairman

1. you are just 23 , don't u think it's too early , aapne ghuma nhi movies nhi dekhi bas padhai ki hai ,, to aapko wapas bhej de ki delhi abhi door h ??
2. you watch movies , here is a statement – in a country where there are more problems and less solutions , movies that are undemocratic and far from reality perform better – what do u understand?
3. Niti aayog recent report – 25 CR moved out of poverty , which schemes helped ?
4. What more needed
5. have u heard about product reservation policy ? Do we need to reserve products for msme today ?

6. recently prime minister said – policing should be done by DATA not DANDA , what do understand by this?

Member 1

1. you have done graduation in physics, chemistry, maths but trying to be a civil servant , why? Do u think those who work in their field are feeling they are not contributing to society because they are not civil servants?
2. we aspire to become a developed nation , but in developed nations civil services have less role and popularity , how we will change the perception and authority of civil services in India ?
3. you do yoga , it is being popular in the world , but in a very narrow definition like just physical exercise, so should we be proud of it or not ? What more needed

Member 2

1. you are from mp, what are some schemes for women empowerment that can be adopted in country?
2. how to handle sarpanch pati phenomena in panchayats

Member 3

1. You play cricket – what life lessons have u learned from cricket ,, what have u learnt as a captain ?
2. which recent movies u watched , what did u liked about them
3. What u learned from MAI ATAL HU
4. chairman intervened – how India will remember atal bihari vajpayee? Will he be remembered as politician or as a statesman ? What is the difference between politician and statesman

Member 4

1. cyber patrolling?
2. do u belive in God ? Is there any proof that God exists ?
3. how many hours do u study ? What u do in remaining hours
4. do u watch movies or cricket during exam time as well ? Will you watch movie today ?

Chairman – Thank you , your interview is over

Experience – very cordial board with more opinion based and questions from my real life , felt good .

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Date of Interview: 2nd Feb 2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Philosophy

Home State: Rajasthan

Morning session (second to go)

Hindi medium

Key terms - Philosophy, Rajasthan, electrical engineering, spiritual book reading, CBI, AAI,

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. comparison of tagore and Gandhi.
3. your favourite philosophers, but no further questions were asked.
4. "one of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors"- Plato. Opinion
5. people like you work for years for this exam, why young people don't go for politics (and other people in general). Politics is also for governance. What are the issues.
6. state funding of election. Should we go for it.
7. internal elections in political parties.

Member 1

1. what is inflation & type of inflation.
2. how does inflation help in economic growth?
3. what is utilitarianism.
4. " good is good " bentham - what do you understand.

Member 2

1. there was decline of Ashokan empire due to embracing spirituality. Will practicing spiritualism impact negatively working in government.
2. maru mahotsav in Rajasthan.
3. should we codify parliamentary privileges ?
4. why new airlines fail in aviation market ?

Member 3

1. Why people ask for cbi investigation in a case. There is CID in state police. In CBI too, ips cadre is there, how it's functioning different from state police.
2. what are the things that can be included in education system for safety of women in Rajasthan as crime rates against women are high.
3. what will you do if you are not selected.

Member 4

1. difference in TADA, UAPA, PMLA.
2. why stringent provisions of bail in PMLA.
3. reverse engineering and IPR.
4. there are demands for cbi investigation in many cases.... If things go like this, the organisation will be overburdened. How cases are decided in CBI.
5. why tada was repealed.

Interview is over

Duration - 25-30 minutes

the interview was in serious discussion mode....

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Date of Interview: 31/01/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: History

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Key words- GST History optional AP movies banking

Chairman

1. Should alcohol be included in GST
2. why parties asked for introducing GST as finance bill vis a vis money bill?
3. what is Delimitation
4. Is there any issue with delimitation in future
5. solution for above problem
6. impact of world war 2 on Indian freedom struggle

Member 2

1. What is National agri marketing
2. is it working? issues
3. why ap has large shrimp production? Shrimp exports and domestic market percentage in ap?
4. land revenue policy and issues with respect to ap
5. as a DM how would u improve land revenue

Member 3

1. Tell me schemes related to Credit for vulnerable sections
2. Jan dhan account limit should we rise?
3. Rise of Bad loans in unsecured loans
4. rbi guidelines on above
5. is cloning necessary in humans?

Member 4

1. which movies u watch?
2. why from South India movie stars enter politics?
3. who wil be most likely to succeed in politics
4. Movie stars or politicians
5. why Indian movies are not making it to Oscars

Member 5

1. is there possibility of ww3
2. If a fake encounter allegations are made..as a DM how wil u tackle the issue?
3. Word of the year?
4. Which word you will choose
5. From these two 1.EVM 2.Bull dozer
6. Why EVM?

Chairman sir -ur interview is over

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Date of Interview: 02/02/24 morning sift 1st candidate

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Computer science

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Daf keywords - Guna MP, Hindi lit, MITS(M=Madhavrao Scindia) GWALIOR, Computer science, and engg., IRS(IT)

Hindi medium for interview

Chairman

1. To aap abhi service m ho to fir attempt kyo
2. Ye dm ko collector kyo kehte hai
3. Ye ab bhi ye revenue collection krta hai
4. Guna and gwalior mai kya relation hai
5. Ye jo Madhav nam ha aapke college m ye सिंधिया parivar se related hai(yes and college is related with सिंधिया society)
6. Kya Scindhia school bhi yhi chlate hai
7. Ye Scindhia kon hai?
8. Ye maharaja or baki sb raja kyo hai
9. Holkar ka area kon sa tha
10. Civil services mai kya problem hai
11. Civil servants ko kiske liye answerable hona chaiye
12. Govt k prtii hona chaiye ya constitution k prtii
13. Aaj kl civil servants kiske prtii answerable hai
14. Budget mai comprehensive growth word use hua hai to define kro usko(exactly jo budget speech m bola h bhi btao brna rehne do I said sorry sir mujhe iske bare m shi se jankari nhi hai)
15. Executive kitni independent hai or kese hai

Member 1

1. Central India k underdeveloped pocket kon se hai
2. Ye sb to marathao k under hi the
3. Budget mai expenditures k kuch points bta do
4. Cooperative or SHG m kya difference h and kya similarity hai
5. Cooperative m kya problems hai (ans m bol dia tha ek point राजनीतीकरण हो रहा है)
6. Chairman aa gye ye rajniti se dikkat kya hai Pura desh to bhi chla rhe hai fir bhi unko lekr presan hote hai sb to smjhane lge esa kyo h m bhi ha krta gya

Member 2

1. Energy independent hone k liye india m kon kon si scheme chl rhi hai
2. Kya ujjwala ko bhi count kroge isme
3. Renewal energy m kya kya ho rha hai
4. Solar abhi tk kitni established ho chuki hai(i said sir mujhe iske bare m shi se jankari nhi hai)

Member 3

1. Post office humare sb सुविधा दे रहे hai fir bhi pvt sector pr viswas bdta ja rha h logo ka to kya problems h post office k sath
2. Inka solutions
3. Quantum computing kya hai
4. Entanglement and super position?
5. Why Quantum is good
6. Fir deep m jane lge to(mene bola sorry sir iske bare m mujhe shi se jankari nhi hai)
7. Then one member said ki chlo sir km se km esa baacha to mila jo bol rha recall nhi ho rha ki jgha bol rha ise pta nhi hai

Member 4

1. Civil services m jo elitism hai to man lo aap DM ho district k to kya kroge(1 option i said night stay in villages)
2. Fir koi member
3. (Ye sb logo ko gao m rat he kyo guzarna hai din kyo nhi)
4. Ma'am k face pr smile nhi aai
5. Man lo aap dm ho or aapka subordinate corruption kr rha or aapko ek letter milta hai bina nam ka to fir kya kroge(file mnga k check kr lenge ki bhyi kam kyo nhi ho rha)
6. Nhi bo kam to kr rha pr kam krne k he paise le rha hai
7. Grievance redressal mechanism kya hai
8. Iska kese use kroge is problem mai
9. Corruption se related kon sa act hai
10. Is act k hisab se aap kya kroge
11. Kya information dena compulsory hai
12. Kya mp m cm helpline pr kam ho jata hai?

Experience - last year satyavati ma'am board and afternoon m 1st tha
Us experience ka bilkul opposite
Bde room ki jgha is bar Chota room(samkalp mock doge to pta chl jaega)
Khane k bad sone ko आतुर लोगो की jgha is bar
Fresh face
Andhre type k room ki jgha light se bhra hua room
Makrs mil jae to bhole baba ki kripa or na mile to unki iccha

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Date of Interview: 31/01/24

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Duration: Approx 30min

DAF - B.A(Economics, political science), Andhrapradesh, Anthropology (optional)

Chairman

1. Difference between sociology and sociocultural anthropology
2. Question on development in one particular city and discussion into Decentralization (3 capitals) for 5-6 mins (All members got involved)
3. Why given many attempts at such young age?
4. If you can choose one district as DM what will it be? And 3 major things you will do there?
5. Give anthropological perspective w.r.t Caste system?
6. Why present generation does not own house/car rather than relying more on renting?

Member 1

1. What is use of Supercity (I mentioned in earlier answer)
2. Where quality of life is better? Supercities Or Tier 2,3 cities?Give an anthropological perspective.
3. What is a smart city? (I mentioned in earlier answer)
4. Pros and cons of coming to delhi from andhra pradesh?

Member 2

1. Why you chose anthropology and not economics/political science (My graduation subjects)
2. Chairman intervened in between and said to give honest answer and gave hypothetical scenario of me being a chairman to choose between two candidates for why IAS- To serve people/Good career option.
3. Long question on importance of supply chain and it's importance?
4. Chairman intervened in between and asked if I wanted to have samosa
5. What is Gati shakti?

Member 3

1. Quote of Dr. Ambedkar w.r.t Importance of reading books and my opinion on it?
2. Veg and Non-veg controversy, my opinion on it?
3. Association of caste and occupation w.r.t Veg and Non-veg?
4. Opinion on Cow Slaughter Ban?

Member 4

1. Why low private consumption from Middle class after Covid?
2. Solutions to enhance their consumption?
3. Usage of DBT?

