



**Interview date - XXXXXXXX 2020 AFTERNOON AT 1300 HRS**

● **Name: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**

- What is the meaning of your name?
  - Does your name justify your personality?
  - Please provide us with some examples, if you can.
  - What do you wish for the most in life?
- What do you want to become?
  - Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
- What is the difference between need and want?
  - What is happiness for you?
  - Do you think that many people confuse happiness with pleasure?
  - What is the difference between the two?
  - Does a happiness course in schools help?
  - Should we replace GDP with Gross National Happiness?
  - Which country is famous for this?

● **DoB: XXXXX - 1994**

- Do you consider yourself from Generation Y(millennials) or Generation Z ?
  - What do you understand by this?
  - What are the characteristics of this age group people?
  - What is the implication of this demography for policy making and economy in general?
- NAFTA- can India gain some lessons from such trade agreement?
- Is the world moving towards Protectionism?
- RCEP- how appropriate was India's decision to come out of RCEP?
- Stephen Hawking's birthday.
  - What was his contribution in popularising science?
  - Do you think there is life on other planets?
- Rwandan genocide
  - What were the causes?
  - Are there any lessons for India?
- First interracial elections in South Africa
  - Nelson Mandela was elected.
  - Who are the non Indians to have received Bharat ratna?



- **Mother tongue: HINDI**

- Do you support Hindi as a National Language?
- Why do some states oppose it?
- What can be an ideal solution for linguistic nationalism?
- Has it weakened or strengthened Indian federalism?

- **Place of residence: KANPUR NAGAR**

- Name three unique things about Kanpur. (not necessarily famous)
- What are the major landmarks of Kanpur?
- Why does it regularly feature among the top polluted cities in India?
- What are the main industries of Kanpur?
  - Why are there so many leather tanneries located in and around Kanpur?
  - Can you name one well known leather brand from Kanpur?
  - What other places in India are famous for leather products?
  - What are the issues of employees engaged in the leather industry? (skin diseases and others)
  - How to make the leather industry more sustainable?
- Earlier it was called Manchester of the East and now it is not?
  - What are the causes of failure of textile industries in Kanpur?
- Cultural significance of Bithoor?
- Can you tell us some initiatives undertaken to clean Ganga?
  - Why have they failed?
  - What are the main challenges in cleaning our rivers?
- What was the significance of Kanpur in 1857 Revolt?
- What was the Kanpur conspiracy Case? Who all were involved? What were the objectives?
  - Shaheen Bagh protest. What are your views on it?
  - How to hold public administrators and political executives accountable?
- What is a defense industrial corridor?
  - How is it going to help in socio-economic development and defense preparedness?

- **State:UTTAR PRADESH**

- Why haven't you opted UP as your home cadre?
- Among UP and Rajasthan which one is good?
- What are the similarities and dissimilarities amongst both states? And the reasons for those?
- Why do both states fare poorly on various metrics like HDI and social progress?
- Trifurcation of UP: Cure or Curse?



- You have spent considerable time in Uttarakhand, do you think separation of UK from UP helped in any way?
  - Why even after two decades those three states are still languishing on various socio-economic parameters?
  - Big state vs small state debate.
- Why have there been spate of encounter killings in UP in recent period?
  - What is the difference between encounter and death in police custody?
  - Considering the delay in our judicial system, is such a one stop solution to stop crime justified?
  - What problems does extra judicial killing cause?
  - As a SP what steps would you take to reduce such instances?
- Commissionerate system vs IG system difference?
  - What led to this recent change in UP?
  - How many states have such a system?
  - Pros and cons
- How to use extra-constitutional bodies like Khap panchayats in UP?
- Industrial distribution in UP? Why such stark contrast between east and west?( in other areas also)
- Is nationalism on the rise in UP? Is it good? What is nationalism? Where do you draw the line?
- Should Romeo squads be promoted for women security?
  - What may be the possible challenges associated with them?
  - Do they come under Community policing?
- UP CM target of \$1 trillion. Is it possible? What are the challenges?
- Do you think \$5 trillion target for India is doable within target date?
- High population of UP - Demographic dividend or burden?
  - What needs to be done?
  - How can you contribute as an administrator?
- Do you think changing names of places will enhance feelings of pride or dignity? How is it helping?
- What are classical dances?
  - Name the classical dance of UP.
  - Which ruler contributed the most to the culture of Awadh region and UP as a whole?
- **Cadre preference: Rajasthan**
  - What are the issues in Rajasthan?
    - Economy



