

A vertical photograph of a forest path. The path is a narrow, dirt trail that leads from the bottom center towards the middle of the frame. It is flanked by dense green foliage and ferns. Tall, slender trees with green leaves form a canopy overhead, with sunlight filtering through in dappled patterns. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green, with warm golden-brown tones from the sunlight on the path and leaves.

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IFoS 2023 TRANSCRIPTS

COMPILATIONS

PREFACE

Previous years' transcripts offer best way to understand the minds of UPSC interviewers. When it comes to IFoS, finding transcript questions is challenging –let alone their answers.

Acads Presents the compiled transcripts of IFoS 2023!

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IFoS 2024 Interview



INTERVIEW GUIDANCE PROGRAM

TRANSCRIPT #1

My Transcript - IFoS 2023

Name - MesVin

Board - Suman Sharma Mam

Date - 22nd April, Forenoon, 2nd to go

Optional - Mathematics . Forestry

Home state - AP

Keywords in DAF - E&ECE, IIT Kharagpur, software developer, SAP labs, college and Hobbies (Football analysis, video games)

Chairperson

Asked me about my first name and what should they call me and went through my DAF to look at college and work experience. Then proceeded with questions

1. Which state recently declared Human - Wildlife conflict as a disaster?
2. What advantages does it have over existing procedure through chief wildlife warden ?
3. About power sector, what are the problems with DISCOMs in India? and some cross questioning
4. comparison b/w short term and long term PPA and if short term PPA ensures low price of power?
5. difference b/w e-sports and online gaming
6. asked about recent taxation of online gaming
7. mentioned about the problem of online gaming addiction and asked what can be done ?

M1

1. Contribution of forestry to GDP?
2. Why is it low?
3. How Information technology can be used in forests?
4. application of GIS in forestry and use in FRA
5. what is forest certification and what is its purpose?
6. asked difference b/w product and provenance certification and also the org which issues certification (said i don't know for both questions)
7. How the role of IFoS changed due to shift from 'production' forestry to 'conservation' forestry

M2

1. How is electronics used in forestry and some follow up questions (discussion over this for about 3 minutes)
2. You graduated from an IIT, why didn't you pursue IES?
3. He told about importance of wildlife in biodiversity and then asked should tribals be given legal right in conservation of wild animals?
4. asked about biodiversity park in New Delhi (said i don't know)

M3

1. Mentioned about the IIT Bombay's low placement news and asked the reasons
2. how far are the youth going into startups?
3. IITians coming to civil services/ forest services, isn't it waste of public money?

4. you worked in Bengaluru and now if selected as IFoS would be posted in remote village, how would you handle it?

I forgot 3-4 questions asked by the members (most of which I said I don't know)

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TRANSCRIPT #2:

Transcript IFoS, 2023

Name: SSP

Board: B.B. Swain Sir

Date: 22nd April, 2024

Session: Afternoon, 5th to go

State: Maharashtra

Optionals: Agriculture and Botany

Keywords in DAF: Reading Novels, Watching movies, Agriculture graduation.

Chairman Sir:

- 1) What kind of novels do you read?
- 2) Name few contemporary authors whose books you've read?

Few Follow up this question.

M1 (lady):

- 1) What qualities of you would be helpful in IFoS service?
- 2) Which movies did you watch related with environment and what were the key takeaways?
- 3)JFM: communities not receiving enough monetary gains so they're backing off...What measures would you suggest?

4) What changes in Forest policy and laws would you suggest with regards to increasing community participation and their faith in the system?

M2 (lady):

1) Which are the personalities that inspired you in general? What qualities do you look for in them?

2) Cooperative sector is good in Maharashtra...So how can we replicate it in forestry.

3) Agriculture and forest are interrelated...Also Botany...How to increase biodiversity in surrounding areas of forest with help of community?

(Couldn't give a comprehensive answer... Ma'am herself later explained a bit)

M3: (asked very few questions...But long questions with few solutions in the question itself...Asked my opinion on solution)

1) Forest department and the forest community are usually at loggerheads. What should the approach be with regards to forest conservation...what should be the role of Forest dept and community and who should be more proactive?

Few follow up...

2) In community participation...who should we consider the youth or the old...What should be our approach towards them?

3)Plastic pollution issue...asked about the role of commercialisation of recycling and behavioural change...how do we do it?

Chairman Sir:

Would like us to ask you about any topic?

I mentioned about World Earth Day..and plastic pollution.

The board gave me time to talk and asked a few questions.

Said thank you.

The board was very cordial....Very attentive and didn't interrupt while answering. Mostly DAF based.Gave few insights where I fell short. They were mostly looking for my opinions on various issues. It was an overall good experience.

Utility of mocks for articulation,precise answer and confidence building.

All the best!

TRANSCRIPT #3:

Board - Sanjay Verma Sir

Date - 22nd April, Afternoon, Last to go

Time- 25 mins approx

Optional - Agriculture, Botany

Keywords in DAF - Numismatics, Watching Sci-Fi Hollywood movies

Wished Good evening at 4.30pm

Sir said its afternoon, but have a seat.

I said Thank You Sir.

Chairman-

Q. Is your suit readymade or stitched?

Which brand? Which colour exactly?

Q. (Regarding hobby) You collect coins. Which is the oldest coin in your collection?

Q. (Again on Hobby) Tell me 3 most famous sci-fi writers.

Q. Tell me what is the most common thing which is depicted in sci-fi movies. He answered- its related to space time!

Q.Any Indian sci-fi movie?

Q.Why do u watch sci-fi movies?

Q. Have you watched the movie Dune? Compare between Dune 1 and Dune 2.

M1

Q.GM in forestry?

Should we go for GM crops?

Q.What is meant by commercial forestry?

Q.MFP- give some eggs

Q.Large scale illegal exploitation of a species in Himalayas- Do you have any idea about what is it? Its used by athletes too. Its very costly.

M2

Q.Give an overview of Israel Iran conflict. Its implications?

Q.US Presidential Election- who is going to win?

M3

Q.SDGs related to forests and environment?

Any directly related to forests? Shouldn't there be one?

Q.In Your Village what steps taken for conservation of environment?

Q. You as an Agriculture graduate- any innovative technique promoted in your village for environmental conservation?

Again Chair

Q. What is your opinion about Miss Universe, Miss World?

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

P.S. Might have forgotten some questions.

The board was very cordial. No interruptions in between. Had a laugh or two-
The Chairman also joked in between. It was like a normal conversation.

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TRANSCRIPT #4:

Here is my transcript for today interview.... Board Swain sir....

Thanks for your guidance sir..... Although interview was totally on monologue basis but I used forest part in my answer

Chairman: B B Swain sir board

Date 22/04/24

Background: IIT DELHI, chemical engineering, Commercial tax department, Raj yoga and cycling, forestry and geology

Chairman

Tell me indirect tax transition of bihar?

Member 1

Long monologue on

What according to you is the biggest challenge world is facing?

As you are part of government there is lot of concerns regarding interaction of public officials and the stakeholders, there is also other problems in how government offices governed, can you provide some solution to such problems ?

Member 2

Considering your background in engineering and then transition to taxation, which part of your academic career helped you in transition and what you see yourself after 3 years in job?

There is huge success of pds scheme in India and government is promoting, what led to it's success and what is the major contributors in its success?

Member 3

Again long monologue on previous question by M1 on as you said inequality is the biggest problem how would you overcome it.. And what is the challenges in it? Tell me how at your personal level will remove this inequality?

Why do you want to join forest Service?

Again M1 : what would be your contribution in this debate of reducing inequality and how would see the issue of missing from the cup..... Policy and program not reaching to the right beneficiaries. When we go for such development activities and what according to you is the solution for such issue?

Chairman again: anything you want to say, please tell something... Anything you like to add?

Interview over.....

some add on questions which I forgotten....

Overall not based on hobby, daf, application based situational

TRANSCRIPT #5

IFoS Transcript 2023

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Q. What is your opinion about Miss Universe, Miss World?

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

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The board was very cordial. No interruptions in between. Had a laugh or two-
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TRANSCRIPT #6:

My Transcript - IFoS 2023

Name : Indestructible

Board : Suman Sharma Ma'am

Date : 23/04/2024, Forenoon

Optional : Maths, Forestry

Home state : Telangana

DAF : ECE, Internship in Drone Manf. Comp [Rest all not touched]

Chairperson :

(Read out my DAF)

Tell me about Telecommunication Bill 2023

How spectrum is allocated earlier ?

How spectrum is allocated now ?

[I said no ! Then Ma'am said okay let's change the topic for you then (smiles)]

What is Russia - Ukraine conflict?

(I have not mentioned the word War in the answer)

Okay you didn't mentioned the word War, then what the Russia called it ?

Why it was not called war by them ?

There is a private org involved in this ? (Yes) - which side ?(Russia) Name of it ?
(Can't recall)

Is it right to use such org in wars ?

What is caatsa ?

How does sanctions actually work ?

There is a sanction on trade ship/ company .tell me name of it ?

Is India still importing oil from Russia after that western sanctions ? How to justify it ?

Member -1 :

What is a food chain ?

Leopard-Human conflicts are becoming common, what are the reasons ?

Pulp, paper is made from which part of stem?

Is hardwood used or softwood for it ?

Which Forest trees used for Pulp?

Bamboo also used in pulp & paper industry. Tell me how National Bamboo Mission is useful in marketing bamboo products ?

Say about basic use of bamboo in tribal areas?

(I said bamboo is used in cuisine, some fun conversation about what I ate and all)

Member - 2 [very serious face]

What communication do you use in biodiversity monitoring ?

What are drones ?

How drones are used in biodiversity monitoring ?

There is one forest related research institute in telangana. What is it ?

What is Biostatistics?

What are major marine ecosystems present in India ?

Which state in India has highest faunal biodiversity?

Which type of afforestation practice used by agricultural farmers in telangana ?

What is the contribution of this agro-forestry to Telangana economy ?

Member - 3

[Talked about importance of Reading books and how this generation is neglecting it for 4-5 min] I don't have reading books or anything related in DAF

What's your take on this ?

How do you explain this to person who don't like reading books ?

What measures can be taken to promote reading books ?

What is copyright ?

How copyright different from patents ?

What is trademark ?

Tell few examples of trademark?

Chairperson: Thank you ! (Smiles).

Overall Experience : Pleasant. But two were completely serious and expression less. Shocked as my interview was completely unrelated to DAF, went like a CSE interview.

Mocks given : Vajiram, Shankarias, Forum, Samkalp. Gained confidence by these , and main interview questions were not related to forest - so no common questions.

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TRANSCRIPT #7:

IFoS interview 2023

23 rd April

Board- Sanjay Verma sir

Optionals-Mechanical and Forestry

DAF- Cycling, Kabaddi, Instrumental music (dhol)

Chairperson-

1. When did you come to Delhi?
2. Did you take any classes for interview?
3. How much you paid for interview?
4. If not in cash but they must have taken something in kind?
5. So do you like poetry as you mentioned instrumental music, don't you like lyrics part?
6. Types of dhol?
7. Membrane of dhol is made up which leather?
8. How long do you cycle each day?
9. Which cycle do you have and it's company?
10. How much you paid?
11. Role of ifos officer in election process

Member 1-

1. Did you watch pro kabaddi?
2. Which team you followed and why?
3. difference between invasive species and weeds?

4. Name few invasive weed?
5. how can we use these invasive species for other purpose?
6. In Lantana camara what do you mean by lantana and camara?
7. Wetlands and water bodies conservation efforts in Maharashtra?
8. special about lonar lake? From earlier answer.
9. Agroforestry species in Maharashtra.

Member 2-

1. What was special about learning Mechanical in your college?
2. what do you mean by life skills and give two examples of life skills that you learn in college?
3. What makes you right candidate for forest services?
4. How will you continue using cycle during service.
5. What will you do if you are cycling in forest and suddenly hear sound of drum?

Member 3-

1. How will you use Mechanical knowledge in forestry?
2. what is jhum cultivation
3. Chipko movement
4. Agroforestry related question
5. What are forest conservation measures in India.
6. What are 3 inventions that revolutionised mankind
7. Which new invention is needed for well-being.

Few questions I don't remember

Board was cordial listen to answers carefully and in the end also grilled me but just keep calm and confidence.

1/18/25, 18:51 - Transcript #8: Suman sharma mam board

Interview date: 23rd April afternoon

Home state- Andhra Pradesh

Graduation - electrical and electronics engineering

Optionals- mathematics and forestry

Chairman:

- 1.What is smart grid and what are its advantages
- 2.What are differences between smart grid and normal power grid
3. Challenges in adopting renewable energy
4. Ranjit sinh case and what sc said
5. Why great Indian bustard collide with power lines
- 6.How much offshore wind energy India generates

M1:

1. As a women why you want join ifos (knowing it's challenging)
2. What will you different than male forest officers
3. Outcome of TN godavarman case
4. Fca ammendment and change is definition of forest
5. What is ecotourism and is it necessary

6. What is plus free

7. What is mother tree

M2:

1. What is bio statistics?

2. Andhra Pradesh has ambitious Target for promoting what type of farming (ZBNF)

3. Explain about ZBNF

4. What is integrated farming

5. what is biodiversity. and types

6. Application of mathematics in forestry

M 3:

1. What are the security threats face coastal region of Andhra Pradesh

2. What is the recorded forest area of Andhra Pradesh

3. Major crops grown in AP

4. Number of assembly seats Andhra Pradesh has

5. As a female officer how will you deal with male subordinate who has bad mouth and abuses everyone

TRANSCRIPT #9:

Date and session of interview- Afternoon session 23/04/2024 (1st to go)
around 30-35 minutes.