Chairman asked did they covered all aspects and should they ask anything.

Overall Board was very jovial and happened like a discussion.

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Date of Interview: 2 Feb 2024, Afternoon, 4th to go

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Hindi Literature

Home State: Rajasthan

Medium: Hindi

Duration: around 25 minutes

Relevant DAF keywords: Jalore, Jodhpur, Assam, Non-fiction

Chairman

1. Where is Jalore?
2. What is Marwar's history?
3. What are you doing these days?

Member 1

1. In economy, what is productivity?
2. How did China grow so fast?
3. Working hours a week more in China? (Chairperson intervened to add context of Shri N. Murty's suggestion of 70 hours work week)
4. Regional disparity in development, why eastern India remains backward?

Member 2

1. Assam, two valleys?
2. Reasons for demand of people in Barak valley for separate state?
3. What is innovation? Define it.

4. Reading non-fiction? What books? (Chairperson heard the name and brought out the book right then, asked 3 questions chapter-wise!! Perhaps couldn't answer to his satisfaction because he said to reread it when I was leaving)
5. Which is better? Fiction or non-fiction? For creativity and ideas?

Member 3

Read out hobbies section (Column 7 of DAF2)

1. What do you do in domestic chores? (DAF)
2. Isn't that women's job?
3. Why international tourists don't come to India more? What can we do? Isn't Incredible India there?
4. What will you do as DM Jodhpur to ensure foreign tourists go from here with memorable experience?

Member 4

1. One nation one election, advantages and disadvantages?
2. What is problem with conducting elections every 2.5 years? (Chair chipped in with a couple of cross questions, could not make out the final one, said sorry)
3. Padmavat controversy? (5 year old issue) Violation of freedom of expression? Is CBFC at fault?
4. What nature documentaries do you watch? What did you get out of those? (DAF)

Not able to recall some other questions.

Overall cordial board. No grilling as such. No questions from optional, graduation, work ex and interim budget!!

You can't predict what direction will it go.

Mocks: Next, Vajirao, Drishti, Samkalp, Raj Malhotra. Helped in rectifying some obvious lacunae.

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Date of Interview: 30 January, Afternoon session (5th second last)

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Hindi literature

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Hindi medium

Key terms - Hindi literature, Satna, MP, civil engineering, knowledge sharing, cricket, missionary school

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. 3 revolutions of the 18th century in Europe and impact on Indian society.

3. I said “I am not able recall much points right now” then sir said why do students say that they are not able to recall? What is the difference between not knowing and not being able to recall?
4. Why is Pakistan so vulnerable ? What should india learn from this?
5. Net neutrality
6. Civil servants activism and it’s impact on their neutrality
7. why is the preamble of the Indian constitution called an identity card.

Member 1

1. Green cover Target and how much area is needed for this?
2. how to achieve this forest cover Target amid the budget constraints. I said – through agro forestry, social forestry then they asked Why don’t farmers grow trees in their fields? What obstacles do they face in cutting trees?

Member 2

1. Smart cities in MP
2. Is indore a smart city?
3. Solar Power plant in MP, anything special about the Rewa power plant?
4. missionary school and role in education and controversies.
5. Indian government debt? Is this at a high risk zone? Despite the interest burden of these debts, shouldn’t we reduce our debt burden?

Member 3

1. What is the Prevention of Corruption Act ?
2. Should Petty crime be punished ?
3. RTI – subjects of exceptions
4. would you Share all the information with the public?
5. do you know (some writers names)
6. what recently have you read ?

Member 4

1. in today’s world everyone shares some knowledge .how could “knowledge sharing” be A hobby?
2. from where you get news and information. do you follow any YouTube channel? What impact does it have on you?
3. Any case of election manipulation through social media. How to prevent the harmful impact of social media on elections?

Chair again -

1. Why do you choose Hindi literature as an optional subject?
2. Current trends in Hindi literature

Interview is over

Duration - 25-30 minutes

Mocks - ZFI, sankalp, GS score, Vajirao & Reddy, ojaank ias

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Date of Interview: 31/01/2024, Forenoon

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Psychology

Hobby: reflective writing

DAF keywords - Mussoorie, reflective writing, book club, child development project officer

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself.
2. Tell us the cultural difference you've observed between two cities (in my daf).
3. What you have imbibed from each city into your personality? (The three questions were asked in one go)
4. What do you know about National Mental Health Plan?
5. How does psychology help you in your current service?
6. How will it help you in your aspired service?
7. What is the reason for high number of suicides in India? (Again, this set of questions in one go)
8. What happens when Attitude and behaviour, in a person, are different from one another?

Member 1

1. What are the problems faced by children who are born in prisons? And solution for the same.
2. Kerala, Bengaluru are arguing for the shop board signs to be in vernacular. Is this the right way? How would this help with sales?
3. Solution to stunting and malnutrition. Schemes that are operating for the same.
4. Often schools ban eggs for Mid day meal scheme. This effects consumption of protein. Your opinion.

Member 2

1. Should students be allowed to do politics in colleges/university?
2. How are student protests different from other civil protests?
3. Name some famous student protests in India.
4. Which protest led to falling of the government?
5. As a District collector, how will you resolve such protests?

Member 3

1. Suggest changes to PM-Kisan Scheme.
2. India's neighbors are going to poll. How is this important for India?

3. Should India have reservations in govt jobs? We also see states demanding reservation in private sector. Your opinion?

Member 4

1. The current scheme of UPSC exam cycle is too long, with at least 1.5 years going into just preparation and exams. Isn't it a waste of time? Any suggestions to make the system better? (Asked in one go)
2. What is reflective writing? How does it help you?
3. Which is the last book you read? (Some follow ups on that)

Chairperson

1. The scene in 12th fail, where he goes to Mussoorie – was that really shot in Mussoorie? Do you know whose house that was?

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Date of Interview: 12.01.2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Karnataka

(All male members, It was a glass Dinner table and all were sitting too close to me)

DAF Keywords: Karnataka, Commerce, Sociology, Folk painting and Devotional Singing

1st person to go , as soon as I filled all the forms Attender escorted me to Board room and asked me if I want something to drink (had hot water) later placed heaters near my foot and side and was very positive and kept wishing me

Chairman

1. How are you feeling today?
2. Can you introduce yourself to the board?
3. Tell me what are your short term and long term goals?
4. Tell me How have Movies(mentioned Indian Cinema) of last century and present represented Women,What is the difference?
5. (asked did you understand the question and repeated again)
6. How will you achieve your short term goals?
7. (not able to recollect some questions)

Member 1

1. A long situational question ,started explaining and Chairman kept adding on details to question and all the members were telling more about the characters in the situation and asked for my decision
2. (Question was personal and were keenly observing me ,this question alone took around 5 minutes)
3. Another long situation related to my state

Chairman

1. If there is change of government then is it because beauracrats failed ?
2. Why even after the achieve their goals people reject them in elections?Who is responsible for the failure?

Member 1

1. What is difference between permanent Executive and temporary executive ?
2. Why are permanent executive not able to withhold government with successful schemes?

Member 2

1. What is MSP?
2. What is difference between MSP and CIP?
3. Which is higher?
4. Why CIP is given and how should the gap between them be reduced?

Member 3

1. What are semiconductors?
2. Why is India pushing for it? How is it important?
3. What are the materials used to prepare it?
4. How does India identify Taiwan as?
5. How is our Bilateral Relationship and present Trade?

Member 4

1. (I will ask you one last Question)
2. You have studied Logistics right?
3. What are the different components in logistics management?
4. What are the different departments managing it?
5. How can we reduce its cost?

Chairperson

Your interview is over Is there anything we missed or something that you are prepared and you want us to ask?

(Mentioned about my Hobby)

After that there was a lovely conversation for 5 minutes on their favourite food and some authentic dishes from my region they also suggested some chaats to me and spoke about products manufactured by government and how it is earning good profits.

Thanked them again😊

Overall I felt the Board was very Cordial and no where close to mocks They treated me as an equal person .

They never dominated their experience or knowledge, and to questions where I dint know the answer they explained

However, they were neutral and couldn't understand if they were happy with my answers

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Date of Interview: 12/01/2024 – 1st one to go morning + all male member

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Anthropology

Background: Mech Engg, NIT B

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

DAF2 pointers – Bhopal, Mandla, MP, Guitar, Lawn Tennis, Public relation, 3D printer (not more than 5% from DAF) + DAF 1 pointers- last year gave IFS exam

Chairman

1. Read out DAF- then asked anything I missed?- I said my hobbies are- Playing Lawn tennis and playing Guitar. Then he said achaaaa ok.
2. Then Asked you gave IFS also right, I said yes. Then he asked optionals of IFS- I said geology and forestry
3. Then he said Chalo tum batao from where to start?- I said yesterday, Bhopal came 5th and Indore- 1st in Swaccha – so proud moment for us
4. Then he asked, why Indore is not doing good? Then cross ques that Surat is 1st and all.
5. History of Indore and Bhopal
6. Bhopal Jheelo ka sheher ya nawabo ka
7. IFS- optional Forestry right? I said yes – Analyse the statement –“ Natural resources are everyone’s property and no one’s responsibility”
8. Evolution of Forest laws
9. FRA- peculiar thing about it?
10. 2nd Optional of IFS was geology, right?- said Yes
11. Why Himalayan height is increasing?
12. 2 views on Madras- what will happen to it with respect to Plate tectonics – cross questions on it
13. What is Meghalayan age

Member 1

1. What is blue economy?
2. India’s targets of Blue economy
3. Long monologue what should be done- mechanised bottom trawlers and Traditional fishing
4. NCAP- targets, objectives
5. Reasons of Pollution in Delhi –cross cutting every point- gave 4 reasons but he wanted to listen something else

Member 2

1. Tell SDGs- told 8 or 9 but wanted to hear Climate Action
2. Then asked India’s target on climate action- could remember 3, but he asked more

3. Who's to be blamed for Israel Hamas war? –
4. Relation of US in it – cant remember his exact ques
5. Petrodollar hegemony
6. Recently, G20 took place. 2 major outcomes that came. They were related to investment and youth. So tell me what were the objectives of Y20.
7. What are countries doing for climate action
8. Few more ques I cant recall

Member 3

1. Analyse the statement- “Caste is not essential in present times”
2. What is the famous judgement related to Caste
3. Why SC said it with respect to caste

Member 4

1. Suppose your are SP of a district and there are cases of Bulgrary in certain region. What will you do?
2. Initiatives of India in Education
3. Acha, if govt is doing so well in education, why people are going out of India –told him reasons and solutions

Chairman again

1. Your parents are doctor, why didn't you choose?
2. You left medical for ENGG, you left ENGG for Civil, you will leave this also?

