

REPORT OF A TALK ON 'PREPARATION FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS'

Departments of Political Science, Sociology and Maths under the banner of "The Career Guidance Cell" of Government Degree College Chail-Koti organized a lecture on 'Preparation for Competitive Examinations' on 22th September 2024 for the students of BA. Resource person was Mr Rajneesh Dogra preparing for Civil Services Exams since last three years. Considering the need of today's students to compete and face the challenges of the modern world, and to make them aware of the competitive examinations, the cell organized this lecture to build among students a sense of awareness, provide guidance, necessary sites, and other information about various competitive examinations. The talk began by the deliverance of welcome address by the Dr Devender Sharma, Assistant Professor, Political Science. He congratulated the career guidance cell for taking the initiative to organize a talk on such an apt topic. Dr Devender in his address emphasized on the need for preparation for competitive examinations to equip the students for exploring employment opportunities. He also said such sessions for students are necessary to develop their competency in achieving their career goal. The speaker was then invited to deliver the lecture. The resource person began the session by stating that today the students have lot of openings for prospective career in government sector, corporate sector, in leading public sector banks and even in the UPSC (Union Public Services Commission) and SSC (State Services Commission) where they can make a niche for themselves. The speaker chose to emphasize on the main components of competitive exam in the country namely the Union Public Service Commission and HAS in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The speaker threw light on the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and stressed on the intricacies of it, such as the qualifications, number of attempts, reservations, cut-off marks and the total number of services which comes under it. He also elaborately discussed on the exam cycle which takes an entire year to complete. He made the inquisitive students learn how to apply for the exam and then enlightened them of the various sources to refer for preparation. He explained in detail the preliminary, mains and interview part of the examinations. He also threw a light on the selection, salary offered, age limit, reservations, duration for preparation and exact time to start for preparation. The resource person also briefly touched upon the Himachal Public Service Commission exams and updated them of the various topics and areas they should consider while preparing for these competitive exams. Further, he addressed the students as to how to prepare and study for other

competitive examinations like banking, clerical, Assistant Professors in Colleges, what memory techniques can be used to remember the huge data, method of study, use of various websites which provide assistance for competitive exam aspirants. He stressed that rigorous training, systematic planning and hard work are the keys to face the entrance exams. He finally concluded by stating that the exams are tough but not impossible to crack. He motivated the students to see big dreams in their life and be disciplined for achieving these goals. He said that students must avoid various distractions like social media and other. Overall, the session was highly informative and educative to the aspiring and ever-enthusiastic students. The session was followed by an interactive session with the speaker. The highly motivated students raised a variety of questions to the speaker to which he answered with unwavering enthusiasm. All together 54 students attended the talk. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Dr Amrit Mehta and Prof Inder Prakash.