Board- Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional- Forestry and Chemistry

Graduation - Metallurgy and Material Science

College- COEP

Relevant Keywords in DAF- Aurangabad, Pune, Maharashtra

Hobbies - "Cricket, watching F1 races, watershed management

Chairperson -

- 1.Are you following Candidates tournament? Who is D Gukesh?
- 2.Don't you think MS Dhoni should get retire now?
- 3.Who is Vijay Marchant?
- 4.What changed after Sachin Tendulkar emerged as a batsman in Indian cricket?
- 5.Who won recent Grand Prix?
- 6.Have you read any book on forest management?
- 7.How would you convince us that you are genuinely concerned about climate change?

M1- Male member

- 1.What are isotopes of hydrogen?
- 2.What is heavy water and it's role in Pressurised heavy water reactor?

3.Which silviculture system would you prefer to increase forest cover in India?

4.WPA amendment and issue of vermins

5.DRS system is used in cricket and F1. What is the difference?

M2 - Male member

1.What is agroforestry

2.Which agroforestry system you will use in your region

3.Human leopard conflict in Maharashtra and steps to reduce it?

4.Compensation given by Maharashtra state to people who have lost life?

5.What is Taungya system

6.Is Miyawaki forest really helps us?

M3 – Lady member

1.Israel Palestine Conflict

2.How Israel can swiftly tackle missile attack of Iran?

3.Which technology is used in Iron Dome System?

4.What is sustainable human corridor in Palestine?

5.What is the basic principle of Watershed management?

6.Do you know who is Jadav Mollai?

7.Why India is not using Thorium for energy generation?

8.Why Elon Musk is not investing in India?

9.Government's prime agenda is economic development. How as a forest officer you would balance environment and development?

Chairperson -

Thank you, your interview is over.

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TRANSCRIPT #10:

Name- VSB

Date - 23/4/2024 Forenoon

Preeti Sudan mam Board

DAF-Karnataka , mechanical engineering, Travelling to historical places,
Watching detective movies. .

Chairman -

- 1) What motivated you to join Forest service?
- 2) On what specific areas in forestry you need to bring the change ?

Member 1 -

- 1) What are the areas you study in Mechanical engineering?
- 2) What is 3-D printing and its applications?
- 3) What is kaveri engine? (I said I don't know)
- 4) Which places have you travelled? .(I said Hampi)
- 4) What is the significance of Hampi ?
- 5) What is your favourite historical place and why ?

Member 2-

- 1) Why Ladakh is protesting?

Who is its leader?

- 2) Which banks or institutions are giving funds to Forest development?

3)What is parasite ? Give me examples?

Lady member -

1) Have you visited any national park ? What are the flora and fauna in that park ?

2) Which environment related webseries you see recently? I said (Poacher) . .
Explain the issues in that webseries ?

3) What are the tribes in your state ?

4) How you will tackle the stubble burning in Haryana ?

5) Why Earth day is celebrated? When it is started ?

Experience - Board was very cordinal . No counter questions. Members are listening patiently.

Utility of mocks - Helps to structure the points , gain confidence, Important areas on DAF . .Mocks that helped me Statecraft Ias , Shankar Ias , Sankalp . . .

TRANSCRIPT #11

Suman Sharma ma'am board,

Date - 22/4/2024, Forenoon, 1st to go

DAF-Rajasthan, Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Roorkee, Samsung, Trekking, Kitchen Gardening, Running, AI and ML

Optionals - Mathematics and Forestry

Chairwoman

Why did you leave your job ?

You worked at Samsung ? There was some controversy related to samsung?
What was it ? (replied :- samsung vs google)

Mam said no, the one which is related to Samsung heir ? what was it ?

Why did they release him ? what is the current situation ?

Which is the country which exports most of the semiconductors ?

Tell me the few names of the companies

What was the venture of foxconn in india ? with which company ? what happened with joint venture? What is the current situation?

CEO of foxconn was in news, why ?

We gave some prize to him ? which ?

Why did we give padm shree to a foreigner ?

A person with AI is very much in news ? He is related to OpenAI

Why was we ousted from company and why was we taken back ?

With AI and all, Are we moving towards demographic disaster ?

Should we go ahead with AI or completely ban AI?

What are new guidelines related to AI.

What is national quantum computing mission?

What is ecofeminism ? anything related to ecofeminism in Rajasthan ? (told amrita devi bishnoi mam). What is it called ?

Anything related to piplantri ?

What is recent news about LGBTQ community? How will it help them ?

Member 1

Do you do anything which is close to nature? (kitchen gardening, trekking and running)

Where all have you trekked ?

What do you get when you finish your treks ?

Difference between vegetation on plains and mountains.

How can AI be used in indian forest service ?

Types of forests vegetation in india ? and where are they ?

What are rainforests ? and where are they found in india ?

What is social forestry ?

Species of timber which are used in construction. (Teak, oak, bamboo) ? is bamboo timber ? (No, sorry sir)

How does forest survey of india calculate forest and vegetation (every 2 year in its reports)?

Member 2

How can your subjects help in indian forest service ? (Mam said the question is repeated ,member 1 has already asked.)

How many plant species are their in india ?

What is bioinformatics ?

What laws are applicable to indian forests as it is very diverse ? (could get comprehend this question)

Tell me about ZSI and BSI.

There is a tree which has been planted in agroforestry very much recently in rajasthan? tell me about it and why ?

What is nitrification ?

Which crops are used in agriculture for nitrogen fixation ?

Member 3

States bordering Pakistan ?

Which force guards it ?

What is Sir Creek issue?

What is BRI? How is india affected to it ? What is india doing for tackling this issue?

Thank you, your interview is over.

TRANSCRIPT #12

Suman sharma mam board

Name KP

Interview date: 23rd April Forenoon

Home state- Maharashtra

Graduation - Civil engineering

Optionals- geology and forestry

Nothing from hobbies

Board members all male

Chairman:

1.what is Amrit Sarovar

2.what is national quantum mission

3. Long monologue on fees differential in foreign and out country, should we increase fees

4. If we give scholarship to meritorious students from lower classes still should we increase it

5. PLI or capital industry which one is better

PLI benefiting to big sectors only but not much to smaller players what should we do for small players

just your thought

M1:

1. Dam breaking test after long monologue
2. Plate tectonics
3. Indian tsunami
4. Natural disasters in India
5. Where from are we importing timber
6. Industrial plantation

M2:

1. what is mahaashir project from Lonavala who is leading it
2. agroforestry vidarbha potential
3. Low areas in Maharashtra
4. Is it still there or not
5. Efforts taken by government for it

M3:

1. Lot of graduates and engineers without employable capability why
2. What we can do for that
3. Efforts taken by govt in skill development

TRANSCRIPT #13

Name- aaa

Date - 23/4/2024 Forenoon, 3rd to go

Preeti Sudan mam Board

DAF-Telangana , mechanical engineering, reading books, Watching movies. .

Chairperson:-

- 1) Why you left job ?
- 2) Did you consider career in technical field ?
- 3) Tell me about Jagtial?
- 4) Follow up on why water intensive crops?

Member 01:-

- 1) You will be posted in rural areas, how will you manage?
- 2) Which is your fav subject in Mech ?
- 3) It's applications?
- 4) Problems faced by forest in Telangana?
- 5) You are an engineer, what technologies will you use in forests and how ?
- 6) Have you visited any forest area?
- 7)

Member 02 :-

- 1) What is waste land?
- 2) How will you afforest a waste land?

- 3) What is FPO ?
- 4) How will they help ?
- 5) Difference btw forest and stand ?
- 6) Where are temperate forests found in India?
- 7) Name 2 tree species?
- 8) Which family do they belong?
- 9) A tree of temperate forest, which is CR, but highly useful for medicinal value?

Member 03:-

- 1) Tell me some flora and fauna of Telangana
- 2) Problems faced by environment in India?
- 3) Tell me some medicinal plants?
- 4) Have you read an environment related books ?
- 5) Any environment related movies ?
- 6)

Experience - Board was very cordial . No counter questions. Members are listening patiently. It lasted only ~17 mins. Our board started taking interviews at 10:40 am, while other boards it started at 10:00 am.

Utility of mocks - Helps to structure the points , gain confidence, Important areas on DAF . .Mocks that helped me Vajiram , Shankar ias , Forum ias

TRANSCRIPT #14

IFS 2023

Date - 23/04/2023

Name - Summum Bonum

Board - Suman Sharma Ma'am

Very cordial board especially Ma'am always supported.

Chairperson

- (1) Offshore wind policy
- (2) Wind potential States
- (3) Why there is reduction in sale of vehicles less than 5 Lakh rupees
- (4) Why Tesla is not coming to India
- (5) What is EV policy for Tesla
- (6) Is there any opposition by Domestic early movers who has invested in India ?

M1

- (1) What is new in National Forest Policy 1988 compared to 1952 policy ?
- (2) What is Coppicing ?
- (3) Tell me different species that coppice.

M3 - Most of factual on Agriculture

- (1) How different societies interact with each other ?
 - (2) What is contribution of Grapes , Orange , Pomegranate in GDP of Maharashtra
 - (3) What is Raigarh Policy ?
 - (4) What is Phorta in agriculture?
 - (5) What is Alphonza ? (I ask is it Mango variety, He said No)
 - (6) Tell me various agroforestry species that included in agriculture in Maharashtra?
 - (7) What is Altitude stratification?
- (Some questions not able to remember , so factual)

M3

- (1) Do you know about why truck drivers protesting?
- (2) What is jail term ?
- (3) Is it right that we increase jail term from 2-3 year to 10 years ?
- (3) What are measures taken to reduce road accident and we have accident capital?
- (4) Do you know Golden Hour trauma?
- (5) What should be done in this regard ?

Ma'am was helpful and not much cross questions.

1 member asked factual questions. Rest are thoughtful.

Mocks - Samkalp (Very helpful) , Vajiram One to One useful

Evolution lectures

Shankar, Vajiram mocks not much relevance

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TRANSCRIPT #15

Name : SS

Date of interview: 22nd April (Afternoon)

Board : BB Swain Sir

Keywords : Cooking, Cricket, Civil Engineering, Sudarshan Kriya, Forestry

CM

1. Do you only cook or read about history of foods as well?
2. What do you cook?

M1

1. What things that are happening around disturbs you?
2. What are you doing on your part to bring some change in them?
3. How do you see the "shorts (YouTube)" culture? Are we mostly receivers or content developer and what's your observation over them?
4. Anything related to environment on similar lines
5. Who are the stakeholders in forest management who render the work of forest department difficult to perform?
6. What initiatives would you take in this regard?
7. What can be do to bring every stakeholder on the table as far as environment conservation is concerned?
8. What can you do innovative to have good relations with locals as a forest officer?

M2

1. What is the concept of 'personhood' in environment?
2. Which rivers got the status of 'personhood' in India?

3. What are sacred groves and how do they help in conservation?

4. Name any sacred grove of NE region

M3

1. How would you bring a balance between infrastructural developments in Himalayan region as a civil engineer and well as a forest officer?

2. What will you do to have good relationship with locals around forest, anything innovative?

PS

Didn't feel like a interview (as happened in mocks). It was more like a all round discussion(most of us gave our inputs on a single topic simultaneously). We had few lighter movements as well(even suggested me the names of few books wrt my hobby and even what they could interpret of my personality 🤔), hence forgot few questions (Apologies for the same).

None of the questions were straightforward (all were long monologues, few even with answers).

All in all, I just enjoyed it. Let's see how much they did. 😊

TRANSCRIPT #16:

Name - KSV

Date - 23/4/2024 Afternoon, 3rd to go

Board: BB Swain sir

DAF- Andhra Pradesh, Mechanical Engineering Graduate, Hobbies - DIY - Home Appliances, Gadget Enthusiast, Optionals - Geology and Forestry

Chairperson

1. I've never come across this hobby. What's this DIY-Home appliances
2. What do you do as a hobby?
3. Do you plan to take it up into larger scale

Member 1 (Madam) - Two questions asked in single go

4. Your DAF says you're into Mech Engg, Geology and Forestry. Geology is like the mother of forests. What is the relation between them?
5. How do you use mechanical eng with geology and Forestry to mitigate climate change and ensure Biodiv conservation

Member 2 (Madam)

6. You are into technology. As you know many early warning systems and apps were developed, but the state where I come from many villages do not have internet connectivity. But these areas also have a high amount of animal conflict where elephants come in herd to habitations. Without EWS and the Internet, how can we address them?