Thank you, your interview is over.

Overall cordial board. They helped me with certain questions. Overall good experience.

Gave 5-6 mock interviews.

Mocks didn't help much because mocks were from DAF mainly, but real interview was out of it.

However, mocks were useful in preparing DAF which is important for confidence building.

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Date of Interview: 12/1/24

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Malayalam literature

Home State: Kerala

Daf keywords: parliament

Chairman

1. Good afternoon, can you introduce yourself.

2. Have you heard that Kozhikkode in kerala recently got UNESCO tag of literature? Why do it was awarded for them ?
3. What do you know about classical language?
4. preamble was called as soul of the constitution by pandit takur das bhargava whereas dr b r ambedkar described article 32 as the soul of the constitution. Why is this so?
5. What are the pros and cons of parliamentary system?

Member 1

1. How do you think artificial intelligence is going to affect our future
2. As being appointed as the chairperson of nitiayog what will you do to eradicate poverty?

Member 2

1. What is the status of right to privacy in india ?
2. From where do public distribution system get food? Is it given free or at what cost? Is CIP or MSP is greater?
3. Have you heard about Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism? What are it's implications on india? Is it faire from the part of developed countries to impose such tax?

Member 3

1. Have you heard about vector borne diseases? Can you tell some examples? What is the vector in that?
2. Suppose a vector borne disease spread out in a district and you are the district magistrate there. Also the medical officers are not cooperating with you. So what will you do to prevent the same ?

Member 4

1. As the russia Ukraine war is continuing, let me say china will become superpower in the future. Give me 3 arguments in favouring and opposing this statement
2. From where do kerala get cashew nuts from?
3. **Board** was cordial

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Date of Interview: 08 January, afternoon session, 3rd to go

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Duration: 20-25 mins

Keywords: Anthropology, MP, Cubism painting, reading short stories, engineers without borders, the Bharat scouts and guides, computer engineering

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself

2. Stephen hawkins said AI is the worst thing to happen to humanity. What are your thoughts?
3. Applications of AI, IOT technology
4. Difference between sociology and social anthropology
5. #metoo in sociological and anthropological context
6. What is cubism painting?
7. Recent short story that you read?
8. ART act 2021. Intentions behind it

Member 1

1. Birsa Munda is a celebrated tribal leader. Who wrote a very famous book on him?
2. KS Singh was a member of IAS only. He made a collection of research about tribes. What was the objective behind it?
3. Can't remember more qn

Member 2

1. Do you know about Margaret mead? In what context?
2. You're a computer engineer. Why did you choose anthropology?
3. What is famous about your district?
4. In agriculture?
5. How many members are there in Bharat scouts and guides? x% of students are member of NCC, y% are part of NSS
6. Why is scouts and guides declining
7. What did you do in engineers without borders?

Member 3

1. Between EV and hydrogen fuel what is better?
2. Is nuclear clean energy?
3. Chairman- some famous nuclear disasters?
4. What fuel is used in nuclear fusion?
5. What efforts are being made for nuclear fusion?
6. Is China part of ITER?

Member 4

1. Who famously said "Europe has to grow out of the mindset that its problems are the world's problems but the world's problems are not Europe's problems."
2. Chairman- Nelson Mandela also has a famous quote similar to this.
3. Some initiatives by the government for women

Chairman- in today's hindu there was news that MP's GST collection increased by 18%. What are the reasons behind it?

The board tried to make me very comfortable. They even try to complete your answers. Except one, all members asked from DAF

Mocks help in opening up and gaining confidence. Discussion with Anupam Jain sir helped in building the thought process and handling the questions in a structured and coherent manner.

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Date of Interview: 11 January

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Home State: Bihar

Details: SCRA, RAILWAY, BIHAR, NALANDA

Chairman

1. Why IRMS brought
2. what if all are having arts background
3. golden triangle

Member 1

1. What will you do if you have unlimited fund in railways
2. difference between ICF and lhb coaches
3. Status of unmanned crossing
4. Status of DFC project
5. Implications of DFC on freight in India

Chairman

1. Should we allow private trains on existing infrastructure
2. When will it get started
3. When you will become railway Secretary
4. When you will become CRB

Member 2

1. Regional music of bihar
2. Irrigation system of Rajgir
3. importance of ahar pynes
4. which scheme can be used to revive ahar pynes
5. I told jal shakti abhiyan
6. he enquired about mgnrega can be used

Member 3

1. Why tracks are not improved
2. i talked about cag report on 30 percent derailment
3. He asked what else was there in that

4. asked about signalling changes we are doing
5. 4 key things in g20

Member 4

1. Status of Nalanda university
2. who destroyed it.
3. Where did khilji came from
4. kakodkar committee report on railways.
5. nuclear civil liability act
6. gave hypothetical scenario on civil liability

Chairman

1. 2 last question he said
2. who is elected and who is appointed among Pm and President
3. how was art 370 revoked was it through president order or legislation
4. if it was president order why amit shah was explaining it in parliament
5. In end all the best by Chairman and one member
6. Felt good also I was helped by one member

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Date of Interview: 10 January, Forenoon – 5th to go

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Anthropology

Home state: Kerala

Background: Mtech Environmental Engineering and Btech Civil

Keywords: star gazing, spending time with cats, flood relief activity, cooking

Chairman

1. Did not pronounce my name correctly and asked about its meaning.
2. Asked to introduce myself
3. Why Kerala is called God's own country?
4. What is your opinion regarding court sidelining social and cultural beliefs? (He told me it was regarding Sabarimala issue, some cross questioning came in)

Member 1

1. Can you explain what is anthropology in layman terms in one minute?
2. Do you know about Iravati Karve? What about the works that she did in socio cultural anthropology?(He explained the works too)
3. Do you know about Alaska Boeing issue on January 6?
4. Coming to civil aviation, there are many companies closing down its operations. What do you think are the reasons ?

Member 2

1. Being an environmental engineer, what environmental related decisions were taken in G20?
2. Kerala msme policy and especially regarding Ernakulam.
3. Asked how much is the remittance of India and later on that of Kerala.

Member 3

1. You told about equality in the question that chairman asked, tell me can fundamental rights be amended? How it can be amended?
2. What is your opinion on mercy killing ?

Member 4

1. Tell me about the radicalisation of youth in Kerala and what can be done regarding the same?
2. Asked me why I love time spending with cats and how do I take care of them?(he said he have 20 cats in his house)

Chairperson: Your interview is over.

1. While I was leaving a member asked me whether I was feeling cold and when I replied yes, rest of the members laughed saying ,” don’t ask this to a person coming all the way from Kerala”.
2. Board was very cordial and nodding to everything.
3. One on one mocks were really helpful.

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Date of Interview: 10 Jan 2024, Forenoon 4th to go

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Background: BSc Physics

Home state: Kerala

Optional: Malayalam literature

Keywords from DAF: organic farming, Zumba dance, writing drama scripts, reading malayalam fictions, magazine editor

Chairperson offered me coffee but I declined it politely.

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself,so your district kozhikode was in news for some reason what was it(UNESCO creative city list – city of literature)
2. Which is the other city along with kozhikode which was included in UNESCO creative city list recently?
3. Criteria for giving title of city of literature
4. Why South Indian states have more number of classical dance forms ?
5. About long-lastingness of temples and architecture of Southern states of India

Member 1

1. About health of Kerala
2. National family health survey and difference between neonatal, infant and child mortality rate(he was giving clear explanation on each)
3. Why Kerala have higher casualties in 2nd covid wave though they were able to contain in first wave?

Member 2

1. Asked about organic farming(mentioned in daf)
2. Which are the most exporting crops from Kerala?
3. From where did Kerala imports Cashew from
4. Tell me about current India-Maldives issue

Member 3

1. Which parts of India is largely effected by Water Stress
2. (continuation of first question)What may be the reason?
3. What measures can be adopted?
4. Asked about freebies-Are they really needed

Member 4

1. Suggestions to expand Lakshadweep tourism
2. Have you watched Kerala story movie?
3. Did you have any bad experience from Kerala Police?
4. What motivated you to learn zumba dance?

Chairperson: Okay beta your interview is over.Hope you enjoyed our discussion Board was very cordial.Complete discussion patterns rather than Q and A.They also give inputs and points.

One on one mocks and group discussions were helpful

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Date of Interview: 9th Jan

Board: Dinesh Dasa

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Hobby: Teaching

Work Exp: FCI, working in Punjab, Aerospace,

Chairman

1. Why Civil Services?
2. Why opposition to farm laws restricted to few states and follow up questions.
3. Civil Aviation – issues
4. PDS – steps being taken to reform

Member 1

1. How to reduce the food subsidy cost and few follow up questions
2. Technologies needed in Aviation, Aerospace sectors in India

Member 2

1. How to improve Gross Enrolment ratio in Higher Education.
2. Whether establishing Foreign universities in India affect Equity
3. How to improve employability
4. School education : issues and what steps – few follow up questions.

Member 3

1. Higher education – what is needed more colleges or filling up the empty seats and follow up questions
2. PDS – how to eliminate corruption at grass roots

Member 4

1. Why Pakistan is lagging behind India though we started similar
2. Can India have private aerospace companies like Space X.
3. Overall, it was more like a conversation except the last person as there was time constraint.

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Date of Interview: 9th Jan Afternoon Session , Second to go.

