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Event Report

Seminar on Civil Services Preparation

The seminar, themed “**Pathways to Indian Civil Services: Insights and Way Forward**”, was organized by the **Centre for Career Guidance & Development (CCG&D), Integral University, Lucknow**, in association with **Lukmaan IAS, New Delhi**, on **20 January 2026** at the **Central Auditorium, Integral University, Lucknow**. The programme was conceptualized with the objective of providing clarity, direction, and strategic guidance to students aspiring for the Indian Civil Services (IAS/IPS/IFS and allied services). The seminar aimed to bridge the gap between aspiration and preparation by offering first-hand insights from serving civil servants and experienced mentors, emphasizing discipline, consistency, ethical values, and a structured approach to preparation.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with **350 students registering for the seminar**, out of which **325 students actively attended and participated**, reflecting the keen interest and enthusiasm of aspirants towards a career in the civil services.

Distinguished Dignitaries and Speakers

- **Shri Sumit Sudhakar Ramteke**, IPS – Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kanpur
- **Shri Abhilash Mishra**, IAS – Municipal Commissioner, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- **Shri Rahul Dhote**, IAS – Deputy Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- **Shri Mahendra Singh Tomar**, IAS – District Magistrate, Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
- **Mr. Salamuddin Ansari** – Director, Lukmaan IAS, New Delhi
- **Prof. Furqan Qamar** – Chief Advisor to the Hon’ble Chancellor, Integral University, Lucknow

The programme commenced with the formal seating of the dignitaries, followed by a brief introduction highlighting the significance of the Civil Services as a career embodying leadership, responsibility, and nation-building. This was followed by the presentation of bouquets to all the distinguished dignitaries as a mark of respect and welcome. **The entire programme was effectively anchored by the students**, reflecting their confidence, communication skills, and active participation.

The Welcome Address was delivered by **Dr. Zishan Raza Khan (Director-CCG&D)**, who highlighted the university’s commitment towards empowering students with informed career

choices and emphasized the importance of early and structured preparation for competitive examinations like UPSC.

Mrs. Tejal Khandelwal (Faculty Member, Lukmaan IAS), presented the Vision of the Seminar, focusing on integrating civil services preparation alongside graduation and saving valuable time and effort through proper guidance.

Shri Sumit Sudhakar Ramteke (IPS) shared his personal UPSC journey, emphasizing that failure is often a result of not analyzing mistakes effectively. He highlighted that Civil Services demand strong foundational knowledge, proper direction, and continuous self-improvement. He stressed the importance of discipline, consistency, limited but quality resources, and frequent revision.

Shri Abhilash Mishra (IAS) underlined that language does not define intelligence and should never be perceived as a barrier. He encouraged students to set clear goals based on their strengths and choices, reinforcing that background, caste, or place of origin cannot restrict success in Civil Services.

Shri Rahul Dhote (IAS) focused on the importance of NCERTs as the building blocks of preparation and highlighted that consistency outweighs temporary motivation. He explained that doubts and failures are signs of growth and must be used as tools for learning and improvement.

Shri Mahendra Singh Tomar (IAS, District Magistrate-Kushinagar), shared administrative experiences, including initiatives such as the development of green municipal practices. He stressed the value of horizontal exposure over mere vertical growth, advocating for diverse learning experiences.

Mr. Salamuddin Ansari (Director, Lukmaan IAS), elaborated on the structured and ethical approach required for Civil Services preparation. He advised students to stick to the UPSC syllabus rather than blindly following multiple books or sources, highlighting that each aspirant's journey is unique.

Prof. Furqan Qamar (Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chancellor)-motivated the students by highlighting the inclusive, secular, and prestigious nature of the Civil Services. He emphasized that the Civil Services offer not only power and prestige but also immense responsibility and a strong platform to bring positive change in society through informed and ethical decision-making. He further encouraged students to consider Civil Services as a meaningful and impactful career option, stating that it is a valuable alternative and not merely limited to pursuing corporate job opportunities.

The seminar concluded with an interactive **Q&A session**. Students actively engaged with the speakers and Lukmaan IAS faculty, seeking guidance on preparation strategy, time management with academics, optional subjects, and long-term career planning.

Outcome of the Seminar-

- Enhanced awareness about Civil Services preparation and strategy
- Motivation through real-life experiences of serving officers
- Clarity on early preparation, consistency, and disciplined study approach
- Direct mentoring and counselling support for aspirants

Ms. Shahana Khan from CCG&D, presented the **Vote of Thanks**, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chancellor, university authorities, distinguished speakers, the Lukmaan IAS team, faculty members, coordinators, and students for their valuable support and active participation. She also conveyed a special note of appreciation to **Prof. Abdul Rehman Khan (Controller of Examinations, Integral University)**, and **Prof. Furkan Qamar (Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chancellor)** whose visionary initiative and academic foresight laid the foundation for this meaningful collaboration, and formally concluded the programme on a note of appreciation and optimism.

The seminar proved to be highly informative, inspiring, and impactful. It served as a guiding platform for students to understand that success in Civil Services is a continuous process of learning, reflection, and improvement, driven by dedication, consistency, and ethical commitment towards society.

Glimpses of the Event -



Dr. Zishan Raza Khan (Director-CCG&D), delivering the Welcome Address



IAS officers addressing participants online, with an in-person address by Mr. Salamuddin Ansari (Director, Lukmaan IAS)



Prof. Furqan Qamar (Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chancellor) addressing the gathering



Shri Sumit Sudhakar Ramteke (IPS, ACP Kanpur), addressing the gathering



Shri Mahendra Singh Tomar (IAS, DM Kushinagar), addressing participants online



Memento presented to Shri Sumit Sudhakar Ramteke in the presence of university dignitaries and Lukmaan IAS



A packed auditorium at Integral University during the Civil Services guidance session