- Society
  - Administration
  - Polity
  - Rajasthan shares an international boundary, what challenges does it create for civilian administration?
  - What has changed for women in the past two decades in the state?
  - Bhanwari devi and Vishakha guidelines. Read about this.
    - SHE box, Sexual harassment at workplace act.
    - Metoo movement
    - Is there a need for Mentoo movement?
  - There have been so many warrior clans each having their own kingdom but what stopped them from unifying and building a pan-India empire?
  - Rajasthan Passes Bill mandating death penalty for 'honour killing' and mob lynching ?
  - Suppose you are the DM and there is a mob beating cow smugglers. You have just one PSO with you. What are you going to do?
  - What and why honour killing?
    - Solution?
  - Does capital punishment act as deterrence
  - Prajamandal movement.
  - Which state adopted PRI for the first time? Which district?
  - Women representation in politics. Political empowerment. Issues and hindrances.
  - Sarpanch-pati
  - Why haven't women been able to rise to higher political positions? Like in the state legislative assembly and Parliament.
  - What is your opinion on state govt removing education as a criteria for candidates in local government elections?
  - Who was Bhamashah? Why so many schemes named after Bhamashah?
  - Traditional water conservation methods in Rajasthan?
  - Most of Rajasthan is desert and monotonous.. Is there any particular reason why people of Rajasthan wear such colourful clothes?
  - Sand in huge quantities why can't we use it in construction?
  - Mineral profile of Rajasthan. What is the ranking of Rajasthan in mineral production?
  - Arsenic problem in groundwater. Implication and solutions.
  - Give instances where a proactive administration could have averted an incident.
- **Educational background:**
    - **XXXXXXXX**



- Who was the founder of this college?
- Read about Late Dr. Madhvi Lata Shukla.
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● **Graduation subject: B.SC.(SCIENCE - PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS)**

- What are the recent breakthroughs in Chemistry/Physics?
- What is the difference between chemical reaction and physical reaction?
  - How would you explain it to a layman?
- Give a few examples of chemistry applications in everyday life.
- Women in STEM? What are the issues?
- What are the negatives of RO water purification
  - Should RO systems be banned?
  - What chemicals are used in RO purification systems?
- Chemistry/Physics nobel in 2019.
- Why is the Fields Medal provided?
  - What is its importance?
- Name a scientist who won Nobel in both Physics and Chemistry. - Marie Curie.
- Any Indian chemistry nobel laureate: Venkatraman "Venki" Ramakrishnan
- Difference between Biochemical weapons and weapons of mass destruction?
- Chemical weapons Convention and OPCW role
- Chemical in tear gas
- Is India ready to deal with Biochemical weapons/ bioterrorism?
- Chemistry, Chemical Biology and Biochemistry
- What is quantum entanglement?
- How would you explain quantum computing to a layman?
  - What is the potential and application?
  - What is the status of India in R&D in quantum physics and science in general?
  - Nano vs Quantum
  - What is quantum supremacy? Which organisation is related to this?
  - How is quantum physics going to help in solving socio-economic problems?
- What is thermal conductivity?
- What is the speed of light in space? Is it possible to go faster than that? Why? Or How?
- What is a plasma? What are the different states of matter?
- What is a hologram? Where can all it be used?



- What is a neutrino? Where is the observatory situated in India? What benefit is going to accrue to Indians in general and marginalised sections of India in particular by this?
- Which technology will be revolutionize the field of:
  - Transport
  - Telecommunication
  - Computing
  - Manufacturing
  - Health
  - Education
- What are gravitational waves?
  - What are LIGO?
  - What may be the socio-economic benefits of better understanding of Gravitational waves?
- How Can You Startup The 40w Tube Lite With 230v Ac/dc Without Using Any Choke/coil?
- What is the significance of numbers written on tube lights?
- Why don't birds get electrocuted while sitting on high tension wires?
- How does India's energy dependence on a particular region affect India's FP?
  - How to diversify energy mix as well as energy suppliers?
  - How to increase India's energy independence?
  - Read about Shale, CBM, Polymetallic nodules etc. and its potential.
- Source of earth's magnetism.
  - Dynamo and such concepts
- High voltage power transmission.
- Tesla vs Edison. Ac vs DC. Which one is the future?
- Why do we prefer DC transmission - its advantages?
- What is a Smart grid?
- Wireless transmission and Li-Fi technology.
- What is Reverse metering - its importance for decentralised electricity generation?
- Energy density- per gram fuel.
  - Which one should we prefer- solar or nuclear?
- Germany solar vs french nuclear
  - Nuclear vs solar
- Why has UDAY failed?
  - Why are State Discoms in disarray?
  - Even after Make in India why India fails to emerge computer and electronics manufacturing hub?