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Background: Metallurgy, Sharatchandra novels,

Hobbies: Reflective journaling, agriculture

Chairman

1. Don't feel nervous. Take some time , drink some water. After some time started questions.
2. How did you feel when you come to here?
3. After Independence what are the major schemes which are considered as turning points (he only reminded me some like Mid day meals)
4. If you are CM of Andhra Pradesh will you bifurcate Andhra Pradesh ?
5. What are the issues led to bifurcation?
6. Did they resolved after bifurcation?
7. How empathy helps in administration

Member 1

1. Which is the most important metal which India needs but doesn't have reserves? (Sir himself said Lithium)

2. Two lithium mines in India ?
3. As you are a Metallurgy student when you become administrator how will you resolve this Lithium issue?
4. How will you resolve ferrous related industries issues regarding production etc?
5. Why Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay used Reflective journaling in his novels(based on my hobbies)

Member 2

1. What is the major issue faced by Humanity currently?
2. Cop 28 Major outcomes
3. Will you prefer small states or large states? (I said small)
4. So many states should India have?
5. What is the ideal size of State should be?

Member 3

1. If you are SP will you encounter in Disha Case? (Asked same question twice)
2. If you are a DM will you prefer Honesty, Integrity or efficiency?

Member 4

1. What is the agriculture land your family have?
2. What are the crops grown there?
3. If you are DM how will convince farmers to cultivate follow land
4. Despite many schemes why farmers still have issues

Chairman again

1. What is the difference between Rythu Bandu and Rythu Bharosa schemes of (Telangana and Andhra Pradesh)
2. The board was very cordial first they tried to comfort me.

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Date of Interview: 8 January 2024, Afternoon

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: PSIR

Background: Computer Engineering, Google, Marketing. (others not asked)

Home State: Mumbai, Maharashtra (nothing asked)

Approx Time: 30 mins

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself to the board?
2. What were you doing since graduation?

3. Do you know about the California Court case on which the entire tech community has its eyes on it? (oracle vs google – regarding use of java in android language)
4. What is JAM?
5. What is net neutrality? How will the absence of net neutrality hamper democratic use of internet and information flow?
6. SC judgement on same sex marriage? What's your opinion? Is SC becoming modern?
7. India's stand in Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas?

Member 1

1. Laws related to unethical digital marketing?
2. Protection mechanism for consumers for unethical digital marketing practices? (long discussion).
3. How UPI and ABDM (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission) can be related to each other and discussion on the same. (Digital Public Infrastructure).

Member 2

1. How Russia and Ukraine are historically related? (Orthodox Christianity originated from the erstwhile Ukraine republic)
2. Then what is the reason of this conflict?
3. Present relations of India-China in economic, cultural, political and P2P dimensions?
4. If you are made to solve Indo-china crisis, how will u do it?
5. How to improve relations with Global South and LDC's?
6. How should we improve economic diplomacy with LDC's?

Member 3

1. What is HDI?
2. What are the parameters of HDI (unnecessary long question to confuse)
3. India's rank?
4. How to improve HDI?
5. How many countries recognized by UN?
6. If the overall landmass of world is fixed and few countries existed before, how so many new countries are formed today?
7. How come India being a large country, is still united?

Member 4

1. Are big tech cos neo imperialist?
2. Is India doing the right thing by getting cheap oil from Russia despite others sanctioning it?
3. What is dedollarization?
4. Can UPI help in dedollarization?

Chairman

1. Hope you had a good time interacting with us.
2. Thank you, your interview is over.

Assessment of the board – They were very expressive and were nodding, including chairman sir. Even gave hints in 2-3 answers. Very cordial board. Good experience.

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Board: Dr.Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: PSIR

Background: Commerce

Chairman

1. You are from region of ?
2. You are from ____?
3. ok you only then introduce yourself pls😊
4. So your optional is PSIR, tell me what were the reasons we introduced Look East policy and why we introduced Act East Policy?
5. Any other reasons for Act East?
6. What have we done for realizing the Act East?
7. Which countries come under Act East?
8. Schooling system is different in govt and private ,unlike in our times when all children studied together, how at present these kids will live together in future when they come out?

Member 1

1. Why we are behind many countries in Table tennis? (DAF)
2. Why other sports popular but not Table tennis?
3. What should be done?
4. Why not CA? (DAF)
5. Your preference is IAS right?
6. What suggestions for Political leadership will you give?
7. Main Difference between Parliamentary form or Presidential form of government?
8. Role of Bureaucracy
9. India insterted two words Secular and socialist in Preamble through Amendment, what provisions in the constituion apart from these were added to make India secular and socialist?
10. What provisions in the constitution reflect India's Secular and socialist nature?
11. There is secular rights also available in some gulf countries, why then they are called Islamic countries and not secular?
12. Three main pillars of democracy worldwide?

Member 2

1. In democracy there is rule of law or rule by law?
2. Are you sure there is Rule of Law in democracy?
3. Who gave theory of Rule of Law?
4. What is it?
5. Difference between Rule of Law and Rule by Law?
6. Donald trump not been allowed to contest elections in 2 states, there was a recent judgement. This is what rule of law or rule by law?
7. don't you think it is unfair for people to elect their representatives whomsoever they wish to elect?
8. COP outcomes?

Member 3

1. Altruism Vs Empathy difference
2. Civil servant should be what from these?
3. Examples of altruistic persons
4. other ques from this member not able to recall

Member 4

1. Your favourite subject in Commerce?
2. Tell me about Indian Economy in phases from 1950s till now?
3. One mistake which you think we did mistake? Or was it the best course of development path we followed?
4. How to do make India developed?
5. What parameters are used
6. How to improve HDI
7. major indicator how to check whether a country is rich or not?

Chairmen-Ok your interview is over

Lady member- All the best beta😊

Time- 35-40mins

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Date of Interview: 05/01/2024

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Rajasthan

Background: M.Sc Mathematics, IIT Roorkee

Hobby: Table Tennis,

Chairman

My medium was English but Sir started talking to me in Hindi and asked if I was comfortable in Hindi? And then told me that you can even answer in Hindi wherever you wish. He asked all questions in Hindi.

1. Meaning of your name? Some follow up questions on related concepts.
2. Asked that you post graduated in 2019, how have you been engaging yourself since then?
3. Have you given any other exams? Which exams?
4. When we talk about Election Commission, there is one person whose contribution is still talked about? (TN Seshan). Why? What did he do?
5. Honesty makes you a vulnerable person. Why then to be honest? Kya milega honest reh kar? He then asked other members to ask. Also he was working on his laptop during the whole interview and was not looking at me directly when other members were asking. But he was listening carefully as he asked for clarification once or twice when I was answering to other members.

Member 1

1. You must be following the Israel-Palestine issue. Do you think the conflict will escalate or peace will be restored?
2. Even if the conflict goes on, what should be the priorities in this conflict?
3. Asked about the Aadhar judgement, tell me 2 things for which Aadhar is mandatory and 2 things for which it is not as per the judgement.
4. In your view is Aadhar serving its purpose or are there any concerns regarding it? Cross questioning on it as per my answer.

Member 2

1. You can see portrait of Gandhiji in front of you. When he was assassinated, there was one newspaper which did not cover it on its front page, which was that? Since I did not know it, he said I will tell you. Told it was The Hindu, and then asked why do you think it did not cover? And then asked okay what do you find on The Hindu on its front page everyday? I said advertisement, and then said 'Exactly! The Hindu had advertisements on the front page so it published that assassination news on the second page. And then laughed loudly. All other members including me were also laughing.
2. Some follow up questions on the same advertisement thing regarding government welfare schemes which are published in newspapers and a SC judgement on the same.
3. Why Indian Table Tennis players not able to progress on the international level? Some follow up questions.

Member 3

1. I can say you participated in the elections in Rajasthan held recently. How do I know? (I had the ink of voting still on my finger, so I told him.)

2. What issues are there in elections? Electoral process? Follow up questions on EVMs and criminalisation in politics?
3. Concentration of CO2 in atmosphere? Itna sa hi toh hai, kya faraq padta hai and then laughed.

Member 4

1. Meaning of Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam? In which literature is it mentioned? Where was it used recently? (G20 Theme)
2. There is a general fear of Mathematics among girls. What according to you are the reasons?
3. Then chairperson told that your interview is over. Thank you. You may go. I thanked everyone and left the room.

Your assessment of the board/your performance: The board was extremely cordial. They were listening patiently with some follow up questions in between. Nervousness ka 'N' bhi nahi aane de rahe the. Beech beech me to interview vaali feel bhi nahi aane de rahe the vo log. It was a round table setup. It was more of a conversation and they kept adding few points by themselves. The members asked questions in Hindi mostly and used English in between. I answered accordingly.

I could not assess much how I performed. But experience wise too good.

Good luck all!

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<p>Date of Interview: 4th Jan, Forenoon</p> <p>Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir</p> <p>Optional: Anthropology</p> <p>Home State: Punjab</p> <p>Keywords: Swappable battery, Bhangra, Cricket, USA</p> <p>Work Ex: MHA, State Services</p>

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. As I belonged to a district that was princely state, so asked why they have buildings named in this area e.g Dholpur house
3. What was Chamber of Princes?
4. Why IT Act, 2000 was brought
5. Difference between IT act and DPDP act.
6. Who was chairman of committee set up for looking into Data Protection Bill.

Member 1

1. Low sittings in Parliament. What is the consequence of this
2. Solutions that you would advice to ensure more sittings
3. What needs to be done for Mental Health and Disorders in the country

Member 2

1. You have been to US, what difference did you observe in the newspapers of US and India (Mentioned Advertisements)
2. Government advertisements leads to promotion on public finance. Your take on this
3. 1-2 more questions regarding DAF entry

Member 3

1. India is Energy Dependent as much is spent on imports of energy. What is being done to tackle this
2. (As I mentioned Green Hydrogen)What are challenges with hydrogen as a fuel
3. 1-2 follow up questions

Member 4

1. How Bhangra is different from other classical and folk dances
2. India-Canada and India-US issue with regards to allegations on India... Follow up questions
3. Gave a long monologue of his experience in US where chairperson sir intervened.

Chairman – Thank you.. Your Interview is over.

