

Feedback on Bridge Course- Preparatory Steps for Bank and Insurance Exams, Department of Banking and Insurance



Department of Banking & Insurance conducted an Online Bridge Course titled "Preparatory Steps for Bank and Insurance Exams" from 28th October 2020 to 30th October 2020. The objective of the course was to make the students familiar with various competitive exams for entry into banking and insurance sector and to acclimatise them with the pattern of syllabus along with modes of study for these exams.

I feel honoured to have been chosen to give my feedback on the course. As a student of the course, I have gained valuable insights, and in-depth knowledge on the various career avenues that are available in the field of Banking as well as in Insurance. The medium used to conduct the bridge course was Virtual Classroom (Google Meet) and in those 3 days there was not even a single technical glitch on either side. The course was conducted in a smooth manner ensuring successful learning even to a distance learner. The 3 Day Course was divided into 2 Sections: Day 1 & Day 2 was devoted only to the Banking segment & Day 3 catered to the Insurance segment. This division of topics ensured that Resource Person gets ample amount of time to stress and provide information on their area of expertise and students can clear their doubt as and when required without confusion.

Day 1: As the idea of introducing a "Bridge Course" is to bridge the gap between unknown to known, for this purpose a pre-test was conducted on the very first day of the bridge course to get an idea about how much the participants are aware about these exams prior to course commencement. A Google Form Questionnaire was shared by our course mentor Asst. Prof. Archana Nair Ma'am 30 mins prior to the course and ample amount of time was allotted to the participants to solve the same. Inauguration of bridge course was done by our Principal Dr. Suchitra Naik Ma'am & Coordinator of Department of Banking Insurance, Dr. Mrunmayee Thatte Ma'am followed by introduction of guest speaker by Course Mentor Asst. Prof. Archana Nair Ma'am.

Mr. Vinit Sir gave us brief information on various competitive exams in field of Banking. He introduced us to the various options which were unexplored by us. He shed light on various exams such as NRA's CET, RBI B Grade Officer exam. This involved in depth analysis of the exams, difficulty level of these exams, syllabus of exam, institutions which conduct these exams & different job opportunities that open up once we crack this exam. As there is this similar pattern which these competitive exams follow, typical MCQ based and most common subjects: Quantitative Aptitude, Logical Reasoning and Verbal Logic. The session was fun-filled and interactive because sir had prepared some sample test related to these subjects and we were asked to solve it in stipulated time. The lecture concluded by the doubt solving session where we raised our queries.

Day 2: Mr. Vinit Upadhyay Sir continued the lecture series by giving us information about Diploma In Banking & Finance exam. Though at first we thought this exam is very different and seems to be of complex nature because of the subjects included in it, Vinit sir made it a point to simplify it by conducting small test and boosting up confidence. He also referred some books & e-learning platforms that would help us to get more clarity about the pattern, syllabus and grading system of these exams. The lecture was concluded by doubt solving session and by clicking a virtual selfie.

Day 3: It was an honour to have MR.N.D Kokare Sir & Prof. Archana Vaze Ma'am from the Insurance Institute of India who shed light on Insurance as a career path. As a student from banking and Insurance, I always had this misconception that insurance is restricted only to sales by becoming a Policy Agent and selling policies. Our resource person helped us understand that there are career opportunities beyond that. Be it clearing different levels of Insurance exam (Licentiate, Associateship, Fellowship Exam), different subjects that these exams include. In the insurance industry there are various departments in which one can get employed: Risk, Marketing, Sales, Reinsurance and many more. In today's world, the most demanded job role from the insurance industry is being an Actuary. This all information was provided in the most simplified way by our resource person. The lecture was concluded by doubt solving session.

I have gained a lot of knowledge from this bridge course and it has encouraged me to analyse all the career opportunities and then select the one which interests you the more. On the scale of 1 to 10, I would rate this course a 10/10. A big Thank You to VPM's Joshi Bedekar College, Department Of Banking and Insurance, Principal. Dr. Suchitra Naik Ma'am, Dr. Mrunmayee Thatte Ma'am and Asst. Prof. Archana Nair Ma'am for helping us shape our career by choosing the right path.

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