7. I have said both natural and tech based solutions. Continuing on my tech based solution, do we have satellite based internet connectivity like Starlink in India and what's the current status of it?

Member 3 (Sir with extremely low voice)

8. Why do you want to join public service and why specifically both IFS. Answer both

9. A very big monologue about the use of technology by the government, private players and consumers. At the end the crux of the question is How to address privacy concerns?

Again back to Member 1

10. What keeps you inspired and what's that something you have done for others in society (again 2 questions in one go)

Back to Chairman sir

11. Do you want to tell us anything? I said No sir, members have fairly covered all my areas of interest.

12. Sir as usual insisted and said tell us something, you can even give a speech.

13. I answered and sir asked one more question before saying Thank you and leave.

Experience - Board was very cordial. No counter questions. Members are listening patiently and acknowledging answers.

Utility of mocks - No mocks given

TRANSCRIPT #17:

Date and session of interview- Afternoon session 23/04/2024 (1st to go)
around 30-35 minutes.

Board- Sanjay Verma Sir

Optional- Forestry and Chemistry

Graduation - Metallurgy and Material Science

College- COEP

Relevant Keywords in DAF- Aurangabad, Pune, Maharashtra

Hobbies - "Cricket, watching F1 races, watershed management

Chairperson -

- 1.Are you following Candidates tournament? Who is D Gukesh?
- 2.Don't you think MS Dhoni should get retire now?
- 3.Who is Vijay Marchant?
- 4.What changed after Sachin Tendulkar emerged as a batsman in Indian cricket?
- 5.Who won recent Grand Prix?
- 6.Have you read any book on forest management?
- 7.How would you convince us that you are genuinely concerned about climate change?

M1- Male member

- 1.What are isotopes of hydrogen?
- 2.What is heavy water and it's role in Pressurised heavy water reactor?

3.Which silviculture system would you prefer to increase forest cover in India?

4.WPA amendment and issue of vermins

5.DRS system is used in cricket and F1. What is the difference?

M2 - Male member

1.What is agroforestry

2.Which agroforestry system you will use in your region

3.Human leopard conflict in Maharashtra and steps to reduce it?

4.Compensation given by Maharashtra state to people who have lost life?

5.What is Taungya system

6.Is Miyawaki forest really helps us?

M3 – Lady member

1.Israel Palestine Conflict

2.How Israel can swiftly tackle missile attack of Iran?

3.Which technology is used in Iron Dome System?

4.What is sustainable human corridor in Palestine?

5.What is the basic principle of Watershed management?

6.Do you know who is Jadav Mollai?

7.Why India is not using Thorium for energy generation?

8.Why Elon Musk is not investing in India?

9.Government's prime agenda is economic development. How as a forest officer you would balance environment and development?

Chairperson -

Thank you, your interview is over.

1/18/25, 18:51 - Transcript #18: Name --VK18

22nd APRIL 2024 - Forenoon

Suman Sharma mam board

Keywords from DAF (JNV, KARNATAKA , MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)
nothing else from DAF was asked.

Chair-

- 1) So are you from JNV? I said yes mam. Who founded JNVs? And She said few good words about JNVs.
- 2) Temple Tax issue in Karnataka. (There were few follow-up questions and conversation continued)
- 3) should we tax temples?
- 4) Can we use wealth of Temples for welfare activities,?
- 5) What will be the impact on future Donations?
- 6) Difference between Drone and UAV?
- 7) High altitude Pseudo satellites.

M1-

- 1) Recent FCA Amendment and provisions.
- 2) ECOTOURISM and it's impact.
- 3) Green steel and companies producing it.
- 4) Bamboo - changes in it's status. Is it a tree??

5) Why from mechanical engineering to Forest service?

6) Important laws related to conservation of Forests and wildlife.

M2-

1) Duties of forest officer

2) What made you to choose IFS?

3) How do you improve waterlogged areas?

4) How forest helps Tribals.

5) Which state has highest forest cover.

6) Flora found in MP.

7) Civil Services Day and its significance.

M3-

1) 4 strengths and 1 weakness of you.

2) Tell us something which is not in DAF

(Few more questions were asked by members 3.)

Mam said Thank You, Your interview is over.

Overall experience - Board was cordial. Most part of interview was on 2 topics (Temple Tax issue and FCA related)

TRANSCRIPT #19

Name : western ghats

Forenoon 2nd last to go

Optional ; agriculture and geology

Board: Suman sharma mam

Time: 20min

Chairman ...(All are follow up questions from my answers)

You did agricultural science from shimoga district, you have diverse and intersting hobby section(mam was smiling)

1. Can we replace present PDS system with token based food system?

I said mam it can be done but needs proper study to understand the +ves and -ves...etc

2. Then what will FCI do ? If we introduce token based system of PDS

3. Does FCI really work efficiently?

4. Any other agency work similar to FCI?

5.why farmers are protesting for india's withdrawal from WTO

6 What is KFD kysanur forest disease (my daf)

7. type of vaccines?

M1 (no follow up questions)

1. What is geological clock ?

2. What you did in agricultural residue management?

3. RAWE program...(Member was smiling) what did you do in that program?

4. Can Indian farmers afford to launch satellites and do precision agriculture?

M2.

1. what is STP and ETP ?

2. WHAT IS botanical garden and arboretum?

3. how botanical garden are arranged as per species ..he said some expert name (Which I never heard of) Based system

4. what are the efforts of Karnataka government on mangroves ?

5. What is ITM ? I said sorry sir i couldn't hear you....he again said what is .I...T...M..

I said sir in what context it is ? He said Integrated pest management...I said sir it is IPM 😂

M3.(Seems geology expert, ..used many technical words)

1. what is paleontology and it's application

2. what are tribolites and it's geological period?

3. Evolution of elephants and horse

4. What is NADAMS AND NCTC national crop forecasting centre ?

5. Have you heard of *helicoverpa armigera* and *spodoptera litura* ?

6. some insects affecting tree species?

Mam said thank you, your interview is over. You may go now...board was cordial...allowed to speak without any interruption..mam was smiling almost throughout the interview. M1 was continuously staring at me. 😂

Mocks : vajiram, vajirao, bano IAS, SAMKALP

One to one : Mahesh bhagwat sir, NEXT IAS, samkalp

Few questions repeated. Mocks helped me a lot in structuring the answer.

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TRANSCRIPT #20:

IFoS Interview

Name- Bird Watcher

Board- Sanjay Verma Sir

Date-24/04/2024, 30 Min approx.

DAF- Cricket, Driving, Travelling, Volleyball, NSS, Maharashtra.

Optionals- Agriculture, Botany.

Chairman: (many follow up questions, mostly on hobbies)

- 1) Are u 6'3 tall? Is it genetically?
- 2) To what u will attribute your health and fitness?
- 3) What kind of driving exactly?...2 wheeler or 4 wheeler? You are tall so which car is comfortable for such persons and your favourite SUV?
- 4) Diesel car Vs Petrol cars..issues with diesel car...which one will u prefer?
- 5) What type of travelling exactly? Places u have travelled and farthest one?
- 6) Learnings from traveling? As u do solo traveling so where u stay and whether u have stayed at any station at night or not? Any problems and whether u got sick due to food contamination and related issues till date?

M1(Lady):

1) About green revolution & exactly which varieties developed and process followed?

2) Name research institutions in agriculture.

3) Why there is less research in forestry as well as in agriculture? what should we do?

M2:

1) Why contribution of agriculture in GDP is decreasing? how we can increase it.?

2) How many acres of land u cultivate...irrigated or dryland.?

3) Suppose you are DFO of a region and govt has approved a land for your residence bungalow, but that place belongs to such NGO which runs school for education to local students. what will u do in such case??

4) Do u employ labours in your farm or the family itself do the all operations??

M3-

1) GM crops? Should we develop in forest plants also?

2) There are some groups that are supporting GM crops and other are opposing...then what's ur opinion.. should we promote it??

3) what u have did so far in farm to improve yields..?

4) There is possibility that farmers and locals may not support you or others who are recommending changes in agriculture practices..so what will u do in such case ??

Chairman again :

1) Tell some environmentalist from Maharashtra & India.

2) Tell some Hockey players from Indian national team?

3) Best female singers currently? (not related to hobby)

4) Tell any author of fiction books? (Not related to hobby)

What will be your book based on and what name u will give?

5) Do u know that one snake catcher who is very famous in India and how u generated interest in this species.(Based on my previous answer)

Board was very cordial...never interrupted in between...was keenly observing especially chairman. No grilling as such but many follow up questions... it's mostly on DAF(hobbies, agriculture graduation).

TRANSCRIPT #21

Name. - Vijigishu

Date. 24/04/2024 Afternoon ..5th to go

DAF keywords: Mechanical, Arunachal Pradesh

Optional - Forestry and Geology

Chair:

1. Manipur conflict related discussion...underlying causes behind it

2. what is FMR - Free Movement Regime

3. CAATSA related discussion

4. Moonlighting related discussion - is it ethically right

M1.

1. Why Himalayas continue to rise

2. Which part of himalaya is older whether western or Eastern

3 . What is difference in vegetation in both Eastern and Western Himalaya

4. What is concept of Isostasy

5 what is Fossils & how it can be useful

6. Biodiversity management committee

7. Biodiversity Cultural Protocol (He said ..It is by UNDP)

M2

1. How Mechanical can be used in forestry

2. Forest fire - main causes

3Mahsheer- project in lonawala

4 How tides formed

5 What is its effect on aquatic ecosystem

6. Political geographic zones of India

7. Something related Madh island

8. What is CRZ

9. By products of sugar industry and its uses

10. Contribution of Grapes in MH GDP

M3

1. About Arunachal - Bordering countries

2. What is issue with China

3. Sela tunnel

Chair:

You may leave

P.S.- Might be forgetting some question

Overall experience - Member allowed to speak, no interruption

TRANSCRIPT #22

Date 24th April 2024

B.B.Swain Sir

Afternoon, 3rd to go.

DAF keywords - Diary writing, Web Series, Trekking

Graduation - Mechanical engineering

Optionals - Forestry and Agri Engineering

Chairman - Webseries , which was last, what learning. Any more...The Railway Men and bhopal tragedy. What reasons for such industrial disasters

Mam 1 - Which environmental disaster concern you most. Coral bleaching. Why ? Plastic pollution and best way to tackle it. Which environmentalist is your motivation or u admire

Sir 2 -long monologue and as forester what can you suggest to improve Green cover of urban area ? Recycling concerns and is it responsibility of private or public bodies. What's your opinion

Mam 2 - Diary writing , from when, what do u write, have you ever read it again ? , showing plastic bottle, how many plastics are there ? She gave information on that. Moved to forestry and agriculture engineering. What is green value chain, how to make forest value chain green using agricultural engineering ensuring benefit to fringe communities, as an officer how will you approach declining biodiversity we want your way of thinking.

What drives you in life, your motivation

Chairman - Do you want to ask anything, do you want us to cover anymore area ? Your interview is over.

I am unable to recollect Some questions. Overall interaction on DAF and follow up questions.

1/18/25, 18:51 - Transcript #23: Date - 24th April (Afternoon)

Board - Preeti Sudan

Afternoon - Last to go

Keywords - Mtech in Environment, CPWD (Current job), Rajasthan, Delhi

Optional - Mechanical, Forestry

Chairperson

1. Meaning of your name
2. How can pollution in Yamuna be reduced.

M1

1. What do you understand by wood seasoning
2. Significance of alpine forest for local nomadic tribes.
3. Tell us about flora & fauna of desert ecosystem.
4. Name some aquatic species
5. Difference btw tortoise and turtle

M2

1. Why do you want to change job.
2. Who is your role model in life.
3. Whats your take on interlinking of rivers
4. Ever heard of Ghost road.
5. Aware about a City entirely in the forest.
6. Where these alpine forests are found and what is the alternative name for them.

M3

1. Types of renewable energy
2. biggest solar plant in Rajasthan and capacity
3. Women cricket player who has most runs

Experience - Board was cordial. Every candidate was interviewed for 15-17 minutes each.

TRANSCRIPT #24

Date - 24/4/2024 Forenoon,

Sanjay Verma sir Board

DAF-Andhra Pradesh, Watching wildlife documentaries.

Chairperson:-

- 1) Farthest you travelled from your home
- 2) How far have you travelled intellectually?
- 3) why focus on climate change rather than social change ?
- 4) watched any social documentary?
- 5) any movie on social issues
- 6) Indian directors of wildlife documentaries.

Member 01(Ma'am)-

- 1) How will you improve the catchment area around a lake?
- 2) what species will you plant?
- 3) flora and fauna in jim corbett?
- 4) Use of sal and terminalia apart from timber and ecosystem services?
- 5) Mining effects on people around it?
- 6) environmental movements in India

Member 02 :-

- 1) What is the NGO you have worked?