Overall – The board was just engaging in conversation. No question asked about home state, optional, work experience

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Date of Interview: 2 Jan 2024, Afternoon

Board: Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Geography

Chairman

1. What are cratonic rocks? Assumed geology and geography to be same
2. Which mountain ranges separates Peninsular plateau and Northern plains?
3. Why Narmada flows westwards while other flow eastwards?
4. Who gives nod to Death penalty? President discretion or Council of ministers?

Member 1

1. What about environmental governance?
2. Energy conservation amendment Act? What provisions?
3. What are carbon credits?
4. What is building code for energy conservation?
5. What about PLI scheme?

Member 2

1. Why developed countries are not environment conscious?

2. Should India follow its own path in energy transition?
3. Why developing countries should be concerned since it's not existential threat like LDC?

Member 3

1. How EV are not polluting?
2. Energy mix of India
3. Green nudge
4. What about lithium ion batteries?

Member 4

1. How green hydrogen is green? Tell me the exact provisions.
2. What are you looking for in life.. Success, fame. What is life for you?

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Date of Interview: 2nd January, afternoon

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Home State: Punjab

Optional: Economics

Chairman

1. Introduce yourself
2. GST, Demonetisation, 1991 reforms, Bank Nationalisation in 1969- Arrange them in order of their importance for Indian economy.
3. What reforms could be brought in Civil services Exam?
4. In ancient time about 2000 years back, India's contribution to economy was as much as 33%, whereas it is only 3% now. What led to such a scenario and How can India regain its strength in economy?

Member 1

1. What is Yellow Journalism?
2. What is Capital Adequacy ratio?
3. What is Bank recapitalisation and How government recapitalises banks?
4. Is it justified to put taxpayers money in Banks that are not performing well?
5. What is equal opportunity? (Related to Daf)
6. What are programmes to provide equal opportunity?
7. Doesn't Reservation deny equal opportunity?
8. What reforms could be done in Reservation system?

Member 2

1. Discussion about Ecological value of mountains and impact of development on it. (Related to Daf)

2. Long monologues about situation in mountains and asked about steps also that could be taken.
3. If you were incharge, would you have allowed construction of Hydroproject related tunnel in Joshimath or not?

Member 3

1. What is Peהל scheme?
2. What is Ujjawala scheme?
3. Who all are beneficiaries in Ujjawala scheme?
4. Why Fuels have been kept out of GST? and discussion on that as to why they can't be put in GST itself?
5. What is the impact on Oil companies of keeping it out of GST?

Member 4

1. State of Indian economy before Independence and just after Independence.
2. What changed in Indian economy just after Indian economy? Kept insisting on the point that what impact was there immediately after Independence.
3. What was the objective of Indian freedom struggle?
4. Was the objective just Independence or it was Republic as well?
5. What is Republic? Is UK a Republic?
6. Which was the first war of Independence?
7. If we have gained Freedom in 1857 itself, would India had become Republic then?

Overall Experience: Board was very cordial, Didn't interrupt even once and encouraged to speak. Interview was more in discussion format rather than mere question answers.

Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh

(1)

Date of Interview: 20th Feb 2024, Morning session

Board: Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh

Optional: Anthropology

Duration: ~35 min

DAF Keywords – BTech-IIT Delhi, MBA-IIM Calcutta, Delhi, Punjab, Kolkata, Anthro, waste management, Cooking, Cricket, Placement Coordinator

Chairman

1. Tell me about your job profile, what are your roles and responsibilities
2. Since you worked in manufacturing sector, tell me why Manufacturing has remained stagnant for so many years
3. What are the social factors responsible for this
4. Indians don't want to get their hand dirty, they don't want to work hard, is it?
5. How to boost manufacturing sector share in economy? Steps taken by the govt
6. Evolution of India's foreign policy and recent success

Member 2

1. Why people not shifting away from Agriculture despite it being so risky in remunerative terms nowadays,
2. But farmers are not risk averse, why they are taking risky agriculture with so much uncertainty
3. Why Farmers not taking up insurance policies for crops
4. Lack of awareness – but despite knowing they are not taking insurance policies
5. Risk Averse nature of society
6. More questions I can't remember

Member 3

1. Govt acts and policies for women empowerment
2. Dowry good or bad
3. Are dowries still taken? How method has changed
4. Misuse of acts
5. How to remove this evil from society

Member 4

1. What you did as project manager- waste management in IIT Delhi
2. Larger problem related to waste management in cities

3. What acts do we have in place to deal with waste management
4. Solutions to this problem
5. What is your Philosophy of life
6. Who is a Guru. Do we need to have a guru in life

Member 5

1. Follow up on Guru, Should we restrict Guru to traditional old men only ?
2. What do you think about the God men in contemporary times
3. Sympathy vs empathy
4. If want to relieve suffering of others, can we go to any extent ?
5. What annoys you
6. How do you deal with it
7. Do you know about financial markets - I said very limited understanding, so he did not ask anything

Chairman- once again

1. Before we wind up, tell me one more thing, recently a famous person died in Arctic Jail of Russia. What was his name?
2. What was his profession? What age?

Thank you, your interview is over.

Experience - Overall a very cordial and pleasant environment. No grilling happened at any time. I disagreed with some opinions at some points and clearly communicated I beg to differ. Chairman sir was encouraging with a pleasant smile all throughout. Other members had a poker face though.

Utility of Mocks- I think it's very important to do at least 2-3 mocks. It helps in getting accustomed to thinking on the feet and gain confidence when 5 very Senior officials are asking questions to you. Vajirao&Reddy , Unacademy & Shubra Ranjan were good and closest to the actual interview environment.

(2)

Date of Interview: 23/02/24

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

DAF: electrical engineering, MP, Police, meditation, painting, powerlifting

Chairman

1. what is meditation.
2. Different between concentration and meditation

3. Patanjali Yogasutra
4. What is blood diamond
5. Which country is famous for diamond?
6. Natural pearl and artificial pearl
7. How is artificial pearl produced?
8. What are the changes in global order.

Member 1

1. Tell me about the education system in India
2. Difference in state boards and central boards
3. Which subjects can be common in both boards.
4. Tell me some theories of evolution

Member 2

1. Should we have open book exams? (Discussion on this)
2. Negatives of open book exam
3. 4 classical dance in India?

Member 3

1. Police administration – how is it functioning, how it can be reformed, prakash singh guidelines
2. Learning from Covid 19

Member 4

1. Tell me evolution of land acquisition act. (Follow up questions on this)
2. What is no till farming. How is it done. Why is it done.
3. Chairperson
4. Tell me 2 schools of kathak.

Experience was good. The environment was also conducive. I could answer some questions properly. Said 'limited knowledge' in some questions.

Samkalp mock was the closest.

Rau's, vajirao & reddy, chahal were also good.

Mocks alag hote hain aur UPSC ka interview ikdam hi alag hota hai. Had rarely 2-3 questions on DAF.

(3)

Date of Interview: 20 Feb, 2nd last to go

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: Psychology

Home State: Haryana

Keywords - IFS, EEE, nothing from Hobbies, state stc

Time - Around 25 min (Didnt check)

Chairman

We are normal people and just want to have a conversation

1. What is a abnormal psychology. .?
2. What is world order...?
3. How is it changing..?
4. What is Sora and how it works..?

Member 1

1. Why planes dont fall..?
2. Why ships dont sink? Specific science behind it..?
3. Changes in capitalism in last 2 3 decades..?
4. Is capitalism the best option..?
5. Specific cases where capitalism is bad..?
6. Worst form of inequality..?

Member 2

1. 5 government schemes you like, also explain them(questions in between about these schemes, very factual)
2. If my vehicle is to be phased out in 10 years even if I buy BS6. Why should I buy it..?

Member 3

1. What are GHG...?
2. Is India the largest emitter..?
3. You are saying in per capita terms its less but overall we are one of the largest. Dont you think both things are different.?
4. What is global economic order..?
5. Was India Historically largest emitter..? (Asked stats about it?)
6. UN and its relevance(discussion on it)

Member 4

1. What is global south..?
2. Why tourism is not there in places(Hampi) other than famous places like Rajasthan..?
3. If you were to promote tourism in Hampi, what will you do..?
4. What is data protection bill? Some discussion related to it
5. Asked some specific scheme (I said sorry sir)

Board had a poker face throughout interview. factual mistake in some questions and also said “sorry sir” in some. It was more of a GS based discussion.

(4)

Date of Interview: 23.02.2024 AN Last

Board: Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Key words – DIY, PSIR, WEB SERIES, CIVIL ENGINEERING, MP, Indore.

Chairman

1. Pulitzer or Booker to whom it is given. X
2. Have you watched Webseries – rocket man, IB71. X
3. Read any Book recently – yes harry potter’s all 7 books,
4. What is hogwarts?
5. Do you believe in magic, is alchemy possible.
6. Name 3 crypto-currencies.
7. DIY what do you do in this.
8. Why Acronym’s usage increasing in youths of today and its impact on language.
9. Difference in AI and ML,
10. Define AI.

Member 1

1. Strategy and Planning.
2. 1971 war – Manekshaw-PM topic of talks. X
3. Difference between Embassy and High Commission
4. What is Common Wealth of nations?

Member 2

1. Need of Rajya Sabha,
2. What if same political party has majority in both houses, won’t it become defunct ?
3. Schools of Yoga ? X
4. Portugal citizenship, renounce Indian citizenship, somethings about that. X

Member 3

1. When is the Joint Sitting called in parliament?
2. Who presides over joint sitting? If speaker not present then who?
3. What is one thing that God has stopped creating in present? Think and Answer. I smiled
4. What is Island Arc?

Member 4

1. What are Black holes, are they found at center of all galaxies?
2. Why sugarcane farming is practiced even in water scarce regions? Some counter questions.
3. Last (Chairman)
4. If you want to say anything to the board, that you would like.
5. (I replied It felt comfortable during interview and panel members were very cordial)

(5)

Date: 22/02/2024 / Afternoon

Board: Hon' Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Football

Duration: 25-30 minutes

DAF Pointers: (nothing was asked from DAF) – Rajasthan

CSE Training on Lake rejuv, BSG, Football, Debating, Civil Engineering, PSIR, EPL, e-Sports

Chairman

We are just trying to have a conversation with you, be calm and relax.

