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Dear Friends,

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

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

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

1. Information about the Chairman of various interview boards.
2. Interview transcripts of many students.
3. Students perspective and experience of their interviews.

We hope that you find the Interview Transcripts compilation useful. The PDF is being released so that you can search relevant keywords such as city/state/hobby etc. and see the kind of questions that have been asked before. For any suggestions, you can write to us at ravi@forumias.com We wish you the best, Your Team@ForumIAS

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The Board Member

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Designation	Name & Date of Birth	Date from which holding the post	Date of Retirement	Brief Introduction
Chairman	Dr. Ajay Kumar 02/10/1962	15/05/2025 (FN)	01/10/2027	- Dr. Ajay Kumar joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1985 and retired as Defence Secretary of India on 31.10.2022. - Dr. Ajay Kumar is B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India. - He is M.S. Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota, USA and Ph.D. in Business Administration from Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota, USA. - Dr. Ajay Kumar held various senior level positions in the State Government of Kerala and the Central Government. - From July, 2015 to November, 2017, he held the post of Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC) and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and IT. - He was appointed as the Secretary, Department of Defence Production in the Ministry of Defence in December, 2017 and later as Union Defence Secretary from August, 2019 to October, 2022. - During his career, he spearheaded several major defence reforms and initiatives, including the corporatization of the Ordnance Factories Board, Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), the AGNIPATH Scheme, and the promotion of defence exports. - As DG, NIC, he contributed to several Digital India initiatives, including MyGov and Jeevan Pramaan.
Member	Sh. Lt. Gen. Raj Shukla (Retd.) 27/03/1962	18/07/2022 (FN)	26/03/2027	- In a career spanning over four decades in the Indian Army, the officer has seen extensive service in the field - he commanded an Infantry Brigade in Counter Insurgency Operations, the Baramulla Division along the Line of Control in the Kashmir Valley and a Pivot Corps along the Western Borders. - An alumni of the Defence Services Staff College - Wellington, the College of Defence Management - Secunderabad and the National Defence College - New Delhi, the General Officer has served two tenures at the Military Operations Directorate dealing with Doctrines / Force Structuring and was the Director General, Perspective Planning, addressing issues relating to Military Futures and Force Modernisation. - He has also been Commandant of the Indian Army's prestigious training establishment and think tank - the Army War College.
Member	Ms. Suman Sharma 30/07/1967	25/05/2023 (FN)	24/05/2029	- 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. - She has held several important positions within Income Tax Department and also Central Board of - Direct Taxes (CBDT). She has been closely involved with the subject matters of International Taxation and Transfer Pricing.

Member	Ms. Shri Bidyut Behari Swain 05/09/1963	01/06/2023 (FN)	04/09/2028	- Joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1988 in the Gujarat Cadre. - Served as an Additional Secretary in the Department of Commerce in charge of Special Economic Zones, Trade negotiations of India with CIS Countries, Export Insurance. - On promotion as Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce in 2020, he dealt with Trade Policy Division, CIS & OCEANIA Divisions, with additional charge of Director General of Trade Remedies. - He has a MA degree in Political Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and a Masters in Public Policy & Management from The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands.
Member	Dr. Dinesh Dasa 29/03/1974	29/09/2023 (FN)	28/09/2029	- Ph.D. in Forest Laws and Sustainable Development from Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar. - Before joining the UPSC, Dr. Dasa served as a Member of the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) for ten months followed by a significant tenure as the Chairman of the Gujarat Public Service Commission (GPSC) from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2022. - Dr. Dasa has also served as a member of the Standing Committee of All India Public Service Commission during 2016-2022 and chaired the committee during 2020-22. He headed the committee to bring uniformity in syllabus and exam pattern in conducting Civil Services Examination across the states while retaining regional diversities.
Member	Shri Sheel Vardhan Singh 26/8/1963	15/01/2024 (FN)	25/08/2028	- 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	- 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. - He has also handled HADR responsibilities (Operation Rahat in Yemen, Op. Ganga in Ukraine and Op. Dost in Turkiye).
Member	Smt. Sujata Chaturedi 19/6/1965	01/05/2025 (FN)	18/06/2030	- Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi is an Indian Administrative Service officer of the 1989 batch from Bihar cadre. - Prior to becoming Member, UPSC, she was working as Secretary (Sports), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. - Smt. Chaturvedi is an alumna of the Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, where after graduation in Humanities, she did her post graduation in History in 1988. - She also has an M.Phil in Public Administration from Punjab University and a Diploma in the Russian Language.

Member	Smt. Anuradha Prasad 23/01/1964	02/05/2025 (FN)	22/01/2029	• Smt. Anuradha Prasad is a former Secretary to the Government of India with extensive experience in public policy, public finance, and cooperative federalism. • She joined the Indian Defence Accounts Service in 1986 and in a career spanning over 37 years, worked in Union Ministries of Defence, Finance, Food Processing Industries, Labour & Employment and Home, gaining in-depth experience in policy & programme formulation and implementation. • She superannuated in January 2024, from the post of Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, heading the Inter State Council Secretariat. • In this role, she handled Centre-State and Inter-State relations and built consensus on many complex and sensitive issues resulting in policy changes and expediting of infrastructure and other projects
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Dr. Ajay Kumar

(1)

Date of Interview: 11/12/2025 (forenoon, last to go)

Board: Dr Ajay Kumar sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Keywords: regional cinema, HRA, startup, PSIR, MP

Chairman

1. Why civil services
2. Three good things the government is doing to ensure trust and three where more can be done?
3. Changing role of civil servants in past decades and future prospects?
4. How are the civil servants playing the role of Facilitators?

Member 1

1. Which type of regional cinema?
2. What is different about southern cinema?
3. How has Bollywood played a role in Hindi spread?
4. What are SHGs?
5. Suggest changes and relevance.

Member 2

1. Things that a person who doesn't like you would say about you?
2. So you're a likeable personality according to this?
3. To what extent do you help people?
4. Any recent examples?

Member 3

1. What is this FRESHONDOOR (startup)?
2. Why did you close it?
3. India – Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina's extradition and minority persecution.

Member 4

1. In providing public services how would your approach be different from a company's CEO?
2. How would you organise a Kumbh mela as a dm?
3. What is public service to you, a lot many become RAJABABUs post clearing the exam?
4. What is one thing you fear the most?

Chairman Sir: Thank you

M2: What is this HRA you formed in school, which is based on the old one?

2-3 questions are missing; the rest are the same.

The interview was spontaneous and Pleasant.

Duration was approx. 32 minutes

Gave around 10-11 mocks, had only a few days to prepare.

Giving mocks helped me better my conversational skills.

(2)

Date of Interview: 12/12/2025 AN

Board: Mr. Ajay Kumar

Optional: PSIR

DAF – Chemical Engineering, PSIR, Cat nutrition (rest nothing asked)

Duration – 24 min

Chairman

1. You are a chemical engineer and there's a lot of discussion about critical minerals today. What are critical minerals? Why are they called so?
2. India's efforts at critical minerals
3. Name some critical minerals
4. Challenges in critical minerals wrt India
5. Recent amendments to a legislation regarding the same
6. Which minerals are still not open to pvt sector?
7. Link geopolitics with critical minerals supply chains
8. What is BRI? What is China's intent?
9. Link BRI with critical minerals

Member 1

1. Nuclear deterrence and its effectiveness at present
2. From post-War era we are moving to a pre-War era at present. Examine this statement.
3. Can USA's strategy on restricting technology to competitors like China work?
4. Any recent development wrt this?

Member 2

1. Relevance of sports in life
2. some question on sportsmanship
3. Architectural heritage, some questions and follow ups I can't recall
4. If not civil services, what will you do?

Member 3

1. Collegium system, what it is?
2. Tussles between executive and judiciary?
3. Recent controversy regarding appointment of judges?

Member 4

1. GLOFs? Recent incident in Sikkim, how it happened, govt steps
2. What is your one weakness which might hinder in your work as an administrator

3. Have you thought about personal growth if you get selected in services?
4. What about professional growth? Any area where you would like to see yourself?
5. Significance of ISA?
6. How did you develop interest in cat nutrition?
7. Food toxic for cats?
8. Plants toxic for cats?

Some questions I can't recall.

Lt. Gen Raj Shukla

(1)

Date of Interview: 11/12/25

Board: Raj Shukla sir

Hobby: watching movies

Daf keywords: US China Coldwar, Afghanistan, watching movies on social issues, French, kathak, Dostoevsky.

Chairman

1. Where the current geopolitics is heading towards. What are the implications for the world.
2. Do you think china is rising or has risen?

Member 1

1. Why Pakistan Afghanistan are fighting?
2. Recent Afghanistan's minister visit? How do you see it. Should India recognise Afghanistan.
3. What is in Afghanistan that in past 200 years everybody tried to control it yet failed?
4. What is the difference between niti aayog and erstwhile planning Commission
5. What do you think is the major change that is needed in civil services?

Member 2

1. How society is influenced by social movies?
I don't remember the other questions.

Member 3

1. You learnt kathak in school. Should it be made compulsory?
2. How to promote French in schools and colleges.
3. Why civil services?
4. Supposed you are posted in rural area, in which sectors would u work?
5. What are the challenges in implementation of UCC?
6. Do you know about DPDP act? What companies have to do differently now?

Member 4

1. Why you read dostoevsky's work and not of others?
2. Have you read 'the idiot'. Why he was called the idiot and do you think he was an idiot.
3. Compare Dostoevsky, pushkin, and leo Tolstoy.
4. Suppose you are administrator and give suggestions but the minister do not take your advise and want to implement some sub optimal advice. What would you do?

(2)

Date of Interview: 6th January, afternoon session

Board: Raj Shukla Sir

Hobby: cooking

Time: 25-30mins

DAF Keywords: IIT Kanpur, Aerospace, Missiles, Aircraft engines, Airports, cooking

Chairman

1. Why did you decide so late to join civil services?
2. What are India's status in terms of aerospace in capacity?
I talked about missiles. India is one of the leading in development of missiles. Sir interrupted and started a long monologue that yes it is developing but India is not able to build a deterrence like China has.
Next I talked about Tejas aircrafts which is still not to our desired production capacity. Sir again started a long monologue on how HAL is paying very less amount to engineers to build AMCA program, brain drain.
3. He was asking what should we do about it? I was saying we need to bring private sectors and we are already doing it. Sir then again gave a monologue on how we have bureaucratic inefficiencies that is creating problem. I agreed with him.
4. How is IIT Kanpur faring in aerospace? I said it's one of the leading institutes and have unique facilities like wind tunnel facility.
5. How are the professors? I told that they are very renowned professors, when I was there.
6. Do you have any idea like Elon Musk? I told, I have not thought about it yet. I have decided to be in the civil services. (Everyone was smiling and sir remarked it's a good thing)

Member 1

1. What kind of civil servant will you be? I tried answering relating to my technical, managerial and work ex background.
2. Which dish you like? I answered Biryani
3. As Sir (Chairperson) was mentioning we are unable to transform research to technology. What do you think reforms needed in the education sector? I talked about industry academia partnership and that Indian govt is focusing on R&D more.
4. What qualities do you think is most important in civil services? I told about Emotional intelligence and integrity.
5. How is emotional intelligence related to civil services?

Member 2

1. You worked on aircraft engines. Tell me about your project. A long discussion there about how is it relevant.
2. You worked on air to air missiles. Tell me about it.
3. Ballistic missiles vs cruise missiles
4. Hypersonic missiles

5. Indian missile arsenals
6. What range do you think we need to have a missile so that we can hit Beijing? I told that we have Agni as the highest range of 5000kms but Russia is building missile which it claims has unlimited range. We are nowhere close to it. We have to develop technologies.
7. Do we import tracking technologies used in missiles? (I am not aware of)

Member 3

1. Tell me about your project about airports. A discussion on that and how Indian airports revenue differs from global airports.
2. How is communication and marketing strategy important? I started talking about how positioning matters and sir interrupted. He asked me ki how will you use communication strategy in administration? I talked about various channels like social media, print media, media and Word of mouth especially in rural areas. Sir added a few more points on that and I agreed with him.
3. What are your weakness? Any other weakness.
4. 2 qualities in a leader. I replied emotional intelligence and integrity.
5. Do you stay true to your principle? Can you say No when its against the principle? Give me an example from your life.
6. What about communication, dedication, discipline? I told that being emotionally intelligent will also lead to effective communication and integrity leads to dedication, discipline, perseverance.

Member 4

1. Difference between micro and macroeconomics.
2. What is oligopoly?
3. What change would you bring in civil administration? I talked about increased adoption of technology which will improve transparency and accountability and improve bureaucratic efficiency.

(3)

Date of Interview: 6th January, session forenoon

Board: Raj Shukla

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Telangana

Background: Mbbs

Keywords- Mbbs, audit service, badminton, Vipassana meditation, anthropology, AI in healthcare, Hyderabad

Chairman

Is Hyderabad going in the lines of Bengaluru, Mumbai in terms of development or it has its own path?

How is Hyderabad different from these cities?

What is genome valley (my prev answer included genome valley)

Why isn't Hyderabad attracting much investment?
How long will it take for a company to start business in Hyderabad?
And a follow up discussion on GST (The GST regime is hampering investments in sir's opinion)
And a monologue on GST

Member 1

Favourite player in badminton and why?
Differences between PV SINDHU and SAINA NEHWAL's game
How has Vipassana meditation helped you?
Do you audit GST?
Challenges a you faced as a team lead?

Member 2

Doctor to audit to civil services- explain how these 3 phases happened to you in life
How do you achieve consensus building as a team lead?
Do women make good administrators?
AI in healthcare and applications
Best practices in India

Member 3

Have you ever thought of continuing as a doctor?
What is wrong in joining a family firm?
Doctor patient ratio in india vs prescribed ratio
If you join bureaucracy what is the one thing you would first work on?
What are reasons for existence of red tapism(my answer was red tapism)
Do you think civil servants in the country are still in the British mindset of civil services or are they behaving differently?

Member 4

healthcare state in tg and india?
Sex ratio in Telangana?
As a doctor what will you bring into civil services?
Overall conversational type of interview. Chairman sir was looking at his phone but was paying attention to every answer. Cordial board

(4)

Date of Interview: 8-1-26

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla sir

Hobby: Cooking

Slot: AN

Hobbies: historical cooking; yoga and meditation; talking to people from different countries and cultures

Leadership: vice president of english literature club in college

self employment: freelance content writer

Chairman

on my free market debate prize

1. what do you think is free market? (i mentioned competition and social upliftment)
2. does it need regulation? (i said yes)
3. do you think india's early mixed economy model was right (i said not fully right, the state had to intervene to resolve inequality)
4. gave a monologue on indigo crisis
5. what is a strategic sector?
6. should there be monopoly in strategic sector
7. whats the best feature of SHANTI bill (I mentioned about SMR)
8. should gov monopolise SMR? who should run SMRs? who has technology for SMR (i said sorry sir i will read on that)

Member 1

on english literature club leadership

1. who are your favourite writers (i said daphne du maurier and edgar allen poe)
2. what works have you read by 'em (rebecca and tell tale heart)
3. what have you learnt from people of different countries (we have more in common than there are differences)
4. what countries' people have you spoken to (I said Togo, Zambia, Uganda, Nigeria, Afghanistan)

Member 2

because i had filled IFS 1st preference

1. whats NATO
2. article 5 of NATO (collective security)
3. will NATO lose relevance (trump will fund it less but it will remain strategically important in eastern europe and atlantic)
4. what did trump say about NATO (US is bearing burden)
5. what happens if a NATO country attacks NATO country (Greenland situation)
6. how is europe dealing with trump's behavior

Member 3

on my freelance content writing work

1. where did you work? (my ex school)
2. what was your work? (english literature content writing for school students)
3. oh, then you must be good with communication; how can a civil servant do better communication with people? (i mentioned emotional intelligence and hearing people more; learning their culture; e.g. durga, lakshmi, barqat analogies for beti bachao)
4. your hobby is talking to people from different countries and cultures – how can it help you in IFS (built empathy, people to people ties)
5. benefits of yoga

Member 4

on my IGNOU degree

1. whats the 1st open uni in India (i said sorry sir)
2. take a guess – i said Nalanda, immediately realised its not open so i said im so sorry sir, its not an open uni; he said, its okay doesnt matter
3. benefits of IGNOU degree; for remote people (i said 40 lakh certificates distributed, important for women and all people to learn flexibly; its affordable)
4. minister said there should be one open uni per state; whats the progress on that (i said sorry sir, i will read on that)
5. in hindi: aisa koi neta ho jo bol raha hai ki mujhe toh attack hi karna hai; toh phir hum kya karein (i said sir, such statements are transient, what matters is long term engagement and actions e.g. quad, military exercises and strategic engagement)
6. so you think such statements are irrelevant? (i said, not irrelevant but we should continue backchannel engagement because one statement cannot undo decades of diplomacy)

(5)

Date of Interview: 16/01/26

Board: Lt Gen Raj Shukla Sir

Optional: Sociology

Session: Afternoon

Duration: 30 minutes

Relevant DAF keywords:- Indore, Political Science, Sociology, Delhi University, Social work on girls' education.

Chairman

1. Good afternoon. So, you have studied political science in college. What's the scenario of the Indian political system at present?
2. Why do you think ours is a vibrant democracy?
3. Do you really think that the civil society is thriving in our political system? Give examples of participation by civil society in recent memory.
4. The opposition alleges that processes like SIR are against the democratic spirit, do you agree?
5. Do you think that it's being done to steal votes, as alleged by the opposition?
6. So you think the opposition is wrong?
7. Are you aware of the news shown by Indian media during Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure?
8. Why was the media not as partisan then?
9. How was he able to maintain good rapport across political parties?
10. (Monologue on print media being transparent while television media increasingly becoming corrupt). What's your take on this growing diversion?
11. Is media fair in our country? Does it not manipulate the public?
12. Do you not think that the television media has turned into "Godi Media"?
13. Let's talk about international politics, which country is the most capitalist in your opinion?

14. In my opinion, USA is a hyper capitalist country. So, how do you make sense of the fact that a city like New York has given two polar opposite politicians – Trump (a hyper capitalist) and Mamdani (a socialist)? Explain how this paradox works.

Member 1

1. What exactly was your role? (Related to my social work on girls' education)
2. What do you think of India's education system? Have we done enough?
3. What is the ground level reality? What problems do girls still confront?
4. What should be given priority – teacher training, infrastructure or students' learning ability?
5. Suggest some measures on how to improve the scenario.

Member 2

1. Since you have studied in DU, were you a day scholar?
2. Do you think Delhi, along with the campus, are safe spaces for women?
3. Why is it that women can freely walk in the JNU campus but not DU, considering that both are situated in the same city?
4. Are there no accountability mechanisms in DU for women's safety?
5. You might become a civil servant soon. So, first of all, do you want to improve this situation?
6. Okay. So, what interventions will you make to ensure that women feel safe in the campus?
7. Don't you think that the first step should be night patrolling?
8. Why should women even have to complain? Why are there no mechanisms already in place?

Member 3

1. You opted for sociology as your optional. Why is sociology an important subject?
2. Give examples of applications of sociological imagination in real life.
3. We have all heard about India having unity in diversity. What exactly is that unity?
4. Is corruption also an example of India's unity? Okay okay, forget what I said. Anything you want to add that is an example of our unity?
5. Since you said patriotism, do you think that the ideology of Hindutva also contributes to our unity in diversity?
6. You are from Indore, what are some of its unique characteristics?
7. Explain the recent water contamination issue. What measures were taken immediately by the government?
8. So you think that the officers were not efficient? Were there no accountability mechanisms?

Member 4

1. We shall talk about the space sector now. Do you think we should be investing in space when we are still giving free food to 80cr of our people?
 2. Is it just for showmanship?
 3. Talk about some initiatives of India's space sector which are beneficial for common people.
- Shukla Sir – Thank you. You may go now.

(6)

Date of Interview: 19 Jan 2026 Afternoon

Board: Hon. Lt General Raj Shukla

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Kerala

Hobby: Cycling

DAF details asked: R&D (work experience), Kerala, Electronics Repair camp

Other DAF details: EEE, NITC, Cycling, Robotics, Optional: Anthropology (Nothing asked from Hobbies, etc.)

Chairman

So Minerva are you working? Where was it? Post? Why left?

1. How is the R&D sector in India? (Only 1 question and entire discussion surrounding it. I was trying to put my points in between his monologues as he was saying all the points I was going to answer 😊 all the following are part of that – I mentioned about failure of Micromax due to neglect of R&D – only time he nodded 😊)
2. Is there any startup in India which focuses only on R&D? (I said about one robotics startup which college sewage and it has R&D, he said not to say the ones which focuses on products – I said don't know specific ones)
3. Have you heard of BYD
4. What is their R&D expenditure? Tesla's expenditure? (Said sorry sir, didn't know)
5. What about your company's R&D expenditure? (Didn't know that too 😊)
6. What's the status of your company in the automotive industry of the world? It maybe good in India, but it's not much in the rest. In my childhood, it was one of the largest in the world. Now see that status (disappointed face 😞😞)
7. Why private sector contribution is low and how it can be improved – don't say ANRF or support from government
8. Do you think these will make Ambanis Adanis would invest on R&D through these? (didn't allow to answer, passed to next person)

Member 1

1. Kerala is known for its backwaters. Which is the water way in Kerala?
2. Why waterways are not much developed in India?
3. Your points are mostly negative impacts. I was asking challenges
4. Is there a north south divide in India?
5. But isn't the Southern states arguing about their controlled population & delimitation

Member 2

1. Einstein once said that the most complex thing in the universe to understand is income tax. Did the government recently do anything to reduce this? (Had only one point, they were searching for some recent act – which I didn't know, so they changed the topic)
2. (An electronics repair camp is in my DAF) People are not repairing their gadgets nowadays. Mostly it is use and throw. Why is it so?

3. What exactly did you do in this camp?
4. Did you really have any impact?

Member 3

1. In your R&D position, tell me something you did which had drastic impact on increasing the efficiency of the team. (Completely blank on this 😊 I think they understood that and when I was going to say something, changed the topic)
2. How can Kerala's tourism success be emulated in other states?
3. There's a decline in foreign tourists to India, like we see in Goa. Why is it and how can we improve?

Member 4

1. What are the reasons for success of the Kudumbasree?
2. Did it really help in empowerment of women?
3. Say about animal rights in India (very open ended, didn't know how to start or stop, so said whatever came to my mind related to it)
4. What about Jallikett? If you're SDM would you ban Jallikett? (I said no, but try to reduce chances of injuries)
5. But isn't injuries happening? What you'll do then?

Chair: Your interview is over

Felt it finished too soon. I thought chair would ask something. Shukla sir was having disappointed face. All others were cordial and smiling and laughing some times. Shukla sir weren't listening when others were asking.

Suman Sharma

(1)

Date of Interview: 15/12/25

Board: Suman Sharma Mam

OPTIONAL: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

DAF keywords: IIT, CRICKET, PAINTING, GOA, UP, MUZAFFARNAGAR, MEERUT, JOURNALING, DRDO, NPCIL, WORK FROM HOME, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

DURATION: 20-22 mins

Chairman

Mam: What are the challenges of WFH?

Green H2 production challenges

Types of Hydrogen

Downstream issues

Why them promoting

Member 1

Moonlight how to regulate

WHAT IS NFRA

2-4 more not able to recall

Member 2

Goa Portugese influence, and process of integration

Shipping industry challenge why we don't have

Operation sindoor my views

Discussion on information warfare

Member 3

Deepfake regulation

Psu policy, why disinvestment targets not met

Australia social media law

2-3 more

Member 4

Which Mughal emperor banned cow slaughter

Entropy

3rd law

Newton and Einstein whose version of Gravity is right

BOARD WAS CALM AND CORDIAL

ALL THE BEST TO EVERYONE

(2)

Date of Interview: 21st January 2026, Afternoon

Board: Suman Sharma Mam

Optional: Law

Key DAF Details: Law, Mumbai, Moot Court Competition (Rest not asked)

Chairman

1. Tell me few judgements which changed Indian landscape
2. Why was electoral bond declared unconstitutional?
3. Should judges be hired on contract?
4. Democracy affects economy negatively. Argue for and against

Member 1

1. BNSS – has it improved judicial pendency?
2. BNSS issues – specifically forensic
3. What is One Nation One Subscription?
4. Vadhavan port significance?
5. You are at railway station and find a girl weeping. What will be your response?

Member 2

1. Free legal aid – which provision in Constitution?
2. Why has free legal aid not reached the public?
3. As a DM how will you solve this?
4. Do movies influence administration and judges?
5. What is technocratic governance? How different from normal governance?

Member 3

1. It is opined that South Asia has huge military presence. Views?
2. Long monologue on Trump's actions recently. Two schools of thought regarding the actions. Which is right from Indian point of view?
3. How should India tackle this?
4. You are in Ministry of External Affairs. What will be your response?

Member 4

1. Difference between MoU and Agreement?
2. You mentioned manufacturing. India is import dependent. China is giving subsidies whereas India is not giving. We cannot just be dependent on exports. Your view?

(3)

Date of Interview: 15/12/2025

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Optional: PSIR

DAF: NIT Agartala, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, PSIR, other things in DAF like hobbies were not asked at all.

Chairman

Okay Maverick you are from Lucknow, I said yes ma'am. Then questions started,

1. You have studied Electronics and Instrumentation so I will go to electronics side. Don't you think phones are getting smarter humans are getting dumber.
2. ChatGPT are making human minds shrink, what do you think.
3. Views on private sector in Space, whether it should be there.
4. Tell me about type of governments in our neighborhood.
5. How has India been able to maintain such a robust democracy.

Member 1

1. You have done Btech from Tripura, so what has been happening in Manipur. If you were the CM how would you have handled the issue
2. Don't you think that Europe as continent is being pushed to margins

Member 2

1. One nation one election and what do you think whether it should be implemented.

Member 3

1. Superconductors, what are they
2. You have very good score in your graduation, why didn't you go in R&D sector and don't you think its a loss for the country.
3. Why you want to come in civil services.
4. How as an individual we can contribute in managing climate change.

Member 4

1. He said that chairperson ma'am asked about private sector in space, don't you think ISRO is welcoming private sector.
2. US is coming closer to China, Impact on QUAD.
3. One country is facing issue bcoz of it, what do you think...i said Japan then he said I was talking about Taiwan. Then i answered on Taiwan.
4. The board was very cordial and didn't ask anything about my hobbies and other things.
5. Wish everyone good luck. GodSpeed!

(4)

Date of Interview: 17/12/25(Forenoon-last to go)

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Home State: Uttarakhand

DAF keywords-Uttarkhand, Doctor,
Murder mystery, scavenger hunts, Child development

Chairman

1. Welcome why did u leave your earlier job?Also why fascination with murder mystery
-Follow up on indian adaptation of Sherlock holmes

2. Investor summit was held in your state and even taking into account other states ,what is your opinion about such summits?
3. Is this not wasted resources?
4. If u were the organiser then what all would u have showcased?
5. What about the recent UCC
6. Do you support live-in relationships?
7. Why does a smart young man like you not in support of live in?Dont u think u are too conservative ?
8. What is the point of live in if it as stringent as marriage in registration,I think the law is very bad but then that is my opinion

Member 1

1. Welcome doctor “conservative “ did u see the room number when u were entering?
2. There is no free lunch what do u understand by this statement?
3. Give a real life event where u felt this?
4. People often die due to bad medication what will u prescribe as punishment for such individuals- 3 years ,life imprisonment,death penalty?
5. Why do u think life imprisonment and not death penalty?
6. As a DM 3 things to improve health of young children
7. What is your perception of NGOs?
8. Politicians are bad and wile creatures don't u think?

Member 2

1. Doctor since child development is mentioned what is impact of social media on child health
2. Should it be banned and how to ban
3. Why some exemptions u want to give to certain players
4. So current child safety lock is failing?
5. U studied in Mumbai tell me about RBI what main functions does it do?
6. What is the issue of IPR and patent in phraa industry
7. How has recent FT with Australia and UK improved working conditions of doctors?

Member 3

1. (Grilled me just on border with CHINA)
2. Which LAC sectors in Uttarkhand are disputed
3. Why do we have a build up based on my answer said that u think we provoked the Chinese by building infra?
4. Which party is the aggressor and which is the peace loving power?
5. Can we expect chinese military intervention in Taiwan?
6. Why are the Chinese doing this renaming then?
7. What should be our policy?
8. In next 10 years which party do u think will be compelled for peace?

Member 4

1. Medicine is the best profession and u have exceptional scores from one of the best colleges of country u why waste it and become like us? Do an MD or MS instead?
2. What is your take on Generic medication?-Why are u in favour give reasons
3. What challenges does healthcare face?
4. On followup asked don't u think infra is the biggest challenge

(5)

Date of Interview: 18 Dec

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: Geography

Home State: Bihar

Time- 20-25 min

Keywords – civil eng, siwan(bihar), geography optional, cricket, private college (rest not asked)

Chairman

1. what is one china and China +1 policy
2. Does India get its benefit?
3. but other countries like vietnam get more benefit?
4. reason for the same
5. What is India doing?
6. what is out of the Africa hypothesis?

Member 1

1. Why did a private college emerge in India?
2. Tell 3 top private colleges of India
3. Why do you choose?
4. Deepest point in ocean?
5. Does life exist there?

Member 2

1. Issue in your district?
2. What is a job less growth?
3. Why is the job less growth happening?
4. What is the PLI scheme? 2 issues and 2 benefits

Member 3

1. Does heartland and rimland theory still be relevant?
2. Cross question on it
3. Issue with the ageing population in the world
4. What the world is doing
5. In future what is going to be more important geography or demography?

6. Statement “India becomes older earlier than becoming rich “agree or disagree?
7. What is your basis for taking a stance
8. What is the meaning of viksit bharat for you

Member 4

1. Which record do you believe is difficult to break in cricket ?
2. What is the main issue with the recent MGNREGA amendment?
3. brics currency issue and should india need to support it or not
4. current account deficit and trade deficit
5. **Chairwomen** – your interview is over
6. Overall cordial board

(6)

Date of Interview: 19/12/2025 ,AN

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optional: Mechanical

Home State: Rajasthan

Key DAF Details: chess, Mechanical optional, railways, movies, solar, disaster, MNIT, Rajasthan Jaipur Bengaluru

Chairman

1. If you are railway minister how will you divide 100 rupees in railways , give breakup
2. When railway is planning for net zero?
3. How railway is planning to achieve that?
4. How solar panel between the tracks work (I mentioned this in my answer)
5. What to be done for making them non vulnerable to theft?
6. What is your opinion about DINK? (little discussion on this)
7. What do you infer from the statement “ people don't cast their vote , they vote for the caste“
8. (I explained what I perceive from this, then asked examples, I refrained stating I can't recall ma'am)

Member 1

1. What is the use of social media ? How to make it safe from mis utilisation ? What are the regulatory authorities?
2. How to improve sports infrastructure ?
3. One or two question more can't recall

Member 2

1. What is the disaster profile of Bengaluru (posted there) ? Why it is so ?
2. What govt has done for improving the situation ? Or govt only supported real state and business in Bengaluru

3. If you are DM , which all departments would you have coordinated in this situation ?

Member 3

1. What is tolerance ? Why it is given
2. How to decide sustainability of a material ? Is it necessary ?
3. What is asset monetisation of railways ?
4. Why railway still lacking on it ? (isn't minister involved in setting targets with Niti ayog - I kept quiet on this , the he said this is tough for you and all laughed)
5. What is fiscal deficit ?
6. Is it necessary or if yes up to what extent ?
7. Is there any act which prescribes the limit of it ? What is the limit ?
8. why we are far behind the targeted limit ?

Member 4

1. Who was Madan mohan Malaviya?
2. Explain, $F = Gm_1m_2/r^2$
3. What is G and its value
4. What one work you have done in your 4 years of service for which you will be remembered for next 25 years ?(answered)
5. What you have done for staff (answered)
6. What you have done for your people beyond professional boundaries in personal capacity (I said I restrained myself to professional level only)

(7)

Date of Interview: 18/12/25, afternoon, first to go

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: History

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Background: Electrical engg

Key DAF Details: Lucknow, Electrical engg, history optional, railfanning, marsiya poetry, edtech work exp.

(Entered the glorious circular gallery - was made to sit outside by the person accompanying me - ma'am entered first - after a minute i was called inside)

(Ma'am was sitting that day in the room opposite to sheelvardhan sir, rather than her own - four male members were present)

(entered inside with poise - greeted ma'am and then the members - asked me to have a seat - and started with her volley of questions as soon as I had thanked her)

Chairman

1. So you have a unique name, tell me the meaning. (I explained in brief)
2. And I see, you have worked at xyz company for 3+ yrs, how do you see its spectacular failure and what are the reasons for the same? (explained in detail pointwise)

3. Do we need edtech in india or should it be restricted (gave a balanced answer)
4. Issues with power sector in India, with reference to PPAs and PSAs (gave technical answers, got confused in between regarding payments made to generators by discoms, she interrupted in between)

Member 1

1. challenges with education sector in India – general points
2. issues regarding the same in rural India – critical gaps
3. case study – how will you tackle such issues as the DM
4. how will you ensure digital integration in rural education sector, curbing teacher absenteeism etc
5. partnerships between govt and private sector in ensuring effective educational outcomes as the DM

Member 2

1. Governance challenges in rural areas
2. 1st and 2nd ARC
3. their recommendations (I used keywords like citizen centric governance, modernising and optimising legacy workflows, streamlining processes, e governance etc)
4. asked me a body with deals with exclusive administrative grievances (I answered DARPG)
5. full form of darpg – (i mentioned governance instead of grievance – he corrected me)

Member 3

1. tell me about solar energy and associated challenges – went too technical and deep (managed to give satisfactory answer – forgot general challenges like land avblty etc)
2. floating solar and issues (mentioned O&M challenges)
3. renewable energy landscape in India – gave data points (had prepared them well)
4. challenges in RE integration as the power secy – which deptts will you coordinate with (I mentioned MNRE, POSOCO/GCIL, Power Ministry, grid operators like PGCIL, etc.)
5. you forgot to mention one critical agency (dropped hint regarding SECI – of which Ma'am was the MD) – (full sycophancy mode) – then asked about the mandate of which I responded with a generalistic answer (dev of solar power sector in India)
6. hypothetical situation – if the entire grid is shifted to RE esp solar and we have sufficient BESS – we should do away with thermal generation due to green energy commitments and NDCs – (i replied sir too difficult – we need to ensure predictable baseload power at all times for critical infra operation, also grid stability can be jeopardised) – started arguing that this is certainly possible etc (i mentioned sir we can reduce carbon intensity by other means such as SMRs etc) – (wanted to give him pakistan case study where off grid systems have collapsed the grid – but restricted myself) – again started reiterating his point (to which i said sir as per my limited understanding – i have learnt that predictable baseload

generation is sin qua non for power system stability) – on which ma’am looked at him to signal something

7. went briefly to my hobby – railfanning – asked about it (replied in single line)
8. jumped to challenges in operationalisation of National Monetization pipeline in IR (I was dumbstruck – managed to carve an okayish answer like bureaucratic hurdles and delays in land acquisition – replied I need to dig deeper into this issue as I have not read much about it)
9. jumped to geopolitics and trade deals/FTAs (oman signed was being signed that day) – is the wto dead?