- 2) some NGOs involving in antinational activities. What is your view?
- 3) what should you do with respect to social change ?
- 4) what will you do to eliminate caste discrimination ?
- 5) why increase in backpacking in west ?
- 6) Have you travelled to nature places?

Member 03:-

- 1) food chain? Which is more important level? Take a stand
- 2) most polluting industry?
- 3) what measures taken? What will you do?
- 4) what is your view on cheetah reintroduction?
- 5) are we ignoring lions and leopards?

Experience - Board was cordial . Some counter questions and clarifications. Members are listening patiently. Went for around 25 minutes .

Utility of mocks - Helps to gain confidence and deal with random questions. .Mocks that helped me samkalp ias, Vajiram , Shankar ias , Forum ias

TRANSCRIPT #25

IFoS interview

Board - Preeti Sudan ma'am

Chairperson

1. Have a seat and make yourself comfortable
2. I see you are a sportsperson, nice!
3. I see that you are from IIT Kanpur, why did you not pursue M.Tech.?
4. Do you permanently live in Jaipur?
5. Why is it called pink city?
6. What colour is Jodhpur?
7. Why is it painted so?

Member 1

1. So cross country, how many kilometres do you run? 5kms
2. Is it the normal distance run that we run in cross country?
3. Have you participated in any cross country competition?
4. Did you secure any position or did you just participate?
5. What was your timing?
6. Tell me about the recent technological developments in chemical engineering.
7. Difference between urea and nano-urea.

8. What are the India's renewed commitments under UNFCCC CoP?
9. What is the absolute number that we are targeting for renewable energy capacity?

Member 2

1. Tell me about the various agroforestry system.
2. What type of agroforestry systems are practised in Rajasthan?
3. Which tree in the world gives the heaviest timber?
4. Which tree in the world gives lightest timber?
5. IPCC "3rd assessment report" mentioned a technology with high potential for carbon sequestration. What is it?
6. What has the highest carbon sequestration potential/capacity?
7. Tell me about the agriculture in China.

Member 3

1. Tell me about the desert ecosystem and its flora and fauna.
2. What are the economically important tree species in Rajasthan?
3. What are the various water harvesting systems in desert part of Rajasthan?
4. How would you undertake sand dune stabilization?
5. How will you apply the knowledge of Chemical Engineering in Forests?
6. So you watch documentaries, tell me about something that you watched recently which caught your mind recently.

Thank you, your interview is over. All the best.

Assessment:

- The environment was very conducive for discussion.
- Discussion was majorly on DAF.
- Pace of discussion was somewhat fast.
- There was no cross questioning except for one question.

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TRANSCRIPT #26

Name- Nithin M

Date - 24/4/2024 afternoon, first one to go.

Suman Sharma madam Board

DAF- Karnataka, still travel photography.

Chairperson-

1. Asked about the gap in my work and what did I do?

2. Do you know about Telecommunications bill?

(Replied I don't have complete understanding about it. Madam asked if she needs to change the topic?. I replied , Yes madam, please)

3. What is CEC bill?

4. Election commission act was passed in the 90s, what was the procedure to appoint commissioners?

5. Is WhatsApp good or bad? How?

6. Is social media good or bad?

7. Have you heard of echo chambers? How does that work?

M2

1. Have you heard of AQI? How do they get that number?

2. If a city has AQI of 300, what measures would you suggest?

3. Long monologue on Open cast mining and it's effect in India. How would you restore the place afterwards?

4. What species of trees would you use for it?

5. Tell me fast growing species in your area?

M3

1. Tell me about the earthquake prone areas of India?

2. How does avalanche form?

3. What is a wetland?

4. What are the benefits of restoring an aquatic ecosystem?

5. What is microphotography and photomicrography?

6. What is carbon dating? And how is it used?

M4

1. Have you heard of artificial rain?

2. Is Dubai floods because of cloud seeding?

Asked 2 more questions, I am not able to recollect

3. Tell me 3 good things and 3 bad things about social media?

Chairperson- Thank you, your interview is over. You may leave now.

Experience - Board was cordial. Members are listening patiently. But, chairperson and one other member was smiling and encouraging. Other two members kept a grim face all along (idk if it's some kind of a method to put pressure). Went for around 25 minutes .

Utility of mocks - Helps to frame answers, gain confidence and communicate answers in a better way.

Mocks that helped- Shankar IAS, Samkalp IAS, India 4 IAS.

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TRANSCRIPT #27

Name : mm

Board : preeti Sudan mam's

Key words: job (patents, coal india), nss, forestry , geology and electrical engineering.

Chairperson: tell me about your job profile ?

Why do you want to join ifs when already working in your field (patents)

M1(mam): tell me about tree species in delhi since you have done your btech from delhi?

5 tree species of jagannath area odisha (also worked there)

Tell me about rehabilitation work done in degraded land after mining activity?

What is use of water coming to surface in coal mines due to mining ?

M2(sir): what is ecosystem ?

How to measure volume of tree?

How to calculate biomass of forest ?

Asked me about Patanjali case in supreme court.. and weather Patanjali products are patentable?

What is the current scenario of patent grant and filing in india ?

How much time it will take to get a patent now a days ?

What is productivity (in general sense)?

What is ncap ? What are revised targets ?

Also 1-2 more questions that I have forgotten.

M3(sir): recent advancement in electrical engineering?

Land sinking happened in uttarakhand last year ? Where it happened?
Geological reasons behind that ?

What work you did in nss ? What is its motto ?

This much I can remember

Interview time : 20 minutes approx

Board is cordial.. less cross questioning.

Mock interview given : vajiram, shankar, sankalp, aram and evolution.

All were beneficial

Also

Guidance by Mahesh bhagwat sir and Shreyas Shrivastava sir has been really
HELPFUL.. thank you very much sir 🙏

TRANSCRIPT #28

Date - 25/4/2024 afternoon

Board :: Suman sharma Maam

DAF-Rajasthan, geology, chemistry.(nothing asked from any other topic.)

Chairperson:-

1) EU-FTA agreement.

2 Russia Ukraine conflict why not calling it a war instead of special warfare operation.

3 Neuralink and privacy issue and your views.

Member 01(Ma'am)-

1) how soil form and what process is called.

2 Intitative taken to deal with shifting sand dune in Rajasthan, wanted to know something related to Australia speices was not aware about it

M2

1 intitative taken to deal with soil and water conservation by rajasthan govt. Follow up questions successful model near village in kota

2 about history of rajasthan

3 why jaipur is called pink city

M4.

1 work of SSB

2 have you been to Bangladesh border. No follow up question

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3 panchayati raj and flaws in it.

Not able to recall 3-4 more question

mock : Mahesh Bhagwat sir one to one discussion, evolution ias Sir your effort in the preparation group really helped me to stay updated on relevant news article.

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TRANSCRIPT #29

Date-24/04/2024

Board-Preeti Sudan Mam

Chair-

- 1.How To Increase Urban Forestry
- 2.Information About Akola And Forest In Vidarbha

Member 1-

- 1.What Is Precision Agriculture
- 2.Any Practises Related To Precision Agriculture
- 3.Reasons Behind Soil Degradation
- 4.Efforts Taken By Govt To Deal With Soil Degradation
- 5.Price Of Urea

Member 2-

- 1.Soil Forming Process
- 2.Flagship Schemes On Agriculture
- 3.What Is PM-KUSUM
- 4.What Is Chilgoja
- 5.Wood Consumption Of India
- 6.Parts Of Tree

7.What Is Bio fortification

8.Enlist Some Biofortified Varieties

Member 3-

1.Positives And Negatives Of Forest Fire

2.How To Deal With Forest Fire

3.How Soil Science Study Will Helpful In This Job

4.Human Wildlife Conflict In Your Area

5.Forest Flora Nd Fauna In Your Area

6.Medicinal Plants In Your Area

Thanks To Mahesh Bhagwat Sir,Parag Dhakate Sir And Shreyas Shrivastava Sir
For Their Guidance Through DAF Sessions 😊

TRANSCRIPT #30:

Name: Acinonyx jubatus 🐆

Interview board: Shri Sanjay Verma

23/04/2024. 2nd to go in forenoon session.

Duration: approx. 35 mins

Daf keywords: Himachal, IIT Mandi, Oil and Gas, Mechanical, Guitar, Budget Travelling, Reading about aircraft engine technologies.

Ch:

1. How many cities have you lived?
2. Which city you liked the most?
3. What is Peak Oil and Peak Tourism (dint know exactly)
4. Budget travelling is problematic. People tend to litter the places. What do you think?
5. Famous guitarists of India?
6. Guitarists you like ?
7. Associated with any band ?
8. Which band you liked the most and why?

M1 (lady member):

1. Which NP/WLS/RF/PF you have visited ?
2. Follow up : 5 tree species. Use of rhododendron.
3. What will you do if you are lost in forest?
4. What will you eat to survive ?

5. Do you trek?
6. Length of the last trek?
7. What did you observe on the trek?
8. Follow up details.

M2:

1. What do you think of forest weeping ?
2. Tell the reasons for the forest degradation.
3. Who wrote "While my guitar gently weeps.."?
4. Who is Freddie Mercury ?
5. With which band is he associated?
6. Tell a famous song of that band.
7. Follow up: what do you mean by Bohemian in 'Bohemian Rhapsody'?
8. Tell me two innovative things which you will do for protection of forests.
9. Follow up.

M3:

1. What forest resources could be used for manufacturing biofuels?
2. The yield of Jatropha is low. Any other resources ?
3. How can montane forests particularly be used for generating biofuels?
4. Why was Manali in the news last year?
5. Cause of floods?

6. How will you respond, as a DFO, to encroachments along the floodplains of the river by hotel owners?

7. How will you specifically solve the issue of leopard attacks and monkey attacks in the Himalayas ?

8. What will you do for ecotourism?

9. Some follow up questions.

Ch:

1. I think engines are becoming redundant. What's your take?

2. Follow up and countering of 3-4 questions. Then, abruptly,

3. Tell me 3 inventions which have transformed the cultural space.

4. Okay your interview is over.

Observations: Heavily DAF based with inclination on forestry and a pinch of CA.

Chairman Sir very keenly observing throughout.

Utility: O2O by Shri Mahesh Bhagwat Sir very crucial. His advice of covering the places mentioned in DAF had helped me a lot. He also advised me about preparing at least what he is recommending and it helped me. Shreyas Sir advised me to cover the hobby part extensively.

Samkalp: closest to real.

Forum: helpful in covering forestry.

Vajiram: helpful in covering DAF aspects and random questions.

Shankar IAS: CA based questions asked were good but didn't get replicated in the real interview.

The real interview is a far different deal. The board can be deceptively cordial and hostile at times. Overall, an enriching experience.

Thanking Shri Mahesh Bhagwat sir in particular and this community in general.



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TRANSCRIPT #31

Ifos transcript

Board - Preeti Sudan mam

Daf - Vienna, up, delhi, IIT Roorkee - electrical engineering , optional - geology and forestry

Ch

What was your project in Vienna, explain in simple words

Why leave that option and going for IFOS

How will your Vienna knowledge will help in forestry-

M1

Forestry of up?

Forest cover of up- increasing , decreasing ?

Do we need e to for rapid afforestation ?

Forest cover of India?

If up is behind which region would allow for afforestation ?

What are climate related threats to india- and .. what are mitigation step for forest fire-

M2

What is carbon credits?

Similar program by env ministry recently - green credit program.

What was it explain?

Then what is exact mechanism of that ?

What is frost?

Does it differ from snowfall?

Country that banned deforestation?

M3(mam)

Tenets of soil biochemistry in forestry- said sorry

Flora and fauna ?

Geology and biochemistry something-

Causes for urban flood?

Exotic species in delhi?

beta all the best for result , interview is over

TRANSCRIPT #32

Board- Preeti Sudan mam

Date - 23/04/2024 forenoon

DAF pointers- Bank, backyard farming , Satara, Solapur

Optionals- forestry, agricultural engineering

Duration - 10-15 min

Chairwoman

Asked if she pronounced my name correctly. It was perfect

Asked about meaning of my name

Complimented my name

So you worked in bank for a year and left in 2021

So why did you leave your job?

What inspired you to opt for forest service?

Member 1 (lady) very pleasant, soft spoken and kept smiling throughout our interaction

So recently permission has been given to cut trees on Nicobar islands. What will be environmental impact of such activities?

What can be solution for solving stubble burning issue?

Member 2-

What is difference between backyard farming and home gardening?

What is grown in home gardening?

What is difference between nano urea and neem coated urea?

What are exhaust gases coming from engine?

What disease is caused by nitrates?

How do forests act as source and sink of carbon?

Member 3

Why is neem coating done for urea?

Tell me some important issues of Indian agriculture?

Have you heard about eNAM? Isn't it solving market related issues (follow up from my previous answer)

Have you heard about ODOP?

What is ODOP for Solapur district?

Thank you. Your interview is over.

