

## UPSC Interview By Muthyala Raju



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Raju: May I come in Sir?

Chairman: Yes, please.

Raju: Good morning, Sir. Good morning, Madam. Good morning, Sirs.

Chairman: You are Mr...

Raju: (Still in standing position), Matyalaraju Revu Sir.

(Chairman is writing something. Other members are keenly watching the candidate.)

Member 2: Please take your seat.

Raju: Thank you, sir.

Chairman: Mr. Revu, You did B.Tech from REC Warangal, ME from IISc, Bangalore. But why did you do diploma?

Raju: Sir, After completion of my 10th class, based on my financial background, my father joined me in polytechnic. After completion of polytechnic, we do get jobs. Also, since I will get scholarship, the amount of money spent on me is less.

Chairman: That means you will get job after diploma.

Raju: Yes Sir, I got a private job. Company is Cain energy limited.

Chairman: Then, why did you join B.Tech?

Raju: Sir, After completion of my diploma, I wrote ECET and I got state 1st rank. So I convinced my father that I will join REC which is a premier Engineering institute in our state.

Chairman: Then, you joined ME because your father insisted on that?

Raju: No Sir, It is based on my project guide & suggestion.

Sir, infact there are two streams to enter into B.Tech. One through EAMCET after Intermediate and other is through ECET. After ECET...

Chairman: What question I have asked?

Raju: Sorry Sir, you have asked me why I joined ME after B.Tech.

Chairman: OK. Then stick on to the question.

Raju: Sir, I am explaining it.

Chairman: Be specific.

Raju: OK sir, during my final year I got all India rank 3 in Gate. My guide on knowing this result suggested me to join IISc. He further told that this is the golden opportunity for me. If you miss it you will not get it again! He told sir. Then, I informed about my career option as civil services. He then convinced me by saying that I can write civil services after M.E. also.

Chairman: That means you are preparing for civil services while you are in IISc?

Raju: I beg to differ with you sir. I started my preparation only after completion of M.E.

Chairman: You have written that you joined Railways in September 2004. That is of which exam?

Raju: Sir, This is based on IES-2003.

Chairman: That means you are in IISc.

Raju: Sir, I completed my second semester at that time.

Chairman: That means you have prepared for IES in IISc.

Raju: Sir, I have given IES in my own background i.e., Electrical Engineering. Hence I need not prepare much for this exam. I just gave the exam.

Chairman: For how many years you are in Railways?

Raju: Sir, I joined Railways on September 2004. Then I took leave for 1 year, i.e., leave on loss of pay.

Chairman: What did you do in that year?

Raju: Sir, I have prepared for this exam.

Chairman: How many months you are in Railways?

Raju: Sir, roughly 5 months.

Chairman: That means you are in Railways till February.

Raju: Sir, I am in Railways till the result of civil services exam 2005 was out. I was given leave for interview preparation in March.

Chairman: Then what did you do after the declaration of the result?

Raju: Sir, Once the result of out, I came to know that I will get IPS. So, I convinced my director for leave to appear civil services again. My director gave me leave.

Chairman: When did you join IPS?

Raju: Sir, I joined IPS on December 18, 2006.

Chairman: Which part of training you missed?

Raju: Sir, I missed foundation training in Mussorie. At SVPNPA, training started on December 18, 2006. So, I haven't missed any training at Hyderabad.

Chairman: How many days you have taken leave for interview?

Raju: Sir, 4 days.

Member 2: How was your IPS training?

Raju: Sir, training is good and we are enjoying every aspect of training.

member 2: What are you learning in training?

Raju: Sir, our training is divided into two parts. Indoor and outdoor. In indoor, we have subjects like police in modern India, criminology and law subjects like IE Act, CrPC, IPC and other subjects.

Member 2: You are in IPS for 4 months. So I can ask some questions.

Raju: Yes, sir.

Member 2: Do you aware that the confession admitted to police is not allowed as witness. Why?

Raju: Yes sir. Confession admitted to police is not allowed as witness. Since there is always a possibility of getting the confession in the way the police like, law doesn't allow it.

Member 2: What is Res gestae?

Raju: Sir, All the circumstances leading to the same transaction are allowable as evidence.

Member 2: You are on the line. Could you explain more?

