BITS2IAS: CIVIL SERVICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE CAREER OPTION

Speaker: Mrs. Anupama T V

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Venue: Telepresence Room

ABSTRACT:

The interaction proved to be very informative and helpful for all students. She started off by listing the various sub divisions in the civil services and differentiating between each division. She also explained the role of civil services in the day to day administrative affairs. In the end was a question & answer session where all doubts were thoroughly explained. It proved to be a very engaging talk right till the end.

SPEAKER’S PROFILE:

Mrs. Anupama TV is a 2010 batch IAS who pursued Electrical & Electronics Engineering from BITS Pilani, Goa. She secured the 4th rank in the Indian Civil Service Examination held in 2009. She formerly held the position of the Sub-Collector and Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Kannur, Kerala. She is currently the Additional Director General of the Tourism Department of the Government of Kerala and the Kerala Food Safety Commissioner.

LECTURE SUMMARY:

She said that civil service is a diverse job in itself where you get to don many hats. It gives you the opportunity to work in various departments. She spoke about the various challenges she had to face like inexperience and effective utilization of the huge funds available to her. The job demands multi-disciplinary knowledge along with teamwork. She highlighted the ability of civil servants to create a difference in the lives of the general public. She said the exposure gained on the job was higher than that in industry related jobs.

Anupama explained why the Civil Services were a viable career option for BITSians and why the experience gained from an institute like BITS is invaluable to a civil servant. She also spoke about the importance of engineering lessons and how they come in handy. She said how being a Civil Servant gave her immense satisfaction and how every day on the job is different from the previous one.

She took questions in the end and made sure each question was thoroughly answered before moving on to the next one.

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