

My Journey towards Indian Police Service (IPS-2015) – Noorul Hassan

My Basic Education - I belong to a very small village named Harraypur, District – Pilibhit (UP). My basic education up to 8th class was completed in Government School, i.e. Primary and secondary schools of **my village in Hindi Medium**. From Class 6th, I started learning English Alphabet. Later on I did my 9th and 10th from Gurunanak Higher Secondary School, Bhaisah, Dist-Pilibhit. After completing my 10th, we shifted in Bareilly as my father got Group D job in Bareilly. Here I took admission in Manohar Bhushan Inter College and completed my 10+2. Though I was in Hindi medium but I remained topper in almost all the classes.

How I improved myself from a Hindi medium background to English

I completed my B.Tech from Aligarh Muslim University in the year 2009. This was the place where I developed myself and prepared my personality for civil service and corporate world.

Firstly, for improving English we formed a forum called **Illumini** (a peer group of 10 friends) where we used to discuss various national and international issues. In this forum we used to conduct mock interviews, GDs, debate etc. This forum has prepared my personality for CSE and other exams.

I was also the part of a college forum called **@INGENIOUSSOLUTIONS** right from first year. In this I worked for 4 years continuously and learned many things including how to speak English. This was the forum where seniors advised juniors to improve their personality and prepare them for future job opportunities. This was extremely useful for my personality development.

I was also part of **University Literary Club** but here I was not in any leadership role but learned many things from students who used to come to participate in Essay writing, Debates, Extempore, Quizzing etc.

Other than that I improved myself by participating in various literary activities as well as in sports activities of college and various residential Halls.

Thus I used AMU's resources in the best possible manner to improve myself. So the ground work for civil service was already done in AMU.

Preparation of UPSC –After working 14 months in Siemens and 1 year in Department of Atomic Energy I realized I need to start preparation as I want to contribute to the society in a better manner as well as I was not satisfied with my professional advancement. So I started preparation in the year 2012. I did not join any coaching. I was full time working during my preparation phase. In 2013, I have given my first serious attempt (though first attempt was in 2012 where I could not clear prelims) and Alhamdulillah I was able to crack Prelims, and mains though in interview I could not score well (121 out of 275). Because of interview I could not make it in the final list. But I again started my preparation with full energy and in 2014 exam I was able to crack it with rank 625 (Allocated IPS). Moreover this time I scored 190 marks in interview. I have taken English medium for all the stages of exam although I was

from pure Hindi medium background. It was possible because I worked really hard to improve myself during my 4 years stay in AMU.

My message to youth and Civil Service Aspirants-

1. Dream as big as possible but always prepare yourself for Plan B. Even plan B's Plan C must be there. As in my case if I could not get success in civil I was having my alternate career in Department of Atomic Energy.
2. Decide your destination as early as possible and start working towards it.
3. In my opinion **Success=Summation of each day work carried out for years**
As in my case I worked a lot in my college to improve my personality and learning English. So you will have to introspect your weakness and will have to work upon them for years. **So divide your target in the years, months, weeks and days and move ahead a little everyday. Achieve something every day.**
4. For achieving your goal you need not to be very intelligent. You need not to be the best among your peers but you need to have passion to achieve your goal. As I was from very normal schools but I was having passion to achieve my target and I worked hard for that.
5. There is **no discrimination with Muslim Youth/or with anyone in civil services**. If you are having knowledge and expertise, you can crack any exam.
6. Try to get best possible guidance from your seniors. It is always better to learn from the experience of others rather than wasting your own time for years.
7. Never get demoralize from failures. Civil service exam is the test for patience and self confidence. So fail but fail better every time. In the end you will get success.

Prelims strategy

It is one of the trickiest parts of whole exam where one has to work really hard. Now only General Studies paper-1 counts in final ranking thus even one mark is very important. For general strategies my strategy was as follows–

1. Indian Polity – Laxmikant (2-3 time reading)
2. Modern History – Spectrum + NCERT (Bipin Chandra)
3. Ancient history and culture – NCERT + CCRT website
3. Geography – 6-12th NCERT + Barnwal
4. Economic – 9-12 NCERT + Ramesh Singh book
5. Environment – NCERT + IGNOU notes
6. Science – 9th and 10th ICSE books of biology. I did not study physics and chemistry.
7. Current Affairs – The Hindu + All India Radio + Rajya Sabha TV

8. India Year Book + Economic Survey + Budget
9. Practice of objective through Whatsapp group

Mains Exam

Optional Strategy (Public Administration)-

For public administration I started with **Prasad and Prasad**. After completing this book I purchased Mohanty's Class notes from Mukherjee Nagar. After completing these two things I did advance study of selected topics from following books-