Raju: (after 2-3 seconds), If some people wanted to commit dacoity and in the process if they theft a vehicle, eventhough theft of vehicle is not connected with dacoity but it is admissible as it forms the circumstance leading to dacoity.

Member 2: Could you tell me the section which deals with Res gestae?

Raju: Sorry sir, I could not remember the exact section.

Member 2: Then how sections you were taught in IE Act?

Raju: Sir, In our academy our sirs are not teaching according to sections. They are teaching the sections which are more useful for the police at first.

Member 2: Do you aware of RTI?

Raju: Yes. Sir. It is Right to Information Act.

Member 2: What are the provisions in RTI?

Raju: Sir, According to provisions of RTI, every government department has to nominate one officer as information commissioner to give information about duties, responsibilities and functions of various officers working in those departments...

Member 2: Then what is the benefit to common man?

Raju: Sir, Common man can know the functions, duties & responsibilities of various officers. They can know the status of their applications. This also increases transparency and accountability of officers. Hence reduces corruption.

Member 2: How can you say that people will get required information?

Raju: Sir, There is a provision in RTI that any one who refuses to give information or delays 30 days for giving information, they are liable for cut in salary.

Member 2: How much salary cut?

Raju: Sir, I think it is 250 Rs./ day.

Member 2: It is not cut from salary. It is separately cut.

Raju: Thank you Sir.

Member 2: Can you tell me what is the maximum limit?

Raju: Sorry sir, I don't know.

Chairman: Your hobbies are meditation, motivating others and Indian Mythology. Don't you think that all are inward looking?

Raju: Sir, Whenever possible I play cricket in addition my hobbies, which is a team game.

Member 2: Tell me which countries will reach final in the present world cup?

Raju: Sir, I think Australia and Srilanka.

Member 2: Already two countries reached semifinals i.e., Sri Lanka & Newzealand. What do you think about other two?

Raju: Sir, I beg to differ with you. Actually three countries i.e., Srilanka, New Zealand and Australia reached semifinals. 4th team depends on the outcome of the today's match between England & South Africa.

Member 2: Do you know about fly ash?

Raju: Sir, Thermal power stations produce fly ash while generating electrical power.

Member 2: Which state is using it more? Definitely it is not Haryana, My own state.

Raju: Sorry Sir, I don't know.

Member 3 : (X-A) (X-B) has highest X power of 2. Do you agree?

Raju: Yes, Sir.

Member 3: (X-A) (X-B) (X-C) has highest X power...

Raju: 3, Sir.

Member 3: Then, tell me. What is the answer for (X-A) (X-B).... (X-Z).

Raju: (after 3-4 seconds), It must be Zero. Sir, because of the presence of the term (X-X).

Member 3: Whom do you think a greatest mathematician of all times?

Raju: Sir, Srinivasa Ramanujan, because even though he lived for only 33 years, he contributed more to mathematics in the areas like Numerical methods, Solution of algebraic equations, number theory like prime numbers etc.

Member 3: Can you tell me the formula for prime numbers?

Raju: Sir, exactly I don't know but recently IIT, Kanpur professor along with his students wrote a software program which gives whether a number is prime or not within less time.

Member 3: You are an electrical engineer. Tell me where prime numbers are used?

Raju: Sir, they are used in coding.

Member 3: I am asking a question in your engineering only. Tell me how prime numbers are used in coding?

Raju: Sir, exactly I don't know. But to the best of my knowledge, if the code length is prime, decoding and encoding are easy.

Member 3: You are on the line, but not exact answer.

Member 1: Your hobbies are meditation, motivating others and Indian Mythology. What you do in motivation?

Raju: Madam, many of classmates and Juniors came to me for clearing their doubts in subjects as I am the topper of my class. I usually listen to their problems regarding their understanding of concepts as many have problems either in one or many subjects. I tell them that every subject is easy if knew the concepts clear and we should like the subject what we are studying...

Madam: Do your response same for all?

Raju: Madam, I usually spend more time with those who are very much lagging. I take classes to clear their doubts.

Madam: Then do you call it motivation or strategic learning?

Raju: Madam, strategic learning may be the correct term.

Madam: What is the difference between these two?

Raju: Madam, motivation is a general term which includes not only academic motivation but also others like psychological, etc., Madam, I don't know exactly the meaning of strategic learning.