Mocks given-

Samkalp, Jamia(good range of questions), Vajiram , Shankar

One to one-

Shankar (useful for general topics and forestry), Mahesh Bhagwat sir (very comprehensive and personalized)

Board was cordial. Questions were mostly like rapid fire and only 1/2 follow ups.

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TRANSCRIPT #33

Preeti Sudan Ma'am Board

Chairman :

So you have selected in State Forest Service ? You left it ?

You have an interesting project, Mechanisation of tea leaves?

Is it helping farmers ?

Told that 3d model is being prepared. However we are also getting citations on it.

Tell Us about your Nano satellite project?

You seem to be interested in forestry, what brought you to it?

Member 1

Application of satellite in forestry

National park in mp

Have you visited any ?

Flora and Fauna of your state

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Name some medicinal plant

What are various tribals in MP

Member : 2

There are 2 Teaks, WHICH is found in MP?

Which are the various forest research institutes in INDIA?

- discussion on it

Which organisation regulates satellite technology ?

- not able to recall other questions.

Member 3

1. What are various mission of ISRO ?

2. Indian government actions to curb Fossil fuels consumption?

3. Biofuels target

4. State of Forest in India ?

5. Forest cover

6. Increasing or decreasing? By how much?

TRANSCRIPT #34

DAF keywords- Nagpur, Pune, Vipassana, Gold medal, NSS volunteer, chemical engineering, Bank PO

Optional - Geology and Forestry

Board- Sanjay Varma Sir

Chairman sir-

Your DAF is so simple, what should I ask you. Have you not played any game. What is your passion in life ?? why so simple kind of things, what makes you so simple?

- Last women cricket match you have seen??
- what is the benefits of Women's Premier League?
- what are the concessions for women compare to men's counterpart?
- 20 years from now how do you see the banking scenario?
- water is a chemical or not?
- compare Nagpur and Pune?

Member 1

- Bamboo is a grass or tree?
- unique thing about bamboo?
- how to mainstream bamboo in economy?
- have you visited any forest? what was the unique things present there?

- why we are not allowing big corporates for purchasing Mahua for large scale production?

Member 2

- Capitation fee for taking admissions in colleges, how do you see it??
- being an administrator how will you contain the dowry menace?

Member 3

- Project done in BTech? Is it scalable?
- Effluent Treatment plant standards?
- Air pollutants standards?

Your interview is over and all the best for you future.

TRANSCRIPT #35:

Board: Preeti Sudan

Time :15-20 min

Background-IT (Job), Satara

Optional- forestry, Mathematics

Chairperson:

1. Why IFS after IT?
2. What was your role and what did you do?
3. How IT is useful in forest?

M1:

1. what are ecological corridor?
2. Whicu plants should be planted along highway?
3. What are underpasses and overpasses?
4. As a forest officer what will be the area that you will prioritize

M2

1. Why Satara is famous?
- 2.What is soil?
3. How organic matter and humus is different?
5. How much time is required for 1 cm of soil to form?
6. Name 2 species in Alpine forest which are very useful.

7. What is exactly the name of the oil that is produced from Pine?

M3:

1.Name 10 endangered species

2. Which is the heaviest and lightest timber species? (I am not able to recall if he meant heaviest or something else) (couldn't answer this question)

4-5 questions, I can't remember. Overall board was very cordial. Interview is little rapid fire round type. No counter questions.

Mahesh Bhagwat sir's DAF analysis helped. Especially for places and their importance.

Mocks given- Samkalp seemed closest in terms of cordial nature of the board. Forum was also cordial

Evolution classes and Vajiram - Karthikeyan sir's classes helped.

Evolution mock interview covered basics of forestry.

Dheeratha institute- Vivekananda sir helped me in personality improvement and presentation

TRANSCRIPT #36

Name- ASM

Board- Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Date- 26-04-2024

Session- Afternoon

2nd to go.

Duration- 15 to 20 minutes

Hobbies- Reciting Vachanas (Rest not asked)

Optional- Agriculture and Botany..

Degree in Agriculture

Karnataka

Chairperson-

1.Recite a vachana and it's meaning

2.Vachanas in relation to forestry

M1(Woman)

Vey pleasant and soft spoken

Responsive

Smiling throughout interview

1.Human Wildlife conflict

Specifically w.r.to livestock death

Issues. Any compensation.

Measures.

2.Lantana Camara

Issues and control measures

3.Herbicides and it's effect

4.GMOs

Issues and way forward

M2

1.Spices in Himalayas

Specifically two

(Replied I am not able to recall sir)

2.Define secondary agriculture

(Replied I am aware of it but not exactly sir)

3.Relation b/w Phenology of trees and Climate change

(Wasn't not satisfied with answer)

4.Ways to reduce plastic usage

5.Active ingredient in neem

M3

1.Relation and difference b/w botany and agriculture

Chairperson-

Your interview is over

All the best

All the members wished best of luck..

Overall cordial board

Good conversation

Patiently hearing and positive interaction

DAF Discussion-

Statecraft (Ankita ma'am)

Mahesh Bhagwat IPS sir

Both discussion helped

Mocks-

Shankar IAS(1 Online and 1 Offline)

Statecraft (Offline)

Samkalp(Online)

Helped in presentation and speaking skills..

All the best to others..

TRANSCRIPT #37

UPSC IFoS 2023 Interview Transcript

Chairperson - Suman Sharma ma'am

Date - 25/04/2024

Afternoon session

Duration - 25 minutes

Chairperson

Q.1 You are you working somewhere?

Q.2 You have graduation in computer science, good. Tell me about the 3 generations of semiconductors?

Q.3 Recently it was seen that the semiconductor supply chain has been disrupted, why was it so?

Q.4 Which companies from Taiwan makes semiconductor?

Q.5 Which companies have become big on the basis of semiconductors?

Q.6 Let me give you a case. It is said that if someone is not doing anything, then still it could be said that he/she is doing something. Speak some lines on it for a minute.

Member 1 -

Q.1 What is refractory? Why is it needed?

Q.2 What is called the formation of soil?

Q.3 Where Uranium is found in India?

Q.4 Where is iron ore found?

Q.5 What is the difference between haematite and magnetite?

Q.6 Any physical property which differentiate these two?

Member 2

Q.1 What are the fauna found in desert?

Q.2 How flora and fauna in desert are related?

Q.3 Could you give any example where the flora in desert is in accordance to the need of fauna?

Q.4 Can you name a physical characteristic which is common in both desert flora and fauna?

Q.5 When did desert form?

Member 3

Q.1 You have been head of startup activity group in college. Tell me how knowledge of computer science could be used in forestry?

Q.2 How computer science knowledge could be used in governance?

Q.3 And what about its application in bringing transparency?

Apart from these some 4-5 questions were also there which I could not recollect right now.

Overall a very good experience. The board was friendly and calm.

I would like to thank Mahesh Bhagwat sir for the one to one session where he did help me in focusing on the important key areas. Apart from that I have taken only one to one session with Karthikeyan sir at Vajiram. Thanks

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TRANSCRIPT #38

Date: 25/04/2024

Board: Suman Sharma ma'am

Optionals- Agriculture and geology

Graduation- electrical engineering.

Chairperson- What is the meaning of your name

Ch- so, you are from electrical background, let's talk about that..what do you think about discom structure? Do you think it is better to go for multiple discoms?

Ch- what about tariff structure? Who decides that and what is the basic structure like?

Ch- ok, let's talk about Trump, are you comfortable?

Ch- ok, then is Putin fine? (Laughs)

Ch- do u think there's a chance of nuclear warfare?

Ch- do u think Putin listens to any country?

Ch- India has such a high economy but if we look at the per capita income, it is very low as compared to other countries. Why so?

Further few cross questions.

Ch- ok, thank you.

M1- you are a woman. How do u think u can use that as an advantage in forest service?

M1- so, your optional was geology. What is weathering and how is it different from erosion?

M1- only climate or biological factors as well?

M1- okay, what kind of fishing method is used in west bengal?

M1- thank you

M2- what are few universities in west bengal?.

M2- any fishing University?.

M2- ok, what is the model of water conservation used in the localities of west bengal. There's one very old traditional method.

M2- what is the topography of Darjeeling?

M2- ok thank you

M3- why has the economy of Bengal deteriorated so much?

M3- but after the left party got replaced, why still hasn't industrialisation improved?

M3- thank you.

Interview over.

TRANSCRIPT #39

Name: STK

Board: Sanjay Verma sir

DAF:

Hobby- watching critically acclaimed movies, job - Assistant Commandant in CISF, Computer Engineering , Ahmednagar district(MH).

Chairman:

How is your training going on?

What did u Learn in training?

What do you like most in training?

What are critically acclaimed movies?

Name of few critics

Name of few Indian critics

What is the last critically acclaimed movie u watched?

Have you watched 'court' Marathi movie?

What is your favourite critically acclaimed movie and why?

M2:

U mentioned that a single person can make a difference so what difference can you make in this service?

What problem can you solve using your knowledge of computer engineering?

How can u use ur cisf training knowledge in forest service?

M3:

Why do u really want to join forest service?

Why can't cisf stop smuggling animal products to other countries?

M4:

Do u know about green failing order about the supreme court?

What are the species, criteria etc?

Have you done trekking? Where have done trekking?

What are the forests visited by you?

Do you know about hivarebazar model?

Why hasn't it been implemented in other villages?

Tell me 3 species of trees you admire most.

Thank you Mahesh Bhagwat sir and Shreyas Shrivastava sir for DAF discussion.
The questions we discussed were asked in the interview.

TRANSCRIPT #40

Board : sheel vardhan sir

daf : computer science, data analytics (nothing else asked)

date : 01/05/24 forenoon

Chairman:

favorite tree

under which tree did Buddha attain enlightenment. is it still there?

birth place of buddha, first sermon ?

data is the new oil. opinion?

if a committee with 3 members needed for ai regulation who would be the three members?

m 1 :

- how would India look in 2047?

- your experience from iit to govt job ? how has the journey been ?

- one thing that you would like to change in government functioning based on your experience. follow up questions.

m2 mam :

why peepal keystone species?

any women political leader who indpires you?

contribution of Indira Gandhi in environment?

any leader in environment field who you look up to ?

m3 :

you talk about futuristic technology. but how about status of equality, caste, poverty by 2047 ? follow up questions

how to eradicate caste?

chairman sir :

how neurons influence ai ?

when does machine learning become ai ?

do aliens exist? !

mocks : shankar, forum, samkalp

all useful for better articulation and gaining confidence.

one to one with Mahesh bhagwat sir was useful

TRANSCRIPT #41

Name - Venkatesh

State - Andhra Pradesh

Date - 26th April

Optionals - Geology, Forestry

Hobbies - Yoga, meditation, reading books, tennis

Chair

1. Difference between cyber terrorism and cyber warfare
2. Data is the new oil. Your thoughts
3. Above phrase in context of current geopolitics
4. Human wildlife conflict solutions
5. Raisina dialogue. It is ?

M1

1. What is stratigraphy
2. Different crystal systems
3. What is orchid
4. FCA amendment

M2

1. Deforestation related

2. Utility of electronics engineering, geology and forestry w.r.t. application to IFS
3. Rivers flowing in AP, irrigation potential

M3

1. Plan b ?
2. Where do you see yourself 30 years from now
3. AP aquaculture position
4. AP fishermen concerns w.r.t. security dimension

TRANSCRIPT #42

Date: 26 April , morning, last to go

Name : Hritik

Board: Swain sir

Time: 15-20 min

Background: IIT Kanpur (EE)

Optional : Maths, Forestry

DAF keywords: Indore, Waterfall trekking, Guitar, kabaddi, Snooker, Dramatics, webseries , Entrepreneurship

Chairperson

1) When u got to know u were the last one to go, how did u feel?

2) Do the candidate who goes in interview room come back to waiting room?

* Swain sir to M1 : in our time candidates used to come back and everyone used to ask - kya pucha kya pucha *

* Everyone start laughing including me*

3) what is cascade ?

4) what is the pool called formed by waterfall ?

* Swain sir stood and went back *

M1 (Lady member)

- 1) Use of maths in forestry?
- 2) Use of EE in tackling climate change?

M2 (Lady member)

- 1) What are the values u learnt in your life and from where ?
- 2) How will u implement this values as IFS?
- 3) Which personality apart from ur parents inspired u the most ?

M1 (again)

- 1) what is biodiversity?
- 2) BDA act provisions ?
- 3) Leadership influences change in society. Integrity and competence influences leadership. Explain (Aisa he kuch tha, acche se smjh ni aya tha)
- 4) how can u develop competence ?

M3

- 1) Why didn't u go for entrepreneurship?
- 2) When did u decided to come into civil service before or after going to college?
- 3) which is more tough study IIT or civil services?

Chairperson (again)

- 1) Do want to say something?
- 2) Would u like to ask us from anything which u have prepared? (Told hobbies)
- 3) tell me some webseries u have watched?
- 4) Do u binge watch ?