Member 4

1. Interview Transcripts (CSPT-2025): 1. asked me about marsiya poetry – (replied in a single line with emphasis on elements and poets – looked like he wasn’t much interested)
2. jumped to tourism question – should we build new monuments or conserve existing ones (i was blank for 2 secs and asked him to repeat since his voice was feeble – took a balanced stance – gave example of dubai/uae – glass and steel towers plus old arabian fort heritage)
3. moved to challenges in tourism – mentioned about lucknow and its identity of Bada Imambada, but the city has innumerable imambadas, palaces, old gates, havelis etc
4. asked me for solutions – (i mentioned urban tourism – UP policy)
5. follow up on urban tourism – (same dubai example, malls, etc)
6. why will ppl come to see urban tourism – (i mentioned ppl frm rural areas thronging to see lulu mall, palassio, gomtinagar in lucknow)
7. if i come to lucknow, what places will you show me (i was delighted – tried to frame a long itinerary – morning at kudiya ghat, riverfront, breakfast at hazratganj/maulviganj/bilochpura/chowk) – interrupted me there – (i wanted to give him deeper insights and he chickened out lol)
8. again a question on wind power and challenges – (replied technically – lack of sustained wind speeds, limited geographical viability in west and south india, tower erection challenges above certain heights, power evacuation infra needs high capex – forgot to mention basic challenges of land, env issues such as GIB etc)
9. as i was mentioning wind challenges – i said sir i can think of only these points at the moment
10. Ma’am looked at M4 and said – “okay thank you, your interview is over.”
11. I responded back with a thank you to ma’am and then the members.
12. felt so much relieved afterwards, stood up, took 2 steps back, again said a thank you, and came outside.
13. my own assessment – very cordial board – ma’am+members kept poker face all the time, I tried to smile everytime and keep cool when they tried to grill me. used hand gestures too while explaining. interestingly, they didnt touch hobbies in detail despite them being very unique, nor did they even mention about history optional lol.
14. Grateful to God for having come this far. Fingers crossed for the future.

(8)

Date of Interview: 5th Jan
Board: Suman Sharma
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Tamil Nadu
DAF: Tamilnadu, PSIR(others are not relevant)

Chairman

1. Trump peace plan in Gaza
2. Internal vs external security. Which is more important

Member 1

1. Interbasin river water
2. Tamilnadu student going abroad
3. Tamilnadu people are craze about movie
4. Which movie you like. Why and how it helps in administration

Member 2

1. Demographic dividend
2. North East security. If your PM how will you address

Member 3

1. Indus water treaty in abeyance
2. Remittance is losing due to usa policies and how can we compensate.

Member 4

1. Failure of neighbourhood policy
2. Favourite movie. Why and how it helps in administration

(9)

Date of Interview: 05/01/2026 Afternoon Session
Board: Sanjoy Verma Sir
Optional: Geography
Home State: Tamil Nadu
Hobbies: Watching and playing Football
Key DAF Details - Geography optional, Watching and playing Football, Mechanical Engineering, Tamilnadu.

Chairman

1. How do your friends and relatives call you? Then throughout the interview he addressed me like my friends used to call me.
2. What are all the Hindi movies were Illayaraja had worked on? (DAF)
3. what's your favourite songs of 2025?

Chairperson himself mentioned about Dhurandhar music. (Had no idea)

4. You play football, so with whom do you play? Answered with young people.
Follow-up question – don't they feel that you're bullying them?
5. If you have absolute power to change the climate of India, what would be your actions?
(Geography optional)
6. According to you which state in India has the perfect weather?

Member 1

1. so you have done mechanical Engineering, What are critical minerals?
2. Currently which country holds the monopoly in critical minerals?
3. Don't you think they are weaponising the monopoly?
4. What would be the implications on India due to supply chain constraint?

Member 2

1. Asked Questions regarding Job details which was not mentioned in the DAF.
2. eV sector is extremely dependent on Batteries and it is quite expensive, so apart from Govt subsidies how does the price of battery would be reduced in the long run?
3. what is circular economy?
4. Questions regarding Biofuels?
5. what are all the initiatives of government in using Stubbles burnt in Punjab and Haryana for circular economy?

Member 3

1. What according to you are leadership qualities? Are leaders born or made?
2. Questions regarding recent Indian Football issue related to AIFF and it's implication on Indian football?

Member 4

1. Situation based question where a subordinate of you (me) who is close with your boss is corrupt. How would you handle this?
2. Is corruption can only be handled with actions and complaints?
3. what is that one quality that you would need to develop to become the best officer?
4. Which service would you like to join and Why?

Chairperson

1. Evaluate India as a whole – Is India a introvert or Extrovert nation? (Follow-up)
2. When India has never tried to occupy other countries how can India be an Extrovert nation?
3. What is that one historical fact that only you or only few people knows about it?
4. what is the famous dish in Madurai? And some follow up questions regarding that.
That's all. All the best for you all.

(10)

Date of Interview: 8th January

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Slot: Afternoon

Hobby: Cooking

DAF keywords: IIT KANPUR, Cooking, Electrical engineering (Nothing else asked from DAF)

Chairman

1. You have done any job? (i said no and i added that I'm doing some freelance work for financial independency)
2. Discom related challenges. (I answered)
3. Why rooftop solar scheme is not picking up and what are the impact on these to Discoms.
4. (i mentioned some factors- ma'am asked is there anything else- I said I'm not able to recall: ma'am- no problem let's change the topic)
5. Khap panchayat: should we legalize them as they are doing some positive work now (i said definetley not: she insisted me to change my stance: i said no with some reasons: ma'am smiled and said it's okay.)

Member 1

1. Should we make whole courty vegan (i said no – personal choice, nutrient security etc.)
2. Just like gambling, alcoholism etc.. we should also ban non-vegetarian (i said ma'am it should be a personal choice.)
3. Can Govt do this (yes but there should be some reasons under article 13,14,19 and 21 and other fundamental rights)
4. Why cycles are not gaining awareness in india compared to western countries. (i said lack of cycling infra and rising materialism)

Member 2

1. Earliest Niti ayog AI policy (me: I'm not aware about the exact details.
2. Will AI take many jobs. (Yes but in a short term basis: asked how: i said it's kind of creative destruction, only short term phenomena, longer vision require skilling, reskilling and upskilling)
3. Should india make it's AI inclusive (i said yes with some reasons)
4. Should we open more IITs. Isn't it degarding the status of IITs (I said definetley for localised research and should be complemented with universities, he said old IITs have earned this IIT status in 50 yrs, should it be given so easily to newer colleges: I said sir these new IITs will also achieve these kind of heights in next 30-40 years.)

Member 3

1. Different type of soil pollution (i mentioned about batteries, and solid waste: sir told me about agricultural and deforestation also: i replied with reasons of these pollutions)

2. How should we tackle them effectively especially for small/marginal farmers (i said cooperative farming and crop diversification and for deforestation i mentioned about Miyawaki method)

Member 4

1. Tell me some industries in which China is leading. (i said AI, semiconductor etc: he was smiling continuously)
2. Why China is leading. (i said lack of long term vision, China is now leading in 5G/75 emerging tech only because of the vision and we are still not able to rise up from the petty issues etc)
3. What should we do. (i mentioned some suggestion)
4. Why cloud seeding (IITK) in Delhi failed. (I mentioned about lack of hygroscopic nuclei at the time of seeding: he asked me about the pilot project and its testing: i said I'm not aware about it sir.

Finally ma'am smiled and said okay XYZ your interview is over.

Overall:

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(11)

Date of Interview: 08th Jan 2026

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

MORNING SESSION

DAF KEYWORDS: Biochemical Engineering and Biotechnology, IIT (only relevant)

Chairman

1. You're from Bhopal? I said yes. She said Beautiful City!
2. You worked for about 9 months after college. I said yes.
3. You're a sports Enthusiast? Yes. I said yes.
4. Tell should betting in sports be legalised?
5. really there are analytics that happen now a days in sports as well.
6. GIFT city Gujarat. It has allowed alcohol but the rest of the state has banned it? Why difference?
7. But businesses are in Surat as well. Diamond industry is there. Don't you think this heterogeneity shouldn't be there?
8. Okay. Venezuela is gone. What next?

9. Are we moving towards WW3?

Member 1

1. UN is dead. Should we throw it away?
2. Should what kind of reforms you suggest?
3. Voting should be one country one vote or a weighted voting system?
4. I said demarcated voting. Then he said something which i couldn't understand. Then he said about imperialism.
5. I said One country one vote for Imperialism prevention as well
6. This inter country migration. Is this a good thing or not?
7. what kind of burden does it create?
8. So if someone who's staying in Mumbai for many generations is he more of a citizen then someone who came few years ago. I said no. They both have same rights and violence and resentment must not be there towards migrants and efforts should be made to arrest distress migration.

Member 2

1. US last night passed a law that allows upto 500% tariffs on India? How do we deal with it?
2. What are the problems that India is facing in creating products and R&D, Despite having so many IITs?
3. World War 3. Are we heading towards it? Chairperson intervened and told the member "Sir Mai pooch chuki hoo ye question"
4. Biotechnology. How can it be used to diversify meat products?
5. This is productivity enhancement. How to diversify?
6. What is A2 Cow Milk?
Rest forgot

Member 3

1. Tell me what do we need to do to become job suppliers rather than job seekers?
2. What are policies that Govt has taken for startups?
3. Nuclear. Energy. What are the issues in that?
4. Okay. Govt has taken many steps for Maritime economy. Tell me that?

Member 4

1. Should India, Pakistan, China, Bangladesh etc form a bloc together to tackle west? What have been the problems in doing that? What will you do If selected in Foreign Service
2. Yes i am aware of the issues. But how can we surpass these issues?
3. (I said trade entanglement)
4. Has any Leader in India followed this policy in past. I said PM Manmohan Singh.
5. Anyone before that who tried to do similar things. I said PM Nehru wrt China. She nodded.

Chair: Thank You. Your interview is over.

I thanked everyone and left.

Overall cordial environment. It felt like a conversation.

(12)

Date of Interview: 8th January

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobby: Cooking

Slot: Afternoon

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(13)

Date of Interview: 09/01/2026

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Travelling

Key details: Rajasthan, reading non-fiction, Travelling, NABARD, PSIR optional

Afternoon session : last one to go

Entered the room, greeted everyone by saying namaskar

Question asked

Chairman

Ready my DAF loudly

1. So you from Rajasthan, if you had opportunity to tell CM regarding three sectors which ones you will choose and what will be your suggestions in those sectors to get some useful

output within 2-3 years . Long discussion on this. Ma wanted to know about specific inputs

2. If all the children born are raised by state and know one knows who is who's child than tell me three benefits and three disadvantage of such system. Mam focused more on disadvantage.

Member 1

1. Why you give more preference to non-fiction than fiction?
2. Why we are seeing protest against overflow of tourist at tourist sites
3. There is new trend of students disrespecting teachers. reasons behind it?

Member 2

1. Tell me areas where you will focus if you had to develop relations with developing countries
2. Same as above for developed countries

Others I am no able to recollect

Member 3

1. Positive and negative of one nation one election
2. How to implement this reform
3. Why farmers should take loan from NABARD than other banks in rural areas? (question was not factually correct as NABARD does not offer direct financial assistance to farmers)

Member 4

1. What is maglev and hyperloop trains?
2. Which country is workings in both the technologies
3. What are the consideration which should be kept in mind while choosing location for projects like bullet train.
4. Is bullet train from Ahmadabad to Mumbai is right decision?
Board was cordial. No grilling. Counter questions were there but no grilling as such. They just want to listen to your thoughts.

(14)

Date of Interview: 02/02/26

Board: Suman Sharma

Optional: PSIR

Key DAF Details: Bcom, PSIR, International Affairs, SDGs, Student Media

Chairman

1. Ponzi schemes, difference bw them and multi level marketing
2. Pakistan and what should be our approach in relations
3. "India's future lies in its South' and further debate about it

Member 1

1. Logistics- their role for India and recent happenings

Member 2

1. Tribal development what should be approach associated with qn on LWE
2. UN role? What should India do? UNSC membership for India.
3. WHO criticisms, should India leave etc.
4. Any area where UN has been successful

Member 3

1. Digital learning, swayam swayamprabha, diksha portals etc.
2. Progress on SDG-4 and SDG-5
3. Tax change in budget: undisclosed foreign income not punishable, impact on revenue

Member 4

1. Digital News media proliferation and regulation
2. OTT regulation vs Censor board regulation on films
3. US wants us to sanction Iran, Russia. Should we do it?

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(1)

Date of Interview: (8th December)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Delhi

Keywords – St Mary's, DU, JNU, investment, resistance training, Psir, Delhi, CUET

Chairman

1. Many great scholars have taught in CPS JNU in the past can you name them?

Member 1

1. Who was Mary?
2. Last investment book you read?
3. One positive and one negative work of Nehru?
4. Tell us about identity politics

Member 2

1. Differentiate between Gandhi's anarchism and Marx's communism
2. Is Gandhi's anarchism good for India?

Member 3

1. Types of Rupees bonds
2. Is coaching necessary for CUET?
3. Why students are committing suicide and what are the possible solutions ?

Member 4

1. Situation based questions – how to tackle a large crowd like those after indigo crisis ?
2. Whom would you prioritise in a large crowd – elder , children etc
3. Is means more important or end?

(2)

Date of Interview: 8/12/25

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Background: Electrical engineering

Hobby: Cricket

Keywords- IITB, Electrical engineering, JNV, cricket, NSS, Sustainability, EV, RE, Indian epics, leadership, CEA

Chairman

1. CEA kya krta hai?
2. Aur CERC kya karta hai?

Members

1. When is the next FIFA world cup
2. which civil servant won Gold at paralympics
3. status of BMS for EV
4. National critical mineral mission and followups
5. What you represented at the Rashtrapati Bhawan
6. handloom of MP
7. What you saw at rashtrapati bhawan
8. is having woman President advantageous
9. Why from IIT to CS
10. what qualities do you have
11. quality of a leader and followups
12. how gandhiji inspires you
13. What role did Navodaya play in life and followups
14. Which character from Indian epic did you like and why
15. the curl of electric field is equal to the linear gradient of what
16. when does resistance decrease with the rise in temperature, chemistry and all, 1 minute
tak bolta raha samajh me nahi aaya
17. Why Microsoft is buying power centres
18. what factors decide the location of data centres
19. Difference between blogging and podcast
20. Sustainability bond and followups
- 2-3 questions aur the, yaad aayenge

(3)

Date of Interview: 09/12/2025

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Economics

Key DAF Details: Gargi College, JNU, Economics Optional, Hand Lettering, Visually Impaired Cricket

Chairman

What is Hand Lettering?

Where did you learn it?

Do you still do it?

Member 1

What do you understand about balanced growth in the economy?

How will you ensure balanced growth as a DM?

What do you think about the elderly population of society?

How will you include them?

What about the paperwork and procedural hurdles as they might be illiterate or some of

them can not even see at that age?
What sections of society will you consider vulnerable?
What will you do for them as a DM?
What is more important for Administration empathy or efficiency?
How will you balance both?
What do you think of idealism, should administration be ideal or pragmatic?
All theories are idealistic so how can they be used for pragmatic administration?
What is the importance of Russia for India?
What agreements have taken place recently?
How will our economy benefit from it and particularly which sectors?
What about connectivity?
Are the tariffs placed by US on India justified?
What were the reasons for putting these tariffs?
Are tariffs for buying Russian oil justified?

Member 2

What are critical minerals?
What steps has the government taken for critical minerals?
What are climate bonds?
What are social bonds?
Is interest paid on such bonds?
Have you heard of the ministry of co-operation?
Which institute has been developed for cooperation?
What do you know about the GIFT city?
Why has it been created?
Why do international corporations set up their offices there?

Member 3

You have economics optional but you have not studied it at college.
(I told that I have)
What are the benefits of conflict resolution? (No context)
What is the status of Climate finance?
What do you know about Gunnar Myrdal?
Where can we see this model being illustrated in India? (myrdal's Backwash and spread effect)
What is the fundamental difference in the approaches of Adam Smith and Amartya Sen?
What is the entitlements based approach of Amartya sen?
What do you understand by Trickle down?
Do you think it works?

Member 4

Who was Gargi?
What did you learn from her?

What is the USP of JNU?

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

(4)

Date of Interview: 9th Dec 2025 Forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Hobby: Travelling

DAF Details: Travelling, constitution, PSIR. (Other things not asked)

Chairman

: Asked How are you ?

I said I am good sir.

Said you like travelling. Asked Where did you travel last?

Then kept on asking on it.

Then asked you went to Sarnath also. I said yes sir. Then asked about museum. I said sorry sir I did not went there. asked me about Sarnath lion. Gave me hint. I said sorry and not able to recall. Then he again asked. I said Ashok Chakra and he corrected me. I said sorry.

Member 1

Que : Asked which article is described as heart and soul of Indian constitution by Br ambedkar.

Que : Asked why it is called so?

Que : further asked About Writs.

Que : Who gave theory of separation of powers?

Que : Which country have strict SOP?

Que : Asked SOP scheme in Indian constitution?

Q : Give an example.

Que : Further asked about Indian judicial appointments.

Que : Which country is testing nuclear weapons and why?

Q : What is inter-generational equity in terms of ecology?

Q : why the world is falling in democratic standards?

Member 2

: very low voice.

Q : About protection of free world , why it is receding? A very long question..

Q : Asked in which topic you are interested in PSIR?

Q : Aaked from where you read about this?

Member 3

: Asked many questions. Almost all situation based and somewhat tough.

Q : Ased about failing indian foreign policy in India's neighbourhood.

Q : why indian investment are falling in India's neighbourhood.

Q : what can be done to revive indian foreign policy?

Q : how indian private companies can generate goodwill in other countries?

Q : False reports by indian media houses. How can you create trust between Indian journalist and local people?

Q : How can you ensure that wrong reports about you as DM are not published in media and generate trust among people?

Q : asked about RRTS? I said sorry sir.

Q : Asked why preferred services like this?

Could not remember other.

Member 4

: Lady member. Very cordial and kept on encouraging..

Q : Somewhere I talked about Jaishankar's India way. She asked explain india way in one line?

Q : said explain in one word. I said Comprehensive National power. She said I was expecting Multi alignments. But I remained affirm on my stand and said Multi alignments is also necessary.

Q : How India can ensure its goals are fulfilled in future?

Q : India's stand in Ukraine conflict.

Q : why Ukraine and Russia are fighting.

Could not remember other.

Except the lady member all others kept poker face. They were talking in between.

Chairman sir said Thank you. Your interview is over. You can go now.

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

(5)

Date of Interview: 11th december- afternoon session

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Background: computer science

daf keywords – theatre, animal lover, computer science (remaining not relevant)

Chairman

BB SWAIN

-are you comfortable?

-what all animals do you rescue?

-how do you rescue? how do you go about it?

-name some NGOs in delhi in this field?

Member 1

-can companies be given citizenship?

-do you know what is deep state?

-what is state under art 12?

and what is deep state(again)

-nanny state?

Member 2

-valuation of pet industry at the moment?

-it is booming, you must be happy?

(my reply- no sir, i disagree..)

-there are so many cyberfrauds and people lack knowledge, as incharge, how will you make sure to educate and spread awareness about it in fields of health, education and welfare?

-what is risk management? it can be in any field

Member 3

-what is niti ayog?

-GST issues- as incharge, what one step you will take? (i said digitisation and faceless)

-then how will you ensure grievance redressal in faceless GST?

Member 4

-your school is known to give a different education, how is it different?

-what is PESA?

-why is it needed if panchayats are there which are already elected?

-do you know about digital fencing?

(bb swain)

-you did street theatre- how did it help you in your personal growth?

-do you know the current status of LWE? how have they achieved it?

thank you! and have a good day-

i also wished them a all a good day!

overall- very cordial and receptive. big room with a huge round table and you are basically sitting with them (at the high table)

members on your right and left can see your hands and posture clearly.

Swain sir speaks very softly and in a low volume. So make sure you are attentive from the go!

(6)

Date of Interview: 05.01.2026 (Forenoon)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: History

Hobby: Chess

Optional/Interests: History, Anthropology, World cinema, Chess, Content development

Chairman

1. What do you know about *Ramapithecus* and *Sivapithecus*?

2. Does India have any dinosaur fossils?

3. Are you aware of the Narmada human fossil?

Member 1

1. How has Indian cinema changed from the 1980s to 2026?
2. How would you compare North Indian cinema with South Indian cinema?

Member 2

1. Have you heard of the concept of “digital arrest”?
2. How should cybercrimes be tackled?
3. Do you think marriage as an institution is declining?
4. In what ways has AI changed the nature of content development?

Member 3

1. Have you come across the idea of the “revenge of geography”?
2. Is India experiencing a “revenge of geography”?
3. Given the never-ending stalemates on land borders, should India shift greater focus to its maritime frontiers?
4. Beyond the EEZ, if a conflict occurs, do you think India’s so-called allies will actually help?
5. In your view, should India prioritise land borders or maritime borders?

Member 4

1. What qualities does playing chess help you develop?
2. Case study: Mr X takes a week’s leave without informing the administration and is dismissed from service. Analyse the issues involved in this decision.

Member 2 (follow-up)

1. Why does Tamil Nadu produce a relatively higher number of chess Grandmasters?

(7)

Date of Interview: 06/01/2026, Afternoon. 4th to go

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Maharashtra

Hobby: Chess

Daf – Maharashtra, Anthropology, Chess. Nothing much from daf asked.

Chairman

1. How are you.
2. How you feel right now to be here
3. Tell me tribes from Himachal Pradesh.
4. Now tell me the tribes from Maharashtra and India.
5. Is Warli tribe only in Maharashtra.

Member 1

1. You are from X university, tell about it.

2. Do you know about NEP, 2020.
3. Some provisions for higher education institutes.
4. Credits to students. Useful
5. what is gender biased fertility preferences.
6. the status improving right now, isn't it.

Member 2

1. Tribal issue where development is concerned, should we have development or leave them as it is.
2. But, displacement due to development is there how should it be then.
3. If the tribes are not agreeing, how consultation will work.
4. If an NGO starts to do protests & instigate tribes for the development project what will you do.
5. About NGO funding.
6. Should we completely stop ngo funding.

Member 3

1. What is criminalization of politics.
2. About it, what to do.
3. Defections in the political parties
4. Do you recall any changes made against it.
5. RPA provisions for criminalization of politics.
6. Gave the situation – if I make some documents by giving money & illegally, then another person tries to do the same seeing me but the opposite person is refusing it, so isn't it the case of infringement of right to equality or equal treatment.

Member 4

1. What is the meaning of your name.
2. What qualities has chess added to you to improve yourself.
3. You being the young person & joining civil services also, how do you feel about operation sindoor, and the change in the stance of our government.
4. What is the basis of india-pakistan conflicts – after my answer mentioned which region is the basis.
5. Explained events pakistan does something then india replies now. Do you know about pulwama attack.
6. What India did after it.
7. How long will it continue
8. As the resources arsenal of both pakistan and India depleted after the conflict like operation sindoor, pakistan gets help from others what India is doing.
9. Yes then India doesn't need anyone, being selfsufficient how do you see it.
10. How the Brahmos name derived.
11. How about the look east to act east policy, access through manipur decreased & how to access to SE asia.

Chairman sir –

1. So do you want to say anything?

Okay, your interview is over now.

Time – 32 minutes.

(8)

Date of Interview: 7 January

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Gujarat

DAF Keywords: swachh bharat mission, football, gujarat, commerce graduate, sociology, reflective journaling.

Chairman

Challenges guj faces in sociological matters

Way forward how to improve.

Member 1

What is reflective journaling

And same of sports in india

India venezuela

India football

Why sports have lacked

Way forward

Member 2

Sociological analysis of society

Differentiate between Society vs community

Hand cuffs during arrests should we use?

Member 3

Why gujarati use so much sweet in their food chairman interrupted ,that is not the case

What dishes u cook

Assume that you are my CA , Inflate my balance sheet to show that my profits are high to attract investment

Graduation in 2021, what were u doing since then .

IT act 2025 amedments

New tax regime

Chairman interrupted

Member 4

Sbm is it a success?

Infra dev in sbm

What will u do if u are made a dm? will SBM be your priority?

Football womens team captain

Guj players in football team.

Chairman said thank you your interview is over.

4 5 more questions from members which im not able to recall right now

(9)

Date of Interview: 9 jan forenoon

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Sociology

DAF: korean drama, nit warangal chemical engineer, cg, worked as process engineer, sociology

Chairman

Which lang u want to give the interview? – since my interview medium was hindi.

Member 1

1. rank of my college? Why it is that rank? Which college produce more patent?
2. why people are watching k drama? Tell me comedy kdrama? Do u follow k fashion? (i have mentioned about it in my previous ans)

Member 2

1. tell me border issue between mp and cg? Issue about Balaghat st certificate.
2. why naxalism in cg and whats status of it? Why they are surrendering?
3. why bsp is recently in news?

Member 3

1. what is the status of women in army? What was the case which permitted their entry? Why women are not hired by army? (Bcoz men don't want to take order from female – he added on my ans)
2. op sindoor – why, when, how, impact? (I have talked about it in me prev ans)
3. can op sindoor stop terrorism in India? Since when pak using terror attack in India? What can India do to control the pak and terrorism? (He added Baloch in my ans)
4. did u face lang barrier in ur college?

Member 4

1. ye sir kya h (sound like teacher not S. I. R., and everyone laughed).
2. mujhe matdata k voting rights k bare me btaye? voter does not know the candidate they are voting, ur thought?
3. ur thought on UCC? Shaira bano case do u know? (But whole board got involved like tea party, talking about HAQ movie and all)
4. now tell me ucc and saira bano?

Chairperson: why this service? This is not a question, I just want to know.

My view: they were parallely doing other task as well. They had Calm and curious

personality. Outside staff member was also motivating us.

(10)

Date of Interview: 08-01-2026

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Key DAF details: IIT Bombay, civil engineering, MP, anthropology, chess, cricket, Lashkar (Gwalior)

Chairman

Chairman (listening to conversation carefully):

Q1) So, should we call you XY or Z?

Q2) You have graduated from, 'the' IIT Bombay. How was it?

Q3) I've asked this question multiple times but still would ask you again, why civil engineering is called civil engineering? What's so civil about it? (everyone laughed as I stated an extra fact regarding it which even the chairman didn't know)

Member 1

Q1) Nobody wants to die a slow death, but it is happening right in front of our eyes. Can we file a writ petition in the courts against this slow death due to climate change? (mentioned about right against adverse effects of climate change)

Q2) Which main fundamental right gets involved in such a petition?

Q3) Important steps to counter air pollution.

Member 2

(little bit poker face, but overall he was acknowledging the answers, international relations):

Q1) You play both chess and cricket, which one of them do you think is more strategic and requires more mental awareness?

Q2) Let's talk about Operation Sindoor.

Q3) What's so different about this mission as compared to earlier strikes? (mentioned about water and blood can't flow together, which led to follow-up question)

Q4) Discussion on PM's statement of 'any act of terror will be considered as an act of war against the terrorist org as well as the state sponsoring it'.

Q5) Consequences of pahalgam attack.

Q6) Present status of IWT. (mentioned about abeyance status)

Q7) Which rivers are given to Pakistan for its usage under IWT?

Q8) 3 levels of arbitration in IWT. (mentioned World Bank)

Q9) How World Bank got involved in bilateral relations of 2 nations?

Q10) India has put IWT in abeyance, can it also completely suspend the IWT unilaterally?

Q11) We have put IWT in abeyance, is it truly abeyance or just a symbolic action on our part? (stated that at present we don't have the dams to stop the flow of rivers)

Q12) How relations of upper riparian and lower riparian states are governed?

Q13) China is building a very big dam in Brahmaputra, what will be its effects on India?

Q14) If China can build such big dams, should we also build dams and stop Pakistan's entire lifeline?

Member 3

(mixed current affairs with static part of economics):

Q1) So, you were born in Lashkar (Gwalior), what is its significance?

Q2) Do you have interest in economics?

Q3) There has been an important stat released in relation to budget today about growth of India in this year. Could you tell its importance in making of budget? (about first advance estimates)

Q4) What does budget involves?

Q5) What should this year's budget focus upon?

Q6) How can we improve credit availability?

Q7) For a common middle class person, how can we raise the credit availability via fiscal policy?

Member 4

(very interested in both the discussions on civil engineering and anthropology):

Q1) What are the main developments and advancements in civil engineering in last half a decade? (mentioned smart concrete)

Q2) Discussion on smart concrete.

Q3) What is self-healing concrete?

Q4) You have taken anthropology as your optional, even after graduating from the best institute of India, IIT Bombay. Was it only for the UPSC mains examination, or did you also have a genuine interest in it?

Q5) Name some tribes of MP. (mentioned Sahariya tribe)

Q6) Where is Saharia tribe found geographically in MP.

Q7) Is it a PVTG or not?

Q8) What are the differences between PVTGs and STs?

Q9) Full form of PVTG.

Q10) What are the issues faced by tribes? (mentioned about mentality of tribes)

Q11) You have mentioned that the tribe itself don't want to send the children to school, what's the reason behind it?

Q12) How can we alter their thoughts in order to make them understand that school is better for them?

> Interview Transcripts (CSPT-2025):

Chairman:

Q1) Do you want us to ask you something else? (replied with civil engineering, he said he don't have the expertise in civil engineering, then everyone laughed, later he asked other members to ask couple of more questions)

M4 (again):

Q13) What do you understand by green engineering?

Q14) What is GRIHA rating system?

Q15) Do you know its exact parameters on which it is built upon?

Overall experience: It was a different experience when compared to mocks that I gave. It was a back-and-forth conversation, building up new questions by the answers I gave. Everyone had a smiling or a 'not so' poker face, which allowed me to get more confidence.

(11)

Date of Interview: 12/01/2026

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Home State: Gujarat

Background: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Optional: GUJARATI LITERATURE

DAF KEYWORDS- GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GUJARATI LITERATURE, CRICKET.

MEDIUM - HINDI

Chairman

You have graduated from G.T.U. GTU has merged many engineering colleges, what was its impact of it?

Only one question sir has asked.

Member 1

What is the relation between Literature and Engineering?

What are the similarities and differences between Gujarati Literature and Engineering?

Suppose we select you and You are posted as SDM, There is students protest was ongoing.

Your sister is also there in the front line. Someone has also thrown stones on the University's building. How will you solve it?

But, you are a very young SDM, there is very less age gap between you and the student protestor. How will you approach situations?

But they are not convincing. Even your sister shouted slogans very proactively. How will you solve it?

Have you read today's newspaper?

What are some important news?

Member 2

Why does the government need source code?

What are the concerns in it?

But we do have laws and regulations, then why do we specifically source code from companies?

What would be the mechanism to maintain balance between privacy and security?

If you are appointed as SDM, being an engineer how will you use AI in administration?

Member 3

Since you have an interest in cricket, IPL is a big event in india. But recently one player from another country was dropped from the franchise, what is your opinion on it?

How does cricket influence soft power?

How does it help India?

Member 4

Give information about 3 international events which affect the whole world?

How does Russia – Ukraine affect India?

Trump's policy is protecting the USA's national Interest, every nation is protecting their National Interest, so what is wrong with it? How is India affected?

For your interview preparation, how are you prepared for it?

In which medium you have studied Engineering?

Then why have you opted for the Hindi medium for Interview?

Another 2-3 questions, not able to recall it

CHAIRMEN sir

Other members – Ok.. Thank you..All the best

(12)

Date of Interview: 13/1/2026

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Gujarat

IPS, PSIR, Pickel Ball, Indian Cinema, Gujarat,

First to enter after launch

Chairman

1. Asked me about are in training or not? I said took EOL.
2. As I was working as copy evaluator in Karol Bagh: asked me about Waha ka mahol kya hai ? Bache kaise prepare karte hai? Samasya kya hai? Tumhe waha rehkar kuch benefit hua: fir sir khud hi keh rhe hai IPS mila to hua hi benefit

Member 1

- 1: so you are in police service then why to fight for IAS. Then he said have you been in LBASNAA, I explained those who are appearing in Exam are not allowed to go to LBASNAA and I took EOL ? He don't know what's it ! I explained simply. He is like aree kya kya badlav aa gaye hai abhi 😊
2. Your optional is PSIR and you belonged to Gujarat: tell me why many Gujarati are coming to Civil Services ?
mentioned above rising higher education in Gujarat, Many Role Models and role of SPIPA
asked about what's SPIPA
3. Where Gujarati are living outside India: said k USA, UK and Eastern Africa.

4. Gujarati Diaspora and USA
5. Gujarati linkage with UK: Gandhiji studied and Shyamji Krishna Verma was there- asked me about have you visit Sabarmati Ashram as yesterday PM Modi was there
6. Impacts of Trump on Gujarat: Mixed impacts on Diamonds, Textile and Petrochemical industries

Member 2

1. Pickle Ball was my hobby so asked me where it was started, why it is called pickle ball ? Why recently risen ? Difference between Tennis and Pickle ball
2. Second hobby was Watching Movies so asked me recently what have you watched and summery
3. tell me about impacts of Commercial Cinema on Nation Building: told 3 ways- Economically ' Soft power and Social Impacts
4. compare Dhurandhar and Pathan
5. today's newspaper: Book published today by XYZ related to Nehruvian Non Alignment is same as Multi Alignment, then I said yes I read it and explained how both are same in principles but different in techniques

Member 3

1. Venezuela me india ka kya response tha ? I said strategic restraint and maturity shown by Indian diplomats.
2. as you mentioned that Remittances come in Gujarat, how's status of FDI and FPI in India, exact status ..
3. Operation Sindoor : How India could deter, to how much ? Specifically detailing to which sectors in defence, weapons used in Ops Sindoor !
4. Tell me specifically about what India is doing wrt Defence, Space, Manufacturing etc

Member 4

1. What's PLI ? What's impacts as of now and problems ?
2. Don't you think we have missed the bus by neglecting Manufacturing sector ? What's are impacts on overall economy ?
3. What would you suggest ?
4. What's Gujarat Model ?
5. Who is Your role model in your life to whom you look up to ? I said my father and she asked why
6. Do you know there is one village called Anand in Anand which have multiple banks in village ? Actually she was not sure what she is asking then said Anand in Kheda district etc.. I said I am aware about Madhavpur village in Kutch which is one of the richest village in the India .

Then sir started to explain why Madhavpur famous.. 2 mnts sir explained all members and then he said now you can go..

(13)

Date of Interview: JANUARY, 2026

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: Hindi Literature

Background: MBBS

DAF details: MBBS, Blood Donation, Watching Travel vlogs, Hindi Literature. (Nothing else required)

Hindi medium so all conversion in hindi only.

Chairman

aaiye, aaiye.....baithiae.

Kese ho Ordinary aspirant?

1. So you watch travel vlogs or you travel them also?
2. Which places you visited last time?
3. How you get there? (Mode of transportation)
4. What you have seen there?

Member 1

1. Are you still Junior Resident? What are you doing since 4 years?
2. So you are a Doctor, despite of medical science why you choose Hindi Literature as optional?
3. Which poems you like and your favourite poets?
4. Which sarg of dinkar's Rasmirathi you like?
5. Everyday we heard about tariff issues between India-USA. Anything good happening? Apart from this any cooperation between India-USA.
6. What is pax silica. (Discussion regarding semiconductor, supply chain, countering china by resilience)
7. If any country is planning something against India, how we can monitor and do surveillance? (Basically intelligent gathering)

Member 2

1. Why left medical practice and want to pursue civil services?
2. What India is doing in Medical Tourism, advantages and scope?
3. Which part of public health govt should invest?
4. Little bit discussion on out of pocket expenditure, prevention, screening, non communicable diseases, nutrition etc. (as I mentioned in previous questions)
5. (1-2 questions i am not able to recall now)

Member 3

1. Reasons behind increasing patients-doctors violence?
2. What provisions are there in medical education for ethics and communication?
3. What problems you faced during your internship days regarding blood donation?

4. What happened in Madhya Pradesh regarding blood donation? From which disease they (children) suffering?

Member 4

(mam) very serious expression

1. What skills and values you have as a doctor that might help in administration?
2. Than gave me situation- imagine you are a IPS officer and a prisoner is died after taking food. Now other cellmates are vomiting. What is this condition called? (She wants to know the diagnosis part which i was not able to recognise)
3. A long monologue on this previous psychological disease and follow up questions (which again i said sorry)
4. Than moved from medical science to IR.
Last question- there are so much unrest and protest in india's neighbouring countries but peace in our country. Why?
1-2 follow up questions on this. (Mam not seems to be convinced)

Chairman sir- your interview is over.

I said thank you sir, mam and remaining other members.

Impression: it was like conversation, completely different than mock experiences.

Members have serious faces except 1st member.

Duration-not exactly remember but around 20-25 min.