Paper 1-

1. Naidu's book on public Administration (for understanding basic terminology of public admin)
2. Mohit Bhattacharya(Bible of Public Ad)
3. Fadia and Fadia (for very few topics)
4. Public Administration-1 by Mr Aribam(KBC nano publication)
5. IGNOU's MPA notes(for few topics)
6. IGNOU's video available on youtube channel
7. CEC/UGC video available on youtube channel
8. IIPA journal(not in depth)
9. A lot of discussion on Administrative thinkers with my friends Owais Jafri, Faraz, Arsalan

Paper 2

1. Laxmikant for Indian Polity (already covered in GS)
2. Rajni Goyal and Arora
3. Awasthi and Awasthi
4. Public Administration-2 by Mr Aribam (KBC nano publication)
5. 2nd ARC report (only recommendation)
6. IIPA journal (selected)
7. The Hindu and Rajya Sabha TV for current affairs
8. Discussion with my friends on each and every topic

Beside that I did a lot of practice of previous 5 years papers. I also joined a test series.

GS strategy-

GS is my one of the strongest area as I am reading newspaper right from 5th class (Hindi paper in those days). I used to listen news and TV debates. Thus I was already having opinion on various issues and during preparation phase I followed newspaper (Hindu), All India Radio, Rajya Sabha TV and Internet extensively.

GS PAPER 1

1. Culture – CCRT and NCERT Ancient
2. World History – Old NCERT of Arjun Dev + some discussion with friends
3. Modern History – Bipin Chandra + NCERT old one
4. History after Independence-Bipin Chandra
5. Society – NCERT and newspaper + Ram Ahuja's books for selected topics
6. Geography – NCERT old (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) + Barnwal

GS PAPER 2

1. Indian Polity – Laxmikant
2. Other part was already covered in Public Administration
3. Selected topic from Internet
4. IR – from Newspaper + Vajiram class note
5. Newspaper + Rajya Sabha + All India Radio
6. Discussion with friends

GS PAPER 3

1. Indian Economy – NCERT 9-12th + Ramesh Singh + Uma kapila for selected topic 3.
2. Newspaper + Rajya Sabha + All India Radio
3. Selected topic from Internet
4. Science and Technology – Vision IAS compilation + newspaper
5. Internal Security – IDSA book + newspaper
6. Discussion with friends

GS PAPER 4

1. D. Subbarao books on ethics
2. Insight India 's class notes
3. Case studies from Menzel
4. Case studies' discussion with friends

Essay – This is my weakest area. I only wrote 3-4 essays. So I advice aspirant to write at least 10 essays before appearing for mains and get it checked by experience teacher.

Interview – The most important part of this exam is personality test. **You can not make personality overnight. So you have to work throughout your life** to prepare for this. Thus one has to work on his personality while in school or college. As I have involved in number of activities during my college days in Aligarh Muslim University so I was at ease in this part.

I have completed each and every part of my biodata. Few areas are as follows

1. My village ,district I lived and State
2. Schools I attended and college, university.
3. My engineering Background.
4. My Father's profession.
5. My work experience(Siemens and Nuclear energy)
6. Muslim issues + some controversial issues
7. Current affairs

My Interview Transcript

Background – Electrical engineering
Working in Nuclear Power Corporation
Chairman – Prof. H.C. Gupta

Chairman–

1. Why was protest at Kundankulam?
2. Why in India there is protest everywhere even if one want to establish niddle making plant?
3. What can be done to stop protest?
4. What is the level of electricity generation in India?
5. What is electricity deficit?
6. How many nuclear power plants are there in India? How many power stations?
7. How much power generated through nuclear energy what is the percentage of it?
8. Which country generates largest electricity using nuclear fission?
9. Why is in India state not purchasing electricity from power grid?

Member 1–

1. Do you know about parliamentary privilege? Tell me what are those why are these incorporated in constitution?
2. Who will take action and what action if a parliamentarian misbehave in parliament?
3. Can police act against Member of Parliament during session?
4. What is Magna Carta? What was its relevance?
5. What is fundamental right? Difference with DPSP.
6. What is human right, legal right, and fundamental right?
7. Can Supreme Court advice government? How? recent example of any such advice (2G case)

Member 2–

1. How much electricity will be needed if in India all the villages and industry be given 24*7?
2. Swings bowling principle.
3. Some background question.

Member 3–

1. What is group discussion what quality it checks?
2. Turbine and principle of generation of electricity.
3. What are parts of generators? How 3-phase power is generated.
4. Some more on group discussion n electrical engineering.

Member 4–

1. What is the difference between shia and sunni?
2. What is the percentage of each sect in the world and in India?
3. Iran and Iraq's shia-sunni population?
4. Turbo generators and jets?

Chairman (again)–

1. Who was Noorul Hasan and his contribution in his political career
2. Who was gurunak and 9 gurus of Sikh (school name)?
3. Are you shia or sunni?

Chairman said regarding completion of interview. I thanked him and other members. Interview duration: 40 minutes.

My scorecard-

Essay	–	106
GS1	–	87
GS2	–	93
GS3	–	90
GS4	–	109
Pub Ad	–	219
Interview	–	190
Total	–	704

Rank = 625