- Older name of IIT Roorkee.
  - What are Transmission and Distribution Losses (T&D Losses)
  - Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) losses.
  - Why is an electrical vehicle more efficient than ICE?
    - Difference between hybrid and electric vehicles?
  - If 65% of electricity is coal derived in India do you think that e-vehicles are actually clean?
    - Is clean energy actually clean?
  - How knowledge of your electrical/engineering background will help in administration?
    - What is social engineering? Uses for administration.
  - Digital governance - Is it removing the human element from administration?
  - Is digital governance poised to fail considering the digitally illiterate population of India?
  - Steps taken by govt to improve digital literacy in India? PM Disha?
  - Will digital governance reinforce the anonymity and lack of accountability already prevalent bureaucracy?
  - Saubhagya scheme
  - Prepaid metering.
  - Delhi model- subsidy..Has it changed the electoral system in any way?
    - Is free electricity distorting consumer behaviour as well as market prices?
    - Will it have an adverse effect on public discoms?
  - Diesel generator and inverter- obsolete
  - India's power surplus, but per capita power consumption low? Why
    - Still many households don't have electricity? What are the challenges?
  - Old appliances more power consuming
    - How has LED adoption affected India's electricity saving
    - Energy efficient appliances. Star rating BEE?
    - Peak power consumption during festivals and winters used to be there but not now Is it the case?
  - Bhel, powergrid - navratna status
  - What is your prescription for energy security in India?
  - Adani project- patalgarhi movement- land acquisition.. For Bangladesh?
- **Optional: HISTORY**
- Maharaja Surajmal of Bharatpur - allegations that Ashutosh Gowariker's film, Panipat, had wrongly portrayed Maharaja Surajmal.
    - What is your opinion on movies distorting history
    - Right to speech vs hurting of sentiments - Padmavat protests; your opinions?
  - "Those who control the present, control the past and those who control the past control the future."

- Changing history in schools curriculum- Karnataka govt- removing Tipu Sultan.
  - Was Tipu Sultan a bigot?
- Can historical figures like Tipu, Aurangzeb be judged on the basic present modern values such as human rights, secularism?
- **Father's profession: INDUSTRY/OWN BUSINESS/SELF EMPLOYED**
  - What is the state of the economy?
    - Is the slowdown cyclical or structural?
    - What steps has the government taken to revive the economy?
    - What solutions would you suggest?
  - Do you think a 5 trillion economy is possible within the set target?
  - What do we require to make that happen?
  - How did Demonetisation affect your father's business?
- **Mother's profession:TEACHING**
  - Did you ever discuss with your mother what challenges she faced in her profession?
  - Do you think your mother's profession came in the way of your development?
  - Do you think men should be made solely responsible for child rearing and household chores?
  - Unpaid household work? How can it be accounted for in the GDP calculation?
  - What is the cause of gender inequality? Is it social or natural or economic?
    - When nature has decided gender roles (as seen among other animals also), is striving for gender equality going against nature?
    - Is gender equality even possible or is it just a delusional utopian thought?
    - How can science help in Gender equality?
  - Educational reforms or educational restructuring? What is more appropriate in the current educational structure in India?
  - Why low women LFPR?
  - Was demonetisation successful? How did it affect your mother's business?
  - Can it be said to be responsible for the current economic slowdown due to the destruction of the informal sector?
  - Glass ceiling effect is it a reality?
  - What specific challenges your mother faces in managing her business?
  - What are the lacuna of GDP?
  - What are productive non-market activities?
  - Should the care economy be accounted for in the calculation of GDP?
  - How does your mother manage her economical independence?
  - Housewife vs Homemaker?