(14)

Date of Interview: 16 January

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain

Optional: History

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Keywords – electrical engineering (graduation), History (optional), Jhansi, music

Chairman

Q1. What are economical challenges of jhansi.

only 1 question asked

Member 1

Q1. What type of songs do you listen to?

Q2. Opinion on rewriting of History books?

Q3. Partition of India- good or bad?

Q4. Which music composer's birthday is today

Member 2

Q1. Historical significance of Jhansi

Q2. Orchha tourist places

Q3. Should we have compulsory military service for youths.

Member 3

- Q1. Renewable energy challenges
- Q2. PM-KUSUM
- Q3. Regulatory bodies of electricity
- Q4. Which day is today (i said start ups day). He further asked number of start ups registered that were published on the front page of newspaper.
- Q5. Also asked which day was yesterday (i said army day). He wanted to hear Veterans day.

Member 4

- Q1. What is significance of trade and how is trade dynamics changing in recent times?
- Q2. Impediments in trade deal between India and EU
- Q3. Names of harvesting festivals across India

(15)

Date of Interview: 02/02/2026 (Afternoon)

Board: Bidyut Behari Swain (25 minutes – 1st to go)

Optional: Electrical engineering

DAF details – IIT Hyderabad, Optional – Electrical engineering, Dantewada, GK Quiz (rest not asked)

Chairman

Why is Dantewada famous?
(Only one question)

Member 1

- 1. What government has done in terms of development in Dantewada?
- 2. Are now tribals not joining naxals?
- 3. You are from IIT Hyderabad, so IITians go to foreign so will H1B visa ban impact them? What can government do to help those returning?
- 4. One leader told in davos..the rule based order is collapsing..Who was he?
- 5. (I told Mark Carney..she told no it was macron..I told sorry)
- 6. Why did he say that? What trump is doing? (I had mentioned trump)

Member 2

- 1. Your hobby is quizzing..Then tell me the name of rail corridors announced in budget?
- 2. You mentioned.. Dantewada has natural beauty..Why less tourism in waterfalls like chitrakoot?
- 3. (he said .. something regarding security then I told naxal he nodded)
- 4. Why bank officers on strike (I told I am not aware). Then he asked will you accept demand (again I told I am not aware)

Member 3

- 1. Impact of AI ... challenges and should we regulate?
- 2. (Should Central government or independent authority regulate)

3. You can work in private ..why civil services?
4. What is your backup plan

Member 4

1. Don't you think sundar pichai(I mentioned in my answer)contributes more than a civil services. Why then civil services?
2. What is the energy mix of India. Are you satisfied with it?
3. Renewable energy challenges.. solutions..
4. Why rooftop solar not achieved its potential?
5. What is alternative of BESS system (I told Pumped Hydro power) .

Then chairman looking at clock..and then nodding on my last answers...Seemed like he was in a hurry to end 😊

Overall board was cordial and questions were based on daf

Dinesh Dasa

(1)

Date of Interview: 08/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Home State: Jharkhand

DAF- Supreme court, MA history, Jharkhand, Delhi, Gurugram, software developer

Chairman sir: Have you been here?

Asked to introduce

Yes , prelims center yahi tha

Good good

100 years of upsc, are you satisfied?

Suggest 2 reforms

Inclusion of Public AD and AI for allotment of centres

(working at sci)

So himself explained article 361

Then asked 3 month timeline better or not

I said better citing an example ki important health bill hai

Toh you can't just sit on

As electorate ka mandate hai

Then next member

Member 2

Spoke very slowly

Asked him to pardon

Said your profile is diverse- history, sci, software engineer

How IT in reducing pendency

AI , club similar cases , case tracker. Language on lines of bhasini ,sci already using Supace portal

Then same q another form

How do you use it at your work

Said I'm in admin section. But I talked to my friends at lunch ...volume of files. Segregation, IOT for well being

Member 3

Asked about preference

Why ias

Said out of box thinking, creative , diversity

Then she said suppose you ias

Goa tragedy

Flaws and why

Explained

Then why still
Said
Law followed in letter but not in spirit
Corruption in licenses
Weak oversight

Member 4

History is political
Don't you think
Again same that why no Palas, cholas
Said due to court room historians
Politically driven
Then she started countering
I agreed
Then again the admin issue
Why policy is not evolving despite constitution evolving
I said as chairman sir pointed out about evolving constitution
She said give me your view
I said I agree with his view added mine
Times and problems are dynamic
Need to be evolving

Member 5

Dholpur house why?
I said idk sir sorry
Then difference between criticism and trolling
Explained former is pointing flaws
Later is derogatory way
Example of obesity trolling is not justified
Asked aren't they same
Said
Venn diagram
Trolling is part of criticism
He said but u said derogatory
I said minus the demeaning nature if done for humor purposes
It's ok
Have you been trolled
Yes sir
What is click bait
Said thumbnail Example
20ft ka saanp hai
Thumbnail mei 100 ft chasing ppl
For view

Do u think it generates revenue

Yes sir

Then I was born in jharkhand

Tribal health problem any?

Said sickle cell anemia

Explained what was it

Then asked what schemes

Said anemia mukt bharat by 2047

Pm poshan

Thank you

Chairman

Your interview is over thank you

Said thank you

Stood and looked back

Again thanked

Over

(2)

Date of Interview: 8/12/25 afternoon: 5th to go

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Background: IIT BHU

Hobbies: Cricket, Vipassana

DAF- IIT BHU, Mining Engg, Cricket, Vipassana

Chairman

1. History behind your name
2. You are education secy and you have 2 proposals to either setup IIT inside BHU campus or outside as greenfield campus..which one would you choose and why?
3. Why is it that mineral rich regions are lesser developed across world?
4. MMDR amendment details
5. Contribution of mining to india's gdp
6. How much is the target under mineral policy?
7. Reasons for chaos in sri lanka, bangladesh, nepal and Afghanistan
8. What india can learn from these countries?

Member 1

1. RTI strength & weaknesses
2. How would you solve the shortcomings?
3. A person has filed RTI for seeking health info of DM..would you release the information if you are the person authorised to do it?

Member 2

1. Have you been employed after graduating from IIT?
2. What is the placement scenario at your college? Average package? And how many get placed?
3. You did not do any job..had you continued in private sector for all these years you would have been earning good..so wouldn't you be dissatisfied with a meagre salary that an IAS joinee gets? What if tomorrow you are posted in Manipur?

Member 3

1. Tell me the name of a female dancer in the court of the king who shared the same name as you
2. Youngest indian centurian in one day cricket?..I said yashasvi jaiswal
3. Any other you remember? Not just in international cricket..I said Vaibhav suryavanshi
4. What is his age..any idea?

Member 4

1. Is it really possible to not have any enemies? especially in administration?
 2. India will have growing elderly population in the future..what social security measures would you suggest for them?
 3. How Vipassana can be used for mental health?
- All the best everyone 🙌

(3)

Date of Interview: 9th Dec – morning session.

(2nd one to go 10:42 till 11:08)

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Anthropology

Home district/state: Meerut/ UP

Duration: 26 mins (I sat outside sirs room for 30 minutes as board was having tea/coffee, snacks.

Graduation stream/college: B.Sc (ZBC)

Hobbies/passions/medals: Strength training, powerlifting, prerna saathi for primary school students, watching wildlife documentaries.

CSE Attempt no: 2nd Attempt, 2nd Interview.

Chairman

1. How are you?
2. You are 2002 born only but god has been kind to you in terms of physical features and.
Me: yes sir i look older than I am.
What are some pro and cons of a big physique and looking mature? I answered
3. Sir smiling and telling about his childhood experience. How sirs mother used to fight with bus conductor for enforcing half ticket norm.

4. You studied botany and anthropology. What are issues due to invasive species and give example.
5. Human wild life conflict in wayanad due to which invasive species?
Me: sorry sir
Sir explained I agreed.
3 Approach towards tribals? Who gave them? Your view?
6. Compare and contrast issues with SC and ST.
Me:- answered
Sir explained further.

Member 1

1. Tell us about your morning routine?
2. So you like planning your day, is it beneficial?
3. What if plans change?
4. Difference between E. coli and B. coli?
5. Me: sorry sir
6. What is age of menarche?
7. Why reducing?
8. Any impact of industrialisation?
9. Whats age of marriage for girls? Should we reduce it?

Member 2

1. You are into powerlifting, differences with weightlifting?
2. Why not weightlifting?
3. Which one is in olympics?
4. Our athletes are doing good in paralifting, name some.
5. You haven't heard of para athletes? Who are they?
6. Meerut is experiencing a communication revolution what is it?
Me: expressways, rrts.
7. What advantages/opportunities would your siblings have that you didn't because of connectivity?
8. Would you suggest connecting other cities as well?
9. What will be the challenges in this?

Member 3

1. You have been a prerna saathi during covid, was it temporary or long term.
2. What issues does high screen time has on children, whats your vision for it.

Member 4

1. Why so many youngsters dying in gyms?
2. So you look like a very structured guy, how do you deal with uncertainty?
3. How often do you loose temper, when was the last time?
4. The social injustice doesn't enrage you?
I mentioned about being concerned for children who beg and how we need to be kinder

to them.

5. Wouldn't that promote begging?

I don't support begging at all but we can be kinder to those kids.

Experience was good. Board was very welcoming, smiling.

(4)

Date of Interview: 09/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: History

Hobby: folk music

Jnu, history modern, folk music, quiz

Chairman

Chamber of princes

Khilafat movement

Ideals that shaped national movement

Genz and marriage

Dholpur house

Member 1

History geography linkages

Member 2

Social media and history

Historians – who employ then

Member 3

Vande mataram song

Difficult quiz question u faced

Jnu student politics- left

Operation polo

Member 4

Folk singers u like

Historian like Abul fazl

Historical personalities that shaped u

Integral humanism

Overall board is very cordial. Baaki bhagwan ke upar hai

(5)

Date of Interview: 10/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Hobby: harmonium

Forenoon -2nd to go

Daf keywords – Hindustani classical, Sugam sangeet, harmonium, xylophone, yamuna bacterial strains, lifesciences, vedic chanting, and many more things

Chairman

Q-1 we wanted you to come at first since you have mentioned vedic chanting, we could have started the day. But anyways, chant one vedic mantra for us

Q2- you have mentioned sugam sangeet, what do you listen? I said ghazals, he asked me which singers I do listen to, I said gulam ali khan sahab and asha bhosle ji, he asked me one ghazal of gulam ali ji, I said chupje chupke, He asked me to sing 🎤

Q-3- long monologue on something, I was not able to hear it, it was regarding relocation of lions from gir. Some supreme court judgement, I was not aware of this so I asked him regarding the exact issue, he asked my stance on it and what would I suggest to the supreme court.

Member 1

random questions regarding star campaigner, exact number, I said sorry. Then about primary colours, I got confused and said sorry again. Then about difference between UV and infrared, then asked me the color of minimum wavelength in visible spectrum. Then they asked me about some shobraja sisters, I said no. I am still not able to find them on internet. Then chairman sir intervened.

They started asking me counter questions regarding star campaigning, asked me about who funds the star campaigning, who is star campaigner, whether it's necessary that a star campaigner should be any celebrity, I said no. Then they asked me who funds the campaign when prime minister is the star campaigner, I said political party. He said the govt pays for it. Then he asked me about you being the head of EC, what would be your suggestions. They confused me a lot regarding EC.

Member 2

have you read today's newspaper, I read it briefly so I said the exact words. Then he asked me top headlines, I just remembered the basic news like goa, flights. I told him that.

Then few questions regarding Yamuna pollution.

Member 3

(lady) She asked me about Yamuna pollution, asked my stance being an administrator. Then. Asked. Me some term which I didn't know, I said sorry

Member 4

(lady)- difference between Hindustani and Carnatic. 2 proponents from Carnatic. You teach tuitions, why only biology and not others. Your life is more about music, do you want to become singer or what. What's your motive

Then at last, I waited for someone to speak. Chairman didn't say that your interview is over. Everyone smiled and nodded. I said thank you and left the room.

Overall experience – good, cordial board, one member was trying to just confuse with some random factual questions. Dasa sir had a smiling face but he was speaking too low at certain points.

ECI was unexpected and conversation went really long on that. That was kind of a bit disappointing to me because I had to say sorry at many places

Dasa sir politely said to me twice that if you don't know the answer, we will ask some other questions. Just say you don't know it. So I really stuck with that rather than beating around the bush.

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

(6)

Date of Interview: 11th December 2025 (Forenoon); 1st to go

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Background: Rural agricultural

Optional: Philosophy

DAF-based: Rural agricultural background; Philosophy as optional

Chairman

"Har kisi ke destiny mein nahi hota yahaan tak pahunchna. Isn't it? What's your view?"

Introduce yourself.

"So what have you been doing for the last 4.5 years since graduation? What have you learnt from the journey?"

"You said you come from a rural agricultural background and are from Haryana. Given the context of the farmer protests, if you are given responsibility from the government's side to convince farmers, how would you do it?"

He told me to use Haryanvi.

I initially switched from English to Hindi.

He asked me to stand behind the chair, consider them as Tau and Tai ji, and strictly adhere to Haryanvi language and tone while persuading them.

RCEP: "Shashi Tharoor ji said we should reconsider our stance. But the government hasn't paid heed to this reconsideration. What is your view?"

Member 1

"Who is your favourite philosopher and why?" (based on my previous answer)

"Shri Shankaracharya travelled throughout the country for religious propagation. Was he responsible for checking the spread of Buddhism?" (based on my previous answer)

"What is the core difference between a debate and an argument?"

"Explain argumentative philosophy in India and its salient features."

"Have you heard of Cartesian philosophy? What is his full name? State his philosophy in one line."

She then gave a monologue on her view of Cartesian philosophy

Asked: "Who said 'I am therefore I think'?"

Asked which of the two philosophies I personally subscribe to

She countered with the negatives of the philosophy I chose and asked me to reconsider my stance

Then she talked about Albert Camus' story of seeing his mother's dead body

Member 2

"You graduated in mechanical engineering but chose philosophy. Was it useful? If yes, how?"

"In your opinion, is this world illusory?"

"You seem enthusiastic about philosophy, but philosophy also has criticisms. Provide major criticisms of Indian philosophy."

Then the Chairperson asked the next member to continue.

Member 3

"As the Chairman asked about farmer protests, what other major protests have happened in Haryana? Can you recall?"

"Major similarities between the Jat protest and the farmer protest."

"Comprehensively discuss solutions to agrarian distress."

Member 4

"Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy is based on values like non-violence and satya. After 75 years, what do you think about their relevance in the present world?"

"You have answered the theoretical aspect; now apply it to current issues."

The Chairperson then said, "We are running short on time."

Finally, he said: "Okay, your interview is over. You may go now."

(7)

Date of Interview: 11/12/25

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Home State: Haryana

Session: Afternoon

2nd Last to go

Background: MBBS, Doctor

Chairman

1. Why CS after MBBS
2. Deepfakes
3. Impact of social media
4. Follow up questions with AI (almost discussed for 6 minutes)

Member 1

1. Public Health
2. INSURANCE Scheme
3. Rural Health
4. Follow up question

Member 2

1. India- Russia
2. India- Afghanistan
3. Health model of USA and India comparison

Member 3

1. Medical tourism
2. Discussion on this for 6 to 7 minutes

Member 4

1. Custodial death situation
2. Who is role model and why
3. Other health related issues.

Overall good experience. They keep their face expressions very similar. U can't predict how they feel after u answer. Rest let's wait for results.

(8)

Date of Interview: 12th December 2025 (FN)

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: Geography

Hobby: Journaling

Scientist: ISRO Scientist

Duration: V short 20 min I think

Daf keywords- journaling, isro, geography optional, lgbtqi awareness

Chairman

1. How much time did it take you to come here(thought he was asking about my commute said 45 min sir- he said that's the physical distance how much time did it take to reach this chair- all laughed I said 2 years)
 - From where isro launches satellites
 - Role of geo and physics in launching satellite
 - Journaling help in administration in future(told me pm recently said he also journals to control anger – I agreed)
 - Role of isro in increasing gdp of country

Member 1

Full form of lgbtqi

Why so many newer terms coming explained she summarised by saying more gender consciousness- i agreed

– asked me due to my volunteering with the community-Transgenders why there are on roads and what can we do to help them?

– asked about crossdressing. Didn't wanna guess said mam I have to go look into it

Member 2

sir was asking about yellow journalism when dasa sir corrected him that she is into journaling not journalism then asked how can csr help in betterment of lgbtqi+ community

Member 3

Role of geo in indian future devp

What is how helpful in Andaman region

Role of car Nicobar Galathea project

Have we delayed this project

Member 4

i have very high hopes from youth of our world but Why the youth in nepal Bangladesh protesting and indulging in violence

-Have we taken the right move by giving asylum to sheikh hasinaa

Not able to recall few questions

Chairperson sir said your interview is over, Thank you!!!

(9)

Date of Interview: 12/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Home State: Haryana

Keywords: Google Kickstart, digital literacy, education, competitive programming, women empowerment, army

Chairman

1. How to pronounce Rewari (district name)
2. Role of women on the global stage
3. What have you done in your village or local area for women empowerment (daf entry)
4. Why civil services
5. Father's background in the Army
6. Government schemes for Army martyrs
7. Where the government is lacking for Army martyrs
8. If made Defence Secretary, what will you do and how

Member 1

1. Digital divide and steps in rural areas to bridge it, and how things have changed over time
2. Initiatives for the digital divide and the concerned ministry
3. Difference between digital governance and e-governance
4. What did you do on the ground for digital literacy
5. Maths: How to explain zero to a 5-year-old child
6. How to use mathematics in crowd management along with the application of artificial intelligence (mathematical models asked)

Member 2

1. Reservation for students from Army backgrounds in institutions and category names
2. It is said that AI is good for mathematicians and bad for programmers. Do you agree?
3. What do we need to do in the AI race
4. What is most important for India for the AI revolution

Member 3

1. Indore is famous for
2. Which city in Haryana is doing well in cleanliness
3. Why Rohtak is doing well, how do you know, what are the challenges, and what steps are needed
4. Issues of Gurugram
5. If we are aware of all urban flooding lacunae in Gurugram, why does it still happen?

Member 4

1. Three generations of the family: grandmother, mother, sister – what do you learn from them?
 2. Lessons learned from your mother, especially from the experiences she has gone through
 3. One sentence you would like to use to sum up this learning
- Dasa sir said your interview is over

(10)

Date of Interview: 11/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: PSIR

Key DAF Details- PSIR, Economics

Chairman

- Q1. Tell me meaning of your name?
- Q2. Has upsc offered you anything today- like tea or coffee?
- Q3. Why did you study political science?
- Q4. Was civil services your childhood dream?
- Q5. Why female LFPR is low in india? Reasons?

Member 1

- Q1. Would you choose Neighborhood first policy or having good relations with great powers?
- Q2. Is economics more important in geopolitics nowadays? Why?

Member 2

- Q1. Some shayari of Former PM ManMohan Singh. Do you know that?
- Q2. Reply was given by NDA MP at that time? Tell her name...she was from Haryana? I took a guess and it turned out to be correct.
- Q3. Who was longest serving Foreign Minister?
- Q4. Who signs ₹1 rupee note in india?
- Q5. Why the colour and size of currency notes vary in india?

Member 3

- Q1. What is your opinion on trolling? Ways to curb it?
- Q2. What is your philosophy in life? Long term aspirations and goals?
- Q3. Areas you'd want to work in future? And how?

Member 4

Q1. Tell me any 3 features of NEP 2020?

Chairperson sir

Q. Who's your role model in life?

Q. Plans after interview.

Okay Grace your interview is over. Thank you

I said thank you to all members.

Overall amazing experience. Board was very cordial. Best of luck to all my fellow aspirants. Actual upsc interview is very different and unique experience. So enjoy unpredictability of process.

(11)

Date of Interview: 11-12-2025

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir (Afternoon – 5th to go)

Home State: Haryana

Optional: Economics

Hobby: Formula 1

Key DAF Details: Economics, Gurugram, Haryana, Delhi, US China Cold War, Air Pollution, Athletics, MUN, Menstrual Health, Sports Psychology, Formula 1

Chairman

You look like you've come straight from the Supreme Court. Who helped you choose your attire?

Is your mother a working professional? What does she teach?

1. What made you choose Economics, in this digital age? Was it a choice or a compulsion?
2. What is the age range of Gen Z? What were the preceding generations called? List all the major generations along with their time periods.
3. Which one is Gen M? (MTV Generation)
4. Three things that elders can learn from Gen Z & three things they should not.
5. Which 4 revolutions took place in Europe that impacted India and in what manner.
6. Arrange these 4 revolutions in order of most to least impact on India.

Member 1

1. Can you name three achievements in India's space sector that make you feel proud as an Indian?
2. What do these achievements portray about India to the world?
3. Who were the pioneers of India's space programme? Can you name three?
4. If you had to take 3 mandatory steps for preventive healthcare of women (not curative), what would they be?

Member 2

1. What do you understand by a high-performance mindset in sports?

2. Is this mindset hereditary or is it cultivated? How.
3. Does the coach play a more important role than the athlete herself?
4. China consistently wins a large number of medals, unlike India. Why is this so, and what role do coaches play in this difference?

Member 3

1. As an economist, why do you think the rupee is depreciating and approaching the level of 90? Should the RBI intervene, and if so, how?
2. Export competitiveness may improve, but what about the rising cost of imports?
3. What is your assessment of India's current account deficit?
4. So, do you agree with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman that the rupee should be allowed to find its own level?
5. Why does India still follow cash-based accounting instead of accrual accounting?
6. What is Neo-feminism?

Member 4

1. What activities were you involved in as part of menstrual health awareness volunteering?
2. Why do you think girls today are attaining menarche at much younger ages, sometimes as early as 7-8, compared to earlier ages of 12-14? What concerns does this trend raise?

(12)

Date of Interview: 16 Dec 2025 forenoon (second last to go)

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttarakhand

Key DAF: Uttarakhand, PSIR, physics(nothing else asked)

Chairman

In Hindi: Kaise hain ap....nervous to nhi hain("sir little bit"). Koi baat nahi...we as a board will assist you through this interview

You are 2003 born. People of your age dont even knoe what they want to do in life..How did you get here. describe your journey in 30 seconds

You have come from dehradun. Is the Delhi- Dehradun expressway operational

what were the challenges faced in its construction?

then how was the government still able to construct it?

Member 1

1. difference between real will and general will
2. smart city mission(rest cant recall)

Member 2

1. UCC in uttarakhand (discussion)-its effect on women safety
2. Women in uttarakhand have higher decision making power. What makes your state different from other north indian societies

Member 3

1. Jal jeevan mission
2. which law of physics fascinates you the most and why

Member 4

what are the investment options for common public in india
Why land is not a commonly sought option
why Municipality does not remove illegal encroachments inspite of knowing about it

(13)

Date of Interview: 16/12/25, forenoon session (last one to go)
Board: Dinesh Dasa sir
Optional: Public administration
Home State: Uttarakhand
DAF: Uttarakhand, Haridwar, Mumbai, Public administration (rest keywords not asked)

Chairman

Have a seat, How are you feeling today?

1. What impact does high Tourist footfall have on Haridwar?
2. Chief information commission appointment committee members?
3. Role of dissent in democracy
4. SC cases where earlier it was dissent and later approved (I gave one example then he said to give another, I gave again then sir gave his own example)

Member 1

1. What do you make of large infrastructural projects going on in Uttarakhand?
2. What Reforms would you make in tourism policy of Uttarakhand ?
3. How to balance large infrastructural projects ?
4. Is EIA conducted properly?
5. If minister wants to go for large mountainous highway neglecting reports of EIA, what would you do?
6. Why rupee is depreciating despite GDP increasing ?
7. Do you see this as a concern?
8. Exports are increasing but our capital account and forex reserves decreasing?

Member 2

1. Plan vs non plan expenditure
2. Suppose you are DM having limited funds, would you improve the condition of existing public hospital or create an entirely new one?
3. Again if minister says he wants to create a new hospital despite limited funds how would you tackle that situation?

Member 3

1. What steps would you recommend to reduce the impact of global warming ?

2. Have you heard about cafe norms ?

Member 4

1. Are we still using five year plans? If not, what has changed then?
2. Can you give me an example of the same?
3. Tell me what you know about rajabai clock tower? Who made it ? Why? When ? Anything special about it?
4. Why there was a need to abrogate article 370 and what has been the impact of the same?
5. Tell me key Contributions of Dr BR Ambedkar

Chairman sir: Thankyou your interview is over, you may go now!

Overall the board was really cordial, helped me in few questions which I could not answer , 1-2 more questions were there but can't recall them now

(14)

Date of Interview: 16/12/2025 FORENOON, 4th to go

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Mathematics

Daf: Electrical Eng., Kota, Railways, Mathematics
novels

Chairman

What were the major power reforms in country post independence

Do you believe Electricity Act 2003 was a watershed moment in Power sector?

Free farm electricity and how do you see it?

Privatisation of Indian Trains on Tracks and what is your opinion

Voltage levels of Locomotives

Member 1

Criticisms of Coaching and should they be banned

Necessity of Coaching

But if they have both what should we do

Member 2

How to eliminate corruption levels in India(the most important step according to you)

Electoral debates in parliament

Electoral reforms needed

Member 3

Design me a matrix to solve governance problems in India

Do not focus on specifics but talk about broad governance parameters

Do you know that deterrence has been decreased in PCA 1988, tell me provisions (Dasa Sir at this point told him to move on)

Member 4

How to increase electrification of mobility in India(Asked him politely to repeat the question)?
Tell me apart from Evs

(15)

Experience: Poker face overall, Dasa sir went out for 5 mins in between

Board of Interview: Hon'ble Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

DAF details: Raebareli, Sociology, Maths(graduation), Parliamentary debating

CSE attempt-2, interview-1st

novels

Chairman

Were u born in raebareli?

What is the state of debates in Parliament?

Even when we have internet, educated parliamentarians the quality of debates is decreasing.
Why?

Should anti defection law be amended?

You have studied sociology, what are the social elements in Constitution?

Mention articles?

Why was article 51A introduced?

What do u think about the doctrine of dissent? What is it's importance in democracy?

What is famous in Raebareli

Member 1

What is the state of water, different dimensions! How to solve the problem?

What about groundwated pollution?

Should supply of clean water be improved to solve the problem of illegal pumping of water?

Member 2

What do u think about economic growth and HDI, which is more important, what are metrics of HDI?

Should GDP growth which is redundant, not be used as a criteria for measuring growth?

Since you have studied mathematics, how would u measure happiness?

Tell me the the method?

Member 3

What is social loafing?

Since you have studied sociology what factors cause inequality?

Asked to repeat factors?

What are traditional knowledge systems?

How will you handle criticism in administration?

Member 4

Situation:

There are some Industries along the river, they are polluting the water and not using treatment facility because of the cost? What would you do?

You are part of administration. In a tribal area health and educational infrastructure is to be developed but cost is high, terrain is difficult so the administration wants to displace, However the tribals are opposing and reluctant, What would you do, would you forcefully displace them?

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Date of Interview: 10/12/25

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Economics

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

(Sharing late due to my bad health in past week)

Keywords – Allhabaad University, UP, Atmnirbhar bharaat, women empowerment, hath yoga (nothing asked), blogging on social issues, economics as optional (half interview was on this), Raebareli (my district) rest not asked.

I was the 1st one to go

Chairman

sir – how are you ?

Q1 – Oh Allahabad University also offers undergraduate courses ?

I replied yes sir .

Q2 – Then he asked why the recent pace of civil servants coming from University has reduced?

Q3 – Ok tell me the significance of Raebareli (basically wanted to know political significance) then briefed about some more districts having political significance like Ballia .

Q4 – Next question was on labour reforms , why it has been brought , what impact it will have and what more suggestions can I give (good question)

Q5 – Next question was on msme -based turnover and investment limit , its significance and my suggestions on it .

Member 1

Q1 – tell me about swach bharaat abhiyan . Whom do you give responsibility to clean india - young or old age people (tricky question)

Q2 – suppose you are DC of a lesser known district having a historical significance, how will you promote tourism there ?

Q3 – How can india's economic growth can be sustained ?

Member 2

Q1 – compare Chinese economy and indian economy .

Q2 – what is centralised and decentralised economy?

Q3 – what economic system does india have ?

Q4 – can india achieve the economic growth like china and how ?

Q5 - (very tricky for me at that time) - why india has lagged behind china although started early reforms almost same year ? (Follow up questions)

Member 3

Q1 - mention the historical significance of raebareli ? Where it was 1st mentioned ?

Q2 - Name the first PSU of raebareli .

Q3 - how Raebareli is related to Awadhi culture ? (He Siad me to read about it in more detail)

Q4 - tell me three things you would like to include while making economic policy of india .(i told equity, economic growth , self reliance)

Q5 - then he asked relate the last two and then tell . (OK sir)

Member 4

Q1- U write about social issues , what kind of social issues bother you ?

Q2 - tell me about beti bachao and beti padhao , its achievements

Q3 - tell me one thing that you will do to remove poverty ?

Q4 - she asked in today's newspaper , odisha's gross enrolment ratio has come down , how beti bachao and beti padhao helpful there ? What could be the possible reasons for it ?

Twist plot - it was already above 30 mins ,chairman interrupted that time is up , but lady member said sir just two more questions, and then interview went for 38to 40 mins . (May be I was the 1st one to go that's why)

Final experience- the board was very cordial (especially female members , they were encouraging me to speak) , male members were strict and had no expression , however they were satisfied by my answers , the board was overall cordial . However u never know what comes out as result , so fingers crossed 🙌.

All the best.

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Date of Interview: 19/12/25 , Afternoon(4th to Go)

Board: Hon'ble Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Rajasthan

Afternoon, First to Go

DAF Keywords- Zoology, Botany, History, Sociology, Solo Travelling, Weight Training, Rajasthan University, Jaipur.

Entered, Wished Good Afternoon only to chair, took seat.

Chairperson Sir (Reading from some page and speaking Hindi)- Aapne Zoology - Botany se Graduation kiya, fir History se MA kiya ha aur aapka Optional Sociology ha. Abhi aap XYZ mein work kar rahe ho, Jaipur se ho (I was nodding)

Chairman

1. Pehle ye rule tha ki aapko same subject mein PG karni padegi jisse aapne graduation ki ha. (I was not sure if it was a question but I added flexibility offered by NEP and increasing interdisciplinarity).
2. UGC ke naye rules ke according, teaching ke liye sirf PG subject matter karta ha, baaki qualifications matter nhi karti. Ispe kya opinion ha aapka? (I said PG offers a lot of depth but gave somewhat inconclusive reply)
3. Tell me about Maratha empire, kisne establish kiya tha? (He was probably checking the depth I mentioned above but I couldn't answer)
4. Inke major leaders kon thei? I couldn't recall much except Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj)
5. Mainly Marathas Maharashtra mein thei. Fir unmein se kuchh Indore, Gwalior aur baaki jagah kaise chale gye? (Couldn't Answer)
6. Let me give you a statement- The downfall of Mughal empire led to the downfall of Maratha Empire. Can you explain? (I said- Unable to connect the dots)
7. He repeated the same question... (I said- As far as I could understand, initially the Britishers were able to subjugate the Mughals and later on they were able to subdue Marathas. Sir added- Pehle Britishers ke saamne 2 groups thei, Mughals and Britishers. Ek baar Mughals ko hara diya fir sirf Marathas bache. I acknowledged.
8. Which three events from Indian history were watershed events according to you? (I mentioned 1857 Revolt, Formation of INC and Arrival of Gandhi Ji to the national movement. Sir added- Battle of Plassey, he further said, Jab unka jhanda neeche aaya aur apna Tiranga upar gaya uski bhi importance hogi? I acknowledged both the additions. Sir asked the next member to continue.

Member 1

1. These days, drugs are readily available in India. Even children are easily able to access it. Have you seen this? Why do you think this is happening? (Peer group and supply side but since confined to particular pockets, easy to tackle)
2. Do you think, this "Chalta ha" attitude is one of the reasons behind it? (Yes, it could be, in fact, it is one major reason behind many other issues like traffic problem)
3. Picking form my answer- Why do you think people are always in a hurry? They don't follow rules, try to get ahead of others, they occupy the other side also despite knowing that this will cause unnecessary delays? (Ma'am I travel a lot and I have seen examples where one lane was completely empty but people were patiently waiting in queue, so this could be mainly a cultural phenomenon. But with sustained efforts, this can be tackled as we have been able to do with Swachh Bharat Mission)

Member 2

1. You have mentioned Weight Training as your hobby. Should we make it mandatory in Schools? (Not necessarily Weight Training but main goal should be fitness be it through Yoga, Weight Training or any other form of exercise. NEP already makes provision wrt to physical fitness.)

2. You had Zoology and Botany in Graduation. How can we ensure protection of natural biodiversity while promoting tourism? (JFM, Involving local communities like Nagas in case of Hornbill, Green Mobility and sustainable infra)
3. Are you aware of any such initiative being implemented on Delhi-Uttarakhand highway? (No).
4. Did Gandhi Ji establish any educational institution? (Probably picked because I mentioned Gandhi Ji to Dasa Sir -I mentioned Nai Taleem and Wardah Scheme of education but not aware about any institution as such).

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Member 3

1. The Covid pandemic lasted for around 2 years. What social changes did you observe because of it? (In migration and consequent increased solidarity, adoption of digital media, increased interactions through virtual means due to distancing and better awareness related to health and hygiene)
2. Are these behavioral changes or Social changes? (We can put them in both categories)
3. Providing piped water connection and building toilet in every household has been priority of the government. What social changes have you observed because of this? (This was picked as I dropped SBM earlier- I said, Dignity of Women, Basic human rights, increasing acceptance and adoption of toilets in rural areas)
4. But what major social change it brought? (I mentioned elimination of manual scavenging from household level though still prevalent in at the institutional level- He nodded).

Member 4

1. Jab Gandhi Ji Britain se aaye to western clothing chhorke Dhoti adopt ki. Aisa kyun kiya? (Picked Gandhi Ji from previous answers: I said- Swadeshi, Dignity of Labour, Emphasis on Minimalism, Means of Mass Mobilization through Charkha and I also mentioned Salt as a symbol).
2. Since you are from Jaipur and studied in Rajasthan University (RU), are you aware of any or any congress session associated with it? (No). Sir explained- Jab Jaipur ke Maharaja se Rajasthan University ko land transfer hui tab ye session hua tha. (That's very interesting sir, this is the first thing I will read after getting out. Thank you for mentioning this)
3. National development ke liye youth bahut hi important lekin ab tak youth ka potential tap karne ke liye kuchh khaas nhi kiya gaya ha. What's your opinion on it? (65% population below 35 years, Acknowledgment of Youth as priority by PM, Draft National Youth Policy released a week ago, Creation of MY Bharat as dedicated organization for youth).

Chairperson Sir- Your interview is over (He didn't say you can leave but I said thank you and left).

Experience-

1. It lasted around 25-30 minutes. It was more like a two-sided conversation.

2. Chairperson and M4 were speaking in Hindi. I tried to answer their questions in Hindi only but I had to resort to English in some questions where I was struggling with Hindi.
3. The members were supportive and adding details where I lacked. Very cordial experience. I hope it translates into better marks.

I feel, Disciplined peer group discussion over long run is much more helpful than any mock.