M3 (again)

- 1) When do u play guitar? Do u play as professional?

Chairperson: your interview is over. All the best

Experience: Both mam nodding and smiling. Swain sir doing his work but listening. No expression from M3. No counter ques. Overall felt like a good conversation with 4 senior people who want to check my personality and not ratta power.

Mocks : Samkalp, Shankar ias (both decent)

Special thanks to Mahesh bhagvat sir, Shreyas srivastava sir, Ayush Krishna sir, Parveen kaswan sir for taking out their valuable time and guiding students for this PT.

TRANSCRIPT #43

Name- ASM

Board- Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Date- 26-04-2024

Session- Afternoon

2nd to go.

Duration- 15 to 20 minutes

Hobbies- Reciting Vachanas (Rest not asked)

Optional- Agriculture and Botany..

Degree in Agriculture

Karnataka

Chairperson-

1.Recite a vachana and it's meaning

2.Vachanas in relation to forestry

M1(Woman)

Vey pleasant and soft spoken

Responsive

Smiling throughout interview

1.Human Wildlife conflict

Specifically w.r.to livestock death

Issues. Any compensation.

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Issues and way forward

M2

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3.Relation b/w Phenology of trees and Climate change

(Wasn't not satisfied with answer)

4.Ways to reduce plastic usage

5.Active ingredient in neem

M3

1.Relation and difference b/w botany and agriculture

Chairperson-

Your interview is over

All the best

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Patiently hearing and positive interaction

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Statecraft (Ankita ma'am)

Mahesh Bhagwat IPS sir

Both discussion helped

Mocks-

Shankar IAS(1 Online and 1 Offline)

Statecraft (Offline)

Samkalp(Online)

Helped in presentation and speaking skills..

All the best to others..

TRANSCRIPT #44

Board: Suman Sharma Ma'am

Date : 29th March Forenoon

Chairman:

1. Byju's issue - why the collapse?
2. LGBTQ - implications of SC judgement, can they marry? , Can they Adopt?
What is your opinion on the Issue?
3. Why homosexuality is not allowed in the army?
4. What is CBAM? Why is it implemented? Is its implementation started? Which sectors are impacted?
5. Name 5 carbon sinks? Which part of forest has highest carbon? Which part of tree has highest carbon stored?

Member 1:

1. When did you choose to come to this field? (Before or after college)? Exactly what made you to chose this field after entering into IIT?
2. Kota students suicide issues? What can be done?
3. EIA? Explain the process?
4. Josimath issue? Can we consider it as man made disaster?

Member 2:

1. Delhi pollution? Causes ? What can you do to improve the air quality?
2. What is certified wood?

Member 4:

1. People around Delhi are growing wheat for many decades. But why stubble burning has become issue only in the past few year?
2. Green credit programme? Explain?
3. Carbon cycle?
4. Carbon sink and carbon neutral?
5. How do we calculate how much carbon sequestration is done by a tree?
6. Situation based: A well is polluted (lead). It has to be closed. But people are against it as it has religious significance and they are healthy even after drinking water from the well for many decades. What steps would you take?

Mostly not based on DAF.

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TRANSCRIPT #45

29/04/24

Forenoon

Suman Sharma Ma'am Board

DAF- Noida, Travelling. Rest not asked

Optionals- Botany + Forestry

Chair Ma'am

- 1) what is INS Jatayu?
- 2) why were PSU'S made ?
- 3) PSU's have been diversifying into various unrelated fields. What is your opinion on this ?
- 4) should they diversify even if they are profitable ?
- 5) which company was recently added to a very famous international index?
(do not remember the exact ques)
- 6) why PSU's stocks are good going in the market
- 7) Surrogacy- do you support it
- 8)provisions of surrogacy act
- 9) Are single parents allowed to adopt children in india
- 10) what is happening in red sea
- 11) do you know of any special operation which was undertaken by any country in the red sea?

M1

- 1) Meaning of your name?
- 2) Is Noida an acronym or what
- 3) Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar are they same or what
- 4) What else is included in Gautam Buddha Nagar
- 5) What have you been doing since graduation
- 6) Why masters in anthro
- 7) Name any 3 centrally sponsored schemes for women

M2

- 1) places have you travelled to recently
- 2) What is special about Kutch
- 3) Do we really have mangroves in Kutch? (Trying to confuse me 🦴)
- 4) What can you do about water pollution in the context of forestry
- 5) What is a wetland, name schemes for wetland
- 6) mud house, timber house, concrete house - which is more climate friendly and why
- 7) some cross questioning on albedo 🦴
- 8) is large scale afforestation possible in kutch

M3

- 1) What is climate change
- 2) What are the 5 suggested ways to tackle cc by IPCC

3) You spoke of urban heat island effect what is it ? Do we see it in Delhi?

4) What is canyon effect

5) What is nano urea. What are the benefits

(He was running after the factual details- grilled here)

6) How can we use stubble for carbon sequestration - he wanted to know about biochar (grilled here again)

7) What is wetland tourism(mentioned in some answer)

8) We hear about so many kinds of water , you just tell me what is virtual water .
(Could answer this and he was happy thankfully 😊)

Mocks given- Sankalp panel + group mocks, Forum, Vajiram, Evolution, SHANKAR IAS.

O2O- Kartikeyan Sir, Forum, Mahesh Bhagwat Sir.

Ayush Krishna Sir and Shreyas Srivastava Sir were always there to help.

My analysis -

Closest was the last mock with samkalp. Though all mocks were helpful in some way or the other.

Never expected such Gs type questions from the chair. (I'm in no way related to any PSU)

TRANSCRIPT #46

Preeti Sudan Madam

29 April

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Chair

how is your training in ICLS

What are your learnings from the corporate structure and its regulation in india

Why ICLS to ifs

Other members (not in order)

How to conserve the traditional knowledge of communities ? - told about jfm

Asked how to do it using provisions of Biodiversity act

Surveying - civil engineering context

Drone surveying

Benefits of drone surveying

Are there issues to wildlife if we use drone surveying ?

Why people use certified seeds instead of traditional seeds

Is BT Brinjal permitted to be grown in india?

Which big cats in india

Which big cats not there in india?

How to increase the income of local communities

Striking off company

Why geology optional when civil engineering optional is available

Won't you waste a seat in icls

Grateful to Respected Mahesh Bhagwat Sir and all the mentors for guidance.

TRANSCRIPT #47

Dinesh Dasa sir

29th April (afternoon)

DAF - concrete canoe, short film on Rape and project sambhavam , lawn tennis, IIT Bombay

Chairperson

- 1) What have you been doing since graduation?
- 2) why AIS?
- 3) " public servants are civil servants, and vice versa" -- meaning (because I mentioned both terms in my previous answer)

M1

- 1) monologue about community participation in forest management, asked that there is discussion about increasing role of women in forest management. Why ?
- 2) ek question or tha.

M2 -

- 1) From DAF - concrete canoe, short film on rape , about NGO I mentioned in DAF
- 2) Current discussion about article 39 in public discourse.. what is this about?

M3

1) About WPA act

2) about Jim Corbett and what he did

Last one to go in afternoon session so my interview 10-12 mins only. I felt that they were in hurry to wrap it up.

Special thanks to Mahesh Bhagwat sir , Praveen Kaswan sir & Kartikeyan sir (Vajiram) for DAF discussion and your guidance.

TRANSCRIPT #48

Board: Sudan Madam

IIT Dhanbad

Electrical graduate, HZL

CAPF AC

Forestry and Agr Engg

Chairman:

Why left the job

CAPF AC or IFS, why

KALESAR ws

GHG effect

GHG gases

Tiger reserves, total number?

Total number of TR in Karnataka and MP

Why Shola Forest?

Trees found there?

Types of forest in India

What is Alpine forests

Tree found there?

EE

your favourite subject

Types of RNW energy, limitations

Difference between Renewable and fossil fuel energy. Why one is bad, other is good?

Sixth schedule area?

Specific to it

Types of forests in 6th Schedule

Fast breeder reactor

WS in Jamui

Have you visited any

Species found there

Any event by the Forest Department there

Any other eco tourism site in Jamui

Medicinal plants

Have you seen Ashwagandha, why named such

Why Agr Engg and Forestry as Optional?

Thankyou so much @919908017349 sir and all the mentors. Your guidance and DAF discussion were very helpful. 🙏

TRANSCRIPT #49

Name- *****

Date- 29th April Afternoon

Board- Suman Sharma mam

Background- Sainik School, Electrical engineering, Bharat Coking Coal Limited

Chairperson mam-

Briefly read my form

1. Future of coal

Long Discussion over it (Developing country, COP 28 transitioning from coal, Net Zero by 2070)

2. Demand of Electricity in India

Member 1

1. Regarding some tech, did not knew about it. Then he asked what is Super critical Thermal Power Plant

2. Difference between coking coal and normal coal

3. You are from sainik school why did you opt for armed forces.

(Got into IIT, also gave SSB but could not qualify it)

4. And now you want to join forest services why ?

Member 2

1. Role in BCCL.

2. Did you take any shortcut while serving BCCL.
3. What do you do if your subordinate disobeys you ?
4. Difference in forest cover and tree cover
5. How one can increase it.

Member 3

1. Bio-char use in steel manufacturing.
2. What is difference between bio-char and bio-coal.

(Did not knew)

3. Jharia coalfield fire issue
4. How to improve quality of coal

(Coal washery)

5. What happens in coal washery

(Didn't knew exact chemicals and process but gave them a summary)

Nearly every question was from DAF and it was a conversation cum personality test not a interview.

Recommended Interview Guidance Programs-

One on one session with Mahesh Bhagwat (Very helpful), Sankalp, Shankar IAS

TRANSCRIPT #50

Good afternoon sir

Sharing my transcript with you

IFS 2023

30th April, Forenoon

Chair: Hon Raj Shukla sir

Name: Khejri

KW: Civil Engg, Philosophy, Vipassana, Football, Hiking, Calisthenics

First one to go

Wished good afternoon instead of morning :P corrected myself

CHAIR

1. Where are you from?

2. Tell me advantages of living in Delhi and some things you don't like?

3. Interrupted and cross questioned - Why people from outside are doing better now than Delhiites? Gave example of no one from delhi being part of Indian cricket team

4. Do you think it is India's moment on the global stage? Yes or no?

5. Isn't India 10 years late, and when did china start BRI?

6. India has been repeating debt trap debt trap, what is India doing to counter china's BRI?

7. Is the Global South represented within BRICS?

8. India has to deal with china capturing space within BRICS and with the new members joining BRICS, can India use BRICS for its goals?

M 2

9. Read through the DAF and asked Why do you want to join IFoS?

10. Your favourite football player?

Do you watch ISL?

Which team do you support?

11. Can we increase FC to 33%?Challenges in increasing FC to 33%?

12. What is green credit program?

M 3

13. Issue of land not being available for increasing FC to 33%? What can we do?

14. How will you increase awareness among people towards forest and biodiversity conservation?

15. Issue of resources and forests, how to make resources available for people?

16. How will you tackle the problem of a community wanting to kill a wild animal that has invaded their area and caused harm?

M4

17. Unique name, associated with which symbol and used for what purposes in last century?

18. Are Jews and Israel committing a mistake to target Palestine and the civilian population?

19. What is India's position and what is India doing and the role India can play in the conflict?

20. In global context what can be done with the UN weakening and the changing global order and Netanyahu still determined to inflict more damage?

21. Based on one of my points, Are institutions like ICC or ICJ really effective?

Observations

Cordial board and the interview felt like a conversation, no grilling and just a couple of counter questions. Decent experience overall. Tough to judge with the broad nature of questions initially from Chairman sir



TRANSCRIPT #51

Board: Preeti Sudan Ma'am

Date: 29/4/24

Optional: mathematics + forestry

education: IITK EE

Work ex: Central govt. authority - cyber security executive

Key words: Jaipur, Rajasthan, Cooking (rest not asked)

Chair:

Why did you leave your job?

Why IFS, why should we take you?

What was your role at work?

From which countries did we face the most cyber attacks? Apart from usual suspect - China

How do we mitigate those attacks?

What all you can cook?

M1:

Delhi pollution - why and what can we do?

Issues with solar power? Follow up asking solutions

What is the peak demand of power in India, what is the installed capacity?

what should we do to use it to full potential

What are the most pertaining issues India is facing with respect to forests?

M2:

Tell me the names of NP in Rajasthan?

Desert National Park has been in news, why? - I told the SC case

These are some negatives, there is one good news from there as well - I said hatching of GIB eggs in captive facility

Have you been to Ranthambore - No,

You must have visited Keoladeo? It is very close by.. - No, however I have visited Corbett (sensing there was some disappointment on not visiting them)

Ok, tell something unique about Corbett - 1st NP of India

How do we control sand dunes, desertification

Khejri is a fantastic tree, tell me its benefits.