1. So you are a sports enthusiast?
2. What is this esports?
3. What are your views on Metaverse?
4. Do you think physical world will lose its significance due to metaverse?
5. Who will reach first on mars, digital version of human or physical version?
6. Will the death of digital version of myself on mars will impact the real version on earth?
7. Are you aware of these impacts with respect to esports ?
8. *Long monologue on Chandrayaan*, so where did we land on moon ? What was the role of Vikram? Why it was put to sleep? What is the temperature and density difference between both sides of moon and earth?

At this point he understood that “kaafi trauma dedia hai bhai ko, jane dete hai”

Member 1

1. With which country India has most disputed border issues?
2. So why are we Importing Rafale ? Why we are not using indig. jets?
3. Compare Rafale and Tejas technically?
4. Have you heard of INSAS rifle?
5. Why are we still using and importing AK-47 when we now have INSAS?

At this point he asked me 2-3 more questions on defence tech and everyone including chairman was staring at the member only.

Member 2

1. So you were talking about metaverse with sir, do you know about this company and its platform for metaverse related...
2. So what is UCC? Why it was in the news? Do you think intervention of state in personal life is necessary?
3. India is a fossil based economy, what is GoI doing to reduce the dependency on fossils?
4. He asked me few counters on this and 1-2 more questions that i am forgetting right now.

Member 3

1. What is NGT? its role, why and when it was setup?
2. Statement, "NGT is creating unnecessary impediments for development", two points in favour and two in against.
3. So do you think NGT has really made impact?
4. Asked about same Grading A,B,C of NGT with respect to NCR air pollution that i have never heard of, "explained me and gave a very long monologue" and then asked whether it really works ?
5. Why we take actions when air is polluted and not put limitations when it is clean to maintain the good AQI?

He asked me 2-3 more questions on similar lines that i am forgetting right now

Member 4

1. Do you think agricultural income should be taxed?
2. What will be the criteria?
3. How will you make policies to stop black money hoarding in the name of agricultural income?
4. So will you tax an farmer with an annual income > 50 Lakh?
5. What are the challenges in 10th and 12th class examination system or are they all right?
6. Policy changes that you can bring? and further counters on it.

Your interview is over and we had a really good time talking to you.

It was a average size room, with bright lighting. The member 2 and 3 were sitting at hands length. Overall, the questions were little bit random but the members and chair never interrupted and kept listening patiently.

Gave ZERO MOCKS this year.

Special thanks to Anandita & Arha Bhai for constantly helping me and thankyou to this community. I hope this transcript will help you.

Until we meet again.

(6)

Date of Interview: 26th feb, AN

Board: Hon' Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: Public Administration

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Key words: IIT Kgp , Andhra Pradesh, Bio gas, NSS, pub ad.

Chairman

1. Who designed Chandigarh? What is so special about him.
2. Vitruvius 3 principles of architecture?
3. Difference between 2 farmers protests?
4. What are provisions of farm bills?
5. What are issues with Agriculture Mandi's?

Member 1

1. Did you learn bangla
2. Bangladesh elections, opposition not contested, your opinion?
3. How can we know about people through architecture
4. How can knowledge of past helps in present times and in future.
5. How did we fare in digital governance.

Member 2

1. Is FL wright overrated?
2. Draw some parallels between public administration and Architecture.
3. Did you read any book in recent times?
4. Tell me what did you learn from it?

Member 3

1. Tell me recent laws made in regard to manual scavenging.
2. How can we reduce begging problem on Indian streets.
3. Gandhi has given some ideas regarding education, what are those?
4. NEP emphasised about education in mother tongue and now we are conversing in English. Is it contradictory?

Member 4

1. what do you know about verrier elvin?
2. What is national digital library?
3. Why states are coming up with their own digital libraries when we already have one.
4. what is market value of architects and their career prospects?
5. What are observational documentaries?
6. What is street life photography?
7. Did you watch "ship of Theseus"? is it a observational documentary ?

Opinion: it was very good conversation.

Mock utility: one on one with SOMP Puneeth Yadav sir, Reflection Ias Vivekananda sir, Laex hyd Venkata mohan sir currents affairs course and Ram babu sir's daily transcript discussions helped me in my preparation.

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Date of Interview: 27-02-2024 forenoon (last to go)

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir

Optional: Geography

Home State: Rajasthan

Keywords- BCOM, Rajasthan, karauli, Madhya pradesh, Indore, Geography optinal, zentangle art, doodling, DAVV,

Chairman

1. What is zentangle art
2. Is doodling is really an art? Convince me that it is an art
3. Does doodling reflect nature of a person?
4. What us blood diamond
5. Tell me difference between lone diplomat warrior and lone wolf attack
6. How NGOs important in governance
7. Do they have any negative imapct ?
8. What is toolkit

Member 1

1. Tell me about devi ahilya bai holker(after my university name)
2. Since when you doing roller skating
3. How it skating helps you?
4. Ram mandir who built it
5. Was government involved in it?
6. Should government build temples or mosque

Member 2

1. How history is determined by geography
2. Why geography plays important role in rajasthan
3. What type of special geographical study is needed for Rajasthan
4. What is the controversy around meena and mina
5. Why jats in bharatpur doing protests?
6. Should they get reservation ?
7. Tell me about women reservation bill
8. If it was going to implemented after delimitation what was the need for bringing the bill now

Member 3

1. How geography and IR are related
2. Tell about some geopolitical geographer
3. I am not able to recall other questions
4. What was privy purse
5. When was it abolished

Member 4

1. What Is GIFT city
2. Benefits of SEZ
3. Which country has promoted its economy by establishing several SEZs
4. Should we apply Custom duty in GIFT city, considering it is a foreign territory
5. Does defence sector impact domestic industries

Actual interview is very different from mock

Board was very cordial

Mock utility- Gave 6 mocks- made me more nervous. But A big Thanks to Puneet sir of **SOMP-** helped throughout to keep my calm and confidence.

Shri Sanjay Verma

(1)

Date of Interview: 07-03-2024, Forenoon, last to go

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Jharkhand

Keywords- DAAD Scholarship, MUN, Street play, Quiling, BALCO, Vedanta, Korba,HR, Jharkhand, Miranda House, Jamia Millia Islamia.

Chairman

1. Do you want tea/coffee?
2. How are you?
3. Are you happy?
4. So, if I give you a street play to write with only 2 characters one from Miranda and another from Jamia and both have to talk about nation's development, what will they say?
5. Tell me any book/movie/journal which you have read, which gave you that "Ahaa" moment and reflected India in true sense to you?

Member 1

1. Have you watched Animal movie? Name 2 sociological phenomenon shown. Why do you think it was a huge commercial success?
2. Where do you see ghettoisation in Delhi?
3. I will give you a statement, listen carefully and explain it from sociological perspective. This statement was given by a CM, 5 years back. "Mard agar Mard se shaadi krne Lage to bacche kaun paida krega"?

Member 2

1. BALCO has been in news for violation of environmental laws and pollution, how do you see this?
2. What was your role in the company?
3. % of tribal population in BALCO'S employees.
4. What is DAAD Scholarship?
5. What is Quiling?

Chairman sir interrupted. Here's a paper do quiling right now and simultaneously answer next member's questions. I explained that quiling papers are different and I need a tool to roll the paper, he said use pencil.M1 tried to help in cutting the paper, Chairman sir said no.

Member 3

1. How do you look at intercaste marriages at Village level?
2. Is it right to arrest incumbent CM?
3. Are our institutions getting politicised? Why are you giving diplomatic answers? You are young generation, we want to know your opinion.
4. Is vedanta plant currently working? What was SC order?
5. Why do you think vedanta didn't follow the norms? They can afford brilliant lawyers, why did they lose the case?

Member 4

1. Tell me your service preferences?
2. You have done some UN smiluatun and If you are made IFS officer and I ask you to make a display of Indian fabrics from J&K to kanyakumari, what will you include?
3. You come from Jharkhand, what is nari shakti in political sphere of your state? What happened with the Spanish tourist in your state, how do you look at it?
4. What will you do for women development in your district. Tell me 2 things and no such things like schemes in education, skills, health sector.

M1 then asked what is the fabric of your saree? Is it pure silk? Is it costly? Can it be hand washed or only dry-cleaned?

M3- Does Jharkhand has silk processing facilities?

Chairman sir looked at my quilting which I couldn't finish. He asked are these things durable? What do you usually make from it? You could have worn quilt earrings for the interview. I replied we are not allowed to.

He said ok, your interview is over.

Experience - Questions were mostly on opinion lines. In some questions members interrupted me, in some they tried to build pressure. Chairman sir was very keen that I do quilting and answer questions simultaneously. He had a continuous smile and was observing my answers throughout the interview.

(2)

Date of Interview: 8th March 2024, Afternoon (last candidate of the day)

Board: Sh. Sanjay Verma Sir

Home State: Chandigarh

Optional: Economics

College (UG/PG) -

Department of Economics, Panjab University Campus

Educational background - 5 years integrated Honours School in Economics

Profession/Work Profile/Projects mentioned(if any) - NA

Hobbies - Not asked

Achievements (if any) -Not Asked

Your experience in interview via a detailed transcript -

Took the permission to enter the room. Entered the room wished all and they asked to sit. Then I wished all a vey Happy International Women's Day and MahaShivratri.

Chairman

1. (very cordial and a gentleman)
2. Would you like to have some tea or Coffee?
3. How many cups of tea and coffee you have in a day?
4. How many you have today? (Told 2 cups of coffee. Sir mentioned that means you are caffeinated)
5. When did you come from Chandigarh?
6. How many mocks have you given?
7. You have a nice CV it means you are also doing good parallely in life.It seems you are married to economics.
8. What is trilemma?
9. What is new monetary policy?
10. Which economic authors you read and from where?
11. Will India be high middle income country?
12. What is present per capita income?
13. Is our growth overrated?
14. What major failures you see in our economy?