All the best everyone

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Date of Interview: 6th January, afternoon session

Board: Dinesh Dasa sir

Daf: crochet, following saree cultures, created an app

Optional: Economics

Grad: Hons in eco

Chairman

welcome ,this is a conversation. You are wearing red saree , why so ? Told it was my decision and my heart said it . Got asked why are people of hp so fair

He smiled ,I smiled

1. US tariff impact
2. India's failure in neighbourhood
3. Sudan issue explain .
4. States fiscal stress

Member 1

1. 3 criminal laws provisions
2. Governors exact status of bill
3. World getting divided into sphere
4. Project cheetah , tigers status

Member 2

1. French Revolution, Arab spring , Color Revolution and discussions
2. History of himachal pradesh , why are people so fair there
3. What my app does for promoting textile industry

Member 3

mam. I see you have very long hair

1. Indias trade deficit with major Countries
2. Low HDI status and nutritional issue . What would you do as DM
3. OECDs minimum tax rate bill ,
4. dtaa
5. 5.Harrod domar model

Member 4

1. How many sarees do you have (replied 40+)
2. Then asked me how many FTAs India have
3. Indian vs Chinese model of growth
4. You are 23 ,are u mature for services
5. Asked me gen z terms (I replied labubuster , loco , Gas)
6. Missile tech ,asked about bhargavastra . Ship samudrapratap in news

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Date of Interview: 19/01/2026

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Home State: Madhya Pradesh

Hobbies: yoga, dance

Forenoon session/Last to go

DAF Keywords – ECONOMICS, Tech Advancement in Healthcare

MP, Banking job, yoga, dance, walking meditation (not even a single question asked from current job or anything)

Full interview based on Economics

Chairman

1. Please introduce yourself to the board.
2. What are your views on dollar Significance reducing in global trade with renminbi taking precedence in 40% trade of china with asia and ASEAN?
3. How will this impact India?
4. Mologue abt falling rupee. Now as an economist how do you see the falling rupee – as \$ strengthening or Rs weakening?
5. What is government doing to promote trade?
6. According to you is it necessary to have humanistic and cultural sensitivity in AI development? Is it the need of the hour?

Member 1

1. See the situation in Bangladesh and the country is running by an economist. So how do you see this? Shall we give countries to economists to run the country?
2. What is required to run a country than?

Member 2

1. Why did you not pursue your MA in economics post your bachelor's degree?
2. Why are people not going for economics courses now a days?
3. What are the problems of overall education system leading to lower High Education
4. What is game theory? Who devised the theory?

Member 3

1. Taking cue from the last honorable member, what according to you is the application of game theory in Elections.

Member 4

1. We are all wearing wearables in this room and you have done study on impact of tech development in Healthcare. What are the two things that excites you and what are the two things that worry you?
2. How do you see this tech healthcare advancements leading to developments helping the ageing Indian population?

Chairman – What according to you are the 3 developments that excites you happening in last 3 months

Not able to recall a lot of questions

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Date of Interview: 20/01/2026

Board: Dinesh Dasa Sir

Optional: Zoology

Home State: Kerala

Key DAF details– Optional – Zoology, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Delhi University, Dance- indian classical and Folk forms, Health camp at Burari village(rest not asked), Reflective walking.

Chairman

I started with a good afternoon when he replied the same and looked at the clock-it was 2 more minutes to 12 pm so that I replied 'Almost goodafternoon, Sir'.The board smiled and that helped lighten the mood.

Member 1

1. Where are you currently residing at?
2. Your MP recently mentioned about RCEP.Do you think India should rejoin?
3. Reasons and solutions for human wildlife conflicts as the DM of Wayanad.
4. Current government initiatives against invasive species in forests
5. Which state in india has a money order economy?
6. Is it's situation changing?

Member 2

1. How does dance shape a civil servant?
2. Can you learn empathy through dance?
3. Is prisons a wastage of tax money?

Member 3

1. What is reflective walking?

2. Is it like philosophical walking? How is it different from normal walking?
3. Chairperson intervened and asked if it's a hobby unique to UPSC aspirants. I suggested that it's really helpful
 2. You know MK Gandhi?
 3. What is his idea of Satyagraha?
4. His autobiography's name?

Member 4

1. What do you prefer-military service or civil service?
2. But what will happen if everybody thinks like you? Our country's security will be challenged?

Member 5

1. points of comparison between a village in Kerala and Burari?
2. Suggest a developmental model for Burari
3. Why such high Zoonosis in Kerala?

Chairman

1. Your biggest inspiration other than somebody from your personal life.

Thank you.

The interview board was really cordial, occasionally laughing with me. It took around 23 minutes.

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Date of Interview: 16/12/25

Board: Dinesh Dasa

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

keywords – meghalaya , goa , UP , semiconductors , strength training , Texas etc

Chairman

Is AI a bubble ?

Why is Nvidia overvalued ?

What is L1? Aditya ?

Should abortion be made constitutional right in India ?

Member 1

Malinoskwi and his witchcraft , religion and science ?

What can science not explain ?

Semiconductor design talent in India ? Is your company a Indian company ?

Member 2

What is TRIPS ? How is semiconductor patenting related to it ?

What is pax silica ?

Rupee depreciation and impact on current account ?

Member 3

How to curb illegal migration across India specifically at Bangladesh ?
Do you think right to disconnect should be made a law ?

Member 4

Why is entrepreneurship not flourishing in India ?
Should agriculture be taxed in India ?

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Date of Interview: 17/12/2025

Board: Dinesh Dasa

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Time: 28-30 mins

Session: Morning

Key DAF Details: Cricket, JNU, PSIR, Cooking, UP, Delhi, Kanpur, Pet lover, Agriculture, PSIR, Economics, Geography.

Chairman

Hello KL, how are you ? Can we take your Interview in Hindi?

I replied "sure sir". Then all interview went in "Hinglish".

1. What did you learn in JNU?
2. What 3 things will you do in JNU if you'll be elected as VC with full powers?
3. Why US in building so many aircrafts in the time of air warfare?

Member 1

1. You had economics in graduation, is work from home fine in India?
 2. What will you do to promote FDI in India??
- 2-3 more questions but I can't recall

Member 2

(lady member, thoda gusse me lg rhi thi). We will talk on urban housing

1. why many houses are locked and many are houseless in same city?
2. what will you do?
3. why laws support tenants?
4. Do you know about the laws related to tenants in India?

Member 3

(looked dangerous but I think he was testing my patience. I was smiling constantly)

1. What is Power?
2. Why Kanpur is called Manchester of the East?
3. Tell me about French revolution. It's year. It's leaders, causes and impacts on India.

Member 4

(It seemed he was from UP)

1. Which all industries are located in Kanpur??
2. Why still river pollution in Kanpur?
3. What steps will you take to promote cleanliness of Ganga??
4. Why “Beehads” are located just 50 kms away from Kanpur but not in Kanpur??

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Date of Interview: 7TH JANUARY

Board: DINESH DASA BOARD

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Tamil Nadu

FORENOON (1ST PERSON TO GO)

***KEYWORDS*:** Assistant commissioner of commercial tax, Public Works department, Tamil Nadu, Visually challenged, Chess, Adaptive cricket, MA English Literature, Sociology optional, Proficiency award, ULLAS scholarship

Chairman

1. Kindly introduce yourself
2. Is this your 1st interview?
3. Why so many chess grandmasters from Tamil Nadu?
4. What is the GST collection of Tamil Nadu for December 2025?
5. What is the GSDP of Tamil Nadu?
6. What is the economic target of Tamil Nadu?
7. How is state government planning to achieve this target?
8. how is commercial tax department contributing to it?
9. How many goods were shifted in GST 2.0?
10. Should social change come from society or legislation? (related to Sabarimala issue)

Member 1

1. You have received proficiency award. What is it for?
2. What is this ULLAS scholarship?
3. What is adaptive cricket?

Member 2

1. Did you face any discrimination in your work? And how did you tackle it?
2. What are the qualities you give importance to as an administrator?
3. Why sociology as an optional?

Member 3

1. Do you view chess just as a board game or beyond?
2. Should chess be made mandatory for civil servants?
3. Who is your favourite author? (I said Shakespeare)
4. Why Shakespeare? Because of popularity or you had it in your curriculum?
5. Which is more tragedy? King Lear or Hamlet?
6. To be or not be. (From Hamlet) What does it signify to you?

7. Does it signify only indecisiveness or also moral dilemma?

Member 4

1. What have been your key learnings working in public works department?
 2. Why bridges are falling these days? How to address it?
 3. Situation based- You are an administrator, you are being approached with a project proposal exceeding the actual cost of the project and there is time pressure to complete this project. What would you do?
 4. How do you promote reading habit among youth?
- Some questions I could not recollect.

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Date of Interview: 22/01/2026

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Sociology

Forenoon, last to go

Keywords- Punjab, tribal reproductive health in Odisha. finance, sociology, Bollywood songs, NITI aayog (rest not asked)

Chairman

Enters, greets members, chairman asks to sit down. Pronounces my name wrong, I correct the members.

1. before starting I would like you to sing a song. (Sang a song, made me sing another song after that) i was forgetting lyrics of the 2nd song, they helped me.
2. punjabi folk songs adapted by Bollywood, could you remember any? (i couldn't at that time) . Do you think communities should be given some royalties or share in benefits of folk songs adapted? They did not listen much to my answer, he gave a monologue
3. niti aayog- evolution of planning from 1947 to 2025
4. sociology- what is cultural lag? How is it affecting genz women
5. why sociology? Types of suicide? Farmer and student suicide classified as? (Made a slight mistake by confusing anomic and egoistic suicide)

Member 1

Started w some discussion about radio and some talkies in their times, i had no idea. It was more of a discussion among themselves. Then immediately chairman asks what was the name of the talkie and the talk show? I could not hear him and before i could say anything he mentioned the name again (i think he was testing if i was listening properly)

1. what is feudalism? Do you think india still has traces of feudalism
2. m. Foucault- contributions to understanding society. (i started answering something else, he was looking for theories of power)
3. how is the scope of sociology changing in todays day and age?

Member 2

1. related to my degree. Is rise of finance gurus good or bad? Any regulations for them?

2. what are penny stocks?
3. how do they get manipulated and face volatility
4. name any episode of extreme volatility in penny stock- did not know this, said about yes bank a few years ago, but he did not agree.

Member 3

1. punjab has a history of sufism. What is sufism? Name some sufi saints
2. three evidences i can use to draw conclusions on tribal health, and three immediate solutions
3. causes of malnutrition in india.

Member 4

1. If i am the chief minister of punjab sitting in front of CEO of niti aayog, three problems where i will seek its advice?
2. do you think punjab may return to an era of militancy again?

Chairman sir again:

1. today the afternoon interview session was postponed, why so?
 2. earlier a lot of participation of sikhs and punjabis in army, now dwindling numbers, why?
- That was the end. They complimented on my song, apologised that they pronounced my name wrong (they still kept on pronouncing it wrong)
- Very cordial board, but they did not show expressions if i answered wrong or right. Be alert at all times.

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Date of Interview: 22 January 2026

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Bihar

Keywords. IITG, Teaching, Bihar, Ageing, Sociology.

Chairman

1. as a Sociology student what do u think about weber's idea about Protestant ethics and rise of capitalism as modern sociologists are critical to him
2. Genz says that disrespect is earned and not respect what's ur opinion on it
3. As the dm what u will do improve condition of ur district.
4. 3 social agenda on which u will make movie as director (don't know why he asked that)
5. Their Direct themes and the actor and actress.

Member 1

1. Issue of kota suicide and their cause .
2. What could be done if u will be vested with power to control suicide
3. What are the 3 benefits and 3 issue with new education policy 2020.

Member 2

1. What are the issue in Bihar .
2. Why bihar is not developed
3. What are good features of Bihar.

Few questions I am not recalling

Member 3

1. Why understanding ageing through biotechnology.
2. What are the lag in the education system as ppl prefer to go for coaching.
3. What can be done to reduce coaching needs .
4. Role of biotech in society

Member 4

1. What are the issue for old age ppl
2. Why to increase longevity of already we have demographic dividend
3. What can be done for the old age population.

Chairman said ur interview is over.

Mostly opinion based questions from daf.

Sheel Vardhan

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Date of Interview: 08/12/2025
Board: Sheel Vardhan sir
Graduation: Philosophy Hons
Optional: Sociology
Home State: Madhya Pradesh
Other keywords in daf – sustainable crafting, mental health, netball, journaling, sexual harassment

come , please sit , be relaxed okay , have you taken breakfast , breakfast is most important meal , isn't it ?

I smiled and said : right sir

Chairman

1. Beti bachao beti pdhao should be converted to beta padhao too ...
2. extreme poverty status in India
3. Kerala : what model it followed to remove extreme poverty completely as it claimed recently ?

Member 1

1. philosophy in administration

Member 2

1. philosophy of development
2. intragenerational equity
3. Vedanta and Buddhism difference
4. western and eastern philosophy difference

Member 3

1. mental health issues – reasons in women
2. Malinowski theory of family
3. what should be done to avoid mental health issues
4. tribal population percentage in mp
5. sexual harassment issue in India

Member 4

1. Viksit Bharat objectives in budget
2. diff between fiscal deficit and revenue deficit
3. industrial development issues in mp
4. investment initiatives in mp
5. what is your new year resolution

Member 5

1. what is sustainable crafting ?
2. what kind of waste material you use
3. most appealing product you made
4. three fronts where mp has done well recently
5. Indore : cleanest city reasons ?

In the end , chairman said : Thankyou , your interview is over , it was a good interaction with you .

For first time interview candidates who didn't get enough time to prepare : this was my second interview so i have experienced it twice 😞 i just want to share that please don't panic if you haven't done things well till now due to paucity of time , the boards are really cordial . Revise your daf well , and that too on basic things like issues in your home state , strengths , developments etc , prepare hobby , leadership well etc . Maintain composure and patience .

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Date of Interview: 08-12-2025

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: History

Hobby: Reflective journaling

Keywords in DAF – Agra, Delhi, London, History, Msc Public Policy, reflective journaling, mental health

Chairman

1. Foundation of taj mahal?
2. Calligraphy at the entry of Taj mahal – what is it called?
3. If India is writing a reflective journal complaining about things from the past 10 years, what would it write?
4. Accent spoken in London is called?
5. Why trafalgar square is called Trafalgar?
6. Why are people so eager to post everything on social media these days?
7. Historical event you would want to change?
8. Historical figure you hate as an Indian? (I said Winston Churchill and before I could explain, he himself noted that it's because of the Bengal famine)
9. Historical figure you hate outside of India
10. History is called "itihaas", you know what that means?

Member 1

1. Distinguish between policy, programme and project?
2. What impact had policy for common man?
3. Policy area India needs to work more in?

Member 2

1. What's sustainable development?

2. how many goals do we have?
3. goals of NEP for primary education?
4. which village do you belong to?
As DM, what will you focus first in your village?
5. when does primary education level start?
6. India is encouraging entrepreneurship so much, it creates employment etc, but there is constant danger of failure – do you think it's good to have a back up plan?
7. what about the implications on mental health when it comes to failures in such risky endeavours?
8. 2 changes you'll make it current education policy of India?

Member 3

1. IQ vs EQ? Have you heard of Daniel Goleman?
2. Why civil services after studying abroad and working with Unicef especially as pay is lesser?
3. What can India learn from western bureaucracy?
4. what can western bureaucracy learn from India?
5. Gandhiji's Talisman's value for civil service?
6. How has reflective journaling helped you?

Member 4

1. Differenc in education at Lady Shri Ram College vs University College London
2. What are your thoughts on lateral entry?
Interview ran for ~32 minutes. I have missed a few small details but nothing substantial. Overall, the board was extremely cordial and patient. One thing stands out though, while a member was questioning, Sheelvardhan sir intervened politely with a question. Again, when another member was questioning, a member intervened with a question.

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Date of Interview: 10th December 2025 (FN)

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir

Duration: 28 minutes

Chairman

1. Unique grey tie and suit, looking nice unlike blue ones.
2. Congratulations for coming for 3rd consecutive interview
3. Discussion on Hegel and old age and wisdom
4. What is your philosophy of life
5. Tell me one incident where you've applied it and follow up questions on that
6. Discussion on Rubik cube(given a problem also)

Member 1

Why do we use RCC in construction so much

1. Ratio of proportion of elements in RCC

2. Usage of M30 concrete
3. Design a high rise tower
4. Parameters for its foundation
5. Difference between Ontology, Epistemology and axiology and follow up questions

Member 2

INSPIRE scholarship

1. Application of philosophy in administration and follow up questions, long discussion
2. Sustainable development
3. Soft power and follow up questions

Member 3

1. Explain Vedanta in one sentence
2. 1893 speech on Swami Vivekanand and follow up
3. Name one desirable and undesirable quality in a civil servant

Member 4

1. Difference in living between Cantonment and urban space life style
2. What advice on physical activity you'll give to someone of your age (29)
3. What do you do for physical activities

Not able to recall few questions

Chairperson said: Thank you, your interview is over

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

(4)

Date of Interview: 15/12/25

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir

Optional: Philosophy

DAF keyword: teaching, thriller web series Education, volleyball, addiction of mobile phones Philosophy optional

English literature

History

Chairman

1. Welcome and greeted
2. Asked about what u like in english literature
3. Philosophy of your life
4. Difference between stoic and epicurean philosophy
5. Social media why people use it
For entertainment for education and for news give them percentage wise share
6. What is your social media policy

Member 1

Teaching kids where do u teach
What u learn from children
Gender policies of india does india policies efficient
Places where do u see gender bias

Member 2

U watch thriller web series
Last you seen what u learnt
Should we regulate OTT
Russia ukraine war
Is russia right
Will war stop

Member 4

Which 2 dynsties which rules 400 years in south and north simultaneously
Other i am not remembering
M4 ladies
Hanumangarh related news ethanol
Role of youth is youth free for these kind of things
How will you use demographic dividend of rajasthan
Why kalibanga in Hanumangarh (due to ghaggar river)
What is used for making ethanol
How ethanol factory will boost Hanumangarh economy
How we can increase income of farmers

Chairman again

Did u used chat gpt for predicting question i said no
He asked why then asked what u predicted kind of questions we will asked
Then i asked him about ethanol and indian philosophy he asked about favorite philosopher
and some philosopher
Then chairman said your interview is over you can go.
I said thank you

(5)

Date of Interview: 16 Dec
Board: Sheel Vardhan sir
background: IIT JODHPUR
Keywords- Aligarh AMU IIT JODHPUR chemistry
Journalling short films on social issues
Round table forenoon first to go
Nearly 28 minutes
Cordial board no grilling
Entered greeted
Sir said sit down be comfortable we are nice people

Chairman

First question about lock industry of Aligarh

Then about journalling how does it help you

How will you convince your younger sister into journalling who does not take anything seriously.

Patriarchal society, gender equality, what skills would you develop in primary school boys to bring gender equality.

Member 1

Fake news in context of journalism recent incidents of fake news. How would you tackle it

Application of nano materials in agriculture.

What is whole of government approach.

About Ujjawala yojna why it was brought how it is funded (I did not know the funding part).

Member 2

Air quality of aligarh and delhi, what measures should be taken. Do you see any positive change in delhi air quality in upcoming years. (i said i am very positive about it). Defence industrial corridor in aligarh how it will affect aligarh.

Member 3

Difference between organic and physical chemistry

How would you tackle dowry situation in your area

Member 4

Use of chemistry in waste management specifically solid waste management.

Will taking soft approach work in administration(picked up from my earlier response) (i said it differs case to case basis) then she asked about law and order situations (i said in law and order situations also first police make appeal to stop the ruckus is situation seemingly goes out of hand than forceful means are used) then she summarized that you would use soft approach while dealing with social issues and forceful means while dealing with law and order situation (i stood my ground saying that and in social issues behavioural change will be useful which needs a soft approach)

Back to chairman sir he asked enough of serious questions now tell how do you cheer yourself up and keep happy.

Thank you your interview is over

It was nice talking to you

(6)

Date of Interview: 16/12/2025 forenoon 2nd to go.

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir's

Optional: History

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

DAF: history, research, asiatic society, Kanpur

Chairman

Good afternoon, welcome to the conversation, please take your seat.

Started questioning

1. 2 events you could change, one from modern one from world
2. tell me the conversation that Oppenheimer had with Us President. You should read it it's interesting
3. relate history and geography for me
4. what is subaltern history
5. is there a social dynamic in jungles? Can I write the history of marginalized animals ?
6. who was lachit borphukan?

(Follow ups)

Which battle, year, against whom, land or sea

Member 1

you're from kanpur, what was its original name. I mean it was part of which kingdom

- why it has been in the news
- tell me about namami gange progress in kanpur and which ministry
- leather ? Why it has declined
- (one or two history questions I can't recall)

Member 2

are you on social media ? Instagram or Facebook? WhatsApp or telegram?

- how to counter the history narratives on whatsapp?
- your views on this happening?
- okay tell me about one nation one election (the chairperson helped me in the negative part although the member seemed satisfied)
- one more ques, I can't recall

Member 3

tell me about yoginis ?

- what was their origin story ?
- so you've done a course with asiatic society
- tell me about its purpose for being established and all the verticals working at present
- recent history book you read ? Have you read romila thappar's early india ? AL basham ?

Member 4

(lady member, grilling mode, poker face)

- what were your papers in history ? (I told) Okay, then I will not ask you from this
- tell me about (named 3 random battles) - i said sorry
- why were Indians fighting for the Britishers in the WW1 ? Okay leave it, tell me would you have fought for the INA or for the Britishers ? In WW 2
- okay so, you are saying germany did holocaust and you're favouring INA? Because INA belived Germany would win ? I said I'm for the cause of independence, there was no guaranteed promise as such by the British Raj to grant immediate powers after the war,

moreover the Germans help was limited – explained how, Japan was a threat etc etc

- okay now tell me, you are in a district and then I give funds which you can either invest in social indicators or infrastructure. Which one you'll pick
- (Asked if the allocation could be 50-50, she said there's always a cost benefit, it's up to you)
- so you're saying infra is more important? People are sick and you'll invest in infrastructure
- (Explained to her that infrastructure includes hospitals, accessibility, better facilities even in the PHC and if not then would increase the referral rate and by that automatically the health indicators would go up, in building the infra, employment would be generated for the skilled as well as the unskilled would translate into wage increase would lead to better standard of living, digitise the public school classrooms etc etc – would lead to holistic development)
- she said are you sure you will stick to your decision ?
- I said, yes ma'am, I will.
- she finally smiled and said thank you

Chairperson: thank you, your interview is over. It was very nice interacting with you.

(Said thank you, walked out, while closing the door, the chairperson kept looking, peripheral vision so I could see)

- felt the time pass by very quickly, but checked and realised that it went on for 30-32 minutes.
- I did say sorry, 2 times to lady member, once to chairperson and once to member 1.
- chairperson was giving a lot of expressions – cannot decode them, he did try to help me twice in answering.
- it was an average interview for me, more like ques ans and viva, board was asking back to back ques without giving a lot of time to answer as compared to mocks.
- *lastly, my only source of preparation was with UTKARSH SHUKLA SIR- MentorAID, and the daily discussion group of 4 people at the end, learned a lot from selected candidates and seniors*.

All in God's hand now.

(7)

Date of Interview: 19/12/25(afternoon 2nd to go)
Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir
Optional: Mathematics
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
Daf keywords: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, Maths optional, Anime (nothing else asked)
Time: 27min almost wholly on daf novels

Chairman

1. You're from Lucknow why is it called city of Nazakat & Nafasat
2. what does Nazakat & Nafasat mean?
3. What is Language, dialect, script
4. Lang with >1 scripts(didn't know told me Sanskrit, Name some dialects)

5. Have You watched dragon ball?
Have you read manga? How is it read?(said left to right like Urdu)
6. any other lang read left to right?

Member 1

1. Name some regulatory bodies in India
2. FSSAI what does it do? When act brought in? What changes broughtby it?
3. Where in Lucknow do you see food stalls?
4. Why poor hygiene in those stalls?
What can be done to improve that?

Member 2

1. Should UP be bifurcated?
2. why mafia culture?
- 3- What has UP done to improve it's situation of late?

Member 3

1. What is use of maths in IT sector?
How to prevent criminalisation of politics and reasons for the same? What will you do as DM?
2. What is awadh region? Why awadh biryani famous? Which other biryani?
3. What are the major issues being discussed in India ?

Member 4

1. Should southern states be allocated more resources ? (Said you thinking like North Indian think like southerner)
2. Should Capital be shifted from Delhi to some southern state?
(Baki kuch ques the yad nhi)
Your itnv is over nice talking to you
Cordial No grilling

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Date of Interview: 18/12/2025

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: PSIR

DAF Keywords: Doctor, PSIR, Geopolitics, Domestic politics

Interview Duration – 25 min

Chairman

1. Have you ever been too rural India?
2. 2.What anxieties do you find in Rural youth?
3. 3.What 3 skills would you give'em to alleviate their anxiety?
4. What's Demographic dividend? Is it not turning into a burden?

Member 1

: Only 1 question

What health problems do you feel farmers involved in intensive agriculture face?

Member 2

1. Is not US a declining power?
2. Can India become a superpower?
3. What are India's potential?
4. What India needs to do to become one?

Member 3

1. Political parties in Andhra ?
2. What tussle is going on in the Congress party in Karnataka ? Should not Congress high command fulfill the promise which it gave to DK Shivkumar ?
3. What recent trends you observe in Indian Politics ? I said emergence of women as a vote bank, then the viva shifted towards women....
4. Should women be involved in development planning ?
5. Women can be corrupt as well ? Don't you think ?
6. Ethical situation – you are a head of a development project and some major mistake happens. What will you do ?

Member 4

1. Do you watch movies ?
2. Why South Indian movies are doing well than Bollywood movies ?
3. Why in India, the craze about govt jobs is more ?

Difference between Mocks and real interviews ? Mock interviews are like viva, real interview flows like intellectual conversation, in mocks you can predict questions and rehearse them, here the questions are highly unpredictable.....you sit on equal footing with the board members.....round table and six same size chairs are placed and you are seated on one of them implies that it's a conversation.

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Date of Interview: 15/12/2025, Afternoon, Last person of the Day

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: Economics

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Vipassana

DAF Keywords: Bharatpur, Dual Degree- Mining Engineer, ISM Dhanbad, MA Economics, Economics Optional, Tehsildar- Rajasthan, IES, Tennis, Vipassana, Public space Tidiness

Chairman

1. You have mentioned Public space tidiness in your interests , What is your opinion on Swaccha Bharat – Is it successful ?

2. you are happy but not satisfied with the performance , what measures do you think should be taken to make this mission a full success?
3. Since you are an economist, tell me why rupee is falling?
4. Why FIIs are running away despite India being 4th largest and fastest growing ?
5. Do you think RBI should intervene?
6. Discussion on Tennis and its lack of wide adoption in india

Member 1

1. What is the current per capita income of india ?
2. How do you see rising when India be a developed India ?
3. Then discussion on that . I said for me Viksit bharat is beyond economics, it also includes Inclusive growth, Happiness , human development , sustainabilityetc
4. 3, Rank of Indian in human development index ?
5. Rank of india in hunger index ?
6. We are giving ration to 80 crore people , still we are one of the lowest why ??

Member 2

1. You worked as tehsildar , what are your learnings?
Why is there corruption?
2. Do you think digital mission wrt land record is working on the ground ?
What are the lacunas ? And discussion on digital literacy and general literacy
3. How would you transform the work culture based on your learnings of 3 and half years ?
4. How your hobbies can help in administration?
5. How to navigate current global uncertainties ?

Member 3

1. Do you practice vipasaana meditation?
Who invented it? How it was reintroduced in India ?
Why the chasnala disaster happened ?
2. How will you try to resolve Jharia Fire if posted as DM Dhanbad?
3. Bharatpur is famous for?
4. Why Siberian crane visit Bharatpur not AGra , not Mathura?
5. Ways to improve Economic perspective of bharatpur?

Member 4

1. Where were you posted last? What are the challenges and prospects there ?
I said ...illegal Mining was challenge there and it was a border district .
2. If you have to rate Bharatpur amongst all the districts of rajasthan. What rank will you give ?
3. SWOT analysis of Bharatpur, questions and counter questions on that.

Chair: Your interview is over.You can leave.

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Date of Interview: 7 January
Board: Hon. Sheel Vardhan sir
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Maharashtra
Hobby: Singing
DAF Keywords – singing Maharashtra psir disaster management

Chairman

So your hobby is singing, who is your favorite singer?
Old songs are better, why not new?
Do you think technology is the reason?
What is an influencer?
Is it a job?
If I criticise a brand without any data facts, should I be liable for that?
Where is my freedom of expression?
What if the same is done by an AI humanoid? Who will be held responsible?

Member 1

Why are there many disasters in Uttarakhand?
If you are an SP how will you respond to the disaster?
How to care for mental health post a disaster event?

Member 2

What is cyber crime? What is cyber security?
How to prevent cyber crimes?
Can you locate an individual using cell tower?

Member 3

Where was Kishore Kumar born?
What was the name of his wife?
Any idea about weather warfare?

Member 4

What is Nagpur famous about except oranges?
Who was the founder of RSS?
What are they celebrating recently?
Name the CAPF forces?
Name the seven sister states with their capitals?
What is a separate Vidarbha movement?
Chairman – your interview is over, you can leave.

(11)

Date of Interview: 08/01/2026

Board: Sheel Vardhan Sir

Optional: Sociology

Forenoon (1st to go)

DAF – Writing Letters/Infosys/Hindi Short Stories/Sociology/B.sc Physics(H)

Chairman

Welcome to the conversation.

So you write letters. When was the last time you received a letter?

After I answered, he said – “I asked my daughter the same question too and she said the last letter I got was for you in 1998” (all started laughing)

Do you see any ideology in Premchand’s writings?

What is Chayyavaad?

Name the pillars of Chayyavaad.

What comes after Chaayaavad?

Have you read Aashadh ka ek din? What’s so special about it?

Member 1

Do you think you’re an empowered woman?

As a District Collector, if a woman comes to you with a complain of sexual harassment, what steps will you take ?

Member 2

What work does Infosys do?

What did you do in Infosys?

Do you think the demand for software employees from India is decreasing in the West?

How does AI impact this demand?

Member 3

So you mentioned ‘Shatranj ke Khiladi’. What is that story about ?

What is doctrine of lapse? (Related to the above story)

Which states were annexed by this doctrine?

Do you know who Epstein is?

What did he do?

Who all are named in those files ?

Member 4

There’s a movie made on this story ‘shataranj ke Khiladi’. Do you know who the director is ? (Chairman sir laughed and said “Arey ye toh bohot choti hai abhi, ye film toh hamare zamane ki hai” and all started laughing)

Have you read ‘Usne Kaha tha’? Who wrote it?

Why the prices of gold and silver increasing ?

(I told them about silver price increase but faltered a bit wrt gold prices, so member 3 helped

me with it)

Chairman sir again-

Which new technology do youngsters talk about the most these days? (I said AI)

Young people are excited about AI but we older folks are anxious. Can you give a sociological reason for this?

Member 5

Youngsters are more intelligent these days that's why they're more adaptable. To which I replied that the wisdom and experience of older generation is much more valuable.

Sir said – "oh you made me happy" and all started laughing again.

Chairman Sir –

Your interview is over. It was nice talking with you.

(12)

Date of Interview: 06/01/2026

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Key daf details: dogs, IIT, IRMS, strength training, sociology, AP

Mocks: did not get MOCKED anywhere. Do it according to your risk appetite

Overall : this is my 2nd interview in less than 11 months. Unlike the previous board, sheelvardhan sir board goes complete daf based. The chairman is quite interesting guy in terms of framing question. Be ready for shockers on the spot. They like unique answers is what I observed when a gave a odd answer to a casual question. The others went factual. Overall give your best with no expectations. I wish you all good luck!!

Chairman

1. Did you have dogs? What was its name? what breed was it ?
2. The more I think like a man the more I like dogs .. What do you understand ?
3. I had a conversation with a monkey, it said you humans are foolish to provide such shelter to dogs. What do you think?
4. Every dog has its day. What do you understand?
5. Is pakistan a fox ? How do you see their relation with america?
6. What would happen if malacca strait is closed?
7. Have you ever tried seeing the india map inverted? What will happen if india map becomes inverted?

Member 2

1. What are the major civil engineering infra challenges we face?
2. What steps is the govt taking to address these?
3. Types of PPP
4. Is PPP being used in social sector projects too?

Member 3

1. SC order on stray dogs. It gave 2 orders. What was it?
2. What is your favorite construction?
3. When will mumbai and railway corridor be completed ?
4. Who is funding it ?
5. How is railways handling with such heavy load running on tracks?

Member 4

1. Meaning of your name ?
2. Do you know the sports person we have on your name ?
3. Covering dogs with sweaters? Your opinion?
4. Which dog breed is the best?
5. Which breed would you recommend me for house purpose?
6. DO you think dogs take after their owner's personality?
7. In india we usually we import dogs, how are they accommodating themselves here ? Do you think that sweaters we make them wear here in delhi is actually required?
8. Have you heard of the malacca dilemma?
9. Who is facing it ?
10. What are the 2 ways in which china is trying to avoid malacca dilemma ?
11. Who gave the term indo pacific?
12. Have you heard of istamus of kra ?

Member 5

1. Have you been to sri city ?
2. Have you been to srihari kota ?
3. After whose name was it named?
4. You said brihadeswara temple.. Do you know other temple that was destroyed?
5. Who invaded it ?
6. When was it repaired?
7. Contraversy after independence when somnath temple inauguration was being done?
8. Who was the president at that time?
9. Did he attend the inauguration
10. Have you been to any other place apart from andhra and TN. I said kerala, karntaka, HP. Where in himachal pradesh? Shimla. Do you know about the significance of shimla? (summer captial of british)

(13)

Date of Interview: 13th January

Board: Sheel Vardhan sir

Home State: Rajasthan

Shift: forenoon, 3rd to go.

Duration: approx 25 minutes.

DAF keywords – Barmer, Rajasthan, Punjabi Literature, Marwari folk music ,Prime Minister and Sports Minister in school ministry, Captained school Kho-Kho team, BSC (zoology, botany, chemistry)

My medium was Hindi, so all members talked in Hindi and whole conversation went in Hindi only.

I entered and greeted.

Chairman

Q1- what is folk music?

I explained.

Then he asked – Can it be called music for the people, by the people, to the people ? I said Yes

Q2- Instruments used in Punjabi folk dance Bhangra ?

I took three names , he intruded and added 4th one (saap) I corrected it's sapp

Then I added one more.

He took one more name which I never heard of and asked what is it ?

I said sorry sir.

Q3- Why is lohri celebrated ?

Q4 – Spiritual significance of Uttrayana?

I said sorry

Q5 – Have you watched Udta Punjab movie ?

I said no

Then he said there is a song in the movie “ Ik kudi jidda naa muhabbat ghum hai ”

Do you know it's inspired by poetry of which famous Punjabi poet ?

I said Shiv Kumar Batalvi.

Q6 – Famous literary works of Batalvi ?

Member 2

Q1- You are from Rajasthan, never read Punjabi in school or college, Then why is it your optional.

I explained. He said good .It brought positive impact for me.

Q2 – Why President is nominal head only ?

Q3- What if President doesn't follow the aid and advice of CoM ?

Q4- Difference between Cabinet and CoM ?

Q5- Duties of PM towards President ?

Q6 – Procedure of removing a Minister from the office?

I explained.

What if they don't vacate the office? I said it's a violation of constitution.

Then he said resignation of PM would automatically remove them all. I said yes sir .

He proudly laughed at his humour and turned towards Chairmen sir ,who didn't look impressed,nor other members.

It gave me relief 🙏

Q7 – Why Parliamentary govt become Prime ministerial govt ?

Member 3

Q1 – Aravalli issue?

Q2- Two steps you would take as CM of Rajasthan for Viksit Rajasthan ?

Q3 – Two socio-economic indicator where Rajasthan lack ?(Picked up from my answer)

Q4 – IMR and Literacy rate of Rajasthan and national average ?

Q5 – Connection between Tourism and Folk artists in Rajasthan ?

Member 4

Q1- Why did you learn Punjabi ?

Q2- 2 features of Barmer ?

Q3- In Rajasthan earlier the definition of Aravalli was same , then why people protested now only ?

Q4 – Long term impact on Aravalli if current definition is accepted ?

Q5- Some of the major minerals of Rajasthan and their location ?

Q6 – Their Extraction risks Aravalli's existence.What to do then ?

I tried to convince her but failed twice .

Then suddenly convinced her by saying Green Mining will be a good option .

Q5 – What green mining exactly is ? I said sorry mam , I would read about it.

Member 5

Q1 – Steps taken to boost nuclear energy in india ?

Q2- What is SHANTI Act ?