(Some talk about Khejri's benefits amongst the member and chair)

I was asked about Khejri's benefits again. (repeated the same points)

How do we preserve wildlife corridors - they're under threat from humans all the time, they have no protection as such. - I answered community reserves, conservation reserves . Follow up - What else can we do? - awareness , education etc

M3:

What does BNHS do?

Is it a NGO or govt organisation?

There is some disease in trees, some new virus has come, do you know about it?

(chair inquired the member about the question, member answered it to chair, I did not speak, it was a some virus from Karnataka)

What species do we use to make paper?

Chair: all the best, your interview is over.

Experience - cordial, members were hinting answers and directing me towards what they had in mind - that was comforting and helpful.

Mocks/O2O/sessions that were helpful : Mahesh Bagwat Sir + WhatsApp group for news updates, Anupam Sharma IFS Sir lecture in evolution, Uttam Sharma IFS Sir (Sampkalp lecture - available on YouTube), Shankar IAS (o2o, mock).

TRANSCRIPT #52

Name: Benjamin Linus

Date: 30-04-2024

Board: Rajkumar shukla

Session: forenoon, 2nd last to go

Chairman:

1. Where do you think there are more jobs government or private?
2. Do you agree that there are more opportunities now than in our time?
3. In our time we didn't have much choice, we had limited opportunities. my father told me to fill NDF I did it and I don't regret it, what made you choose this field?
4. You would agree that unemployment is a problem, who would to be blamed government or private sector (based on my answer in the previous answer).
5. If the government expands then everybody blames the government, now tell me who used to be blamed?
6. You know the slogan of the PM about the governance.

Member 1 (male)

1. We knew Bangalore as the garden City but these days it's known for water crisis, what is the reason for water crisis?
2. We claimed encroached a lot of lakes do you think we can protect them now?
3. Tell me about the day to day activities of a forest officer since you're going to one?
4. What is the name for planning forest work?

5. Please explain to the board what Working plan code is?

(He was giving cues and also explaining the subject)

Member 2 (female - short questions and was listening patiently)

1. You are from RAICHUR, tell me two historic events involving RAICHUR!

2. Which rivers flow through it?

3. Does it have any ancient inscriptions?

4. What government is doing to restore hampi?

5. What is the footfall of hampi?

6. Coming to what sir was asking, you see government has a role to play in the macro economy that will encourage economic activities in the private sector.

7. Tell me two sectors where PLI has been successful?

8. Issues with Indian pharmaceutical sector? Q

Member 3 (female) - (long monologues and too many questions at a time)

1. Continuing with what mam was asking, there are issues with allopathy as well. For long we were issuing traditional medicine successfully but now the trend has shifted to ayurvedic, who is so? Another question, if we were using biodiversity for medicine for good for long even then there has been less focus on medicinal plants, what should the government should do to promote planting medicinal plants.

2. Would you implement all this if you become the forest officer?

3. What need to do increase traditional medicine usage.

4. You see there are employment opportunities in this sector also (traditional medicine), issue today is employability. What's your take on this.

5. Tell me about forest of Karnataka.

6. What is special about mangroves?

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TRANSCRIPT #53

Board- Suman Sharma Mam

30/04/2024, Afternoon, 2nd to go

Keywords- Petroleum, NG, Bhagalpur

Chairperson-

1. Sanskritisation of Corruption
2. Has corruption declined in last 10 years
3. By revoking Electoral bonds, we will go back on cash based corrupt funding. Your view?
4. Isn't US based lobbying & open funding better? (Told about gun lobby)

M1-

1. Strategy for Fossil Fuel to Renewables transition, being a net energy importer
2. Exploration projects of India
3. Can we get more oil & gas production from India?
4. Why you want to be IFS officer?

M2-

1. Meaning of name
2. Why are trees worshipped in India?
3. What is Prospect, Retrospect, Conservation wrt Biodiversity

4. Ways of Biodiversity Conservation (gave hint- NP,WLS,BR...)

5. Medicinal trees for cancer cure

M3-

1. Why left IIM offer?

2. Why left job? Regret your decision?

3. What is famous about Bhagalpur? (told Silk)

4. Process of silk making

5. Decline of silk industry in Bhagalpur

Everyone said thanks and wished all the best

No grilling, all were patiently listening

DAF One-to-One

1. Sh. Mahesh Bhagwat Sir (IPS)

2. Sh. Karthikeyan Sir (Vajiram)

3. Sh. AK Goyal Sir (Shankar)

4. Sh. Ayush Sir (Forum)

5. Sh. Ayush Krishna Sir (IFS)

Mocks

1. Samkalp (1 online, 1 offline)

2. Vajiram

3. Shankar
4. Evolution
5. Planet Geology (online)
6. Forum

Special thanks to Mahesh Bhagwat sir for extensive DAF analysis, Ayush Sinha sir for constant support and mentors from other institutes.

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TRANSCRIPT #54

Date: 30/04/24 AN

Chairman: Preeti Sudan Mam

DAF: B.E CSE, Hackathon, Chess, mobile game, Tamilnadu.

1. What did you do in hackathon?
2. Name herbal plants
3. Where is aswagantha grown in India?
4. Unique species in your state?
5. Their ecosystem? Their numbers?
6. Chess recent news

M1

1. Cyber issue
2. Measures you will take as DFO in your office
3. Technical aspects
4. What is firewall
5. Gaming addiction positive and negatives

M3

1. Have you visited zoo? How was it?

2. How many zoos are there in chennai?

3. Crocodile bank

4. Snake park

5. CSE in forestry

6. About elephants

7. About WLS and most special

8. Elephant wishpers

9. Use of technology in forest

10. Your fav subject in forestry?

11. Why so?

M3.

1. Issues in tribal treatment

2. How can you tackle it? (BDA act)

3. Seed institution in India

4. Water pollution issues in industries

5. Measures to tackle.

Can't remember a few questions. It was very quick. All the best.

TRANSCRIPT #55

Name: Leo Leo

Board: Shukla sir

DAF: Gujarat, State GST, Revenue department

Chairman: What is heat stability?

Heat stability has increased nowadays due to climate change what it causes?

Climate change melting arctic glacier what impact it causes on ocean?

Which country affected most?

India's which part affected most?

M1(lady member):

What you have done in pvt sector as govt representative or as pvt ?

Why you shifted from pvt to govt?

Vast experience in govt sector what Gujarat govt is doing for promotion of digitisation? What is main causes for less use of digital services by govt?

I replied various services of Gujarat but She insisted me to explain each services in detail.

What problems are there in Gujarat regarding GST implementation?

M2(lady member):

Told me why corruption is there and people with money are also doing ?

Tell me that my engineering and ifs no relation then how you identify trees?

What wild animals I have seen in my village?

I said many but when I told her ficus religiosa she stopped me and asked me why we are praying it?

Then why did we cutting it?

How to increase forest cover?

She told me Gujarat people know more about medical plants why?

Why we use allopathy medicines ?

Again told me is there corruption still there in Gujarat? Asked my experience with that if any.

M3:

Tell me about his friend use to told about dang then asked me what Gujarat govt doing for dang people?

Lion's man animal conflict ? (I said I beg to differ sir that I rather say human animal conflict; all member laughed)

Then he told me about people living inside the gir teasing lion as he saw in YouTube? Is it good?

What is your view in lion relocation?

Why Gujarat not willing to relocate?

What is the problem with not relocating?

Why African lion not safe as Indian? (Asked due to I mentioned recent IUCN comment)

Board was very cordial. It's like conversation with elders. About 20 minutes.

Thanks sir for your kind support. Your detailed DAF analysis really helped a lot.

TRANSCRIPT #56

Chairperson:- Hon Dinesh Dasa Sir

Date:- 30-04-2024

DAF:- Mathematics, Flute, Software, Mentor

Morning session :- 5th to go.

Duration:- 20 mins

Chair:-

1. Why you want to join IFS?
2. Tell me about Rio, Rio+ 10 , Rio +20?
3. What is CBDR principle, why we were so late in implementing it?
4. India's Active Participation in these summits?
5. What is Climate Positive and Carbon Positive?

M1:-

1. Why didn't you prepare alongside with your job?
2. Do you like listening to music? What kind of music you like?
3. Legalization of Marijuana? (Thoughts) (Place of Birth famous for opium.)
4. You mentioned PAL program, what exactly was your role? (Mentor)

M2:-

1. Bhupen Hazarika Musical painting? (I couldn't get the exact question) (Hobby + College)
2. Difference between folk and country Music?
3. How will you identify an old place which used to be a forest but not anymore?
4. Cut of Date of FRA? And how will you identify encroached land? (Follow up, as I didn't understand earlier question)
5. What is the way to calculate emissions by a country and carbon sequestration? Which organization does it? Some follow up questions like, how will you calculate carbon stock?

M3:-

1. What is mathematical modeling?
2. How will you use mathematical models along with computing to solve social issues?

Good learning experience. No cross questioning.

Big Thanks to everyone for helping me with this process.

One-to-One with Shreyas Sir, Karthikeyan Sir, and Mahesh Sir Interview guidance initiative helped a lot.

Mock:- Sankalp, Forum, Vajiram, Evolution

Classes:- Evolution(Interview) and Vajiram(Forestry Optional, Interview)

Good luck Everyone!

TRANSCRIPT #57

Name : Kunal Mishra

Board: Dr. Dinesh Dasa Sir

Date: 29th April, forenoon, interview started when everyone of afternoon session arrived, so had to wait for 4 hours in central hall.

Time of interview: 45 minutes

CHAIRMAN SIR:

1. Have we met before?

2. Why do you want to join civil services?

Sir stopped me in between and asked to not say anything which coaching institutes have made me to say, he said he wanted a true reason. Also, gave me water to drink. Then I said the same reason because it was a true one, but added one extra line to give him respect.

3. You are from bundelkhand, so tell me about forests of bundelkhand.

4. What type of forests are found in Himalayas?

5. What is tree line?

6. Tell me some environmental movements which have changed Indian forest policies and laws.

7. What changes were brought after chipko movement?

8. With increasing issues of climate change, do you think it is right time to transfer forest subject from concurrent list to union list.

9. Suppose you are PCCF in UP, how will you promote ecotourism? Also tell me what will be potential areas to promote it?

10. What percentage of India's area and UP's area is forest cover?

11. I have read that in UP, forest cover is something else, are you sure?(He was giving the data of forest and tree cover combined)

12. Have you visited any forest area?

13. UN has declared 2021-2030 as which decade?

14. What does ecosystem restoration means?

MEMBER 1(Female):

1. What are endemic species?

2. What makes species endemic?

3. Tell me some invasive species.

4. Tell me the one which is majorly prevalent in UP, MP, RJ

5. Why some people are preferring prosopis juliflora and some are averse to it?

6. How will you bring rural development and forest conservation together?

7. Give me a concrete initiative that you will take.

MEMBER 2:

1. Have you ever done trekking?

2. What is firozabad famous for?

3. Why glass making industry famous there?

4. How will you handle development vs tribal issue?
5. Which district of UP has highest forest cover? Where does it lie? Which district of MP borders it?
6. What is poetry recitation?

CHAIRMAN SIR:

1. Do you recite your own poems or someones else's?
2. Who is your favourite poet?
3. Which is your favourite poem?
4. Recite it(I drank water and then recited Harivansh Rai Bachchan Ji's poem, Jo beet gayi so baat gayi)

MEMBER 3:

1. What is metallurgical and materials engineering?
2. What is it's use in forestry?
3. What is UP's target of forest cover?
4. What is global warming?
5. How you as a forest officer can fight it?
6. What is community forest management?

MEMBER 2:

What is difference between community forest management and joint forest management?

CHAIRMAN SIR:

1. In how many phases elections are occurring?
2. In UP how many phases?
3. How many phases already happened?
4. Which part of UP have already faced elections?
5. Why low voter's turnout?
6. Should there be one nation one election?
7. Should election schedule have been two months long?
8. What would you have done if you were chief election commissioner?
9. What are advantages of one nation one election?

MEMBER 3:

Is it practically possible holding one nation one election?

MEMBER 2:

What you are telling has no relationship with holding one nation one election.

CHAIRMAN SIR:

"No, actually there is a relation in his point. I understood what he is saying".

Then he made the member understand about how my point was related to holding one nation one election in a practical manner.

Tell me what gives you happiness?

MEMBER 2:

Do you want to join politics?

CHAIRMAN:

1. Why youth is less attracted towards politics?
2. Should there be a competitive exam for entering into politics?
3. What reforms should be there then to promote youth entering politics?

Your interview is over.

Last 15 minutes was a complete discussion on elections and ways to make it more democratic and effective.

Mocks: Samkalp and Vajiram

I would like to thank Tarun Awasthi sir of Samkalp for helping me in interview preparation. I am thankful to Mahesh Bhagwat sir for giving me great insights about my DAF (few questions came directly from sir's discussion). I am thankful to Shreyas Srivastava Sir for always being a support to me.