Member 1

1. You have a nice CV.
2. You are from Chandigarh, can I ask you questions related to punjab?
3. I'm the CM of punjab and you are my adviser, what policy changes you will advice me? (lot of counter questions)
4. What is more important agriculture or industry?
5. Okay if we remove militancy and other sops given by other states the how will you attract industry in punjab?

Member 2

1. What are your service preferences?
2. What is BNS?
3. How long the custody extended?
4. what is SMART police?
5. Have you heard house of elders?
6. what role does it have ? Should we abolish it?

7. I'll give you a statement the youth in india both rural and urban is in economic distress. Do you agree?
8. what are we lacking then?
9. Our health expenditure? What is important Gdp or health?
10. (Chairman sir came and said this is the problem with you candidates you assume as you are already part of government say yes our health is very poor)
11. okay tell me penicillin or Artificial Intelligence which is more important to humanity?
12. (Sir said I don't agree with your observations I feel AI will take over human intelligence)

Member 3

1. What is our growth rate?
2. What is the growth rate by other private agencies?
3. Will we be able to have 10% growth rate?
4. What about inequality?

Member 4

1. As running short of time and as lot of economics covered will ask you two questions.
2. village in Punjab (have not heard the name of village) the women and youth are in distress? As not heard village name she expanded and said it is related to drug abuse.
3. Have you read about P Sainath and UAPA? How process can be more punishable than the punishment itself?

Chairman Sir.

1. Have you watched udata punjab? Was it true?
2. Can you name the drugs?
3. Okay you are student of economics. Lots of people give 5-6 years into this job, what is your opportunity cost of this?

(Mine was final 6th attempt)

Thankyou!

Wished all and left the room.

Time: 30-35 mins

Any Suggestions-

It is like living your dream so enjoy the process, control your controllables . Give your best and god will do the rest.

Utility of Mocks or O2O (if any):

Helps to build confidence and get into the interview feeling. Helps to overcome FOMO but don't blindly follow the recommendations. You are your best judge. Take what suits you.

Some good experiences:

O2O with Puneet Sir (SOMP), O2O with Dheeraj Sir, Elocution sessions with Kapil Sir (Vision)

Full Mocks: Next IAS, Samkalp, Unacademy, Vajirao.

(3)

Date of Interview: 8/3/24

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Home State: Kerala

DAF- painting, listening to Malayalam melody, clay modelling, Kerala (kannur dt)

Graduation: agricultural engineering (not asked)

Optional: sociology

As I entered the board was being served with tea and snacks, chairman asked if I wanted something, i politely denied....

I was asked to sit by the lady member

Then chairman began with a monologue: this is a conversation, we are just checking your personality etc...then he began asking questions

Chairman

1. You are very much related to art and culture, so tell me the connection between art and culture and industry
2. He hinted towards design and so I talked about architecture, jewellery design etc
3. Then he asked about my music taste
4. Difference between music in old times and now in movies
5. My favourite Hindi songs

Member 1

1. He asked about ODOP in my district
2. He asked about supreme court case between Kerala and centre and asked about it's outcomes and what is centre's stand
3. Asked whether pencil drawing and doodling are same
4. Asked about my works in pencil drawing
5. Monologue: he feels that Malayalam speakers when conversing feels like argumentative, is that so?- I told we are very lovely people

Member 2

1. Asked me which temple in Kerala celebrates marriage - I said I didn't understand, he repeated but I said I don't know, he asked, why? people in Kerala don't get married?!
2. Then he asked about my service preference
3. He asked about SMART Policing
4. Asked about the uniqueness of kannur handloom
5. Monologue about the drinking problem (alcohol) in Kerala
6. Why that is so?
7. Do women drink in Kerala, out of 100 how many women will drink?

8. Out of 100 how many men will drink?
9. How has it affect the domestic lives of people?

Member 3

1. Difference between culture of Kerala Karnataka and Tamil Nadu – sociological analysis
2. Difference between watercolor and oil painting
3. Why have you specifically written Malayalam melody
4. Do you hear English songs

Member 4

1. Hyderabad encounter killing issue- police was made heroes after the act by public.. why so?
– she was not satisfied by my answer and asked again
2. Then she asked the meaning of my name
3. She asked which I will give importance to, personal ideals or communal good
4. She gave a situation, like if I'm the DM and i could fudge some figures so that I will get more money and can help the society better..... will I do it? I said no
5. Then she tried to persuade me with a lot of benefits of getting more money with regard to development and helping the poor

Chairman

1. Ok name some prominent economist in India
2. You know anyone from agriculture?

Ok thank you!

I said thank you

Experience – it was a cordial board, friendly conversation. There was points of laughter and everything was at ease.

(4)

Date of Interview: 28-02-24 (forenoon)

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobby: Teaching

DAF- Maharashtra, Civil engg graduate, solid waste management, teaching, Sociology optional

Chairman

1. It was quite a long wait for you. How was your experience
2. As you are from Maharashtra, have you heard of P.L.Deshpande? What is his contribution at national level?

3. Have you seen movie on his life?
4. As your name contains your father's name and not mother's name, what you think about it? (sociological analysis)

Member 1

1. Why sociology after Civil engg?
2. 5 nobel prize winners from sociology
3. Who is mother and father of sociology?
4. Have you been to Kaas pathar? What is its significance (Maharashtra specific)
5. What is anthropological/paleontological significance of Kaas pathar?
6. Is kaas pathar a UNESCO site?
7. As your birthplace is Baramati, tell me socio-political analysis of present conditions in Baramati (political)

Member 2

1. What is Maharashtra Cadet Corps? How it is different from NCC
2. Why Shivaji Maharaj is considered as great warrior of his time? What are his tactics or strategies that are famous? His naval contribution
3. What about his Ethical deception?
4. Gujarat govt is doing great work for education sector. Their ministes, secretaries etc are going to villages and teaching, spending time there. Can maharashtra government do such thing?
5. What are the reasons that such initiatives are not taken by maharashtra govt
6. Have you watched Thakre movie? Tell me about his contribution in Maharashtra. Dont mention any of controversy but positive contributions

Member 3

1. What was your project in solid waste management?
2. Is decentralized approach is more suitable for solid waste management?
3. What are the issues in it?
4. Economic sustainability of such decentralized projects

Member 4

1. Lets talk about Maharashtra again. Maharashtra government has reserved some movie show slots specifically for Maharashtrian films. But theatres are not gaining profit from it. What is solution
2. What makes you feel happy and what makes you feel sad? Some discussion regarding it
3. What is the most challenging thing for you?
4. Some more questions but can not remember

Chairman-

1. Tell me about N-E
2. How its perception has been changing in last 2 decades.
3. Talk about sociological perspectives

(5)

Date of Interview: 21/02/2024

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Geography

Home state: Maharashtra

DAF: Thane, Mumbai Cricket, Vipassana, Long walk

Chairman

1. How many year have you remain out from your home?
2. What is difference you experience in Thane and Delhi
3. Monolog on competitiveness of UPSC exam, Will you share your notes with others?
4. Few counter questions
5. What was importance of Thane for British during colonial regime
6. When is first railline developed and it's significance for British?

Member 1

1. What is Vipassana (I gave 2 min answer)
2. Then who is your real friend (he means breath and sensation)
3. Why British developed first railway from Mumbai to Thane

Member 3

1. Have you read news papers? What two news you remember from Maharashtra?
2. What two chages you want to brought to society if you become officer or leader?
3. Too many counter questions? (4 to 5)
4. Again questions on sharing your notes with friends despite toughest exam (Mam said hope you will keep this attitude after becoming officer)

Member 4

1. Technical difference between walking and running?
2. Why so many people in walking competative get disqualified?
3. Tell me about places which are geographically unfavorable where human have overcome those disadvantage

Member 4

1. What is Brexit? Why it happened? What are its advantages for India?

2. How Brexit impacted Great Britain?
3. Tell me three problems which will result in extinction of human civilization? And what is their probability?

Chairperson:

1. You are from Mumbai metropolitan region, Mumbai was dominant team in Ranji earlier but now they are not performing well, what are reasons

Chairperson said your interview is over thank you

My experience: Board was very cordial, most of questions from DAF, most of questions were logical and very few factual questions, initially I was shivering but become comfortable and answer most of questions.

(6)

Date of Interview: 19 February 2024, Morning, 4th to go

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Haryana

Medium: English

DAF Pointers: Haryana, ECE, Telecom, MA-IR, West Asia, Climate Change, PSIR

Chairman

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2. Is there something called as Indian Diet?
3. How do dietary habits change according to the location?
4. What is the component of a diet in Bengaluru?
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Member 1

1. How is the climate changing in the Middle East?
2. What steps are being taken in the Middle East to mitigate the impact of climate change?
3. Are we going for mitigation or adaptation?
4. What steps are involved in adaptation to the climate change?
5. In the context of the Middle East, how has the scenario changed post World War 1?
6. In the present scenario what is the solution to the crisis in the Middle East?

Member 2

1. Recently M S Swaminathan has been awarded the Bharat Ratna. What has been the contribution of Swaminathan?

2. Is there any contribution of M S Swaminathan towards Haryana?

Member 3

1. Last year a No-Confidence motion was brought against the government. Where is it exactly mentioned in the Constitution? (Not mentioned in the Constitution, she was just checking me)
2. What is the procedure to bring a No-Confidence motion?
3. What are the benefits of bringing Uniform Civil Code?
4. In respect of marriages why not go for the Special Marriage Act instead of UCC?
5. Is Uniform Civil Code being practiced anywhere in India?
6. Is there any pre-independence example of the Uniform Civil Code in India?

Member 4

1. What is the difference between production and productivity?
2. What is India's relation to Antarctica?
3. How will climate change in Antarctica affect us?
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Chairperson Sir Again:

1. Tell me a few good things as well as some issues related to Haryana.
2. On the social front, what are the issues in Haryana?
3. Is there any change or development in the society of Haryana?
4. Tell me the names of 3 Females from Haryana whom you can take inspiration.