Q3- Is nuclear energy considered cheaper to be produced in comparison of other sources?(I initially thought I would not be able to give a decent answer but my chemistry knowledge hit and I believe I managed it well)

Q4- What steps should India take to promote nuclear energy production ? (Again for some seconds I felt helpless but ultimately managed to give a decent answer)

Chairman sir – Your interview is over , You can leave.

I thanked them all and left the room.

Overall Experience – the board was cordial.

I answered almost all questions except two.

Almost all the questions were from my DAF .

I faced most of these questions in mock interviews.

So it felt like another mock interview.

I tried to mention almost everything I personally search in transcripts.

(14)

Date of Interview: 10 December 2025

Board: Sheel Vardhan Singh

Background: BA LLB

Key words: BA LLB hons, competition law, social media addiction, BRICS, thrifting event for sustainable fashion

Chairman

1. Assess the role of the Competition Commission of India. How has its impact been on the ground?
2. FPIs are pulling out of India while Indian markets remain inflated due to heavy retail participation. Why?

3. Who is likely to face a problem in the future? Who do you think is wrong, and why?

Member 1

1. What is the principle of natural justice? Why is it called natural justice? Are there other kinds of justice?
2. What is the difference between Rule of Law and Rule of Majority?
3. If Rule of Majority is prevailing, how will the courts decide?
4. What is the hierarchy of sources of law in India?
5. If the government or courts violate this hierarchy, how should we view it? Courts are also allowing this. What is your opinion on this?

Member 2

1. You attended the BRICS Summit. How was your experience? What did you learn?
2. What are the three new criminal laws? Why were they brought into force?
3. How do the new criminal laws help reduce pendency of cases?
4. How is forensic evidence placed in the IPC/BNS framework, and what needs to be done now?

Member 3

1. asked me how spurt in pli and its impact. I thought production linked incentive and answered.
2. Later he said I meant PIL (public interest litigation) How has PIL increased and how do you see it?
3. How should India balance between BRICS, QUAD, and other strategic groupings?

Member 4

1. What is social media addiction?
2. Why is social media addiction happening?
3. What is its impact on health?
4. What is the solution to this problem?
5. You organised a thrifting event on sustainable fashion. Why did you organise it, and what exactly did you do?
What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

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Date of Interview: 15/01/2026 (FN)

Board: Sheel Vardhan Singh sir

Home State: Rajasthan

Key DAF Details: Box breathing, Stoicism, Entrepreneurship development cell (EDC), Civil Engineering, Wastewater treatment project, Rajasthan, IITD

Chairman

1. How is Box breathing performed?

2. Relation with Pranayam and its repackaging
3. Asked 5 Stoic philosophers name ? What exactly is Stoicism?
4. Asked to comprehend a quote – “The owl of Minerva first begins its flight at the onset of dusk”

Member 1

1. RTI and its origin relation with Rajasthan
2. Amendments to the RTI
3. Asked that does geographically small countries like Nepal and Bangladesh more vulnerable to crisis/upheavals?
4. Cause of upheaval similar or different in the Nepal or Bangladesh

Member 2

1. Indigo flight issue and whether it was failure of regulator or the company
2. Asked the two regulators involved in it
3. Data warehousing, Data mining
4. Challenges of digital governance in Viksit Bharat?

Member 3

1. Asked questions related to Wastewater treatment project and its future scope
2. What was my role and the scope of work at EDC?
3. Famous startups from the IITD and what is status?
4. Are there any Deep tech startups?

Member 4

1. Why civil services and not entrepreneurship?
2. How China is able to make tunnels in Tibet and we face issue of collapse
3. Issue of potholes on the road?
4. Fixed pavement v/s Flexible pavement – cost, long term cost comparison – advancement of technology in it?

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Date of Interview: 06-01-2026

Board: Sheel Vardhan Singh Sir

Home State: Gujarat

Hobby: Vipassana

Key DAF Details: Mechanical Engineering, Vipassana, GST, Gujarat

Chairman

(Not asked to introduce yourself)

1. How many courses of Vipassana you have attended ?
2. who introduced Vipassana in India ?
3. what is the born place of S.N. Goenkaji ?

Members

1. who was the first home minister of India ?
2. why Sardar Patel is known as iron man ?
3. what is the contribution of sardar Vallabhbhai Patel ?
4. What was Kashmir dispute at time of Independence?
5. why Rajkot is famous for ?
6. where Mahatma Gandhi taken his education ?
7. what is Mahatma museum ?
8. why manufacturing sector was not developed in india?
9. what is steam engine ?
10. what is robotics ?
11. what is 1st industrial revolution ?
12. what is 2, 3, 4th industrial revolution ?
13. when 5th revolution will happen ?
14. when name of country Burma change into Myanmar ?
15. Status. of India's relation with Myanmar ?
16. what are effect of Myanmar's relation on India ?
17. give me three friend and enemy of India except those which are sharing boundary with India?
18. who was the father of Indian space program ?
19. what was the business of Ambalal Sarabhai ?
20. is there any business institute regarding textile in Ahmedabad ?
21. what is textile museum in Ahmedabad ?
22. how you create awareness among people regarding GST ?
23. what you have done to create awareness?
24. what is rate rationalization ?
25. how rate rationalization increase consumption of India ?
26. what was tax system before GST ?

Overall interview was good. Interview board was very cordial.

Sanjay Verma

(1)

Date of Interview: 8/12

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Home State: Haryana

DAF: Strength training, South Asian geopolitics, Haryana, AI

Others not asked like optional, graduation

Chairman

(greeted but no smile) I wished all
Should India be interacting with Taliban
What about recognition to them
China's influence in south aisa

Member 1

Haryana name three governance successes and three persistent problems.
What do
Stadiums in haryana and player died. Do you know about the incident?
Sports promotion and discussion around that

Member 2

AI digital art and IP related issue
How to address it
AI bias and European regulations (follow up based on my reply)
AI is technical and you have humanities then why interest in it

Member 3

Rupee depreciation
FDI outflow
Investment schemes
(Others can't recall)

Member 4

strength-training experience and process?
Putin vs Trump dynamics (good discussion)

Chairman – thankyou, your interview is over
Smiled and said thankyou.

Overall- very cordial board and no grilling. Members had poker face but didn't focus on that.
Did my part! Baaki Mahadev ki krupa
All the best

(2)

Date of Interview: 9th Dec, forenoon

3rd one to go , approx 27mins

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Bihar

Keywords in daf – bhojpur bihar; 10th 12th(kv) and college(DU) from delhi , [B.sc](#) , Cartophile (exploring Maps) , lex friedman podcasts, football captain, plantation drive , sociology optional.

President of the Board:

Greeted me with a smile

Chairman

1. Ohhh cartophile, look around and see the maps in the room (there were 7-8 maps) , now sit and tell about these maps(told some and said sorry for some)
2. What did you dream last night? I replied then asked did you have adequate sleep last night
3. Govt think night life in Goa and this club and all are immoral and seen as a sin , what's your view on that
4. Fdi scenario wrt these clubs and night life

Member 1

1. why not joe Rogan?(another podcaster)
2. Why lex friedman and give some criticisms of him
3. You are made head of any department let's say any ministry of your choice what is the first thing you'll do

Member 2

1. What is relation between polity and sociology
2. Give a critical perspective of the above
3. You are dm and your subordinates are very upset from you that you are always there in the office and also increasing their work , now they don't want to work under you under any circumstances, what will you do and what would you tell your boss.

Member 3

1. What is your goal right now?
2. Where would you rank becoming ias on the list of your goals?
3. Things which are currently not letting you sleep or you are having hard time with.
4. Are goals Static or they keep on changing
5. Is it good to have one option and focus on that or to have multiple options in life

Member 4

1. Tell me about bhojpur
2. What are the issues there

3. You are dm , how would you solve malnutrition and stunting keeping in mind various govt schemes
4. She told 2 more scheme , how will you use that.
President of board:
That's all Xenonverse, time is up , you may go now ,
Said thankyou to all the members and left
Board was cordial, female panelist were smiling and no grilling, felt like a good convo with my uncle and aunt but in English.

(3)

Date of Interview: 09/12/2025

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Hobbies: badminton, marathon

DAF keywords – Electrical, Kota, Maths, Internal Security, Foreign languages, teaching students, volunteering with NGO, badminton, marathon, taekwondo, kvpy, research award, student mentor

Chairman

1. Hot tea is being served would you like to have one
 2. You have written learning about foreign languages so in which languages are you familiar with
 3. Sir said, okay let's leave this, wikipedia se 2 pg padh liye honge (don't mind it it may be just to test your reaction)
 4. Compare T20 and Swiggy
 5. Who faces the burden
 6. The traffic situation hampers because they move wrong side on the road due to time constraints. What do you think?
 7. They are being given tips and players have a choice to play or not
 8. Tell me 3 unique things about China which normal people may not know
- § CPEC corridor
- § Artificial Sun (praised after listening this)

Member 1

1. Which countries would survive in a world war and nuclear weapons are used (I said island nations and Chairman said good)
2. Which countries are Indians present apart from US, UK, etc
3. How are they present there
4. Do you know about indentured labourers
5. Do you know or just guessing
6. So if Indians are living in Fiji so why did they not come back
7. Did they serve a contract

Member 2

1. Consider a situation where you have recently joined as DM. CM has just inaugurated the pharma industry but people there are approaching you about harmful waste being disposed and envtal concerns. What would you do
2. If the industry people are powerful then what would you do
3. But CM himself has himself inaugurated
4. A situation where tribals live but no proper health facilities and doctors are not willing to go. How would you convince them
5. She said due to lack of education and such opportunities they are not going what would you do

Member 3

1. Do you know Henry Kissinger. He said that it is better to be enemy of US than to be a friend. Do you think this makes sense?
2. Importance of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands
 - § Strategic – Malacca strait
 - § Airbase
1. Tell me continuing with tribal regions that isn't this contradictory that on one hand we have to preserve tribal culture and also to provide then proper education
2. Will it be right to have them come in such places with the type of clothes they wear
3. Is modernity same as westernisation

Member 4

1. You have done jee preparation from Kota – there are a lot of suicides so what can be done
 2. What about formative years of schooling when such mindset is developed
 3. How would you teach values to children
 4. How would you teach them about failure and success in life
- § Role models and inspirational journeys of people
 - § She said sports helps you experience failure and then you learn from your mistakes

Chairman said your interview is over. I thanked all the members

(4)

Date of Interview: 12 Dec' 25

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Background: Agriculture

Hobby: cooking

DAF details: B tech in mechanical engineering, 12 years working in automobile industry, agriculture background, UP, Haryana & Jammu kashmir. Story & cooking as hobby.

Chairman

- so you have spent over 10 years in automobile industry. what will be status of auto industry by 2047.
- will Internal combustion engine based Cars will be like vintage car in 2024.

- (i said no, he asked why, i explained)
- largest car maker in India?
- Largest car maker in world(followed by follow up questions)
- which new company entering in India.
- what is your thought/inspire you for any cooking.

Member 1

- how your working experience in auto industry will help in administration.
- what is system based approach and system analysis.
- what is your take on Arunachal Pradesh.
- should we give Aksai chin to China and settle Arunachal issue.
- how Mc mohan line is a concern.
- how is our relations with Taiwan(i said economic and people to people, not diplomatic level)
- Did Taiwan supports our claim over Arunachal? (i said no. neutral stand)
- why Taiwan not doing that(Taiwan 's own autonomy at stake, issue of provoking China)

Member 2

- Cooking as a hobby or compulsion?
- what are challenges in your district.
- how you will resolve if appointed there. first 2 priorities.
- why No industry there. any potential scope?
- key action you will take for women in your district.
- do you know about Kumbh happened this year. did you visit.
- what action will you take for management of such a large gathering in kumbh if appointed there.

Member 3

- why to join civil services after working in a good organization for such a long time?
- aren't you doing service to public as part of automobile industry
- What is Reynolds apparatus (my college project), is it relevant today. are you using now?
- 3 suggestion to balance relation with USA(followed by cross question)
- Golden visa? what it is? such scheme by any other country (i said UAE, she added.. Portugal also)
- Make in India successful? how successful when mfg share in economy still almost same as in 1991. (said in value terms mfg increased but as share in total economy it is same)

Member 4

- why Purvanchal region lagging in industrialization
 - organised crime there?
 - Fertilizer PSU in Gorakhpur. was closed. is working?
- every member was pleasing.
1. Mock with Vajji Rao
 2. my school teacher who later became commissioner in KVS (daily 1 hrs for last 1 week)

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Date of Interview: 11 Dec forenoon

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Hobby: Cooking

DAF details: cooking, badminton, leisure walking, manipal institute of technology (rest of the daf- questions not asked)

Chairman

- are you working? Have you ever worked before?
- leisure walking. Are you walking towards something or away from something
- when was the last time you walked.
- which shoe do you prefer. Starting price. Gst on that?
- cooking. Compare carbon footprint related to hyderabad cuisine and Chennai cuisine. Why the differences.

Member 1

- difference between MIT and MIT (Massachusetts institute of technology). What is common and differences between the two.
- what is out of box thinking.
- give examples.
- Are you competitive person. Explain.
- define and differentiate the terms in terms of corporate world : enemy, collaborator, rival, competitor. Arrange them in order.

Member 2

- comparison of Tamil Nadu and andhra pradesh in terms of growth.
- industries sector of Tamil Nadu and andhra pradesh.
- gdp of andhra
- what policies andhra govt is doing to increase.
- issues of agriculture.

Member 3

- studied Sanskrit in 12th. So asked me the Sanskrit term for 'atom'
- difference between hamas, hezbollah and houthis and discussion on that.
- have you heard of sridhar vembu. Why is he in news.

Member 4

- what is watershed development and discussion.
 - what are sustainable development goals. Difference between sustainable development and development. Give example of sustainable development application and the related goal.
 - contribution of puttaparthi Sai baba
- Might have missed 2-3 questions.
- Overall Board was cordial and helping to make me feel comfortable.

(6)

Date of Interview: 15/04/2025

Session: Forenoon

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir, 1st to go

Optional: Geography

Home State: Bihar

DAF - New Delhi, Patna, Nalanda, Bihar, ECE Engineer, Software Developer, Art in Oil, watercolor and acrylic medium, Geography Optional.

Chairman

How are you?

Are you working somewhere?

So art is fairly analog, what do you think about the onset of digital media and technology and its impact on art?

Can you name some of the highest selling Artists from India?

Geography optional, do you think in this century Geography's relevance has increased? Compared to 20th Century

Member 1

So you have worked in Bangalore? (No, permanent WFH)

Anyway, what are the present urbanisation challenges you can think of?

How can the administration solve it in your opinion?

Member 2

So you are a software engineer, what is big data?

If you are a DM of a district, what 3 areas will you incorporate the use of big data extensively? What about health sector?

Now the UPSC recruitment exam, is a long drawn process, you are before the board, suggest three reforms that you would like to be implemented.

Member 3

So have you done your schooling from patna? (No, parents belong to Bihar, I have done my schooling from New Delhi and higher education from Rajasthan)

Okay, have you visited Patna? (Occasionally)

What are the three things you would say has changed with time in Patna? And as an administrator, what steps would you do in this regard?

Follow up on one of the things I pointed out in the previous answer- how would you tackle the inequality that persists as a DM?

With the onset of GPT, we can see alot of impact on youth is taking place, can you point some of the concerns?

Do you think open use of AI should be allowed in educational institutions? Won't it impact the learning capabilities of our youth? What other impacts on youth?

Member 4

You have done B.tech in ECE, so tell me, due to the adoption of 5G, do you think optical fibre is taking a back seat?

Can you tell me some of the industries where optical fibres are more relevant than the use of 5G?

Now coming to another subject, paytm and phonePe, command 80% of the market share. Do you think it should be allowed or we should support new players to enter as it must be unfair for them?

Chairman finally:

monologue on how to solve inequality, you just mentioned the policies that need to be implemented, but don't you think state's revenue should be kept in mind? Where will you get the money from? (i agreed and said employment and skilling in all sectors need to go hand in hand)

Okay what are the three things you love about Delhi?

Doesn't the rich history of Delhi Amuse you as well? (i said yes sir it is quite fascinating as well)

Can you name a few prominent writers or poet who wrote about Delhi?

Your Interview is over, you can go now, thankyou.

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Date of Interview: 6 Jan 2026 afternoon

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Optional: Sociology

Daf details – B tech mechanical engineering, wildlife crime documentary, sociology, civil aviation, manufacturing, ngo work

Chairman

- how many languages you speak?
- started with wildlife crime documentary(poacher), they giggled about very specific hobby/interest
- status of social crime(picked crime from wildlife crime and social from sociology)
- crime against women
- marital rape
- about godrej and boyce, it's involvement in opium trade, history of company

Member 1

- atmanirbharta in defence sector
- mfg and defence
- can India be able to be Atmanirbhar in defence sector?
- what you did in Industrial training?

Member 2

- why gold prices are surging?

- latest technological advancement
- what technology will prevail after 10 years

Member 3

- overall idea about aviation sector
- reasons for duopoly
- what should be done to reduce wildlife crime
- demand side interventions for wildlife crime reduction
- why UPSC after mechanical
- why no employment after graduation, what you did?

Member 4

- de dollarisation. What is it? When did it started?
- what is dollarisation?
- how will mfg grow if mechanical engineers are coming to UPSC

Chairman:

- what is the most efficient machine according to you?
- in between Chairman was asking cross questions.
- Then thank you. Your interview is over.

(didn't ask for intro or anything. Started directly with hobbies and interests. No questions on NGO, no questions on sports and achievements. No questions on personal background, city or state)

It was good experience.

(Prepare your daf well, get the general status about the issues related with your daf like social justice, crime, polices etc. Go early, enter the building as early as possible. It takes time for verification and they might ask some queries. Take at least 2 different id, adhaar and pan, if you have specs then take photo with specs otherwise they will ask to remove specs, so keep both photos)

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Date of Interview: 07/01/2026

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional: Zoology

Home State: Maharashtra

DAF: Hobbies: Watching Air Crash Investigation, listening to happiness psychology podcasts, reading English fiction (children's classics)

Place: Pune, Maharashtra

Session: Forenoon

Order: Last candidate

Chairman

1. You read children's classics? Is there a child inside you? (asked with a smile)

Answer: I smiled and said yes, sir.

2. Which Indian English authors do you like, except Ruskin Bond?

Answer: Sir, I primarily read Western authors, and among Indian authors I have only read Ruskin Bond.

3. Sir raised his eyebrows and asked:

4. Is this honesty or confidence?

Answer: Sir, honesty.

5. Okay, tell me about Ruskin Bond.

6. Name contemporary English authors.

Answer: I named Kelly Barnhill, Ross Welford, I said that Roald Dahl is my favourite.

7. What will you suggest to promote children's classics in schools?

Answer: I said teachers must encourage students, the primary reason my hobby developed was that my teacher was good.

8. Name three traits of public speaking.

Answer: Clarity, Confidence, Composure.

9. If someone is giving a public speech, what three tips will you give?

Answer: Breathing, cold water face dip, and paced walk.

10. Who is the best and the worst public speaker in India?

Answer: For best, I said Shashi Tharoor. For worst, I said I cannot point to any specific person.

11. Don't worry, we won't tell anyone. Name one.

12. Who is the best public speaker in Marathi?

Answer: I said my father.

They all laughed and smiled.

They said they understand, but asked me to name someone else.

I thought carefully and said Shripal Sabnis, former Chairperson of the Marathi Sahitya Sammelan.

Member 1

1. Why did you spend so much time preparing for the civil services? How have you contributed to this country in these youthful years?

Answer: I said that I am pursuing my goal with all my effort, and by being on the right path and not straying, that is how I am contributing.

2. What are your career goals?

Answer: I said I wish to work in the field of education.

3. Why?

Answer: Education is a very potent tool for socio-economic upliftment.

4. Then why didn't you choose teaching?

Answer: Sir, here I can work at a larger scale.

5. Tell me your views about SIR.

Answer: Gave a balanced answer.

Member 2

1. Why do you enjoy watching air crash investigations?

Answer: I said it is intellectually stimulating, and the remedies applied after each crash are wonderful to watch.

2. Why not train crashes?

Answer: I said no other industry conducts research as intensive as the airline industry. Also, they publish videos on YouTube, whereas such material is not available for trains.

3. What is demographic dividend?

4. Compare the demographic dividend of Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

5. I did not understand and asked again. Ma'am clarified that she wanted to know about TFR.

6. Are you aware of these technical aspects?

Answer: I said yes.

7. I explained that the TFR of Uttar Pradesh is above the replacement level, so more people are in the working-age group. For Maharashtra and Kerala, TFR is below the replacement level, so the number of dependents is on the rise.

8. What should be the solution? What should these states do?

Answer: I said gainful employment and health education.

Ma'am wanted another answer.

They were all pushing me towards the answer and giving me hints but I did not understand.

Then they themselves told me that the answer was migration.

Member 3

1. Do you know the fertility rate required to maintain a stable population?

Answer: Yes sir, it is 2.1.

2. What is essential for demographic dividend to actually become a dividend? What is needed? Give one example from our neighbours about what happens when it is absent.

Answer: I said gainful employment, health, and education to improve the quality of the workforce.

I said it is absent in Afghanistan (I deliberately avoided Pakistan as I did not have knowledge about its demographic dividend). I said that due to constant instability, Afghanistan was never able to utilise the potential of its youth.

3. What about Pakistan?

Answer: I said I do not know about their demographic situation.

He said that due to the decline of educational institutions, youth become jihadists there.

Member 4

1. Recently a prominent person from Pune passed away. Do you know who?

Answer: Yes sir, former MP Suresh Kalmadi.

2. He was associated with some scam.

Answer: 2010 Commonwealth Games scam.

3. Many scams happened in 2010, but no major convictions have happened. What do you think is the reason?

Answer: I said delayed trials.

Sir did not look happy.

He said: Don't worry, we won't tell anyone. Speak confidently.

I then said political influence over the judiciary.

4. If you are the District Magistrate of Pune, how will you apply Chanakya Niti to collect intelligence?

Answer: I said sir, I do not remember specific Chanakya Nitis.

He smiled and said it's okay and asked me to tell about intelligence.

I said I would take the police into confidence and involve the local people.

5. If you are supposed to create a new town and are given no funds, what will you do?

Answer: I said for funds – CSR and NGOs.

He said no, that was not the answer.

He asked what one does when forming a town.

I said demarcate boundaries.

Then he explained.

I said sorry sir, I misunderstood the question.

He smiled and said okay.

Chairperson interrupted and said your interview is over. Thank you.

I stood up and thanked everyone.

Ma'am and other members smiled.

Tip: Prepare why and how questions.

(9)

Date of Interview: 07/01/2026

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Home State: Gujarat

Background: Dentist

Keywords: Dentist, Gujarat, Gym, Sports Authority of India, Kant (DAF)

Chairman

1. Greeted me in Gujarati
2. Started with the quote on oral cavity
3. Three health myths and reality about those myths
4. Class, caste and gender bias in gym
5. Is there any bias of caste in trainers community?
6. 2 things that has brought joy in last 24 hours (don't give common answer that this interview)

Member 1

1. Philosophy of Kant (DAF). Had some discussion.

2. What will you do to bring long term change in behavioural ethics of your organisation?
3. Some questions on health which I am not able to remember
4. What are the future technologies you see that will have major impacts
5. What do you understand by spiritual health?
6. How do you achieve it?

Member 2

1. Other writers of Gujarati literature (optional)
2. Kavi narmad and zaverchand meghani's famous sayings
3. What is national security
4. Some other aspects of national security apart from sovereignty and peace
5. You have worked as a dentist, liberty and now SAI..how do you justify this transition

Member 3

Long discussion on USA attacks, Greenland and economic security of nation answers and counters

Another discussion on critical minerals

Member 4

1. Why SAI
 2. If you are happy why civil services
 3. How can you be better civil servant and a human being
 4. Who was the idol before starting preparation
 5. What have you done to counter myths that you talked earlier
 6. How all other jobs that you have done can help you to become better administrator?
 7. Will you continue in SAI or you will look for other things is well?
 8. Do you think tobacco ads are bringing awareness or is it not worth enough?
 9. Check on high processing food and health
- Very cordial board
Had some lighter moments
Overall good experience

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Date of Interview: 8th Jan Afternoon (1st to go)

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Karnataka

Keywords: Creative upcycling, NITK Surathkal, Li-Fi tech, Anthropology, B. Tech ECE, Travel Vlog, Bangalore (rest not asked)

Chairman

1. How Air BnB is shaping our society, say it's sociological perspective. How is it changing indian society.

2. Compare Politicians of west vs India. Why do you think politicians of the west are so open and liberal.
3. How did music industry shaped by electronics? (I said EDM, Aucostics, etc) (Sanjay Verma sir added few things, I said thank you sir for the information)

Member 1

1. What is creative upcycling? Give an example. (chairman interrupted and asked other examples)
2. What is Lifi tech? How is it secure?
3. Why Anthro after engineering?
4. Qualities of an Civil servant? I said 4-5 qualities. He said these qualities are also there in doctor, engineer professions. Why do you think dedication to public service is an imp quality for an civil servant.

Member 2

1. Follow up on creative upcycling(he summarised it well, best from the waste)
2. Where are you from? You are hybrid being-Rajasthan, Karnataka. How come?
3. monolog on interstate water dispute between kar and TN. Apart from cauvery dispute, which other river do we see such disputes? Solutions for it. (In one of the points i had mentioned setting up of an expert independent body)Do india have any such independent body?
4. Why do delays happen in such dispute resolutions. Any technical reason for it?

Member 3

1. You stayed in Bangalore. Say some issues of Bangalore.
2. What do you like about Karnataka?
3. What are the famous blockbuster from Karanataka(I said kantara and KGF)
4. Anthropological perspective of Kantara and what do others learn from the movie, follow up questions.

Member 4

1. How do you see trump's diplomacy?
2. How should India react to it?
3. Is India tilting towards russia? Followup on it
4. What technology will we see in coming 10 years(he was intrested to know about it)

Chairman- thank you for your interview.

Time- 29 mins.

(11)

Date of Interview: 12 tha Jan morning (1st to go)

Board: Sanjay Verma Sir

Home State: Gujarat

DAF keywords: Fitness, Podcast of changemakers, Personal Development Books, Gujarat, NGO

Chairman

: Greeted me with smile

1. How are you (you are opening batsman...I said Yes sir)
2. Tell me your favourite women batsman (random)
3. What 3 qualities you look in your life partner or Begum? (Everyone was smiling)
4. Why ambitious?
5. Agar aap se bhi jyada ambitious hui to?
6. Who are top 5 changemakers at global stage in January 2026 (Daf keyword) some counter questions
7. who are top status quiest (not able to answer.... Chairman skip questions)
8. Now tell me if we remove Navsari district from map what can be it impact on India ? (Parsi community contribution)

Member 1

(Asked too broad questions with 4-5 sub part on AI)

9. Compare current development in AI with next decade scenario
10. What are its challenges
11. How it will help in governance
12. Its impact across the spectrum (For students , engineers , etc.)
13. How it will help to someone who dont have mobile or internet (Kisan help desk in Village : farmer can talk in local language – customized ans in his language)
14. Indian approach to fitness like yoga etc. vs western approach like Gym.. its Advantages, Disadvantages (counter by chairman sir in last)

Member 2

(Books, Leadership: DAF keywords)

15. Why personal development books?
16. Which books you have read last, uske bare mein kuch bataye
17. Infrastructure committee ki leadership se kya seekha?
18. 3 qualities required in leader (from your experience)

Member 3

19. NGOs role in viksit bharat ?
20. Current relations between NGOs and Government
21. Why government is not reaching to last mile (que from my previous ans)
22. What will you do as DM if you are posted in interior backward area

Member 4

(lets talk about Gujarat)

23. tell me something about Lothal
 24. Have you visited statue of unity (unfortunately not yet)
 25. What is GIFT city, why, what is current status, what reforms will you suggest (all questions in one sentence)
- 2-3 questions not able to recall

**In last Chairman gave counter argument of one of my ans. I explained my context behind argument but also agreed with sir...

Okk....your interview is over

Overall observation: Board was very cordial, everyone was smiling, asked too broad questions, all opinions no factual questions, Only from DAF

Thank you everyone 🙏

All the best 🍀

(12)

Date of Interview: Friday Jan 16th 2026

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Home State: Tamil Nadu

Hobby: Badminton

Forenoon

Key Daf details: Little flower school, biotech, historic fiction books, american health insurance sector (work experience), badminton, kanchipuram, tamilnadu Industries

Chairman

1. First time visiting delhi?how is Delhi? I think u south Indian people should protest for holding interview in Delhi only. What's ur take on this? Chairman himself told that without pollution it is a beautiful city and I told very green City..he said yes yes..
2. Qns on my school name Little flower. Didn't u feel bad about that name during your senior year. Little follow up on that
3. Ur fav historic fiction book and mention some important quote
4. Sometimes history gets interrupted in a bad way. What do u think is the bad interruption of any indian historical event

Member 1

1. Why tamil nadu is a industrial state and apart from literacy, what are the other reasons?
 2. Even kerala have high literacy, but why tamil nadu dominates.
- Little follow up on that and could not remember others qns

Member 2

1. Meaning of my name
2. Tn and srilankan war issue
3. Work experience related to the American health insurance sector. What can be introduced in the Indian insurance sector from American health insurance?
4. 2 more qns could not remember

Member 3

1. Asked about comprehensive healthcare.
2. Is insurance synonyms with healthcare
3. India bangladesh issue. What issues and what can be done to improve the relationship.
4. How we can improve livelihood of kanchipuram weavers?few steps to be taken.

Member 4

1. Mention 3 ports of Tamil Nadu
 2. Other name of Thoothukudi port
 3. Why v o c name ?
 4. Speciality Abt ennore port?
 5. Important Maritime institute in tamil nadu
 6. What tirupur is famous for and what Sivakasi is famous for?
 7. Green crackers
 8. Badminton as hobby. So asked about side boxes and back boxes. When they are away and in?
- Overall cordial board... no grilling....

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Date of Interview: Friday Jan 16th 2026

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Optional: Philosophy

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Swimming

3rd to go afternoon

30-32 minutes

Daf- Dungarpur Rajasthan swimming, lyrics, badminton Premchand, poem, ganeshotsav
Med hindi

Chairman

1. Guess the GDP of india at Premchand time
2. How many percentage of people improved their condition since 1936
3. How many women?
4. Which novelist in modern india is close to Premchand?

Member 1

1. Cloud seeding failed in delhi reason?
2. Ganeshotsav why how?
3. Recite poem

Member 2

1. Cricket in Dungarpur
2. Is it safe to swim in natural water bodies?
3. Relationship with neighbouring countries

Member 4

1. Chambal river
2. Rajasthan tourism challenges

Member 5

1. Naxalism in Dungarpur
2. Why swimming not as popular as badminton in india.

Chair: thankyou

Each member asked 4-5 question and Sanjay sir also asked 5-6 question many i forgot

(14)

Date of Interview: 15th January

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Cricket

(I was the first person to go, no time to be nervous)

Key DAF Details – IIT Delhi, Civil Engineering, PSIR, Rajasthan, Cricket, Photo-reference pencil sketching

Chairman

1. You do photo reference pencil sketching so how many photos have you seen till now in your life.
2. What does the photo of a person tell about that person.
3. Does the face of a person reveal their health status.
4. Do you think this “chalta hai culture” is part of our national ethos.
5. What have you done or plan on doing to change this.
6. What happens then to these people who join the civil services and later on become corrupt(I said they forget the real purpose for which they were appointed and was about to say more points when chairman intervened and said ok ok there's no simple answer to this question let's move on)

Member 1

1. Do you know about the refinery setup in Rajasthan, how will that bring benefits to the people.
2. Do you know about Jodhpur, idk what he wanted to ask but he himself said let's leave Rajasthan.
3. Why civil services?
4. Why waste this IIT seat then?
5. Why 2nd November, 2025 is known as the red day of Indian cricket.

Member 2

1. Why choose PSIR
2. Tell me major theories of IR
3. Tell me about Realism.

4. Do you observe this “no permanent friends or enemies, only permanent interests” in today’s world, i said Mr Trump, he asked how
5. Do you think US can takeover Greenland, explain the options before them to do so
6. What will happen if US takes over Greenland
7. What was the last sketch you made, i said a Lion, he said why choose 🦁
8. Which cricketer inspires you the most, i said Virat Kohli, he said why so, i said his ability to remain “calm under pressure” inspires me, he said “calm and that too Virat Kohli”? he looked at chairman and they both laughed, i also laughed :), then i said when the team is down by 2-3 wickets he remains calm and takes the team home
9. One other player from past who remained calm, one from present

Member 3

1. With the situation in Iran, do you think we should bring about a regime change, internally or through external means – i talked about the root cause, need for rights to be respected, political structure to be made more representative, he wanted to know about sanctions and nuclear deal so we talked about that too
2. He said historically Rajasthan has been among the BIMARU states, while states like UP, MP have made good progress we don’t hear such things about Rajasthan, what’s the reason, i mentioned about Rajasthan’s recent progress, he asked then why not recognised as such, i talked about the areas where we still need to work on.

Member 4

1. When we go for accessing a government service, tell me one good and one bad example from your own life.
2. Do you think there should be a balance between Infra and development.
3. Asked about the Mumbai Trans harbour project and Green Highways (i mentioned both in my previous answer)
4. Do you think there should be pay parity between men and women in cricket.
5. Do you think there should be a balance between the finance in cricket and the game itself, asked a question about BCCI centre of excellence.
6. You play cricket at what position do you play, how many all rounders should be there in a team odi, t20, test, how many were there in India’s last ODI match.
7. You are from Rajasthan tell me a fort/palace that most people don’t know about, i said Lohagarh fort, he asked how would you popularise that.

Chairman said – Thank you Jos Buttler, your discussion with us is over

Note – They all maintained poker faces, difficult to gauge what they were thinking about my answers

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Date of Interview: 13th Jan Afternoon (last one to go)
Board: Sanjay Verma Sir
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Bihar
Duration – 30 Mins
DAF keyword – Patna, Roorkee, IIT Roorkee, Civil Engineering, PSIR, Secretary @NSS(SBA), Thriller movies and web series, Painting

Chairman

1. Kaafi lamba wait krna pra....baaki logo se baat hui?
2. Difference between web series and movies?
3. Kya Indian constitution ek social contract hai? If yes then explain.
4. Permanent executive vs elected representatives...differences.
5. Kuch scholars ke naam batayiye jo constitution pr frequently comment krte hain.

Member 1

1. Vaishali ke baare me batayiye?
2. Vaishali ki nagarvadhu kinhe bolte hain?
3. Bihar me har 2-3 month pe bridges girte hain...iske reasons? Aur iske solutions.
4. Venezuela recently news me hai...kis karan se?...iske India pr kya implications honge.
5. UNSC reforms.

Member 2

1. As a NSS Secretary aapne kya kiye hain?
2. Waste management....general issues and solutions. Policy changes in solid waste management.
3. Latest technological development in waste management.
4. Aapne 12th me painting liya hai...konsi painting pasand hai aapko?(I said Madhubani)
5. Madhubani painting ke baare me batayiye...konse colours use hote hain?

Member 3

1. Aapne konsi latest movie dekhi hai?(I said Dhurandhar)
2. Kis issue par based hai
3. 2008 Mumbai blast ke baare me batayiye?
4. Kya steps liye government ne...especially coastal security me?
5. Why civil services after doing civil engineering from the top college ?

Member 4

1. India ki foreign policy w.r.t neighbors criticize ki jaati hai kya aap isse sehmat hai? Explain kariye?
2. Many nations disintegrated for eg USSR, India is still surviving...why?
3. Reasons of foreign Invasions in India?

4. Difference between bihar and western up in general?

Chairman sir- All the best, your interview is over. Thank you.