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TRANSCRIPT #58

Name: Gardener

Date: 29th (1st to go)

Board: Raj Shukla sir

DAF keywords: Bengaluru, Gardening, watching Wildlife documentary, Repurposing DIY, NSS, Entrepreneurship club, NGO

Chairman:

1. What have you been doing since 2016?
2. Long monologue... And asked me which is the biggest threat, is it climate change or AI.
3. Asked me Einstein IQ
4. Another long monologue.... He said that according to him AI is a bigger threat than a CC... Asked me my opinion on the same
5. Long monologue on india not performing well against CC, and india's approach on historical emissions, my view on these things

Member 1:

1. What is repurposing DIY?
2. Monologue on candidates keeping IFS as a backup plan... Asked me will i do the same.
3. Since you have studied ECE in engineering, why did you choose Geology and forestry
- 4.

Member 3:(lady member)

1. Long monologue on using my technical knowledge from ECE to identify Medicinal plants
2. Long monologue on using the same in conserving and sustainable usage of medicinal plants
3. How will you ensure the forest community uses the forest resources sustainably?
4. Use of technology here also

Member 4:(lady member)

1. As a part of the Entrepreneurship club, what exactly did you do, and tell me any success stories
2. What is the govt of India's policy on entrepreneurship?
3. What are their challenges?
4. Tell me 2 big Political parties manifesto on climate change
5. What are the major differences in their manifestos on climate change?
6. Taking the cue from the chairman's question on AI, tell me 2 challenges to AI and propose a solution to the same.
7. Is the policy on AI (EU's risk based policy) by the EU has come to force?
(Question from my previous response)

The chairman said, your interview is over.

Mock : one on one daf session with Mahesh Bhagwat sir, Ankita Ma'am-statecraft (group discussion and one to one was really helpful), India for IAS, Shankar IAS, Vajiram, SANKALP, Babu sir(Level up)

TRANSCRIPT #59

Name: Panthera leo persica

Board: Suman Sharma Mam

Date: 30/4/24

Afternoon 1st to go

Chairman:

1. Are you already in Administrative Service. Where are you posted now?
2. What is CAATSA? Its full name.
3. How USA used it?
4. How India is getting waiver for oil deal with Russia?
5. Name Indian company sanctioned by USA under CAATSA.
6. Any defence deal exempted by USA for India?
7. How USA is interesting in toppling government in various countries rather than occupied it.
8. Explain the quote: Doing nothing is also doing something.

Member 1:

1. What is aspirational district programme.
2. Is there any grant given to such district for developmental work.
3. What is your view on Lateral entry in Central govt offices?
4. Role of CBC
5. Are you aware of any rankings provided by CBC to ATIs?

Member 2:

1. describe GHGs and how they affect the environment.
2. Challenges of adoption of Electric Vehicle.
3. Your views on EV.
4. How to change scenarios of EV in indian context.

Member 3.

1. Are GHGs natural or man made?
2. What is your role in Water and sanitation management organization.
3. what is Global warming potential?
4. Name few GHGs and how can we measure GWP of that gases.
5. Guess the GWP of NO_x with respect to CO₂.

Board is very cordial. They listen very carefully and not interfere during answering. Give hints on certain questions.

TRANSCRIPT #60

IFoS PT-2024 (23 April 2024)

Suman Sharma Ma'am Board, First to go Forenoon

Duration : 25-30 Minutes

Name - John Wick (<http://t.me/mofcsfw>)

Home District and State - Alwar,Rajasthan

Graduation - B.Tech. (ECE), MNNIT ALLAHABAD

DAF Keywords Relevant for Transcript - Workshops on Ethical Hacking,Drone Making

Hobbies - Non-Fictional Books Reading, Watching Comedy TV Series,Badminton

Optionals - Forestry,Geology

I entered and wished ma'am and Sir respectively. They asked me to sit down. They were sitting very close to me.

Chairwoman :

As You are from communications background so tell me some communication cables were disrupted recently.. As I replied Yes Ma'am.. She asked what are those ?

Underwater Sea Cables for Internet Connectivity were disrupted by Houthi Attacks

Exactly How many cables were disrupted and How many total Cables are there ?

Sorry Maam. I am not aware about the exact no. I will read more About it.

In Red Sea Disruption Many Western countries are conducting operations for Maritime safety.. Tell The Mission Names and Which country launched them ?

Sorry Maam I am not able to recall the exact mission names but US and UK both have launched operations in the area.

Are these operations by US and UK joined by european countries ? If yes then which countries joined and which didn't ?

Maam I am not aware about exact country names and As far As I remember few countries have joined the above operations while few are thinking of launching independent operations.

What is India doing ?

Maam India launched anti-piracy operations and is protecting its maritime interests as well as implementing International Law.

Which Operation was launched by India ?

Sorry Maam I dont know exact name of the operation

You have Badminton as Hobby so tell me can we play Badminton on Moon ?

Maam As Moon have $1/6$ th gravity of earth the shuttle will go far higher and will take long time to come back so it will difficult to play for these reasons

Can we play Badminton in Space ?

Maam In Space there is no gravity so if we hit a shuttle it will keep floating in that direction infinitely so until we hit back shuttle it will never come back so it is near to impossible to play badminton in space.

Which Shuttle stays in Air for More Time Nylon or Feather ?

I told it depends maam as nylon had different versions like green made for cold environments and red for warm environments but generally feather shuttles stay for more time in air and has better drag compared to Nylon.

Recently there was a SC judgement on Fundamental Rights .. what is it ?

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I told maam it was MK Ranjit Singh Case for GiB Protection and laying underground lines for protection in Which SC declared people have FR under Article 21 to be protected against the impacts of Climate Change.

You know about Bitcoin ?... actually cryptocurrency in general.. The prices are decreasing these days again why ?

Maam The last news I read the prices were going up due to Bitcoin Halving where out of 21 million BTC only 2 million BTC are remaining to be Mined and it becomes exponentially difficult to mine next bitcoin so people are feeling that there will be scarcity of BTC...

She asked why they crashed after initial skyrocketing ?

I told maam initially they increased due to people feeling that they will replace legal tender but when major economies didnt declare them as legal tender they crashed.

What is India's Stand in this ?

Maam Initially RBI Banned but SC lifted the ban on grounds of violations of Article 19(1)(f)- right to profession and proportionality grounds but then Govt. brought a bill to ban cryptocurrencies but I am not aware about the exact status of passing of that bill.

Member 1: (Environment Questions)

You are from ECE Background .. Why do you want to come to IFoS ?

When I was doing graduation.. I had an interaction with DFO(Wildlife), Sariska NP and He told about his innovation for water hole maintenance and Rainwater Harvesting in Sariska NP.. After this I started researching more about service and started preparing after graduation for it and It also aligns with my practice of minimalism and rural background so I can tackle the remote postings of the service.

What is Ecosystem ?

Sir It is biotic and abiotic components and their interaction with each other

What is Ecological Succession ?

I tried to speak but couldn't frame a coherent answer so Stopped and Asked for a minute's time and Then told that it is progressive replacement of one species by more fit species in a particular environment.

And This leads finally to ?

Climax Species

What are those ?

It is the most suitable species for a particular environment at that particular point of time.

Difference between WLS and NP ?

Sir Both are protected under WLP, 1972 and All rights are allowed in WLS unless prohibited explicitly and opposite is true in NP. NP are declared by CG/SG while WLS is declared by SG.

Difference between Zoo and Safari ?

Differs in Objectives - Zoo is created to protect the germplasm and for exotic animals and creating awareness about them in general public while Safari is to reduce the pressure on core area and create awareness about indigenous fauna. Also The enclosure is smaller in zoo and in safari they live in natural habitat.

What are Indicator Species ?

Species whose presence or absence indicates the good/bad health of ecosystem. For e.g. - Lichens are good health indicators

Member 2: (Rajasthan Related Questions)

What are the plants found in Rajasthan ?

Neem, Mango, Khejri, etc. - I told 6 to 8 plants with scientific names.

Scope of Forest Department and Its officers in Rajasthan ?

Afforestation and Reforestation to Increase the forest cover according to forest policy of Rajasthan - 20% and Arresting Desertification by Sand Dune

Stabilisation, Protecting Wildlife and Managing Human-Animal Conflict, Tiger Management, Enrichment Plantations etc.

There is production of lac in Rajasthan which is used in bangles and handicrafts so where is the centre for lac located in Rajasthan ?

Sorry Sir I don't know .. I will read more about it.

One Animal Conservation Centre is there in Rajasthan ? Where is it ?

Sir Captive Breeding of GiB is done in Desert National Park... He interrupted and asked I am talking about animal ?... I said I don't know Sir .. I will read more about it.

Remote Sensing ? (Couldn't understand he is asking what is remote sensing or remote sensing centre ?)

Technique to measure properties of Remote object without physically touching it. (didn't ask next question and gave me pause) so I started telling Remote Sensing usage in Forestry - NTFP Mapping, Illegal Logging Surveillance, Forest Health Monitoring, Forest Fire Alerts etc.

Member 3 :

You have caste name in your surname ... Many castes are having their own bodies these days - Dalit Chamber of Commerce, Vishwakarma Association so The role of caste in society is increasing or decreasing ?

Sir In certain aspects of caste system it is weakening for example - Interdining due to restaurant culture and hereditary occupation due to modern industry but in certain other aspects it is increasing for example - Political Mobilisation and Vote Bank Politics

What about reservation ? Shall we abolish it ?

Sir It should definitely not be abolished but it should be better channelised and should be provided in a way that it reaches the most needy.

Shall we provide reservation based on caste or shall we put sole economic criteria ?

Sir as these caste groups were discriminated against as groups historical so there is a logic in providing it based on caste and not solely based on economic criteria but On top of social criteria - economic criteria can be used to filter people who have used the reservation system and make it reach to more needy people.

(I might have forgotten a few questions from last member)

Mocks : Statecraft Academy, Shankar IAS

Finally Interview is always way different than mocks but interaction with Vinod Jakhar Sir and Akankita maam(Statecraft Academy) and DAF discussion with Mahesh Bhagwat Sir helped a lot.

TRANSCRIPT #61

Name: Green Soldier

Board: Sheelvardhan sir

Date:01.05.2024

Chairman: Welcome to the interaction session.

- 1.Synonyms of your name.
2. Carbon credits vs green credits
3. Lucknow biryani vs hyd biryani. He also explained it.
4. GM crops good or bad. On what side do you stand? Why?
5. Have you felt climate change personally. If so explain.

M1:

1. Why ifos after chemical engg.
2. What is agro forestry
3. Give me examples from your state.
4. Commercial forestry vs agro forestry
5. Give examples. I said Eucalyptus etc.
6. Are Eucalyptus good or bad? I said need to grow indigenous sppx like teak.

M2 mam:

1. Why Eucalyptus bad?
2. Have you read literature on in it. It is misconception. U shouldn't say like that without reading research papers. I said i will learn it mam.
3. Famous personalities from krishna DST.
4. Abt kuchipudi dance origin and practinioners.

5. Forest and WL from your DsT and problems.
6. Kolleru issue.
7. Why was tirupati zoo in news.
8. What steps will u take from tech point of view in zoo mangmt.

M3:

1. Long monologue on tribals and forest relation. He said everything abt it what i knew, then asked me what is ur opinion. I just rephrased what he said.
2. Do you think evictions should be done from NP?
3. If tribal kills a schedule one animal who doesn't know abt rules and act. What will you do.
4. How can you make a coexistence
5. Half way through the question , chairman sir intervened

Your interview is over. Thanq for the interaction and spending time with us.

Overall: Everything was mostly discussion, didn't felt any thing like question and answer. No cross questions except extensions to it. Mix of DAF, Environment and interests in forestry related.

Thankful to Mahesh bhagwat sir, shreyas sir.

TRANSCRIPT # 62

NAME: BLACKBODY

Board: BB Swain sir

Date: 22 April forenoon

Chairman:

1. I don't know about Telangana. Give me an overview of Telangana's forests.
2. Tigers aren't sighted much by humans. Why?
3. Do you lions are also shy? Why not?

M1:

1. You are a teacher, play football and are in diverse areas. It seems very difficult to manage all of them. What qualities of you do you think helped you in managing? What are you proud of?
2. In what aspects are you a fast learner and justify them. (In response to my earlier answer)
3. In forests, illegal mining is there and also there are tribals. How as a DFO will you deal with them differently?
4. Who are your role models and why?

M2:

1. Long monologue about ecotourism... how can we manage environment and ecotourism?

2. Despite fines on using plastics, it still is prevalent. What steps should we take?

3. What are ESG norms? What are the guidelines given to companies regarding them?

4. As a mechanical Engineering, how can you make manufacturing environmentally sustainable?

M3:

1. What is distinct in non western countries about preservation of nature and biodiversity?

2. Do you think India is doing enough in this respect?

3. How are we seeing environment and biodiversity? Are we seeing from human sensitive view? How should we approach?

4. Many trees being afforested aren't helping the soil. How to address it?

Note: Not many cross questioning. The board was very cordial and everyone is patient enough to hear even the lengthy answers well.

There might be 2-3 other questions that I have missed out.

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