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(7)

Date of Interview: 22 Feb, Forenoon, 1st to go

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Geography

Home State: West Bengal

Educational background: B.Tech. EE

Home state and places mentioned in DAF - West Bengal, Manipur

College (UG/PG) - KGEC, MAKAUT(WBUT)

Achievements (if any) - leadership position in college sky watchers club, science and maths olympiad state 1st, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Detailed transcript -Entered the room. Greeted everyone and stood beside the chair. I was told to sit after some time.

Chairman

1. Made me comfortable by asking about how am I doing and how is the weather outside.
2. Said -“You must have read all the newspapers since the morning, right?” I told “Just two, that too only the front page”
3. Tell me two important news articles – one which is related to women issue, and other that has no impact on the Nation
4. You were born in Murshidabad, have u stayed there?
5. It has a rich history, why has its importance reduced in later times?
6. Many people think the progress of Bengal is mostly owed to the British, what is ur opinion?

Member 1

1. So, u are a geographer, at least for this exam. Tell me where can I find the Mediterranean climate
2. what are the characteristics of this climate?
3. what are grown in this climate? (I said grapes, olives, citrus fruits) Then he said, “That means most of the wine-producing areas fall in this climate, right?”
4. Long monologue about climate change and how it is countered based on higher snowfall at some places while rising temp at others. Then asked me about my opinion on this whole scenario.
5. It is speculated that Western Europe may get frozen in few years, leading to freezing of their port. Why will it happen?

Member 2

(mostly on my participation in Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan)

1. What did u do as a part of it?
2. How far has this campaign is successful? areas where success and areas where work in progress.
3. Is India “really” ODF as of now?
4. How to improve the situation?
5. Have u seen any behavioural shift regarding cleanliness since the commencement of this program?

Member 3

1. You read newspaper today, was there anything regarding any space achievement of India in it?
2. Are u familiar with RTI?

3. Why was it brought?
4. It comes under which ministry – gave 2 options (DoPT and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting). Why not in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting?
5. Whether every kind of file noting accessible to the general public through it?
6. If during govt recruitment, 4-5 candidates get same marks and there is 1 vacancy, is the agency bound to provide info regarding the criteria to chose the one? (I was starting to say about the tie breaking rules, but she said suppose it does not exist and there was a verbal discussion before coming to the conclusion on recruitment)

Member 4

1. You are from KV, tell me what are the differences u find in culture of KV and other schools?
2. You were in Sky Watcher's club, name 2 interesting things that u saw during ur time.
3. You won Maths Olympiad, do u know about Vedic Maths? How is it different than Maths we do today? (other questions not able to recall)

Chairman again – “it is almost time, it was nice talking to you. All the Best.” Just about to greet everyone, M1 asked one last thing, “do you think that children from families with defence backgrounds are better?” Then I finally wished all of them thank you and went outside.

Utility of Mocks or O2O (if any) – Confidence building and to improve speech impediments.

(8)

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Date of Interview: 20 Feb, 2024

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Second last to go

Afternoon session

Pointers- BTech Mtech (ME), Anthropology, Deputy Collector (UP), 5th attempt first interview, small island nations, podcast, online gaming

Edsarrthi Student

Chairman

1. Tell me any film song you listened to recently
2. (I was blank but I told one, he asked about singer, I said Sukhwinder Singh ji, then sir asked is he still singing)
3. What is government's stance wrt Online gaming
4. How would you aware parents to allow their children to play games
5. Benefit of online gaming for india
6. Asked about some linkage between Gandhi and his views wrt gaming (politely said sorry)

Member 1

1. So you conducted panchayat elections as a RO, how would you ensure participation of disabled people
2. What about blind people?
3. What are small island nations
4. (Chairman sir interrupted and asked whether Mauritius is an SIDS and what about Australia. I answered wrt World Bank Group definition, he looked satisfied)
5. Which county did you got and what you spoke about it (I talked about Nauru and it's challenges)

Member 2

1. Asked a few judiciary terms (said sorry)
2. What are the three things you will do for UP
3. Some discussion about tribes in UP

Member 3

1. Online gaming, what is the yardstick to decide which type of games allowed and otherwise
2. Asked about the real money games (I quoted Honourable SC judgement/opinion regarding it)
3. About Deputy collectors court work, why pendency of cases, digitisation of land records

Member 4

1. About Gorakhpur- challenges

2. India Nepal border issues
3. Asked me to answer in very practical way to tackle Nepal border issue
4. One district one product of Gorakhpur
5. Steps to promote

Member 3

1. About ODOP and how to bridge the producer consumer gap (ONDC etc)
2. How to make sure ODOPs are in line with present fashion
3. Raw materials, etc

Chairman sir- (well we have 3-4 mins left I will ask you two more questions)

asked my opinion about how MNGREGs could be used for Swachh Bharat Mission

what if I get posted in a small place in North East

Member 3- interrupted

Asked will you leave UP?

(I said sir for me the entire country is mine and I would be honoured to serve it irrespective of the cadre)

Smiled and said that's admirable

Overall- very cordial board, allowed me to speak, members were looking satisfied and kept acknowledging my answers. I kept my confidence high and didn't budge. Rest is in the hands of Almighty!

Mocks- gave around 14-15 (offline+online)- Vajiram, Vajirao, Samkalp, Chahal were good
Zoom session conducted by Utkarsh sir (Edsarathi) and last moment pep talk by him helped me to keep calm and practical

Manoj Soni

(1)

Date of Interview: 10th April

Board: Manoj Soni sir

Home State: Telangana

Chairman

1. What is the difference between Knowledge and wisdom
2. What is the difference between Knowledge and information
3. Tell me one Telugu folk song which talks about life
4. Suggest 5 new tourist destinations in Telangana.

Member 1

1. What do you learn in Food technology
2. Why are we importing milk in recent days despite being largest producer of milk
3. What was the skit you performed.(1st prize aaya)
4. Does it have any positive impact?
5. Why still bonded labour exist in india despite many initiatives

Member 2

1. Famous cricket, tennis, badminton personality from Hyderabad.
2. What are the Telangana govt schemes to improve education
3. How is teaching in Govt residential schools
4. What are the govt related schemes to improve irrigation in telanaganaand it's criticism?

Member 3

1. Why Sociolgy from Food Technology
2. Nandini vs Amul debate in karnataka
3. Tell me few social concepts that you observe in rural areas
4. What is Fssai and its role?

Member 4

1. Can we eat Palak and panner together?
2. What is the difference between open and distance education?
3. Can we go for open education to primary level students?
4. Finally tell me one indian sociologist who worked on effective social administration.

(2)

Date of Interview: 11th January, 2024

Board: Don't know

Optional: Medical Science

Home State: Gujarat

Time: 20-25 minutes (1st one to go)

4th Attempt, 1st Interview

DAF POINTERS: Malnutrition, Community Health Centre

Chairman

1. Asked my First name.
2. Questions from International Affairs.
3. Cold war 1.0
4. Is current scenario Cold war 2.0(I told No) Counter Questions on it
5. China Taiwan USA triangle
6. Why don't USA able to Produce Semiconductor and depends on Taiwan
7. Very Cordial and Respectful Conversation. Even hinted and gave me support of my answers.

Member 1

1. How to handle Malnutrition in Rural Area? Analytical Questions on it
2. Even Impressed on my Answer
3. Challenges during my work in CHC
4. Expenditure of India and Gujarat on Health

Member 2

1. Exact right side of me.
2. Was Observing me closely like foot movement and all.(Mental stability I think)
3. Asked About Semiconductor chips. Its use
4. Other Questions on International Affairs

Member 3

1. What attributes of Doctors with respect to Engineers for Civil Services
2. How to handle Gender Disparity on Health in Rural Areas
3. Is Bullet Train waste of Expenditure? It is for elite. Why don't work on Existing Railway Infrastructure rather than developing Bullet Train?
4. What is the government steps for preservation of Sanskrit (I had Sanskrit in my class 12 subject)

Member 4

1. What will you chose: Public Health Infrastructure or Private Health Infrastructure with Insurance system
2. And conversation on it.

Assessment of Board:

1. They are cordial. No grilling at all.If you say don't know then went on other questions.It is Directed Conversation.
2. Mocks helped. Gave 4 mocks.
3. Chahal ,Vision, KHAN SIR(Best) Some questions were repeated.
4. It's all about handling Pressure and mental stability and balance of judgement. Maine apna best diya ab Khuda jo kre wo munjur hoga. JAY HIND.

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?
4. What is the Commissionerate system? Which places in UP adopted this system? How is it going to help the police?
5. Compare the rule of SP/BSP vs the BJP.
6. How many divisions and districts are Uttar Pradesh divided in?
7. What was the reason for the bifurcation of UP in 2000? Do you think the administration is more streamlined?
8. What is your opinion on further division of the state?
9. Has the vision of 33% reservation for women in local bodies been achieved in Uttar Pradesh?
10. Do you agree that UP voters vote on the basis of caste?

Economical

1. Tell us something about the Industrial Distribution in UP? Why such stark contrast between East or West?
2. What steps are needed to double the farmers income in UP?
3. Despite having good agro-climatic conditions, UP lags in horticultural production. What do you think are the factors behind this?
4. Uttar Pradesh figures low in tourist earnings even when the state is historically and culturally rich. Reasons? Some features of the Tourism Policy.
5. Recently Uttar Pradesh approved Defence Corridor. Can you throw some light on it?
6. UP aims to become 1 Trillion economy. Is it possible? What are the challenges?
7. Name major industrial centres of Uttar Pradesh?
8. Eastern UP lacks in economic development. What factors have led to this situation?
9. Uttar Pradesh has not been able to emerge as a Manufacturing and Export hub. What factors have led to this scenario?
10. Why Manufacturing and Service sector is not that much developed in UP except Noida and Ghaziabad?
11. Green revolution took place in western UP but it couldn't be transferred to whole state, why?
12. UP is an agriculturally rich state, yet farmers are in poor condition? What do you think are the factors behind this paradox?
13. MSME sector is one of the mainstays of the economy of UP. What steps have been taken to promote the small and medium scale industries?

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

1. If I want to travel to Maharashtra what places would you suggest?
2. Tell us about the problems your district is facing? As a DM how will you handle these
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?