Experience-Round table setup, Overall good experience, board was very cordial, analytical but mostly DAF based questions

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Date of Interview: 8th December, 2025

Board: Mr. Sanjay Verma

Optional: Economics

Home state: Uttar Pradesh

DAF: relevant – Economics, Quotes, French, Ghaziabad

Chairman

1. You collect motivational quotes. How many do you have, and how do you collect them?
2. Which economic law or concept do you find motivating?
3. Which Nobel Prizes have been controversial or politically motivated?

Member 1

1. You are learning French – tell me about French history?
2. What is your assessment of India-France relations?
3. Why does France oppose India through the European Union, despite having strong relations with India?
4. Female candidates wear sarees in interview but why with western coats?
5. Should we continue to wear sarees, and what do sarees depict?
6. Has Ghaziabad lost its uniqueness after becoming part of the NCR?

Member 2

1. How can the drug problem be solved? (Long discussion)
2. Who are independent directors?
3. Who appoints independent directors?

Member 3

1. This is a glass of water – say something to it, what does it signify?
2. How did you come here today?
3. How can the problem of traffic in the NCR be solved?
4. What are the limitations of public transport in the NCR?

Member 4

1. Can you tell me the story of the hare and the tortoise?
2. What should we learn from this story? (Long discussion)
3. Who would win the race today?
4. What is one area where risks can be taken?
5. What is the importance of taking risks in personal life?

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Date of Interview: 9/12/2025

Board: Mr. Sanjay Verma

Optional: PSIR

Key DAF details: IFS first preference, DU, Head of Indian delegation at an international conference, world cuisine, PSIR (rest not asked)

Chairman

1. Welcome (my name) – he ended up mispronouncing it, so I corrected him
2. That's a very unique name, have you met anyone else with the same name – I thanked him and said that I was yet to meet another (name)
3. Lovely. It's so unique, I think you should patent it (laughingly, I chuckled too).
4. Who gave you this name? –
4. Okay, so coming to your DAF. PSIR is your subject, can you tell me 2 concepts, one from political science and one from IR that have come into question in recent times? – I said that in International Relations, I think Liberal Institutionalism could be a good contender, because multilateral institutions like the WTO and UN seem to be on the back foot, and we see a shift towards protectionism and minilateralism. As for Political Science, sir, I think Communism as a concept has always been under question, especially considering the paradox modern communist countries exhibit – they practice authoritarianism under the garb of communism, and end up liberalising their economies
5. Okay good. Have you heard of Populism? Do you think it has always been in practice or is it a new phenomenon? Can you give an example from the past and the present? – Sir, I think populism in varying degrees has been in practice ever since democracy, and especially representative democracy have existed. It becomes imperative to cater to the demands of the people, and eventually numbers end up mattering a lot for accruing power. As for examples, the opening up of the EIC for public investment by the British was a populist measure. And today sir the rise of vote bank politics could be a case in point (I purposefully didn't cite specific examples here. Figured if they wanted to go in that direction they would prod me on their own)
6. Okay. Out of all the leadership positions you've listed (I had listed 4), which was the latest – I mentioned the head of delegation
7. What did you buy in that country? I mentioned a wallet I had bought my mother, and told him that I had spent most of my money on trying different foods
8. Coming to food. You've mentioned world cuisine. It is such a wide and open ended hobby. Can you answer anything and everything about the cuisine around the world? – I told him that I was interested in the cuisine styles of many regions around the world (listed some) and I didn't want to limit my hobby for fear of what might be asked. But of course I don't know it all. I said I would try my best to answer his questions
9. Okay then, let me ask you something, if we were to combine all of North America and South America India would still have more diversity in cuisine – I concurred with his view, gave supporting examples and arguments (gave the example of delhi, old delhi has mughlai, Lajpat Nagar has Afghani immigrants, humayunpur for north eastern food etc)

Member 2

1. Do you know what animal testing is? – I said yes and explained
2. Do you think it should be done? Are there alternatives? – I said no, and that I find it to be exploitative of voiceless animals. Talked about anthropocentricity, and how we are seeing a shift to biocentricity now. Said there are companies which are going vegan.
3. Asked again, what the alternatives are – I said I can only think of artificial tissue culture being used to create artificial skin and organs to test cosmetics/medicine on, but that I didn't know what is actually being used. Said I'll read up on it
4. The difference between growth and development. Where have you seen growth vs development in your own life?
(There were a few more questions but I can't remember them)

Member 3

1. What would happen to India if we take PoK back. Give pros and cons
2. Why do you think we only talk about women's rights and not men's rights? – good discussion on this
3. Imagine you're at a global stage and you have to convince the other countries that India treats its women well.
> Interview Transcripts (CSPT-2025):
Give only the good points. What all will you talk about. Don't give constitutional provisions – I gave a lot of points here, could have perhaps kept the examples less and explained more, but I had put my point across
Asked something nuclear specific that I did not know the answer to

Member 4

1. Do you know who gave the slogan "Jai jawaan jai Kisaan?" Why was it given
2. kya aapne kalapani ki saza Suni hai? Kya hoti hai? Kahan hoti hai? Kisko di gayi thi? Usse kalapani kyun kehte hain – I didn't know the exact reason why it was called kalapani, rest I answered
3. What is anemia? Why is it caused? Why do women in India suffer from it, what can be done to tackle it? Don't just say anemia mukt Bharat- i explained what it was and said the genetic disposition and poverty points, Ma'am pointed out it's not only the poor who suffer from it – I apologised and said yes ma'am, I think I might suffer from it too (members chuckled) – reiterated the genetic point, added the supplementation ones spoke about the lack of nutritional diversity in our diet
4. Do you think we should shift to organic farming?

Member 5

1. You mentioned about failure in one of your previous answers, what were the failures you were referring to?
2. How do you view failure? Is it absolute or relative – after listening to my answer sir said that was a very positive way of looking at things
3. Why do you think people are so critical of themselves these days?
4. Do you think it is impacting the mental health of children? What can be done to tackle it?

5. Parents say children are too strong willed to listen to them these days, then how can the situation improve? – I spoke of empathy and open communication and elaborated on that
6. I will say three words – “Clinton”, “Hillary” and “Monica” what comes to your mind?
7. What is nuclear winter?
8. There were I few more questions that I am not able to recall, but these were mostly it.

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Date of Interview: 12/12/2025

Board: Sanjay Verma

Optional: English Literature

Home State: Delhi

Key DAF Details: Delhi, Teacher, Govt school, English Literature, Surya Namaskar, Writing, Publishing, Poetry, ICC, Student Council

Chairman

What have you learnt about India in the last year? (More pointed questions from here)

One local phrase you've picked up from students.

One writer you think talks about issues at the district level (follow ups)

Describe the room

What about the gentry here?

Now that we're all flattered, let's begin.

Member 1

One character which you would pick for a friend?

Why?

Spices and their production in India

Member 2

4 most important laws recently brought in

What do you mean by change management?

How will you ensure it happens smoothly?

(Forgot the rest)

Member 3

Discussion on live ins

Delailed questions on Invest India

Why is Cinderella in news?

What can you learn from Cinderalla?

Member 4

Changes in social structure- nuclear families and joint families

Pros cons

Social safety more in which

DINKs

Rs 500 shirt and Rs 5000 shirt. I want to buy Rs 5000 shirt. Justify.

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Date of Interview: 09/01/2026

Board: Sanjay Verma

Optional: Hindi literature

Hone State: Rajasthan

Keyword – hindi literature, kite flying, Rajasthan (other se kuch nhi pucha)

After greetings..I stood near the chair 10-15 sec .

Then say ..aap khde kyu h baith jaiye

Major events of 2001... (9/11, Bhuj earthquake, and the Parliament attack, and in the 2001 census, India was second in terms of population.)

Being second in population is a bad thing, right?

(Demographic dividend so it can be a good thing)

Chairman

You also took avatar on Earth in 2001, did you forget that? Do you believe that by being born on Earth, you have done a favor to the Earth? (Definitely sir.....everyone started laughing 😂)

😊 relaxing environment)

Which Novel has highest selling in 2025...?(Said sorry)

And Tell me about the in Hindi novel ...

Do you fly kites? Are there any stories or poems about kites in Hindi? Tell me.

Some Hindi publishers..

Member 1

Rajendra yadav ki kisi rachna ko recently translate kiya h ..uska shirshak pta h aapko .. (sorry)

Does UPSC also ask questions out of syllabus?..

Hamne to syllabus acche se define kar rakha h ?

Do you know Amrita Pritam? (Sorry sir, I can't recall at this moment)(Ma'am said this is out of syllabus question 😂)

Is she a scientist? 😂😂

(Nhi sir , wo hindi ki sahityakar h jinhone women regarding writing ki h but m unki rachnayе dhyan nhi kar pa rha)

You fly kites, so during kite flying, why are deaths happening?

A child is flying a kite and using Chinese manja (kite string), and because of that, a vehicle driver's neck is cut. Who will be responsible? Long discussion that who will responsible

(I said ki sir Chinese manjha seller , then parents and administration)

And, the children are also at fault, will you take criminal action against the child?

Then, the vehicle driver who died also had children, why won't you take criminal action against ordinary children...?

Childern age related discussion?

Member 2

Are the incidents against women in Rajasthan real or is it only a perception...?

Then I told her all the points,.. Then she asked me to explain...

Child marriage related question... deep discussion

How to prevent child marriage...?

Who will be responsible? The Sarpanch or whom? Give solutions...

Don't remember other questions but a good conversation, ma'am appreciated me somewhere.

Member 3

In Rajasthan, we see many things, as you were just telling me, like Sati and Jauhar practices are prevalent. What are the reasons? Was this practice good? I mean, Sati was being forced upon women in many states...

At that time, besides johar could women have used any other method to assert their power...?

Whoes falut ... (I said ...Fight like laxmi bai)

(Counter by 4th member) Even if , they were captured, they could still be exploited.

(I said, If women had been trained and participated in the war, the chances of winning would have increased significantly)

Ma'am said very good 😊

Member 4

What is rajasthan police benevolent fund?

Case study where legal accountability is sought from those in power, and corrective measures are taken under preventive laws for the public. Should this model be implemented in Rajasthan?

What is the general public's perception of civil services? Why..(sath m ye bhi bola ki bookish or tarif nhi karna jo real h whi btana)

Can you name some civil servants in Rajasthan towards whom the public has a positive attitude, and some towards whom they have a negative attitude?

What are the shortcomings in the general public that you would like to improve?

Member 5

India-China relations: background, issues, some countermeasures, current status...

If border issues are resolved, can we have good relations?

Long distances...

Other questions I can't remember..

Overall good experience like conversation... Rather than mock interview

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Date of Interview: Jan 8th, 4th person to Go after noon.

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

Home State: ANDHRA PRADESH

Key words – Literature, Mahabharatham, Hyderabad, translator, ANDHRA PRADESH, ECE, worked in TN.

Chairman

1. Which is the highest selling book in telugu this year or in india?

2. Some foreigner came to india. He wants to know about the country, wants to go some places etc ..long monologue.....which book you suggest them to read? I am still not sure what did he ask.
3. What is famous in hyd? Food?
4. How many kilos of rice is consumed every day in hyd for biryani.?
5. In Mahabharatha, Pandavas walked alot. How far did they walk? He asked me to make a guess

Member 1

1. how Andhra is Doing after bifurcation?
2. What is green field port? (Earlier mentioned in my answer)
3. How is Tourism in AP?
4. What are there for spiritual Tourism (mentioned in earlier ans)
5. What is AP doing regarding maintaining beaches (mentioned in earlier answer)
6. Comparison between AP and TN in employment, growth.
7. Why did you leave the job?

Member 2

1. Coastal Erosion condition in Andhra?
2. What is being done to counter it?
3. Why farmer suicides are high in AP after MH? and counter questions.

Member 3

1. What is Cyber warfare?
2. Giving you unless unlimited power, what will you do to adress the Cyber threat in india.
3. What did you as a translator?

Member 4

1. In Mahabharatha, How did he teach Gita to Arjuna? Did he stopped everything? Or taught while war was going? Only to Arjuna? or to everyone was listening?
2. What did he teach? how did it help to Arjuna? I explained it in 3 parts. ie karma yoga, jnana yoga, bhakthi yoga.
3. For example, ur sub ordinate is not doing any work. he is not interested? Will you teach all these yogas and all?
4. Tell me what you know about dist administration?
5. What is the role of ZP CEO?

CHAIRMAN: Your interview is over. You can go now.

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Date of Interview: 9th Dec

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi mam

Optional: Philosophy

Home State: Andhra Pradesh

Keywords: philosophy, andhra pradesh (nothingelse from daf)

Chairman

When did you come to delhi?

What differences did you observe?

What surprised you about north indians?

Do you think homogeneity is good or diversity?

Can you name some women chief ministers?

What is special about jayalalitha, mamata banerjee, sushma swaraj?

Why do you want to join civil services?

Don't you think the work is romanticised, it is pretty much the same stuff everyday !

Member 1

What is budget?

What did AP gain from bifurcation? You can say it gained nothing, there are only cons also

Member 2

Metaphysics of aurobindo

Consequential ethics – moral dilemma in administration

Development vs displacement casestudy

If people surround your office, what are the immediate steps you would take

Member 3

What is fiscal discipline

Give example

What would you prioritise and how

If a road is being built yet it doesn't have traffic, what will you do?

Major crops of Guntur

Member 4

Who said this – I know that I don't know anything?

What can you learn about socrates in administration

Women in hand to hand combat – we are fighting with pakistan who only have men and china

– jst a view no right or wrong answer – dont you think india is not ready yet?

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Date of Interview: 09/12/2025 (Afternoon, 1st one to go)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi mam

Optional: Civil engineering

Home State: Haryana and Delhi

Job: Central water commission

Mam ask questions in Hindi.

Hobbies: Section 7 nothing asked

Chairman

1. Is this your 1st interview (it was my 3rd)
2. Where are you lacking ?
3. How have your job helped shaping your personality?
4. You are adamant about coming into IAS. Our system is 75 years old. Is it relevant today ?
5. Should we replace IAS as district magistrate with mayor like Zohran Mamdani (long discussion)
6. How many UT with legislature?
7. What is role of legislature in UT ?
8. Why should we allow other people to buy land in Delhi ? Can Nagaland model be applied here?
9. Which 3 states you will consider as developed and underdeveloped
10. Where is MP and Rajasthan?

Member 1

1. Mandate of your organisation
2. Works there
3. Role of states in water sector
4. Why is your organisation commission and not authority?
5. Why states cannot do design ? Why is your commission required?
(Long discussion on it)

Member 2

1. Role of Rohtak and Jind in Indian independence contributions?
2. Sell me Rohtak and Jind from outside as investment perspective?
3. Like Article 370, what are special provisions in constitution for states ?
4. Said Article 371 (asked specific for it)
5. Status of Naga peace accords (said no)
6. What states are not connected with railway in North East ? (Said No)
7. He taunted by saying that you are like other Indians giving stepmotherly treatment
8. Tell me capital of all 7 states

Member 3

1. How have your meaning of Name shaped your personality?

2. As a civil engineer, what is slope stability and how can you provide engineering solutions for it?
3. Why BRICS is expanding is relevant in political economical and social factors

Member 4

1. Demand of grants ?
2. How budget is passed ?
3. Your organisation comes under which ministry?
4. How funds are passed in parliament from your department?

(3)

Date of Interview: 06/01/2026 – AN; 5th to go

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Telangana

Hobby: Chess

DAF Keywords – Nalgonda, Telangana, Biotechnology, Working as Junior Assistant, PSIR, Chess, Calisthenics

Chairman

1. What were you telling yourself before entering the interview room?
2. When did you come to Delhi?
3. What is the difference you observed between Hyderabad and Delhi?
4. Any other differences? (Earlier, I said it is cold comparatively)
5. How do you identify pollution here?
6. Tell me the physiological ways of identification? (Interlinked to my graduation, like burning of eyes, soot accumulation in the nose, etc.)
7. Situation-based- I'll give utmost power. What will you do to reduce pollution in Delhi? (Elaborate discussion on it with a lot of counter questions, whatever I suggested, she proved me wrong. In the end, she made me quit.)

Member 1

1. Major industries in your district?
2. Have you read the Constitution? Chairman intervened – he must have understood the constitution, here and there, partly read provisions – I said yes.
3. Why is the constitution of India called “the constitution of India”, not Const. for India, by India?
4. Tell me about the Kakatiya dynasty and its contribution?

Member 2

1. JC Bose's contribution to plant breeding? (repeated this three times)
2. High-Yielding Varieties? Green Revolution and its negative impact? Bioaccumulation and Biomagnification?
3. Compare Nizam and Kakatiya?

4. Where did Nizam hail from, and where are the current descendants staying?
5. Lineage between Bijapur and the Mughal?
6. What are Calisthenics?
7. Expand BIMSTEC?

Member 3

1. Is the UN relevant?
2. Decline of Multilateralism?
3. Trump's policies and their impact?
4. SAARC and BIMSTEC difference?

Member 4

1. Chess is considered the most intelligent game. Do you consider yourself as one of the most intelligent people?
2. So, India has many intelligent people, but why are we lacking in innovation?
3. Compare China and India in Democracy. Is democracy a hindrance to our development?
4. India-Oman relations? Polity structure in Oman?

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Date of Interview: 09/12/2025 (A/N)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Ma'am

Optional: Electrical Engineering

Home State: Haryana

Hobby: Cricket, Chess

DAF Keywords: Haryana, DAV, IIT Bombay, Renewable Energy, Engineering Services, Ministry of Power, Non-fiction books, NSS, Cricket, Chess

Chairman

1. Meaning of my name (since it's pretty unique, I'm often asked this question)
2. Asked if I had given interview earlier and if I got selected
3. What is IoT? And AIoT?
4. Why did software companies see such a tremendous rise in India in the late 20th century?
5. Why are Indians being targeted in the US?

Members

1. What is the luminous intensity of this room?
2. Unit of luminosity?
3. Gave a list of monuments and asked me to arrange them chronologically
4. How much carbon emissions do we have?
5. Renewable energy targets?
6. Rajasthan's installed capacity of RE (even though I'm not from RJ)
7. Green Hydrogen Mission – targets, status and issues
8. Recent non-fiction books that you have read?
9. How do you choose which book to read?

10. How would you inculcate the habit of reading in the younger generation as the DM of your district?
11. Digital Public Infrastructure – current status?
12. Which finance commission do we have at present? Constitutional status, role, functions?
Which taxes are there on petroleum? How is it shared? Then in this context, I was asked about a certain bill that was recently passed by the Parliament? (I confirmed if sir is referring to Health Security or National Security Bill, and then explained its details)
There were a few more questions but this is all I can recall for now.

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Date of Interview: 12/12/25, Forenoon

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Ma'am

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobbies: Singing, Paper on Tradition Healing.

Key DAF details: Ghaziabad, Anthropology, Cognitive Science, Kathak, Devotional Singing, Paper on Tradition Healing.

Chairman

1. Why did you take anthropology as a subject ?
2. Does it place you in a better position to understand people ?
3. An instance for the above.
4. Does Empathy Facilitate Administration ?
5. What if you are an empathetic person but your decision is not popular ?

Member 1

1. What is Gender Bias ?
2. What if your decisions are seen to be harsh (being a woman) and that of your male counterpart dynamic ?
3. What is the difference between sustainable agriculture and regenerative agriculture?
4. Which Gharana of Kathak do you belong to (LKO gharana), How is it different from Jaipur Gharana ?
5. What does India stand for peace and is against war means ?
6. In what context was it used ?

Member 2

1. What is Lasya ?
2. What was your presentation about traditional tribal healing about?
3. Why such fascination with tribes ?
4. What is white metal, why has its price been soaring ?
5. What is the nudge theory?
6. Has the nudge theory been used in Policy?

Member 3

1. Were you happy that your chair is a woman ? (I said yes, he asked isn't that gender bias?)
2. If you are posted at the Ministry of Women and Child, what are some areas you will like to work on?
3. What will you do for vulnerable women ?

Member 4

1. What do you know about the Manipur Conflict ?
2. What is the current status of the conflict ? How will you resolve the same ?
3. Why have the tribes of Andaman and Nicobar been isolated ?
4. What is PVTG ? (asked by chairperson)
5. What is the genetic basis of the same ?
6. What is Emotional Intelligence ?

By what I understood the most controllable thing is to keep smiling.

All the Best!

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Date of Interview: 15/12/2025, Afternoon Session.

Board: Mrs. Sujata Chaturvedi Ma'am.

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Key DAF Details: psephology, rural women empowerment, cultural gastronomy, debating, UP (nothing asked).
teaching underprivileged children, PSIR.

Chairman

1. Tell about your city
2. key infra issues in your city.
3. reforms done in higher education and challenges persisting.
4. HECI BILL details
5. should there be private sector participation in higher education.

Member 1

1. Tell about the trial procedure in court of law.
2. Which agencies you will contact first as a collector during fire incident in a hospital.
3. prepare a road map for women development in a backward district.

Member 2

1. Why do you teach students
2. why do they come to you and not other place.
3. what exactly you teach.
4. Tell about sex education for children.

Member 3

1. why low women LFPR in your area, and suggest creative measures to improve it.
2. Norman borlough contribution in India and what would've happened without green revolution.
3. Tell about the consequences of fertiliser usage.
4. Tell chemical process and formula for transfer of NPK in plants. Tell about actions of ions in this process.
5. protection during detention under fundamental rights.
6. schemes by GOI for women empowerment.

Member 4

1. Relation with Pakistan, China, Nepal.
2. Should India come out of QUAD.
3. what is greyzone warfare.

Interview over. Duration: 22 minutes.

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Date of Interview: 17 December Afternoon(3rd Interview)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am (Chairperson read the DAF for all the members)

Optional: PSIR

Keywords from DAF: Calisthenics, 10 m Air Pistol, CISF Assistant Commandant, PSIR, XYZ Charitable Foundation (Coordinator)

Others: Not relevant

Chairman

1. About CISF – Why did you resign? (Which service you got in CSE 2023)
2. What is calisthenics?
3. How did you learn about it?
4. Do you practice it daily? Did you do it before coming here?
5. You are into fitness – what are lifestyle diseases?
6. Role of a balanced diet.
7. How can lifestyle diseases be prevented?
8. Should we have no stress at all?
9. Are you stressed right now?
10. How do you manage stress?
11. Are you happy? When do you feel happy?

Member 1

1. Your view on IPS officers being posted in CAPFs.
 2. You lead XYZ Charitable Foundation – what work did you do there?
- (1–2 more questions; unable to recall)

Member 2

1. Name the agreements signed with Pakistan.

2. Why are relations not cordial even after so many agreements?
3. Defend the statement: "We should have gun rights."
(Smiled after the answer)

Member 3

1. Role model apart from personal life.
2. Political leader you admire.
3. Discussion on Modi and Nehru.
→ Chairperson intervened and stopped further ideological/ political questioning.
4. What is motivation?
5. Hygiene factors in motivation.
6. Are promotions and perks motivating factors for you?
7. IPS officers meeting with Maoist members who surrendered, is it right?

Member 3

1. You mentioned personal diplomacy of PM Modi – explain it.
2. US tariffs imposed by Trump on India – failure of personal diplomacy?
3. Why were tariffs imposed on India?
4. India buying oil from Russia – isn't it funding the war?
5. Are the tariffs justified?
6. Should the UN be abolished?
7. What UN is even doing?

Thanks a lot sir for your guidance. Very grateful for your time and words of wisdom. board, poker face by chairperson, more of a cross questioning and discussion based rather factual, members smiled at lot of instances

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Date of Interview: 19/12/25 , Afternoon(4th to Go)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Ma'am

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

DAF: U.P., Lko(Nothing Else Relevant)

Chairman

1. Tell me today's headlines(said about MGNREGA to VBGRAM G)
2. Your Opinion on Rights based approach to Governance
3. Do Freebies have some merit or create Lazy People?
4. Your Answers are theoretical, do you have some practical experience.
5. Tell me some Gen Z words about Social Media and Mobile.
6. Tell me devices that have come into our lives because of mobile
7. As a DM which sector you want to work ? (Said Education)
8. Which Primary or Higher and Why?

Member 1

1. If you travel from Lko to Delhi by road which districts you will pass?

2. How you can make U. P. 6 trillion economy by 2047?
3. What is JE? How it spreads? Containment Strategy by UP Govt.?
4. Tell me 5 Bharat Ratna of U. P.
5. What are protection given to Civil Servant under Constitution? What are exceptions and give examples of same?

Member 2

1. What has India done to eliminate extreme poverty?
2. What are barriers to Primary Education Enrollment?
3. What is UNNAT Bharat Abhiyan?
4. What is Jan Shiksha Abhiyan?

Member 3

1. (Has said Venezuela in 1st answer) Which continent Venezuela is in?
2. Tell me one more country in Latin. America which emerged as point of conflict between Russia and US? (Said Cuba)
3. How has world changes since Cuban Missile Crisis?
4. How approach of US differs from Cuban Crisis?
5. If you are given opportunity to go and learn Civil Services from other country, which country will you choose and why?
6. Why have you not opted for IFS?
7. "You are giving attempts again and again", Said a quote about trying again and asked which personality comes to mind?

Member 4

1. What is contempt of court + 1 follow-up
2. Who is Vijay Mallya?
3. What is DOB of Vijay Mallya?
4. I said IDK, He said you told you have read newspaper, then I recalled the news and told him.
5. What is Apartheid?
6. What is Parallel Cinema?

This was my 3rd interview and very unconventional and different from my previous 2 experiences and mock interviews. Board was very cordial and were very expressive about answers. Key is to be natural and confident.

All the Best Everyone!!

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Date of Interview: 7.01.2026

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am

Optional: Sociology

DAF: Sociology, ECE, working in Industries department (J&K) (nothing from hobby)(Last one to go in the evening)

Chairman

How are you feeling? What were you thinking while sitting on the chair outside? I responded that I was just reflecting that this was the third time my interview was last (twice in state pcs). so I was smiling at the coincidence.

Which topic do you want us to have discussion on? I first chose US-Venezuela. She said its too boring. Then I chose Semiconductor and India's progress. Discussion on this began.

Pax silica

Is India a late entrant into this field?

What is USA's take on climate change? Discussion on this

Member 1

Explain working of touchscreen

Monologue on generation gap within families and intra-family tensions; Gen-Z, who teaches GenZ about being independent and autonomous; so should we ban social media

Role of mobile phones in families. What to do? Should we ban use of phones inside homes?

Discussion followed

Member 2

Current tensions between Israel and Gaza; what is Oslo Accord and its status

What is the China-Taiwan issue?

What is the importance of Taiwan in technology sector?

Status of UN. Why not disband it and have a new organisation which better reflects current realities?

Member 3

Problems of Apple growers in Kashmir

Features of J&K Industrial Policy

Which industries have recently invested in J&K and what are the international investments?

Status of Lithium discovery in J&K

Member 4

We spend so much on defence. Dont you think we should focus more on health and education?

Dont you think we should not possess nuclear weapons? They are a threat to humanity?

Status of women empowerment in India. Is it really working? Give specific examples. What else should we do for women?

Chairperson:

Discussion continues on women empowerment. What is the status in J&K? Be specific. What have you observed ever since you have begun observing the society? Region wise: jammu, kashmir, Pir panjal? Are women entering STEM fields? How conservative and how liberal etc Name one woman from your district who is popular and well-educated.

Alright, that brings us to the end of your interview.

Despite being the last one to go, they were in no haste. Very cordial.

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Date of Interview: 8 Jan, afternoon, last to go

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am

Home State: Rajasthan

Keywords: phd in russian & central asian studies, JNU, sign language, global south, kumher, Rajasthan

Chairman

so you are a computer scientist and all expert in IR.

1. What is your PhD topic?
2. Why this topic? Why Russia?
3. Many Russians have blonde hair, blue eyes, look like western people. Why don't they consider themselves western?
4. What are their values?
5. What sources you are referring to for PhD?
6. But they are western sources? How is it from Russian perspective?
7. Do you know about 1st world, 2nd world?
8. Then what is 3rd world called now?
9. Why did we stop using the third world word? What exactly is global south?

Member 1

1. Which country is doing good in agriculture?
2. Why?
3. Any scheme for agriculture?
4. What is organic farming? Which organisation certifies that?
5. Something new happening on Republic Day. Are you aware of that?
6. What is Cryptocurrency?
7. Are all crypto Blockchain?
8. USA came up with coin. Do you know?

Member 2

1. Rajasthan is known for vibrant colours. Where are colours coming from for a saree?
2. Anything famous in Kumher?
3. If somebody is about to get arrested what rights do they have?

Member 3

1. JNU is known for politics? Why does politics happen there too much?
2. Have you participated in politics?
3. Why left wins in JNU?
4. Do you support left ideology?
5. Which ideology you belong to? (Very weird question, I just kept smiling, chairperson intervened that she is only interested in civil services, then I added that yes to serve any government)
6. Japan is giving loans to India without interest. Why?

7. Earlier children used to listen to their parents. What about this generation? Do they?

Member 4

1. What was your project (sign language btech project)
 2. Will AI not solve? (When mentioned challenges)
 3. How older generation and young generation read IR? Are they really interested? And how perspective is different? (I answered, again chairperson asked russia or ukraine)
 4. Will russia usa ever fight? As recently ship seized. What is your assessment?
 5. Something related to impact on nato (I don't remember)
- Board was okay. I will not say much cordial, no grilling.

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Date of Interview: 8th Jan

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Rajasthan

Keywords: Dept of Posts, Computer Science, Rajasthan, One Piece anime, PSIR

Chairperson started with reading my DAF

Chairman

Q. You've just joined the Dept of Post in October. Why have you changed job from Kerala to Lucknow?

Q. Are you having training?

Q. When will that happen?

Q. Then what have you been doing there?

Q. All right, let's talk about the Indian financial system, if you are comfortable answering otherwise we can discuss something else.

A. I'm comfortable

Q. You're from computer science background, name any 3 major services in India's digital sphere and e-governance which can be termed as revolutionary

A. The first one is UPI

Q. How does UPI work?

Q. Yes UPI is revolutionary. What about the other two.

A. Another can be Digilocker

Q. Digilocker is fine but I don't think it's revolutionary as such.

I was thinking

Q. These services are unique to India. It's even bigger than UPI

A. Told about the credit system in NEP

Q. No, it is useless as of now and I don't think it will ever be revolutionary.

A. Aadhar can be termed as revolutionary.

Q. Yes, Aadhar is most important. How does Aadhar work?

Q. Only biometrics? What other information does it have?

Q. So it does have other information about an individual. What is biometric?

Q. What is the third revolutionary service?

A. I'm not able to recall any.

Q. Have you heard about GST? What is it?

Q. How does one file for GST

A. I'm not sure ma'am but there is a portal where information have to filled and it calculated GST accordingly.

Q. What is that portal called?

A. I'm sorry, I don't know.

Q. We have been seeing that there is a huge infrastructure boost going on in India. Ports, Railways, roadways and other infrastructure projects are going on. How is the government able to finance all these projects?

Q. Give some examples

Q. What are the other ways?

A. I'm not sure ma'am

Q. Have you heard of NIP?

A. National Infrastructure Project

Q. It's pipeline not project. What is the difference between pipeline and project?

A. Answered vaguely and not accurately.

Q. What is Invits and Reits?

A. It's something related to infrastructure financing but I'm sorry ma'am, I don't know.

Q. You were saying that you'll talk about the financial system and now you're saying that you don't know. You should've told me previously, I would have asked something else.

A. Saying sorry while awkwardly smiling.

Member 1

Q. You're from computer science background. So can we talk about Cryptocurrency?

A. Yes sir, I'll try

Q. Tell me how bitcoin mining works

A. Told him about what bitcoin mining is.

Q. But how does that work

A. Gave a vague answer and told that I'm not sure about intricacies of it.

Q. So you won't be able to talk on this topic. Tell me what should I ask you now.

A. Sir, you can ask anything from my DAF

Q. What is this One Piece Anime.

Q. India also has animes?

Member 2

Q. You're working in the Postal Dept. I think it's useless and irrelevant. Don't you think?

Q. So it is still relevant. Can you give example

Q. Post office can be called bank?

Q. Nowadays, we are hearing that the price of gold and silver is increasing. Which is the third metal whose price is increasing.

A. Probably Copper

Q. Don't ask me. You tell me.

Chairperson intervened that it is copper. Continue

Q. Why is it important for Rajasthan

Member 3

Q. Tell me 2 major social evils in India and how will you solve it.

A. Child marriage; women safety

Q. How will you solve child marriage. Let's say you're the DM of the district and you got information about child marriage

Q. What law will you use?

A. Don't know the exact sections but it is punishable offence and will take action accordingly

Q. What else you'll do?

Q. How exactly you'll spread awareness

Q. What about women safety?

Q. You're PSIR student. Monologue about chaos in liberal international order. Why is it happening and give examples

Q. So UN is useless now?

Q. How it has declined

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Member 4

Q. Let's continue with IR. PM Modi has recently visited few European countries. We are even discussing FTA. Why Europe and India are important for each other and what can India offer Europe.

Q. India and Canada relations deteriorated in recent past. Why?

Q. Nijjar is only 'citizen'? Which Indian communities live there?

Q. Rajasthan is known for its tourism industry. Why Rajasthan performs so well in tourism?

Q. Only geography is the reason for tourism?

Q. Kerala also has these things. It is now giving stiff competition to Rajasthan in tourism. Why would one go to Rajasthan then?

She wanted to hear hospitality

Q. Yes, I wanted to hear that.

(Didn't let me answer the ways to improve tourism)

Chairperson told me that my interview is over and that I can go

I said thank you and left

Chairperson was very strict all through the interview. Never smiled, made faces showcasing dissatisfaction when she was asking while never looking all through the interview. She was noting something at all times and was attentively listening.

Other members were fine and mostly cordial, unlike chairperson. I enjoyed the conversation but it was not totally a conversation, rather Q&A of sorts where they wanted to hear particular things from me. Very very different from any mock I've given.

Minimal question from DAF and the interview was not even current affairs dominated which

was a surprise. It was new

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Date of Interview: 14th Jan Afternoon (last one to go)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Ma'am

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Duration – 28 Mins

DAF keyword – IIT Roorkee, Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Mechanical engineering, Mathematics optional, Software Engineer, AI, Space debris, Co-founder podcasting club, YouTube and Mentorship, Cricket (Nothing was asked from this 😊)

Overall – It was good experience not able to answer 3-4 questions, and also very less DAF and Current oriented.

Chairman

Unhone DAF padh kar sabko introduce kiya (Kafi diverse experience and interesting hobbies)

Is your first interview?

DM/DC kya hota hai?

DM ka kya role hota hai? Aap ek badi cheej miss kar rhe hai? (Sir chal rha)

Aap Azamgarh ke DM ban kar vaha kya karenge?

Kya DM gov ka pratinidhi hota hai?

Panchayat ke pramukh karya?

MNREGA ka social audit kaun karta hai?

VB GRAM G ke bare me batao?

Member 1

Aapke state me Panchayat pramukh kaise chuna jata hai?

Gram sabha and gram Panchayat me difference?

Panchayat ke mamle me best and worst preforming state?

Panchayat ke 29 lists ke bare me batao?

Member 2

Urban local bodies kya hai?

Azamgarh me kya hai? Nagar palika or parishad.

Inke 3 pramukh karya batao.

Badi badi companies AI model train karti hai usase IPR losses hota hai?

Is IPR loss ko kaise tackle kar sakte hai?

UP school education me kya problem hai?

Teachers ki performance kaise improve karoge?

Ma'am – Bas karo aap ka ho gaya 😊

Member 3

Desh me bahut jyada inequality hai ise kaise fix kar sakte hai?

Kya skilling hi hai ya kuchh aur bhi?

Skilling me improvement kaise kar sakte hai?

Member 4

Aap se defense pr baat karte hai...

Army itni badi ham kyu rakhte hai?

Future me Army ka kya use hoga?

Air force ka jyada use lagta hai, to thal sena kyu?

Indian army kitni badi hai?

Ops Sindoor ke time pr BSFs ki death kyu hui jab army involve rahti hai?

Baki borders pr kaun si forces hai?

Desh ke andar kuchh hua to kaun si force?

Kya NSG sab jagah bheje jate hai?