Madam: Which books you read in Indian Mythology?

Raju: Madam, I read Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Madam: Since your hobbies are motivating others and Indian Mythology, tell me how Krishna motivated Arjuna?

Raju: Madam, When Arjuna refused to fight with friends, teachers, Krishna told him that it is the duty of the king to protect Dharma and fight wars for protecting it. We should not move away from our duty. Since soul is immortal and of which is born, death is certain, of which death happened, birth is certain. Hence you should not think that you are committing crime. Also he motivated him by saying that we should do our work only. We should not think about the results of our actions. Otherwise, attachment to the results will occur which is a major reason for unhappiness.

Madam: Do you practise it?

Raju: Madam, It is very difficult to practise.

Madam: Why?

Raju: Madam, for example, if we are about to play a cricket match, we will think about the winning of the match which is actually the result of the playing that match.

Madam: One last question. What kind of training our team got during our last year world cup?

Raju: Madam, exactly I am not able to recollect it. But it is like we can do it this time

Madam: Sorry, It is not last year world cup but it is 2003 world cup. The team was given psychological training.

Raju: Yes, Madam

Member 4: You studied your B.Tech. from REC Warangal and M.E. from IISc Bangalore. Do you proud of your institutions like IISc?

Raju: Sir, I am proud that I have studied in a great institution like IISc, which according UNESCO survey conducted in 1997 was in 18th place among world universities. Recently a Chinese university conducted a survey in which IISc was placed at around 250th position.

Member 4: Do you think that 250th position is a good position?

Raju: Sir, even though it is not a good position, the position depended on the parameters they have taken into consideration like no. of nobel laureates present, no. of research papers presented, etc.

Member 4: Who are nobel laureate present in IISc?

Raju: Sir, now there is no nobel laureate in IISc. Earlier Sir C.V.Raman worked in IISc. Now, there are two internationally reputed professors working there.

Member 4: Last year government proposed to stop B.Tech entry into IITs. Do you support that?

Raju: Sir, I support it. Sir, due to hectic schedule, the professors of IITs are not able to concentrate much on research. Once the B.Tech entry is stopped, they will get more time for research and quality of research will increase.

Member 4: Don't you think the quality of B.Tech students will reduce as IITs are known for better professors?

Raju: Sir, those students who are earlier eligible for entry into IITs, they will join NITs. Since they are the core students I don't think the quality will reduce. But the professors in other institutes should get sufficient training to reach the level of IIT professors.

Member 4: You agree to that proposal. But the government has withdrawn the proposal due to very good argument against it. Can you tell me?

Raju: Sorry sir, I don't know.

Member 4: What do you think is responsible for reduction in research?

Raju: Sir, IISc is not able to retain those students who completed M.E. and other courses there. One reason is brain drain, Sir. Second one is that research is not attractive in India, Sir. For example, in our batch out of 230 students who completed M.E. only 2 joined for Ph.D. in IISc. At the end of our M.E. we got campus placements. The minimum salary is around 6 lakhs/ annum. It is attracting most of us. Those who are really interested in research, they are going abroad as they will get more money and research is attractive there. Here, a Ph.D. student gets 12,000 - 15,000 Rs per month. Also material considerations have risen these days, sir. We have to include some compulsory courses in morale & ethics to stop this.

Member 4: Instead of choosing job or research, why did you choose services as career option?

Raju: Sir, The incident that took place in my village in November 2000, when I am in 3rd year of B.Tech, has changed my career options. Nearby Engineering college students came to our village for picnic as our village has excellent beach. 7 of them drowned in the Bay of Bengal and all of them has taken sand into their lungs in addition to water. Since our village is an island, there are no transportation, medical & meagre educational facilities, it took 2 hours to reach nearest town which is 16 Km away from my village. By that time, 6 out of 7 were died, Sir.

Chairman: You are telling about an incident in your village. In that case who will respond first?

Raju: (3-4 seconds silence)

Chairman: Whether it is Block development officer, Doctor, or Police.

Raju: Sir, It is the police to respond first.

Chairman: Then, you are in IPS. Why did you come?

Raju: Sir, even for police it took 2 hours to reach that place as there is not enough transportation facilities.

Chairman: Thank you.

Raju: Thank you, Sir. Thank you, Madam. Thank you, Sirs.