- Don't you think the housewife word is derogatory or outdated?
- Should women working in households be paid? Why and Why not?
- **Job: SENIOR EXECUTIVE - XXXXXXXX**
  - Reasons for unemployability of engineers and that too from premier institutes?
  - Why do you need to prepare fulltime without a job when there are many cracking this exam while working?
  - Who was supporting you financially?
  - Do you think you could have utilised this preparation time more fruitfully?
  - How to better utilise the human resources in India looking at the rising unemployment data?
  - Women Empowerment: Missile women of India.
    - Women related issues: why strong laws not a deterrence?
    - What would you do in your district for women safety as a DM?
    - Suggest some technological interventions for Women safety - prepare on - SHeBox, Women safety Apps, Panic button in smartphones etc.
- **Prize/ achievement: NIL**
  - You have held so many leadership positions but still no prize - What may be the reason?
  - Don't you think being the best athlete or being a head girl is an achievement?
  - What do you consider an achievement for you?
- **Sports/ncc:**
  - **BADMINTON**
    - Was that a single or double tournament?
    - Who is your favorite badminton player? Why?
      - What are his/her qualities that inspire you?
      - What have you done to inculcate those values in yourself?
    - What is the dimension of a Badminton court?
    - Who are the current champions in both categories (india and international level)
    - Administrative structure of badminton in India
    - About different championships.
    - Important rules
    - Technology in sports - Olympics
  - **VOLLEYBALL**



- What are the duties of a Vice-captain in volleyball?
  - What are the different variations of Volleyball ?
  - Dimensions of the volleyball court? India's status.
  - Captain of the women's Volleyball team.
  - What are different formations?
  - What is Sepak Takraw?
  - Who won the olympics gold in VB?
  - Why is volleyball not as famous as Cricket and football?
- **Leadership:**
    - **CLASS PREFECT**
      - Where does this word prefect originate from?
      - What were your duties?
      - How did it shape your outlook towards
    - **SCHOOL HEAD GIRL 2008-09**
      - Who is the head of Central secretariat in India
      - Difference in the role of Chief and Principal Secretary.
      - How would you enforce discipline in your office?
        - How would you internalise the discipline?
    - **BEST ATHLETE 2008**
      - In which sport did you participate?
      - What is the difference between athletics and gymnastics?
      - Why is India's performance in international athletic events is dismal?
      - Does it have to do with sports administration and facilities or with India's sporting culture or lack of it?
      - Why only few states excel in sports?
      - Do you think marathon racing requires some particular genetic makeup? Why are people from particular regions(African descent) so good at marathons?
      - What are the issues in Indian sports administration that children like Budhiya Singh are not able to emerge as Olympic winners?
    - **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE AT COLLEGE 2010-12**
      - What were your duties?
      - As an administrator suppose your immediate junior bypasses you or refuses to obey command, what will you do?

- **Hobby:**

- **MEDITATION**

- What is meaning of Meditation
- What do you think are the reasons behind such temptation for meditation and Vipassana?
- Any difference between Vipassana and other forms of meditation?
  - What is aana-paana meditation?
- What differences do you feel in yourself after practising this act?
- How is this hobby going to make you a better administrator?
- What have you learnt from this activity? Can it be used to solve societal problems? How?
  - Mental health issues, farmer and students suicides..
- Materialism vs spiritualism?
- Is there any difference between Yoga and Meditation?
- Have you read any text on Meditation?
- Don't you think it is a thing for old people?
- Is Meditation panacea for all ills?
- Who is treated as the biggest Meditation Guru in India?
- What will you do to improve awareness about Meditation if appointed D.C.?
- Should Meditation be introduced in school curricula?
- What is the Philosophy behind Meditation?
- What are several types of Meditation?
- What are Psychological Benefits of Meditation?
- What are Physiological Benefits of Meditation?

- **TRAVELLING**

- Where did you travel recently?
- Which is your most favourite destination?
- What do you make out of this hobby?
- Tell some names of historical travelers in India during Ancient/medieval times?
- Is there any specific TV channel on Traveling and which telecast company owns it?
- Which magazine is your favourite in the traveling field?
- What are the prospects of the tourism industry in India?
- Which country received maximum tourists last year?
- Which city in India received the maximum tourist last year?



- What is club Mahindra?
- What precautions should a person take while traveling with family?
- Are the travel agencies in India, governed by a law?
- Is there any National Tourism Policy?
  - If not, why?
  - If you are asked to make one, what will be your priorities?
- Despite having great socio-Cultural-Geographical diversity why are we not able to develop in a Country of Travelers?
- Why do we receive very few foreign tourists in comparison to some tiny countries even like Singapore?
- What steps would you take as a D.C. to promote tourism in your District?
- Do you think Indians are very responsible travelers (if yes how, if no why)
- What is eco tourism?
- What is medical tourism?
- Can tourism become a troll for social transportation (Can tourism be helpful in improving the economy of our country)?
- How can tourism contribute to the socio-economic conditions of villages?
- Tourism brings pollution so despite this fact should it promote tourism?
- Can it be a career?
- Do you know about Indian literature written by travelers?