PM ki security kaun dekhta hai?

President ki?

Last question aap ye batao PM ji aapke district me aa rhe hai to kya protocol follow karoge?

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Date of Interview: 21/01/2026

Board: Hon'ble Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Rajasthan

DAF keywords - Aerospace, Bikaner, Rajasthan, Squash, Anthropology, Mythology, Devotional songs

There was plane flying noise in the background for republic day practice, so ma'am asked what is this sound.

Chairman

1. Does this air show happens every year ?
2. What else happen on republic day ?
3. What is the difference between flag hoisting and flag unfurling
4. Something special on this republic day ?
5. What have you prepared for this interview?
6. Lets discuss some economics, what is Hindu rate of growth?
7. Who coined this term ? 3 years back RBI former governor warned that india is going to have a Hindu rate of growth, is it coming true?
8. What are the reasons for high growth ?

Member 1

1. How many points in the game of squash?
2. Recent achievements of India ?
3. Historically which countries dominated squash in last 20-25 years ?
4. You have a very fascinating subject in graduation, who do you want to do job of a civil servant, which can be boring at times ?

5. Your favorite part about Anthropology ? When did it began in India ?
6. Jugaad is very common in India, what are we doing to promote it ? Do you know about National Innovation Foundation ?

Member 2

1. In 1962, USA landed on moon, what significant event happened after that in USA space sector ?
2. Why Trump want to acquire Greenland and Canada ?
3. Do you know about Golden Dome ? Why US is focusing on that?

Member 3

1. Do you know about IVF ? Why it is getting popular now ?
2. You come from a place not many women come into services, what are the changes taking place there ? Shift in people's mindset ?
3. What is Home Schooling? Do you think it is good ?
4. Education in mother tongue, good or bad ? How will you give education on advanced technology in mother tongue ?
5. Favorite women character of Mahabharat?

Member 4

1. What was the reason for Air India crash?
2. Why India is doing good on IT and software side but not in Deep Technology?
3. Why are the solutions ?
4. Who is your favorite devotional song singer ?
5. Do you sing also ?

Sujata ma'am – Thank you, your interview is over.

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Date of Interview: 20 Jan

Board: Hon'ble Sujata Chaturvedi ma'am

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Maharashtra

DAF: Women shg awareness, flute, physics (graduation), teaching (father's profession), Anthropology, Nashik

Chairman

(Ma'am Read key points in DAF to all.)

No candidate has explained theory of relativity in satisfactory terms yet. Please explain.

Can you see the calender behind you? What system of calendar is this?

What was Switzerland doing in second world war? (It was neutral)

How does a country become neutral.

Can India also become neutral.

India has highest population in the world why can't we become powerful just because of that?

Member 1

What is Nashik famous for?

What's it famous for in modern times?

What is GER ?

Can we achieve 50%GER in higher education?

India has largest population does India have largest human resource?

What do we have to do to convert population into human resource.

Can you guess which painting is this?

What is creativity?

If I call the painting Madhubani and you also call the same is it creativity?

Still what is creativity?

Member 2

You play flute tell me about famous flautist in India.(Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia)

He had collaborated with someone for movie music.(SHIVHARI)

Why India didn't sign non proliferation treaty?

Member 3

What are rare earth minerals?

Their importance?

Where is India in rare earth minerals?

In India SHGs are primarily women SHGs, why so?

Member 4

Why is mother tongue called mother tongue?

Should we give early education in mother tongue,?

What is the physics of subatomic level called?

What is God particle? Which experiment was done to find it?

What are the applications of quantum physics?

What are the threats of quantum technology?

Chairman:

Your interview is over.

Date of Interview: 10/12/2025

(14)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Bihar

Time: 35 minutes +

DAF keywords: Bihar, IIT BOMBAY, Aerospace engg, Drone Industry, State PCS, Maths optional, Cardio and strength training.

Chairman

1. The reason behind naxalism in my district in the 1990s (probably she herself was posted there as DM) a long discussion took place on this.
2. Now naxalism is almost nowhere in Bihar, what are the reasons.
3. GoI has given a date to end naxalism in India, what is that date?
4. Do you think that naxalism will be over by then?
5. Role of tech in fighting naxalism.
6. You have recently joined as a revenue officer, so what is Chakbandi?

Member 1

1. What is energy transition?
2. why can't we just use some tech in thermal power plants and remove all pollutants and GHGs.
3. What are the issues in producing green hydrogen?
4. What is National green hydrogen mission. Nd present status; how much fund used and other progress.
5. Why migration (domestic)? Push and pull factors.
6. Migration to cities causes many problems, what should be done to deal with it?
7. We keep listening that new urban hubs will emerge but haven't seen it happening so.. in such a situation how will we deal with over migration.

Member 2

1. What are space debris and what shall we do to deal with it.
2. How to deal with the structural fatigue of aircraft?
3. In aviation sector, what is RMO ?
4. Some more questions on the aviation sector.. can't recall.

Member 3

1. You wanted to work at ground level and solve problems there, u already are in state public services then why now IAS?
2. You wanted to work for Bihar but getting home cader is very difficult, u may get kerala cadre, then what will happen to your motivation? Will it not amount to shifting your goal post?
3. What is Nuclear Submarine
4. Nuclear triad and why is it needed?
5. Need for sea based nuclear warhead?
6. Name of Indian nuclear capable Submarine?

M4:

1. How can drones help women w.r.t safety, economic, etc..
2. India has very large amount of coal yet we r importing it, why?
3. How do we measure quality of coal?
4. What is the budget of bihar?
- 5) Is there revenue deficit in bihar?

By this time Sujata ma'am said ki bahut time ho gaya sir, ab end karte hai, and it ended here. Overall, the board was very cordial, but they were on a non stop mode. Also not even a single question from the hobby n award part, neither from my optional was asked. What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

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Date of Interview: 10th Dec, afternoon

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Rajasthan

Read my DAF aloud.

DAF keywords which were discussed Dausa, Rajasthan, Mathematics, Maruti Suzuki. No question from hobby, leadership and Current affairs.

Chairman

How many wars India have fought? Asked who won which war.

LAC, LOC, border difference. what is IOK ?

Member 1

Famous about your district? science vs religion (2-3 min discussion)

Disaster profile of your state? How would you solve?

Member 2

Use of mathematics in administration?

Maruti history, shareholding pattern?

Attorney general vs solicitor general?

Member 3

Budget, contingency budget,

How would you bring money for infra ? PPP model ? (1-2 cross questions)

Member 4

India's spending on R&D vs China vs USA . Suggest measures to spend more on it ? Private sector role ?

Back to Rajasthan, why mewar, marwar ?

Chairperson- your interview is over.

Duration: 20 min (approximately).

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

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Date of Interview: 12/12/25 after noon session

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: physics

Hobbies: running and watching science movies

Chairman

1. what is ur work revenue officers?
2. when u go to office?
3. how u manage food working so late
4. worst experience/incident of ur job in last 3 years?
5. what qualities were shown by u and ur DM?
6. SHOULD YOUR DM SHOULD go to field on site when any grave incident occurs? Then further 2-3 question focusing on he should not go even if he is free and further few questions on same lines.

Member 1

1. farmers use terms like beegha and kila ,what manner land record is maintained in your state?
2. irregularities in chakbandi process ?
3. is land record digitalised your ir state?
4. which science movie u last watched?
5. most successful film maker of india?

Member 2

1. DRDO's recent achievements
2. one law and order situation u handled
3. how amd entropy in physics and society are interrelated,give us and analogy.
4. how u cop up with stress with a hectic schedule?

Member 3

1. A SITUATION OF OFFICE AND 2 FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS.
2. utility of short service commission and again asked why should we have ssc.
3. new air defece in delhi type ,name and source nation.

Member 4

1. What are renewable energy,initiatives and india's current position
2. india want a global sport event ,tell me when india want [about olympic 2036]
3. who decide host nation for Olympic
4. what is iron dome?
5. was it completely successful?

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Date of Interview: 16/12/2025 forenoon 2nd to go.

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: Geography

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Hobby: chess, science fiction

Daf key word- Geography (BA, MA ,UGC , optional), homeopathy, up, Moradabad, chess, science fiction

Chairman

Are you all right? Sit comfortably

1. why did you choose geography subject?
2. what is human geography?
3. What is planning in geography?
4. Do we really plan accordingly?(She was emphasising that we don't plan our cities)
5. 5-civic sense what is it? What are the things that make you unhappy in public?
6. why do people litter?(I said one is littering)
7. How will you bring behavioural change?
8. (I gave one case study of my district itself so one more question followed over does rewarding really works)
9. What is the role of education in this?

Member 1

1. What are the alternative medicinal system in india?
2. How homeopathic system works, key principle and idea ?
3. How it is different from allopathic?
4. What is autoimmune disease?
5. if you have to dismiss one of your employees what would you consider about him?
6. What is natural justice, and some more questions followed on those principles itself.

Member 2

1. What is Indus Water Treaty? What is it's current status?
2. She asked me to tell in details , wanted all geographical aspects. So I kept on speaking on this. Some questions followed like what infrastructure we are developing, geographical limitations etc.

Member 3

1. What are the opportunity available to the students who have done there pg in geography?
2. Why didn't you choose any of these since 2022?
3. What are the recent discoveries In our solar system or beyond that can change the way of our understanding universe?(This was asked because when chairman Mam asked me about why I choose geography so at one place I used this term interest in solar system in childhood)

Member 4

1. What is remote sensing?
2. As your second preference is IPS what policing will you do if you are appointed in Goa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh?
3. what is maoism? (It was asked when I started telling about chattisgarh)

Chairman Mam- Your interview is over Manish , now you can go.

My experience – maximum interview was around geography but in a different way, they were more interested in asking follow up questions rather than specific geography question and in

each question they were requiring to bring geographical dimensions, like that ips case study, indus water treaty.

No question from hobby, district etc.

One more thing that I noticed whenever I was giving any suggestions or solutions they were making altogether Saying this is very normal, oh this is on books not in reality.. wanted me to prove my point.

Overall I was satisfied because there was no factual question so conversation went well.

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Date of Interview: 18/12/2025 Afternoon (23-24 minutes)

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: Physics

Home State: Uttarakhand

Daf keywords: Bits Pilani , Trekking, Fitness (Gym), Ngo, Uttarakhand, Physics wallah (1-2 Q asked from Daf)

Chairman

The chairman read my name and said ok you're from Uttarakhand.

Is this your first interview. I told her that is my 2nd interview

She said I see you're working in work from home also (I acknowledged it but she started to talk so I did not shared what I do exactly)

How was your experience last time ? Are you better prepared this year

Gave a monologue for a minute about how she keeps on hearing about the same repetitive motives of everyone about joining the civil services

Tell me other reasons apart from the ones like diverse work , impact, challenging role etc

Then asked about altruism. Do you understand it

Then asked to choose between the quality of being generous and competitive.

After I choose generous and explained the reason

She said but competitive people will be more successful ahead by using tactics etc etc

Had a brief conversation about success and why I felt generous would be successful in the entirety of life

Asked about one shortcomings. (Told her that I tend to analyse more which delays decision)

Brief conversation on it for a minute

Member 1

(Lady): What will you do if you're made Pm for a week

And brief discussion on my responses

You seem to be a fitness oriented individual. (But didn't asked ahead)

Just said so you also worked in an Ngo

What's the role of Ngo (told her about the brief history and role)

What did you do (Told her about my project of guidance and counseling)

Member 2

So you're an Army Brat. Are you aware about the term (I said yes sir)

After that he directly asked a question about who is the general which also stays a general in other army of a country (what's the name of that country) – question was not clear . So he rephrased it once (had no idea so accepted)

He himself told that it's Nepal

Then a brief discussion on should gorkhas be included in Indian army (they have been excluded now)

Is Physicswallah doing something abroad (Told them as far as i know it is currently working in domestic areas mainly)

Is there a future plan to go abroad (Told him I'm not aware about any such strategy or news)

Member 3

(Serious look)

What's your take on Capital punishment? Do you think we should have death penalty.

(Chairman mam also was involved in the discussion – acknowledged my points too)

Where can a person approach for capital punishment (Told him about Judiciary but wanted more so told about President pardon .. but wanted more so accepted that I'm aware of these provisions at present will read more)

Criteria for appointment of judges of Sc

Have you heard Pareto's principle (I said I'm not able to recall it)

Similarly asked Parkinson's law and Parkinson's disease(similar answer as above)

Mplads scheme what is it (told him about it then asked its full form – told that). Then asked what's the corpus. Is it 100 crore (I said I'm not sure about the data as of now sir)

Member 4

Difference between Murder and Culpable homicide (but said wrong himself at start , later rephrased it to say murder and intent term)

Gave a very complex sentence (from what I can recall it was about what's the situation where one commits crime but cannot be punished (Even Chairman mam said hein? Ye kya complex chiz h sir)

I said I'm not aware about such provisions

Started throwing random terms of legal importance:

Do you understand this –

Means rea , Prima facie , Double jeopardy, And a few others as well (unable to recall other terms . Answered where I was confident)

Overall: Nothing asked from mocks or one to one (0 questions repeated 😊)

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Date of Interview: 16/12/2025

Forenoon- was the first to go

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Mam

Optional: Geography

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Keywords: Prayagraj, Geography optional, electrical engineering and movies (rest not asked)

Greeted all

Everybody together said about me having a unique name.
novels

Chairman

What were you doing since 2 hours? Said i was doing breathing exercise along with some chantings

Chairperson – Did it help? I said yes

Chairperson – should we start now?

1. What is going on in India recently domestic international anything?
2. so about this pollution in Delhi, why it varies like it was very bad yesterday and its a bit better today?
3. we do not know geography optional, so tell us what is temperature inversion?
4. what geographical reasons are responsible for pollution in Delhi?
5. Where are we at present with respect to US India Trade?
6. How our trade is doing? I said exports increased as per the article in today's newspaper
7. But how did it happen- we are facing tariffs?
8. What is happening at Aravalis – have you heard anything? I said sorry mam i know only about degradation and mining issues but not exactly i am aware of.

Member 1

1. You talked about new NREGA Bill- what are its new clauses?
 2. What is the full name? I said sorry sir it's a long name so i am not able to recall
 3. What is that one word which the act is about? I said guarantee.
 4. Are the states allowed for a seasonal pause? Why? Didn't know much
 5. What is the current expenditure ratio between centre and states? I said sir its wages and material.
 6. he said how much wage distribution? I said it may be sir 60-40 but not really sorry sir not sure of it. He said its 100%.
 7. Explain Malthusian theory.
 8. But food production in India is increasing so how about the theory being correct? Connect it with agriculture. I asked some time to think. Then i tried answering. He interrupted and started asking me certain questions (below 🙌)
- 8A- how much was india's population during independence. I said sorry sir. He said 30-35 million.

8B- how much was food production – i again said sorry sir. He said around 50 million tonnes

8C- by how many times population increased now – i said 5-6 times

8D- and the food production – 350 million tonnes -7-8 times

8E- so what happened in India something in history – i said sir green revolution. He said yes thank you.

FOUND HIM TO BE GRILLING.

Member 2

Was very cordial, nodding her head on all my answers, smiling.

1. You're from Prayagraj. So the mahakumbh attracted lot of crowd – do you think people believe in spirituality now? I was giving my answer – chairperson mam interrupted and said FOMO BHI TOH THA JAANE KA. You must be understanding this more than us. All smiled.
2. so did you as local face any problems? I honestly talked about traffic congestion
3. So how did you all manage ? Talkd about some steps taken by administration.
4. so it was a great event? I said yes mam
5. Gave a condition – you are the DM, you have a deadline to complete monsoon related projects but they have not been completed before monsoon. Your political bosses are angry, people are, media is there. What challenges will you have and how will you deal with it?
6. so do you think that monsoon districts should prepare for the impact of monsoon?

Member 3

1. So you are an electrical engineer – did you do any job? I said no
2. Why did you join engineering?
3. God forbids, if you dont qualify civil services wht will you do? I said i have requested some of my friends and relatives for any technical role
4. but its been so many years – will you get a job? Sir thats why i said that I will initially have to join training or an internship for ups killing
5. what do you think about the state of engineering education in India? I said sir its fragmented- some have very good facilities others dont. (I went to IIT DELHI and a very small private college during my engineering so made a comparison) > Interview Transcripts (CSPT-2025): 6) and what about the teaching quality? Again i said sir its fragmented.
6. What is the new civil liability law which the government is proposing? I answered. He again asked what did you say how much liability?
7. and what about safety, security, leakages etc? I said sir thats why atomic regulatory board has been given the statutory status to look after this issue.
8. what is limited and unlimited liability? I said sorry sir.

Member 4

1. so you like thought provoking movies- tell me 3 movies which you liked?
2. Why dangal? I said how it showed about father fighting the society etc

3. what about daughters? I said yes sir they were initially involved in household chores and then they joined wrestling. He interrupted and asked about 2nd movie.
4. What happened on 16th December? I said its Vijay Diwas when India won 1971 war and Bangladesh was formed.
5. why did it happen? Talked about the conflicts, operation starlight, etc
6. and how it boils down to today? Couldn't understand the question properly so said talked a bit about how things have changed
7. He said Sheikh Hasina, i couldn't understand what he's trying to say then again he took the name, i said sorry sir , then he raised his voice and said who is Sheikh Hasina? (I seriously didn't understand what he was trying to say)
8. Can you tell some event which happened on 16th in recent history?
I said sir unfortunate incident of Nirbhaya Delhi Gang rape case
He said ok thank you.

Chairman mam- Ok Yasharth, Your interview is over. You may go. Thank you.

TIME – 10:07 AM to 10:34 AM. (27 minutes)

These were exactly the questions which were asked. I remember all of them.

It was a very different board compared to others which we hear. Talked to different people with Sujata Mam's board. They all had the same opinion. Not much about your hobbies achievements nothing. Jumping randomly to new topics. But overall it was fine. May be Sujata mam sees things differently.

Rest all left to God. All the best guys.

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Date of Interview: 19th Dec – Afternoon 1st to go

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Hobby: Cricket

DAF Details – Law, Cricket, Scleroderma, nothing else asked

Chairman

1. What were you thinking while sitting outside
2. Then read my DAF aloud
3. Asked what did you read in the newspaper today
4. Why rupee is depreciating (I mentioned that I read about it in the NP) and follow up
5. India – US trade tariff and its implication on economy
6. Asked for my view on Indian economy in short term and long term
7. Asked what is PPP & L1 in bidding (had mentioned PPP in previous answer)
8. Follow up – what will you prefer in PPP which has revenue sharing clause, L1 or some other method
9. Asked other methods of evaluating bids and awarding ppp projects

Member 1

1. Tell me about Advocates Act (wanted to hear that lawyers are not allowed to advertise and then follow up Qs)
2. Asked about restoration of conjugal rights in India
3. Difference order and decree
4. What is injunction and on what grounds you get it
5. Who was baba kharak singh

Member 2

1. What's happening in Bangladesh
2. What international law is violated by Bangladesh and what recourse should India have (follow up Qs)
3. Asked about SHANTI Bill and then about Delhi Gas Leak Case
4. What is Case Law
1-2 more Qs can't remember

Member 3

1. Situation based Qs
2. Asked about UNNAT Scheme & Shikshan Sansthan
3. Challenges faced by India's IT sector and discussion on AI (Picked it from my answer to chair ma'am) and follow up Qs

Member 4

1. What is Grundnorm of India (Law related)
2. You play cricket – You hit a six and ball goes out of park, hits someone on the head and he dies – Decide your liability
3. Another situation based Q on law
4. What is torts
5. What is Scleroderma and follow ups (DAF Se)

Time – No idea

Board was really cordial

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Date of Interview: 11th Dec , Forenoon; 2nd to go

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Jharkhand

DAF Keywords: Jharkhand, Giridih, PSIR, and nothing else was asked

Chairman

1. Giridih used to be better and suddenly city lost its charm....what was that factor...are you aware ...I said no mam.....she said mica mining is stopped and less demand due to synthetic mica

2. So you are from Jharkhand(I said yes). So you know tribal people follow some very bad* practices. Could you tell me some.
I started with witchbranding and witchhunting...and we have long discussion on the same issue

Member 1

1. Asked about judicial activism and examples
2. Asked about delegated legislation and examples
3. As a administrator, how would you balance people's right to protest and right to way/non damage
4. Asked which place in Delhi is designated as protest site.
5. Some ideals written in preamble which we have not yet achieved or have long way to achieve
6. Have you read today newspaper... I said I have gone briefly through it.....he asked which country is contemplating on banning citizenship by birth...
I Said ...not gone through that exact section of paper but going by the news it could be USAhe smiled

Member 2

1. Operation sindoor and learnings.
2. Media management and misinformation that they spread during Op Sindoor
3. If appointed as DM of Ranchi, how would you promote tourism therein

Member 3

1. Why illegal abortion (sex selected) despite having a law in place.
How would you stop it.(I didn't mention Civil Society)
He asked is there any role of Civil society

Member 4

1. Follow up question from op sindoor. She asked I forgot to mention one domain (that was diplomacy she quickly mentioned and little talk on that).
2. Is socialism and capitalism can coexist. And discussion on same
...followup....discussion on inequality in india
Asked which Indian state has lowest inequality..i said I don't know but if allowed can take a guess.....she said go ahead.(Guessing isn't prohibited in our board)...I said maybe Karnataka...she smiled...
Back to chairman...she said your interview is over you can go now
(I might have missed 1-2 questions but they were mostly follow ups)
Time:- 26 mins

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Date of Interview: 6 Jan
Board: Sujata Chaturvedi
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Maharashtra
Key DAF Details: Nagpur, civil engineering, PSIR, autobiography.

Chairman

1. ARE YOU NERVOUS ? What were you thinking outside
2. What have you read in the recent days ?
3. Why PSIR
4. Some infrastructural and social problems of nagpur
5. Do you think infrastructural and social problems are interlinked

Member 1

1. So you read , What is ISBN number for ?
2. Technological advancements especially for women

Member 2

a lot of questions , technical questions , not satisfied in the beginning , happy later .

1. Why gold and silver prices are rising
2. Why copper prices are rising
3. What is narco terrorism
4. What legislations we have for narco terrorism
5. Were you able to ride the silver wave ?
6. Difference in silver paper prices and physical silver , explain (I won here)

Member 3

1. Why India is eyeing the UN security council (followed by long discussion on UNSC)
2. Other countries for security council
3. Why is it unfair
4. Are we ideologically unique
5. Discussion on Non aligned and multi aligned
6. Were we not following our interest before ?

Member 4

1. Student of PSIR , tell me about democracy
2. Pillars of democracy
3. Media as 4th pillar
4. Is media free ? Is Indian media good enough ?
5. Is US a true democracy
6. Is the real will of the people reflected, since we have a fixed voting share ?

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Date: of Interview: 7th Jan Afternoon session
Board: Sujata Chaturvedi mam
Optional: Kannada literature
Home State: Karnataka
Hobby: Badminton
Keywords- Karnataka, belagavi, electronics and communication engg, Police dept (9 years), kannada literature, cybercrime, ERSS, badminton

Chairman

Read my DAF highlighting keywords ...

Why India is super power in software industry ?

Sub questions followed on that.. conversation

Member 1

cybercrime call centres? how they are trained? Famous districts for cyber crime in India? Sub questions followed on my answers, scam compounds, What is modus operandi in cyber crime? What is dead drop in communication?(I didn't answer)

Member 2

ODOp of your district? how it is prepared? Constituents of that product? How sugarcane price is determined? What is extradition treaty? Recent exchanges..

How do you exchange narco criminals?

How do you control narcotics in the border? Sub q n a

Member 3

what is Interpol explain? Red notice?

Is wireless communication is still relevant in the mobile era justify (my job role), what are Nilgiris?(sir asked me in kannada)it's Uses?

it is used in afforestation ?

What is ethical hacking?

Which type of communication is used in bandipur national park?(I think this is the key question sir wanted to check my basics..got it right with explanation)

Member 4

what is happiness according to you? When you feel happy? give examples ..(expected qn based on my name)

One biggest challenge you faced in your work n how do you overcome it (expected qn)

Follow up and on hapiness...

Difference between free bees n welfare programs? Openion on recent Bihar election free bee scheme

Questions about my work.

Overall from DAF with applied qns. Board was very cordial.

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Date of Interview: 18/12
Board: Sujata Chaturvedi Mam
Optional: PSIR
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
Daf-UP, cyber security, cricket, psir, podcast

Chairman

M1(chairperson) : Read the daf

1. Discuss Israel issue.
2. where is Doha?
3. Why it is called as mediation capital?
4. What happened recently in Doha?
5. Tell me major players in Israel Gaza conflict.
6. Why is usa supporting Israel?
7. Usa mediation plan.

Member 2

1. Tell me 5 points you are going to talk on cyber security.
2. What are the tourism related issues in Agra?
3. How will you address them as tourism secretary?

Member 3

Putin was not arrested by India as per ICC protocol. Why?
Is usa member of ICC?
Major outcomes of Putin's visit.

Member 4

1. What is the difference between police and judicial custody?
2. Why police arrest? (Vague question)

Member 5

1. Difference between podcast and interview.
2. Recent podcast watched.
3. As a guide take me through Agra.

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Date of Interview: 9 Jan 2026
Board: Sujata Chaturvedi maam
Home State: Jharkhand
Daf keywords- Jharkhand, dhanbad, mindfulness meditation, raebareli, civil engineering, iit ism dhanbad

Chairman

1. Is it your first interview? What were you thinking when you were sitting outside?

2. When was Jharkhand bifurcated? What gains have been made by it after bifurcation?
3. What places have you visited during your college days in Jharkhand (and discussions regarding them)
4. Rivers in Jharkhand
5. You belong to Raebareli, it is a political hotseat for decades. What it has gained? Yet it is backward district, why?
6. What is Mplad scheme?

Member 1

1. Despite having large reserves of coal, why India still imports coal?
2. From which countries does India imports anthracite coal?
3. Post 1980-90s, what different path has China followed to achieve such remarkable growth rate?
4. Can India also become Centralised country like china?
5. What is ease of doing business and What most important things you can provide as a government to the investor?
6. Whats wrong with china's political system if it is yielding such a good result?
7. Is Wasseypur l&o is similar to what has been shown in gangs of Wasseypur movie? What Censor board could have done?

Member 2

1. What does development mean to you?(I mentioned the term previously)
2. What is Ashtang Yoga?
3. When is International yoga day celebrated?
4. What is the current base year and what are the changes proposed?
5. Real vs nominal gdp (difference)

Member 3

1. Why is it sometimes needed to create a image of something? Does the image of something isn't the result of the actions that are being undertaken? (I previously mentioned that gangs of Wasseypur movie has created negative perception of the town among the people)
2. Tell me about India Australia relationship
3. What do you mean by 'strategic'? (I have mentioned it)
4. Countries of quad

Member 4

1. Which building will you prefer: made with glass or clay brick?
2. Difference between transidental vs mindfulness meditation
3. Origin of mindfulness meditation
4. Vipassana vs mindfulness meditation
5. History of vipassana meditation
6. Don't you think our meditation is being colonised by west (eg mindfulness meditation)

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Date of Interview: 11th dec, 4th to go, forenoon

Board: Sujata Chaturvedi

Optional: Anthropology

Background: Chemical Engineering

Daf: IIT delhi, chemical engineering, IFS first pref, Anthropology, Goldman Sachs

Chairman

: read through my daf, said foreign service is your first choice

What do you know of bretton woods

Nuclear weapons as fear being the key

Why do you think world is now becoming more unstable

More cross questions on Mr Trump

Do you think humanity is finished

What is gaslighting ?

Do you think there is gaslighting in patriarchy?

Member 1

: moonlighting? Is it ethical?

Which country imposed visa restrictions using social media

How many years of social media history

Implication of it on India?

How to solve water pollution as chemical engineer?

Cultural relativism and Human rights

Member 2

as a diplomat, military diplomacy

Why we need military exercises

Cross questions on china an enemy

Do you think only diplomats can do discussion with other nations on military

Siachen what you know tell everything

Why we need siachen

Member 3

One nation one election, why needed, status

Air pollution and impacts on health

What measures? Is there a failure

Member 4

chemical weapon convention

Why they are used despite all country ratifying

How it is applied

Nerve agent (did not know)

Goldman Sachs name origin

Chairman: Thank you your interview is over

Total time: 28 mins

Board was non stop asking in the end mam had to ask last 2 members to hurry

All the best guys

Anuradha Prasad

(1)

Date of Interview: 9th December 2025

Board: Anuradha Prasad Ma'am

DAF Keywords(which were asked): Public Policy Analyst, Cyber Security, B.El.Ed, Josh Talks, United Nations [nothing else asked from DAF, these things took up enough time. Learning- the richer your DAF, more predictable the interview- I had tackled 80% of these questions in mocks]

Chairman

Q1: So you were a Public Policy Analyst. Tell me other avenues from your graduation, as it is a unique course.

Q2: Cyber Security- Australia has banned social media for children below 16. Do you think we should do so in India?

Q3: Let's say we do implement, can you tell me what will be the practical steps that need to be taken? Very implementable, not arbitrary steps.

Q4: If a cyber crime happens, who are the stakeholders? Apart from the ones who do the crime?

Q5: What are personality rights? (I had led them on to this question with my earlier answer)

Q6: If Anil Kapoor and Amitabh Bacchan are fighting for their personality rights, why are they doing so?

Q7: Difference between fiscal and monetary policy?

Q8: By giving examples, share what is under the domain of fiscal and what is under monetary policy from these 3: inflation, employment and currency depreciation (I had given these 3 examples in my earlier answer)

Q9: How does forex and G Sec sale and purchase impact currency prices?

(At the end of this the discussion they had gone into economics and it started building pressure on me, so I gracefully admitted: ma'am I'll read up more deeply on it to be able to explain it coherently)

Member 2

Q1: You were earning a handsome amount as an Anchor and content strategy manager at Josh Talks. What was your role there? Why did you resign? What inspired you for civil services?

Q2: There is a rising trend of female IPS officers who are encounter specialists. Would you want to become encounter specialist?

Q3: Let's say you get into the services, where do you see yourself in the next 10 years?

Q4: You only talked about your professional life. Aims for your personal life?

Q5: Have you ever been criticised? How do you handle criticism?

Member 2

Q1: World humanitarian summit at UN. Tell us more about it. What was your role? How did you earn the certificate of excellence there?

Q2- What are human rights?

(Sir was quite aged, just smiling and jovial)

Member 3

Q1: You talked about Tata Nano earlier. (I had given it as an example regarding my role at Josh talks- a topic I covered as an Anchor). Tell me, why did it fail?

Q2. If you were to be given the responsibility of re-marketing Nano, how would you go about it?

Q3. Folks at TATA are quite smart, they would have thought about relaunching NANO. Why didn't they?

Q4. Do you think that Nano should be relaunched in India? If yes, should it be relaunched at the same price??

Q5- Let's say you're driving from home to office, and you break a traffic rule. The traffic cop will agree to let you go if you give 200-250 rupees to him. No one from office has seen that you broke the law. What will you do?

Q6: What is the difference between blockchain and bitcoin?

Member 4

Q1: Lavanya, India tops the list of countries which face Cyber attacks. How do we tackle this menace? Since you've worked in public policy analysis of cybersecurity.

Q2. Which ministry should be put cybersecurity under? Defence? MEITY? External affairs?

Q3. What is the AI readiness of India? How do we navigate the coming challenges?

Chairperson: Last question to you Lavanya. Do you think TATA Nano will succeed if it is launched today?

(2)

Date of Interview: 08-12-25 , forenoon, 5th to go .

Board: Anuradha Prasad Ma'am

Optional: ECONOMICS

daf keywords – ECONOMICS , Fundraising , ed tech (work ex) .rest not asked.

Chairman

do u think ed- tech is the future ? A small talk on edtech .

A situational question: if in a hilly area , there are 2-3 students , how will you ensure education accessibility for them ? Then herself suggested, can't we make arrangements to bring those kids to nearby schools .

A small discussion on fundraising and follow up questions – My role in fundraising, reaction of donors , how You ensured proper funds utilisation.

What are the positive impact of US tariff on India ? (In answer , I mentioned tapping new market)

Follow up question – So , you mean we can compensate completely by tapping new market ?

Asked for examples , where we are tapping markets – both sectors and the countries

And in sectors where we are lagging to compensate the loss due to us tariff .

Ma'am (in the end , asked) -- Give me examples of perfect competition market in India.

Then Examples for monopoly – oligopoly in India , apart from Airlines (due to Indigo situation)

Member 1

Discussion on ethics and integrity. The Difference between both .

Can ethics be learnt in services ? If yes , How ?

Situational question – If u r posted in an office , with corruption prevalent from top to bottom , how would you navigate yourself in such situations?

Again situational : If a very needy person comes to u but there is first come first serve rule.and that person is not the first . How would you handle the situation?

Member 2

a small monologue on foreign investment and India's desire to attract investment.

Then asked, what are Negative of foreign Investments. (I relate it with policy influence)

Do they also influence India's policy?

Should India attract Foreign investment?

Why rupee is depreciating?

A small monologue on direct tax proportion. (I quoted the fact).

Then , tax to gdp ratio and comparison of India with west .(I did it with oecd countries)

Member 3

– (asking questions nowhere related to my daf)

Do you take keen interest in home appliances? Like how do they work?

Like AC , FAN etc .

Regarding fan , I mentioned motor .

Then asked , how does motor work 😊.

A small monologue on carbon sink and quest for 33% forest . Then question: How forest absorb carbon – I clarified if he is talking about the process of how trees absorb CO₂.

(Basically photosynthesis)

He replied affirmatively.

How carbon sink is measured (like in tonnes) the methodology ..

Member 4

Linked Indigo issue and the duopoly market.

Why India should have duopoly or oligopoly market. (I linked it with economics core concept).

Asked for few examples

How government prevent situation of monopoly in the economy?

(3-4 questions, unable to recall)

(3)

Date of Interview: 9/12/2025
Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am
Optional: Zoology
Home State: Bihar
Hobby: fabric painting
Key DAF details: zoology, pcod, fabric painting

Chairman

How can you promote adoption of fabric painting : traditional arts like madhubani, kalamkari among children?

How did you start fabric painting? Did you learn it at school or in later phase of life.

How can you promote such art overall?

Opinion about genome editing being used for designer babies or for revival of extinct species?

What are the regulations possible for it?

Usa trade talks wit india regarding genetically modified soyabean?

Member 1

You are from zoology but how did you give a presentation related to pcod?

What did you present?

Difference between pcod and pcos

How can you ensure better development of social capital in india?

What role does public institutions play in inculcation of value system in india?

Idea of viksit bharat? How india is planning to develop: especially with regard to adoption of western value system or with our own traditional value system?

Member 2

To which state does kalamkari belong?

Which region of Andhra is famous for kalamkari? Why?

What is the relation between zoology and pharmaceutical companies?

Issue of children deaths in MP and TN due to some drug? what component was that?

How can we regulate such drugs?

Member 3

Issue of begging on roads? How can we eradicate that?

Evolutionary theory of charles darwin? What is the new theory challenging it?

Do you think lamarckism can be back in relevance?

Lamarckism connection with epigenetics?

Member 4

If we follow evolutionary tree, do you think there is still a possibility of evolution in future?

Growing nationalism in world? What is the impact of it that nations woud face? Its impact especially on trade?

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Date of Interview: (16/12)

Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobbies: Trekking, Running, Cricket

Key words of DAF: Trekking, Running, Cricket, Electrical Engineering, Economics, Executive Engineer, Power Distribution, Energy Conservation, ASO, Ministry of external affairs, IRMS, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi.

Chairman

Guidance in rural area? ... How opportunities differ in urban and rural?

Satellite internet.. What is it

Indian company in this

What are issues and why we are going towards it.

Connectivity projects in India

Bharanet ka status

Member 1

Why do you play cricket

What we learn from sports in general

200m famous Indian runner old

You do trekking

Treks done

Village on the route to Dodital

How you managed stay?

Any wildlife conflict?

Then what did you see there on treks

Trekking Gear you have

What govt doing for vendors

Why it is being done?

Member 2

Difference you noticed in

himachal and Rajasthan

Socio economic difference

Why economics

What did you learn in eco

Econometrics??

Member 3

How rbi stabilize rupee

Why it's depreciating

Why left network analyst

Why civil services

Then why ASO MEA in between
Your experience in south block?
What kind of communication system used in MEA?
Asked some details.. I refused to tell due to xyz rule
issues due to solar energy in Rajasthan?
Environmental issues in news?
What's supreme court order and what can be done?

Member 4

Wealth of nation
Terminologies by Adam smith
Invisible hand, laissez Faire.
Noble prize of economics and what it explains.
What is creative destruction
Which economic term was introduced during great recession?... I could not hear what she told.
Could govt be only about economics?

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Date of Interview: 19/12/2025 (Forenoon)
Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am
Home State: Uttar Pradesh
DAF Keywords: Tiger conservation, UP, free verse poetry, South Africa, Human rights, Fantasy fiction novels

Chairman

1. What did you do in Tiger Conservation project?
2. Suppose if we want to put a railway line in a forest region, what kind of clearances do we need?
Why do we need these clearances?
(She herself then nudged towards cutting of trees)
What measures can we take for these cutting of trees? (I said compensatory afforestation)
Where are these afforestation done? (Said sorry, not aware about the technicalities)
3. You write free verse poetry. Can you name any poets?
 - Have you read any contemporary poets? (I mentioned Rupi Kaur, but I don't follow her writings)
 - Have you heard about Golden Gate? Vikram Seth-does he write free verse? (Said I'll have to check ma'am, not sure)

Member 1

1. How did you defend South Africa, on human rights?
2. You're from UP, there are some problems on ground-what are they?
Said we are progressing as GSDP in top 5, but problems still there, talked about demography, regional inequalities.

She said you are correct, but despite such projects, not much seen on ground. What other problems there. (I said law and order, implementation issues-which we are working on, named few policies)

Do you think UP should be bifurcated? (Said I don't think it will address ground issues, need inclusive development and connectivity)

Member 2

I think he was from economics background (I had economics as a subject in 12th)

1. Continued from previous- what will connectivity projects do?
2. Will these projects increase labour mobility to western up? What about the wages then? (I said if we have industrial development in eastern up then labour migration will reduce, and even if it does happen, it will be skilled labour-which may impact wages)
3. Trump's claims of South Africa human rights violations. What is your view?
4. Have you heard about Ricardo's theory (I said sorry)
5. Tell me what comparative advantage means.
6. Are we witnessing a shift in trade from comparative advantage to any other theory?
7. I said I'm not sure about the exact theory but we are witnessing a shift where trade is being influenced by politics.
8. Some statement by Economic Adviser that we need to increase FDI from China. What is your view?
9. Said we currently allow through govt route, which is fair since we need to have due diligence when it comes to Chinese investments.
10. What pressnote was this?

Member 3

(Male)- very soft voice, had to try hard to hear it

1. View on all party delegation after Op Sindoor
2. Were our objectives achieved? (I said not sure of exact objectives but we were able to highlight China Pak Nexus and counter anti India narratives)
- Can't recall 1-2 ques

Member 4

1. What does your name mean?
2. Have you heard about Maslow? Who was he?
3. Tell about his hierarchy of needs.
4. What stage has India achieved?
5. Why do we have myths and supernatural traditions?
6. When does history become myth?
- I gave a detailed reply on when we lose our records, gave example of Nalanda
- He asked what about oral traditions? I said when we lose a generation or they lose touch with these traditions, that link is broken.

Then, he said thankyou.

Then, Chairwoman said thankyou. I thanked everyone and left.

It was more of a fluid conversation, everyone was smiling.

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Date of Interview: 12/01/2026

Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Key DAF Details: INTEGRATED FARM TO MARKET WAREHOUSING AND BRANDING MODEL, UP Prayagraj, Civil engineering, anthropology other not asked from DAF

Chairman

1.Ma'am

What is your idea on integrated farm to market?

How is it different from existing models?

What are steps taken by govt?

Discussion on e-NAM and present status?

Give two best models?

Benefits?

Then discussion on sahyadri farm?

Member 1

You are from sultanapur Prayagraj then discussion on tourism.

How you will promote religious tourism as secretary? Give 3 steps?

Discussion on maritime security? What are present setups?

Human security vs maritime security?is it separate thing or what ?

Recent changes in Australia's visa policy regarding Indian citizens comparison with Nepal Bangladesh

Why strict rules now?

Then unesco 'intangible cultural heritage site follow up from my ans

Difference between tangible vs intangible status

Member 2

Continue discussion on integrated farm to market

Estimated cost?

Any provision in 3 farm laws regarding procurement

Is there any food corporation of India 's procurement in your region?

Steps taken by govt in food processing industry?

Farmer receiving less amount than msp in present context?

Discussion on legalising MSP?

Member 3

You have studied from NIT HAMIRPUR HP?

Discussion on historical linkage of Sikh between Punjab and Himachal Pradesh?

Difference between Pok and Azad Kashmir?

Monologue on recently defence minister given speech

regarding taking back pok and Indian army 's take is not possible in present scenario what you think ?

In future how will we can take give your opinion?

Member 4

Time spend in college as (2018-2022) batch

Why anthropology over civil engineering?

From response that means you are very strategic person?

why there are skill mismatch given data means over 60-70 percent unemployable?

What steps you will take?

Then given scenario why are skilled migrate abroad? How to overcome?

Should we open imported skilled labour in India?

Comparison between china and India over skill development centres why despite this huge gaps

What steps you will take as civil servant to overcome these (as assuming you as civil servant)?

All time he was smiling

Other 2-3 questions not able to recall

ma'am said you interview is over with smiling face

All time she was writing something. She is very interested in my idea of integrated farm to market.

Overall very cordial board

More like conversation not question answer format ...

Time around -26 -27 minutes

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Date of Interview: 15/01/2026 (Forenoon)

Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am

Optional: Mathematics

Home State: Rajasthan

Duration: 26 to 28 minutes

DAF Keywords: IIT Delhi, Jaipur, Civil Engineering, Mathematics Optional, Delhi Drainage, Solo Travelling, Trekking, Educator and Mentor, Other things from DAF not asked

Chairman

1. Monologue about natural capital. What exactly is natural capital?
2. How do we assess the value of natural capital?
3. Why should natural capital be included in GDP? Methodology to adopt
4. How can natural capital be protected and conserved?
5. As a policymaker, what would be your two focus areas for natural capital conservation?
6. What is the meaning of an educator and what was your?

7. Professors in IIT: were they friendly or not?
8. Were you friendly with any professor?
9. Where should one draw the boundary between students and professors?
10. Is poor teaching a reason for brain drain?
11. What can be done to stop brain drain at the university level?

Member 1

1. Is global terrorism increasing or decreasing?
2. What is the impact of global terrorism on India?
3. As a diplomat, African nations give you responsibility for parliament development. As a Civil Engineer, how would you design those buildings?
4. What is the role of Civil Engineering in diplomacy?
(Rest I cannot remember)

Member 2

1. Monologue on drainage problems in India.
2. What are the major drainage system problems and their solutions?
3. As Delhi Jal Board Chief, which areas would you focus on with the current resources to improve Drainage situation of Delhi?
4. Monologue on terrorism increase then asked why reasons for terrorism are not highlighted in West Africa.
5. About the CPEC project: why is China focusing on CPEC?
6. What is the strategic importance of Gwadar for China?
7. What are the threats for India?
8. How can India provide leadership to the Global South?
9. Global South vs Global North: why does the Global North need the Global South?
10. Why are reforms in multilateral institutions not being happening, is it because of Global North?
11. As a diplomat, what can you do about this?
12. India wants to highlight Global South issues, but China is also doing the same. What can India do differently?

Member 3

1. Why solo travelling?
2. Your last visit was Sikkim. Where in Sikkim?
3. Why did you not visit North Sikkim?
4. What two differences did you observe between Sikkim and Jaipur?
5. Other places visited and where in Kolkata?
6. What did you like about Kolkata?
7. How can tourism be improved in Jaipur in your state?
8. Monologue about homestays. How was your homestay experience. How would you increase tourism in Jaipur?
9. Discussion on startups. Are startup valuations justified?

10. What problems are faced by startups in your college?
11. Why are Indian startups not doing well?
12. Are Indian startups a bubble?
13. What is the difference between a teacher and a mentor?
14. What do you consider yourself: a teacher or a mentor?

Member 4

1. Discussion started from coastal development because I mentioned beaches in solo travelling.
2. What are the principles of coastal development?
3. Monologue on CRZ norms.
4. What other rules and regulations exist related to coasts?
5. What are the reasons for coastal pollution and degradation?
6. As a Civil Engineer, what can you do to protect the coasts?
7. As a District Magistrate, how would you balance tourism and coastal protection?
8. What green measures can you adopt?
9. Discussion on tactical and strategic threats.
10. Tactical and strategic means for India to maintain short term and long term relations with Iran.

Chairman ma'am said. Your interview is over. You can leave now. All the best.

Cannot remember some questions.

Interview Transcripts (CSPT-2025):

My experience – The interview was fully opinion based, ideological, and situation based. I did not mention even a single point on IR in DAF but still more than 30 percent of the interview was around IR. Overall, the interview mainly revolved around IR, Environment, and Civil Engineering. No factual questions were asked. No questions from my mathematics optional. One thing I really liked was that the board was actively listening and cooperative. They did not interrupt me at any point. No poker faces. Didn't counter my answers, but they wanted depth. So they kept continuing discussion based on what I was saying. I have given many mock interviews but not even a single mock touched 10 percent of the actual interview experience.

(8)

Date of Interview: 22 January 2026, Forenoon, 4th to go.

Board: Anuradha Prasad Ma'am

Optional: Malayalam Literature

Home State: Kerala

DAF Keywords: Kerala, Mechanical Engineering, Malayalam Literature, Ernakulam, Kottayam, Mentor, Digital Literacy, Solar Desalination, Mindfulness Meditation, Football, Formula One

Chairman

1. Good morning, [Full Name]. What do your friends call you – your full name or a short name?
2. You have been a part of a Digital Literacy drive at the Panchayat level. Tell me more about it. What did you do, and what was your role?
3. What all components were included as part of the digital literacy course?
4. AI and robotics are replacing jobs massively, especially in the Mechanical Engineering field. How would we accommodate people whose jobs are being replaced? Where would they work? (Discussion and cross-questioning)
5. (Continuation from my previous answer) Elon Musk suggests that in the future, we may not need to work and only need to use products. If production keeps increasing, after a point, do we actually need to work? Then what is more important – increasing production/products or being able to work? (Mentioned self-satisfaction and contributing to society)

Member 1

1. You mentioned contribution to society. Is Formula One contributing to society?
2. You have done a project on solar desalination. What is solar desalination?
3. What is the status of solar power in India? We had some targets for 2030. Have we achieved them?
4. What is the current efficiency of solar power generation? What is the maximum level that can be achieved?
5. What are the recent advancements in improving the efficiency of solar power generation?
6. What is the percentage share of the industrial sector in GDP? Is India doing well in the industrial sector?
7. What is a startup? What are unicorns?
8. How are startups faring in India? (Cross-questioning) Are they facing challenges such as funding issues? Explain with reference to a specific sector.
9. Yesterday, there was some news about government funding to SIDBI. Are you aware of it?

Member 2

1. Have you been to Delhi before?
2. What is mindfulness meditation? How is it different from other forms of meditation?
3. Isn't mindfulness more of an attitude, while meditation is much deeper and more analytical? How are the two related?
4. There is a recent trend of increasing suicides among students. What are the reasons? How can we tackle this issue? Can meditation help?
5. People with suicidal tendencies often show certain indications. What are those indications, and how should we identify them?
6. Why is India not doing well in football, except in some regions like Bengal and Kerala? What are we lacking, and what can be done?

Member 3

1. You were part of a Digital Literacy drive some years ago. At present, how would you make people aware of cybersecurity? (Cross-questioning and discussion)
2. Consider us as people who do not know anything about cybersecurity. How would you make us aware of it?
Do you know the helpline number for cybersecurity?
3. You are working as a mentor at an academy. What do you do there?
4. When you mentor students, how would you advise them to prepare for the UPSC Personality Test?
5. Have you attended the interview before?
6. Tell us frankly, What is your opinion about this Upsc interview process? Do you have any suggestions improve this process or Is this just perfect?

Member 4

1. You have Malayalam Literature as your optional. Literature, dance forms, etc., are cultural expressions. What does Mohiniyattam symbolise? Who is Mohini?
2. You studied in Kottayam? Ernakulam District or Kochi District? Kottayam is a neighbouring district of yours. There is a saint from Kottayam. Do you know who it is?
3. Why is Kerala lagging behind in industries? (Cross-questioning)
4. Kerala has many boards like the Coconut Board, Rubber board, Spices Board, yet it is still lagging. Why?
5. Do you think people's attitude is also an issue in this regard? If you were the Industries Secretary, what would you do to change this attitude?
6. Isn't nokkukooli, where wages are demanded without even working, also a major attitude problem?
7. Despite all these issues, why is Kerala still called "God's Own Country"?

Thank you

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Overall, the board was cordial and conversational. The Chairperson and some of the members were smiling. All of them were very attentive.

(9)

Date of Interview: 10/12/25

Board: Anuradha Prasad mam

Optional: economics

Home State: Delhi

Forenoon 1st to go

Delhi, economics, squash,

Chairman

Interesting hobbies you have

Squash and badminton difference

More about squash

Ai bubble
Its impact on india
Its impact on ai infra

Member 1

Urbanisation uprooting people. How would you tackle it?
Any schemes?
H1B issue. Impact on Indian IT
Impact on labor market
Labor laws discussion

Member 2

Farmer income tax?
Discrimination if big farmers are not taxed?

Member 3

If you realise dont have the qualities of a leader what would you do?

Member 4

What alternate econ models have you pursued? (From daf)
Cant remember more

(10)

Date of Interview: 10.12.2025- Name – COURAGEOUS_2000

Board: Anuradha Prasad Madam – Afternoon session

Home State: HARYANA

Keywords – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE, SLUM, SATYARTHI FOUNDATION, COMMERCE, FARIDABAD, HARYANA, REFLECTIVE JOURNALING ON SOCIAL DYNAMICS, PLASTIC WASTE.

Chairman

Q1. So I see you've worked with Kailash satyarthi – don't you think he rescue children 10-20-50 whatever but they go back to same number – 'so called activist' doesn't make difference
I said No mam , Activist like Kailash satyarthi are atleast initiating such reforms to address the menace of child labour.

Talking about the children going back further structural step needs to be taken

What structural? – data where child labour happening+ convincing parents (taking them out of vicious cycle of poverty)

How can we collect data in informal sectors – send different person in places where child labour concentration is there + convince parents through communication – send them school – incentive like mid day meal etc

Mam asked one more question –

You are a bcom graduate- do you know which body regulates Chartered Accountants ? I mentioned ICAI.

Then she said Okay. Do you know about NaBFID... I told the full form

Asked- how it regulates CA

(Said , I'm not aware about it).

Member 1

- how to address inequality at workplace (I said legal aspects – ICC formation under POSH, Gender sensitivity training etc)

- Have you faced patriarchy ever in professional life etc
(answered)

- How in domestic sphere? You've a brother

- Q on period leave (I mentioned something related to it in upper answers so Q came)
(Answered satisfactory as decided)

1 more question – can't remember.

Member 2

- what is reflective Journaling

(Started explaining him how I write on social dynamics)

He interrupted and said how is it different from newspaper reading etc

(I said sir in RJ – opinions are formed analysis is done and i decide what changes can be made)

Sir asked – Do you mean opinions are not formed when I read newspaper

(No sir that is not the case but they are more structural and also can be revisited after a fortnight/ month)

He asked Benefits of it ?? (I said sensitivity, analytical mindset on issues, EI etc)

I also added on my way of RJ (changes in social institutions for example recently i jote down how

intercaste marriage allowed in my family otherwise a traditional arrange marriage setup)

Member 3

- you must be feeling nervous outside waiting in hall. What you did?? You talked to someone
(Yes sir I was feeling a bit nervous. I tried talking to people and sir I tried breathing technique also 4-2-1 – sir laughed , I also

And to add on sir – i chanted also

Sir asked – you do it everytime? Does that work

Yes sir I apply this and it works for me.

Now you are all okay with smiling face

Yes sir I am good now. Thankyou.

Q – Asked quality of leader (traditional time and new time – which are same)

I mentioned – clear communication, single goal , accessibility etc

He said what if all this fails which quality must be there – (sir emotional intelligence is foremost – explained a bit – without this organisation/ social protest etc will shatter)

Member 4

Q – as sociology student what common you see in all societies be it desert society, western society

(I mentioned about social cohesion)

Sir said don't you think language is also there (i said sorry sir and i forgot to add on)

He asked about other common factor I said – Religious belief)

And i can't think of more right now.

1 more question asked, can't remember.

Chairperson again

– I want to ask you why Mr Trump is talking about taking Greenland

(Though I wasn't aware of news)

I said mam I believe it must be for capturing the northern pole proximity – ARCTIC

Counter Q – why now? What's there in arctic that he is doing it now

I said sorry mam I'm not aware of the issue. I will read about it.Mam said – No problem

Your interview is over

I said Thankyou to all members smilingly.

What were your lessons from organising a cricket tournament for visually impaired women?

(11)

Date of Interview: 16 Dec 2025 forenoon (last to go)

Board: Anuradha Prasad mam

Optional: Sociology

Home State: Haryana

Hobbies: Creative Journaling, Painting

Key DAF: Ministry of Defence, Haryana, Creative Journaling, Painting, Sociology

Chairman

1. Discussion on painting – which painter you like?
2. Discussion on Haryana & Punjab water dispute – SYL
IWT discussion and project on it?

Member 1

1. Questions on Tamil Nadu and Kerala water dispute
2. Carbon footprint
3. circular economy discussion

Member 2

1. Learning from office experience
2. Defence learning : Agnipath discussion

Member 3

1. Drug issue Punjab more vs Haryana
2. Why Haryana Developed more than Punjab state

Member 4

1. What is Creative Journaling

2. what changes you want to bring in society and what ideas you have

I had a cordial conversation and comfortable atmosphere was provided by board and members

All the best to fellow candidates.

(12)

Date of Interview: 18/12/2025

Board: Anuradha Prasad Madam

Home State: Rajasthan

Afternoon (5th Candidate) i was second last to go

Time: 17:10 – 17:40 hrs

Telegram – Uno

DAF – Spirituality, Rajasthan, Industrial & Production Engineering, Hindi Essay Award novels

Chairman

1. Are you comfortable in English or shall we go in “Hindi”. i replied “English” madam.
2. Have you heard about the Word ‘Spectrum’ ? (I replied that I have heard the spectrum but do not have the clarity)
3. You have heard ‘Spectrum’ in Which thing (I said 2G, 4G)
4. Why recently it was controversial (i replied I am not aware)
5. 2G Spectrum issue
6. You are an engineer but in many branches students are very less shall we close them. (i replied it is true that some branches has less but closing is not an option rather we can rationalize the resources, right now can’t think which branch can be closed)

Member 1

1. Who was Guru Ghasidas?
2. What is Dholpur House?
3. Who was Maharaja of Dholpur? (I said can’t recall)
4. One school believe in ‘predetermination’ and other is ‘free will’ which do you support.
5. Here onwards Job Related questions.....

Member 2

All related to Job profile.....

1. What is ‘Narco Analysis’. Don’t you think it violates principle of ‘protection against self incrimination’

Member 3

1. what is the meaning of your name and what inspiration do you draw from it ?
2. Gave a big monologue about Freight Equalization Policy 1952. (I said I am not aware of this Policy). He letter on explain me in this policy and ask me was it right or wrong (I said sir that in aspir my estimation at that time it was good because India needed and equitable resource all location).

3. some states are paying more taxes but the money is being transferred to lagging states are we not penalising them. (Penalising rather it is responsibility to make sure that we can tap the potential of each and every State)
4. Indian population is a challenge don't you think ? (Reply sir that today we are young Nation and we can read the benefit but if you are not able to read the demographic dividend then can be a challenge)
5. What is CAA (i explained)
6. why people were against CAA (i mentioned that biggest minority was against it)
7. Minorities had nothing to do with (i said NPR NRC)
8. What is the current status (I said NPR NRC are in abeyance and citizenship rights being give under CAA)

Member 4

Slow voice (i said that madam pardon i was not able to understand first line of you)

1. Why India is focusing on the big Industries rather than we should focus on the msme's don't you think that by focusing on big Industries we are trying to promote the inequality of income. (I said it is duty to promote equality but both are important, as for future we need to create Chip Industry, Semiconductor but should also promote MSMEs as they provide Jobs)
2. She insisted on that we should promote Big Industries.
Anuradha Madam Said "Thank You"
I said thank you to Madam (Forgot to say thank you to other members, I stood up very quickly)

(13)

Date of Interview: 14th January

Board: Anuradha prasad

Optional: History

Session:- forenoon

Keywords:- history Nota and Road Safety (achievement debate and speech me tha ye isliye pucha)

Chairman

Aaiye aap comfortable ho jaiye

Aapne ancient history padhi hai to btaiye

1. zero kis period me aaya
2. kisne diya
3. To 1,2,3,4,5 kb aaye hai
4. Aur inko arabic numbers kyu khte hai aur arab ka gyan itna famous kyu hai (maine arab incyclopedia btaya aur ye bhi ki india aage apne ancient knowledge ko continue nhi kr paya kuchh reason btaye)
5. She said ki history repeats itself to maine btaye aur sath me ye bhi ki agar repeat hua to iska matlb ki hmne seekha nhi

6. to btaiye abhi kya seekhe hm yha se industrial revolution aur ai maine link kiya
7. Ai me india ko kya krna chahiye
8. abhi innovation me kya kya kr rhe hai hm maine mission btaye kuchh

Member 1

1. allahabad university abhi kyu utne civil servants yha se nhi aa rhe h kuchh reason btaye
2. aap bahut young hai to ye btaiye ki kaun s experience
Jruri hai age ka aur exposure ka
3. ye btaiye kisko select krenge civil service me jisko trained kr skte hai ya jo phle se matured hai
4. foreign policy me ek sbse bdi challenge maine neighbourhood bola to bole koi aur maine multialignmet ko lekar bola
5. india agr world ko lead krega to kya kya kaise krega maine isko explain krte hue ek point climate bola tha usme bhi aage pucha climate ko lekar

Member 2

1. road safety ko lekar kya krenge aap agr delhi me as a civil servant
2. Indo pacific pr usa china mam dash line asean countries name aur sea kaun kaun se hai
3. 3.hybrid war fare kya hai

Member 3

1. nota discussion hua 5 min kb aaya kya change aaya kaise aur improve krenge voting awareness ko lekar
2. history me mahajanpad 16 abhi ke kis kis state me hai ungali pr nam gine sbke phir south me kyu nhi hai ye keral tamilnadu me to maine bola udhar rajya develop nhi hai mahapasha kal hai
3. Sangam vansh ke bad se lekar early medieval tk south ka vansh kram pucha
South aaj north se aage hai to iska historical reason hai kya aap is bar agree krte hai maine slightly agree Kiya ki han south me chola local governance vijayanagar Babar atmkatha ki bate btayi aur ye bhi bola ki nhi north me bhi acha tha history me ache se suna pura answer

Member 4

Q1 Pm gatishakti project kb aaya kya hai

Q2 Logistic cost kitni hai abhi

Q3 Logistic kya hai

Q4 History ko janne ke liye kaun si do language aap padhna chahenge

Q5 Iske bad central Asia ka historical background pucha

Anuradha mam -apse bat krke acha lga best of luck

Overall- maine to Mock 15 diye the but phli bar koi bina beech me intreput kiye itne dhyaan se sun rhe the wo discussion me shamil ho rhe the puri bate sun rhe the
Mock sare time pass type hai (maine keval drishti neelesh sir ke suggestion mane hai)
Peer group discussion ka bahut imp role hai

(14)

Date of Interview: 15th January

Board: Anuradha Prasad Mam

Optional: Anthropology

Home State: Rajasthan

Hobby: Reading

Forenoon session

DAF keywords: Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay, Anthropology, Sustainability Strategy, Decarbonisation Pathway, Startups and Entrepreneurship, Data Scientist, AI, EBSB Institute Coordinator, (Rajasthan, Reading as hobby- not asked)

note: apart from defense- everything else in from my DAF- 95% interview from my DAF

Chairman

1. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) – What is the idea of EBSB?
2. She reiterated what the concept is
3. Is it done or an ongoing thing?
4. How to make AI sustainable?
5. How to make AI more sustainable as a tool?
6. Should we make algorithms open?

Member 1

1. Switched from chemical engineering, sustainability strategy, data science to civil services – is it not a waste of taxpayer money?
2. Have you heard of CBAM? Is it tariff-based or a non-tariff measure?
3. Is it WTO-compliant?
4. Last question can't remember

Member 2

1. What is big data analysis?
2. Difference between data and information?
3. Said a few lines suggesting information is extracted from data, not the other way round
4. All this big data analysis, ML, AI, information – how is it relevant in warfare?
5. Can it also be used by commanders to make decisions?

Member 3

1. Few lines on Tripura student killed in Dehradun – said “idhar to chinki bulate hain”; is it the same in IIT Bombay?
2. (I said sorry sir, didn't come across it – realised I should have acknowledged the issue rather than denying.)
3. He then said: this EBSB you talk about, but they treat North-Easterners as outsiders – as an advisor to GoI, what advice will you give?

4. You gave solutions to the Maharashtra government on implementation of NISP. Now with so many startup schemes, you have to take stock of progress and improve – what will you do?
5. Member interrupted and said to analyse current status.
6. How are these government funds doing? Do you know any startup around you that got government funding?
7. (I said no sir, I don't know.)

Member 4

1. You mentioned unicorn – what is it and why is it called a unicorn?
 2. But why is the word “unicorn” used?
 3. Fighter jets are being imported, but we also say Atmanirbhar Bharat – is it good?
 4. Follow-up: Are we doing anything to build fighter jets in India?
 5. (Didn't listen properly – reiterated not what we should do but what are we already doing)
 6. Took anthro optional, can you tell something on what can Anthropology of chemical engineering?
 7. Any global best practices we can learn and adopt?
- Chairperson Ma'am again said You are already in services, that she didn't see my detailed bio earlier and asked what service and if I have joined.
- Might have forgotten maybe 1-2 questions more.

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Date of Interview: 20 Jan, 2026 (Forenoon)

Board: Anuradha Prasad Mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Punjab

Hobbies: Kickboxing, Cooking

DAF Keywords: Punjab, Badminton, Kickboxing, Cooking, NGO elderly, PSIR, Mechanical Engg., Energy Saving Project

Chairman

1. So you are a sportsperson and play badminton, are you aware about recent issue in the India Open ? What was the issue?
2. Although you don't play cricket, how are we able to manage an international cricket tournament but face issues in conducting a badminton tournament ? (Some discussion on it and then discussion on Delhi Air Quality?). Then, i mentioned india bidding for 2036 olympics and how these incidents impact the credibility of India as a hosting nation ?
3. Mam nodded and smiled and passed on to the next member.

Member 1

Jovial and Smiling

1. Tell me that i have been observing since this morning that everyone enters the room with their coat buttons closed and opens it before sitting ? Any specific reason for that (Witty reply and everyone burst into laughter)
2. Mechanical device for storing energy (Mentioned battery first, then sir clarified that mechanical device something used in IC engines, then i corrected and said flywheel) ?
3. You worked in XYZ company and you mentioned about energy savings project (Some discussion around that)? Asked about energy savings schemes of govt?
4. Which bird feathers are used in badminton shuttle? No. Of feathers in shuttle? Any issue of animal rights there because of feathers?
5. Why still feather shuttle more preferred in international tournaments?
6. Then asked about cooking? Why does food take less time in pressure cookers?

Member 2

Also very helpful and attentive

1. Started with some questions on Punjab being border state and its challenges
2. Some monologue on martial races and contribution in army and sikh army generals? Then randomly asked about Gen Zorawar Singh (No idea)
3. Difference between National Security and National Defence?
4. Have you read about Pakistan and Saudi Defence Pact and similarly there is development of axis consisting of Turkey, saudi and pak? Do you think it can be termed as Islamic NATO? Is it a significant challenge for India?
5. India's Foreign Policy options in West Asia considering such developments? (Sir, gave hint about India- UAE relationship)
6. Strengths for each of Pak, Saudi and Turkey?
7. Pakistan internal problems wrt to various provinces? Mentioned Baluchistan, Pok protests. Then sir asked about reasons for the protest in Pok?
8. Heard about Sindhustan ? Factors for separate Sindh state?

Member 3

Skeptical and poker faced

1. Difference between kickboxing and boxing?
2. Status of Kickboxing internationally? How is India doing?
3. Any famous Indian origin kickboxer in news last year?
4. Difference between listed and unlisted companies? Pros and cons of being a listed company?
5. Geriatric problems faced by elderly in India? Health problems faced by old age people?

Member 4

Lady member, also happy soul

1. Difference between Militancy and Terrorism
2. Your district being an agricultural district. Asked about how MSP is computed? Who does it and approval process?
3. What are schedules and lists in Indian constitution? Most imp schedule according to you?

- Subjects transferred from state list to concurrent list? One subject which has resulted a tussle between centre and states? (Said Labour but mam said no).
- Some other factual ques on constitution, not able to recall.
Anuradha mam said thank you and wished all the best. Overall, a great experience and very different from mocks. All members were cordial and patiently listening.

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Date of Interview: 21/01/2026 FN

Board: Anuradha Prasad Mam

Optional: Geography

Home State: Tamilnadu

DAF Keywords: Information Technology, Tenkasi, Chennai, NSS Work in CMRL at St.Thomas Mount Metro and ODF, Cricket, Tamilnadu, TCS, United India Insurance, Geography Optional

Chairman

- Your Name is mixed with 2 god names, Any reason behind it , do you think you have that personalities within you?
- What work you did in CMRL during Nss days
- Do you know the historical development of Railways and Government programmes any?
- Will AI Replace Humans at entry level jobs?

Member 1

- Do you know Bio methane plant?
- What is Gps
- Do you know space policy 2023?
- Tell me about mahabalipuram. Is there any special

Member 2

- Which is important history or Geography?
- Why both?
- Do you think current Geopolitics dictated by geography?
- Why bangladesh Demanded Srilankan venue. Why hesitate to play in India?

Member 3

- What is the solvency ratio?
- What is the solvency ratio of United India insurance
- Is Privatization fine?. You will become a private employee. You will lose PSU Employee status. Is this okay for you?
- List me the PSU Insurance companies In india
- Do you think insurance is mandatory for all by 2047
- What are the adverse effects of Open Defecation Free

Member 4

1. You are from Tenkasi, tell me the matchstick industries in Tenkasi District
 2. If you are an SDM what labours laws you will try to implement it.
 3. Are child labours allowed?
 4. What programmes you will try to implement for boosting the match stick industry in Tenkasi?
 5. What is the use of labour in above programmes.
 6. You worked in SEZ. What is SIPCOT?
 7. do you think 3 language policy necessary?
 8. Who is Anna, tell me about him
 9. Who is St. Thomas tell me about him
- The board was very Cordial.

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Date of Interview: 08/12/2025

Board: Ms. Anuradha Prasad

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Jharkhand

Hobby: Hindi poetry

Key DAF Details: Jharkhand, PSIR, Slums survey, Hindi poetry, JNU

Chairman

1. Why did you changed school from JNV, Garhwa to CHBS, Varanasi? Lack of quality educational institutions in Jharkhand?
2. Findings of socio-economic survey you did in Varanasi slum area? Follow up by objectives, data, challenges? How did you resolved the issues?
3. Suppose you are appointed as an administrator in that area, what steps would you take for their betterment? Follow up again. (Pros and Cons)

Member 1

1. Views on Dowry? Why is it still practiced? As an administrator suggest practical solutions. Follow up questions
2. As an administrator would you rather be “Giver of favours” or “enabler of public policy?”
3. What about making administration accessible to people? Steps, measures, initiatives.
4. Any statutory provisions currently going on in this regard.

Member 2

1. Private sector role in Slum rehabilitation and redevelopment?
2. Multipolarity and it's different manifestations. (Why not call it unipolar or bipolar)
3. Can we call the 21st century world – Multipolar?
4. India's strategy and role in the same. Your recommendations as an IR student.

Member 3

1. Recite any poem you have written. (Hobby)

2. Purpose of poetry?
3. Chhayawad and role of poems in Freedom movement?
4. Give examples of poems as in different purpose it serves.

Member 4

1. IMR and MMR
2. Reasons for states lagging behind and regional variations
3. Why is Kerala excelling and Jharkhand lagging behind?
4. What purpose would a national law serve in this domain?
5. Why China is ahead of India in the field of emerging and critical tech?
6. Comparative analysis of progress in field of AI (India vs China)
7. What's India doing in this regard?

Back to Chairperson, she said "Thank you, have a good day".

P.S. - 1st phase people, they're not getting into much trickier questions right away, are cordial (although chairperson ma'am did a poker face the whole time, smiled in the beginning and last). Rest of the members were smiling and nodding while lady member was proactively attentive.

Cover your DAF thoroughly, specially hobbies and leadership part (may get into follow up questions on this) and current affairs of atleast this month on priority basis.

Rest assured, everything will take care of itself, All the best to everyone. You've got this.

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Date of Interview: 08-12-2025

Board: Anuradha Prasad Mam

Optional: PSIR

Home State: Uttar Pradesh

Daf keywords: Assistant Commandant at CAPF, UP, Powerlifting, Youth parliament, PSIR, MNNIT Alld

Chairman

1. what does \$1tn economy target of UP mean?
2. Can UP achieve it?
3. How will recent decline of Rupee impact this target
4. When is next census going to be held, what is the gap, when was it last time held and is there any legal backing for 10yr time period?

Member 1

1. How did you get interested in powerlifting?
2. What is difference between powerlifting and weightlifting ?
3. Does diet play any role?
4. What is your opinion about usage of steroids?
5. How should a civil servant aim to remove mai baap culture?
6. What as per you should a civil servant be like to serve public ?

Member 2

1. How did you went on to participate in youth parliament
2. What were your learnings from it and what were the issues you discussed ?

Member 3

1. Why low number of FIRs are filed by police officials and what reforms would you suggest to handle it?
2. What were leadership skills you learned from youth parliament that will be useful as a civil servant?
3. Why not have one force for all borders?

Member 4

1. Is UN really relevant in present context
 2. What non security reforms are needed in it?
- Few Other questions which I don't remember

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Date of Interview: 09/12/25

Board: Anuradha Prasad ma'am

Optional: English literature

Hobby: cooking

Key daf details: journalling, emotional intelligence, teaching in Delhi slums , English literature , cooking .

Chairman

1. What is emotional intelligence, how do you develop it through journalling.
2. What is the difference between diary and journalling
3. Don't you think meditation also helps in emotional regulation, then why only journalling.
4. why English literature from science (school)
5. What did you observe while teaching in slums
6. What difference do you see in slums and villages, what will be your different approaches to solve the problem of lack of education.
7. What different measures will you take in villages and slums to pursue parents to send their children to school.
8. You like cooking, what is the price of potatoes these days, potato kharif / rabi

Member 1

1. You have done graduation in english literature, what have you read .
2. Which novels , which poems
3. Favorite book
4. What European poem you've read ? Name and who wrote
5. Suppose you're posted in an alienated place, you and your staff suffer from homesickness, how would address this , without sending them to homes
6. What according to you is a good day, bad day, why?

Member 2

1. What is the diff between EQ and EI
2. Sovereignty disturbed by Russia, how do you explain
3. Weaponisation of dollar?

Member 3

1. You are very calm and composed , it doesn't look like that you get nervous anytime .
I said sir I do get nervous sometime , asked what do you do to deal with that .
2. Give 2 -2 positives of City Life and village life.

Member 4

1. Can you explain the evolution of English literature
2. Something related to EI

Chairperson: why Russia does not want Ukraine to join NATO, what threats?